

Town Manager Report

April 25, 2016

Budget & Finance:

- The final work on the budget has been a top priority and I am pleased with the process overall. We need to make changes to the final meeting schedule to improve the process next year. I appreciate the positive feedback on the budget documents and presentations and do hope they contribute to a better understanding by the public.
- Final budget and Warrant approval will happen tonight. The current draft includes \$74,000 in savings to taxpayers over the prior draft.

Solid Waste and Recycling:

- The Town of Fayette is interested in working with the Towns of Readfield and Wayne on a trial basis to dispose of their waste and provide stability and cost savings at the Transfer Station. The decision to proceed with this relationship is being put to the voters in June.

Maintenance & Infrastructure:

- We received two bids for the Old Kents Hill Culvert repair work. The Select Board will decide on a contractor on May 2. The low bid was for \$28,660 from Knowles Industrial Services.
- Bruce is back to regular duty and eager to begin spring work.
- The Bid process for crack sealing, striping, and shoulder work have been pushed back at least a week.
- A majority of the spring cemetery work is complete. Eunice has done a fantastic job working mostly solo to quickly get things in shape. I also want to thank the Cemetery Committee for their organizational and on-the-ground work this spring.
- We've struggled with some maintenance operations with the 1-ton out of service, and mechanical issues with the GMC. The GMC is back in operation but we only have one light-duty vehicle for two, and soon three employees to share. I hope to resolve the situation with the 1-ton tonight.

Administration & Personnel:

- We received a dozen applications for the composite maintenance position. I have reviewed the applications and will be scheduling initial interviews with at least four of the applicants this week and next.
- Corrective actions required by the DOL were completed prior to the deadline and the final paperwork will go out this week.

Announcements:

- Nomination papers are due this Friday by 4:30pm
- I am looking for a few volunteers to help organize the Volunteer Appreciation event scheduled for the evening of Friday, May 20th.