

## **Town Manager Report**

August 8, 2016

### **Budget & Finance:**

- The application to the Maine Bond Bank for our new fire truck was submitted on time, and I found the process of developing the required data to be a useful exercise.
- Planning work is underway for the upcoming budget process.

### **Solid Waste and Recycling:**

- We had a 2 ½ hour closure at the Transfer Station on July 26<sup>th</sup> and a delay in opening on July 27<sup>th</sup>. The hauler responsible for the closure on the 26<sup>th</sup> was assessed a penalty, but I want to apologize for the inconvenience these events caused our residents and confirm that changes were made to our operations to limit the chance of future issues.
- Brush grinding at the Transfer Station is scheduled to start next Monday and CDD removal for off-site grinding is scheduled to start this week.
- Removal of refrigerators and other Freon units is about two weeks out.

### **Maintenance & Infrastructure:**

- The storm on July 28<sup>th</sup> caused a lot of tree damage and staff was busy clearing up the roadsides and cemeteries last week. Our volunteers were very busy as well and I want to thank the Fire Department for their exceptional response to the storm event.
- Roadside mowing will continue this week.
- Crack sealing is complete and striping will begin soon, likely this week. As always, please use caution as you travel in work areas.

### **Personnel:**

- Our cemetery Sexton will be attending a stone repair workshop this weekend. It will be an asset for her to have the ability to perform a variety of repairs in our cemeteries.
- We have an opening for a part-time seasonal position to assist with Cemetery, Grounds, and Maintenance work. I want to thank Eunice Bowler for her two years of service to the Town. She is a hard worker who cares about our cemeteries.

### **Announcements:**

- Surveys from the Age Friendly Community Committee will be coming out very soon. They will be available online, in the Messenger, and at various physical locations around town. Some will be direct mailed as well. If you are over the age of 55 please take the time to complete this important survey! You will have the chance to win one of 4 gift cards.
- I am hoping to take vacation days from August 22 - 26, less the Select Board meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.