



TOWN OF READFIELD

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Town Manager Report

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Solid Waste & Recycling:

- Peak demand has passed at the Transfer Station and the staff is beginning to look toward facility maintenance projects.
- We are looking at replacing some of our older damaged 50-yard roll-off containers after discovering that repair costs will likely surpass replacement costs.
- There is a FREE pesticide collection happening in Augusta in October. Pre-registration is required by September 29th. To register call 207-287-2731, or contact the Town Office.

Maintenance & Infrastructure:

- Roadside mowing is essentially complete for the year. Most intersections were cleared by Town staff prior to roadside mowing by Paul Fox of Monmouth. Repair costs for the Town disc mower exceeded estimates and the available budget so the work was contracted out. The issue of the disc mower will be addressed in the upcoming budget process.
- The RFP (request for proposal) process for road work has been completed and the Select Board will consider making an award this evening. The process went well and we received five proposals. I want to specifically thank Doug Riley and Roland Cote for their assistance with developing the RFP, and the Road Committee as a whole in assessing the proposals.
- The process of mixing and storing winter road materials at the salt/sand building is nearly complete. The next step is equipment inspection, which should take place in the next two to three weeks. An RFP for a replacement sidewalk machine is being developed.
- Culvert clearing and brush removal are ongoing and receiving about equal time from staff.
- Cemetery mowing has slowed and more emphasis is being placed on stone repair, special projects like the memorial garden, and preparing for fall work.
- A bid for streambank stabilization at the Maranacook Lake Outlet Dam will be out this week.

Personnel:

- Anna attended training in cemetery stone repair for a second year, improving her existing skills and learning more advanced techniques.
- A quarterly staff meeting is planned for Thursday, September 28th.

Announcements:

- The Town office will be closed October 9th, 2017 for Columbus Day.
- If you have lived in Readfield for more than a year you may be eligible to receive the Homestead Exemption. This year the exemption was worth up to \$386. This is not an income based program, but solely based on residency. If you missed it this year, apply now so you don't miss it again. Visit the Town website or contact the Town Office for more information.