



TOWN OF READFIELD – Town Manager

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Town Manager Report

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Maintenance & Infrastructure:

- Roadside and town field mowing is complete for the year.
- Crack sealing was not able to be completed this fall and will be re-scheduled for the spring.
- An RFP for a consulting engineer / design professional for the proposed Church Rd. Sidewalk will be developed in November.
- Winter roads materials are fully stocked and John Cushing has his equipment and crew ready for the upcoming season. I have begun talks with the Town of Winthrop about the possibility of them providing this service in future years, but a full RFP is also needed and will be out before the end of the year.
- Most other road maintenance is on hold until we find a new Maintenance employee. Critical items are being addressed as a priority.

Parks and Recreation:

- If you have Kayaks at the beach please remove them immediately.
- The Annual Trunk-or-Treat at the Fairgrounds was once again a great success!
- Thank you to everyone who participated in the Fairgrounds Workshop two weeks ago. It was a great start to understanding the current and future use of the property and engaging key stakeholder groups.

Transfer Station:

- We have a new collection bin for our food waste composting program. It is much easier for staff and residents to handle so bring us your food scraps and help us save tax dollars!
- The second door at the Transfer Station storage building has been installed and we expect final trim to happen any day. Again thanks to Ralph Eno for his assistance

Administration and Personnel:

- Thank you to everyone involved with the November 2nd voting. Residents, staff, volunteers, and the Kents Hill School were all phenomenal!
- Applications for the Animal Control and Maintenance positions will be accepted until filled. I am sad to report that Sherene Gilman will be stepping down as our Clerk put pleased to announce that Kristin Parks will likely be stepping up! We are now hiring for a Collection Clerk.
- The Town Office, Transfer Station, and Library will be closed for the afternoon the day before Thanksgiving, Thanksgiving Day, and the day after Thanksgiving.
- The Planning Board denied the application for a Community Center Club at 26 Mill Stream due to several unmet conditions. A key finding was that the property cannot be developed to a higher impact use after it was asserted to be a residential use in order for the barn to be built. The complete findings of Fact and Decision are included in the Select Board Packet. We are unfortunately expecting costly litigation despite a clear inability for the project to proceed. I am respectfully asking the Applicants and Bob Bittar to not waste tens of thousands of taxpayer dollars by bringing another frivolous lawsuit against the Town.