



TOWN OF READFIELD – Town Manager

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Town Manager Report

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Administration and Personnel:

- The Town Office will be closed on Friday, November 11th for Veterans Day. We will have a parade and lunch that day, with events starting at 10:00am at the Readfield Corner Cemetery.
- Five of our Town staff attended the Maine Municipal Association Annual Convention and had the benefit of two days of training and networking. Thank you to the Select Board for the opportunity!
- I have begun looking at text-based messaging software as another way to reach out to residents. Most services are flexible and scalable. Residents would “self-subscribe” on the website or at the Town Office. The cost is in the range of \$2,000 - -\$4,000 per year, with many variables. I expect this is something we will consider in the upcoming budget.
- Absentee ballots are available and can be requested from the Town Clerk through 5pm on November 3, for the November State of Maine General Election on November 8. There is no local election or town vote in November.

Roads, Traffic, Parking and Safety:

- Pike Industries has completed the ditching and culvert work on Church Road. We expect tree and brush work in the spring before paving.
- We experimented with offering the ditch material free to residents, which proved very popular. I expect to continue this practice with future projects and we have waiver forms available at the Town Office for anyone interested in getting in the queue.
- A town-wide culvert repair and replacement RFP still needs to be issued.
- Truck inspections for Scott Horne’s winter road maintenance equipment will happen on October 27th.
- I received quotes and met with two different vendors to discuss vehicle GPS software. The cost is about \$18 per month per vehicle. I anticipate 5 devices on the contractor trucks. I am excited to be collecting reliable data to ensure we are getting full value for contracted services, for use in future contract negotiation, to assist with public education and questions, and in considering different service models.
- Fall roadside mowing is nearly complete. We had a failure of the disc mower and repairs are underway at United Ag and Turf. We hope to finish up the work in November.

Special Project Updates:

- The Town of Vienna has approved the construction of a fiber-optic broadband network in their community in partnership with Axiom Technologies. This may positively affect Readfield.
- Fire Station sprinkler system work and Library renovation projects remain on hold.