



## TOWN OF READFIELD – Town Manager

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### Town Manager Report

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#### Administration and Personnel:

- Budget and Warrant development, and the Comprehensive Plan Update are continuing as priorities for the Town Manager.
- Welcome to Lucas Hoddwell, our new seasonal Maintenance employee. We are looking for Beach Attendants and back-up staff currently.
- Holiday Closure - Patriots Day - Monday, April 17, 2023 - Town Office and Library closed.
- Contract negotiations have begun with AFSCME 93 and our small bargaining unit.

#### Roads, Traffic, Parking and Safety:

- Winter road plowing and treatment is effectively completed.
- We are working with Ellis Construction once again to begin street sweeping and sand removal (start date TBD).
- Spring heavy load limits are no longer in place, but please be careful as some spots are still soft.
- Brush clearing is scheduled for Church Rd. Notices were mailed to all abutting property owners detailing the brush work and paving plans. The Select Board will need to consider a change order for the paving work that will reclaim a section of the road between the top of the hill above the cemetery and the low spot before the entrance to the Fairgrounds.
- We have received preliminary designs for the Church Rd. Sidewalk. They are posted on the website under the Road Commissioner page. The Road Committee will review and comment on them, and public meetings will be scheduled after their preliminary review.

#### Maintenance and Transfer Station:

- Maintenance staff are excited to be back out in the field.
- Spring equipment maintenance has begun, including property cleaning and putting away winter tools in addition to prepping for the spring and summer.
- We are working with Maine DEP on a spring composting event and activities at the Transfer Station in June.
- The Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day will be on Sunday, July 9 from 8am to noon and include our three member towns plus Mt. Vernon, Belgrade, and Vienna.
- With regret, we are no longer able to offer Senior Hours at the Transfer Station due to concerns about equal access and the legal implications of excluding those under 65. We will return to only allowing Contractors and Commercial Haulers on Thursdays, which was the practice pre-COVID, while we investigate alternative schedules that may allow for more customer hours.