

# MANAGER'S REPORT

## TOWN OF POLAND, MAINE

To: Board of Selectmen

Date: 4/19/16

CC: Department Heads, Committee Chairs

1. **Meetings:** The only item of note was the Grand Opening of the Untamed Violets Photo Studio on Maine Street last Saturday, we wish them great success.
2. **Fire/Rescue:** The Poland Fire/Rescue Department recently filled a vacant fulltime position; Tom Dougherty a volunteer/part-time member since 2012 has started his new position. This will not affect the current budget and in fact has already lowered our use of overtime to cover shifts.
3. **Senior Center:** The Poland Seniors Club will hold the "Grand Opening" of the Poland Senior Center on May 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:30. There will be a short ribbon cutting ceremony followed by an open house to 5:00 PM. Representatives from the Board of Selectmen will be present along with Senator Brakey, and Representatives Espling and McClellan. The Senior Center is located in the basement of the Town Hall.
4. **Controlled Burn:** The Poland Fire Rescue Department conducted a controlled structure burn at 1505 Maine Street last Saturday (Five Corners). The Fire Rescue personnel get an opportunity under controlled circumstances to train and practice various procedures and challenges associated with fighting a structure fire.
5. **Employee Training:** Adam Strout from our Public Works Department attended Phase I of Supervisor Leadership Training for Public Works. The training

is put on by the American Public Works Association, Maine Local Roads and the MMA. Phase II of the 40 hour course will be held next month.

**6. Seagull Issue:** We continue to have the seagull issue at both Tripp and Thompson Lakes. I have been contacted again by the Tripp Lake Association regarding the issue. The USDA Wildlife Division has accepted responsibility for solving this problem. The concern is the contamination of the lakes which could have an impact on the entire community and the aquifer. To this point it appears little has been done so we will be contacting other Federal Officials to seek assistance.

**7. MMWAC:** The Board of Directors has hired John King as the new CEO/Executive Director of MMWAC effective April 30<sup>th</sup>. Mr. King was a senior manager on the current staff, he has over 25 years experience in waste to energy and is a graduate of the Maine Maritime Academy. The Town of Poland would like to thank retiring Executive Director Joe Kazar for his outstanding leadership at MMWAC since 1995.