

08/19/2009 Report

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- Several economic development meeting over the last two weeks. Attended a joint Oxford – Androscoggin Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours in So Paris, also the CEDC meeting, had a meeting with the owner of a very desirable 10 acre parcel about their plans and what we can do to help, also with a current business owner in need of more space.
- Had our bi-annual meeting with Poland Spring Bottling about tax payments, TIF repayments and the like. Everyone was on the same page on every detail and very pleased was progress.
- Participated in an Androscoggin Chamber of Commerce informational forum about the impacts of the proposed excise tax reduction that will appear on the November ballot. Explained that Poland would lose about \$400,000 in non-tax revenue, and that statewide, towns would lose about \$82 million in revenue – the same amount towns put into local roads and bridges.
- Attended meetings at MMWAC (waste levels and revenues are down – but consistent with a the budget projections).
- Also had a good meeting with the Conservation Commission on how conservation easements can be structured, benefits and costs of those.
- Had two meetings with folks about various sources of water extension grants.
- Continued inventorying roads in West Poland.
- Have offered a conditional employment to a bus mechanic subject to a physical (have done the background check).
- Trying to finalize the Safety Works list of things to finish to completely in line with Maine Bureau of Labor Standards (see list later in agenda).

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