

# MANAGER'S REPORT

## TOWN OF POLAND, MAINE

To: Board of Selectmen

Date: 2/17/15

CC: Department Heads, Committee Chairs

1. **Meetings:** I attended the CEDC meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> and a great deal of discussion about the rebuilding of the Town Website occurred. The three Town Managers met with the RSU16 Superintendent on the 6<sup>th</sup>; various areas of mutual interest were discussed. On the 10<sup>th</sup> the Western Managers Association met in Wilton; guest speaker was Geoff Herman from the MMA who discussed the Governor's budget proposal. On the 12<sup>th</sup> I attended the first meeting of the Poland Heritage Day committee at the resort. Earlier today we had our monthly MMWAC Executive Committee meeting.

2. **State Budget Presentation:** The Town of Gray is sponsoring a MMA presentation of the Governor's Budget on February 24<sup>th</sup>, 7PM at the Gray Council chambers. The presenter will once again be Geoff Herman from the MMA. Area elected officials including State Senators and Representatives, Councilmen and Selectmen along with key appointed officials are invited.

3. **TIF Consultant:** We will be conducting interviews with two firms who are candidates for the TIF Consulting work on Thursday February 26<sup>th</sup> at 7 & 8 PM. The Selectmen will make a selection at their meeting of 3<sup>rd</sup>.

4. **Assessing RFP:** We've sent out several RFP's for assessing services. The bids are due back to us Friday March 13<sup>th</sup> no later than 4PM. The bids will be open at that time. An initial evaluation team consisting of the Town Manager,

Finance Director and Town Clerk will review the submissions and send the qualified bids forward to the Selectmen for review and possible interviews.

**5. Budget:** At last week's budget hearing we were unable to agree on a budget to go forward to the Town Meeting in April. We will be having one more hearing on Thursday (19<sup>th</sup>) at 6:30 PM at the Fire Station to finalize the budget.

**6. Governor's Budget:** There are a number of major changes to the State Budget proposed by the Governor. We strongly urge all tax payers to contact your local Representative or State Senator and let them know how you feel about those changes. Many of these changes will impact all Maine residents as well as municipalities. Let your voice be heard.