MANAGER'S REPORT

TOWN OF POLAND, MAINE

To:

Board of Selectmen

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Department Heads, Committee Chairs

- **1. Meetings:** State Representative Mike McClellan met with the Town Managers from Poland, Raymond and Casco on the 21st. We primarily discussed the Governor's proposed budget. Glen Holmes came by Friday the 23rd with someone who's possibly interested in the McConaghy House, we have not heard back at this point. I met with Mechanic Falls Town Manager John Hawley primarily to discuss subjects of shared interest.
- **2. Governor's Budget:** Selectmen Tetenman and Walker, Nikki and I attended a presentation of the Governor's Budget Proposal last Thursday in Auburn. Speakers were Jon LaBonte, Director of the Governor's Office of Policy and Management and Dr. Michael Allen, Associate Commissioner for Tax Policy. They essentially provided more details on the main proposals and took questions from the audience.
- **3. Big Snow Storm:** Our snow removal operations were fairly uneventful; they went on for around 36 hours. We had one of the wheelers down for about two hours with a blown hydraulic line. I rode with two of our plow operators for a few hours on Tuesday. Operating the trucks is hard work; besides steering they are constantly raising, lowering and changing the direction of the plow and wing.

- 4. Plowing Across Roadways: A reminder to all Poland residents to not plow snow across a public way or throw snow onto a public way. It is a violation of Maine State Law under Title 29A, Section 2396-4 and you may be subject to a fine of \$153.00. Please don't do it!
- 5. Meeting with Mayor LaBonte: Chairperson Kimball, Vice Chair Robinson and I meet with Auburn Mayor LaBonte and City Manager Kroll for intitial discussions relative to the Thompsonrolec property on Lewiston Junction Road. There is shared interest in future development of the site including the property across the street which is in Auburn. We will be setting up a joint session between Poland's CEDC and Auburn's economic development staff, likely in early March.