

MANAGER'S REPORT

TOWN OF POLAND, MAINE

To: Board of Selectmen
Date: 1/19/16
CC: Department Heads, Committee Chairs

1. Meetings: We held our monthly Staff Meeting on the 7th and I attended the CEDC Meeting that night along with Selectmen Gallagher and Walker. I met with Selectman Vic Hodgkins from Paris on the 8th; he was asking about how our Law Enforcement coverage works. I also attended the monthly Executive Board meeting at MMWAC.

2. Transfer Station Issue: It turned out we needed to replace the motor for the recycling compactor which was located under the unit itself (not good). This exposes the motor somewhat to the elements including extreme cold and wetness. We decided to relocate the replacement motor under the building for better protection; this involved additional wiring and pressure lines. It is now back up and running.

3. Tax Acquired Property Closing: We conducted the final closings on the tax acquired properties which were sold by bid recently. Two closings were held; one on the 14th and one on the 15th.

4. Tripp Lake Beach: Scott Segal called a meeting on the 14th to further discuss the Tripp Lake Beach Project. Present along with Scott were Tom Learned, Nick Adams, Karen Pelletier from the Tripp Lake Association and Jeff Stern from the Androscoggin River Watershed Council. A draft plan was presented and discussed. We are planning on submitting an article for \$10,000 towards the project and Scott has identified other possible funding options. Scott will be prepared to present the plan to the Board soon.

5. **Assessing Information:** The assessing information is up and running on the Town of Poland Website; both the maps (as of 2015) and the assessing information.

6. **Annual Budget:** Fiscal Year 16/17 Budget Books were handed out to both the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee last week. Budget hearings will start next Thursday the 21st at 6:30 at the Poland Fire/Rescue Training Room.

7. **RSU 16 Questions:** In response to the School Department's questions from the last BOS meeting the Town Staff is still researching and putting together some information for the Selectmen's use. I have indicated to the Superintendant once this is completed we'll schedule another session with them.

8. **Payroll/Banking:** We have been using a contractor to handle our payroll for the last few years; our new Finance Director has recommended we bring it back in house. This will happen in the next couple of months saving us \$6,800 in fees. Also, we have started the process of changing our primary bank back to Northeast Bank here in town. This will save approximately \$4,800 in banking fees while supporting a local business.