

MANAGER'S REPORT

TOWN OF POLAND, MAINE

To: Board of Selectmen

Date: 1/20/15

CC: Department Heads, Committee Chairs

1. Meetings: The Fire Chief, CEO, GA Administrator and me had a meeting with the Health Officer to discuss "at risk" seniors during the ongoing cold season. I attended the MMWAC Executive Committee meeting earlier today. Tomorrow morning our State Representative Mike McClellan will meet with the Town Managers from Raymond, Casco and Poland to discuss the Governor's budget proposal. Also, I met with John O'Donnell last Friday to review the upcoming real estate tax year.

2. Governor's Budget: There are a number of major components to the Governor's budget proposal that will impact Poland. Those include the end of Revenue Sharing for FY17, Homestead Exemption Changes, Taxing Tax Exempt Property, Transfer of Tax Jurisdiction for Telecommunications Property, BETR to BETE Conversion, General Assistance Changes, Funding for K-12 Education and Comprehensive Tax Reform. We are still analyzing these changes and how they will affect our budgets going forward.

3. Budget Overview: There will be a budget proposal overview on the 29th at the Hilton Garden Inn with primary speakers Jonathan LaBonte, Director of the Governor's Office of Policy and Management and Dr. Michael Allen Associate Commissioner of Tax Policy. Selectmen Walker and Tetenman will be joining Nikki Pratt and I at the presentation.

4. **Budget Committee:** The Budget Committee had an organizational meeting last Thursday night in the Fire Department Training Room. Lionel Ferland was re-elected Chairman, Erland Torrey was elected Vice Chairman and Michelle Arsenault was elected Secretary. There was some informal discussion of the budget process; next meeting will be on January 22nd which will be the first budget hearing.

5. **TIF Consultant Quotes:** We sent out "Request for Quotes" for the TIF consultant work and listed on the MMA website. At the time of this writing we have received one inquiry. The cutoff date is Friday January 30th.

6. **Town Hall Update:** The Recreation Department is culling out un-needed or obsolete equipment/items currently stored in the Town Hall basement in preparation of moving the remaining items to the old fire barn. We are planning on building some shelves to accommodate the move; we are looking for any volunteers to assist us with this project.