

MANAGER'S REPORT

TOWN OF POLAND, MAINE

To: Board of Selectmen

Date: 1/6/15

CC: Department Heads, Committee Chairs

1. Meetings: I met with the new Androscoggin County Sheriff and Chief Deputy on December 18th and discussed the administration of our existing contract and our relationship moving forward. Also I met with a prospective candidate for the position of Sealer of Weights and Measures; we're waiting for his application.

2. Budget: You have received your "Draft" Fiscal Year 2015 – 2016 Budget with Capital Improvement Plan tonight. The Budget Committee will receive theirs also this week and they are planning on having an initial "organizational" meeting on Thursday January 15th at 6:30.

3. Budget Comments: There's a great deal of uncertainty regarding what the State is going to do with State Revenue Sharing and Excise Tax. Revenue Sharing has dropped significantly over the last several years and the governor is looking to end it altogether. The State is also considering taking more of the Excise Tax funds from the municipalities this year. All this will impact our revenues and affect the budget and possibly the tax rate.

4. Town Hall Upgrades: Our Public Works Department built a permanent wood and metal awning over the emergency generators next to the old Fire Barn. We are waiting on the electrical contractor and the gas company to do the final hook ups for the Library Generator.

5. Furman Property: We closed on the Furman Property purchase Wednesday the 17th. Everything went smoothly with no last minute issues. We should be receiving the deed in the next week or two.

6. Poland Community School: Several members of the Town staff and members of the Board of Selectmen visited the Third Grade classrooms at the Poland Community School on December 17th and 18th. The students were learning about local government and had an opportunity to ask us questions about our various positions.