

MANAGER'S REPORT

TOWN OF POLAND, MAINE

To: Board of Selectmen
Date: 6/2/15
CC: Department Heads, Committee Chairs

1. **Meetings:** We had no meetings scheduled since the last Selectmen's meeting.
2. **Citizen Award:** A number of Poland officials and residents attended the annual Distinguished Citizen of the Year Award sponsored by the Pine Tree Council of the Boy Scouts on the 21st. Cyndi Robbins from the Poland Spring Resort and Poland CEDC was the honoree. Selectmen Walker represented the Board of Selectmen along with Joe Cimino, Chairman of the CEDC.
3. **Library:** The front stairs to the library have been repaired and can now be used. Also, the emergency generator is up and running; the last item to complete is the installation of the switch in the basement. This should be completed in the next few days.
4. **Conservation Commission:** The Conservation Commission has scheduled the dedication of the Richard Chick Memorial Tree at Waterhouse Park on Sunday June 14th at 5 PM. The ceremony is open to the public; we're asking everyone to park in the Public Works lot please.
5. **Vacant Position:** We have filled the vacant part-time position at the Transfer Station and the gentleman will be starting later this week.
6. **Civil War Grave Request:** Last BOS meeting we had a letter from a Maine Senior Citizen regarding her Grandfather's grave at the Empire Cemetery which is not getting a flag. He was a drummer boy in the Civil War and the GAR marker on

the grave has gone missing thus resulting in no flag for Memorial Day. Selectman Walker was able to procure a GAR marker and flag and Nikki found the grave and placed it. She also took pictures and sent them to the lady. Thanks to both for helping on this.

7. Found Historic Document: While we were working on the water outage at the Library recently we found a historic document in the corner of the boiler room. It turned out to be the Charter for the Poland "United Order of the Pilgrim Fathers" and is dated 1884. The organization was a fraternal group like the Elks or Masons but was based in New England only. There are some well known Poland names on the document including: Briggs, Rowe, Waterhouse, Thurlow, Durgin, Pulsifer, Strout and Chipman. The document is available for viewing at the Poland Historical Society.

8. Complex Work: Our Public Works Department has been busy here at the Poland Municipal Complex sweeping the lots, doing landscaping and completing the ADA walkways at the Old School House and Town Hall. We have also completed most of the work for the required (by code) upgrade for stairs and railings at the Town Hall.

9. Build Maine/Business After Hours/Business to Business: Our CEDC folks had a booth at the Build Maine event on the 21st in Auburn. Our booth was manned by Alex Sirois and he reported we received many complements and positive comments about our booth and Poland. Upcoming events include the Business After Hours on the 11th hosted by Poland Springs Bottling at the museum starting at 5 PM and the Business to Business event at the Lewiston Colisee which is an all day event where we'll also have a booth.