

MANAGER'S REPORT

TOWN OF POLAND, MAINE

To: Board of Selectmen

Date: 11/17/15

CC: Department Heads, Committee Chairs

1. Meetings: Our Staff Meeting on the 5th centered on the upcoming Fiscal Year 16/17 budget and department worksheets. The Safety Meeting on the 10th included setting December 7th for the Annual Employee Training and safety inspections of the Library, Town Office, Recreation and Sheriff's sub-station. The Selectmen held a workshop on Tuesday the 10th and discussed the current health coverage offered to employees. I had a working lunch with New Gloucester Town Manager Paul First last Thursday and we discussed various common issues. I also attended the monthly MMWAC Executive Board meeting earlier today.

2. Tripp Lake Beach: A coordination meeting was held on Thursday the 5th to discuss moving forward with beach improvements to mitigate the erosion problem. The DOT representative will officially request to his superiors that a ditch be dug along Rt-11 to redirect the storm-water runoff, this may include a small collection pool. We will also contact Sue Gammon of the Androscoggin Valley Soil and Water Conservation District to see if she could assist with drawings of the beach with proposed improvements. Also discussed was the possible installation of fencing to control foot traffic. There will be an effort to determine if any Town funding will be requested for FY 16/17.

3. New Engine #3: Arrived several days ago and has been undergoing preparation to be put into use. This includes transfer of gear and equipment from the old Engine #3 along with driver training and familiarization.

4. Med-Return: The Town has been given a Med-Return Drug Disposal Kiosk by the Androscoggin Sheriff's Department. It is located in the outer foyer of the main entrance to the Town Office. You can drop off unwanted or expired prescriptions during normal business hours only. The box is made of a high security material and the Sheriff's Department will pick up the items periodically. The list of acceptable and not acceptable items is: Acceptable – Prescription meds, patches, ointments and pet meds; also, vitamins, samples and over the counter meds. Not-Acceptable – Thermometers, needles, ointments, lotions, liquids, aerosol cans, inhalers, hydrogen peroxide or meds from a business or clinic. If you have any questions please call our office or the Sheriff's Department.

5. Trail Opening Ceremony: The Poland Trail Committee along with the Conservation Commission held a brief trail opening ceremony last Thursday morning. The event was held at the trail head located behind the Ricker Library. Fred Huntress had the honor of cutting the ribbon to officially open the trail system behind the Municipal Complex which runs all the way to the Transfer Station.

6. Standoff Situation: We want to thank all the agencies that responded and performed admirably at the standoff incident which occurred in Poland on Wednesday the 4th. Those agencies included the Androscoggin Sheriff's Department, the Maine State Police, the Maine Warden Service, the Mechanic Falls Police Department and our Poland Fire Rescue Department. It thankfully ended peacefully; a job well done.

7. Tax Acquired Sale: We have given out four more bid packets. Once again we don't know how many have been downloaded from our website. Bids must be submitted to the Town Office no later than Friday December 4th at 3:00 PM at which time they will be publically opened.

8. Reminder: The Transfer Station and all other Poland Departments will be closed on Thursday the 26th (Thanksgiving Day) and Friday the 27th the day after.