

MANAGER'S REPORT

TOWN OF POLAND, MAINE

To: Board of Selectmen

Date: 10/20/15

CC: Department Heads, Committee Chairs

- 1. Meetings:** We held our Staff Meeting on the 15th and our new Finance Director introduced herself to the Department Heads; she'll be meeting with them individually over the next week or so. I attended the Oxford Hills Chamber Business to Business Showcase on Saturday along with the Ricker Library Open House. Earlier today I attended the monthly MMWAC Executive Board Meeting and later Selectmen Tetenman, Marvin Larrabee and I met with a representative from Waste Zero to discuss recycling programs.
- 2. Finance/Assessing:** The Finance/Assessing Office has new hours: they will be open to the public Monday thru Friday from 9AM to 4 PM.
- 3. Engine #3:** Chief Bosse reported at the Staff Meeting that the new Engine #3 should be arriving this week. It should take 3 weeks or so to transfer equipment and complete driver training before it's in full service.
- 4. Planet Aid:** The Planet Aid clothing boxes are being removed from the Transfer Station. Our information is they are leaving the State of Maine entirely. We previously had Salvation Army but had issues with pickup of the clothing. Please do not bring donation clothing to the Transfer Station until further notice.
- 5. Timber Harvest:** Our Public Works Director has reported there will be a major timber harvest on Cobb Road starting in the next couple of weeks. Our understanding is it will go through the winter months.

6. PaintCare Program: We received a notice that the Depot Square Hardware store in Mechanic Falls will be participating in the PaintCare Program which is a paint recycling process. You can bring in unused paint, both oil based and latex; it should be brought in the original cans. They will not take paint thinners or other chemicals or spray cans; we have included handouts in the packet. For further information contact them at 345-2091.

7. Public Works: Tom Learned has reported the Public Works Department is almost ready to go for winter. In fact they have the storage barn full; they have loaded a total of 5,800 yards of sand.

8. Selectmen Work Shop: We have confirmed the Board of Selectmen Workshop for November 10th at 6:30 to discuss the current employee health benefits. The workshop will be held at the new Senior Center at the Town Hall. We have invited Susan Smith who is the Town of Poland Health Trust Manager from the MMA.

9. Tripp Lake Beach Meeting: Last Wednesday we had an onsite meeting at Tripp Lake Beach with DOT Storm Water Manager Peter Newkirk to discuss the erosion issue. Also present were State Representatives McClellan and Espling, Selectmen Walker, Tripp Lake Association members Jackie Giasson and Karen Pelletier. The Town Staff present included me, Tom Learned, Nick Adams and Scott Segal. Mr. Newkirk will discuss what DOT's responsibility is relative to the storm water coming off of Rt-11 affecting the beach with his superiors. We will do a full report to the Selectmen and Town in the near future.

10. Five Corners: There has been some recent confusion about the Five Corners DOT Project; I have discussed it with our State Reps and finally talked to the DOT Project Manager Brian Keezer. There is \$1.3 million in place for the project and they are planning on a Spring 2016 start; it will probably take two years to complete. Keezer did caution us that they are still working on obtaining "Right of Ways" and this could slow things down if there is a problem.

11. Town Hall: The floors and inside stairs have been completed with the installation of the new flooring. The stairs are now safe and in compliance.