



# Town Manager's Report to the Town Council

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## NATURAL GAS

As you may know there are two companies proposing to supply natural gas to the Winslow/Waterville area. In the Council packet are two handouts; one from Maine Natural Gas and the other from Summit Utilities, each describing their intentions for natural gas.

Summit Utilities spoke to a group of KVCOG members in November of this year and explained their proposal to bring natural gas to the region.

At Monday's Town Council meeting Roy Lane, from Maine Natural Gas, will be giving an overview of their plan to bring natural gas to our area. This will be a good opportunity to ask any questions you may have about the distribution of natural gas in Winslow.

## PROPOSED FY 2014 CAPITAL BUDGET

On November 19th we held a capital budget workshop for the purpose of prioritizing future capital projects and expenditures. Attached to this report is a proposed FY 2014 capital budget, which will be a good starting point as we build our FY 2014 municipal budget.

## WORKERS COMPENSATION FUND

Attached to this report is a workers compensation benefit summary prepared by the Maine Municipal Association. As you will see, not only did we receive \$4,990 in dividends but we also received a \$5,815 Leader Credit. This credit is due in a large part to the work of our Workplace Safety Committee. This committee has done a great job of improving workplace safety. We are fortunate to have such a committed group of employees focused on safety.

## HEALTH INSURANCE COST

Our health insurance cost for 2013 will be increasing 7% or approximately \$36,000. This represents an increase of 0.3% in our total budget. The average yearly increase for the past five years for our health insurance is 6.2%.

## PD & MUNICIPAL BUILDING PROJECT

The Police Department addition and renovation project remains on schedule and within budget. The Construction Oversight Committee continues to meet weekly with Glenn Dumont the Construction Manager, Peachey Builders and other subcontractors.

Most of the sprinkler system for the Fire Department has been installed. Installation of the sprinkler system for the Town Office is expected to begin on December 6th.

Work to add ADA bathrooms to the Town Office continues and is on schedule.



*I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season.*