



Town Manager's Report to the Town Council

Town of Winslow - In the heart of Central Maine representing People, Pride and Progress.

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MDOT'S MUNICIPAL PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVE

The Municipal Partnership Initiative (MPI) program was developed by the Maine Department of Transportation (MDOT) in early 2011. It is a method to develop, fund, and build projects of municipal interest on the state infrastructure system with MDOT as a partner. If a project is selected, MDOT will fund 50% (up to \$500,000) of a project's cost.

We submitted a request to rebuild 0.12 miles of Clinton Avenue to Monument Street at an estimated cost of \$500,000. MDOT has chosen this project for funding so the Town will need to raise \$250,000. If approved, the project will start on or about July 1, 2017 and will be completed in 2017. This will give us the opportunity to budget for the project when we build our FY2018 budget

In the Council packet is Order No. 11-2016, which if approved will authorize me to sign the Municipal Partnership Agreement with MDOT so that we may receive MDOT funding for the project.

ALCOM TIF AMENDMENT

As you may recall MDOT is requiring the Town to install a left hand turning lane at the entrance of our Industrial Park on Millennium Drive. Our designated projects in the existing ALCOM TIF do not include this turning lane project, which we are expected to start next July 1st.

In the Council packet is Order No. 9-2016, which if approved will amend the TIF to include the turning lane project. This amendment will allow the Town to use ALCOM TIF funds for this project. I will also be requesting that the second reading be waived.

BENEFITS FOR PART-TIME EMPLOYEES?

At our last Council meeting we discussed offering benefits to part-time employees who are regularly scheduled to work 30 hours or more per week. Doing so would only impact three employees at this time. During our discussion I was asked to find out

if our neighboring municipalities offer benefits to their part-time employees. Three out of the five municipalities I contacted do offer benefits (see attached). We will discuss this further at our meeting on July 11th.

SAND & GREASE TRAP ORDINANCE

At an earlier Council meeting the proposed amendment to the Sand and Grease Trap ordinance (Ord. No. 4-2016) was tabled and the Council requested a list of businesses that would be impacted by the proposed changes. Attached to this report is a list of businesses connected to our sewer system and it is noted on the list which businesses will be required to install a grease trap. Those businesses that do require a grease trap will only need to install an under-the-sink trap costing between \$500 and \$1,000. We can discuss this further at our meeting.

WASTE MANAGEMENT DISPOSAL AGREEMENT

Waste Management Disposal Services of Maine has provided us with an agreement to use their landfill located in Norridgewock, Maine when our contract with PERC expires in 2018. We have options for a one, three or five year agreement. Attached to this report is an analysis prepared by Councilor Kenneth Fletcher that was shared with our MSW Committee. After reviewing the agreement and the analysis the MSW Committee recommended that the Town enter into a five year agreement with Waste Management.

In the Council packet is Order No. 12-2016, which if approved will authorize me to sign a five year agreement with Waste Management.

JULY 4TH CELEBRATION

Our public safety officials did an outstanding job of insuring the July 4th celebration was a safe one. Like any event, though, some things go well and some things not so well. I met with the public safety officials on July 5th and following that meeting I prepared a Pros & Cons report from a public safety perspective. I have attached a copy of the report to this report which we can discuss at our Monday night meeting.