



Town Manager's Report to the Town Council

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FY 2011 BUDGET STATUS

Our FY 2011 will end this month on the 30th. As of June 2nd we have collected \$10,850,636 in revenues, of which \$10,717,237 has been expended, giving us a positive balance of \$133,399.00.

Based on our current budget numbers I am projecting we will exceed our initial revenue projections by approximately \$100,000, which does not include property tax revenues. It can take almost 2 years beyond the close of a fiscal year to fully collect all of the property taxes owed for that year. I am also projecting that we will be under our budgeted expenditures by approximately \$100,000.

It is too early to tell how much, if any, of our budgeted use of surplus we will need to use. Our total taxes collected and the total amount of State Revenue Sharing received will have a strong influence on the final numbers. The current budget numbers, however, are encouraging.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR SEARCH

As you know John Giroux, our Public Works Director of 14 1/2 years, has resigned his position effective July 13, 2011. John has done a tremendous job and he will be missed.

I have advertised his position and hope to begin the selection process the week of June 20th. I would like to have at least one Town Councilor participate in the selection process. I hope to have the new person on board by mid July.

FT. HALIFAX PARK CONCEPT MASTER PLAN

In your packet is the final draft of a concept master plan for Ft. Halifax Park that has taken almost a year to create. After being formed by the Town Council the Fort Halifax Park Planning Committee held its first meet-

ing in July of 2010. The Committee is chaired by Town Councilor Raymond Caron.

Committee members Judi Bouchard and Abby Roy will be giving the Town Council a presentation on the Concept Master Plan at the June 13th Council meeting.

Since the 1970's, and perhaps earlier, this community has had a vision for development in the park but the town has never adopted an official development plan. We will be taking the first steps towards mapping out possible future development at the park if this plan is adopted by the town.

With an adopted plan we can then move forward with creating more detailed development plans that could include cost estimates on a phase by phase basis. Final decisions about what elements will be included in the detailed development plans will be made by the Town Council. Implementation of each phase could be based on whether fund-raising and permitting goals are met.

It is important to note that it could take many years to fully implement a phased plan, which is why having a plan is so important.

COMMUNITY GARDEN UPDATE

We have leased all of our community garden plots at the Dallaire Street Park. We had some initial confusion at the beginning of the planting season because the plots were not labeled. They have since been labeled and everyone seems happy with the site.

INDUSTRIAL BUILDING FLAGPOLE

When we do our parking lot improvements at the industrial building we will need to find a home for a very large flagpole, which I suggest we offer for sale. We can discuss this further at Monday night's meeting.

GAT PENALTY UPDATE

The MRC has assessed our GAT shortfall penalty at \$2,248.07. We have the following three payment options:

1. Make a cash payment to the MRC.
2. Deduct the amount owed from our upcoming quarterly cash distribution.
3. Deduct the amount owed from our communities allocated balance of the Tip Fee Stabilization Fund.

If there is no objection from the Town Council I will opt for option 2.

NATIONAL TRAIL DAY

Saturday, June 4th was National Trail Day. The town and Kennebec Messalonskee Trails collaborated this year to highlight Winslow's trails as part of this year's celebration.

The event was well attended and activities started at 9:00 am. Participants began on the walking trails behind the former superintendents office on Dean Street. They proceeded to the "Safe Routes to Schools Trail" and ended their walk at Scott's Park.

The High School Jazz Band played in the park's gazebo while participants enjoyed healthy snacks.

