

## **Manager's Report**

February has kept me busy. I've been attending the meetings of the SLBPG, in addition to working on resolving the outstanding invoice from Pine State Elevator in the amount of approximately \$4,800. I have been in contact with Karl Ward from Nickerson & O'Day and Travis McDuffie from Pine State Elevator. Karl had asked if I would mind if he worked on resolving the invoice. Great news came yesterday, February 25<sup>th</sup>. Karl had spoken with Travis and worked it out – Nickerson & O'Day will be donating \$2,000 to two scholarship funds set up for children that he knows, and we are writing a letter to Pine State for the remaining approximately \$2,800 as a charitable contribution to the town. And the bill goes away. It seems we were all happy with this outcome!

I sent a letter to Senator Susan Collins – in fact, the same letter went to all federal and state representatives listed in our Town report – regarding the PFAS testing and the DEP turning over all testing and maintenance costs to the town. I spoke with one of her aides and we had a good conversation about the issue. She sent back information to research. Basically, this is a new issue nationwide and even the federal and state governments are unsure how to handle the problems and funding requirements arising from this issue.

I've also been attending the Boardwalk Committee meetings and fundraising is going slower than they had hoped. However, I have found one of the Land and Water Conservation grants is now open and I've requested a site inspection. I am waiting to hear back from that organization with a date and time. If we don't qualify for this one, we'll still have others we can apply for. The state's Trail program has a grant, but I've been watching and it isn't open yet.

I have obtained insurance on the school building on the White Road. The Building Preservation group has also been discussing the preservation of this building. I believe they are willing to help a sub-committee gather information and work on restoration, if possible. I believe they will be looking for an engineer to determine if the building is "too far gone."

MMA Worker's Compensation Fund director sent me an email with information regarding a safety incentive program. I believe this would be a good idea because it will also guide and inform the town's employees in areas of safety that they may not have been previously aware. However, this means there will be policies that will need your attention, review, and approval. Still a good idea!