

## **Manager's Report August and September 2020**

Sprague's Mill Dam needs some minor repair work. I have met with John Skelley from MEMA-Dam Safety, and he is fine with the Town completing the proposed work of replacing a gate and fixing some concrete spalling around that gate. He confirmed via email and cc'ed DEP. I received an email from Jessica Damon at the DEP and she informed me we need to complete a long-term maintenance and repair plan. This will take a report from a qualified engineer. I spoke with an engineer from Dirigo and he was going to see if there was some way we could complete the work without the maintenance plan. He has not returned any information, at this point. I also spoke with Atty Andy Hamilton and Town Atty Ed Bearor. At this point, it is determined, from Ed's point of view, that the Town does indeed need to submit a long-term maintenance and repair plan. In a response from MMA Legal, they stated that, as a municipal owner of a dam, we can allow the dam to breach and we cannot be sued under the Maine Tort Claims Act. While speaking with another Town Manager in another town, he suggested we may want to lift the gates slowly over a month's time, and let the water go. If we get no complaints in a year's time, then leave the gates open, indefinitely.

Public Works Supervisor Steve Brown came to me and asked if I could request the state DOT do some repair work on the Fisher Road. This is a state-aid road, and it is their responsibility to maintain the condition of the road. I contacted Joe Lacerda at the Bangor DOT campus and he will send his engineer to look at it. I asked for, at the very least, some shimming. As we all know, this late in the season, his budget may not allow for any repair work to occur this year. I am waiting to hear back from him.

FB Environmental is working with DEP this fall to complete well testing on the landfill and in the homes around the landfill. The DEP has requested an expansion of the residential well sampling. One home has been discontinued because the water is stable.

I was contacted by a different division of the DEP regarding the old Eastland Woolen Mill site. There are wells around the stream and Corundel Lake that they do periodic testing from. These wells have apparently filled in – or are not clear for testing and they have a company that will be re-drilling the wells in order to keep them viable for testing.

The Corinna Community Center yard sale was a great success. Not only were we able to clean out a lot of the tables, chairs, bookshelves and such, residents donated items to the Committee to be sold for the benefit of the Community Center. The total income from that yard sale is just over \$2,500. What a great turn-out. The Committee is sending out a survey to the residents that paid to be on the map to determine if they had a good response from the town-wide yard sale. If the survey results are positive, we will most likely consider doing another community wide yard sale next year. We never advertised to take donations of items, but that may benefit us in the future.

In August, the public works completed the bush-hogging of the landfill. This is an annual required maintenance item for the landfill. The State does periodic inspections of the landfill, and if there is anything out of place, broken, or needing maintenance, they will send us a letter.

The reconstruction of Fernald Avenue began on August 20<sup>th</sup>. Great progress has already been made.

Pike has started paving over culverts and grinding the butt joints. They will be fine-grading Greenbush Road and may be paving there beginning as early as the week of September 14<sup>th</sup>.

Roadside mowing has been completed.

It was discovered that the deed to the elementary school had not been recorded in the Registry of Deeds. It was found and has been recorded.

An advertisement will be going in the newspapers for a public works employee. I have filled the Public Works Supervisor position.

I have obtained all the information on the fire truck that is to be sold. I will be completing an advertisement and posting it on the MMA classifieds.

I have contacted two construction firms in the area regarding getting a quote for demolition of part of the elementary school. One company said they were too busy, and the other company hasn't gotten back to me, but the secretary thought they didn't do that type of work anymore.

In discussing the Sprague's Mill dam with the attorney, it was remarked that the Town has no liability if the dam breaches, etc, **UNLESS** the Town has liability coverage on the dam. I contacted our P&C insurance representative and she stated the same thing – they would defend the Town in the event of a suit, however, we are immune. That being said, the P&C has no record of the town owning any dams and they are asking for the following information regarding the dams: name of dam, location, construction, year built, height, capacity, and Federal Hazard Classification. I'm going to ask her to call me direct so we may discuss in depth.

Finally, we have had quite a bit of electronic problems the past month. Not only did we lose my laptop, but also the main server that we use to do all transactions and accounting for the Town. In addition to that, the new computer we bought last year for the CEO also crashed and ALL data was lost. So, we have two new computers, the manager's computer and the server computer. The CEO's computer was under warranty, and has been repaired and returned. After the loss of information, I decided to contract with Technology Solutions for an off-site daily backup of all data on the server computer. The fee is \$30/month, but if we can retain all information, it's well worth the price. We are only covering the server computer. All other computers can save documents and information to the server computer through the network, so in essence, we're getting five computer's worth of information saved for the cost of one. We also lost a specialized printer that we use to print the Application for Title forms. It has been replaced.

Respectfully,



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