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April 12, 2016

To: Harold Davis, Town Manager

From: Ralph Soucier, Public Works Director

Subject: April 2016 Monthly Report

**Public Works:**

I have done some calculations, and it looks like we have saved 4400 gallons of diesel fuel compared from the same time last year. This is due to a mild winter not having to remove snow nearly as much, and using one truck with the trailer dump only to haul our winter sand which has worked out very well.

There seems to be a lot more plow damage this year due to the freeze thaw cycles happening more often. More residents also suffer from plow damage while operating their own pickups with plows on them. A lot of damage to sidewalks has occurred.

We have had a few costly repairs, but continue to be able to do them in-house. We have been taking some time to brush some paint on the equipment as needed which makes the equipment not only look good, but slows the rust process down. That's one of our biggest issues in maintenance. We have almost finished refurbishing the Recreation Pick up which will save about from purchasing a newer truck.

We did do some shim work last year in the fall, and will continue to do the hot top mix overlays in late May to finish them areas. We need to continue paving more streets after July 2016.

We are in the process of repairing sewer tops, and storm drains as an ongoing issue in the spring time.

The sweeper is out, which we are working in the downtown areas and main runs first, giving the back streets a chance to dry out as the shoulders are still very soft!

**Transfer Station:**

We continue to see a sluggish recycle market as prices are lower than normal with no increases yet.

The yearly permit fee has been strong generating about \$28,000 YTD.

April 13<sup>th</sup> Atlantic Recycling will be here to help us replace a failed hydraulic cylinder on #1 Compactor. We will have them determine the cause of failure, and check out the other compactor as well to make sure it is operating correctly.

May 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline to choose between Fiber Right and PERC as our trash contract with PERC expires in 2018. Fiber Right remains confident they will build a Mechanical Biological Treatment process in Hampden. Larger Towns in Maine have already signed a contract with Fiber Right.

**Airport:**

We are in the process of applying for a federal grant to build a Snow Removal Equipment Building FY 2017. We are trying to work out the details with Hoyle Tanner as the Permit, Design, and Bidding will take place in 2016, and Construction in 2017. The problem being the FAA has changed their grant process, and will not award a design only grant. The Town would have to put that money upfront and get the reimbursement the next year. When the construction in 2017 happens the Town will start receiving all the reimbursements from the FAA then, which is 90% of the project cost. The MDOT will reimburse the Town 5%. This project is required by the FAA for all Airports. The FAA gives us \$150,000 each year of entitlement money towards Capital Improvement Projects. We really don't know at this point how much the building will cost, but Hoyle Tanner is currently building a similar one in Eastport at a cost of \$450K.

**Cemetery:**

The Millinocket Cemetery will be opened back up around May 1<sup>st</sup>. We like to wait until the roads are dried up before letting heavy traffic on them. We did not experience any drainage problems this spring with run-off.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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Director Millinocket Public Works