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To: Harold Davis, Town Manager

From: Ralph Soucier, Public Works Director

Subject: October 2017 Monthly Report

**Public Works:**

We are finishing up with hauling winter sand. The trailer dump we have now hauls the sand in place of the small plow trucks. We can haul much more sand at one time this way with one vehicle. This saves fuel, manpower, and saves wear on the plow trucks.

The traffic Lights at Central/Penobscot intersection have been repaired with a new technology using traffic cams to replace the in-ground wire detection system. This will make a big difference to move the traffic much more smoothly. I would like to thank the MDOT for working together with us to make that happen. Central/Rhode Island intersection has a controller issue we are working on which cause the lights to go into blink mode with an unknown fault that occurs. The traffic lights are setup to go into blink if anything goes wrong. The only time they would not work is if the power is lost.

The crew has been busy getting plow trucks in order for the upcoming season. Rust is the biggest issue in maintaining the trucks to last 15 year cycles. The mechanic and crew have done a great job painting and servicing the equipment, which makes it possible to keep the equipment going longer. We have two 2002 Internationals that are approaching their life expectancy. We are working on bid pricing FY 2018.

**Transfer Station:**

We are seeing the recycle market prices increase. The last load of Cardboard we shipped made \$4,100 in revenue. Plastics are high \$450-\$900/ton, and metals are >\$100/ton. Recycling has increased from last year at this time.

The yearly permit fee has been strong generating about \$25,000 YTD. Many people still don't display their sticker permits on their windows, which makes it hard to keep track of who has one or don't have one. New permits will be available soon for 2018, and will need to be purchased before January. They are good until December 31, 2018.

We have hauled 250 tons of trash less this year than last year at this time. That equals to about 12 trips to PERC and a cost of \$20,000.

The DEP has completed their annual inspection with no violations noted.

Working with a couple of contractors to have the brush pile ground up to be used for compost. There is very little market for bio mass at this time. We have been getting large amounts of brush this summer making it hard to keep up with the disposal process.

**Airport:**

A Federal Grant has been awarded to the Airport to construct a SRE Building on the site next to the Town's Hangar. The FAA requires us to have that in place by 2018 and is funded at 90% FAA, 5% MDOT, and 5% Municipality. The Town receives \$150,000 every year as Federal Entitlement money for such Airport Improvement Projects.

We had a great Truck Pull and Fly-in this fall. The weather was good and people had a great time..

**Cemetery:**

The Cemetery crew has done another great job this summer keeping up with burials and ground maintenance. Grub Control was applied this spring and has worked very well. The grass looks much better, and very few beetles have been noticed this summer.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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Director Millinocket Public Works