TENTATIVE AGENDA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2018
4:30 PM

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1. Roll Call

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Adjustments to the Agenda

4. Approval of Minutes for the September 27, 2018 Regular Town Council Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS: 1.) Matt Delaney – Library Update
                           2.) Andrew Kahrl – Revision Energy

5. Resolve #8-2018 Proclamation Honoring Richard (Dick) Angotti

6. Resolve #9-2018 Proclamation Honoring Matt Delaney

7. Resolve #10-2018 Proclamation Honoring the Friends of the Millinocket Memorial Library

8. Town Manager’s Report

9. ORDER #253-2018 Execution of the Warrant for September 4, 2018

10. ORDER #254-2018 Execution of the Warrant for September 11, 2018

11. ORDER #255-2018 Sewer Billing

12. Reports and Communications:
   a. Warrant Committee for the October 25, 2018 Council Meeting: Councilor McEwen and Councilor Madore
   b. Chair’s Committees Reports
   c. Two Minute Public Comment

13. Adjournment:
The Regular Town Council Meeting was brought to order in Council Chambers at 4:31 pm by Chair Clark.

Roll Call:
Town Council Members Present:
Clark        Pelletier
Golibe        Pray
MacDavie        Stratton
McEwen

Also present were: Town Manager John Davis, Town Clerk Diana M. Campbell, Deputy Fire Chief Tom Malcolm, and 6 in the public.

Pledge of Allegiance

Adjustments to the Agenda: Additions to Manager’s Report

Approval of minutes of the September 13, 2018 Regular Town Council Meeting and
Motion- Stratton   Second- MacDavie   Vote 7-0

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Special Presentations: Matt Delaney – Library Update rescheduled until October 11, 2018 meeting.

ORDER #248-2018 1st Public Hearing – Broadband Utility
Motion- McEwen   Second- MacDavie
Chair Clark opened the Public hearing for discussion at: 4:34 pm with introducing Lucy Van Hook, representative from Our Katahdin, presenting the unique opportunities available to explore throughout the Tri-town communities in hopes the Town supports these opportunities concerning Broadband Utility.
Councilor MacDavie shares several meetings have taken place over the past few years informing the public of the opportunities the Broadband Utility can bring to the Tri-town communities, noting lower rates and higher speeds are a few upgrades to expect, strongly suggests the council agrees to support an agreement when proposed.
Councilor Golibe shares his appreciation to all those invested their time and research while giving his support of what the Broadband Utility projects for our community.
Councilor McEwen notes his involvement in this process while sharing his support for the tri-town community to receive these advancements of technology.
Councilor Stratton notes she agrees with prior councilor statements.
Public Comment: None
Chair Clark thanks Lucy Van Hook and all those involved with this process.

Town Manager’s Report:
*Next Regular Council Meetings – to be held in Council Chambers at 4:30 p.m.
October 11, 2018
October 25, 2018
*LD 1629 – This legislation passed before the Legislature adjourned last Thursday. Listed below are some of the highlights of the bill:
The demand notice will be used to inform taxpayers, who are receiving the Homestead Exemption that they can apply for a hardship abatement.
Once the lien matures, the Municipality must enter into a six-month contract with a real estate broker to sell the property at fair market value or a price at which the property is anticipated to sell for within six months. If three brokers all refuse to sell the property or it does not sell within six months, the property will be disposed of in the same manner as other tax acquired properties.
To qualify, at least one of the former owners must be 65 or older on the date the tax lien is recorded, their prior year adjusted gross income has to be less than $40,000, after medical expenses, and the value of their liquid assets are less than $50,000 for an individual or $75,000 for a multi person household.

All proceeds from the sale of the home after taxes owed, all accrued interest, fees, and any other expenses must be returned to the owner.

The state will reimburse the municipalities 90% of the costs associated with these new regulations.

The bill will become effective December 13, 2018.

*Wednesday Office Hours – Just a reminder that only the Clerk’s office is closed on Wednesdays. It is business as usual for the Treasurer, Tax Assessor, the Human Resource Director, and the Manager’s office. We intend to change the message of the answering machine to reflect this.

*Forty Five Aroostook Avenue – I forgot to mention at the last meeting that the property on Aroostook Avenue has been demolished, the debris disposed of, and the lot leveled and seeded. On behalf of the Council, I want to thank Adam Qualey and his crew for a job well done.

*Meeting With Olver Associates and T. Buck Construction Inc. – The Wastewater Superintendent and I met with Mandy Olver, Dan Reed, and T. Buck Construction to evaluate the Minuteman Drive sewer project. Everyone in attendance agreed the undertaking was a success. Mandy sent a letter to the residents on Minuteman Drive informing them the project is nearly complete for the 2018 season. In late spring of next year, T. Buck will return to reseed any lawn areas that have not revegetated and install the surface layer of pavement on the roadway.

*Water Re-Classification – Wastewater Superintendent Jim Charette, Councillor Mike Madore, and I attended the Public Hearing on the re-classification of various bodies of water throughout the state. The major concern for us is the re-classification of Millinocket Stream from Class C to Class B. This upgrade in quality is being recommended by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to be in compliance with the Clean Water Act (CWA) of 1972 (the CWA is an amendment of the Federal Water Pollution Act of 1948). Our distress with this is it could have an adverse effect on businesses from wanting to locate at the mill site. The recommendations that come out of this process will still have to be voted on by the Legislature and there will be more public meetings and workshops before any law is passed.

*Sewer Billing - The Treasurer completed a sewer billing audit and discovered that two apartment buildings have not been billed the full amount as far back as 2011. There are a couple of ways this could happen (the wrong box in TRIO could have been checked or our numbers did not match up with Maine Water’s). I provided you with a spreadsheet of what we should have received from 1/12/2017 to 4/1/2018. I recommend that we submit a bill for this time period and abate and/or write off the remaining years.

*Department Updates

Public Works

Mixing salt and sand and putting it in the sand shed. Using the county bid. The cost this year was $61.88/ton as opposed to $70/ton last year. The target for this year is 2,200 cubic yards.

New plow truck will be delivered to Viking Cives on the first of October to install the plow gear and body equipment.

Storm water catch basins have been cleaned, inspected, and repaired.

The snow blower attachment is held up because it is being rebuilt in Canada and it cannot be shipped back to the United States because of the Tier III emission laws. The plan is to do some in-house maintenance to the current attachment and keep it for another winter.

Transfer Station

Recycle prices are trending up.

Been working with the Maine Resource Recovery Association to find different outlets for baled products.

Communities that went with zero sort are now paying $140.00/ton to dispose of their recycled items. They started out paying nothing.

Airport

A few punch list items left on the SRE building.

Working with Hoyle Tanner, Maine DOT, and the FAA to secure funding for the rebuilding of the runways.

Documentation is attached explaining about some Supplemental Appropriation Funds that may be available for the town.
Cemetery
Identified several plots that may be available but are getting closer to using up open sites.
Looking to survey the extension section of the cemetery located at the far southeast corner next year.

Wastewater Treatment
Main Pump Station generator project in final stages.
Wastewater superintendent attended the water re-classification hearing with Councilor Madore and the Manager.
The superintendent and Everet Hale put together historical flow data from the treatment facility to help with planning for the industrial influence from the Our Katahdin mill site.

Police Department
Last two weeks fairly quiet. The Department made four arrests/summonses ranging from a failure to appear warrant, violation of condition of release, operating after suspension, and a speeding violation.
No major issues at the truck pulls or the Trails End Festival.
The weather was great and everyone had a good time.
The PD escorted the Red Knights biker group from Ruthie’s to Poplar Street as a show of support.
All officers completed their yearly gun qualifications.

Fire & Ambulance
Vehicle fire at Big Moose Inn wedding party. Fireworks started a pickup on fire and caused considerable damage. Assisted by Piscataquis Sheriff’s Office.
Conducted EMS training, basic splinting, and BLS skills.
Working with TG Higgins in preparation of the new ambulance billing system beginning October 1.
Still getting quotes for new ambulance.
Conducted fire drills at the schools.
Working with Thrive to have items available for seniors and families that need emergency assistance.
Employee out for undetermined time period.
Want to thank Clint Morrow for painting the flag poles at the Fire Department at no charge.

Recreation Department
Cleaned out the hockey changing rooms.
Dickey Harmon stated the demo on the sheds at the Recreation Complex on Tuesday, September 25.
Ordered new shed from Sturdi Built. Be here by the first of November.

Tax Assessor/Code Enforcement Officer
Organizing and processing abatements and supplementals to correct errors and omissions from this year’s tax bills.
Sent letter to the Buzby’s to clean up the remainder of the debris from the house they demolished on Aroostook Avenue.
Processing the Municipal Valuation Return (MVR) to be sent to the Maine Revenue Services.
Completed the county tax warrant for payment of the county tax.

Administration
Treasurer
Working on the sewer billing audit.
Trying to create a method to track the sewer billing process more accurately.

Tax Collector
Motor vehicle still going strong, fair number of new vehicles being registered.
Steady flow of tax payments. First half tax deadline is September 27.
Preparing to start October wastewater billing.

Clerk’s Office
Received 2019 dog tags for licensing starting October 15, 2018.
New dangerous dog or nuisance dog laws August 1, 2018 and licensing fees will go into effect October 15, 2018.
Received Municipal absentee ballots for the November 6, 2018, General /Referendum election.
Preparing cemetery billing for processing at the end of September.
Anticipate 2019 snowmobile registration stickers for processing for the new season.
Manager Human Resource/Welfare Director
Putting together another tax acquired property list.
Changing computer system (email from Go Daddy to Maine Technology Group).
Rick Lax will wrap up the canopy project soon.
Hired Public Works employee (Mike Bouchard).
*Informs the Council Lee Kahn will be available after the Council meeting at the Scootic In for a meet and greet.
*The Our Katahdin secured the $5.0 million grant from the EDA and the only thing holding this back right now is the IRS lien.

Councilor Pray: *In reference to LD1629 the Governor expressed disappointment in that, but it is a compromise agreement from the Maine Municipal Association and personally believes that everything he is seeking is already in existing law.* In reference to the sewer bill not charging on the two accounts he agree to the recommendation to go back to 2017 on the billing and give the Manager authority to negotiate how they pay the back time over what time period they may want to do that.*Thank Clint Morrow for getting the flagpole done and the cost is appreciated.* In reference to the bowling alley being cleaned up, is that going to remain the way it is? Manager Davis stated that the owner was not cooperating, but the Code Enforcement/Assessor is working on it.

Councilor Madore: *Regarding LD1629 even though it is a compromise it is a southern Maine issue. *The property on Aroostook manner came down in a timely manner Adam Qualey did a very good job. *Thank Oliver Associates and T Buck Construction for the job that they did on Minuteman Drive and the great job that they did. *Concerning the reclassification, he thanked the Manager and Jim Charette for going with him down to the meeting to give testimony which was very one-sided, but they were heard. The Manager will be putting some more information together and when it gets pushed to Augusta we will go down and testify again.
*Agrees that the wastewater accounts should be rebilled and write off the remaining years.
*Always glad to see when the price of sand and salt drops because it is good for the Town. *Agrees to rebuild the blower that we have. *Concerns with fees for processing recyclables. *The idea of the airport getting $9.3 to rebuild the runways for a grant is great; does that grant include the extension that would allow small commercial jets to come here? *Thanks to Jim Charette for attending the hearings, his input was vital.
*Thanked Clint Morrow for painting the flag poles. *Glad that the new shed has been ordered. *Welcomed Mike Bouchard to Public Works.

Councilor Stratton: *Commended the Manager for the Department updates. *Agree with the Manager on the wastewater rebilling. *Thank you to those that went to the Wastewater reclassification hearings. *Welcomed Mike Bouchard.

Councilor McEwen: *On LD1629, this is going to be an interesting process going through this. *Agree with the recommendation on the sewer billing going back to 2017. *Thank you for the good work.

Councilor Golieb: *Agrees with the comments on LD1629, it is unnecessary in this area. *Agrees with the sewer recommendations as well. *Thanks to Clint Morrow for painting the flag poles. *Welcome to Mike Bouchard. *Hopefully we will get the snowblower back before a certain person talks about building a wall up in Canada.

Councilor Pelletier: *In regard to LD 1629 agrees that it will be an undue burden, labor should be tracked to get the reimbursement. *Wastewater reclassification will be tough battle given the environmental strength in the state. *Sewer billing yes go back to 2017. *Agree on the snowblower, find out exactly what the emission issue is. *Glad we are heading in the right direction with recycling.

Chair Clark: *Stated he was unable to attend the hearing on the water reclassification There is a big process to go through, all this is, is just a recommendation. Out of the recommendation they will propose a bill to the
Legislature and quote you a date in December. At that time they will have the bill that will reclassify the Penobscot River from a C to a B, and they will make that bill and refer that bill to the Committee of Jurisdiction which is the Natural Resources or Environmental Affairs Committee, it is a Legislative Committee which has ten representatives and three senators. They will have a public hearing (may be more than one), then you will have your votes, if it passes it will go to the governor to be signed. *Thanked the Manager and Department heads for a detailed report. *Agree on the sewer billing to go back to 2017.

Public Comment: Lucy Van Hook from Our Katahdin thanked those that attended the water reclassification hearings because no one from Our Katahdin was able to attend that day, but they will be submitting comments.

*REMOVED-ORDER #243-2018 PROVIDING FOR: Execution of the Warrant for September 20, 2018. IT IS ORDERED that the Warrant for September 20, 2018 in the amount of $ ______ is hereby approved.

ORDER #244-2018 PROVIDING FOR: Execution of the Warrant for September 27, 2018. IT IS ORDERED that the Warrant for September 27, 2018 in the amount of $327,294.75 is hereby approved. Motion-Stratton Second-Madore Vote 7-0

ORDER #245-2018 PROVIDING FOR: Approval of an Application for a Malt, Vinous and Spirituous Liquor License for the Hang Wong. IT IS ORDERED that the attached application for a malt, vinous and spirituous liquor license is hereby approved for:
Hang Hong Yang Corp, 973 Central Street.
d/b/a
Hang Wong Chinese Restaurant, 973 Central Street.
Motion-Madore Second–Stratton Vote 7-0

ORDER #246-2018 PROVIDING FOR: Approval of an Application for an Entertainment License for the Hang Wong. IT IS ORDERED that the attached application for an Entertainment License is hereby approved for:
Yang Beng Xiu, 27 Pamola Park.
d/b/a
Hang Wong Chinese Restaurant, 973 Central Street
Motion-Pray Second-Madore Vote 7-0

ORDER #247-2018 PROVIDING FOR: Appointment to the Recreation Advisory Committee IT IS ORDERED that Josh McNaughton is appointed as an Alternate to the Recreation Advisory Committee for a three-year term to September 2021 Motion-Pelletier Second-Pray Vote 7-0

ORDER #248-2018 USE OUT OF ORDER

ORDER #249-2018 PROVIDING FOR: Donation for Hunger Awareness Month. IT IS ORDERED that the Millinocket Town Council donate $100.00 to Hunger Awareness Month to help support our local food pantries. Note: If this order is approved, the funds will be expended from Account 0816-3813, public Health & Welfare, leaving a balance of $1,900 in this account. Motion-Golieb Second-Stratton Vote 7-0

ORDER #250-2018 PROVIDING FOR: Abatement of sewer fees at 69 Aroostook Avenue. IT IS ORDERED that sewer fees for $201.45 for a property located at 69 Aroostook Avenue, Map U05/Lot132, be abated.
Note: The request is due to a faulty toilet valve which has since been replaced. This is a onetime abatement only.
Motion- McEwen Second-Madore Vote 7-0

ORDER #251-2018 PROVIDING FOR: Authorization to upgrade the courtroom assistive listening system from FM frequency to infrared (IR) devices.
IT IS ORDERED that the Millinocket Town Council authorize the upgrade of the assistive listening system in the Courtroom/Council Chambers from FM frequency devices to Infrared (IR) devices.
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Town Manager be authorized to sign the necessary paperwork to complete the upgrade.
Note: The expense for the upgrade will be entirely funded and maintained by the Judicial Branch.
Motion-Stratton Second-Madore Vote 7-0

*TABLED - ORDER #252-2018 PROVIDING FOR: An extended period of time to submit a sewer payment and a write off of interest and other fees.
IT IS ORDERED that the Millinocket Town Council grant an extension of time to the Department of Maine, Veterans of Foreign Wars to submit a sewer fee payment of $238.85.
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Millinocket Town Council approve a write off of 189.00 of interest and other fees.
Motion-Madore Second-Stratton Vote to Table 7-0
Councilor Madore: Move to table order #252-2018, Seconded by Councilor Pray, Vote 7-0 to table order #252-2018.

Reports and Communications:
The Warrant Committee for the October 11, 2018 Council Meeting will be Chair Clark and Councilor Golieb.
Chair's Committees Reports:
-Councilor McEwen informs there will be an Economic Development Workshop in Council Changers on October 4, 2018 at 4:30 pm to collect public input for annual survey questions and ideas.
Two Minute Public Comment: None
Motion to adjourn at 5:20p.m. —Pray Second —Madore Vote 7-0
RESOLVE #8-2018

PROCLAMATION HONORING RICHARD (DICK) ANGOTTI FOR HIS ACCOMPLISHMENTS AS A VOLUNTEER FOR THE TOWN OF MILLINOCKET AND A RECIPIENT OF THE 2018 SPIRIT OF AMERICAN AWARD

WHEREAS, The Spirit of America Foundation is a public charity established in Augusta, Maine in 1990 to honor volunteerism; and,

WHEREAS, The Spirit of America Foundation Tribute is presented in the name of Maine municipalities to local individuals, organizations, and projects for commendable community service; and,

WHEREAS, Richard (Dick) Angotti has served the Millinocket community through the schools, churches, and other service organizations; and,

WHEREAS, the Spirit of America award is designated throughout the State of Maine for the purpose of recognizing and honoring those individuals who give of themselves and promote and encourage a sense of giving by all citizens; and,

WHEREAS, volunteers are critical to the vitality and productivity of our community’s future; and,

WHEREAS, the town continues to rely on the efforts of volunteers to enrich our municipality;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Millinocket Town Council, in Council Assembled on October 11, 2018, does hereby recognize, honor, and congratulate Richard Angotti for his work as a volunteer for the Town of Millinocket.
RESOLVE #9-2018

PROCLAMATION HONORING MATT DELANEY FOR BEING
NAMED THE 2018 OUTSTANDING LIBRARIAN BY THE MAINE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION (MLA)

WHEREAS, Matt DeLaney was hired as the director of the Millinocket Memorial Library in October of 2017; and,

WHEREAS, Matt has contributed much to the Millinocket Memorial Library (MML) and successfully expanded the hours of operation for the MML for both children and adults; and,

WHEREAS, Matt secured a grant and is leading a Capital Campaign Committee to undergo a major renovation to the building on Main Avenue; and

WHEREAS, Matt has extended services to include the lending of bicycles with a library card in collaboration with the Outdoor Sports Institute in establishing the Katahdin Gear Hub; and,

WHEREAS, Matt was officially granted the Outstanding Librarian Award on October 1, 2018, at the MLA’s annual conference at the Sunday River Grand Resort in Newry, Maine;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Millinocket Town Council, in Council Assembled on October 11, 2018, does hereby recognize, honor, and congratulate Matt DeLaney for his award as Outstanding Librarian of the year by the Maine Library Association.

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PROCLAMATION HONORING THE FRIENDS OF THE MILLINOCKET MEMORIAL LIBRARY

WHEREAS, the Friends of the Millinocket Memorial Library became a 501 (c) (3) in 1999, and was spearheaded by Tracy Richardson, a 1982 graduate of Stearns High School; and,

WHEREAS, the need of a strong library is greater than ever, particularly with the financial challenges facing libraries nationwide; and,

WHEREAS, the Friends help organize book and bake sales, raffles, and plant sales; and,

WHEREAS, the Friends support and promote public funding of the Library offering ongoing public access to computers, free Wi-Fi, and more; and,

WHEREAS, with the help from the Friends the town is able to maintain vital resources of information and literary entertainment to all ages; and,

WHEREAS, the Friends show every day through their actions that they truly care about their library and the people who live in the community; and,

WHEREAS, the Friends were chosen to receive the 2018 Spirit of America award for their time and volunteerism to the Town of Millinocket;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Millinocket Town Council, in Council Assembled on October 11, 2018, does hereby recognize, honor, and congratulate the Friends of the Library upon receiving the 2018 Spirit of America award.
Town Manager’s Report October 11, 2018

1. Next Regular Council Meetings – to be held in Council Chambers at 4:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

2. A. October 25, 2018
   B. November 12, 2018 (Organizational Meeting 7:00 p.m.)

3. Street Lights – I am still waiting to hear back from Emera on the savings the Town may incur by hooking up meters to some of the areas that we are paying a higher price for.

4. Comp Plan Update – We have had to cancel the last three meetings due to scheduling conflicts. I have set up a meeting on Friday at 2:30.

5. Metal Roofs – Recently I received a complaint about a metal roof being installed on a home in close proximity to a neighbor’s driveway. While this is certainly a legitimate concern, as long as there is a five-foot buffer between the properties, there is not much the Town can do about it. Most homeowners with metal roofs have snow guards installed to prevent the creation of a small avalanche of snow and ice from sliding off the roof. If snow does cause damage to someone’s property or vehicle, etc., it then becomes a civil case and will need to be settled in court.

6. Front and Rear Entrances to the Town Office – We are still planning to go with the sheet metal for the ceiling. Since nobody got back to us on the fascia, Rick is going to buy the stainless steel to do this part of the project. It is more expensive ($1,700), but it appears to be our only option. The plan is to cut the inspection holes this weekend and get Dick Soucier of Mid-South to check for structural damage. Time is beginning to be an issue and Mr. Lax would like to complete this job as soon as possible.
Department Updates

Public Works
- Continuing to haul winter sand with trailer dump. Saving fuel and labor costs. The shed is 70% full.

- Getting plow trucks ready for winter. Painting frames to increase life expectancy. Having problems with beaver dams on Bates Street and Penobscot Avenue. Working with game wardens to resolve this issue.

Transfer Station
- Had a couple of issues with the new trash truck. Daigle and Houghton are cooperating and has repaired the truck at no extra cost. Fiberight will have a tour for members at a date and time to be announced. Hauled wood ash pile to Dolby Landfill.

Airport
- Working with Hoyle Tanner on airport capital improvement projects. Seeking an FAA Grant for snow removal equipment and runway reconstruction.

Cemetery
- Seventy-one burials YTD. Grounds look great.

Wastewater Treatment Plant
- Main generator project nearly complete.
- Scheduled to startup October 15.
- New RV dumping station holding tank completed on October 8.
- Will order signage this winter. Expect to be operating in spring of 2019.
- Annual DEP lab equipment calibration completed on October 2.
Police Department
- Quiet couple of weeks.
- Generated over 100 incidents, one arrest for assault and one summons for registration out 150 days.
- IRS scam generated 17 informational/fraud complaints.
- Other complaints ranging from agency assists, citizen assist, disorderly conduct, sexual assault, and animal complaints.
- Higher ATV presence the last couple of weeks and no complaints registered. Most of the traffic appeared to be coming for out of town.

Fire & Ambulance
- The 2015 Chevrolet ambulance out of service. Issues with DEF System. This has been an ongoing problem. The ambulance is being repaired at Quirk’s in Bangor.
- Started billing process with TG Higgins on 10/1/2018.
- Conducted fire drills at the schools.
- Ambulance crew came upon a fatal automobile accident while returning from Bangor. Transported a child to PVH and provided life-saving measures.
- Fire Department will participate in the Nazarene Church’s “Trunk or Treat”. Will have a unit there with items for children.
- Will have a strong presence at Granite Street School during the month of October; which is Fire Prevention month.
- Deputy Chief attended the Fire and Life Safety Conference in Massachusetts.
- Waiting to receive final quote on the new ambulance with revisions to make sure it will meet the new codes that will be implemented in the next year or so on passenger restraints. Will be on the new ambulance not rebox.

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Administration

Tax Assessor/Code Enforcement
- Issued a number of building permits. People trying to get things done before winter arrives. Three garages, a few sheds, and some fences.
- Reviewed some assessments including site inspections at the owners’ request.
- Received a number of inquires and request for information on the Rite Aid/Walgreens transaction. Issues with refinancing or rebranding.
- Fielding questions about the demolition of the Mini Golf building.
- Received some 801 forms. These are the forms that allow personal property taxpayers to collect a partial refund of their taxes from the state.

Treasurer
- Minuteman Drive Sewer Project spending was $877,874 as of September 30.
- Spent $248,006 for engineering and $598,268 for construction.
- Spoke to Bond Bank about starting payment now instead of next fall to reduce interest. Will follow up.
- Will review the Wastewater General Fund and make a recommendation on what to transfer to the Reserve Account.

Clerk’s Office
- Congratulations to Mrs. Gary Lakeman.
- Diana and Opie were married on Saturday, October 6.
- Hope they have a long and happy life together.
- Thanks to Roxanne Johnson for filling in for the Clerk.
Manager & Human Resource/Welfare Director

- Put together another Tax Acquired property list.
- Foreclosed on four properties.
- 294 Katahdin Avenue, 179 Pamola Park, 6 Katahdin Avenue, and 22 East Avenue.
- Two of the properties may be a challenge because they are still occupied and will need to be evicted.
To: Harold Davis, Town Manager

From: Ralph Soucier, Public Works Director

Subject: Public Works Activity Report

**Public Works:**
Hauling winter using trailer dump for fuel and manpower savings. Mixing salt/sand putting up in the sand shed: 70% full.
Working on plow trucks, regular maintenance and painting frames to prolong life expectancy.
Beaver Dam problems at Bates Street and Penobscot Avenue. Working with State Game Wardens to resolve water issues. Replacing failed storm water system at York Street.

**Transfer Station:**
We have had a couple of issues with the recently purchased 2012 Western Star truck that we use to haul the MSW Trailers. Daigle and Houghton has done a great job resolving the issues with no extra cost to the Town.
Fiberight will have a tour for members. Date and time will be determined soon. Please visit their Facebook page for construction progress updates.
Hauled wood ash pile to Dolby Landfill.

**Airport:**

**Cemetery:**
71 Burials YTD. Grounds look great. No issues.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ralph T. Soucier
Director Millinocket Public Works
MEMO

Millinocket Wastewater Treatment Facility

October 5, 2018

To: John Davis, Town Manager

From: Jim Charette, Superintendent

Re: WW Operations Report

The Main Pump Station generator upgrade project is nearly complete, start up is scheduled for October 15th. The new RV dumping station holding tank installation was completed on the 8th. New signage will be ordered over the winter. We expect to have everything ready for the 2019 season. Annual lab equipment calibration was done on the 22nd, we are required to do this annually by the DEP.
Memo

To: Town Manager  
From: Chief of Police  
CC: Town Council  
Date: October 9, 2018  
Re: Activity report

- It has been another fairly quiet couple of weeks, of the over 100 incidents generated we only had one arrest for DV assault and one summons for registration out 150 days. We had 17 information/fraud complaints, many were generated in one day due to an IRS scam. We also had a myriad of other complaints ranging from agency assists, citizen assist, disorderly conduct, suspicious, civil, threatening, sexual assault, and animal complaints.

- There was a much higher ATV presence the last couple of weeks with no complaints registered. Appeared that most were from out of town.
Manager Davis,

2015 Chevrolet Ambulance out of service for issues with DEF system is at Quirk Chevrolet in Bangor. This has been an ongoing problem with this unit.

Have started billing process with TG Higgins as of 10/01/2018.

Conducted fire drills at Millinocket Schools.

One of our ambulances was returning from Bangor and came upon a fatal automobile accident and was able to transport a child to PVH and provide life saving measures.

Was approached to participate in the Nazarene Church’s “Trunk or Treat” on Halloween so will have unit there with items for the children.

Working with schools to have strong presence in the elementary school during the month of October which is Fire Prevention month.

Have the opportunity to present at the Massachusetts Fire and Life Safety Conference on our program “Remembering When” for older adults.

Awaiting final quote on new ambulance with the revisions that we would like to see to make sure it is going to meet the new codes that are coming in the next year or so on passenger restraints. Will be on new ambulance not on a rebox.

10/05/2018

Deputy Chief Malcolm
I had a run on building permits, end of the season, people trying to get stuff done before winter. 3 garages a few sheds and some fences.

Reviewed a handful of assessments including site inspections at the owners’ request.

Dealt with what seemed like 10 different inquiries and requests for information on the Rite Aid/Walgreens, apparently, they are refinancing, or it may have to do with the rebranding.

Discussed the 501C3 status of UVEC with Fred Michaud and fielded some questions regarding the demolition of the old mini golf building as I think it is out to bid.

Started receiving 801 forms, these are the forms I complete that allow personal property taxpayers to receive a partial refund of their taxes from the State.
Minuteman Drive Sewer Project

As of September 30, the total Minuteman Drive sewer project spending was $877,874, including retainage. The Town borrowed $846,274, which breaks down as follows: $248,006 for Engineering and $598,268 for Construction. I had previously spoken to the Bond Bank about starting payment on this part of the loan to reduce the interest we will pay versus waiting until next fall when the balance of the project would be completed. I plan to follow up on this now that this leg of the project is done. I will also be reviewing the Wastewater General Fund to recommend what we should transfer to the Reserve account.
ORDER #253-2018

PROVIDING FOR: Execution of the Warrant for October 4, 2018

IT IS ORDERED that the Warrant for October 4, 2018 in the amount of $__________________ is hereby approved.

Passed by the Town Council__________________

Attest:__________________
ORDER #254-2018

PROVIDING FOR: Execution of the Warrant for October 11, 2018

IT IS ORDERED that the Warrant for October 11, 2018 in the amount of $______________
is hereby approved.

Passed by the Town Council ________________

Attest: __________________________
PROVIDING FOR: Sewer Billing.

IT IS ORDERED that the Millinocket Town Council authorize the Tax Collector/Treasurer to submit a sewer bill for $380.00 to a property owned by Magic City Property, Map U05 Lot 120, for the time period 1/12/2017 to 4/1/2018.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Millinocket Town Council authorize the Tax Collector/Treasurer to submit a sewer bill for $1,820.00 to a property owned by Magic City Property, Map U05 Lot 186, for the time period 1/12/2017 to 4/1/2018.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that sewer fees in the amount of $624.00 be written off for a property owned by Magic City Property, Map U05 Lot 120, and sewer fees in the amount of $3,106.33 be written off for a property owned by Magic City Property, Map U05 Lot 186.

NOTE: These billings and write-offs are the result of the above mentioned two properties being incorrectly billed since 2011.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL: __________________________

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