



# Millinocket

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## Town Manager's Report – 1.12.22

### Annual Performance Reviews:

- Currently working through the final steps of our annual employee performance reviews with those who report directly to me.
- Each employee had been given a self-evaluation to highlight accomplishments, future goals, ideas for improvement, and whether support for their work was adequate or not.
- We are wrapping up the remaining in person follow-ups this week and hope to start that same process for anyone who reports to department heads soon.

### Electric Vehicle Charging Stations:

- We are looking at the possibility of installing town-owned EV Charging Stations in our downtown.
- This is a program through Efficiency Maine that will cover 90% of the cost of the chargers and their installation.
- This would be a minimal investment for start-up and allow us the opportunity to have an additional revenue stream. Much like the Aviation Gas and Jet Fuel sales at the airport, this would be the cost of electricity plus an upcharge.
- We were introduced to the idea by one service provider but will certainly put the job out to bid once approved.
- Hoping to gain approval this week to explore further and submit the application with Efficiency Maine. The deadline is January 17<sup>th</sup>. We do have to opportunity to decline the program before any work is done if anything comes up in the meantime, leading us to change our minds.

### Code Enforcement Officer:

- Chris Beyer started as our Code Enforcement Officer on January 3<sup>rd</sup> and has jumped right in.
- He came trained and certified in the field of Code Enforcement, so we are working on getting him situated with all the resources and information he needs specific to the Town of Millinocket.
- Chris is eager to make a strong and positive impression. We remain focused on derelict properties.
- We are looking into options to make the Town's permitting process more easily accessible online with the mind of making it more convenient for taxpayers and contractors. We believe, after chatting with several local tradespeople that the convenience of online processing will increase the number of permits, we receive for work down within the Town. As we have discussed, this proper permitting allows for better data and keeps us better situated for valuations. We do not ever want to be in another situation like we were this past summer!



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## **Public Works Harassment:**

- It was recently brought to our attention that the Public Works Plow Crew is being harassed by members of our community.
- I have checked in with our PW director and others to better understand what is happening.
- People yelling obscenities, throwing shovels, one person climbed right up on the machine and started banging on the window! I have even heard nasty voicemails left on the PW answering machine.
- This is absurd behavior, and it needs to stop. Our PW Crew works their tails off, spending long hours, late nights, and early mornings in plow trucks and sidewalk machines, making sure our roads and sidewalks are as safe as possible for our community.

## **February Events:**

- I am aware that planning is full swing for the Winterfest and Snowdown events during February school vacation!
- These events are always a big hit. They are a great opportunity to get people out and celebrating together as a community!

## **Bloomin' 4 Good:**

- The Millinocket Hannaford has selected our Fire & Ambulance Department as the recipient of their Bloomin' 4 Good Program proceeds for the month of January!
- For the remainder of January, every time someone buys a Bloomin 4 Good bouquet at the Millinocket Hannaford, \$1 will be donated to our Fire & Ambulance Department.
- Get out and buy your loved ones some beautiful flowers and contribute to the cause!

## **Dump Stickers & Dog Tags:**

- 2023 dump stickers are in. Get 'em while they're hot!
- Get those dog tags updated! The fee is minimal and goes up quite a bit in February once they're considered late.

Respectfully Submitted,

Peter Jamieson, Town Manager.