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Town Manager's Report – 4.14.22

FY23 Budget:

- We have completed the initial draft of our FY23 Municipal Budget. We are looking to bring this to workshops starting April 21st. We will schedule additional workshops as needed.

Town & School Audit Review:

- We have invited the School Board to attend our joint audit review at our next Town Council meeting on April 28th. All should have received a copy of the audit by for individual review.

Highland Ave Guardrail:

- Seeking discussion on the possible installation of guardrails along the field on Highland Ave.
 - This has recently been discussed multiple times and has been a recurring point of frustration for years. Guardrails would essentially end the ability to illegally park vehicles on the field and to plow snow across the street into that area. These are the two most common citizen complaints and causes of Town property damage in that area.

EMPD & Mental Health Data:

- At the request of the council, I reached out to Chief McDunnah regarding the number of mental health related calls in our community and how many may involve repeat individuals. I have attached a report from him addressing this information.

SBA Office Hours:

- I have been in conversation with Jim Pineau, Senior Area Manager with U.S. Small Business Administration, regarding potential "SBA Office Hours", hosted at our Town Office.
- This would give local business owners, entrepreneurs, and members of the public the opportunity to meet with Jim and learn more about SBA resources and partners. If this goes well, we could schedule it on more regular basis. Date to be determined. More info to come!



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DOT Bike/Ped – Public Meeting:

- Tuesday, April 14th, we held our public meeting regarding this project. Tom Errico from TY LIN presented suggestions for the Town of Millinocket to consider regarding possible improvements along our Central St. corridor. I was thrilled with the turnout for this meeting. We had roughly 30 community members attend in person, with another 12-15 logged in via Zoom. The level of community engagement at this meeting was encouraging. The presentation sparked over an hour of great questions, constructive comments, and lively conversation.
- The recording of this presentation is now on our Youtube Channel for review. Community members are encouraged to watch, listen, and provide feedback for the remainder of April.

Community Initiatives Director:

- The Town of Millinocket officially has a Community Initiative's Director! Amber Wheaton has taken on this role as of Monday, April 11th.
- Amber has jumped into this work with great enthusiasm. She is making introductions to partners and colleagues, as well as researching funding opportunities for our growing list of projects ideas.
- Community members and municipal staff alike are encouraged to reach out to Amber with ideas or needs related to the Town of Millinocket. While they may not all be easy or quick things to bring to action, it will be good to have a log of projects to consider as we move through the work. Amber can be reached at (207) 723-7000 or cid@millinocket.org!

Reminders:

- **The best way to reach me as Town Manager is to call the town office (207-723-7000) or email me (manager@millinocket.org). Social media is not an appropriate form of communication and does not guarantee a response or even that the comment would be seen.**
- **Public participation is ENCOURAGED at all council and committee meetings. If a community member is unable to attend live, they can see the agenda and provide comment directly to me to be shared. They can also follow up and watch recordings of each meeting on our YouTube Channel. Links to the channel and videos can be found at www.millinocket.org.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Peter Jamieson, Town Manager.