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Town Manager's Report – 6.9.22

Local ARPA Survey:

- At the last Town Council meeting, I mentioned creating a survey to have at the election on July 14th. With the help of our Community Initiatives Director, we created a survey that will be used to gather feedback from community members and gauge interest in the allowable spending categories.
- A copy of this survey is included in our meeting packet.
- The survey is currently available in paper form only, however, we are making progress with initiating our Constant Contact account and plan to have an easily sharable digital version in the coming weeks.
- Please, we encourage our community members to fill out this survey and weigh in on how we should be expending this local American Rescue Act funding for our town.

Penobscot County ARPA Funding:

- The deadline for applications for the Penobscot County AARPA funds is coming up next week.
- We have identified a few options to consider applying for in this program and are seeking a stroll poll of interest from the council this evening:
 - **Sidewalks – \$500,000.00**
 - With the help of PW Director, Ralph, we have identified the sidewalks in the worst conditions and in need of complete rebuild. The cost of this would be upwards of \$500k to address the full list.
 - **Farm Tractor w/ Bush Hog Mower Attachment - \$25,000.00 to \$50,000.00**
 - The Airport needs equipment to mow the major areas of land. They had used one of PW's sidewalk machines with a mower attachment up until the equipment was worn down and unusable. A tractor with this set up will address the needs in a more appropriate and timely manner.
 - The \$25K range of this program is less intensive on the reporting side and possibly is more likely to be awarded.
 - **New ideas to be considered?**

MMA New Managers Conference:

- I am attending the New Managers Conference with the Maine Municipal Association, June 9th.
- I am very much looking forward to this opportunity to learn and network with other Town Managers who are new to the field.
- More to come during presentation of Manager's Report.

FY23 Municipal Budget:

- Reminder to the public – The public hearings on our FY23 Municipal Budget are scheduled for the 16th and 23rd of this month, with the vote for adoption taking place on the 23rd.
- The official hearing and request for vote and adoption of the Millinocket School Department budget will also take place on the 23rd.



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Communities Committee:

- Maine Development Foundation is bringing the FOR/Maine Communities Committee back to life. FOR = Forest Opportunity Roadmap
- I had been voted onto this committee as Katahdin Region Economic Development Director with Eastern Maine Development Corporation and will continue as Millinocket's Town Manager.
- This is a great fit, where the Town of Millinocket is included in these efforts as a "FOR/Maine Community" and receives support from MDF and FOR/Maine team in various ways.
- Our first meeting back together and in person will be June 24th in Madison at the GoLab/Timber HP facility. I will be offline but reachable most of that day.

Press: "Don't believe everything you read!"

- There was an article printed recently in the local paper stating that Town of Millinocket was engaged in legal counsel regarding the International Program housed within the Millinocket School Department.
- I am taking this opportunity to address in public that this is false. We have not engaged in any legal council regarding this program whatsoever, nor do we have any interest in doing so.
- The reporter is not to be blamed for false information as they were reporting on what was actually stated during a meeting of the Millinocket School Board.

Communication:

- Constant Contact will be live very soon.
- Please be on the lookout for a sign-up link soon on both our website and Facebook.
- This will be a great way to stay up to date on reliable news and information from the town via email and soon after, text messaging!
- Hooray for amplified community engagement!

Reminder:

- **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 to me or the council. It does not guarantee a response or even that the comment would be seen.**
- **I hope that any member of our community feels comfortable reaching out to me with any questions or concerns they have. All are welcome!**

Respectfully Submitted,

Peter Jamieson, Town Manager.