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Town Manager's Report – 5.11.23

Municipal Building Roof Repair:

- I've been in contact with Bradley Haase at Hannel Bros. Co. regarding the upcoming roof repair at the municipal building.
- Early this past winter, we allocated \$9,275.00 of American Rescue Plan Act funding to this much needed repair. The roof sections being repaired are the elevator entrance and the front awning.
- Bradley has informed me that they anticipate getting started on our project this month.
- Unrelated yet not – Public Works will be repairing and repainting the stucco around the municipal building entrance. We hope to continue our efforts in increasing the curb appeal of our Town Office. I feel it's important to have pride in how our property is kept.

Manager's Column:

- I was able to submit my first Manager's Column to the newspaper. I'm told it should be in this week's edition.
- The plan is to continue a monthly contribution speaking to ongoing efforts within the Town's operation, important updates community members should know about, and maybe dispel a rumor or two along the way.
- It felt great to free up a bit of my workload and be able to erase this one from my white board as it had been on there for quite some time. A sign of progress!

Tree Maintenance:

- Recently, we've had some work being done to remove dead and potentially hazardous trees along the hillside that separates Highland Ave and Penobscot Ave.
- You could compare this to finding one ant... What happens when you find one ant? You find more.
- We will be investigating the rest of that stretch and identifying how many additional dead or potentially hazardous trees would need to be removed from that property and bring a plan for consideration at an upcoming council meeting.
- This is simply one of those "matter of time" scenarios. These trees are very old and to our knowledge there has been no ongoing maintenance in that area to date.
- This serves as a "heads up" that we will have to be addressing this in a near future. We are fortunate to have had left over funding in Public Works Maintenance to cover what's been done so far.



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Dog Park:

- We continue to make improvements toward bringing this park to completion.
- Recently, Public Works assisted by installing the pet waste receptacle complete with bag dispenser. They installed a grate, blocking access to the drainage culvert for small dogs yet still allowing access for water should the need arise. They will be completing a couple of minor fence repairs soon and installing the permanent 4'x8' rules signage as soon as the lettering is completed. Jeff Campbell and I intend to tackle that lettering this Friday!
- We will be planning a day to gather a few volunteers for a raking party soon and already have interest from people willing to help.
- Once all is said and done, we plan to have a little grand opening party and invite the community to and their pups to come celebrate! More to come!

Short Term Rental Ordinance:

- This is forthcoming.
- We have been anxiously awaiting the final draft and recommendation for consideration of the Planning Board and Council.
- I expect to see that within the next couple of weeks and set that process into motion.

iWorQ & CAI:

- Lots of progress being made toward the set up of our online code permitting portal.
- In the absence of a Code Enforcement Officer, I have been leaning into to that process with iWorQ more closely and have been impressed with their efficiency and attention to detail.
- If all keeps going well, when we hire a new CEO, they should be able to walk right in, get trained, and use this platform.
- CAI is the online platform we intend to use for online assessing information.
- The GIS mapping work being done now is a critical step in the process.
- Once this is completed, we will get the ball rolling with CAI and start implementing to our website!
- These two platforms working hand in hand will make a world of different for a town's operation.

Respectfully Submitted,

Peter Jamieson, Town Manager.