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Maine's Biggest Small Town

Town Manager's Report – 5.11.23

Pickleball:

- After some of my own research, I have landed on a solution that I believe will do exactly what we need it to do with significantly less of an impact on our remain American Rescue Plan Act GRANT funding.
- I have ordered 4 sets of pickleball nets for a grand total of \$9,627.48. These will be installed by our Public Works team.
- These are removable and come with hinged covers for the post holes. This way they can be removed during winter and if ever there's a need, the space can still be utilized for tennis.
- The only additional cost about the \$9,600 would be if Public Works needs to purchase any additional materials for the installation. That may be concrete or special textured paint, etc.
- This should be an easier pill to swallow and certainly has the approval and appreciation of the Katahdin Pickleball Players, a group of which my wife and I, and even Jesse are now proud members and having an absolute blast playing with! Who would have known?

Security Cameras:

- I expect to have the security camera job out to bid within a week or so.
- Thank you to Steve Bailey at SCS Communications for helping us through the process of understanding what we need and what types of systems of feasible.
- The bid/project will include:
 - **Veterans Park** – Two cameras on the gazebo to cover the paved area, entry and grounds. One camera beyond the Veterans Memorial to cover the top of the park facing toward the gazebo.
 - **Crandall Park** – Two cameras; one for the community garden and another covering the boat launch and green space.
 - **Carmen Brigaldi Playground and Millinocket Dog Park** – Cover as much of the area as possible within reason. 2-4 cameras expected.
 - **Cemetery** – Install one camera to cover the entrance on East Ave.
 - **Jerry Pond** – 2 to 3 game cameras with solar battery packs covering playground and entry and another covering the dock and boat launch.
 - **Compost/Brush Pile** - 2 to 3 game cameras with solar battery packs covering the gate, leaf pile, and brush pile.
- At the time of the report, I do not have the cost estimate. I do expect to have that information by this week's council meeting. Stay tuned!



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Audit Review:

- Ron Smith of RHR Smith & Company will be joining us via Zoom for our June 22nd Town Council Meeting to present our FY22 audit review.
- Through the School Superintendent, the School Board has been invited. Traditionally, both audits are revied at the same meeting in one presentation.

Heat Pumps:

- The heat pumps purchased through our Community Resiliency Partnership funding are being installed as I type. We look forward toa much more efficient cooling system this summer for the municipal building, fire station, and airport.
- We are also excited to see what impact this has on both our energy bill and heating oil consumption.
- Huge thank you to Rick Waceken and his team for always working their butts off to not only do work but all of the other research and information they do on our behalf. Municipalities certainly have a lot more hoops to jump through than the traditional homeowner or private business entity. Rick always goes above and beyond.

Municipal Building Entrance:

- Shout out to Allen Levesque and Jamie Perry from our Public Works Team for spending a couple of days in the rain, scraping and prepping the entrance for facelift.
- They have scraped the surface by hand and have gone over to resurface and smooth out the cement in preparation for a fresh coat of paint as soon as we see some sun and warmer weather.
- They seem to share the same sense of pride in having our properties look nice and presentable, especially as we head into the summer season, 4th of July Celebrations, and all that jazz.
- We'll soon be focusing on removing the bubbling and chipping green paint and repainting with white to match the rest.
- We'll also be purchasing planters to fill with beautiful flowers for the front of the building. This place is going to look great!

Respectfully Submitted,

Peter Jamieson, Town Manager.