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Town Manager's Report August 15, 2018

Al Hodsdon's office has been responsible for designing the upgraded boat launch in Oosoola Park; so far this has been paid for by the State. I have asked the firm to take care of permitting so that it is done properly and in a timely manner. There were a lot of delays and technicalities that needed to be dealt with. They have committed to completing the planning and permitting for an estimate of \$800-1,000.

Assessors committed taxes last Thursday at a rate of \$13.50 per thousand. They utilized the full allowance of \$125,000 to reduce taxation. Tax bills were mailed on Tuesday (9/14). Taxes are due 40 days after commitment, which is September 18.

SafetyWorks has completed its consultation with the Town. Overall, this was a very positive experience in learning and enhancing workplace safety. We will be issued a notice of deficiencies that we will be correcting within the allowed window of time. Some gaps noticed at last week's inspections have already been taken care of. Ultimate compliance will gain us the SHAPE Award, which will reduce workers' compensation insurance by 10%.

On Saturday, the Library Trustees are hosting their next summer programming event: State Police K-9 unit. This starts at 12:00 noon.

The corner of the Town Office parking lot is scheduled to be completed this Friday by Western Maine Paving.

The Corporal Cole Memorial 5k and Half Marathon is scheduled for this Sunday. Events begin at 7:30 and 8:30 on Sunday morning. Expect congestion in the downtown area, as well as a high volume of pedestrians in the area. We've worked with DOT to get signage out ahead of the event to caution motorists.

We've negotiated the purchase of a new photocopier for the office. The new payment (lease + usage + maintenance) is comparable than the maintenance + usage on the previous copier. There is no up-front cost to the copier. After the term of the lease, the copier will become property of the Town for \$1.

The purchase agreement for the new fire truck has been signed. We await the return of the fully executed agreement in order to begin the 240 working days delivery window. During pump warranty negotiations, we were not able to extend the timeframe, but the five year parts warranty was expanded to include a labor warranty for the same term.

I've committed to this next year's fuel prices, which represent across-the-board increases over last year.

	2018-19	2017-18	17-18 gals used	Potential +/-
Diesel*	\$2.609 (CN Brown)	\$1.675 (CN Brown)	13,712	\$12,807
Propane	\$1.49 (Fabian)	\$1.259 (Fabian)	7,699	\$1,778
#2	\$2.4695 (CN Brown)	\$2.019 (Fabian)	2,589	\$1,166

*tied to rack (+0.224)

Sun	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri	Sat
12	13	14 4:45 Oosoola Days Mtg	15 SafetyWorks inspections 6PM Selectmen	16 4:45 Bridge Mtg	17	18 10A-12P K-9 Library Program
19 7:30 Cpl Cole 5k/half marathon	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 5PM- Airport Advisory Mtg	30 6PM, MSES- Waste Mgmt Public Hearing	31	1