



TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT NOVEMBER 4, 2020

ADMINISTRATION

- Yesterday's election went well. We processed 960 absentee ballots and had 929 voters vote in person. Norridgewock numbers:
 - President: Biden 687 (36.4%), DeLaFuente 2, Hawkins 16, Jorgensen 41, Trump 1,128 (59.7%)
 - US Senate: Collins 1,239, Gideon 461, Linn 35, Savage 134
 - US Representative: Crafts 979 (51.8%), Golden 875 (46.3%)
 - State Senate: Farrin 1,416 (75.0%), Swain 420 (22.2%)
 - State Representative: Ducharme 1,514
 - Judge of Probate: Washburn 1,656
 - Register of Probate: Hatch 1,612
 - County Commissioner: Sezak 1,577
- AFSCME Council 93 has requested to appear on the agenda for November 18, to begin contract negotiations.
- The \$5,000 grant to support elections has been very helpful and we still have about \$1,000 remaining.

AIRPORT

- The taxilane project is substantively complete to the satisfaction of our consultants; the project has wrapped up nicely and will be reviewed for warranty work in the spring, if necessary.

ASSESSING

- Assessing Agent days have been adjusted for November: November 10 & 24

CODE ENFORCEMENT/PLANNING

- The public hearing scheduled for November 12, to consider the site plan review application for 547 Waterville Rd., for an interior development for growing medical marijuana has been canceled. The notice to abutters generated two responses, neither of which desired to cause a public hearing. The primary concerns were odor and the potential for conversion to retail. Retail would require additional permitting through a public process and we will be closely monitoring odor.
- If the Board wishes to pursue a building and/or property maintenance ordinance, it should be considered in the very near future so that we can pull together a draft.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- I was able to speak with DECD Commissioner Heather Johnson to inquire about expanded internet opportunities in Norridgewock. In addition to the pending request with Charter, I will also be exploring options to seek Consolidated support near River Road and Beech Hill. There is also potential for Connect ME funding, if projects are appropriate. In addition to working with Consolidated for options, we will also be requesting a resurvey of River Road, which is underserved.

FIRE/EMA

- I am wrapping up the paperwork on the Keep Maine Healthy Initiative to complete our final reimbursement request. I will be exploring the opportunity for additional funding to support public education in the coming weeks. It was announced late Friday that the program was extended.
- I am also working to complete the FEMA grant application for public assistance. This is a much more arduous process, but is about half complete.

LIBRARIES

- Advertising for the town report photo contest began yesterday. The deadline for submission is December 31.

PUBLIC WORKS

- A full-time position has been posted and applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis.

SEWER

- I have signed off on substantive completion of the upgrade project. There is still a punch list that needs to be addressed, but it is being worked on. We are still holding retainage on the project.

Sun	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 ELECTION DAY	4 6PM Selectmen	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Veteran's Day OFFICE CLOSED	12 6PM Planning Board Mtg	13	14
15	16	17	18 6PM Selectmen	19	20	21

