



**Town Manager's Report
December 19, 2018**

We signed contract on the wastewater upgrade project today. We are working to secure additional funding and will need to put forward the request for additional funding at Town Meeting. If everything goes as planned, Penta is targeting an April 1 start date. This delay is later than ideal, but there is a significant delay in equipment availability (for some equipment, there is a 24 week lead time).

We had a call with State and Federal officials regarding the Oosoola Park Boat Launch Rehabilitation project. There have been many obstacles in the way of timing and project execution. As of right now, the intention is to break ground at the end of June (and ideally have work completed before July 4). We are waiting for the contractor to agree to hold the pricing. If the June drawdown isn't possible, the project will be pushed back to mid-September. Our State funding has been committed to remain in place.

I spoke with an attorney from Maine Municipal Association regarding the crossing at Red Barn Road. The attorney has recommended that the board continue to work with local law enforcement to attend to the concerned area. Further it is suggested that an ordinance be drafted to help address the problem (prohibit the operation of ATVs on town roads, unless otherwise approved; prohibit private/unauthorized persons from impeding the flow of traffic; establish a fine system for causing damage to a town road, etc.). For future damages, it is suggested that the Town document the damage and have it repaired. A demand notice can follow, but there are few teeth in collecting on the demand outside of court.

I have received an email from a concerned Sandy River Road resident who is requesting consideration of Sandy River Road being moved up on the reconstruction list. As of right now, the road is considered within a 5-10 year range for significant investment. The concerned resident discussed truck traffic that also adds to the poor road conditions.

SafetyWorks program updates have been made and it is expected that I'll be able to sign off on all areas of shortfall before the end of the week. This is a major step ahead to ensure the safety of employees and control the costs associated with workplace injuries.

Town departments will be open for half days on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. The Town Office will be closed both days, as employees will be taking vacation. Posting have been made to make the public aware.

Sun	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri	Sat
16	17	18	19 6PM Selectmen	20	21	22
23	24 TOWN OFFICE CLOSED	25	26	27 8:30 Assessors 6PM Budget Comm Mtg	28	29
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