

The information contained in this report is intended to inform the Select Board, staff, and residents, some of the current activities taking place within the manager's office or the Town in general. All topics are open for discussion.

**Regionalizing Services** - I have begun talks with Cumberland and MSAD51 on the possibility of sharing more services between our towns and education. Cumberland is currently constructing a new Public Works facility, and it was determined that there might be an opportunity (down the road) for the towns to share the expense of mechanic(s). Additionally, there was some discussion of the bus depot relocating in North Yarmouth. However, it has been determined that it is more cost effective to relocate the school bus facility to Cumberland's new facility. Town Manager Shane and I will be looking at other services shortly. As a side note, we could share services with Cumberland, Pownal, and Yarmouth consisting of the Prince Memorial Library, Community Recreation, Code Enforcement Services, Ambulance Services, and Animal Control.

**Historical Society Records/Space** - The history of how this space for records at the Fire Rescue Station is interesting and sheds new light on the subject of a lease. In March 1980 \$22,500 was voted on by the townspeople with the objective that is was for all important town records which included both the Historical Society and the Town Clerk's Office. The appropriation was accompanied by a \$6,000 donation achieved through the Historical Society then applied to the \$22,500 for the construction of the project. Given this history, I do not believe a lease is still going to be necessary based on of the project was funded. I am waiting to hear back from MMA. As we continue to assess our Town facility needs, and lack of space, the Town should support some method of responsibility for aiding in an alternative location for the Historical Society, whatever that may be, and when the time comes.

**Audit Work** - Debbie and I spent a day with the auditors preparing for year-end adjustments and beginning the FYE17 audit work. It is what I consider to be the significant "clean-up" of our accounting that we have been working towards over the past three years. I will be spending a considerable amount of time on this over the next week but will be very pleased once completed.

**MEMA Funds** - During this period we received NY's state share of the winter storm from January 26, **2015**, of \$1,616.73.

**NY Boards/Committees Summit** - A great success! Positive comments are still coming in regarding the Summit. A total of 47 Board, Committee, and guests attended. The next summit will be in November, and I am excited to begin planning for what I hope will be another great success.

**Public Works Open House** - Another great achievement! Clark Baston and the Public Works staff did an outstanding job preparing and hosting the event, and I believe the turnout was around 30-35.

**GPCOG Summit** - Audrey Lones and I attended the annual GPCOG (Greater Portland Council of Governments) last week and found the new format of this gathering to be far more valuable than past practices. We sat in on some panel discussions as well as direct subject discussions: Broadband, Aging in Place, and Complete Streets. From the group interviews, it became very apparent that all Towns and Cities are working towards services and or projects they can regionalize or more so specific elements we can collaborate on, but it is a challenging piece of municipal government to conquer. In the business meeting, an affirmative vote was taken to increase the dues effective with next year's budget. GPCOG has not increased their fees for 27 years.

**Other** - I have been working on the renewals of several Town contracts i.e. Property & Casualty coverage, ACO, CEO, Broadcasting, etc. I continue to work with several of the Town's boards and committees on the many projects taking place. Performance evaluations of town staff will also be conducted this month.

Respectfully,

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