

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.

NYMS: As I reported to the Select Board on November 21st, in budgeting for this year's use of the Memorial School it was with the belief that we would be in the process of building Wescustogo Hall and renovating the gymnasium. We originally budgeted for ¼ of the fiscal year. Currently, as we approach the end of the 2nd quarter, there is \$8,200 remaining in this account from a beginning year budget number of \$19,100. This reflects no deliveries of heating oil, and there have been several unexpected needed repairs this year. Calculations indicate that there will be an estimated overage of approximately \$10,000 at year-end. This would include the added staff coverage I mentioned. Plausible options: 1) Use Contingency Reserves Funds; 2) Allow account overage and apply unassigned funds at the end of the fiscal year; 3) Hold a Special Town Meeting for purposes of transferring funds from the UFB to the account now; 4) Close the school down. Unless the Select Board prefers another option, I will proceed with options 1 and or 2 under my authority as Town Manager.

Electricity: I hope to see savings in the months to come with the Town's electricity bills as we have changed the Town's supply company from Electricity Maine to Central Maine Power who currently is offering the best rate.

Land Use Ordinance: I will be entering into a contract with GPCOG for their expertise to incorporate the new Shoreland Zoning regulations into the Town's Land Use Ordinance. This was a request of the Planning Board one I feel is very prudent as these new rules are complicated and lengthy. This allows the Planning Board to continue their current work on other needed revisions of the Land Use codes for approval at the April Annual Town Meeting. Costs will not exceed \$6,000.

Marijuana Forum: In lieu of recent inquiries through the Code Enforcement Office relating to proposed marijuana business establishments, I thought I would suggest to the Board that an open forum on the subject (after the holidays) may be warranted to provide the Board with better insight on how residents feel or perhaps a simple online survey concerning the new marijuana laws and North Yarmouth. Upon the completion of the legislation (Feb 2018), this forum or poll may give some direction for the Board.

Budget: I will be distributing this year's Budget Schedule at the next Board meeting.

Summit: I am delighted with the results of our second Summit and am looking forward to May. I want to thank each and every Select Board member for your support on this event. And kudos to the EDSC and municipal staff who did an excellent job that resulted in a very successful event.

Respectfully,

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