



TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

APRIL 17, 2024

ADMINISTRATION

- The Superintendent of Schools is planned to give a budget presentation at the next regular Select Board meeting. Initial budget figures will increase Norridgewock's contribution by 5.67% on a total school budget increase of 3.95%.

AIRPORT

- Bids were received on the taxiway reconstruction. The low bidder was Jordan Excavation (Kingfield) with a project cost of \$387,850. There were four bids received, the highest of which was \$447,750.

CODE ENFORCEMENT & PLANNING

- **Planning Board Meeting: Thursday, May 9, 6:00 PM**

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- **TIF Advisory Committee Meeting: Tuesday, May 28, 5:00 PM**

FINANCE & COLLECTIONS

- 90-day notices went out to previous owners of foreclosed properties, which initiates the process of releasing the Town's interest. The deadline for owner response is July 8.
- We received March's host community check for \$87,112.81. Q1 revenue was slightly over 25% more than last year.

LIBRARIES

- **Library Trustee Meeting: Thursday, April 25, 3:30 PM**

PARKS

- I've ordered a load of wood chips for Oosoola Park, which will help refresh the old chips after the flood. They should be delivered in May.
- The replacement building was delivered on Monday; thanks to New England Rent to Own for their great customer service and willingness to help us switch things out.

PUBLIC SAFETY

- I've continued to work on FEMA filings related to the December storm and flooding. I have site visits at the end of this week.

RECREATION

- Field Day is planned for Sunday, April 28.

SEWER

- The Sewer Commission met yesterday and is considering whether or not to complete an Inflow and infiltration (I & I) study to determine where there may be leaks, etc., in the network. One of the overarching implications is that the network may need to be repaired afterward, which would require funding. I'll be researching options for the study and potential sources of funding for possible mitigation.
- Public Works has expressed an interest in modifying the sewer pump truck to apply water and calcium. After reviewing this request and the reasonable value of the vehicle, the commissioners voted to offer it to Public Works for \$16,000 or to put it out to sealed bid if declined.
- The Sewer Commissioners failed to approve and sign the Sewer Payment Policy. I forwarded the situation to Maine Municipal Association Legal for advice. I have been advised that their countersignatures are not required but should be viewed more as a sign of a collaborative relationship with the Select Board.

