



Town Manager's Report to the Town Council

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MDOT Rt 201 PAVING PROJECT

Attached to this report is a three part notice from MDOT regarding their plans to Resurface Rt. 201 from the Vassalboro town line to the intersection of Bay St, Benton Ave. and Clinton Ave. They plan to begin and end the project in 2014. The notice stipulates that *"After the new pavement is placed, no permit to open this segment of highway will be granted for a period of three (3) years except as provided in Title 23, M.R.S.A. §3352"*. This title and subsection allows for the opening of a roadway to make emergency repairs to buried utilities only.

I am bringing this to the Council's attention because this project will likely prevent Summit from extending natural gas service to Winslow until the summer of 2017. I am attempting to get further information from MDOT and Summit before our meeting on January 13th. We can discuss this in more detail then.

MRC AND PERC UPDATE

As you may recall, I attended the Municipal Review Committee's (MRC) annual meeting on December 11th. The meeting focused on the planning process to address the disposal of municipal waste following the expiration of the PERC contract in 2018. Attached to this report is a copy of the PowerPoint that was presented at the meeting. Also attached to this report is an "Annual Meeting Summary and Follow Up" I recently received from the MRC. Included with the summary is a draft resolution the MRC would like member communities to adopt to show their support for the planning process for post 2018.

On Tuesday, January 14th, I will be meeting with some area town managers and our Town Attorney to discuss the planning process for Post 2018. I then intend to present the Council with a more detailed report and related resolution at our February 10th Council meeting.

LIBRARY CODE AMENDMENT

In the Council Packet is Ordinance No. 1-2014 that will amend the Library Code to address the current vacancy we have on the Trustee Board. I do want to point out that the current code requires six (6) Trustees, which is an even number. The Trustees prefer to keep it this way and they point out that a tie has not occurred because the Board President does not vote on a matter unless another trustee is absent and the vote is needed to break a tie.

ROOF LEAKS

After the rain event on January 6th we developed a couple of roof leaks at the town office. The water appeared to come from a leak in the roof drain system. The drain pipe was repaired and the leaking has stopped. We also developed leaks on the Library roof, which has been an ongoing problem. Pam Bonney hopes to be getting a roof assessment report sometime next week.

ROOF SUPPORT SYSTEM WORK

The work being done on our roof support system is going very well. On January 7th, Engineer Ethan Rhile inspected the work performed to date and he was very pleased with the quality of the work. The project is currently on schedule to be completed on time.

OPPOSITION TO LD 1483

Attached to this report is a letter from USA Energy Group requesting that we support LD 1483. Among other things, the proposed legislation would impose a tax or fee on waste delivered to landfills.

Mike Roy, Josh Reny and I have signed a letter in opposition to LD 1483 (see attached letter). Many other MRC members are planning to do the same. The legislation, as proposed, could hinder our planning for the disposal of municipal waste post 2018.