



# Town Manager's Report to the Town Council

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## **SEBASTICOOK RIVER LAND**

As you may recall there are eight parcels of land along the Sebasticook River in which the owners are unknown. These parcels of land emerged after the dam was removed.

At the March Council meeting the Town Attorney was authorized to do a title search on the property abutting the parcel described in Tax Map 7 Lot 30-1. The purpose of the title search was to determine if the known title could offer any insight into the ownership of the abutting newly emerged parcel of land. The title search was done on the property owned by Kenneth and Mary Ellen Fletcher. Attached to this report is a summary of the Town Attorney's findings.

As you will see, based on the results of the title search, the Town Attorney has identified likely owners of 6 of the 8 parcels of land. We will discuss this matter further at our June 9th Council meeting.

## **OLD BRICK SCHOOLHOUSE**

At an earlier Council meeting I reported that ownership of the Old Brick Schoolhouse on the Cushman Road had reverted back to the heirs of Francis Giddings. At the time I indicated I would be soliciting the help of the Taconet Falls Genealogy Society to identify who the heirs of Ms. Giddings are. To date I have not been able to identify any heirs.

Therefore, I now intend to hire Genealogy Researcher William Moulton to help me identify an heir.

## **LIBRARY MASONRY WALL BLOCKS**

As you know I have contracted with E.S. Coffin Engineers to provide us with an engineering plan to address some of the deteriorated masonry wall blocks at the Library. At-

tached to this report are some pictures that show the condition of some of the wall blocks. I have not yet received the engineering report and when I do I will share it with the Town Council.

## **MAINE POWER OPTIONS AGREEMENT**

As you may recall our current electricity supply agreement with Maine Power Options will expire on June 30th. Our existing electricity rate is \$0.0577 per kWh. Current long term rates are as high as \$0.09027 per kWh. Due to the volatility in the market I have signed a 5 month rate agreement for \$0.06815. I am hopeful that the rates will stabilize over the next 5 months and we will be able to obtain a reasonable long term rate agreement.

## **NATURAL GAS PIPELINE TIF**

I am currently working with our TIF Attorney on the NG Pipeline TIF. We are planning to present the TIF proposal at the July 14th Council meeting.

## **PUBLIC SECTOR ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM**

Over the past few days a Public Sector Enforcement Officer conducted an occupational safety and health inspection of our municipal department. Once I receive the inspection report we will have 60 days to address any deficiencies identified in the report. Attached to this report is an informational pamphlet about the program.

## **MMA LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE**

Please review the LPC nomination material in the Council packet. Nominations can be made at the June 9th Council meeting.