



Town Manager's Report to the Town Council

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MSW COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) Committee held its first meeting on November 20, 2014. The Committee identified four primary issues as follows:

How will future curbside MSW be collected?

Our trash truck will need to be replaced in the near future. Do we contract the service, Automate or is it business as usual?

How do we reduce our costs?

With an anticipated increase in tipping fees what strategies can we utilize to reduce our costs?

What will be the most cost effective and sustainable MSW disposal method post-2018?

When our PERC contract expires we will likely need to decide what our new MSW disposal system will be.

How do we create consistency with the collection of MSW from Multi-family units?

We currently collect MSW from some Multi-family units but not others.

The Committee then developed the following strategy to help address the issues identified above:

- 1) The MSW Committee will review the work of Waterville's MSW Committee by meeting with Waterville's PW Director.
- 2) The Committee will then review the MRC vs PERC Option for post 2018. During this review the Committee will have a conversation with our PW Director in an effort to identify best practices in MSW curbside pick up.
- 3) The Committee will have a conversation with neighboring communities and the Waterville/Winslow Solid Waste Corp. to measure their interest in collaborating with us on our post 2018 planning process.
- 4) Based on the Committee's reviews and conversations the Committee will present the Town Council with a written purpose statement and proposed objectives for identifying

post 2018 options. The Committee will recommend to the Town Council that the MSW Committee be expanded to include business owners and citizens and will provide the Council with names for appointment to the committee.

5) At the conclusion of its work the MSW Committee will present the Town Council with options for post 2018 along with their recommendations.

1804 SCHOOLHOUSE UPDATE

In the Council Packet is Resolution No. 32-2014, which if approved will authorize me to accept ownership of the 1804 Schoolhouse on the Cushman Road from the heirs of Francis Giddings. Attached to this report are my responses to Councilor Fletcher's questions regarding the Schoolhouse.

I will also point out that the heirs of Francis Giddings have not yet paid the FY 2013 property taxes (\$373.87) for the Schoolhouse. If the taxes remain unpaid then we will foreclose on the property in February unless the Town Council wishes to waive the foreclosure.

PROPOSED BUDGET WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

Attached to this report is a proposed schedule for our upcoming budget workshops. Please review the schedule and let me know if you have any suggested changes.

FIRST TOWN COUNCIL MEETING IN 2015

The first Town Council meeting in 2015 will be held on Friday, January 2, 2015 at noontime. Newly Elected Town Councilor Patricia Ayer and re-elected Councilors Steve Russell and Jerry Quirion will be sworn-in during the meeting.

