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Report for Meeting of April 21, 2022

A very happy spring to all. Finally, some warmer weather. I've even umpired some baseball already (regular season starts shortly).

Speaking of baseball, we may have a good crowd at the meeting, as the school and recreation committees have promised to be represented on the athletic fields matter. You'll also meet with the town attorney.

The town office has been very busy with vehicle registrations. I'm writing this on April 12th and we've already processed 81 registrations since the 1st – that's quite brisk for us. The assessors have started doing their thing.

A reminder that Monday the 18th is a state holiday and we'll not be open (Patriot's Day, thank you Paul Revere!). I will likely come in and meet with the Assessors and appraiser Matt Caldwell as well as process payroll, but I won't be in all day.

Another sign of spring – there is word that the Mud Creek Road ospreys have returned to their nest! I've called Versant to see if they'll turn the web cam back on (people have asked!).

The crocuses were up in the front garden, and we pulled out the fall mums from the Veterans' Memorial. I've asked for a price to dig up beside the walkway and to put in loam so that flowers will actually grow and bloom. The gravel beside the walk doesn't do much for flowers. The gardens are also cleaned up for the summer flowers/plants. And, the mailbox is leveled out after years of gradual settling.

While the agenda is short, the meeting is pretty busy.....

[Minutes April 7, 2022](#) – Written edits are best – if you bring them in prior to the meeting, I can have them ready for meeting night. The zoom meeting with the fishing heritage folks was pretty involved – please make sure I got it correct.

[Expenditure Warrant 24](#) – The bulk of the entries on the warrant will be the 2nd half of premium pay under ARPA now that the check from Hancock County has arrived. The rest of the warrant is relatively routine, though there will be a \$50.00 payment to the State of Maine for a pressure vessel inspection. The invoice from the state included a \$100 late fee, but this is the first invoice they've sent and it's not due until the 28th of April. I've e-mailed the agency and have not received any reply, so the late fee will not be included. The warrant will be periodically updated on line and printed for the meeting.

[Cash & Budget Reports](#) – I will have adjusted the employer share of payroll taxes for the ARPA Premium Pay, so administration should be in even better condition. Overall, expenses are below projection for this much of the fiscal year that has elapsed, and

most revenues are a bit (or a lot) ahead of projection. Excise taxes continue to be strong. The report will be periodically updated on line and printed for the meeting.

Tax Acquired Property Update – I have yet to hear from the occupant (heir) of the only remaining piece of tax acquired property. He has until Friday, April 15th to respond. We may have to talk with Dan Pileggi about this while he's here.

I have drafted up an installment agreement based on the previous agreement that we had with the property owner, and it's in your packet for review.

Meeting with Town Attorney – Dan Pileggi has agreed to meet with you on the intervenor status matter and while he's here, you can ask about the cell tower easement status.

Athletics Fields – Member(s) of the school and recreation committees will be here to talk about maintaining the fields as discussed at the end of the last meeting.

Aquaculture Moratorium – Kathleen says she plans to attend a Planning Board meeting in Gouldsboro next week and may have a proposed ordinance from that community. I did check their website today and there is nothing posted yet. I was able to print off some other communities' ordinances (Freeport, Falmouth and Machiasport) and they are in your packet. I've also reprinted the sample moratorium ordinance and the white paper from the Preserve Maine's Fishing Heritage Foundation.

Special [Town Meeting](#) – The school budget will require a special town meeting. I'm hoping that while someone is here from the school committee, we might have some sort of timeline.

The Fire Department Restitution Ordinance would go on that warrant as well, and I've printed a copy for signature.

Community Resilience Grant – I suspect Larissa will have an update on the application status.

Annual [Employee Review Schedule](#) – It's getting to be that time of year. Let's discuss which employees you would like to meet with and if there are any changes desired in the review process.

That's the agenda for now. See you on the 21st.

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