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Report for Meeting of September 1, 2022

Greetings on yet another beautiful sunny day in Maine's finest little town. Though it's been quite dry and lawns have turned brown, we've been fortunate to keep a lid on outdoor burning and nothing here in town has gotten out of control. Folks are gearing up for back to school (wow, next week!).

Remember, you'll be meeting at the fire station on the 1st, so the meeting will NOT be on TV.

The agenda is relatively light, too. The guys at the fire house will make sure the station is presentable for the meeting.

Minutes – August 18, 2022 – Please look over the minutes for any errors. I truly appreciate your editing them!

Expenditure Warrant 5 – Your semi-annual pay is included on this warrant. The checks are with your packets. We'll also transfer some funding to investments – just how much will be on the warrant on Thursday the 1st.

Cash & Budget Reports – These will be updated periodically on the website for both FY 2022 and FY 2023. Property taxes have come in nicely – the 1st half is due on 8/31/22 and all the major escrow companies have sent in payments.

Mileage Reimbursement Rate – The [IRS](#) made a significant increase in the mileage reimbursement rate. Per policy, this would adjust the town's mileage reimbursement to \$0.54/mile (currently \$0.52/mile). The policy is in your packet should you approve.

Investment Management Accounts – I'll do some figuring on where the various investment accounts should be. There were minor some bookkeeping discrepancies with our investment management company which were resolved, and it looks like I made the 2021/22 adjustments twice last year on the bank end. The changes will be based on preliminary (unaudited) figures for FY 2022.

Meet with Fire Department – I'm not sure if there are any burning issues (see what I did there) but it'll be an opportunity to have a nice discussion with a good group of people.

Animal Control Update – We had our latest zoom meeting in the middle of writing this report. I've included an e-mail in your packet regarding the latest meeting. Debbie McFarland is done as of this meeting. Let's discuss how we supply animal control services until such time as we can get an agreement in place.

Code Enforcement Update – There's a good [article in today's \(8/25\) Ellsworth American](#) that fairly outlines what we're dealing with and how we are dealing with it.

Rebecca will have an update memo for you in your packet on the various stages of investigation she is in. This has generated a fair amount of discussion amongst office visitors.

PFAS/Landfill – The DEP is here today taking more water samples. The two from a couple of weeks ago turned up negative. They're going to test the well at the Anderson Garage, too.

Walking Safety Program – A resident has proposed something to promote visibility for folks who walk our roads (and there are lots, which is great). Her e-mail is in your packet.

Heating Fuel Purchase – The Superintendent of Schools has locked in a price for Hancock at under \$3/gallon. I've called our supplier last year and they're not yet offering a lock in price, they said perhaps by meeting night they might have one.

Mooring Survey – The survey work is done. A printed a copy of the report is in your packets.

Assessor Referendum – I've sent an e-mail to the Assessing board requesting their question for the November ballot. We'll need to do a special town meeting warrant and have ballots available by October 7th to accomplish this.

Revaluation Update – RJD Appraisal plans to start the revaluation work next week. (August 31st or so).

That's all that we have on the agenda. See you at the fire station on Thursday!

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