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Report for Meeting of October 20, 2022

Will you still need me? Will you still feed me? Yes, I've turned 64! Wow, that used to be old, but not anymore. I'm writing this two days shy of my birthday, and it's a lovely day outside. The volleyball regular season winds up next Wednesday and playoffs end on the 28th, so it'll be a few weeks until basketball season. I may be cutting back on officiating a bit due to my dad's needs at home.

Lots of activity here at the town office. Mike Hodgkins is finishing up on installing a window in the back office. Frazier Signals is supposed to be installing the proper signage and back plates on the traffic lights at Route 3/204 today. We've received a new drop box for ballots from the state, and Mike installed that last weekend. Absentee balloting is in full swing. Dog registration season starts next week. And it's budget season too!

The agenda is relatively light compared to last meeting – most of this will focus on the budget, which I'll be working on after writing this report.

[Minutes – October 6, 2022](#) – Please do your usual great editing jobs. Thank you in advance.

[Expenditure Warrant 9](#) – Not much on here as of this writing. There will be payroll next week and the school warrants should be in by Thursday. We probably will be getting a snow plowing bill too! The warrant is posted on the website and will be updated periodically.

[Cash & Budget Reports](#) – This will also be posted on the website and updated periodically and printed on meeting night.

[Public Hearing – November 8, 2022](#) – As required by state law, you have to hold a public hearing on the Elections Ordinance Amendments that folks are voting on. I don't know how many might show up for the hearing – I've not had any questions in here about the referendum. We shall see.

Regional Animal Control Update – I've placed the draft job description in your packets and an ordinance that Gouldsboro has that Millard Billings is recommending for all towns. The town meeting would have to vote on that. I've asked other towns for comments on the job description – so far none have come in.

As for my recent ascendancy to the lofty position of Interim ACO – I've had my first official case – ME! Came home from the fire department last night and a stray Corgi greeted me in the driveway. Got him inside, found a phone number on his collar and called – it was a nearby neighbor who had been searching for a while. The dog was very nice and the owner was happily reunited with him.

I am logging hours and miles for the position (no charge for that call!).

Town Facilities/Infrastructure – The building use form for November 10th has been sent to the school. The gym is available that evening. You'll need to pick a facilitator. Kathleen kindly made contact with Ron Beard. I've e-mailed him as well to firm up whether he's available on the 10th. Jo has made contact with her brother (former Secretary of State Matt Dunlap), and he's apparently available. I know Ron charges for his services, and Matt should as well – either would be a very good choice. We have a fair amount of money in the budget, so the charge should not be any issue. It'll be up to you to choose.

Elder Programs – The next step in this item was to develop a mission statement so to speak. I've not done anything on that at this point – is that something you were looking for me to do?

Budget Workshop – As mentioned, that's my next major task.

And that's it for the agenda at this point. It's all subject to new developments.

See you Thursday.

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