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Report for Meeting of December 1, 2022

I hope that everyone had a great Thanksgiving and that you have lots to be thankful for. Bonnie & I will have spent ours with our children after taking my Dad to his home for his move on Sunday to assisted living. It's been a blessing to have him with us for these past 10-months, but it's been a challenge and we've learned a lot from it. We have a huge appreciation for those who work in elder care. It's physically and mentally demanding but rewarding.

Your agenda looks long, but it shouldn't take all that long to take care of. Much of it is just follow up from previous meetings.

Minutes – November 17, 2022 – Written (emailed) corrections are most appreciated!

Expenditure Warrant 12 – There's not a lot on the warrant at this time. A payroll, school payroll and AP warrant should be the bulk of it. This will be posted and updated periodically on the website and printed for the meeting.

Cash & Budget Reports - These will also be updated periodically on the website and printed for meeting night. I haven't noticed anything unusual thus far.

Checking Account Reconciliation – Depending on what happens on Thursday, and provided the bank has the statements ready on line, I might have this done. Don't count on it!

General Assistance Ordinance Amendment – You're required to hold a [public hearing](#) first. If it's like the annual update, that shouldn't take long. I have posted the ordinance on line and have a printed copy for signature. Once the hearing is over, you can adopt the new ordinance if you so choose.

PFAS Water Filter System – The DEP has approved of the vendor that submitted the bid. I've notified the vendor that you'll likely award the bid tonight. I've also been in touch with the three homeowners and asked for pictures of their systems as per the vendor's request. The e-mail from Maine DEP is in your packets.

Facilities & Infrastructure – The Budget Committee has suggested Mark Harris for its representative. Several people have responded for the two at-large positions. I've put their e-mail in your packets. Still waiting for the School Committee, Fire Department and previous Community Center Committee and of course the municipal government side.

I'm not sure if you wish to schedule an initial meeting yet. Perhaps wait until after the new year?

Elder Issues – Jo can update the Board on that group's initial meeting.

Community Solar – At the League of Towns meeting this morning (11/22/22) there was a presentation from a community solar outfit (PERCH) pitching a share of a solar farm under construction in Bar Harbor. They have a deadline by the end of 2022 to sign up. This all seems like voodoo to me, but apparently there are some electric savings available for some of our accounts, maybe for an investment. It's a 20-year contract, and we have nothing budgeted for a community solar investment. Larissa knows far more about these things than I do – is that something the Conservation Commission should look further into? I know this was part of the community resilience grant, which we've not yet (as of today) heard anything on.

Nomination Papers Available – There is one position for Select Board member this time around – Nathan's seat. Papers are available to get on the ballot for that and the two school committee seats. There will be no elected assessor's election in March thanks to the November vote.

Board of Appeals – The Board meets on the 28th. I've asked them to suggest one of the current alternates as a full member.

Thank-yous – We should send a nice thank you note to Matt Dunlap for facilitating the infrastructure/facilities meeting at the school. Generally facilitators get paid, but he would not take payment, suggesting we make a donation to the school library. You can authorize that – it would come from the Community Center fund. Also, Gregg Tehennepe donated a nice little projector to the town this week. Works just fine and will be handy for town meetings.

Budget Workshop – The Budget Committee met yesterday (the 21st) and had a very good discussion on lots of items. The remaining items for review are Shellfishing enforcement, Social Service Requests, the Library and Recreation. The next Budget Committee meeting is December 12th, and they may wrap up their recommendations that night or possibly the 19th.

That's all for the agenda at this time. We will see you a week from Thanksgiving.

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