



## Administrative Assistant to the Select Board

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### Report for Meeting of December 15, 2022

With just 18 days until Christmas, we have yet to plow a flake of snow here in town. I've not heard anyone complain about that yet. As I start writing, it's about 50-degrees outside and rainy.

Your town staff has been quite busy in the past two weeks, not the least of which involves the fire department. As noted at your last meeting, the department responded to 5-calls the previous evening for trees and wires down. The next wind storm three days later brought two more calls, and the department cut up a large tree on Seal Point Road that did not involve wires. And just this past Monday (the 5<sup>th</sup>) the department closed down Route 3 in Trenton at the Jordan River Road when a large moving van tipped onto its side near Stanley Subaru, necessitating the road closure. There have been a lot of vehicle accidents around Hancock County this week.

The new CTV monitor is now mounted in the tech room, and Bob LaChance has set up our new server/hard drive storage unit and the files that we all use will migrate over on Monday evening while the Budget Committee meets.

And, it's basketball season. Nate's Lamoine Lions teams are playing very well. My refereeing season is under way too. The schedule varies – some days I have to leave an hour and a half early to get to my venue. Friday the 23<sup>rd</sup> I'll be gone for the day after reffing in the morning in Ellsworth and then we plan to leave for our daughter's home after that.

You've got a busy meeting agenda.

**[Minutes – December 1, 2022](#)** – Please look them over. Written edits (prior to the meeting) are most welcome!

**[Expenditure Warrant 13](#)** – We will have to move some money from the investments accounts to cover this, as there is less than \$25,000 in the checking account as of this writing. I won't know how much until the school warrants come in. The firefighter stipends are on this warrant as well. The warrant is posted on the website and will be updated periodically.

**[Cash & Budget Reports](#)** – You'll notice less investment income as our investment management outfit apparently purchased some different items and took a loss on some. I suspect this will bounce back next month. The reports are posted on the website and updated periodically.

**Foreclosure Notices** – Beginning December 9<sup>th</sup>, we will send out notices of automatic foreclosure to those who have tax liens from FY 2020/21. The good news is, there are very few compared to previous years. I'll print the list for your packet.

**Meeting with [Board of Assessors](#)** – I spoke with the Assessors this morning, and two will attend your meeting to discuss the process for hiring an assessor to come on board July 1, 2023.

**Concerns re: Marlboro Beach Seaweed Loading** – An e-mail from Larissa to the Parks Commission and CEO is in your packet. CEO Albright has been communicating back and forth on this matter. The Maine DEP may pay a visit to the beach. Here's what I know of what is going on. A company called Acadian Aquaplants which has a base in the Jonesboro area, is harvesting seaweed (rockweed) from various oceanfront properties in Lamoine. They boat the seaweed to Marlboro Beach and a forklift loads it onto a tractor-trailer truck. They are not harvesting from Marlboro Beach, but using the western side of the beach for the loading operation from time to time. Apparently they leave the forklift on the beach for periods of time. We got a call here last week with concern that the lift was parked on a vegetated area. I managed to get hold of the company and they quickly got in contact with their crew and moved the machine off the vegetation.

The [Parks Ordinance](#) doesn't specifically address this. Commercial fishing is allowed. Overnight parking is not allowed in relation to camping activity. Equipment storage is not allowed in relation to boat launching facilities. Marlboro Beach does not have a boat launching facility. Rockweed harvesting is regulated by the Department of Marine Resources to some extent.

**Community Resilience Grant** – Larissa has been working on an RFP for the heat pump/solar array project, and I've provided some input. Perhaps there will be something ready to review for the meeting.

**Pole Permit** – Versant has requested placement of a pole on Shore Road. That's something the Board needs to approve. The application will be in your packet.

**Aging Committee** – The group meets the 9<sup>th</sup> at the town hall. Jo will provide an update I suspect.

**Facilities/Infrastructure** – Appointments from the Select Board and School Committee are still needed. It would be good to schedule an initial meeting, probably just after January 1<sup>st</sup>. Perhaps 6PM on January 5<sup>th</sup> (just prior to the Select Board meeting) might work.

**[March 2023 Town Meeting](#)** – My goodness, this is already creeping up on us. I have four items on here. The draft warrant has not been started yet, the budget committee meets on the 12<sup>th</sup> and may have recommendations. You get to choose the 2022 citizen of the year – I have a suggestion and you may have suggestions as well. And, the town report has not been started. I'm open to suggestions for a cover. I'll get working on that as time permits.

**[Lamoine Quarterly – January 2023](#)** – Much like the town report, I'll get working on that as time permits. Nothing will be ready for the board meeting I suspect. The plan is to

get that drafted and e-mailed to you the last week of December for approval. If I can stay off a fire truck, that should happen!

**Other** – Though not on the agenda (there is no action for the board requested), a couple of [aquaculture lease notices](#) from the Department of Marine Resources are in your packet. I've posted them on the bulletin board as requested, as well as on the on-line bulletin board.

One other project I hope to get moving on is to neaten up the tech room. That will mean the meeting room will be a bit chaotic for a while as stuff is temporarily stored there, but it should be fully usable during that time.

May we not have to shovel between now and the 15<sup>th</sup>.

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