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Report for Meeting of February 16, 2023

I hope everyone fared OK on that wicked cold spell February 3rd & 4th. The fire department responded to one call each day. Saturday a water pipe froze and burst at a home on Douglas Highway and started flooding a sun room. Our first on scene turned off the water and the next arriving crews pumped out about an inch of water from the room. I'm surprised we didn't have more issues.

The next day there was a truck fire on Mud Creek Road. Prior to arrival the people who were there hooked onto the burning vehicle and pulled it away from the nearby trailer, then used a front end loader to dump ice on top of the burning engine compartment. It was still burning when we got there, but quite manageable.

Things are fairly quiet at the town office aside from lots of meetings. The Planning Board meeting was packed as people testified about the proposed Shoreland Zoning Map amendment (I'll request an update from Kathleen on that) and listened as the board went through the tedious application completion review process for the proposed Glamp-ground. Parking was an issue (again).

As I write, this is the last week of the high school basketball regular season for me. It's been a long couple of months and I appreciate the flexibility to allow me to officiate games. Most weeks it was at least 4-days a week of reffing two games a night. It's been fun and I'm sure the players and schools appreciate having folks available to do that.

Your agenda fills a page, but much of it should be handled fairly quickly.

[Minutes – February 2, 2023](#) – Please look them over and submit edits in writing please.

[Expenditure Warrant 18](#) – The school warrants are already in! That'll be the bulk of the warrant. As noted in an e-mail, we added a small hazard component to our attendant at the transfer station on the 3rd and 4th for working in the brutal cold. The dues for Maine Municipal Association are on the warrant as well. Those have risen steadily over the years. The warrant is posted on the website and will be updated periodically and printed for the meeting.

[Cash & Budget Reports](#) – These are also posted on the website and will be printed. Of particular interest, please note the unbudgeted revenues line. This includes the \$50,000 grant (next agenda item) which came in on the 6th.

FY 2022 Audit – I'm in hopes this will be ready – really! Still waiting.

[Community Resilience/Action Grant Bids](#) – I expect at least five firms will bid on the heat pump projects. The bids are due on meeting day by 4PM. I'm not sure about the solar project.

[Town Meeting](#) – [Shoreland Zoning Map Amendment](#) – Kathleen was at the Planning Board meeting and some of those speaking were quite passionate about their testimony. I'll ask that Kathleen summarize the hearing.

[Citizen of the Year Plaque/Resolve](#) – I'll do up the art work for the plaque and a draft resolve to present to our recipient for your approval.

Town Report – I'm still waiting for the Recreation Committee, Health Officer and Audit to include for the report. I hope you have had a chance to go through what was provided last meeting. Written changes are really helpful!

PFAS Filters – I have submitted a reimbursement request for the various costs associated with the testing and subsequent filter installation projects. Yesterday (2/7/23) I contacted the company that installed the filters and arranged with them to conduct the required quarterly testing (which is quite specialized) for the first year. I've also asked Maine DEP if they have a template of the ongoing maintenance requirement agreements that we can negotiate with the property owners.

Recycling – I hear rumblings there will be quite the discussion for town meeting on recycling costs. I have placed an e-mail from ecomaine asking if they can conduct an education session this spring. I have no objection, but there will need to be a discussion about the future of recycling.

Computer Policies – Maine Municipal Association provides cyber coverage, which we carry, but going forward, we'll need some written policies in place for them to continue to do so. I've printed off the e-mail and with your direction will draft up policies if you wish to continue this coverage.

[Parks](#) – [Marlboro Beach](#) – The Parks Commission met with me yesterday and we decided to ask Perry Fowler for what it might take to repair damage at Marlboro Beach. He suggested some "right away" work, which he is doing today for less than \$1,900.00. I will take that from the road budget. Some longer term work is likely needed. Perry said the maintenance work today did not require any permit by rule.

[Bloomfield Park Tree](#) – Still waiting for estimates on cleaning up that big pine tree that came down, the top of which is lodged in other trees.

[Facilities & Infrastructure](#) – The minutes of the 1/26/23 meeting are in your packets. The committee meets on 2/9/23. Nathan will likely be able to provide an update.

[Committee on Aging](#) – The committee meets on 2/10/23. Jo will likely be able to provide an update.

Regional Animal Control – As noted last meeting there have not been any applicants. We've got a signed contract back from the County. I've included an e-mail from Millard Billings on the search.

All for now – stay warm! stu