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Report for Meeting of March 2, 2023

Greetings in early March, though I'm writing this on the 22nd of February, the day before a snowstorm, and I've got the Ellsworth/Caribou girls game on the big TV in the meeting room. (Ellsworth won, advances to regional finals) Yes, it's a confession of a high school basketball junkie.....

I managed to survive COVID for the first time. I did come in after the office closed during quarantine to catch up on the day's business. The clerk is now dealing with family members at home during school vacation week, so we've been staggering the hours in the office. Monday, we had a mutual aid call to Ellsworth and I got worn out pretty quickly.

Your meeting agenda is fairly lengthy with some very important matters on it.

Minutes – February 16, 2023 – Please look them over and send written edits if you don't mind.

Expenditure Warrant 19 – I e-mailed that I was mailing the check to Camden National Bank for the first fire truck loan payment which was due 2/25/23. We only got the payment slip on the 21st. Not a lot of notice, but I didn't want to risk additional interest. So far that's the biggest item on the warrant. School warrants have not come in yet.

Cash & Budget Reports – Cash flow is very good this week – taxes are due on February 28th. We have not yet received the largest escrow payer's payments, expect those any day now.

Checking Account Reconciliation - I hope to have the reconciliation ready for the meeting, provided we get the bank info in time.

Community Action Grant – I have prepared a memo with my analysis of the bids. I encourage you to read the bids on the link I sent you to come up with your own take on them. I think you might be ready to award a bid.

The sole solar proposal merits further study with the bidder, and I've recommended that as well.

Snow Plowing RFP – I will be working on an RFP for the next three years. This scares me, not because the cost will rise sharply, but the possibility that no one might bid on it. Several towns have reported that they are unable to find plowing contractors. I think we'll have at least one bid, possibly two.

Ballfield Maintenance RFP – This is on the agenda, but I'm not sure what work it is that needs to be done. The work that was done last spring was charged to this year's

budget. If we can get specifics on the work that needs doing, that would be helpful so that we can put together an RFP.

School Water Update – I'll let you know if there is anything new from the school department on the water system needed for the new portable classroom sprinkler system.

Town Meeting – **Power Point** – My next project is the power point presentation for the annual town meeting. This probably won't be in your packet until meeting night.

Citizen of the Year Resolve – I'm still waiting for some further bio info on our recipient for the resolve that will be presented. The plaque has been ordered.

Recycling – Katrina VanHuesen of ecomaine will likely be attending town meeting. I told her there will likely be discussion about the very high cost of recycling. She knows and we know that more than 95% of the cost is for trucking our recycling from Lamoine to Winterport to Portland.

Note of thanks – Frenchman Bay Conservancy – It was mentioned that you wanted the FBC to receive thanks from the town for its recent protection of the former golf course in Trenton. I am not sure how you wish to do that. I can draft a letter, but perhaps it would be better if it was worded by the Conservation Commission. Let's discuss it.

Facilities & Infrastructure – The meeting planned for February 23 has been canceled, the next meeting will be on March 9th.

Aging Committee – I'm not sure if there will be anything new for your meeting – Jo will update you.

Regional Animal Control – I'm planning a zoom meeting on February 23rd to get up to speed on where things stand. Should have more info following that meeting.

PFAS Filter Maintenance Agreements – The Maine DEP is requesting agreements with the three homeowners for whom we installed PFAS filters. A draft of that will be in your packet.

Cyber Policy Draft – A better draft of the policy you instructed me to go ahead with is in your packet as well. I've not run this by Jennifer or Rebecca yet.

That's the agenda – see you on Thursday!

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