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Report for Meeting of September 21, 2023

This may be an interesting weekend coming up – the last of summer and a hurricane is headed this way for the weekend. We've been posting updates from Maine Emergency Management on the town's Facebook page. The fire department was checking gear to make sure all is ready in case we get a big blow. I'm optimistic it'll just be a bad rain storm on Saturday – at least we won't have to shovel it!

Things have quieted a bit at the office as the tax due date has passed. I've been busy with volleyball officiating. Jennifer is out of the office most of the day today with some medical matters. It's a good chance to get caught up on some things. Currently, we're wrestling with the CTV computer as the output doesn't seem to want to go to the CTV system, only the monitor. Not sure what happened, but I noticed it at your last meeting. We're still streaming and live on the CTV channel, but the power point show on the CTV channel is not playing.

Your meeting is a bit busy.

[Minutes – September 7, 2023](#) – please review them and e-mail corrections if possible.

[Expenditure Warrant 9](#) – The county tax bill is on this warrant. I expect school warrants next week. Not sure how much that will be. We still have a goodly amount in checking to cover. The warrant is posted on the website and will be periodically updated and printed for meeting night.

[Cash & Budget Reports](#) – These are also updated periodically on the website and will be printed for meeting night. I plan to close out the general fund accounts this week from FY 22/23 and get that to the auditor post haste.

[General Assistance Ordinance](#) – You'll hold the public hearing on the ordinance changes and take action on whether to adopt them. Typically no one testifies at the public hearing. We're required to update the ordinance annually to the figures supplied by DHHS. I'll put the [summary sheet](#) in your packets.

[Refund Request – Clear Skies Acadia](#) – A memorandum is in your packet in regard to this. The Planning Board has put this back into the Select Board's court.

[Returnable Containers Program Policy Update](#) – After reading through the policy, there were some other places to amend (mostly to change Board of Selectmen to Select Board) and I've printed up a clean copy for you to sign. Among the changes are an updated application form which includes the question on whether the organization is based in Lamoine, and a line for an e-mail address.

[Planning Board](#) – The Board voted to seek the \$5,000 grant for consultation services to implement LD 2003. I believe that request would need to be submitted by the Select Board. I'll work on that for the meeting. The Board didn't feel any further meeting was needed with the Select Board at this time in regards to offers of support.

Waste Disposal Goals – With the pending auction of PERC, our expired transportation contract, and the horrendously expensive cost to transport recycling, it's really time to discuss our waste disposal system. Let's talk about what you wish to accomplish in the next year and what options might be available. I'm not sure if the State of Maine will be stepping in to try to offer solutions, but the League of Towns has written to the Governor to encourage something happen with the apparent failures at PERC and the former Fiberight's closure of more than 4-years. Currently all but the recycling goes into a landfill.

Appointments – The [Conservation Commission](#) meets tonight (I'm writing this Wednesday the 13th) and may have a recommendation on an appointment. The [Rec Committee](#) has an alternate position still open – not sure if we'll have a recommendation. The [Aging Committee](#) has folks that may need to be appointed. I currently show that Iris Simon, Jo Cooper, Sally Smith and Mary Jude who have officially been appointed by the Select Board. There has been mention in previous minutes of a committee of 7 members, as well as Jane McMullen and Nancy Pochan being suggested for appointment. The committee has not formally recommended Jane and Nancy yet to the Select Board, but I believe it was the intent to do so. Their names are on the agenda for possible appointment for this meeting.

Budget Goals – Believe it or not, we should get working on the 2024/25 budget. Any particular goals/projects that should be included? My goal is to not have much of an increase as we have some borrowing (fire truck, land purchase, and set aside to purchase the future solar arrays) to include in the capital/debt service budget for a few years to come. I look forward to your thoughts.

Cisterns – I spoke with Rob Liebow yesterday (the school may get an electronic sign!) and he says the cisterns should arrive later this week.

Paving – no update yet on a date. We may know more before the meeting.

Heat Pumps – As noted in an e-mail to you we received the first of three rebate checks from Efficiency Maine!

Solar – No update recently. Will look for more from Revision Energy.

Town Clerk Service – Jennifer will reach her 20-years of town service on September 29th. I'll prepare a nice certificate for you to sign at your meeting. I'd like to invite her to your October 5th meeting and have a recognition for her at that time and anything else you might think is appropriate.

[Lamoine Quarterly](#) – I'm working on it!

Storm related damage – We shall see what happens.

That's the agenda for now. See you on the 21st.

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