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Report for Meeting of October 19, 2023

This will be my final report written before I officially become a senior citizen. As I write on October 11th, the chrysanthemums that line the veterans' memorial walkway are showing a brilliant yellow. The heat pumps in the town hall are working well, very comfy! I'm doing the final reconciliations for our annual audit to send over to Jim Wadman's office, and preparing the 2024/25 budget. The Lamoine Quarterly is waiting for me to pick it up.

The fire department was kinda busy during the weekend for subtropical storm Phillipe. The power went out for much of the town late Saturday night, and restored about 12-hours later. The department responded to 5 calls involving the storm – once again very quickly and well done! I'll have more on the storm later in the report.

You've got a fairly lengthy agenda already, so I'll get right to it!

Minutes – October 5, 2023 – Corrections are most welcomed. If possible, e-mail is best.

Expenditure Warrant 11 – This will be posted on the website and periodically updated and printed for the meeting. The first plowing bill and salt purchases for the season will be on here (sob!).

Cash & Budget Reports – As with the warrant, this will be posted and updated on the website and printed for the meeting.

Parks Commission – Cathi Goebel has written up a list of requests from their meeting on the 9th. It includes a recommendation to repair the boat ramp and install a dog waste bag station at Whitcomb Woods.

Road Commissioner – I'm happy to report the paving is done. That bill will also likely be on the warrant. We need to hire someone to fill in the shoulders on the newly paved roads to eliminate the lip. Needles Eye Road also needs to have the shoulder washout near Route 204 smoothed out during that.

The storm left a bunch of tree piles down and one tree that needs to come down on Seal Point Road. Greg Gleason has done this in the past for a very reasonable price. I've let him know we might have some work coming up.

Budget – As noted above, I'm starting to work on this. Should have the admin budget prepped for the meeting – maybe some others too. The Budget Committee will meet on the 23rd for their first meeting of the season.

Code Enforcement – We have done some extensive work investigating the home at map 7 lot 14 and the reports are in your packet. The next step is to take some action

based on the findings. I'll try to have some info on what might be the appropriate process with your material at the meeting.

Waste Disposal – The Municipal Review Committee (from which we withdrew several years ago) looks like it might actually get the old Fiberight plant up and running again. This includes recycling. I've put a flyer in your packet. I would recommend that we NOT become a member community, even though we would save \$2/ton on MSW if we were. We can discuss it.

Technology – A program called Maine Cyber Reach is coming to the office on October 12th to go over our computer system for security suggestions. This is a continuation of the efforts by Bob Lachance to better lock down our system from cyber threat. They're part of the University of Maine at Augusta and I look forward to the meeting. Gregg Tehennepe of the Tech Committee is joining us for that initial meeting to help translate for me!

The CTV channel is back up with both picture and sound. I had to do some crawling around and Justin Zinke helped solve the issue with the power point displaying on the channel. Last meeting did not have usable sound. I checked the Appeals Board meeting last night (10/10) and sound and picture are back!

Solar – no update beyond what we got last meeting.

Comp Plan Implementation – nothing new to report on this.

That's the agenda for now. See you on the 19th.

Stu