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Report for Meeting of November 16, 2023

By the time you meet I should be a proud grandfather again. Our daughter Becca went into labor on Election Night and our grandson should arrive soon (probably while I'm writing this report!). We are some excited about that!

Speaking of Election Night, I am very proud of our town with a turnout of more than 40-percent, even though no candidates were on the ballot and there was no local issue. We had a turnout of 650-voters (130-were absentee voters), and a good steady crowd for much of the day. My thanks also to Mike Hodgkins who came in early the next morning to clean up from all the wet foot traffic of the day.

We sure had a busy weekend in town on November 4th & 5th. The school craft fair filled the parking lot, the Lamoine Community Arts performances were sold out four of the six days; the fire department had a very successful open house on the 5th. It was a happening place!

A reminder the town hall is closed on November 10th for the federal holiday. You have a lot on the agenda for the 16th.

Meet with Town Attorney – Dan Pileggi will be here for the meeting, and you may wish to hold a portion of your discussion with him in executive session. That's up to you. He's here to address the situation across the road (The notice of violation is in your packet) as well as the request from the developers of the now withdrawn glampground resort to have their application fee refunded (their letter is in your packet). If any decisions are to be made, that will have to be in public session.

Minutes – November 2, 2023 – As we strive for perfection (and fall woefully short), please review the minutes and send any written corrections to me.

Expenditure warrant 13 – The warrant is on the website and will be updated periodically. The biggest component thus far is the plowing contract bill. I did call B&B paving and we should have their bill by the first of next week. That'll mean that we'll have to transfer a chunk from our investment account to checking to cover the warrant. We'll have school warrants as well. This could be an expensive one!

Cash & Budget Reports – I would note that we are on the right side of things when it comes to investment interest. The payment from First Wealth Management on the general fund was nearly the entire budget for the year after a few months of fees exceeding interest. Whew! This report is on the website and periodically updated.

Impending automatic foreclosure – There are 11 properties that have tax liens that were filed in July 2022. They will automatically foreclosed on January 20, 2024. Notices to the taxpayers will go out in December. The list of liens is in your packet.

Transfer Station – I e-mailed you that Chris Meyer has told me verbally that he is retiring from the position at the transfer station. Bill Fennelly has been filling the spot since last May. Chris started with us in March 2014. I have crafted a letter to Chris thanking him for his many years of service. He's willing to fill in if needed. And, I would recommend that Bill be officially appointed as the regular transfer station manager. He's done a very good job at the facility. He's headed for Maine DEP training on November 9th.

Request from Harold Brown re Dredge Spoils – Mr. Brown has requested to meet with you on a revised proposal. I've put his email and an attachment that consists of a portion of the DEP rules in your packet.

Lamoine Beach Boat Ramp – I finally reached Doug Beck at the Bureau of Parks and Lands and we had a productive and helpful conversation regarding the boat ramp at Lamoine Beach. He has recommended writing a letter asking for a determination of obsolescence which is drafted and in your packet along with a follow up e-mail.

Code Enforcement Update – Rebecca is back tomorrow (11/8) and I hope to get an update on the various enforcement actions she has under way that were outlined at the last meeting.

Road Commissioner – I took a drive around town this week to identify and investigate issues on our local roads. From that I compiled a list of tree matters for Berry Cove Gardens (Greg Gleason) to address and sent that to him. There are a few other projects as well, and that list is also in your packet.

Conservation Commission – Community Action Grant – Larissa may have more news/suggestions on this after the LCC meets tonight (Wednesday the 8th).

Technology Committee Recommendations – The Tech Committee meets on the 9th and may have some recommendations on upgrading the CTV scheduling system and purchasing new gear for outside recordings among other things. I'll have more info for your meeting.

Budget Workshop – The waste disposal and recycling budgets are next on my horizon and likely to be the only item for your workshop unless I get to the revenue budget, which is usually pretty easy to craft.

That's what you've got. See you on the 16th.

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