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Report for Meeting of January 4, 2024

Happy New Calendar Year! Looks like we'll be snow free to mark the end of 2023, but work continues to clean up the tree debris left from the December 18, 2023 storm. This is going to be expensive, but we may get some federal disaster help eventually. We got home from Southern Maine on the 26th, and I finally got all 25 fire call reports written up at home that evening and printed off on the 27th.

I hope you had a pleasant Christmas holiday. Thank you for a day off to spend with my grandbabies! We had a very good time with our daughters' families. I have been out of the office during the middays the week between Christmas & New Year's Day refereeing basketball (saw Nate in Brewer!) as most of the games are mid-day affairs instead of night games. My thanks to Jennifer for keeping things going at the office.

I'm writing this on December 28th. Larissa & I were able to attend the retirement ceremony at the Ellsworth Post Office for Carol Allen, and Fred Stocking joined us. I got some pictures.

I have signed the necessary documents for the sale of the 2 acres and dwellings on the former Smith property and the For Sale sign should be going up soon.

You've got a fairly quiet meeting agenda coming up.

[Minutes – December 21, 2023](#) – Please look them over for any corrections that might be needed. I always appreciate your editing prowess.

[Expenditure Warrant 16](#) – You might notice two AP Warrants for the school – they requested that warrant 13-A be deposited on the 29th to pay that bill, which I have done. The ice rink bill is on here – though it may not be the correct amount. We should have a better figure by meeting night. The warrant is posted on the web page and will be periodically updated and printed for meeting night.

[Cash & Budget Reports](#) – These are also posted on the website and will be periodically updated and printed for meeting night.

[Quarterly Excise Tax Report](#) – This will be printed for meeting night. Excise is still looking quite strong.

[Checking Account Reconciliation](#) – I should be able to get this done on January 2nd. It'll be e-mailed to you when it's done.

Tax Lien Foreclosure Update – The updated list is in your packets, and if there is any change, the list will be updated for meeting night.

Rate Increase – Town Attorney – There is a letter from Acadia Law with an updated rate for service. I see no problem with that rate increase.

Lamoine Beach Boat Ramp Removal – We have an official letter from the State of Maine to remove the boat ramp. We will need to install signage for hand carry boat launching. I plan to talk to Maine DOT about improving the road end markings as well.

Solar Project Update - I've sent an e-mail to Revision Energy to see if there is any update on the Versant connection. Will let you know.

Town Meeting – Budget Articles – The draft town meeting warrant will be in your packet again, along with the [minutes of the Budget Committee](#) which has the committee's recommendations. The only question appears to be the waste disposal budget and whether the Select Board wishes to continue funding recycling or not.

[Lamoine Quarterly](#) – Perhaps progress will be made on the Quarterly before the meeting. Perhaps not – depends on what else might be going on.

Town Report – ditto the Lamoine Quarterly sentences!

That's the meeting agenda for now.

See you on Thursday the 4th.

Stu