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Report for Meeting of March 21, 2024

Good heavens, it's almost springtime! By the time you get this, town meeting will be over and the school budget town meeting will be in the future. More on that later in the report.

I'm starting to write this on Wednesday the 13th (town meeting day), and it's gorgeous outside. We survived yet another strong storm with heavy rain and high winds. More on that later as well. I had my "Welcome to Medicare" physical this morning – I am apparently quite healthy!

Minutes – March 7, 2024 – Thank you in advance for reviewing the minutes and sending any corrections in writing.

Expenditure Warrant 22 – The bills are trickling in at the moment. The warrant is posted on the website and updated periodically and will be printed for your meeting. I'm not sure what the school bills will look like, as that warrant will come out just before your meeting.

Cash & Budget Reports – These will also be updated periodically on the website and printed for meeting night. I don't see anything earthshaking items in the report at this time.

Sale of Portion of Map 3 Lot 2 – The closing is tentatively scheduled for March 22, subject to change. I have recommended that the chair (Nathan) sign the deed, and that you authorize me as the treasurer to represent the town at closing and to sign any other necessary documents. We had to do a couple of updates on the purchase and sale agreement to make sure that it stipulated it was only a portion of the lot that we are selling, and both sides have signed that. We should be all set to go!

Waste Disposal/Recycling – The Municipal Review Committee has sent us a letter wanting us to return. You've already signed an extension with EPEC (formerly PERC). EPEC is doing some PR work. I've put a Bangor Daily News article in the packet.

As for recycling, the town meeting has spoken. I will chat with ecomaine in the near future to see if maybe there are some other shipping options. We'll also have to talk with DM&J regarding hauling. Perhaps some other company can offer a less expensive alternative, but I doubt it.

Contract – Maine Municipal Health Trust has sent along the language for a letter to add dependent health (at the employee's cost) to our coverage. Thank you for doing that. A proposed contract as discussed at the last meeting is in your packet, ready to sign. Thank you for that, too!

Tax Collector Settlements – It's been a while since we've done settlements with our tax collector showing that her obligation to collect property tax commitments have been

met. Those should be done when they're ready – there are a bunch for past years to be approved. These run through the 2021 commitment. There is still some work to do on the 2022 commitment, and the 2023 commitment is still being collected.

Town Meeting Follow Up – Thank you for the nice surprise at town meeting with the Legislative sentiment. As you know the Building & Land Use Ordinance amendments passed, the road closure did not and folks voted to keep recycling. The municipal budget has passed intact, so that's done. I have e-mailed Steve Salsbury and the attorney for MacQuinn to let them know the article failed.

School Budget Town Meeting Schedule – I spoke with our superintendent of schools this morning. The school committee has a budget ready. The plan is to have the Budget Committee review it on April 22, 2024 at 6:30 PM and a special town meeting to adopt the budget on May 21, 2024 at 6:30 PM. I hope to have the budget materials in time for this meeting. We need to discuss what else might be on the warrant. I have drafted up a warrant. Originally I had the MacQuinn Road name change. That's been scrapped given the outcome of town meeting. There is an article to utilize the net proceeds from the property sale to apply to the bond on the property purchase.

March 10, 2024 Storm – A separate memo was sent by e-mail and is in your packet. The cleanup from this storm was relatively reasonable.

Cable TV System Upgrade – I've put proposals from the company that does the installation of the Cablecast system in your packet. It's a big chunk of money, and I would recommend that you refer this to the Technology Committee for a recommendation. We do have enough funds in the CTV fund to cover this.

Facilities & Infrastructure – The Committee meets Tuesday. I suspect Nathan will have more from that.

Lamoine Quarterly – April 2024 – I've started putting this together. It certainly won't be ready for your meeting, but I might have a few pages.

That's the agenda for now. See you on Thursday!

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