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Report for Meeting of October 15, 2026

Greetings from the plush corner office of the town hall. The girl scouts have planted mums along the pathway of the Veterans Memorial, and they are stunning in the sunlight. I am writing this on October 8, 2026 ahead of your meeting that will begin at **6:30 PM** on the 15th.

This meeting will feature mostly your meeting with board chairs and department heads, which begins after the routine business portion of the meeting, thus the earlier start time. We will resend the invite to those folks.

It has become rather busy at the town hall as absentee ballots are now available for the November 3, 2026 election. We have been inundated with requests, and a steady stream of voters have already cast ballots in person the first few days. The fire department has also suddenly become quite busy. A crew responded to a house fire in Ellsworth last Friday afternoon (the 2nd), and we were on scene for more than 4 hours. The department also responded to a CPR call on Monday and was asked to shut down Route 1 in Hancock for a couple of hours on Tuesday due to a serious accident. I am sure the fire chief would agree that we could use about 10-more trained volunteer firefighters to keep up with demand.

My schedule has also been quite hectic this week as volleyball season winds down. The final day of the regular season is October 16th, then playoffs which won't be that time demanding.

Tuesday, several of you attended the event at Forest Hill Cemetery commemorating Elkanah Young's presence at the Boston Tea Party. This garnered excellent media coverage, and more than 50-people attended a very well-done affair.

Amy is attending the MMA Annual convention in Augusta. I suspect she might have some follow up for the meeting.

Again, your meeting starts at 6:30 PM and the goal is to start the department heads/board chairs portion of the meeting at 7PM. I do plan to have some cake and beverage set up (it is, after all, the fire chief and deputy fire chief's birthdays).

Minutes – October 1, 2026 – Please look them over for corrections. If you can e-mail those ahead of the meeting, that's really helpful.

Expenditure Warrant 8 – You may have noticed you've not been receiving much mail lately. The post office tells us they've lost two more carriers, and they are only delivering regular mail sporadically. That's why we don't have many bills on the warrant (mostly e-mailed bills) thus far. The warrant is posted on the website and updated periodically.

Cash & Budget Reports – This is also posted on the website and updated periodically. The FY 2025/26 audit has begun. Ron Bean was in the office for the day on Tuesday

and did what he needed to do with us. I'm not sure when the testing portion of the audit will begin, but that part's pretty easy for us. They hope to have the full audit in a timely fashion this year.

Stale Check Order – I'll be working on this after writing up the report. There are a couple of fiscal years' worth of checks that have not cleared the bank. The order will be self-explanatory.

Dog Bite Incident – The proposed response to the County Administrator's report will be in your packet. Look it over and suggest any edits if you would.

EPEC Update – We have a memo from the Eagle Point Energy Center about their operational plan. It's in the packet.

Website – There were a couple of suggestions on particular parts of the website. As requested, the ad for the Planning Board Alternate position has the job description added.

The other suggestion that was discussed was a more comprehensive listing of assistance available from the town. I have developed a page with links to the General Assistance notice and the Heating Assistance page as well as a link to the states 2-1-1 page.

The rest of the meeting is devoted to discussion with your board chairs and department heads.

A reminder the town office is closed on Monday the 12th for Columbus/Indigenous People Day. I will be in that morning to do payroll.

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