



# Town Manager's Report

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## My Scheduled Events:

- 11/07 @ 9:00 am—  
Mtg. with Harry Frazer.
- 11/10 @ 7:30 pm—  
Town Council Mtg.
- 11/11 —Veterans' Day.
- 11/12 @ 3:00 pm—  
Dept. Head Mtg.
- 11/13 @ 3:00 pm—  
Mtg. with Union.
- 11/18 @ 7:30 am—  
Growth Council Mtg.
- 11/18 @ 9:00 am—  
MMA Building Survey.
- 11/19 @ 7:30 am—  
United Way Board Mtg.
- 11/19 @ 11:00 am—  
Brownfield Comm. Mtg.
- 11/20 @ 9:00 am—  
MMA Building Survey.
- 11/21 @ 7:30 am—  
CIT Mtg.
- 11/27 —  
Thanksgiving.

## Sebasticook Photo Survey

On Monday, October 27, 2008, Bill Lee and I took part of the afternoon off from work to kayak the Sebasticook River. We began by launching our kayaks at 3:00 pm just east of the Winslow town line on the north side of the river. We ended our trip at approximately 6:00 pm at the Waterville boat landing on the Kennebec River.

During the trip I photographed portions of the river and river banks in an effort to document the existing conditions. As I took each photo Mr. Lee recorded our location on a handheld GPS device. There are segments of the river I was unable to photograph due to the swift movement of the river at those locations, however, I did my best to provide a broad perspective of the existing conditions.

In your Council Packet is a bound document titled "Sebasticook River Photo Survey". In this document I have combined the photographs with their corresponding GPS fix. The location each photo was taken can be identified by finding its corresponding number that has been labeled on the included map of the river.

I emailed photos # 11, 17,18, 20, 21 and 26 to Geotechnical Engineer Mark Mitsch of Weston & Sampson Engineers. Mr. Mitsch was a consultant for the town during FPLE's permitting process before the Planning Board.

In the email I asked Mr. Mitsch for his thoughts on the progress of re-vegetation. He telephoned me and commented the photos depict what he would expect to see following dam removal. Mr. Mitsch indicated re-vegetation appeared to be going well despite the fact it was sparse in some locations. I asked him if he had any environmental concerns after looking at the photographs and he said "No". He went on to say the best time to judge the progress of re-vegetation at this late stage is in the Spring. He said that is when areas that cannot re-vegetate on their own can be easily identified.

## Sewer Siphon Progress Report

Attached to this report is a letter written by Albert Hodsdon dated October 23, 2008. The letter summarizes the progress of relocating the town's sewer siphon.

I spoke with Mr. Hodsdon this week and unfortunately his final report will not be available for this month's Town Council meeting. He said the report will be available for the council meeting in December.

### **Dallaire Street Slope Update**

Attached to this report is a letter from Geologist Robert Gerber of Sebago Technics, Inc dated October 23, 2008. In his letter Mr. Gerber expresses his concerns in regards to the Dallaire Street slope.

As you know I have written Senator Susan Collins requesting her help in obtaining Federal assistance to address this issue. I have also forwarded Mr. Gerber's letter to the Senator in support of our request. I have had some discussions with a member of the Senator's staff who has informed me that they will be contacting FEMA and the Army Corp of Engineers on our behalf to solicit their assistance.

In addition I will continue to work with KVCOG to apply for CDBG funds.

Slope monitoring will end on November 30, 2008. Mr. Gerber estimates the cost to continue monitoring for one more year to be \$13,500.00. Since the slope stability is the same as it was before drawdown, I am not convinced that continued monitoring is warranted. I believe we can better serve the people of Dallaire Street by continuing our efforts to find a viable solution to their predicament.

### **Industrial Building Roof Repairs**

Attached to this report is an estimate prepared by the Sheridan Corporation to address the remaining roof repairs that should be made to our industrial building. I will be working with Orion RopeWorks and Johnny's Selected Seeds to address these needed repairs.

### **AOS Update**

The following is the timeline for the formation of the AOS:

12/9/08 Waterville Public Forum

12/16/08 Vassalboro Public Forum

1/6/09 Winslow Public Forum

1/13/09 Referendum Vote

1/14/09 Combined School Board Mtg.

2/4/09 AOS Board Mtg.

In your packet is a copy of the proposed Interlocal Agreement for the AOS.

### **Historical Preservation Committee**

The following are members of our newly formed Historical Preservation Committee:

Jack Nivison  
Elery Keene  
Jane Edwards  
Ernie Baker  
Linda Lambert  
Tom McCowan  
Judy Larson  
Michael Heavener

### **Annual Town Council Workshop**

The following are proposed agenda items for an annual Town Council Workshop for newly elected or existing councilors:

1. Town Charter Review
2. Procedural Etiquette
3. Town Council Rules
4. Ordinances, Orders & Resolutions
5. Freedom of Access

The workshop is expected to be held in January of each year.

### **MRC Voting Ballot**

In your packet is a MRC Board of Directors election ballot. I will be asking you at your upcoming meeting who you collectively would like to vote for. Elery Keene was nominated by the town.