

Town Manager Update Report August 5, 2016

Below are a few highlights from this past week in review.

Municipal Audit

Ron Smith and Associates has been onsite and conducting the annual audit this past week. The audit process appears to be thorough and going well. The auditor manager commented to me that Lori-Anne's detailed preparations have really helped them to work efficiently. I hope to see a draft toward the end of September.

Commitment

Mike O'Donnell and I have drafted the FY17 commitment this past week. We will have the commitment papers for your consideration in your packets for our upcoming meeting on August 15th.

Roads

The crew has been working this week on the Dougherty Road, replacing culverts and ditching. Please see the photo below. Visiting the site today, I was very impressed with the progress that they have made. We expect them to finish up this work toward the end of next week. I also understand that the recently replaced culvert on Town Farm Road will be paved toward the end of next week.



Animal Control

The position has been advertised in the Sun Journal and notices have been posted in the stores, Gray hardware, and Shop and Save. While I am hopeful that this will produce results, I ask the board to please give thought to who you think might be able and willing to serve in this position. I would appreciate your suggestions.

Marijuana Legalization Referendum

At the last board meeting I was asked to provide the board with additional information regarding the upcoming legalization referendum.

- Here is the link to the proposed legislation:
<http://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/elec/citizens/index.html>
- Additional information regarding both sides of the issue can be found on Not On My Maine Street (<http://www.notonmymainestreet.com/whats-in-the-initiative.html>) and Legalize Maine <http://legalizemaine.net/>
- As I've stated in the past, I have concerns that the proposed excise tax does not appear sufficient or distributed in such a way as to address the local impacts of the proposal.
- Please let me know if you are interested in viewing sample resolutions or ordinances developed by other municipalities.

Schedule

My son and I will be in Ionia, Michigan this weekend attending our family cousins reunion at the First Family Dairy Farm. I will be out of the office on Monday and Tuesday. In the interim, Sharlene Myers will be serving as Acting Town Manager. I will be reachable by cell phone.