

**Town Manager Update Report
October 30, 2015**

Below are a few highlights for this past week in review:

- For tomorrow evening's Lower Village Halloween festivities, the Fire Department will have apparatus at Town Hall and members will be handing out candy. Our library will also be open and joining in the celebration. Jack O. Lantern will be stationed on the porch of Town Hall. I wish everyone a safe and fun Halloween night!
- I met with Bruce Van Note, Policy and Planning Director of the Maine Turnpike Authority, this morning. I would characterize the meeting as productive. We established that we both have a common interest in keeping commuter and truck traffic on the turnpike. I applaud his willingness to think creatively about traffic calming in the Upper Village. I learned a lot about the Turnpike Authority's position in a number of areas. I am hopeful that we will keep up this communication about areas where we can work together.
- Preparations for next week's election, Tuesday, November 3rd, are proceeding according to plan. Public notice and ballots have been posted according to state law and staff is coordinating the set-up for polling at the Fire Station.
- CIP meetings and the meetings of the Fire Chief advisory group have been scheduled. The advisory group is reviewing applications – 75 applications were received.
- Additional applications were received for the Mechanic's position prior to today's close of the extended advertisement period. Interviews are scheduled for next week.
- According to Jean Libby, the Cemetery Association has sold 28 grave sites since the recent promotion began. This has resulted in \$6,890 of available income and \$6,890 of perpetual care funds. Their committee members have been busy.
- Public Works continues to tie up ditching and culvert projects. We are awaiting availability of the backhoe to clean-up 328b Sabbathday, but hope to have the work done this coming week.