

**Town Manager Update Report
December 18, 2015**

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

Staffing

- The Fire and Rescue Chief advisory committee interviewed second round candidates this past week. We will be meeting early next week to discuss next steps.
- The application period for the Finance Director position has closed. I have assessed all applications received and interviewed candidates. I anticipate a decision next week.
- I am pleased to announce that we've hired Dustin Arsenault to fill the Equipment Operator position. Dustin has driven 25 ton vehicles in Afghanistan in all conditions. He also has municipal experience here in Maine plowing snow with the wing plow, as well as operating skidsteers and equipment cranes. We will be training Dustin on the Road Grader. He will be starting on December 28th. If you find yourself at the Public Works garage after December 28th, please stop by to meet the newest member of our team.

CIP & Budget

- The CIP Committee has concluded meetings with department heads.
- I have nearly completed department budget meetings. We have one or two more scheduled for next week. A budget schedule will be forthcoming shortly.

Pineland

- It was an honor to be invited to give a short speech at the Pineland Holiday celebration to the Pineland employees this past week. While I did my best to humor them with my version of a "what did the farmer say to the lawyer" joke, most importantly, this was an opportunity for us to express our appreciation for all they have accomplished and what they add to this community. It was a thoroughly enjoyable experience.

Other

- The Fairgrounds Fence has been repaired.

Have a great weekend!