

## TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT FOR JULY 2016

- Participated in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade with Kim, Susan, and Sharon Grant dressed in period clothing. Also thanks are owed to Marilyn portraying the Statue of Liberty. The float was designed by Kim, Susan and Sharon (office staff) with assistance from Mike Gudroe celebrating Dexter's 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of incorporation. Thank you to all the volunteers for making this parade a success!
- The new sign which acknowledges all the volunteers and contributors was placed at the renovated tennis courts at Ellms Field and looks very nice. Thanks to Diane Parola for all her hard work accomplishing this project through donations and volunteers.
- Met with a party interested in Lake Shore Lunch
- Attended the Highway/Equipment Committee meeting where sidewalks and street lamps were the topic of discussion
- Met with an auctioneer regarding the auction of personal property at a local business
- Met with the insurance adjuster to determine the cost of fixing the collapsed ceiling in the Council Chambers
- Many thanks are owed to the Vocational Center Truck Driving Instructors for hauling the town loader to the gravel pit. We normally have to drive this piece of equipment, and this was a huge time saver with less wear on the loader. Much appreciated.
- Many thanks are owed to the Highway Department and to the Facilities Department for arriving at work at 4:00 AM in order to sweep and wash the parking lot to prepare for the scheduled cruise-in events and the Maine Red Hot Dog Festival.
- Attended the Lakes Association Meeting to present them with a certificate of recognition for their 15 years of continued service to the community to preserve and protect our greatest resources – our lakes and drinking water!!
- Met with representatives of the shoe making endeavor and a potential investor of the project.
- Attended the SAD 46 District budget meeting
- Marilyn and I met with the CEO and Finance Officer of Mayo Regional Hospital who kindly invited us to explain their upcoming project and bond obligations
- Met with the carpenter and Mike regarding the ceiling in Council Chambers
- Sorry to announce that Kevin Ronco has found other employment and is leaving his position with the facilities department.

- Also sorry to see Bruce Smith leave the Highway Department to move and work in Florida. Best wishes to both of them.
- I would like to welcome Kenneth York who was recently hired on as a police officer.
- Looking into power supply options.
- Summer camp's last day is 7/29. This has been a learning experience for the Recreation Department and the Counselors. I can't thank them enough as the few times I went to observe all the kids appeared to be having a great time. We are hoping to continue the camp next summer to offer area children the opportunity to experience all that our lake front has to offer.
- Summer camp closed officially with a pizza and ice cream party with all those who assisted with delivering the lunches, making the lunches, driving the bus, delivering backpacks, donating watermelon, donating water bottles, instructing arts and crafts, the reading program and the social services assistance being invited. This camp was definitely a collaborative effort and I, for one, truly appreciate all the effort that these entities and others have made towards making this venture a success.
- A huge recognition goes out to Mike Martin, Recreation Director/Summer Camp Director for overseeing the activities and having to be the "tough guy" at times. Great job!
- I would like to recognize the camp counselors for doing a great job: Krystyna Farrar, Abbey Jordan, Kilee Lewis and our life guards/counselors Jason Millette and Dustin Belanger.
- Try to get out and enjoy the summer weather for as we know it doesn't last long!
- Don't forget the first ever Maine Red Hot Dog Festival on August 13<sup>th</sup> in downtown Dexter!!!

Respectfully,

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Town Manager