

## MARCH 2016 MANAGER'S REPORT

- Received a visit from a resident praising the Highway Department for the great job fixing the entrance to the Catholic Church. Very appreciative of the efforts made to correct the problem.
  - Mud, mud, mud! Tis the 5<sup>th</sup> season in Maine as this mud season has been horrific!! We do apologize to all those residents who have endured this for far too long this year. Mother Nature was kind last winter, but making up for it with the spring!!!
  - Very sad to learn of the loss of Kenny Trafton's farm, but proud to live in a community where neighbors come together to assist in a time of need.
  - Attended the Revitalization Committee meeting where plans are coming together for the Maine Red Hot Dog Festival scheduled for August 13<sup>th</sup>.
  - Locked in fuel oil at \$1.68 and diesel fuel at \$1.94 for 2016-2017 season.
  - Attended the MMSWA meeting with a representative from Agri-Cycle in attendance. MMSWA may consider a pilot program with this company from Exeter.
  - Met with Kirby Ellis, Forrester, Jim Costedio and Eric Campbell regarding some forest areas to cut.
  - Met with Anita, town attorney and independent appraisers regarding the Dexter Shoe Appeal.
  - Met with John Parola and a representative of the benefactor to discuss funding for a day camp at Lake Wassookeag.
  - Collecting data and completing a Maine Municipal Association survey.
  - Looking at the grant paperwork for culvert funding. Eric has contacted the Army Corps of Engineers regarding the Mill Street Bridge. The grant writer from Southern Maine contacted me and we will be looking at entering the grant in the next round.
  - Kudos to Bruce from the Highway Department for stopping on his plow route to assist a woman who had fallen on the ice in K of C parking lot. I had more than one resident stop in to comment on how impressed they were with that extra effort. This speaks volumes to the quality of employees the Town of Dexter is fortunate to have.
  - Contacted Maine Local Roads for assistance with a job description/bid package for a "clerk of the works" to inspect the upcoming paving project.
  - Was disappointed not to be able to attend the Manager's Interchange in Bangor due to freezing rain and snow. Decided it was best to spend the day at the office!
- Respectfully,

Shelley L. Watson  
Town Manager