

Town Administrator Report
March 14, 2022

Much of the focus for the last 2 weeks has been on the budget preparation. The initial budget for the General Government, ACO, Planning Board, Mallett Hall and Human Services was presented at the February 28th Select Board meeting. After attending a workshop with the Select Board on the evaluation process I made adjustments to the compensation line for both the General Government and Public Works. I reached out to Maine Natural Gas, Midcoast Human Society and TRIO to get any rate changes for the upcoming year. The budgets were then presented to the Budget Committee on March 8.

I received an update from Consolidated Communications regarding our new phone system. They are not expecting to receive the phones until June so they are looking into alternatives. In the meantime, I had a phone conference with them to talk about the setup, extensions, phone paths etc. on March 10. I also spoke with Splatial Alternatives and we expect to have the online Parcel Viewer active in May or June. Once the map changes are submitted as of April 1 from the Assessor for this past year, they will make the updates, print the tax maps and start the implementation of the online program.

The office has been busy with tax payments as we approach the next due date. The June election officially starts on March 14th as absentee applications will be available that day. We are hoping to get both the RSU5 and the Municipal Officers ballot coded with the State Election but are still waiting to hear if the memory stick can hold both those elections. If not, we will code the RSU5 and hand count the Municipal Officers.

I have been working on the Annual Report and have started the outline for the June town meeting warrant.

On March 7 I performed a wedding ceremony at the town office in the voting room. We do not get to do these often so it was a great way to start the week.

Respectfully Submitted,
Becky Taylor-Chase
Town Administrator