

**Town of Fryeburg  
Manager's Report  
October 13, 2016**

**Selectmen's Meetings Thursday (Tentative Schedule) – 6:00 PM**

October 27	January	April
November 3, 17	February	May
December 1, 15	March	June

**Meetings and Events:**

Maine DOT Tuesday October 18<sup>th</sup> - American Legion 6 PM - 8 PM

Public Hearing to discuss Proposed Highway Reconstruction:

- Section 1 - From the NH State line extending easterly approximately 1.26 miles to a point 0.1 miles east of Elm Street.
- Section 2 - From the Recreational Complex Road extending easterly approximately 3.14 miles to the Osgood Bridge over Dead Lake Stream.
- Replacement of the Eddy Flats Bridge.

**Closing Dates:**

Election Day	Tuesday	November 8, 2016
Veteran's Day	Friday	November 11, 2016
Scarborough	Tuesday	November 22, 2016 - Closing at Noon for Training
Thanksgiving	Thursday/Friday	November 24 and 25, 2016
Christmas	Monday	December 26, 2016
New Year's	Monday	January 2, 2017

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- Police Reports: September 19 - October 9, 2016.
  - Library monthly report for September.
  - August 2016 Aquifer Monitoring Report.
  - The first half of the 2017 tax is due Saturday October 15<sup>th</sup>. When the due date falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday in the State of Maine, the tax due date is extended to the next day after and is considered timely. Post mark date is also accepted when the payment is mailed. This is all under Title 36, MRSA, Section 153 State Law. This is the 4<sup>th</sup> year the taxes have been due on October 15<sup>th</sup> and April 15<sup>th</sup>. This splits the payment every 6 months and provides us with keeping a good cash flow to plan paying the Town's bills. Prior to establishing the same due date every year, we did follow the calendar to set collection on a Monday through Friday. This made the date different every year and a lot of people wanted a consistent date.
  - West Oxford Agricultural Society (Fryeburg Fair) donates \$100,000 to the Town of Fryeburg every year in lieu of taxes because they are tax exempt. They make two payments per year to us when the first and the second half of the taxes are due. Today we received a \$50,000 check. Without this donation the property tax mill rate would be about \$.25 more. We would like to thank the Society for their generous donation.
  - Absentee Ballots are available at the Town Office. The deadline to request an absentee ballot, including a ballot voted in the presence of the clerk, is Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. There are special circumstances that are allowed. Call the town office to talk with the clerks about a Special Circumstances Application.
  - The Town Office will be open until 7 PM Thursday November 3<sup>rd</sup> to register voters.

- Ecomaine Open House:
  - Saturday October 1<sup>st</sup> Ecomaine hosted an open house at the Transfer Station to talk with residents about the benefits for them and the Town by using single sort recycling.
  - 115 recycling bins were given out between 8 and 11 AM. Kelly Woitko from the Town Office and Clyde Watson and I worked at the Transfer Station along with Jeff and Don and the two representatives from Ecomaine.
  - We also checked window stickers. With approximately 200 vehicles coming through that day, we only sold 4 stickers. Two other vehicles didn't have a sticker and didn't purchase one because they didn't have money. A lot of vehicles didn't have their sticker attached to their windshield, but did have it on their dashboard, which would account for comments we receive about vehicles without stickers.
  - This was a successful and well received event. We will plan to have Ecomaine back next October and coordinate with the HHWD.
  - As of today we have taken in \$21,045 which means we've sold 1,052 stickers. The Green window stickers are required to use the Transfer Station and can be purchased at the Town Office.
- Household Hazardous Waste Day will be October 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9 am to 12 pm at the Transfer Station.
- Dog owners can start licensing their dogs Monday October 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Snowmobile registration begins October 20<sup>th</sup>.
- I met with the Cemetery Committee (Richard Andrews and Barbara Lawrence) September 22<sup>nd</sup>. We reviewed the remaining cemeteries that required having the monuments reset and repaired and some maintenance on cemeteries that had been previously done. They approved having the remaining cemeteries. Thomas Stevens Cemetery Restoration completed the remainder of the work to Bradley, Bridgton Road, Sanborn, Smart/Wiley, Union Hill, Smith-Robbins-Lewis, Pike and Harnden Cemeteries. They also repaired the posts at Smart/Wiley Cemetery. The total was \$6,220. The approximate balance in the cemetery account is \$36,000.
- The Webinar-On-Line training for the 3 office clerks with the Bureau of Motor Vehicles was rescheduled because the class was full. The new date is November 22<sup>nd</sup> in Scarborough. The office will close at noon Tuesday November 22<sup>nd</sup> instead of October 25<sup>th</sup> as previously announced.
- I am introducing my Manager's Message Page tonight. You can find this on the Town Web Site on the left hand corner. I have been asked by people to speak on statements that don't include the facts so I created this page.