

C. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT FOR 05/01/2018

Town Manager's Report: Town Council Meeting of 05/01/2018:

1. Council Chambers has Wi-Fi: The Town did not have the funds necessary for the last quote received for Wi-Fi for the Council Chambers from providers. Thanks to the efforts of Vaughan Woodruff, the Council Chambers now has Wi-Fi for free as he set it up over the Town's electrical system. For those Councilors and Planning Board members that want to utilize the internet to research items and communicate with their constituents during meetings, the Wi-Fi is available at the network of Council Chambers with a password of Pittsfield has l's instead of I's = P1ttsf1eld.

2. The 2018 budget process and Highway Expenditures: The 2018 budget process concluded in December 2017 after review of the Town's \$21,253,540 Capital Improvement Plan. That Capital Improvement Budget Review contained many projects that were not placed on the Capital Improvement Plan by the Town Council due to the extensive cost and the effect on the taxpayers.

The Capital Improvement Plan includes documents depicting the Town's many loans which comprise our debt service.

Highway projects which were discussed in the Book but not approved as of yet for implementation are as follows:

Road Construction:	Cost Figures To Be Updated
Webb Road	\$489,158
Snakeroot past Taylor	\$113,467
Snakeroot Hill	\$ 60,196
Powers to Pooler	\$191,661
Beans Corner	\$ 37,029
Johnson Flats (shared)	\$112,600
Gravel Roads Built Up and Paved	
Grant Road	\$ 21,500
Sibley Pond Road	\$320,388
Wilson Road	\$130,200
Hussey Road	\$180,900
Taylor Road	\$117,250
Armstrong Road	\$ 21,830
Transfer Station Road	\$ 25,300
Noble Court	\$ 7,956
Union Street	\$ 44,034
Plus 10% contingency	\$ 85,886
Total:	\$1,959,355

The Capital Improvement Plan Budget Section also included the cost to pave all Town roads with a medium shim and overlay. The cost was \$4,205,605. In the 1990's, the Town was on a 40-year paving plan which meant that every road in Town was repaved in 40 years. In the early 2000's, we increased the paving budget. If the Town budgeted \$125,000 per year like we used to for paving roads, it was taking 21 years to complete all roads in the early to mid-2000's as the paving cost was low. With the increase in paving costs, using \$125,000 per year would allow the Town to pave everything in 34-35 years. Now, with lower revenues and the legislative change to personal property, we are only paving in the years that we are not making loan payments. Since the Town Council's policy was to try to not affect the tax rate substantially, paving was not included in the budget.

While these are older cost projections, the newer ones will likely be more. To do the work that we would like, will cost more than \$6 million dollars. The Town's annual budget is a bit over \$2 million dollars for operational costs and includes \$105,000 of capital improvement funding for 14 departments.

This is why the Town Council policy has not included substantial road work each year. Obviously, the roads have significantly deteriorated especially during the last two winters and it will be interesting to see how this will be addressed as a policy decision is developed by the Town Council to basically float a bond.

3. Paving Program & Major Road Repairs: I had assisted John Dickson, former Highway Foreman, with the paving when we used to have paving every year (and at the time, we just did not realize what a luxury that really was). I am consolidating all of the information on exactly where the paving took place up the last few years when we have not been able to afford paving. This information will be very helpful for the Public Works Foreman when he goes out to evaluate each of the roads. We have purchased a road management system from the State Local Roads Program. The road information is inputted, the roads are evaluated and then calculations can be made specific to each road which determines its ranking and the cost to fix the road.

While the Public Works Foreman is away this summer, we might be able to input some of the information excluding the inspections.

4. Owners of Personal Property Used in a Business: In accordance with Title 36, Section 705 of the State Statutes, the Tax Assessor is requesting a list of business equipment as of April 1, 2018. Notices went out to all known business owners from the Tax Assessor. While the amount and type of Personal Property that the Town can tax is less in accordance with the phasing out of personal property by the State Legislature, it is still important to send the notices to the businesses for an accurate listing of property.

We encourage all business owners to file their business equipment lists so that they are taxed on the correct list of equipment. These lists need to be filed as soon as possible as we are now over the requested deadline.

5. Tax Acquired Property: The Town no longer has very much tax acquired property. When I arrived in the early 2000's, we determined that the Town had 51 tax acquired properties. In

reviewing the town policies, regulations and Code Book, as well as the Maine Municipal Association's guide regarding taxes, the following is the procedure utilized by the Town.

1. Property forecloses by an automatic process under the Law;
2. Prior to the foreclosure, the Town contacts the property owner several times in addition to the process listed in the state law and the town regulations as we do not want to own the property of our citizens and property owners. If after numerous contacts and offers to assist with a tax payment plan in accordance with the law, the property forecloses, then the Town will own the property.
3. As the properties foreclosure in November – December of each year, the properties are not put out to tax acquired bid at the time of the holidays as people are normally focused on other activities at that time and we do not obtain many bids. The best time to bid property is later winter so that the bids are due in early Spring of the next year. If there is a property with extensive liability on it, we would bid it out sooner as to reduce the Town's liability. We can either file a form at the Registry of Deeds to stop the automatic foreclosure if this is a large problem or we simply work on the TAP bid immediately to try to transfer the property as soon as possible.
4. At the time of the foreclosure, the Assessor and the Code Enforcement Officer are requested to review the property. If we know it will foreclosure, we start prior to when the Town will own the property. After careful review of the property and any encumbrances upon the property, the Assessor places a value upon the property which is the lowest bid that the Town will accept so we have a starting point. This is done after consultation with the Code Enforcement Officer regarding the zoning on the property, if it is a grandfathered lot, any outstanding code issues and whether it can be built upon. As the Town knows, this is first place that prospective bidders go is to see if a building permit can be issued for the project he/she is interested in the property for purchase. It is also done in consultation with the Tax Collector as all taxes, tax liens, costs and interest must be paid off when property is sold.
5. The required redemption period under the town's regulations takes place with notices to the parties. If it is redeemed, the property is not sold.
6. The staff compiles the TAP Sale Notice for the Council's review and approval.
7. The property is put out to bid with 3 notices in accordance with the Town's timeframe in the regulations.
8. In the rare occasion that we have a livable home, there is an advertised site visit.
9. Sealed bids with deposits are received by the due date of the bid and a formal opening of the bids is conducted by a staff member with another staff member as witness.

10. The bids are reviewed to make sure they are valid and the high bidder is identified. The high bidder is notified of the Town Council meeting for consideration of the bid. If there are other valid bids that are reasonable, these bidders are also notified. If the bid is above the minimum bid amount that is set, the staff recommends the sale. If not, there is a review of the budget to see how the taxes will be paid off. If it is close, it will work. If not, it has been rejected.

11. An agenda item is submitted by staff for the acceptance or rejection of the bid. Part of the process is an explanation of the potential use of the property.

12. The bidder has a defined period of time to provide the remainder of the bid (minus the amount of the deposit). Once the funds are provided by certified or bank check or money order.

13. Once the funds are received, the property is scheduled for the next agenda to set the sale to public hearing on an ordinance. This is a requirement of the Town Charter as all sales of property must be by ordinance.

14. The public hearing is held and then after consideration, the Town Council approves the ordinance so that the property can be sold to the bidder.

15. A deed is processed as well as sales tax form and other paperwork. The Town applies the payment received to the outstanding taxes, outstanding tax liens, outstanding interest and outstanding costs. If there is a surplus, the remainder is credited to the Revenue Account – Town Property Sales. If there is a deficit, the amount is charged to a town budget account – Property Taxes Write Off.

Having a step by step process works well because the process must be in accordance with the law and be a fair and equitable process. The Town is acquiring other people's property and must handle those properties properly and carefully so that there is no appearance of impropriety. In addition, sometimes elected officials, board and committee members and town staff will bid on properties so the process must be at arm's length. Having a set process assists with impressions and perceptions and keeps the transitions at arm's length.

In 30 days after the Ordinance is passed, the property technically becomes the new owner's property.

6. Recycling Program Handouts: As the Town enters the higher cost requirements for waste disposal, we have created a new handout to encourage recycling. The Recycling Program waste disposal cost will be increasing from \$48.00/ton to \$62.00/ton. This is an increase of \$14.00/ton or 29.2%. The Town was able to obtain the \$62.00/ton cost by switching from the Penobscot Energy Recovery Company (PERC) to the Crossroads Landfill in Norridgewock. We had been able to amend our agreement with the Landfill to add waste disposal. Other communities are paying over \$80.00/ton. It is imperative that we recycle more. The funds approved to be utilized

from the Recycling Reserve are already saving the Town money. We have two of the old containers repaired so they can be utilized longer. More will go in for repair.

The glass crusher has been ordered after the Recycling/Transfer Station Coordinator. We are now working on the glass crusher and finding that there are very few companies that sell this type of unit and the company with the best unit for our facility for the best deal wants payment in advance. The Town never does this so we are working with the company to see if this requirement can be waived.

An agreement with PERC will be coming before the Town Council at their next meeting to address bulky items, oversized items, tires and Construction & Demolition Debris which were too high at the Crossroads Landfill. PERC has agreed to take those items for \$75.00/ton.

The new Recycling Program handouts are very popular. They have a brief history of the program, the issue at hand which is the cost increase, current savings from the program, the amount of recycling, recycling fun facts to engage people and the recycling tips for handling materials. I was able to create those with the staff's great assistance in making my writing come to life with artwork and nice formatting.

7. Trash To Treasure Re-Use Center is now open for the Summer-early Fall: The Trash to Treasure Re-Use Center will open for the season on Saturday, April 28, 2018. We are hoping that the yard dries up by then after all of the bizarre weather this year.. The Re-Use Center is located in the former Veterans of Foreign Wars Building opposite the Transfer/ Recycling Center. The facility is open Saturdays from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. Those who have completed their yard sales and have items left over that they do not want to take back to their homes might consider donating the clothing to Pennywise and the other items to the Re-Use Center. The Town has a comprehensive list of items that can be donated at the facility available at the Town Office.

8. Brush Pile is now open for the Year: It has been exciting at the Transfer Station as the brush pile is highly popular at this time of year. Property is still pretty wet so some people can not get into areas for cleanup.

9. Main Street Streetlights, Traffic Lights and Municipal Parking Lot Lights: After getting the traffic lights on as well as the downtown parking lot lights, the streetlight lights remained off. The Public Works Foreman worked with the volunteer efforts of Cianbro's Electrical Division with two Electricians to get the streetlight back on. A new segregated panel was installed to replace the original panel that sparked. We appreciate Cianbro's efforts and those of the Public Works Department. Now, if one item blows out, the others will not do so as the streetlights, traffic lights and downtown parking lots are separated in the electrical setup..

The lens on all of the downtown Parking Lot lights were cleaned. The Industrial Park Sign lights were scheduled to be fixed based upon Cianbro's and the Public Works Department's schedules including the time for the new light bulbs to come in. Due to the cost, we switched over to LED lights which were less expensive.

History:

Public Works thought that the parking lot lights were fixed, however, when I attended the Theatre Committee Meeting last week, there were alas, no parking lot lights. One parking lot light is now on, however, the others will not come on so the Public Works Department is renting a lift to check out all of the photo cells in the parking lot lights that might have all blown out when the system went down. Public Works plans to fix the Industrial Park Sign lights at the same time and anything else we can think of that needs a lift. The lift was utilized today and the problem was not found so we have eliminated more items. The PW Foreman now believes that a neutral has blown.

The Main Street Streetlights are much more complex as the conduit boxes were unfrozen and cleaned out, however, the entire conduit has to be dried out so this will take time. The conduit is very small so we cannot get a camera down it to see where there is a problem. Each streetlight will have to be examined until the problem is located. The electrical conduit has been in place since 1976. We only needed 1.5 more years until next summer/fall when the Main Street project was started.

10 Mosher Bridge and Seabasticook Street Culverts Project: The bid specs are completed by the engineering firm and going out to bid this week. The deadline for the bids to be received is TBA. The bid has been set up so that the Town can accept or reject any and all bids with the ability to accept a proposal on one or both of the projects.

As a reminder, the projects are the repair of the Seabasticook Street Large Culverts and the repair of the abutments on the Mosher Bridge on Crawford Road.

History:

As reported at the last meeting, the Public Works Foreman has been able to review the large book of repair requirements for the bridge/culvert projects. I had put this on the agenda last year for approval to go out to bid once the bid documents were approved. Steve has just reviewed and approved the bid documents. We have requested that the engineering firm get the project in gear so that it can be put out to bid and advertised. These projects need repair and are failing, but they are not in dangerous condition. Therefore, if repaired now while they are still in fair condition, the Town will come out ahead. The Mosher Bridge is on the Crawford Road. The Seabasticook double culverts are on Seabasticook Street. The bridge will have abutment work completed while the culverts will be lined. If the project is put out to bid now and bids are due in late Spring/early Summer 2018, then the project would realistically take place when the water levels are lower in July-August of this year if the bids come in within budget. If there are any funds remaining in the loan after the projects are completed, we can purchase large culverts for highway projects for 2019.

The Engineering firm is putting the finishing touches on the bid specifications as we have asked that the bid be restructured so that each can be bid separately or combined. It will also be structured in a manner that will allow us to award or not award combined or

separately as we see fit. He said that he will have this completed by beginning of next week.

At the same time, we just received the bridge inspection report for the Sebasticook Street culverts. We did not receive the inspections of the other bridges/culverts.

11. George Street Water Main/Valve Project: On Thursday, May 3, 2018, the Pittsfield Water Works will be completing some work on the George and Elm Street Water Main/Valves. This will require the water to be shut off to ALL of George Street, Morrill Street, Elm Street and South Street as well as portions of Hartland Avenue, Somerset Avenue and School Street. As the water will be off for a period of time for work to be completed to the main and valve, this interruption of service will require a Boil Water Order. The Water/Sewer Department tried to hydro excavate a second valve at the Elm Street and George Street intersection that would have minimized the impact area for this project to just a couple of streets. Because of ground instability, this project has to be shut down for safety reasons. The excavated area was filled with stone and addressed with traffic cones to keep people from diving over the unstable area. The water main/valve project is planned to be a one day event. Both of the valves will be fixed. This week, the erosion problem at the culverts and road stability issue are also planned to be addressed with the Public Works Department.

12. Highway Purchases: The Public Works Foreman has a number of purchases coming up in the future:

An All American Disc that hooks onto the end of the grader blade to dig out ditches and can be used on both gravel and tar roads. This would help make the sides of the roads lower than the road and extend the lifespan of the pavement or gravel resurfacing.

New Sidewalk Plow – as there are major repairs coming up for the two sidewalk plows so he will be in later this year for the purchase of a newer plow that can more properly address having 3 or more major storms over 12". With the last couple of winters especially the 2017-2018 strange winter, a larger sidewalk plow would definitely help. There were too many storms too close together that led to too much accumulation that froze and then the sidewalks could not be easily cleaned. Interestingly enough, the sidewalk plow cut through some areas that were higher and deeper but could not get through other areas where there was less snow. It may also have something to do with how the snow was plowed back in addition to the width of the road. But with these types of storms and the age of the sidewalk plows requiring hefty repairs, a new sidewalk plow is the answer.

Some Plow trucks, etc. to take over a plowing route.

13. Request for Qualifications/Experience Statements for Airport Planning and Engineering Services:

This Request for Qualifications for Engineering Services was discussed at the last

Council Meeting. The requests are due on Friday, May 4, 2018 at 2:00 pm.

Once the proposals are received, the Airport Committee will be reviewing the proposals and making a recommendation to the Town Council for Engineering Services. This will take place in May – June, 2018.

History:

MDOT advised that it was time to issue a Request for Qualifications for Airport Planning and Engineering. Projects that the Town would be looking at which are listed on the approved Capital Improvement Plan are:

Design, Permitting and Construction of an 8 Bay Nested T-Hangar
Seal Coat and Pavement Markings

Hopefully we can work some snowplow equipment into this, but right now, a package of items must be ordered when the State goes out to bid rather than just items such as a wing, etc.

The requests are due on Friday, May 4, 2018 at 2:00 pm.

The RFQ is posted on the State's website, town's website and was forwarded to 44 airport consultants authorized to do business in the State of Maine on MDOT and FAA approved projects.

This is for the grant program in which the Town pays 5% of the cost of the grant project with MDOT paying 5% and the federal government 95%. The percentages have changed over the years as once in a while the State was unable to pay their 5% and the FAA used to pay 95%, but right now it is 5-5-90%, Town, State and Federal in that order.

14. Municipal Building Electricity and Heating Costs: The budget for the first year that we have full available costs for is 2003. The electricity budget for 2003 was \$13,470. The 2018 budget is \$9,677. This is a decrease of -\$3,793 or -28.2% for 15 years later. The fuel budget for 2003 was \$8,460. The 2018 budget for fuel is \$8,874. This is an increase of \$414 or 4.9% 15 years later. During this review, we did look at all of the departments and buildings. Over the 15 year period, we did find a building that has greatly increased heating costs so we will be looking into it (the Highway Budget's Heating cost has increased 92.7% so that will be reviewed.

15. Uncompensated Employee Time: At the last Council Meeting there was a question about the uncompensated balances for employee time that is a liability for the Town. The Town's audit is in progress for December 31, 2017 so we do not have confirmed figures.

The following is the information for December 31, 2016: The Town's overall liabilities as of December 31, 2016 for taxation were \$14,518,917. The Town's overall liabilities as of December 31, 2016 for business type activities was \$10,413,619. The Town's total liabilities were \$24,932,536. The employees accrued compensated absences cost totaled \$103,010 for government activities and \$13,575 for business type activities. The total

accrued balances were \$116,585. The accrued employee balance liability as a fraction is .004676 of the total liabilities. As a percentage, the decimal point is moved over 2 spaces so that the total accrued balances of the employees' time is .4676% or less than 1/2 of 1 % of the Town's total liabilities.

The Town is not required to budget for the uncompensated balances and does not as it would add to the taxpayer's bill. The Town Council has discussed this several times over the years and did not set a policy to budget for this liability. Rather the amount paid to the employee is charged to the budget as the leaving of employees is staggered over the years. The total available time that each employee can accrue under the Town's policies on the books since at least the 1980's is 30 weeks. We have 25 employees. Therefore, the amount of time that can accumulate under the Personnel Policy for the Town's positions is 750 weeks in total.

The total amount of time on the books as of 12/31/2016 was 204 weeks to be paid. The amount of time on the books as of 12/31/2017 was 236 weeks that would be paid. The time did increase. Over the winter, there is always a large use of utilized which is when many people go on vacation that will continue all year. So we are now seeing the time decrease as people use it up.

When I arrived in the early 2000's, this liability exceeded \$200,000, so it is lower now, however, like all items, needs to work on decreasing it.

16. Reminder of our Great Pittsfield Community Theatre's new Mission and Vision Statement:

MISSION STATEMENT APRIL 2018

Pittsfield Community Theatre is a municipally owned and operated community center providing affordable quality entertainment to the Greater Pittsfield Area.

VISION STATEMENT APRIL 2018

The Theatre's vision is that through enhancements and upgrades that every child and their family will discover their potential to make a difference in the world.

17. Theatre Fundraisers: The Theatre Committee will be holding several fundraisers beginning in May through this Summer to supplement the operational revenue. The first fundraiser is a Spaghetti dinner on March 5, 2018. READ Below.

18. Theatre Golden Ticket Sale: Although Christmas is over with, we still have the Theatre Golden Tickets that can be a gift or even for yourself: Purchase a book of 10 Gift Certificates at \$55.00. Come and enjoy the Pittsfield Community Theatre!

19. Date Night at the Theatre:

WED: DATE NITE: 2 ADMISSIONS+ 2 MED FOUNTAIN DRINKS+ 1 LARGE POPCORN FOR \$18 + SENIORS \$14.

20. Theatre Movie Line-Up:

April 27-May 3 Pacific Rim Uprising **PG-13**
Matinee Sunday, April 29 at 2 PM no evening movie

May 4-10 I Can Only Imagine **PG**
Matinee Sunday, May 6 at 2 PM no evening movie matinee Wednesday, May 9 at 10 AM also plays at 7:30 PM

May 5 Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser at the Elk's Lodge in Pittsfield, Maine from 4:30 PM -6:30 PM for the PITTSFIELD COMMUNITY THEATRE. Tickets are \$6 Adults \$4 for Children 12 and under. You may pick up tickets at the door the evening of the event or before at the PITTSFIELD COMMUNITY THEATRE, PITTSFIELD TOWN OFFICE, AND PITTSFIELD CREDIT UNION. Anyone that buys a ticket for the spaghetti dinner and shows it at the concession stand at the Pittsfield Community Theatre will receive a medium drink of his or her choice on the same evening as the dinner one per ticket.

There will not be a movie on Tuesday, May 8
May 8 MCI Jazz Concert free but will also be taking donations at the door.

May 11-17 Sherlock Gnomes **PG**
Matinee Sunday, May 13 at 2 PM no evening movie matinee Wednesday, May 16 at 10 AM also plays at 7:30 PM

May 18-24 Ready Player One **PG-13**
Matinee Sunday, May 20 at 2 PM no evening movie

May 25-31 Rampage **PG-13**
Matinee Sunday, May 27 at 2 PM no evening movie

June 1-7 Avengers: Infinity Wars **PG-13**
Matinee Sunday, June 3 at 2 PM no evening movie

21. Maine Venture Fund: A Match Made in Maine: A common theme among growing Maine companies is the difficulty in finding, attracting, and hiring talented employees. Some companies resort to hiring out-of-state remote workers and have even opened offices in Boston and beyond. This is certainly a drag on Maine's economic growth, and a complex problem with no one solution. However, one program, aimed squarely at this problem is making a difference – the Innovate for Maine Fellows Program.

The program's goal is to match talented college students with Maine's growing companies for an internship of 400, 200, or 100 hours over the course of a summer. Companies are selected for the program based on their interest in innovation, a desire for

scalable growth, and ability to provide fellows with a meaningful learning experience. Student interns must either be enrolled in a Maine-based college or be a Maine resident attending school outside of Maine. All selected fellows are expected to live in Maine and work on-site during the internship. The program is designed to add no extra burden to the companies. The Foster Center for Student Innovation at University of Maine handles all recruiting, screening, matching, payroll, and initial innovation and workplace training. This allows the company and paired fellow to focus on achieving workplace goals.

Several Maine Venture Fund portfolio companies have successfully used this program which had a number of students intern with them, many of whom have later been hired on full-time. Companies are finding what worked best for them was to have the interns work alongside employees on real-time problems, as opposed to having them focus on independent work projects.

22. Maine Municipal Association's Hometown Heroes: There was a nice article in the Maine Townsman that just came out describing the efforts of MMA to assist communities as there are vacancies throughout towns. At a meeting earlier this month, there were 124 towns represented and we were asked that towns raise their hands if they had vacancies. Almost everyone put up their hand – all but the really small towns where they have just a few people. We did become a part of that effort and are advertised for the Administrative Assistant's position.

JobLink, the State's free job service has located the error that resulted in the Town receiving strange applications. We had inputted the position details as well as pay. Our copies printed out and going in through the Employer tabs/section of the webpage showed everything as fine. In the job seekers section, the job had gone, as other positions, to a \$10.00 minimum wage. Therefore, that explained why we were getting unqualified candidates. That was discovered by Michael Shirley, who assists with the Regional Job Fair. Dana Hamilton, our other partner on the Regional Job Fair, has sent out the position to all of her contacts and former citizens to assist us.

The due date for the Administrative Assistant to the Town Manager position (which is basically to bring back the position that Vickie Braley held until 2011 when she moved and it was cut out) will close on Friday, May 4, 2018. There are several candidates to interview. Any Councilors interested in assisting in interviewing, please see me after the meeting so we can plan out date/s.

23. Somerset Cultural Plan: The [Wesserunsett Arts Council \(WesArts\)](#) is a regional nonprofit that works to build cultural connections in Somerset County through visual and performing arts, heritage, agriculture, education, and recreation and has been working with Skowhegan Main Street. The two groups were working on a strategic plan for raising awareness of cultural offerings, enhancing cultural education and creating cultural opportunities and experiences in Somerset County.

If any Councilors would like a full copy of the plan, I brought several to the meeting. HOP was going to review this plan at one of its meetings. The Council does request that each Town endorse the plan so if HOP is going to do it, that is fine or the Town can consider it. This is to help with grant applications.

24. Surplus Property Sale: Just a quick reminder that the Town's surplus equipment and vehicles as approved are out to bid with bids due to the Town Office by 5:00 pm on Friday, May 4, 2018. The bids will be secured in the safe and opened first thing Monday morning, May 7, 2018.

25. Greater Pittsfield Area Kiwanis Yearly Bike Rodeo will be held on Saturday, May 5, 2018 at 10 am: The Bike Rodeo has been here in Pittsfield for a couple of years so it now needs to move over to Newport. The rodeo will be held at Nokomis Regional High School. The event is educational, fun and there are prizes.

26. Dog Park Possibility: Last but not least, one of our Seniors at Maine Central Institute is working on her Senior Project. She is going to be proposing a Dog Park for the Town Farm property or another property depending upon cost and feasibility. The Town Farm property was proposed previously for a Dog Park in February-March of 2006. This project will be coming up in the near future.