

Update from the Stockton Springs Select Board - November 2016

The Holiday Season is approaching quickly and it doesn't appear that we'll be slowing down much, if at all. Summer flew by! Town Meeting in June went very well and all Articles were passed by our voters. We have chosen to remain with PERC to provide our solid waste services, and we continue to feel confident in our decision with each new piece of information we receive.

As many of you already know, Marnie Diffin passed away in late August of cancer. She stayed with us, working remotely during her treatment, and did her best to ensure that we would remain in good condition no matter what might occur. We have all been greatly saddened by her loss, yet at the same time inspired by her enthusiasm and dedication to our town. We have every intention to continue the great progress we've made in the relatively short time she was with us. Our staff has truly done a great job in providing additional support. We are now in search of a new town manager and hope to have negotiated a contract by the end of the month.

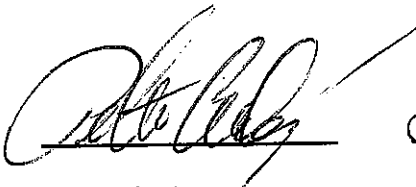
In the policy and ordinance departments, we have finally adopted a viable Harbor Boat Operation policy with the assistance of the Harbor Committee. We are now working on updating and expanding our Personnel policy. We are also working on a new Parking Ordinance, as we now have the information needed on Cape Docks Road and some new Ordinance specifications to consider when governing public parking 'downtown'. These new specifications will also help us determine our needs in that area, which is the first step in designing our plan to increase available public parking.

The Comprehensive Plan update is in the data collection stage. Currently we are updating numerical data ourselves and anticipate new geographical information from the State. We have requested a proposal for public wastewater treatment from the same engineering firm that provided the last one in 2007; however, this time the approach will be a segmented one, specifically designed for each area it would service, priced accordingly and with the option to add segments as appropriate. We understand this is a major topic of discussion and you will have the opportunity to give feedback at the Public Hearings that will be scheduled.

In the office, we now have our Complaint Policy and forms at the counter if you have a concern to report. Some bulletin board space in the entryway has been dedicated to a Recycled Building Materials contact list; if you have any kind of reusable building materials - even still in structure form - that you don't want, leave your contact info and a brief description on the list and hopefully another town resident or taxpayer will be in touch!

We are also pleased to report that the new flagpole has been erected at our Harbor. Take a trip over and spend a few moments in appreciation of our Harbor and our Country!

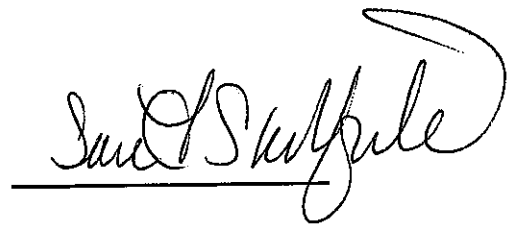
Happy Holidays to all,



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