

TOWN MANAGER'S MONTHLY REPORT

OCTOBER 2014

HELLO- to the Residents of Stockton:

I have been told that I can call the town "Stockton" and drop the "Springs" even though this is only my second week of working here. Hopefully that is true and that I will not be offending anyone.

My name is Damaris Diffin, though I go by a family nickname of "Marnie". The Select Board has hired me to assist them administering their policies and overseeing the procedures of the town. I have only lived in Maine since 1975, so I am not a true Mainer. I most recently worked for the Town of North Yarmouth, and before that the Town of Islesboro. I am happy to be "back on the coast" and will do my very best for this town's citizens and employees.

The Board has asked that I continue communicating with its residents in a direct manner. My predecessor, Rich Couch, used an e-mail format. I have chosen to use the Town's website. On a monthly basis, I will post a newsletter that you can "click on" to read. I believe that a Town's website is one of the most important communication devices that can be utilized. I will strive to keep the website current and attempt to make it easy to retrieve information from.

For the month of October, I would remind residents that:

- Paving: 1st-2nd-3rd- WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY Paving is happening on Town roads. Please be patient and respectful of the crews.
- Metal & White Goods Pickup : 4th- SATURDAY starting at 7:00 a.m. CURBSIDE
- Absentee Ballots: 6th- MONDAY May be available if the State has shipped them and they are received in the Town Office on time. Call in advance to verify their arrival.
- Revaluation Project Question/Answer Meeting: 8th-WEDNESDAY at 6:00 p.m. Come hear a discussion on the revaluation project and get your questions answered.
- November Candidates Forum: 16th-THURSDAY 6:30 p.m. at the UM Hutchinson Center. Sponsored by the Municipal Officials of Waldo County.

- EVERY THURSDAY: The Select Board meets every Thursday morning from 9 to noon in both workshop and regular meeting sessions. Please check the website for agendas.
- DONATIONS TO THE KEEP THE HEAT ON: These donations are tax deductible and provide benefits directly to residents of Stockton.
- ZUMBA is being sponsored by the Recreation Department. Wednesday from 5 to 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 to 10 a.m..

Enjoy the fall weather.

Marnie