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Town Manager – Raquel Welch-Day

Town Manager's Report 7/21/2026

Fiscal Year-End Closing
The fiscal year-end closing process was completed successfully. I would like to thank the office staff for their hard work and attention to detail in ensuring a smooth transition into the new fiscal year.

Welcome Fire Chief Dustin Berry
I would like to officially welcome Dustin Berry as the Town's new Fire Chief. We are excited to have him step into this leadership role and look forward to working with him as he continues to build upon the excellent service provided by our Fire Department.

Police Department Update
Although the Police Department recently experienced the departure of one officer, the department has continued to work diligently to ensure all shifts remain covered. Chief Goss and the officers have done an excellent job maintaining service levels while Chief Goss continues his recruitment efforts to fill the vacancy.

Maine Municipal Safety Grant Award
The Town was awarded a Maine Municipal Safety Grant to purchase three standing anti-fatigue mats and a new fire extinguisher for the Town Office. These improvements will enhance employee safety and workplace conditions at no cost to local taxpayers.

Housing opportunity Program Grant
The Town has also received a grant in the Amount of $10,000 to assist with updating our municipal ordinances. This funding will help ensure our ordinances remain current, legally compliant, and reflective of the community's needs while reducing the financial burden on taxpayers.

Department of Energy Grant Application
We are currently applying for a grant through the Department of Energy to participate in a pilot program that would provide the Town with access to an automated permitting system. If awarded, this technology would improve efficiency, streamline the permitting process, and enhance customer service for residents and contractors.

Annual Audit
Work has begun on the audit for the previous fiscal year. Completing the audit early in the budget cycle will provide the Board with accurate financial information and concrete figures as we begin preparing this year's municipal budget.

DMV Truck Registration Certification
I am pleased to announce that the Town Office staff has officially been certified by the Maine Bureau of Motor Vehicles as a Truck Registration Office. This certification allows our staff to

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process all truck registrations directly in the Town Office, eliminating the need for residents to travel to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles to complete these transactions.
This is another step forward in improving customer service and providing greater convenience for our residents. I would like to commend our office staff for the time and effort they invested in completing the required training and certification.
Great job, team!

Transfer Station Employment Opportunity
The Town continues to seek part-time employees for our Transfer Station. This is an excellent opportunity for individuals looking to serve the community in a flexible, part-time position.
If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Transfer Station Manager Jerry Sabins for more information.

Winter Road Maintenance Improvements
After reviewing our winter maintenance practices and consulting with our Road Foreman, I have decided that the Town will begin utilizing a liquid Ice Be Gone in our salt/sand mixture this coming winter. This method is widely used by municipalities throughout Maine and has proven successful in improving the effectiveness of winter road maintenance while reducing overall material usage and costs.

At a previous Board meeting, I incorrectly presented this purchase as an expenditure that would exceed the Town Manager's $5,000 spending authority. After further review, I recognize that I should not have presented the matter to the board.

My decision to move forward with this initiative is based on the expertise and recommendations of our Road Foreman, who brings many years of experience in winter road maintenance. This approach is intended to improve the condition and safety of our roads while reducing long-term costs to our taxpayers. I believe it is important to utilize the knowledge of our experienced staff when making operational decisions that benefit both the Town and its residents.

Current Road Projects
Gendron & Gendron is currently completing all tie-ins associated with this year's paving projects. Once the primary paving project has been completed and paid in full, it is my intention to seek bids for paving the remaining sections of Marsh Road and Park Street.

Our Public Works crew has been busy replacing culverts on Marsh Road while continuing roadside mowing, routine maintenance, and responding to the day-to-day projects and repairs that arise throughout the community.

Town Garage Improvements
All siding and insulation materials for the Town Garage have been purchased, and we are currently awaiting delivery. Once the materials arrive, the Public Works crew will begin the

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project, completing the work as time allows between their regular maintenance responsibilities and other ongoing projects.

I would like to thank our Public Works employees for their continued hard work and dedication. Their efforts to keep up with scheduled projects while responding to the daily needs of the community are greatly appreciated.

Treasurer Report as of Jul 14, 2026

Delinquent Taxes Outstanding through July 14, 2026

Delinquent Taxes Years	Principal Tax Due	Interest w/cost due	Total Tax Due	Accts
Taxes Outstanding:				
2020	257.38	214.89	472.27	1
2021	1,716.43	941.05	2,657.48	2
2022	2,001.75	735.78	2,737.53	2
2023	2,907.76	792.14	3,699.90	5
2024	9,128.18	2,670.31	11,798.49	13
2025	81,824.82	12,656.52	94,481.34	55
2026	252,056.84	15,091.51	267,148.35	124
Totals	349,893.16	33,102.20	382,995.36	

Delinquent taxes collected between 6.1.26 through 7.14.26

Principal:	186,738.96
Interest w/Cost	(1,617.13)
Total Delinquent Taxes Collected:	185,121.83

Police

We have been in full recruitment mode trying to find candidates for the vacant Officer positions. Officers have been getting out in front of all the yearly on-line training that is mandated. Several classes have been completed already. Every Law Enforcement Agency in Androscoggin County is in the process of converting to a new Records Management Software. Mid-way through June the conversion took place. It has come with many glitches but we are working to get things on track. The ability to generate reports about our daily activities has been hampered for the time being. Eventually we hope to be able to run those reports and generate statistics in a timely manner.

Upon receiving the report from Safety Works I went to work correcting the deficiencies that were noted for the police department. There was a total of 11 items that needed correction. 2 have already been completed. 6 are annual training related that every member of the department must take online classes. Some have already finished and others are working on it. Should be current within 30 days. 1 requires a policy wording change and the other 2 I will have wrapped up by 7/24/2026. The Police Department should be 100% in compliance by the end of July.

JUNE 2026 Calls for Service

Vehicle Stops:	47
Suspicious Person/Vehicle:	28
Wellbeing Check:	14
Assist other Agency:	8
Threatening:	1
Suspicious Condition:	11
Children Troubles:	4
Medical Incidents:	6
Accidents:	13
Property Site Check:	67
Other Criminal:	1
Other Non-Criminal:	1
Criminal Mischief:	1
Police Information:	7
Abandoned 911 Call:	10
Disabled Vehicle:	2
Neighbor Troubles:	4
Admin Paperwork:	5
Motor Vehicle Laws:	17
Alarm:	2
Weapons Offenses:	1
Disturbance / Disorderly:	8

Sabattus Fire

07/14/2026

For the month of June,

The department responded to 57 calls for service, 11 fire calls and 46 EMS calls

I held my first officer's meeting and had a productive meeting with the department's command structure.

We are looking to hire 2 new per diems to fill holes in the schedule.

Engine 2 was repaired and is no back in service.

We have started getting everyone trained on the Marine 1, who currently isn't trained. Starting with an online boater safety course and then an in house boat rescue training

I am in the process of scheduling a free UTV safety course through Maine Fire Service Institute. Class will be held either at the end of august or beginning of September, waiting for the instructor to confirm dates.

I have recently updated all of our mutual aid run cards and have started to revise the department SOG's.

Reviewed the department's span of control and cut one Lieutenant position. We will be filling the vacant Captain's position; this will help keep the integrity of the department's chain of command and span of control.

We will also be implementing monthly AED and Fire extinguisher at town buildings; this will satisfy Maine BLS requirements. I am finishing up creating the check lists for this.

Thank you

Dustin

Monthly Report for June 2026 Public Works.

This month at Public Works we have done the following.

We have begun roadside mowing. Street sweeping was completed.
Continued cold patching in a few problem areas that we hope to adopt into this years paving. Park street culverts changed and ditching . we added a cross culvert to drain a water issue that was a major problem.in this area. For whatever reason this cross pipe was taken out a few years ago. Everything looks good I commend the crew for an excellent job. I'm shooting for this fall to pave this road because of its very poor condition.

Dube Drive has all culverts changed we will finish up ditching very soon.
Gendron has been working on paving Furbush Rd , Fisher Farm Rd and Sutherland Pond Rd. This should be completed in a couple of weeks weather pending.

Webster Corner Rd was Ground and Graded base pavement in down. A little bit of clean up and finish pavement will follow shortly.

In our Mechanics Shop general maintenance on Police and Public works vehicles is on going. As you know our fleet is ageing but with the care our Mechanic does its keeps things going. I want to thank Jason for his continued great work. We as a Department are working every day to continue to move the Town of Sabattus in a positive direction for all.

Thank You,
Bob.

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June selectboard Report

1- 6 Recycling Cans Hauled 13 Tons

2 - 13 Demo Cans Hauled 41 Tons

3 - 4 Trash Cans Hauled 50 Tons

4- Grimmel Hauled 4 cans of metal

5 Freon removal from units 70 items

6 computers Tv,s bulbs removed from Transfer invoice in packet