# MANAGER'S REPORT

# April 1, 2013

#### **CONDEMNATION OF 9 GAMAGE**

We discussed the condemnation of 9 Gamage with Anne Torregrossa at Brann & Isaacson. She has an efficient process worked out based on her recent work for the City of Lewiston. The title search will be completed this week and we will start the required notifications to everyone with an interest in the property. When the results of the title search come back we will be able to lay out a more exact schedule but it will likely be ready for Council review near the end of April.

# **COMMISSIONERS' MEETING SCHEDULE**

# April through June 2013

Wednesday	April 3	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	April 17	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	May 1	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	May 15	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	June 5	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday	June 19	6:00 p.m.

## **NEW ENGINE STATUS**







# Riverside Drive Project

At the most recent ATRC (Androscoggin Technical Review Committee) Policy Committee the City of Auburn was tentatively approved for \$1.4 million on the reconstruction project of the Riverside Drive Project! These funds come from the balance of the Downeast Connector Earmark ATRC received in 2008. We expect the project to move forward this summer. Once I get confirmed dates you will be the first to know.

#### **Street Sweeping**

Auburn Public Works has begun their street sweeping efforts throughout the City. A detailed list of streets and their estimated start and end date can be found on the website. A press release was sent out as well.

## **Outlet Beach Study Presentation**

The consultant representing the Auburn Water District met with citizens, elected officials and staff to go over their recommendations for the future use of the Outlet Beach area. We expect to work with City Council on the options outlined by the consultant.

#### <u>Librarian Interviews</u>

The Board of Directors has narrowed their search for Lynn Lockwood's replacement down to 7 candidates. Those candidates will be interviewed in the next few weeks. I or my designee will be involved in the interviews. I look forward to working with the Board on making sure Lynn's ultimate replacement keeps the momentum she created and keep our Library the premiere Library in New England.

#### Ice Arena Manager

We received over 20 resumes from highly qualified candidates across the country to become our Ice Arena Manager. I expect to start the interview process in the coming weeks. We hope to have a new manager hired by May 1<sup>st</sup> and start at the beginning of the FY.

#### Great Falls TV

At the direction of the Joint City Councils of Auburn and Lewiston, both Auburn and Lewiston City administrations have sought legal counsel to begin developing an inter-local agreement and board bylaws so that both Cities are protected from any unforeseen issues/questions that might arise. We have operated over the last 13 years without an agreement and it is time we develop an agreement that is satisfactory to both Cities.

#### **Natural Gas Installation**

Derek Boulanger, Auburn's Facility Manager and Purchasing Agent, has been working with our local natural gas vendor to get that commodity into our Public Works facility, Pettingill Park and Central Station. Construction is scheduled to begin this summer construction season.

#### **Budget/CIP Presentations**

Department Directors, Jill Eastman and I will begin our budget presentations to City Council starting April 8<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to a positive experience working with City Council and the public.