

MANAGER'S REPORT

December 3, 2012

Twin Rink Ice Arena

The Thanksgiving Holiday fell in-between the last update. As a result the process is much the same. I expect at least one meeting in early December to outline design progress.

The update process will continue to provide information and updates to progress throughout the project.

On December 5th I will be visiting regional facilities comparable to the one being built in Auburn with Director Ravi Sharma.

Council Schedule

The schedule remains as drafted and a new one will be provided in January. The date of the joint meeting is still be discussed with Lewiston and will be provided as soon as it is available.

Court St. Parking Area

Staff had been working with the Chapman House for a parking lot layout and design. The process is stalled due to design issues that wouldn't meet safety standards. I am hopeful that more work will occur but at this point a break from planning and negotiations seems best.

Joint Purchasing Policy

The work of the Audit Committee is going well. A draft policy has been reviewed and the committee intends to have it before the joint meeting of the School Committee and Council in January.

Branding and Regional Image

The Chamber of Commerce has requested a staff and Councilor appointment to a subcommittee to further the efforts to create a regional image for the Auburn and Lewiston Area.

Council Goal Setting

Carole Martin is the facilitator I have hired to work with the Council and I to have a 6 hour goal setting meeting on January 5, 2013. This will be from 9:00 am to 3:00 at Central Maine Community College. I have been exchanging information and laying out a format for the meeting. Details will be made available but the primary responsibility of the Council is come prepared with ideas and an open mind.

Athletic Fields Plan

The Council's indication to lead in to a Recreational Master Plan with athletic fields first led to some staff research. Other communities do this but many from a services perspective. I am working with staff to do this process from an inventory of regional assets, review of uses, and summary of met or unmet needs. With this information the staff and Council can develop a direction and plan.

Open Items from Public

None.