



## TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

August 25, 2025

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Reporting Period: August 12 to August 25, 2025

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#### **Maine Town & City Manager Association's (MTCMA) Annual New England Management Institute 8/13 -8/15 Maine Municipal Association (MMA) Convention 10/8 and 10/9**

Excellent conference and sessions this year including legislative updates, capital planning, keynote speakers on leadership, etc. Next conference is the Maine Municipal Association Convention on October 8 and 9th at the Bangor Cross Center. Board members, please let me know if you would like to attend by September 1st.

#### **TRIO Site Visit-Allison Whelchel**

Allison visited from South Carolina to talk with employees using TRIO software. TRIO will also be at the MMA Convention this year. I am being copied on open tickets from TRIO as they are being worked on for employees questions and requests for support. It seems at this time that the company is taking a more active role in mitigating issues. One of the major discussions with Allison was regarding lack of communication, which is something the company is hearing from many of their clients and are trying to improve.

#### **Women in Local Government (WLG) -MMA Meeting**

I have had a few meetings with MMA representing the various affiliate boards that I serve on. MMA is implementing a new fee structure for all 13 of their affiliate groups, representing nearly every industry within local government from managers and assessors to clerks and firefighters. The fee increase is substantial and affiliate groups are looking at ways to reduce the costs of member services to these affiliate groups.

#### **Maine Trails Program Grant**

Assisted John Fancy with the grant application for the Maine Trails Program.

#### **Legislative Policy Committee (LPC) Tax Reform Group**

The LPC Tax Reform Group met and will be compiling information on behalf of municipalities in preparation for the Real Estate Property Tax Relief Task Force work. The Task Force, established by LD 1770, was an emergency measure passed by the Maine Legislature. The Task Force is to study and recommend ways to alleviate property taxes and improve relief programs. The group is to report back in December to the Legislature.

#### **Stump Dump Meeting & Agenda Setting**

#### **Mediation and the Art of Conflict Transformation-University of Maine Orono 8/20 to 8/22**

#### **Upcoming Dates:**

Upcoming Dates–	Summer Send Off Event– Saturday, August 30th 1-5pm, Behind the Block
	Thrive in Thomaston Meeting– Monday, September 15th from 5-7pm, Watts Hall
	New Resident's Night-Wednesday, September 24th 5-7pm (TBD), Lura Libby Rm