



**City Manager's Report
May 23, 2022**

Economic Projects

River Front - Powerplants	County Environmental Engineering sent a link to final reports this week.
Broadband Initiative	No new updates
CDBG	2019 CDBG Transportation Grant in partnership with Cary Medical Center and the Center for the Advancement of Rural Living (CARL) was extended to 06/30/2023.
Ogren Dump Solar Project	No new updates
Events and Marketing	Thursdays on Sweden begins on June 2 with live entertainment by "No Pressure" and Northern Maine Brewing Company will be hosting the on-site, newly improved beer garden. Spring Run-Off and City-Wide Yard Sale was a success.
Landbank	Per CEO Murchison, legislation was passed without Governor Mills' signature
Chapter 13 Rewrite	Work in progress
Federal American Rescue Plan Act	No new updates
Blight Cleanup	37 Home Farm Road has been torn down. The foundation could not be salvaged. Will move forward with the Dangerous Buildings process. Now moving on to other blighted properties.
Birdseye Cleanup	No new updates
60 Access Highway	The final resolution to question of rent and utilities received was presented on the manager's report at May 9 meeting.
River Front - Master Plan	Staff applied for Libra Foundation grant.
Façade Improvement Program	Condon signs has been in touch with CEO about Rossignol Performance Fitness sign.
Aldrich ATV/Snowmobile Storage	No new updates
Jarosz Storage - Limestone St	No new updates
Business Outreach	Working on tourism focused economic development projects, seeking grants. Had a conference call this week with two local marketing firms. Registered for the ICSC New England event in Boston in July.

Other Administrative Projects

Tax Acquired Property Policy	Interest in a tax-acquired property on Water Street in on the agenda tonight.
Nylander	On the agenda for discussion at tonight's meeting.
Fire Structural Work	A representative from Kevin Smith inspected the roof areas where leaks were observed.
Fire Station Renovations	No new updates
Police Station	There will be a vote on the June ballot.
River Road	Received a phone call from Dr. Carla Chomka, looking for an update.
Investment Policy	Certificates of Deposit were renewed for six months.
Trailer Park Closure	Public Works has been working to clear mobile homes. Three families still in the park. Staff is working with Attorney Solman on next steps.
Fish Hatchery Bridge	Staff met with the new MeDOT road commissioner & MeDOT rail freight representative on site for a tour and discussion on City Council and citizen concerns.
Cable Franchise Renewal	No new updates
Airport	Working to set up a meeting of the citizen Airport Advisory Committee
Personnel Policy	No new updates
Procurement Policy	No new updates
New LED Street lights	The online tool is back online.
Comp Plan Update	No new updates
COVID-19 Status	COVID-19 community levels still high in Aroostook County
Administrative Approvals	No new updates
Personnel Changes	No new updates
Age-Friendly Efforts	No new updates
Other Updates	Look for the City Booth at Thursdays on Sweden Street starting June 2!