



**City Manager's Report
June 13, 2022**

Economic Projects

River Front - Powerplants	No new updates
Broadband Initiative	Consolidated reached out with information about their County build out project. Melinda from Charter / Spectrum also called to see if the City had made a decision on a broadband solution. Charter / Spectrum is still available to work on a "last mile solution" and will also work with the City on grant funding.
CDBG	DECD sent the paperwork on C&J Service Center application invitation to "the wrong address" so we lost several weeks. Luckily, Graham Warne from NMDC is working on it and the City Council will hold a public hearing at a special meeting June 22 @ 6:00 pm.
Ogren Dump Solar Project	No new updates
Events and Marketing	Thursdays on Sweden begins on June 16 with live entertainment by "Trish King Music" and the Par & Grill will be hosting in the beer garden. There were a lot of food vendors June 2 so come hungry!
Landbank	No new updates
Chapter 13 Rewrite	Work in progress
Federal American Rescue Plan Act	The County Commissioners will meet on June 14th to review the ARPA grant applications. Communities will be notified after decisions are finalized.
Blight Cleanup	Asbestos testing has been done at several tax acquired properties. Removal of buildings will start this week.
Birdseye Cleanup	No new updates
60 Access Highway	No new updates
River Front - Master Plan	No new updates
Façade Improvement Program	No new updates
Aldrich ATV/Snowmobile Storage	No new updates
Jarosz Storage - Limestone St	No new updates
Business Outreach	The City of Caribou was awarded a \$10,000 Tourism Marketing Grant from the Maine Office of Tourism. We will be working with local contractors and Jacob Pelkey from Aroostook County Tourism. More details to follow.

Other Administrative Projects

Tax Acquired Property Policy	Two properties on tonight's agenda
Nylander	No new updates
Fire Structural Work	No new updates
Fire Station Renovations	No new updates
Police Station	There will be a vote for the new station tomorrow. Our Congressionally Directed Spending request from Senator Collins' office was approved for \$2.5 million. More details to follow.
River Road	No new updates
Investment Policy	Investment Committee met and discussed the Credit Enhancement Agreement process. More information will be provided.
Trailer Park Closure	Three families remain.
Fish Hatchery Bridge	No new updates
Cable Franchise Renewal	No new updates
Airport	I have been contacted by an Aircraft mechanic that will be visiting Caribou later this summer.
Personnel Policy	No new updates
Procurement Policy	No new updates
New LED Street lights	Had several conversations about the street lights that were on the list to be illuminated. RL Todd is going out now that Versant's portion of the work has been completed.
Comp Plan Update	Great discussion about the 2024 Comprehensive Plan at the Thursday Planning Board meeting
COVID-19 Status	no new updates
Administrative Approvals	Caribou Country Club Liquor & Special Amusement License / Par & Grill Liquor & Special Amusement license approved
Personnel Changes	Kathy Adams has been hired for the Executive Office Coordinator
Age-Friendly Efforts	No new updates
Other Updates	No new updates