

City Manager's Report September 13, 2022

Economic Projects

River Front - Powerplants	CEO and city manager have had discussions with DEP and EPA about obtaining help/funding to contain and dispose of hazards at this site. More information to come.
Broadband Initiative	On tonight's agenda
CDBG	The CDBG for "Caribou Area Ride Service" (CARS) is now back on track. 2022 CDBG for C&J Service has moved to next stage.
Ogren Dump Solar Project	No new updates
Events and Marketing	Caribou Craft Fair is October 15 & 16. Working on Small Business Saturday details. Dates are set for 2023 Thursdays on Sweden Street: June 1, 15 & 29; July 13 & 27; August 10. Caribou Cares About Kids will be July 27 - 30, 2023.
Landbank	No new updates
Chapter 13 Rewrite	Planning Board is working on the Land Use Table, next workshop 9/22
Federal American Rescue Plan Act	No new updates
Blight Cleanup	CEO has sent out numerous violations
Birdseye Cleanup	No new updates
60 Access Highway	No new updates
River Front - Master Plan	Next meeting is September 20
Façade Improvement Program	Fall application period is now open. Applications need to be returned by September 30, 2022 at 4:30 pm.
Aldrich ATV/Snowmobile Storage	No new updates
Jarosz Storage - Limestone St	Cold storage building is up
Business Outreach	The city manager met with the (soon-to-be) new owners of the Caribou Inn and Convention Center this week. This will be a great project.

	Other Administrative Projects
Tax Acquired Property Policy	No new updates
Nylander	No new updates
Fire Structural Work	No new updates
Fire Station Renovations	Need to get engineering work done for heat & ventilation system. Siemen's interested in looking at the work.
Police Station	Chief Gahagan and the city manager will be attending a IACP training about the planning, designing, funding and constructing the new facility. We will be learning from the experts and touring three recently constructed facilities.
River Road	River road is now paved, still one way traffic in the affected area
Investment Policy	No new updates
Trailer Park Closure	September 1 marked the date when rent would be reinstated for those living at the mobile home park
Fish Hatchery Bridge	Project underway with DEP to promote the fishway. Local contractor Soderberg Construction is doing the work.
Cable Franchise Renewal	No new updates
Airport	No new updates
Personnel Policy	No new updates
New LED Street lights	No new updates
Comp Plan Update	Planning Board has established committees for working on the 2024 Comprehensive Plan. There will be a kick-off for the public in October.
COVID-19 Status	No new updates
Administrative Approvals	There needs to be a public hearing for the new owner of Caribou Inn and Convention Center at the next meeting.
Personnel Changes	The Public Works department is advertising for 2 truck drivers and a mechanic after recent resignations.
Age-Friendly Efforts	Looking for volunteers to help with the senior sand bucket program
Other Updates	Local businessmen Mark & Mike Nadeau of Mark's Towing Service were recently honored with the Order of Towman by American Towman magazine. They were nominated by Caribou Fire Chief Scott Susi.