

FROM: Bill Lawrence, Town Manager  
DATE: September 15, 2017  
TO: Board of Selectmen  
SUBJECT: Manager's Report

**Ambulance Service** responded to 33 emergency calls for the month of August. The revenue was \$5,486 for the month of August. The ambulance was relicensed by the State of Maine to respond to emergency calls. The license is renewed annually. Their training last month was on respiratory fitness.

**Maine Municipal Association Risk Management Service** sent us a dividend check for \$2,838.00. To earn the check you must have a loss ratio of 50% less for the qualifying year. Cost savings are realized for members who participate in both Property and Casualty Pool and the Workers Compensation Fund.

**Safety Meeting** was held this week. There were no incidents or accidents to review since the last meeting. MMA Safety Grants were discussed. The broken flag pole at the ball field will be fixed and the broken windows at the concession stands have been fixed.

**DEP Meeting** occurred at the Woolen Mill Park on Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. to discuss the river bank along the St. George River next to the Park. The bank has not been mowed. There are people would like to see it mowed so the fence can be more visible. DEP looked at the bank and said it was a perfect buffer for erosion control and said we could not mow the bank. He also believes it provides safety for people not to go down the bank, slip and fall. He will allow small tree cuts for current maintenance issues. He also thought the decorative art could be moved up into the park so it would be in better view. He also recommended as a compromise planting low growing shrubs in front of the Gate to keep the grass down but provide erosion control.

**Recreation Department News:** It was sad to hear from John Leach this week that the adult volleyball program is no longer wanted at RSU 40. I have been informed due to changing their lighting system that all weekend recreation programs will be impossible to hold there since the volunteer coaches and John will not have access to the light switches. I spoke with Steve Nolan hoping to resolve the issue this week. That did not happen. John Leach and I will be meeting with them at the central office on Monday in hopes of leaving there with the results of resuming all programs as is. If not, plan B will be the next step. There have been claims from RSU that damages have occurred, doors left open and lights left on. Our records indicate that we have paid for any damages brought to our attention and the Recreation Department Fundraising account paid for the hardwood floors in the gym. For the past 16 months that I have been here, the RSU has never made me aware of any of these issues until I called them. I have always had a good relationships with the school systems but we are on shaky ground with this one. I have explained the situation to the Board of Selectmen and will be attending the next School Board Meeting in Friendship on September 21<sup>st</sup>. This item should be on the agenda.