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MEMORANDUM

To : Town Council
From : Anthony T. Plante, Town Manager
Date : April 20, 2017
Re : Town Manager's Report

Schedule.

M	April 24	6:00 p.m.	Finance Committee Meeting
T	April 25	7:00 p.m.	Council Meeting
Th	April 27	6:00 p.m.	Finance Committee Meeting (if needed)
F	April 28	6:00 p.m.	Volunteer Recognition Reception Windham Veterans Center
T	May 2	7:00 p.m.	Council Meeting
T	May 9	7:00 p.m.	Council Meeting
T	May 16	7:00 p.m.	Council Meeting
T	May 23	7:00 p.m.	Council Meeting
M	May 29		Offices Closed (Memorial Day)

Scheduling Notes.

Joint Project Team.

The maintenance facility joint project team met on April 13, 2017 to continue its work, and is setting up tours of facilities in Gorham and Westbrook with meeting date(s) to be announced.

Finance Committee Meeting Schedule.

The Finance Committee's remaining meetings are:

Monday, April 24, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Deliberations . part I

Thursday, April 27, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (if needed)

Deliberations . part II

Report.

Envac Optibag.

The first week of this month I was part of a six member group from ecomaine that toured several waste processing facilities in Norway and Sweden. The main purpose was to see optical bag sorting equipment from Envac Optibag (www.optibag.com) in action for waste collection programs collecting source-separated food waste as a separate fraction of the waste stream.

At Tuesday night's meeting I plan to share some photos, video, thoughts, and observations on what we saw and learned, and how that might inform what Windham and other **ecomaine** communities might do with food waste in the future. You may have seen recent news stories about a food waste pilot program in South Portland and Scarborough

Mobile App, Web Site Refresh/Redesign.

As a follow up to Tuesday night's discussion, we are working to set up a phone meeting with our account representative at CivicPlus. Their mobile app, as I said, is tightly integrated with the web platform, but we want to explore the full range of functionality to make sure it addresses what we discussed.

Tower 3.

Over the last few weeks I have reported several times on progress in the repair and return to service of this piece of fire apparatus shared with the Town of Gorham. In the process of training personnel preparing for the truck to return to service, we found other repairs that needed to be done, but they were not significant. Over the last couple of days, however, a more serious issue has been identified. The swivel beneath the turntable that carries the aerial has failed. The estimated cost to repair it is about \$20,000.

While we were still waiting for Tower 3 to be repaired at E-One's facility in Ocala, Florida I had some conversations with Chief Libby and, separately, Council leadership about the truck's future replacement and whether we might get to a point of simply taking it out of service indefinitely rather than pour more money into costly repairs. With the revelation of this most recent repair issue, I have asked Chief Libby to set up a meeting for us

and our counterparts in Gorham. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the response implications of not having Tower 3 . which we have now not had for about a year . whether to repair it and put it back in service, and whether (and with what) to replace it, currently in our capital equipment replacement plan for 2021.

Please refer to the attached projects and issues list and individual project sheets, and let me know if you have any questions.