

## **Administrator's Report**

**August 13, 2013**

The areas and issues on which we have been working are:

- Legislative Initiatives – Property Tax and Dock Exemptions
- Preparatory information and advisories - Budget
- DNR – Dock and Pier Issues
- Harbor Improvement Project
- Administrative Issues Related to Board and Committee Staffing
- Interview and Recommend New Town Clerk
- Airport Issues – Lighting and Tie-Down Fees
- Public Outreach and Communication

**Legislative:** Working with our legislative delegation we will be introducing the Property Tax Exemption legislation in September – the Administrator will be in Madison to work the legislature prior to committee hearings and floor consideration. In addition we are formulating legislation which will exempt Madeline Island from both administrative and internal rules relating to the on-again, off-again bar to solid crib, rock-filled dock structures.

**Budget:** Issuing advisories to department heads and committees regarding consideration of any capital projects that may be anticipated or planned for the upcoming budget cycle. The AA has produced a reasonable and workable schedule of preliminary screenings, budget workshops and preparation of the final budget.

**DNR:** Working with the DNR to understand what has, to date, been an incomprehensible decision making matrix related to docks and piers. It relates to the legislative initiative discussed above.

**Harbor Improvement:** Met with JJR and the DNR regarding the potential and purpose of a substantial grant which can be used for the fishing pier and anchorage components of the Harbor Improvement Project. The Harbor Committee was favorably disposed to pursue the grant – the preparation of which would be covered by available and existing budget funds. There are some riparian rights issues to be settled prior to a final decision.

**Outreach:** We have worked continually and diligently to ensure the administration and departments are available and user-friendly. We expend some time, every day, discussion issues, ideas, problems and opportunities with members of the business community and public – both year-round and seasonal. The input from those discussions has been invaluable to adjusting proposals or the development of new proposals that meet the needs of our community – either resolving conflict or building new opportunities