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FROM: Kevin L. Sutherland, Town Manager
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RE: Town Manager Report

Paving on Academy Hill Road

Our Public Works Department will be working on another section of paving along Academy Hill Road this week. The work will be near Kavanagh Road. Please plan accordingly.

January 10th and 13th Federal Declared Storms

A Disaster Survivor Assistance Team and a Small Business Association Disaster Assistance Team will be at the Newcastle Town Office (4 Pump St, Newcastle) April 25-26. Homeowners, renters, businesses, and non-profit organizations who have yet to apply, who live in Cumberland, Hancock, Knox, Lincoln, Sagadahoc, Waldo, Washington, or York counties, and who suffered damage from the severe storms and flooding that took place January 9-13 can apply for FEMA assistance. You can go online to DisasterAssistance.gov, download the FEMA App for mobile devices, or call toll-free 800-621-3362; no appointments are necessary – just stop by anytime during the hours of 9 am to 5 pm.

Upcoming Agenda Items

Item 10 on the Select Board Agenda is a list of items staff hope to bring to your attention at a future meeting. This section of the Manager's Report tries to provide some initial background information to that list.

Fish Ladder Agreement

In summer of 2023, the Select Board met with Newcastle's representative to the Damariscotta Mills Fish Ladder Restoration Committee to begin discussions on an interlocal agreement. There seems to be some reluctance to formalize anything at the moment. Jim and I are still working toward a solution. A more comprehensive update is still pending.

Ground Lease Agreement

This item is related to the conversation we had on [November 13th](#) about the potential for a Cell Tower on our landfill. Just keeping this on the near-term list as we work through details with legal.

Harbor Management Ordinance

This item was discussed in a joint workshop with Damariscotta in mid-January. We're just waiting to get through the budget process to begin reviewing the suggested changes for a late summer/early fall goal of a Joint Special Town Meeting to address this Ordinance and hopefully any changes to the Shellfish Conservation Ordinance.