

Manager's Report

Board of Selectman Meeting

June 20, 2019

First item tonight is one I think most people are aware of, based on the news coverage yesterday. There was an incident here in Topsham where a young child was bitten by a dog. The child had to be transported to Portland, and Life Flight was called, but due to foggy weather in Portland, the child and the Life Flight crew were actually transported to Portland in one of our ambulances.

I received notice today from the Police Chief that the child has been treated and released from the hospital, and is home, and that the investigation is closed.

On a lighter note, as has been reported, the Topsham Public Library was the recipient of a very large bequest from Janice Solomon. To honor that donation, the Library Board has announced that starting on Monday, July 1, it will begin a three-year experimental effort of opening on Mondays, 9 am to 5 pm. The Library will then monitor activity to see it warrants continuing Monday hours beyond the three-year trial period.

Also from the Library, the Summer Reading Program has started. Stop by and find out how you can participate.

Many of you have no doubt seen the new displays about recycling – either at Town Hall or at the Solid Waste Facility. Changes in what we take, and how we take it, are underway to adapt to new market conditions. In addition to the new displays and brochures, there will on-site training at different times over the next couple of weeks, to make sure all residents have a chance to learn, hands on, about the new standards. Lastly, Mt. Ararat HS Visual Arts students have put together a video on the new standards. That is currently on the Solid Waste facilities YouTube station, it will soon be posted on our web page and will run periodically on Channel 3.

Lastly, this July, the Town's contractor, Crooker Construction, will begin work on replacing a culvert under River Road. While the work will begin the latter half of July, there will be a closure that the Board will be discussing this evening. It is currently estimated to be 5 days, but the actual length will be discussed later this evening by the Board. As the date draws near, there will be plenty of notice, including signage, on-line, and via social media to get the word out.