



Town of Island Falls

Growing Into Modern Times

On a Positive Note – The Proposed Sewer System

We are continuously reminded that the Mattawamkeag River is now Class-A water. Noticeable contaminants have been recorded in recent water samples. There is significant interest in introducing migrating fish species into Mattawamkeag Lake. Should the Town attempt to promote economic development, we Selectmen believe a municipal sewer system is certain to be mandated.

Advantages to the system:

- Economic growth with opportunities to attract new businesses and entrepreneurs
- Spur investments
- Attract government funds not only for this project but for future development efforts
- Expand the property tax base which will reduce individual taxes while maintaining services
- Increase opportunities for grants from private grant organizations
- Increased property values of existing homes
- Reduces minimum required lot size for development
- Allows development of currently abandoned buildings into multi-family units and/or business
- Potential to revitalize our downtown
- Provides growth opportunities for residential and businesses
 - Motel
 - Convenience store
 - Restaurants
 - Small businesses

Island Falls already has several attributes which adjacent communities lack, making our Town attractive as a tourist destination and for business growth opportunities. Renovation starts with the infrastructure.

- I-95 access
- Rail access
- Recreational opportunities
 - Fishing
 - Hunting
 - Boating
 - Snow sledding
 - 4-wheeling
 - Camping

- Golf
- Hiking
- Biking
- Cross-country skiing
- 2 lakes
- River going through town
- Theodore Roosevelt connection
- Historical buildings

Being part of the Katahdin Region, having the National Monument in our area, being so close to Baxter State Park, having an International designated Dark Sky Sanctuary close by – all these attributes are working in our favor.

These are huge economic opportunities that we should take advantage of. And the Board feels that we must start preparing now. Every step of financial approval must be made by the Town residents. All of us must decide how we approach the future.

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