

Director's Report September 2026

Good vibes

A visitor from over the summer called the library this week and told me she is very impressed with our cozy library and wondered if she could check out things.

- Since the water has been installed, we did have a new pinhole leak in a bathroom faucet line. Plumber had warned that might happen with the new higher water pressure on older pipes. The pressure reducing valve has since been added by HAWC and will prevent any future higher water pressure concerns.
- Electric bill is 3.2% lower than same time last year! Again proof the ac update and insulation project is making a difference.
- Furnaces have been cleaned again to prepare for the winter. Good news is they look healthy, said Palmer and only needed a small repair part. Cost was higher than last year for maintenance by about \$200 though.
- I've been preparing for the tank removal in November and the staff will be working on some take home crafts and activities for patrons while we are closed that week.
- Our annual Libby contribution will be \$6016, as of right now.
- Second water bill came in at \$189 for 4 weeks. Last month's did include the initial \$160 set up fee.
- Friends very kindly paid for the new water leak sensors connected to the fire panel and to help protect the basement in case of leaks. We will pay for the labor to install.
- I attended the sales presentation meeting for potential new payroll and financial management software for the town. The future product they choose will allow me to log in and prepare time sheets online and staff to receive paystubs via email. This will save many hours for town admin and for me.
- Preparing to send out draft budget to Town Administrator before 9/25. First meeting with Select Board and Budget Committee will be 6 pm on Oct 7.
- Working on reviews for 2 staff in the past month and Megan completed the reviews for the pages.
- Sprinkler system annual review showed needed repairs. I'm discussing with them to see if some can wait until next year, since we've already spent a lot on building maintenance so far in 2026.