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To: Ryan McGee, Interim Town Manager

From: Ross Cunningham, Director, ECD

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It has been a very busy month here at ECD. I was thrilled to be involved with the ATV trails access project, the cannabis steering committee and the Worumbo waterfront project. All three of these projects are in their approval stages and should be warped up in the next meeting or two. I have submitted the resiliency grant for the Worumbo site and we are waiting to hear results. We have filed the “crossing application” with DOT that will allow us to install the safety lighting that was recently approved by the Council.

I attended a meeting of the Maine Real Estate Developers and a monthly L/A Metro chamber breakfast which highlighted Springworks Farms. Additionally, I attended ribbon cuttings in Topsham with the Bath Brunswick Chamber as they opened The Cheesy Skillett and Smitty’s Game Lab. These were all valuable networking opportunities and provided new contacts that can help us grow in Lisbon.

One of those contacts was with the Maine Career center and extremely timely. I had just spoken with Brock Enterprises who has moved in on Capital Ave and they were extremely concerned about workforce. I arranged a group zoom with their headquarters in Texas and the State offices of the Maine Career center who provided Brock with countless resources to increase their visibility and get their staffing levels to where they need to be.

I continue to work on the banner project and should be wrapping that up in the next 2 weeks with banners being installed in November. We are entering the window for Brownfields grant submittal. It is our intention to submit for an assessment grant again this year. The deadline for submittal is Nov 22nd. I am working on that and plan to have it finished by mid-November.

I was thrilled to be included in the ceremony for the groundbreaking of the Upper Dam removal. This project brought some key players to the area and increased our visibility with our Federal Representatives. I also held an event that invited the public to meet with me and chat about any issues that they wished. Finally, we hosted our first “Drinks with Neighbors” event that invited members of the LA Metro Chamber and members of the Bath Brunswick Regional Chamber to come to Lisbon and meet business leaders at a catered event at Olive pit. We had a fantastic turnout and hope to do this again on an annual basis.



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I continue to work to bring new business to Lisbon and have several projects in development that I expect to not only add to our economic base, but will also serve to beautify some outdated properties in town.

This past month I had the honor of holding a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Sippy Cup Consignment. Her new location is working out extremely well.





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Remaining in October, there are multiple events planned. Our businesses are hosting 3 events:

Olive pit, along with PCL is hosting an Oktoberfest on October 14th on Main St.

Franks, along with PCL is hosting a Halloween party on October 28th on Main St.

PCL will be hosting the annual Harvest Festival on October 29th at MTM Park.

I will be hosting another Business Breakfast on Oct 26th at Little River Coffee.

Respectfully,

Ross H. Cunningham