

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT
TUESDAY
MAY 28, 2013

Fiscal Report: As of May 20^t we were at a 92% tax collection rate at this point. Each year we remind taxpayers to make their payments on time to avoid the notices of delinquency. Our regular collection rate is between 95-97%. Our cash position in the bank as o this same date was \$4.7M. Remember this has to carry us until the August 15th collection of the first quarter taxes for Fiscal Year 2014.

I will be transferring the Timber Harvest revenues which are in a trust fund through Norway Savings Bank to the Vanguard investment firm after execution of our investment agreement.

Pavement Report: The State Department of Transportation has confirmed their "light pavement" bid award was made to Pike Industries of Fairfield Maine. This is part of the work they plan on doing this summer in the area including Bridgton.

Personnel: The Town has started its search for a replacement recreation director in light of Tom's letter of resignation. I will be using an interview committee consisting of our Executive Assistant, a citizen, a member of the recreation programs user group, a member of the Select Board and myself. We will commence the applications review during the week of June 13th with the first round of selected interviews during the week of June 17th. The goal is to have a person start their work before the end of August, 2013.

Recognition BBQ for Volunteers and Employees: Thanks to the committee work of Anne, Georgiann and Laurie, the key elements of the June 4th BBQ are coming together nicely. The event, the first of what we hope will be an annual recognition; will be held this year at Camp Wildwood from 3-6 PM. With the Select Board members acting as the cooks, this should be an enjoyable, delicious and memorable occasion. The event is planned regardless of the weather since Camp Wildwood is also making available their indoor facility.

Recycling Promotion: The Recycling Committee has started the new promotion for encouraging more recycling in Bridgton. R-bucks are being randomly handed out at the transfer station to people in the act of recycling. We remind everyone that recycling saves you tax dollars and helps the environment.

Reminder: The Town wide elections are being held on June 11, 2013 from 8-8PM at the Town Hall on North High Street. This is the first part of the two day "Town Meeting" with the actual town meeting to be held on Wednesday, June 12th at 7:00 PM at the town hall. Registered voters are encouraged to participate in both days. The Town's budget is subject to the town meeting voters on June 12th.

Respectfully Submitted,
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Town Manager

