

Town Manager's Report

Tuesday- October 23, 2012

**Tax Foreclosure Bids:** The Town is accepting sealed bids for the three properties that are up for sale as a result of the tax foreclosure process. The deadline to receive the sealed bids is October 31<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 PM.

**Used Equipment and Vehicle Bids:** The Town will accept sealed bids for the four items that are up for sale. One backhoe and three vehicles are available for inspection at the Public Works Garage on Willett Road. The deadline to receive the sealed bids is November 8, 2012 at 10:00 AM.

**Police Department Bullet Proof Vest Grant:** Chief Schofield has a notice of the grant and will report this to the Board.

**ISO Rating:** The Town of Bridgton just received the new Insurance Services Office, Inc. revised grading relative to our Building Codes. Their in depth analysis of our adopted codes resulted in a grading classification of 6 for the 1 and 2 family residential properties and the same for commercial and industrial properties. The prior gradings were just about the same from what we were told.

This allows "credits" to be applied for new construction within the Town for those structures receiving a certificate of occupancy in the calendar year 2012 going forward. The report will remain on file in the Code Enforcement Officer's office.

**Fiscal Item:** The town completed its transition from the Key Bank to the Norway Savings Bank for the bulk of its fiscal transactions. I am pleased to report that we have also reduced the monthly bank fees that were normally charged. We have gone from a charge of about \$500 or more per month to revenue to the Town of about \$750. This has worked well for the operations as well as a benefit to our tax payers.

**Cumberland County Regional Communications Center:** Chief Schofield and Chief Garland are amongst the user group members reviewing the LR Kimball report that has recommended a single Communication Aided Dispatch system. Chief Schofield is the Chair of this subcommittee and has done good job in keeping us informed. Tonight he will give you a further update.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mitchell Berkowitz, Town Manager