

Town Manager's Report
Tuesday
April 10, 2012

Worker's Compensation Refund: The Town has been notified that after the audit review by the Maine Municipal Association Worker's Compensation Fund, we would receive a refund in the amount of \$5,150. This has been deposited into the general revenue funds and it does reduce our net cost for 2011 to about \$66,000. The modifier for 2012 should bring our costs down further and we are awaiting those estimates.

Underground Storage Tank Certification: We were recently notified that since we have underground storage tanks including those at Public Works we have contacted MDEP to determine if we will need to have one of our employees certified as an operator by August 8, 2012.

Woods Pond Watershed Survey: The Town has received the notification that the Committee will be conducting this survey and is also seeking voluntary participation by land owners. Though the Town owns property (the Beach) we will answer any of their survey questions. This was more as an FYI to all landowners in that watershed.

Year to Date Financial Report: The Town completed its three quarters of the fiscal year with revenues down at 68.23% and expenditures on target at 74.01% against the benchmark of 75%. Further review of the revenues indicates about a 9% potential shortfall by June 20, 2012 amounting to as much as \$197,000 which would be offset by some additional revenues. However, expenditures are projected to come in under our budget leaving an estimated \$433,000 surplus *before* any carry forwards. We will continue to monitor both revenues and expenses and may need to hold back some spring work to make sure we end this fiscal year in balance.

On a related note, taxes collected to date are at 72.4% against the same 75% benchmark. The final installment of this year's taxes are due on May 15 by 4:00 PM and we encourage all tax payers to make their full payments to avoid the delinquent tax lien process.

CMP Completes Smart Meter Installation: We have been notified by CMP that the Smart Meter installation in Bridgton is effectively complete. Users may go to the CMP website at www.cmpco.com/smartmeter to monitor their usage.

GPCOG To Move: Effective October 27th GPCOG will move to its new headquarters at 970 Baxter Boulevard. The long term lease is more competitive and will save \$18,000 in the first year compared to the current lease agreement. The numbers are simply \$18.45 versus \$21.90 per square foot.

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Tax Acquired Properties: Laurie has provided a summary report regarding the tax lien foreclosures as of Jan.23, 2012 with only 9 of the 11 outstanding for the 2009 properties and only two remaining for the 2008 foreclosures. The Select Board should consider a summer 2012 auction process.

Surplus Equipment and Vehicles: I hope to complete this effort and put the items out for a sealed bid auction later this month.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mitchell Berkowitz