

Town Manager's Report
Tuesday
November 26, 2013

Tax Collections: At the 50% benchmark for the second quarter tax collections we have received 47.7%. If this trend holds through the third and fourth installments (Feb. 15 and May 15) the Town will likely collect 95.4%. This reflects a consistent trend for Bridgton but also indicates that there might be several properties that will have liens placed on them. Our 45 day notices will be going out in December for those property tax payers who still have outstanding payments for the tax year 2012. If those taxes remain outstanding the liens automatically foreclose and the Town must then auction off those properties. We are encouraging tax payers to avoid this process and make their payments now for any 2012 payments still unpaid.

The personal property tax collections are at 60.2% which is very good for this second quarterly installment.

Local Road Assistance Funds: The Town received the full amount of the estimated road assistance funding from the State. In fact, we received \$6,888 more than what had been budgeted. These funds cover the roads that are seasonally maintained by the Town and when major infrastructural repairs are required, the State covers those expenses. The single most expensive cost is that of paving.

Waste Water Monthly Report: The October report regarding our flows at both fields was sent by George Sawyer, our Waste Water Contracted Operator. He notes that the flows were down considerably and likely due to the recent I&I work completed on the system. He also acknowledges that the ground water levels were lower due to the lack of fall rain. We will continue to monitor these flows which are indicating that we are only using about 36% of the Lower Ball field's designed capacity and about 48% of the Wayside capacity. This is good news for the Town.

Holiday Schedule: Except for police services, all regular services and offices will be closed in observance of Thanksgiving Day this Thursday. The Town Offices will remain closed on the day after Thanksgiving and re-open on Monday, November 25th at 8 AM for regular business.

Reminders: The Festival of Lights parade and events are scheduled for Saturday, December 7, 2013 starting at 5:30 with the Candle Light walk. Stores will be open for you to browse and continue your holiday shopping. Come and join the Community in this annual tradition.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mitchell A. Berkowitz
Town Manager