

Town Manager's Report
Tuesday
August 9, 2011

County Finance Committee: The County has established its finance committee per the new charter which is to include municipal officers. Bridgton is part of District 1. At the meeting which has yet to be scheduled, the attendees will have the opportunity to vote for two members for three year terms. When we receive the meeting information it will be passed onto the Select Board.

Fire Department Training: Per the new Bureau of Labor Standards requirements Chief Garland has sent four members of the Fire Department to the emergency vehicle operations course. They in turn will be able to train the balance of the Fire personnel. The Chief's goal is to complete all of this training by Thanksgiving.

Expenses and Revenues: The monthly financial reports indicate that we are 7.5% expended against the benchmark of 8.33%. Revenues came in at 11.8%. As we continue into August and without our first quarterly tax payments, we will evaluate the cash flows to determine if we will execute the approved TAN with Norway Savings Bank.

CMP Smart Meter Update: Apparently Bridgton falls between two CMP Installation protocols and notifications for the smart meters. Folks who have any questions about their smart meter installation date should contact CMP at 622-9671 to reach the firm addressing these issues. This is directly related to the time frame given all customers to "opt out" of the smart meter to another choice.

Tax Anticipation Notes: As a direct result of the MSAD #61 not having a validated budget we have been delayed in our tax billings. This will require some temporary borrowing which the Board approved at the last meeting. We are working with Bond Counsel to have all document readied for your August 23 meeting should any additional signatures be required.

Personnel Changes: We have accepted the resignation of reserve officer Michael Lothrop. Chief Schofield will evaluate the reserve level needs before determining whether to accept applications. The Chiefs are setting up interviews with 10 of the over 20 applications received for the Public Safety Administrative Assistant position.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Town Manager