

Town Manager's Report  
Tuesday  
February 14, 2012

**Lyon's Property Update:** The hearing for this property has been scheduled by the Court for March 27, 2012 at 9:00 AM. We will report the results of this hearing to you that night at your regular meeting.

**Sanctuary Cove Notice:**

The CEO has sent the certified notice to Sanctuary Cove regarding the removal of the dock posts. However due to the legal bankruptcy issues, we are not sure which party will respond nor will we expend legal dollars at this time. As the bankruptcy proceeds we may be able to identify a responsible party.

**E-Waste Annual Report:** We have received the 2011 annual report that indicates the amount of electronic waste that was delivered thru our transfer station to e-Waste Recycling Solutions.

Televisions	739	#34,357 lbs.
Program Printers	221	#3,096
Computers	120	#2,629
Mixed electronics		#1,782
Fluorescent 4' bulbs	544	

**Fiscal Report:**

At the close of business on January 31<sup>st</sup> the Town's cash position was \$2.77M. Projecting both revenues, expenses and tax collections due Feb. 15 I have estimated our cash position to be approximately \$2.294 M plus the estimated tax collection should balance to \$5.294 million dollars which will carry the Town's expenses to May 15, 2012. We do remind our tax payers that the third quarterly tax payment is due tomorrow, February 15<sup>th</sup> no later than 4:00 PM. We encourage our tax payers to continue their efforts to pay on time and avoid any interest payments if we receive the funds late.

Our year to date financial picture is as follows. We are seven months into this fiscal year and the benchmark is 58.3%. We have expended some 60% of the budget and have received revenues of 58.4% of what was expected for general revenues. The slightly higher expenses are due to the full payment of the county tax in Oct., as well as the full payments of our property, casualty and liability policies. We have also experienced a slightly higher expense for winter public works services. We are on target at this point in the fiscal year.

**Police Department Receives Grant:**

As indicated by Chief Schofield, the Department was successful in its grant to fund the mobile data terminals or computers with the necessary hardware for each cruiser. That investment will

save our taxpayers \$33,000. We will show the cost of the air cards that allow the computers to connect to the County and the internet in the FY 2013 budget proposal. This moves the Department closer to being with other law enforcement agencies who can process information from their cruisers rather than having to return to the main office. We congratulate the Chief on a job well done.

**Surplus Property:**

I will be delaying the surplus property sale until March due to several factors including the snow has been piled near the used vehicles and rather than try to dig them out to get the mileage we will wait.

**Annual Report:**

Thanks to all the departments and entities and especially Georgiann Fleck, who completed the assembly work for the FY 2011 Annual Report. As always there is a lot of good information contained in the Report.

**Welcome Signage:**

We have the Welcome and Thank you signage and will install them after the frost leaves the ground. Jim Kidder will discuss locations with the MDOT to assure approval in their right of way and will prepare the posts and finials for the installation.

**Cupboard Collective Update:**

We have received the contract for emergency food transportation to Bridgton. In the contract they have included a fuel surcharge clause and I am reviewing that now. While not uncommon, we would still have to pay for any fuel that goes above \$4.10 per gallon. This could cost us more if the prices continue to rise though deliveries are only twice a month for a total of 9 deliveries and if the price were to go to \$5.00 per gallon I estimate the additional cost around \$100.

**State's Budget Cuts Could Impact Municipalities:**

The Governor's budget proposals could mean that many of our folks might not have Maine Care and some of those costs might come back to the Town through added medical expenses in General Assistance. This is what all towns and cities are facing along with the folks who need this coverage. The Legislature is dealing with this now and we will have to wait the outcome.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Town Manager