

Town Manager's Report
Tuesday
July 12, 2011

Bridgton Water District: The District has sent out their annual Consumer Confidence Report indicating the testing of their water and the results. This may be viewed at the Town office or at the District offices at 235 Portland Road.

Public Works Position: Jim has received 20 applications for the vacant position at the Department. The position required a Class B license and about 70% of the applicants already had this license. We will be interviewing over the next week and will be making a decision after that.

Public Safety Administrative Assistant: The two chiefs are now finalizing this position description after which we will advertise, interview and make a selection so that the person will be on board for the transition of the dispatching to the County. Applications for employment will be posted to the Town's website and available at the Police Department and Town Offices. At this juncture we are looking to employ one person to work Monday through Fridays between the hours of 8 AM and 5 PM.

Fire Department Inspector: As part of this year's budget, this one day per week position was a result of the most recent requirements that include the Uniform Energy Codes and Fire Codes. Chief Garland will be finalizing the position description and we will advertise with applications available at the Town's website as well as our local paper with hard copies available at the Town Offices.

State Park Revenue to Town: We received notice of a payment to the Town for the 2010 State Park Fee sharing in the amount of \$1451.95. This will become a general revenue for the Town.

MSAD #61 Budget Meeting and Voting: We have just been informed that there will be an August 2, 2011 School District meeting followed by the four town's budget validation vote on August 9, 2011. For more information please contact the School District.

Tax Bills Delayed: As a direct result of the delayed school district budget approval, the Town of Bridgton has yet to prepare its tax bills which are usually out by this time. Tax payers are encouraged to make a payment based upon their last payment amount which will be credited to their account. The actual mailing of tax bills is now estimated to be mid-August and the date of the first quarterly payment is likely to be late September or early October depending on the date of the school budget approval vote. The second quarterly payment is still due November 15, 2011.

Emergency Management Planning Meeting: Todd Perrault, Emergency Management Director reminds our day care, pre-school and dance studio businesses of the meeting

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planned for this Thursday, July 14 at 7:00 PM in the Selectman's room at the Town Offices. Planning for major weather events including flooding, high winds and hurricanes will allow you to prepare your customers and parents how they can be prepared and what you will be doing to protect their children. This is a free class.

Preparations for the August 15 Transfer of Dispatch: For the last three months we have been working with the County to prepare for an orderly transition. This has included technical aspects such as microwave versus repeater communications, software, and protocols. We have also spent time in dealing with the security of this building, creating a safe area for emergency customers to access the County in the evenings and weekends, fire permits and prepared the position description for the Public Safety Administrative Assistant for which we are accepting applications. Internally, the staff members have been meeting to iron out concerns and procedures. Our semi-monthly meetings with the CCRCC staff members and Director, Bill Holmes, has continued to be effective and professional. At this point we believe we are on target to achieve the change over on August 15.

Respectfully Submitted,

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