

Town Manager's Report
Tuesday
July 26, 2011

Recycling Committee: The first meeting of the recycling committee was on July 19th. At this meeting several topics about recycling were discussed as well as the voting to have Bob Fitzcharles become the Chair and Heather Roarer the Vice Chair. Their next meeting will be on August 2, 2011 at 2 PM in the Town Offices. The public is always welcomed as they will be reviewing other community information on recycling, options to encourage recycling and short term ideas for recycling education.

Notification and Certification of State Road Funds: Annually towns must certify the state road funds they will be getting as well as those received for the previous year as going towards approved uses by law. Both Jim and I will complete this information and send it up by the August 1 deadline. This year we expect about \$11,700 compared to \$107,000 for the year just ended on June 30, 2011. Our initial estimates for this year were about \$102,000.

Cash Flows and Tax Anticipation Notes: Though we are asking the Select Board to approve the quote from Norway Savings Bank at a very low interest rate of 1.15% if we borrow the necessary amount in lump sum, we are still looking at the weekly cash and expense numbers to determine if we must borrow funds. Here is a good example where taxpayers could make the difference by simply paying their first quarterly installment now rather than wait for the tax bills. Using the May 2011 payment amount is the guideline and it will be credited to that tax payer's account. If we do not borrow funds we can avoid borrowing costs and interest charges.

Bridgton Farmer's Market: As a result of the Select Board and Farmer's Market Boards agreeing on terms, there should be two picnic tables coming to the green area by the Depot Street Parking Lot. This was a donation by the Farmer's Market and will be maintained by them for the public's use and relaxation. We hope the tables will be placed in the next week or two.

Phone System: As of this afternoon we were able to have our primary telephone number 647-8786 back on line for incoming calls. Over the next few weeks we also hope to resolve our total phone system resources to include both voice mail and call forwarding since these are critical features for our seamless transfer to the County Regional Dispatch operations.

Town Audit: Starting next Monday, August 1, 2011 the Town's Audit firm will be in doing their field work. Linda Nilsen, Finance Officer has prepared much of the paper work but will be busy providing them with any additional information they seek. We expect the audit to continue towards the end of the week with a final version provided to the Select Board just before the Holidays.

Town Foreclosure Sale: A reminder to all that on Thursday, July 28 at 10:00 AM will commence the auction to sell of the six properties as advertised. We will be in the Selectmen's room. Bidders must post a \$2000 deposit either in cash, bank check or money order when they register starting at 9:30 AM. All properties are sold "As Is" with no warranty deeds, only quit claim deeds.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Town Manager