

Town Manager's Report
Tuesday
January 8, 2013

Mt. Road Reimbursement: The Cumberland County Soil and Water Conservation District has provided the Town with a 50% reimbursement for the work done along the Mt. Road last summer. The \$1,766 will be put into the paving account line item which was the source of funds for this work.

MDOT Paving Work: We have been notified that next summer's light paving will include Knights Hill Rd. from the Jct. of Rte. 302 northerly to the Jct. Of Rte. 93 about 5.82 miles. Also Rt. 37 from the Jct. of Kimball Rd. northerly to the Jct. of Rte. 35 and South High st. from the Jct. of Rte. 117 northerly, to the Jct. of Rte. 302 including the shoulders. This is a hot asphalt mulch which is usually just a top coat for the traveling surface.

Annual Contract Renewal with the Lewiston-Auburn Water Pollution Control Authority: This is one of the two contracts the Select Board authorizes the Manager to execute allowing septage haulers to use their facilities for tanks that are pumped in Bridgton. The Town will then bill either the hauler or the property owner for this service. I have executed this contract on behalf of the Town as I have done in the past. It is for three years ending December 31, 2017.

Notice of Tax Abatement Hearing: The Town has received a notice that the County Board of Assessment Review will conduct a hearing and review of a tax abatement request from Mr. Milosaviljevic-Cook on February 7, 2013 at the County Court House at 6:00 PM. Our Agent, John O'Donnell and Associates will be handling this review .

MMA Items: MMA has again asked the Town to host another of its training series. This one, "Managing Freedom of Access Requests will be on Thursday, February 21st from 1:30-4:30 PM. Both Georgiann and I will be attending and we encourage the chairs from each committee or board to attend. As the host we receive a reduced rate from \$30 to \$15 for each attendee which is paid for by the Town. Please contact Georgiann to register for this important session.

We have also received the invoice for our annual MMA dues. Based upon their formula our share is \$6,600 and we had anticipated \$7,000.

Town Financials: The Town has reached the 50% point of its fiscal year with revenues at 52% while expenses are at 49.77%. With a light winter the Town should make the February and March benchmarks for both revenue and expenses. However if we go into a spring period with excessive winter expenses and shortfalls in revenues, we may need to adjust the work we had planned for the balance of the fiscal year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mitchell Berkowitz-Town Manager