

Town Manager's Report
Tuesday
June 25, 2013

General Assistance Review: Last week, the State reviewed the Town's General Assistance program with Mr. Anderson. The state found our town well within the compliance requirements, that we are adhering to the statutes and that we provide the necessary documentation. This is a credit to Mr. Anderson.

Fourth of July Activities and Coordination: July 3 and July 4 will once again be filled with many activities for individuals and families. Some of these include our annual fireworks on July 3rd and the Parade on July 4th. Mr. Robert McHatton has agreed to coordinate the many aspects of these two events. Vendors wishing to participate should contact Bob at either 415-1034 or 647-4280. In addition there will be the duck race and the 4 on the Fourth race.

Saturday Town Office Hours: The last of our Saturday office hours will be on June 29-from 8-11:30 AM. We were also open on the last Saturdays in April and May and will review the service transaction records to determine if these special Saturday service days will continue next year.

Personnel Changes: I am pleased to report that we have offered the position in the Parks and Cemeteries Division to Mr. Ted Sawyer. In accepting the position Ted also agreed to split his work week between the campground and Public Works, allowing us to further evaluate this type of arrangement. Ted officially started this as of June 20, 2013.

Tax Lien Notices: At this time each year we must notify delinquent tax payers of the pending lien that would be placed upon their property if full payments are not made. Over the past several years we have sent out between 646 and 756 notices. These are effective as we have seen the number that go to foreclosure from a lien drop to a range of 11-31. It takes a total of 30 months for that to occur and we encourage a taxpayer to make their payments now to avoid the continuation of a lien that does go to foreclosure. We will provide the Board with an update in July with a recommendation regarding the sale of prior year foreclosed properties.

Tax Collections: Real Estate tax collections to date are now at 94% while personal property is at 90% for the FY 2013 committed taxes.

Respectfully,

Mitchell A. Berkowitz
Town Manager