

Town Manager's Report
Tuesday
January 24, 2012

State Certifies Town's General Assistance Compliance: Once again the State has reviewed the Town's GA program and found that we are in compliance with the statutes and the DHHS policies.

MMA Reports on Collaboration Study: The Town has received the MMA study that reports on various collaboration efforts between and among towns and cities in Maine. I urge the Select Board to review the report since it shows some very good efforts including those involving Bridgton.

Automatic Foreclosures for 2009 taxes: On January 23, 2012 the 45 day automatic foreclosure notice took affect for all the properties delinquent on the their 2009 taxes. The total number is 13 however one is in bankruptcy court and the other is a hold over from last year's foreclosures leaving 11 properties. This compares with the 18 properties last year at this time. We encourage the owners to come forward and work with the Town to get their properties returned. This is done through a Land Installment Purchase Plan that includes paying off the taxes for 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012.

Eco-Maine Information about Renewable Energy Legislation: Though the Legislative committee did not support LD 425 "An act to stimulate demand for Renewable Resources", there are some possibilities that another committee will at least hear the arguments regarding the fees for landfilling and incentivizing the waste hierarchy. Ecomaine is a waste to energy producer and the member communities would have benefits from LD 425.

Sewer Activities: The Town has sent out notices to the property owners whose septic tanks have been inspected. Only those where we found that corrective measures will be needed will receive these notices which also give a 30 day window to make the corrections. This spring we will finish the I&I inspections. This will involve about 18 properties. We are also sending out notices to about a half dozen property owners reminding them of the three year pump out requirement which is now due.

Jim and I are working with the current contractors who operate the two Oxy-Pro stations since these will be coming back to the Town in June and October. We are still deliberating as to how to best provide day to day services to the system as needed.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Town Manager