

Town Manager's Report
Tuesday
November 22, 2011

Community Development Block Grant Program: As a result of the efforts by Alan and myself the County CDBG program has accepted that the original intent of having Bridgton participate in the program was to also offer Bridgton the annual set-aside of an amount that is driven by a formula. The vote yesterday to amend the "Cooperation Agreement" was unanimous for the next five year term. This will mean they will review our demographics in 2016 to determine if the set aside should continue beyond this period.

Sewer System Update: Between Tuesday Nov. 8th and Monday Nov 14th a total of 32 commercial and residential properties connected to the Downtown Bridgton Wastewater Disposal System were inspected for evidence of Inflow & Infiltration into the unified system; these are in addition to the 14 properties inspected in Nov. of 2010.

Inspected properties connected to the Wayside/Dodge Disposal Field had minor or limited evidence of I&I problems (including need to replace septic tank lids and minor tank seam separation) and no illegal sump-pump hook-ups were located.

Inspected properties connected to the Harmon/Lower Ball Disposal Field (in several cases) had major or significant evidence of I&I problems (including major septic tank seam separations, and a major manhole structure seam separation); the primary I&I trouble spot is the Main Line & several private septic tanks located in the so-called Pondicherry Row line of buildings on the north side of Main Street. Several other properties also showed septic tank seam separation in the Lower Main Street area. No illegal sump-pump hook-ups were located.

The firm of Wright-Pierce is currently producing a detailed report of the full inspection process which will be completed within 2-3 weeks for submission to the Board of Selectmen and Bridgton Wastewater Management & Planning Committee.

Peabody Pond Dam: I have been approached by a representative for the Town of Sebago who indicates that he is coordinating the efforts to repair the dam on the Peabody Pond. This pond is abutted by the Town's of Bridgton, Sebago and Naples. The details have yet to be worked out and I will keep the Board informed once I have those.

State Revenue Sharing: We received \$21,000 in revenue sharing which brings our total received to date to \$120,612 leaving a balance due of \$161,733. This means as of November we have received about 1% more than the year to date amount thus far.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mitchell Berkowitz
Town Manager