

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

TUESDAY

SEPTEMBER 25, 2012

Time Warner Cable Notifications: We have received a similar notification that was sent to all subscribers indicating that Time Warner Cable is changing to a digital format for four programs which will require the subscriber to contact Time Warner if they want to obtain a digital adapter which has a monthly cost per unit. Subscribers should pay attention to this notice and contact the Company at 1.855.286.1736 for more information. After October 17 the C-span will be fully digital and only available with the digital adapter.

Worker's Compensation Dividend: The Town has received from the Maine Municipal Association a dividend check in the amount of \$4,970. The dividends only go to communities that have been successful in maintaining or reducing the loss ratios. Because MMA Workers Compensation is a non-profit organization, dividends are sent back to municipalities. The Town's 19 continuous years of participation was also recognized by the plaque which the Chair has and will be displayed in the town offices.

We also received our modifier rating from the National organization and it supports the Town's improvement thru claims reductions. The new modifier indicates a drop from a high of 132% to 119% for the year beginning January 1, 2013.

Savings for Mandatory Posters: Through the efforts of Linda Nilsen, Finance Officer, our cost for a three year subscription to the required HR posters that covers five separate town departments. We were able to bring down the cost per department from \$425.81 to \$85.27 per year. This is a savings of \$1,703 per year or \$5,108 over the three year period going forward.

Transfer Station Re-use and Recycle Store: Efforts led by Bob Fitzcharles and the High School group are showing signs of paying dividends. If you have not yet had the chance to visit the R2R store then you are missing out on a transformation that includes shelving, clothing racks and items carefully placed by categories. They still accept your donations of items but these must be dropped off around the side of the building at the large garage door. Working with the students, the store was fully organized and the sales this weekend indicate a success for all who are involved.

Voter Registration Information: The Town Clerk's Office will be open on Thursday, October 25th and Thursday November 1st from 4:00 PM to 7:00 Pm for the purpose of accepting voter registration and other election related issues. No other Town business will be conducted during this time.

Tax Foreclosure Auction: This is a reminder to all who may be interested in the foreclosure auction being conducted by the Town this Thursday, September 27 at 10:00 AM. Registration begins at 9:30 AM

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and requires a \$1,000 bidder deposit either by cash, money order or bank check. No credit cards or personal checks will be accepted. We will meet in the Select Board room to conduct the auction. As always, the properties are being sold as is where is with the only representation that we will provide the successful bidder with a quit claim deed.

I am also pulling the Sandy Creek property from the auction due to family interest in resolving the back taxes.

Police Cruiser: Chief Schofield informs us that the new police cruiser and the SUV are now in use. Since Ford eliminated the Crown Victoria line of law enforcement vehicles, the Department reviewed the other vehicle options and chose the Ford interceptor line for its operational capabilities, some mechanical inter-changeability, gas mileage, space and overall appeal.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mitchell Berkowitz,
Town Manager