

Town Manager's Report  
Tuesday  
February 28, 2012

**Ecomaine Debt:**

The information we have obtained from Ecomaine indicates that on July 1, 2012 the lion share of debt will be paid off, about \$3.9 million leaving about \$580,000 for July 1 of 2013 and 2014. The only other accruing costs would be the landfill closure costs and we are asking our representative to find out how Ecomaine is addressing this issue. This is a good piece of information and expect to see some rate change for tipping fees as a result the declining debt.

**State Revenue Sharing:**

We just received the monthly allocation for State Revenue Sharing and this is right on target based upon our budget projection. We anticipated a total of \$282,345 and to date received \$189,427 or 67%.

We also know that state revenues were down in January and therefore anticipate our revenue sharing to possibly dip over the next few payments.

**Annual Portland Water District Report:**

The annual report entitled "State of the Lake" 2012 is on file in the Town Offices. The information in the report talks about lake clarity, bacteria, productivity with a final comment that the water quality of Sebago Lake is high. The report also indicates that the future of the lake depends on how future development may impact the water quality and that working with the watershed communities is an ever increasing responsibility for all.

**Director Hired:**

With a unanimous recommendation from the Interview Committee, I have successfully negotiated with our top candidate and she has accepted. Anne Krieg will be our next Director of Planning, Economic and Community Development. (read from the press release)

The committee was made up of one member of the Select Board, a citizen, and a member from the Comprehensive Plan and Community Development Committees, Planning Board, Economic Development Corporation, Greater Portland Council of Governments, and myself. I would like to thank the volunteers who made up the interview committee for doing a fine job.

Respectfully,

Mitchell A. Berkowitz  
Town Manager