

Town Manager's Report
Tuesday
November 13, 2012

R2R Retail Store: The High School Spanish Club was the first non-profit to work at the Transfer Station Reuse to Recycle Store. They worked weekends from September 15th up through the end of October had accumulated sales just under \$2600. We have cut a check for them in the amount of \$1,298 and made the presentation.

We are now contacting other non-profit organizations to see if they too would like that opportunity.

Property Taxes Due: The second quarterly payment of taxes is due by 4:00 PM on November 15th to avoid any penalty interest. The original tax bills were sent out in July of 2012 and had the four quarterly payment tabs on the one sheet. If you need a copy please contact the Town Clerk at 647-8786. As always we encourage tax payer to make their payment on time to avoid interest penalties.

Financial Report: The year to date expenditures and revenues are on track. Using the benchmark of 33% into the year our expenses came in at just under 27% while revenues other than tax collections came in at 41%. The expenses to date also include the county payment for the whole year which skews the results slightly.

Tax collections through Nov. 15th were at using a benchmark of 50%.

Town Hall Fuel Oil Tank Replacement Update: Last month I reported the progress of the replacements and indicated that I would also report on the cost of the small structure that will house the tanks. In talking with Jim Kidder our expenses to date for the structure itself has come to \$1,206. We still will purchase roofing materials and finish the doors. We have also sent to the MDEP the application for possible reimbursement but remind the Board that we are to pay \$2,500 in deductibles first. The out of pocket expenses thus far have come to about \$4,000. We will report the updated cost to you in December.

Elections: Bridgton had a very good elections day overall. Though we were busy throughout the day with a constant line, folks were able to vote relatively quickly. The final tally's were completed around 11 PM. My observations and those of Laurie, were that our poll workers all did a marvelous job throughout the day. We are appreciative of their work and wish to thank them. A letter to the editor is also being sent to recognize their fine work at the November 6th elections.

The voter stats are as follows: We had 280 new registered voters that day plus the #4017 already on the books. (We do not know the net number of voters due to death or relocation). There were #2,815 voters in 2012 or 65.5% versus #2,938 in the 2008 election which may have been about the same percentage of voters.

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Single Sort Anniversary Celebration: The Recycling Committee invites the community to join them at the fourth Anniversary of Single Sort for the Town of Bridgton. Set for this Saturday, November 17th from 9 AM to 1 PM the celebration also includes over a dozen raffle prizes, free give-a-ways and Hot beverages and donuts. Single Sort recycling allows for the simple approach to recycling of many household items including newspapers, many types of containers and plastics and metals by throwing them all into ONE bin without any further separation. The Committee also invites the Select Board to join in the celebration that day.

Late Pole Permit: Fair Point Communications seeks approval of a pole for the Knights Hill Road, #257786. They will be located approximately 512' Northerly of Troy Lane, three poles. Your action is requested for tonight.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mitchell A. Berkowitz,
Town Manager