

Town Manager's Report
Tuesday- July 9, 2013

Time Warner Cable Changes: Apparently TWC will continue to carry the local access channel but only in a digital format which may require some customers to contact TWC and make arrangements for a Digital converter-receiver for older televisions.

Engineering Firm Hired: After a day long effort of interviews, the team recommended to the Town Manager that Woodard and Curran be contracted with as the Wastewater Division's next engineer of record. Their initial work will be to complete a feasibility study that will guide the Committee and the Town in its future investments that may include an expansion of the system. Woodard and Curran were involved in the Town's wastewater system in the early 2000 period and will be able to pick up the work that has been accomplished thus far. In their proposal, they have also indicated they will utilize the services of George Sawyer who was instrumental in the original design and construction of the system in the late 1980's.

4 on the Fourth: Another successful 4 on the Fourth and parade concluded the celebration of our Nation's independence and the great fireworks on the 3rd. Many thanks go out to the dedicated volunteers and participants that make this happen as well as the Community Center which acted as the finance coordinators for the fund raising efforts, The Lion's club, The 4 on the Fourth Committee and the many citizens who enjoyed the two day festivities. Once again it showcased the many fine community qualities that Bridgton offers its residents and visitors. Thanks to all for a job well done.

Salmon Point Drinking Water: We have completed the drinking water testing and the results were very good or as the Lab states, "satisfactory". On other related matters, our Campground Manager had to replace our primary water pump over the past weekend and then dealt with a blockage at one section of the campground wastewater system. All is back up and running with minimal inconvenience to our patrons.

Town Office: Mike Fitch reported that another of our ceiling HVAC units must be replaced. The unit in the police department failed just at the end of the fiscal year and Mike has authorized our HVAC vendor to make the change out and installation. With the building entering its mid 30's years of life, the reserves we have been setting aside will be needed for a building wide upgrade. There are two approaches that we may take. The first is to ask our vendor their opinion for a new design and retro-fit or to place the energy analysis and audit with a design-bid feature to get the best we can for the next thirty years. This latter approach may also have some reimbursement from Efficiency Maine and it will be explored over the next month and will be reported back to the Board as to the preferred action to take.

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Recreation Director Hiring Status: The interview committee consisting of Paul Hoyt, Kathryn Ross, Carmen Lone, Georgiann Fleck and myself, reviewed over 36 applications and then spent a day interviewing five top candidates in the first round and then conducted a second round of interviews for two candidates with a third person as a back up. At the end of the second round the team recommended to the Manager that two of the candidates rose to the top of their efforts and with concurrence I commenced the reference and background checks which supported the candidate. After reviewing the Town's expectations with the candidate I made an offer which he has accepted. Mr. Gary Colello from Laconia New Hampshire will become the town's next recreation director. He brings with him a strong commitment for programming that includes sports, fitness and has completed his Masters of Education with a concentration on Athletic Administration. During his education career he has worked in the areas of sports fitness and conditioning, provided three summers of sports coordination with SAD 17 in South Paris, worked as a youth development coordinator for two years, a summer camp director for the Laconia Athletic and Swim Club, coached indoor and outdoor track and field and was part of the Camp Hale program development in Sandwich N.H. He will be moving to Bridgton for a mid August start up though I have asked that he come in on July 23 & 24 for two days of transition and training with our current recreation staff and interim director, Corrine Davis. I would like to thank the interview team for their attentiveness and interviewing skills. Bridgton will benefit from their work.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Town Manager