

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

TUESDAY

MAY 22, 2012

Police Department Applies for Additional Grant:

Chief Schofield has applied for an additional grant towards the bullet proof vest program. The amount of \$1588 would be added to the \$1818 we already have making the total of \$3404 available if we get all the funds. This should take care of our bullet proof vest requirements for two or three years.

Transition at the Salmon Point Campground:

We were all saddened to learn that on Tuesday, May 15, 2012, our dear friend and campground manager Jim Lavallee passed away unexpectedly. We have been in contact with the Family and everyone has expressed their condolences to Jim's wife Pat and their family. The Maintenance crew will continue to provide daily services as we get through this transition period. Should you have any Campground site or maintenance questions please direct them to either Zack or Peter and in their absence Jim Kidder-Public Works Director at 647-1127 (cell) or 647-2326 (office). Questions regarding your Lease, rules, regulations, payments and waiting lists please contact Dawn or myself at 647-8786.

We will also be accepting applications for this seasonal full time position effective immediately and encourage interested persons to go to the Town's website www.bridgtonmaine.org to obtain an application form and send that along with a resume'. We will be advertising this position and want to have all applications in hand no later than June 4, 2012 for our review.

We have included this information to the campers last week along with the notice of Jim's passing.

Sewer System Inspections:

The Town initiated an inflow and infiltration project in late 2010 to reduce the amount of natural water flowing into the system. While the Engineers studied the connecting mains and structures, we also pumped and inspected each property for any possible failures that would allow for water to enter the system. We completed this work. Of the 13 remaining properties to be inspected, all were either inspected and pumped as of late today. This means that we have visited almost all of the properties, inspected for sump pumps connected to the Town system and inspected the tanks. We have less than 10 properties that are still in the process of making repairs out of the total 26 properties notified that their tank needed some work. 2 of the properties are being reviewed since it appears that it is the Town's adjacent trees that may be the problem causing root intrusion. Of the systems 64 accounts about 41% needed some follow up attention whether it be the removal of a sump pump, further inspections to verify no problems currently exist and in a few cases compete tank replacements.

The next phase of work will be this summer as the Engineer's make recommendations as to which structures and pipes may need attention. We will report this information to the Sewer Committee at their next meeting.

Requests for Proposals:

We have two requests for proposals out. The first is for the necessary engineering services related to the possibility of dredging the lagoon at the Salmon Point, inspection of the Bridge and the completion of the necessary state and federal permits to do work in the shoreland zone. That deadline is June 15, 2012. The second deals with a request for engineering analysis to determine if there is a suitable site for a third community septic field with a deadline of June 6, 2012.

I expect to put out a formal bid for our heating oil needs for the next winter season, likely towards the end of June.

Fire Department Preparations for the Fourth of July Celebration and Parade: Once again, the Fire Department is assisting those who are planning the July 4th parade and as has been in the past, partnering with Subway for some lunch sandwiches for the folks on the equipment. There will be more to report as we get closer to this annually community celebration.

CMP Summer Outlook:

The preliminary report for the New England power usage indicates that the Grid should have no difficulties in handling the summer demands based upon a model of peak requirements at 90 degrees. The Total capacity of the Grid is #32,800 MW and the projection of consumer demand would be about #27,440 MW. They also projected a model based upon an extended 95 degree day and still came in under the capacity at #29,620 MW.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mitchell Berkowitz

Town Manager