

 **TOWN OF BRIDGTON**

 **DEPUTY TOWN MANAGER’S REPORT**

 **July 25, 2017**

**Bridgton Police Department**

**Please join the Bridgton Police Department for National Night Out on August 1st from 5:00p.m. to 7:00p.m. at Highland Lake Beach. This is a community-building campaign to enhance the relationship between police, fire and the community. Nationally, millions take part in this campaign on the first Tuesday in August hosting and participating in block parties, festivals, parades, cookouts, safety demonstrations and exhibits. So let’s make Bridgton’s first year of participation a success.



Officer Phil Jones was promoted to Sergeant of the Bridgton Police Department on July 1st. Phil has been a Bridgton Police Officer for over ten years and has been very involved in Special Olympics throughout his career. Phil has a Bachelor’s Degree and numerous certifications in special investigations. Phil and his family have been Bridgton residents since he became a police officer. Having a second sergeant allows for better accountability as there is a sergeant scheduled every day of the week.

** Downstairs Office Space**  ****

Installation of the cubicles in the newly created downstairs office space has been completed with an office for the Fire Chief (photo the right), EMA Director and Waste Water Superintendent as well as a small conference area. Electrical, computer and phone hook-ups are scheduled for the end of this week at which time the offices can be occupied.

**Bridgton Fire Department**

Engine 5 is currently at Northeast Emergency Apparatus for a body refurbishment. Steve Fay, Fire Chief and Deputy Chiefs Paul and Eric Field conducted a “pre-paint inspection” on July 18th. A completion date of August 11th is anticipated. The truck will then be sent for graphics, lettering and numbering.

**Community Development Director**

Open to the public is a meet and greet for Bridgton’s new Community Development Director, Audrey Knight, on Wednesday, July 26th from 4:00p.m. to 6:00p.m. in the Downstairs Meeting Room. Light refreshments will be available.

**Salmon Point Campground**

The pathway from the upper parking lot to the beach area is currently being created. The walls for the new bathroom have been erected with work on the building continuing steadily.

**Bridgton Transfer Station**

During Transfer Station Manager, Bob Fitzcharles’, extended leave of absence, Jim Kidder, Public Works Director, will be supervising the employees as well as operations of the Transfer Station until Bobs return. Currently there is an opening for a part-time per-diem employee at the Transfer Station. Information and a job application is available on the Town of Bridgton website at [www.bridgtonmaine.org](http://www.bridgtonmaine.org) or at the Town Office. Deadline to submit an application for consideration is Wednesday, August 9th.

**Sabattis Island**

The island was heavily damaged during the recent, July 1, 2017, tornado. As a result the island was closed to the public until further notice. To get an assessment of the timber damage, Jim Kidder, Public Works Director, met with a registered forester regarding the damage. Throughout the inspection it was determined that much of the timber, along with the storm damage, is infested with the needle cast worm. It was then suggested that Jim meet with the State Forester who recommended that he contact the Division of Parks and Recreation for an overall evaluation of the island before opening to the public. The island remains closed at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

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