

 **TOWN OF BRIDGTON**

 **DEPUTY TOWN MANAGER’S REPORT**

 **November 28, 2017**

**Public Works**

The Public Works Crew is finishing up on **decorating** our Town for the holidays in preparation for Bridgton’s Festival of Lights this coming Saturday, December 2nd.

**General**

**Bridgton’s Festival of Lights** is scheduled for this coming Saturday December 2nd beginning at 4:30p.m. with a Community Holiday Party in the Library Courtyard, 5:10p.m. Tree Lighting at the Bridgton Library, 5:30p.m. a Holiday Parade and at 6:30p.m. Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus at the Bridgton Community Center. Information is on the Town of Bridgton website at [www.bridgtonmaine.org](http://www.bridgtonmaine.org)

**Fire Department**

The Bridgton Alliance Church is accepting donations of toys via “Toys for Tots”. For more information please contact Pastor Mike Zullo at 583-5178 or email Pastor@Bridgtonalliancechurch.org. Another option is the Portland Press Herald Toy Fund. Applications are available on the Town of Bridgton website at [www.briddgtonmaine.org](http://www.briddgtonmaine.org). The Bridgton Fire Department is actively accepting donations of non-perishable food and clothing which they will distribute to the local food pantries. For information please contact Fire Chief Steve Fay at 647-8786 or email firechief@bridgtonmaine.org.

**Engine #5** was an integral part of the incident on November 15th on the Moose Pond Causeway involving a tractor trailer truck. Engine #5 supplied traffic control throughout the incident and provided complete scene lighting when the dark of night took over which far surpassed anything we previously had available.

**Community Development**

On November 21st The Planning Board held a special meeting to review the basis of the **Land Use Code** which was televised on LRTV. A link to the meeting is available on the Town of Bridgton website at [www.bridgtonmaine.org](http://www.bridgtonmaine.org)

HEB, Ironwood and Town of Bridgton representatives will meet at the Community Center on Wednesday, **December 6th at 6:30p.m**. for a public meeting to kick off the **final design of Main Street**. This meeting is open to the public.

Currently the **Planning Board** has one vacancy and in 2018 there will be an additional three terms that will expire for a total of four vacancies. If you are interested please consider running as a Planning Board member in the upcoming election in June 2018.

**Grant Writer**

George Szok, Grant Writer, has submitted 6 **grant** requests, 7 NEW foundations have been contacted, 14 New foundations reviewed and assessed and a possible two pronged broadband planning approach (1) applying for a 5-town 2018 Broadband Planning Grant from ConnectME with Harrison, Naples, Casco and Denmark and (2) funding Axiom directly to conduct a 3-4 month Broadband Planning study for Bridgton alone.

**Town of Bridgton Project Updates – Reported by Bob A. Peabody Jr., Town Manager**

**Perley Mills Forest** – Jim Kidder, Public Works Director, has contacted the forester that was involved in the Sabatis Island work and is awaiting a report.

**Depot Street grass** – On November 17, 2017 I emailed Doug Albert, Maine Turf Company, regarding the grass on Depot Street and to date I have not received a response.

**Depot Street trees** – On November 16, 2017 I emailed Lucia Terry, Perennial Point of View, regarding care and maintenance of the new trees on Depot Street and to date I have not received a response.

**Streetscape** - Information regarding the Town of Bridgton Streetscape has been added to the front page of the Town of Bridgton website and Audrey Knight, the Community Development Director, and I had a telephone conversation with the Maine Department of Transportation today regarding the project. HEB, Ironwood and Town of Bridgton representatives will meet at the Community Center on Wednesday, **December 6th at 6:30p.m**. for a public meeting to kick off the **final design of Main Street**.

**Senior Property Tax Assistance Program** – On November 16, 2017 I emailed William Shane the Town Manager of Cumberland regarding their Senior Property Tax Assistance Program. He responded favorably to a meeting and the Board has been copied with available dates which need to be determined by the Board.

**New Business Recognition** – We are currently working with staff on how to initiate the program.

**Susan Hatch Town of Bridgton Property exchange** – The Town’s attorney is currently working with Ms. Hatch’s attorney and land surveyor on this project.

**Lower Main Street Project** – The bid has been awarded to Milone and MacBroom.

**Route 302 Intersection Studies** – The right of way field survey work has been completed and plotted.

**Wastewater Expansion Project** – I am meeting with Brent Bridges of Woodard and Curran this coming Friday for a progress report. Derik Goodine is still in the field going door to door.

**GIS Project** – We have received some quotes but a decision has not yet been made. Both Jim Kidder, Public Works Director and Audrey Knight, Community Development Director, is in discussion with LEA regarding GIS.

Respectfully submitted,

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