

## **Manager's Report 05/14/19**

The Town of Bridgton is pleased to announce that they have been awarded a Safety Enhancement Grant by the Maine Municipal Association Workers Compensation Fund in the amount of \$1,144.31. This grant is to be used exclusively for purchasing fifteen Respirators and two cases of Gloves.

The Ed MacDonald Safety Enhancement Grants and Scholarship Grants provide financial assistance to members of the MMA Workers Compensation Fund to purchase safety equipment or services to assist in reducing the frequency and severity of workplace injuries. The grant programs are designed to prevent injuries and improve workplace safety for our Maine employees. The reduction in employee injuries also benefits the taxpayers by lessening lost hours at work, cost of claims and potential overtime expenses for employees who might have to fill in for injured co-workers.

The Town was again successful in securing \$6,500 from the Narragansett Number One Foundation to provide scholarships to the Summer Rec Program. This is our third year receiving funding.

The Bridgton Police Department hosted it's third Youth Safety Day at Steven's Brook Elementary on Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup>; 83 kids registered with approximately 175 total attendees. Participants were able to meet and learn about public safety from the Bridgton Police and Fire Departments, United Ambulance, Maine Forest Service, Warden Service and Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. Cumberland County Dispatch had them practice 911 calls. The kids received free bike helmets donated by the Bridgton Rotary Club, bike safety checks by Green Mountain Bike Shop and a goodie bag sponsored by MacDonald Motors. The local Boy Scout Troop ran an obstacle course teaching proper hand signaling. Hannaford provided and served free hot dogs and snacks. Two lucky participants won brand new bikes donated by Bedard Excavation. Special thanks to Ashley Bedard for all her efforts organizing this event. Thanks also to Chief Stillman, Chief Harriman and EMA Director Todd Perreault.

Samantha Eichel has been hired as Deputy Town Clerk. She is a familiar face having held that position before moving out of State.

The deadline for applications for the Wastewater Superintendent position is this Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. To date we have received 5 applications. Recreation has the following openings: 1 lifeguard, 1 summer camp counselor and 1 water safety instructor. Gary Colello, Rec Director, will be interviewing candidates this Monday. If you are interested, contact him at 207-647-8786.

Emily Duff, the Town's summer intern through the Margaret Chase Smith Policy Center, begins work this coming Monday. Her title will be GIS/Roads Field Assistant. She will

be working with Jim Kidder on cataloguing road related assets such as culverts, signs, hydrants and manholes for the Town's GIS Program. She will also be entering road surface data into Paver which is a road surface software program. It should be noted that the Town is receiving a \$1,500 Maine Municipal Association summer intern award this year.