## **TOWN OF BRIDGTON**

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## Dear Property Owner,

As you hopefully are aware the Town of Bridgton is undertaking a major expansion of the Wastewater System. Your property will be eligible to connect to the town system when the project is complete. This letter is the first communication to you about the expected schedule and some things that you should consider.

YOU DO NOT NEED TO TAKE ANY ACTION AT THIS TIME BUT YOU SHOULD START PLANNING FOR WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOUR INDIVIDUAL NEEDS.

Construction of the new sewer pipes and the new plant will begin in April of 2021. The Wastewater Treatment Plant and Wastewater Collection System will be completed in the fall of 2022. You will see activity on your street at some point during this time. Construction schedule updates will be posted on the Town's website.

Unless your private septic system is failing, you have 10-years to connect to the system. There is, however, a hook up fee (currently \$600) that will be <u>waived</u> during the first year that the system is available. You should keep this in mind as you decide when to hook up to the new system. You will be required to pay this fee if you do <u>not</u> connect within the first year. Please refer to the Town's Sewer Ordinance for additional information regarding connection to the new sewer system.

As a property owner attaching to the new wastewater collection system, you will be responsible for connecting to the system, which may include redirecting your house's internal plumbing. This "house to connection stub" will have varying costs depending on your individual circumstances. The engineers are currently designing where to best place the "stub" at each property. The Town will only pay to install the stub from the main sewer line in the road to the edge of the road right-of-way. You will be responsible for the cost of extending the stub from the right-of-way across your property and to your house. The engineer's construction inspector will be meeting with you at no charge to discuss the location of the stub. Please call Kevin Hughes at (207) 385-5588 for an appointment.

Many properties will be able to connect to the new wastewater system by gravity, but this will not be feasible in some locations. If a gravity connection cannot be accomplished, you will be responsible for having a grinder pump station installed in order to provide a pressurized discharge into the wastewater system.

There are also some additional costs in closing out your existing septic system. This does, however, have the benefit of freeing up use of your property currently restricted by your septic system.

The Town will be providing a list of approved contractors who have the capacity to do this type of work at the most affordable price possible.

We will provide more information on a regular basis on the Town's website (www.bridgtonmaine.org). If you have questions, please call Justin Adams at (207)803-9996 to discuss. There is still much to be done and we welcome any ideas you may have that would help the Town.

Respectfully

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Town Manager