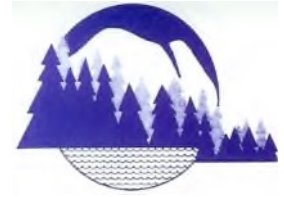


TOWN OF BRIDGTON
DEPUTY TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT
June 28, 2022



General

I would like to congratulate Carmen Lone on being re-elected chair and Bob McHatton on being elected Vice Chair. I would like to welcome newly elected, **Ken Murphy**, to his first Board of Selectmen's meeting and thank out-going **Glen "Bear" Zaidman** for his years of service as a Selectboard member. At the May 26, 2022 **Land for Maine's Future Program** ("LMF") meeting the Board selected a proposal for funding from Loon Echo Land Trust entitled *The Muddy River Forests Project*. LMF staff will work with the applicant and will hold public meetings for public comment prior to the Board's vote for a finalist. Written comments can also be submitted to Chair, Land for Maine's Future Boards, 22 SHS, Augusta, ME 04333-0022. If you have any questions about the project, please contact Loon Echo Land Trust, 8 Depot Street, Bridgton, Maine 04009, execdir@lelt.org

Town Clerk's Department



After Monday, July 18th a **lien** will be filed on any unpaid 2021 tax accounts. Please call the Town Clerk's Office if you are unsure of the status of your account. As you are aware the taxes were just committed, therefore, the **2022 tax bills** will be issued soon and the first payment will be due on or before August 15, 2022.

Finance Department



RHR Smith, Town of Bridgton auditors, have been on site Monday, June 27th and Tuesday, June 28th to conduct the FY22 pre-audit. We will be performing the close of the fiscal year FY22 on June 30th. I would like to thank Holly Heyman, Finance Director and Jenna Domer, Deputy Finance Director for their diligence during this audit which resulted in a favorable audit.

Bridgton Recreation



CELEBRATE INDEPENDENCE!

Sunday, July 3rd there will be something for everyone! Craft and Vendor Fair 8:00a.m. to 5:00p.m.; Kids Fun Run/Walk 4:30p.m.; Music Concert 7:00p.m. and Fireworks at dusk at Stevens Brook Elementary School (school lobby bathrooms will be open for the use during the evening.) On Monday, July 4th is the parade and the Four on the Fourth Road Race. The **submittal of registrations** for swim and summer camp has been closed because they have reached 350 registered participants. Lifeguards started at Woods Pond and Highland Lake on Monday. Both beaches will be staffed with at least one lifeguard per day and two on busy days 10:00a.m. to 6:00p.m. Applications are still being accepted for certified lifeguards. For information on these events and many others please refer to our website or call Gary Colello, Recreation Director at 207-647-1126

Bridgton Public Works Department



Fine Line Pavement Striping and Bridgton Public Works are working on restoring the **crosswalks** throughout town. The Public Works Department is responsible for keeping our town beautiful and “going the extra mile” when additional preparation is needed for special events. This week they are busy prepping for the upcoming **Independence Day weekend festivities**. The **footbridge in Shorey Park** has been completed (plantings to come) and the **Highland Lake dam** has been repaired. They also did some work to level out the ramps on the **public boat ramp at Moose Pond**.

Bridgton Police Department



We had a very successful “**Cop on Top**” fundraiser at Hayes True Value this past weekend. Two days, five different law enforcement agencies, we raised \$5,660 for Special Olympics Maine. Our two Park Rangers, Libby Blais and Taylor Dastoli, started this week. They will each work approximately 20 hours doing foot and bicycle patrol and will have a positive presence at our parks and beaches. We would like to remind the public that the following **are not allowed** at our public beaches, pets, smoking, alcohol, fireworks and glass bottles and please remember to carry in and carry out. Let’s all be safe and enjoy our summer!

Bridgton Fire Department



The Fire Department would like to remind everyone as we approach the July 4th holiday weekend to be very care with any **outside fires** and please make sure they are completely extinguished when done using. For those that will be using **consumer fireworks** use extreme caution and follow the proper safety guidelines. Bridgton does have a **Consumer Fireworks Ordinance** which allows fireworks on the 4th of July and the following weekend between the hours of 9:00a.m. and 12:30a.m (full text is available on our website). Children using **sparklers** need to be closely supervised and make sure to dispose of the leftover wires safely (many burn injuries occur each year from people stepping on, or handling, the hot wires improperly). Have a safe and enjoyable holiday.

Community Development Director



The first 2024 **Comprehensive Plan** Update Task Force meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 13th from 5:30p.m. to 7:00p.m. at the Bridgton Ice Rink (behind the Town Hall at 26 North High Street) The public is welcome to attend this, and all, future task force meetings.

Until next time....be safe and be well.



Respectfully submitted,

Georgiann M. Fleck
Deputy Town Manager

