

## **Manager's Report** **05/10/22**

### **General**

Lyme disease is the most common vector borne disease in Maine. May is Lyme Disease Awareness Month in Maine. We encourage residents to stay tick free by being "Tick Wise". A public health advisory from Dr. Isaac Benowitz, State Epidemiologist, may be found on the Town's website.

The browntail moth is an invasive species of both forest and human health concern. Maine is the only state in the U.S. currently experiencing widespread problems with this moth. The microscopic hairs found on browntail moth caterpillars, shed skins, and cocoons can cause skin reactions and breathing problems. An alert on Brown Tail Moths may also be found on the website.

### **Personnel**

Lora Lee Phillips began work in the Code Enforcement Office on Monday.

Public Services Director will be advertising the Water Reclamation Foreman position. There were no internal candidates.

### **Recreation Department**

The Department offers various Adult Programs including Zumba, Tai Chi, Pickleball, Karate and Ping Pong at the Town Hall.

The Maine Event Prom Project is set up at the Ice Rink throughout May by appointment for those looking for but unable to afford a new prom dress.

Please note that Summer Rec and Swim Lessons are now open for registration.

Save The Dates:

July 3rd At Dusk – Independence Day Fireworks

August 3rd – Zerbini Family Circus Returns

### **Community Development**

The Town held a bid opening for the Oak Street Sidewalk Project. Aceto Earthworks from Lisbon was the successful bidder and will begin work early this summer. As a result of feedback from the neighbors, streetlights will not be included.

### **Code Enforcement**

In April, the Office processed 50 building permits and reviewed 10 Planning Board applications.

### **Fire Department**

A reminder for anybody cleaning up their property in Bridgton, burn permits are required to burn brush, yard debris, leaves etc. The permits are available in person at the Police Department M-F 8-4, or online at either [www.burningpermit.com](http://www.burningpermit.com) or [www.burnpermit@infome.org](mailto:www.burnpermit@infome.org). There is no charge for any burn permits. Please be very careful with any fire and make sure it is completely extinguished and cool to the touch when done.