

Manager's Report 12/08/20

General

As you all are aware, the Town Office was closed for 14 days to quarantine our staff and clean the offices due to two staff members contracting COVID-19. 2020 has proven to be a truly challenging year for the Town and its employees. We are committed to following the Governor's mandates and the CDC's protocols to keep both staff and our customers safe. While dealing with the pandemic, Town staff have worked hard to keep Bridgton safe, move projects forward, provide the day-to-day services expected by our residents and be ready for the challenges of providing Town services even when working remotely.

A "job well done" goes out to the Public Works Department, Fire Department and Police Department for the handling of all the challenges during the Saturday's snowstorm.

A reminder that masks are required at the Town Office. If you are unable to wear one due to an underlying medical condition, please call to set up an appointment so that we can accommodate you in a manner that is safe for you and our staff.

An important reminder that with winter weather upon us, it is important to keep your driveways and private roads cleared and sanded so that, if the need arises, emergency personnel can safely access your property.

Regarding weather events, please be aware that we post information on the Town's Facebook page and the Town's website. Additionally, all the local television channels are notified when the Town Office closes.

I have issued my annual budget memo to the Department Heads. Proposed budgets, except for the Public Services Department, are due December 31st. Public Services budgets are due January 8th.

Cemeteries

As an update, Sawyer Engineering has been hired to survey both sections of the South High Street Cemetery.

Recreation

The Parade of Lights has been re-scheduled for Friday, December 11 at 5:30pm. The parade route can be found on the Bridgton Recreation website and the Town's Facebook page.

Community Development

2021 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) applications are available on the Town website. The mandatory virtual meeting explaining the grant program and application process is being held Wednesday, December 9 at 9am- sign in details are on the Town website. Applications are due January 12, 2021. Questions may be directed to Linda LaCroix, Community Development Director or Courtney Kemp, Administrative Assistant.

Town Office

The Town applied for and been approved for the following safety upgrades at the Town Office using funds from the Keep Maine Healthy Grant:

- Installation by Specialty Services Corporation of UV Lights (Premier One Germicidal Lamps) in the heat pumps- \$4,533; and
- One handheld electrostatic disinfectant fogger for disinfecting hard surfaces in the Town Office- \$549 and 4 one-gallon solutions for \$144. The offices will be fogged in the mornings before opening.