

Manager's Report

03/14/23

General Information

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.

Superintendent Al Smith will be presenting the MSAD 61 school budget to the Select Board at their March 28th meeting.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office

Bridgton was awarded Keeping Cumberland County Warm Grant funding through Cumberland County to provide additional heating assistance for persons or families that otherwise would be ineligible to receive General Assistance due to income guidelines. The goal of the program is to target families with incomes exceeding both general assistance and LIHEAP income caps for Cumberland County. Please visit the website: keepingcumberlandcountywarm-Town of Bridgton, Maine at bridgtonmaine.org. To date, six applications have been submitted for the Keeping Cumberland County Warm Grant Funds. Please review the guidelines and submit application prior to April 15, 2023.

Nomination papers are available for the following offices (2) Select Board Member/Assessor/Overseer of the Poor; (1) Planning Board Regular Member; (1) Planning Board Alternate Member; (2) MSAD #61 Director; (1) Water District Trustee: all three-year terms. The filing deadline is the close of business hours on April 14, 2023.

Finance Department

A reminder to the Board that the quarterly warrant signer is Ken Murphy through March 31st. Paul Tworog is responsible from April 1st to Town Meeting.

Recreation

The Ice Rink is open all week and weekend. Please note that there are skates available free of charge.

The Department is hosting 4 Square Championships in May and Ping Pong Senior Games in August.

Sign-up is open for the July 3rd Craft and Vendor Fair.

Registration is open for all Spring Sports and Programs.

Lastly, tickets are available for the Adult Trip to see the Mets vs the Red Sox on July 23rd. Tickets are \$100 per person.

Police Department

Bridgton Police Department will be partnering with Bushido Karate Dojo and Bridgton Rec in offering a Self Defense workshop on March 21, Bridgton Town Hall 6:00-7:30pm. There is a recommended donation of \$15 per person to benefit Tucker's House.

Officer Chaine and K9 Gibbs are getting ready for academy training next week. Special thanks to the many community members and businesses who have reached out and offered to support the program.

Lastly, the Department is currently hiring full-time patrol positions.