

# **Manager's Report**

## **10/10/23**

### **General Information**

The Brewfest Event, held for the first time at the Ham Complex, was well attended. The following Town employees volunteered their Saturday to help with parking and raise money for the Complex: Myself, Georgiann Fleck, David Madsen, Nikki Hodgkins, Diane Kiriaji (and her husband, Charlie), Chris McGuire, Eric Drew, and Toni Criscitelli. A total of \$2,147.84 was raised. Thanks to the Bridgton Area Chamber of Commerce for choosing Bridgton as the new site for this annual event.

### **Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office**

A reminder that quarterly real estate taxes are due August 15, November 15, February 15, and May 15.

Absentee ballots are available for the November 7, 2023, State of Maine Referendum Election. You can vote absentee at the Town Clerk's Office, make a telephone request for your own ballot, request your ballot by electronic means through the Secretary of State's online Absentee Ballot Request Service, or complete a written application. All absentee ballot requests must be received by the Town Clerk by the close of business on Thursday, November 2, 2023, unless special circumstances exist. Voted absentee ballots must be received by the Town Clerk by 8:00 P.M. on November 7, 2023. Please contact the Town Clerk's Office or visit our website for additional information.

Beginning October 15th, you can renew your dog licenses for 2024. Please bring the current rabies certificate with you. You can also obtain your dog's registration online via the State of Maine dog licensing service from October 15, 2023, until January 31, 2024. Kindly be advised that a late fee of \$25 per dog will be imposed after January 31, 2024, per State Law.

### **Community Development Department**

Please join your community at the Bridgton Town Hall on Wednesday, November 1st at 6PM for the Comprehensive Plan Project Kick-Off! The event includes a brief presentation followed by an open-house style activity to help you learn why a comprehensive plan is important and why you should get involved! Food and beverages will be provided, and children are welcome.

Questions or comments? Visit our new comprehensive plan project website (accessible through the Town of Bridgton Website) or email Community Development Director, Victoria Hill at [vhill@bridgtonmaine.org](mailto:vhill@bridgtonmaine.org).

## **Police Department**

Officer Hammond is currently in week 8 of the 18wk police academy, he is doing well and is excited to complete the training and return to duty.

Officer Deshensky completed a two-week instructor course which will allow him to use his skills as a firearms instructor to help train the department.

We would like to welcome Officer Jacob Gormely to the PD as a reserve officer. Officer Gormely has been serving as a sworn police officer for the warden's service as their part time lake deputy. Although he is a certified reserve officer, he will still go through the standard field training program before being able to work independently and cover patrol shifts.

BPD is still advertising for two open full time patrol positions. Applications can be directed to Chief Jones at [pjones@bridgtonmaine.org](mailto:pjones@bridgtonmaine.org).

## **Finance Department**

October 19<sup>th</sup>, Shred-It will be at the Town Office to pick up and shred some 80 boxes of documents. This will free up space in the vault and storage trailer. If you recall, Chairman Lone suggested budgeting for this project during budget discussions.

## **Recreation**

The Rec Department is seeking local Actors and Actresses to volunteer to be in our Haunted House this October.

Adult programs such as Jumping Janes Senior Fitness, Tai Chi, Pickleball, Archery, Walking, Ping Pong, and Karate take place weekly at the Bridgton Town Hall.

Magic of Christmas Adult Trip is on December 10th and tickets are \$45 for the show and bus ride.

Halloween Palooza is on Oct. 28th come dressed in your costume! We are looking for parade entries to be in the Halloween Parade at 6PM!

Save the Date to Celebrate Lights on After School with Bridgton Rec. Come out and check out and celebrate Recreation Department and our Community Partners offer to children outside of school hours!