

03/15/2012 Message

AVCOG Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program

The Androscoggin Valley Council of Governments (AVCOG) sponsors a household hazardous waste collection program for its member communities, and Poland has been asked whether it is interested in participating. We have indicated that we are interested and may plan a regional collection event here in Poland this spring. The Town of Mechanic Falls says it is interested in participating with us in that event. In addition to hosting a collection event, other convenient alternatives for disposing of household hazardous waste will also be available at other sites, including the Lewiston recycling facility. I will share more news about this soon, and we will certainly advertise when the specifics are known.

Workers Compensation Audit

The annual workers compensation payroll audit by the Maine Municipal Association has resulted in a return premium adjustment of \$3,931. Workers compensation contributions are based on the town's *estimated* payroll, and the audit looks at the *actual* payroll to determine whether an adjustment should be made. Fortunately, Poland received a reimbursement check, rather than a bill for an amount due.

T & M Mortgage Litigation

An executed deed for the subdivision property remains outstanding. The last bill the Town received from Skelton, Taintor, and Abbott for work done in February showed that the deed was being passed back and forth for revisions.

Attorney, Adam Lee, reports that he now has a deed in hand, but his firm is doing a title search and waiting for their real estate expert to return from vacation to work out the final details on an acceptable deed.

Business after Hours

At the last Community & Economic Development Committee meeting, Joe Cimino offered to sponsor and host a Business-after-Hours at Cyndi's Dockside and provide a tour of his new indoor shooting facility prior to the program at the restaurant. The committee gratefully agreed that this event may occur for the May 2012 Business-after-Hours.

Town Office Front Counter

For the next several days, customers may experience a somewhat reduced level of service at the Town Office's front counter due to the absence of an important employee. We will do our best to serve the public during this time of reduced staffing, but there may be occasions when certain complicated services may not be performed due to the absence of critical service delivery personnel. We will do our best to maintain smooth operations, but we apologize in advance if any of our customers experience any inconvenience. We ask for patience as we work our way through this challenging period and thank you for your understanding.