



Department Head Monthly Report to the Town Administrator

June 2011

ACCOUNTING: Submitted by Joan Paquette

In the month of June, the town accountant's office processed one thousand twenty one invoices for payment. Ten payrolls, including the teachers' balloon payments were imported and posted to the general ledger.

Certifications for the special town meeting and continued annual town meeting of June 6th were received from the town clerk. The entries for the special town meeting were entered in the general ledger. The FY 2012 budgets were input into the MUNIS budget module that will be used to import the budgets into the expenditure sub-ledger during the year-end closing procedure. Journal entries were done in FY2012 to transfer the money from the wage and personnel, union agreements and elected official articles to the appropriate budgets. The departmental budgets are now available for use as of July 1, 2011.

Melanson Heath & Company set a date of July 6th to start preliminary work on the FY 2011 audit. They sent lists of requested information and departmental and internal control questionnaires. These have been completed and the bills and payrolls they picked for analysis were pulled and sent to them for review. The audit company has implemented a web portal so that the town may send confidential files securely. The portal enables the auditors and town to send reports that are too large for email. The town accountant has been set up as the portal administrator for Kingston. I have set up several employees to use the portal for large documents.

We have been working with the departments on the processing of year-end bills and reconciling their accounts. Once the final bill warrant on July 15th has been completed and posted, final budget reports will be given to the departments, year-end entries for FY2011 can be done and beginning year journal entries for FY2012 can be started.

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER /ANIMAL SHELTER REPORT: Submitted by Debra Mueller

Calls received: 110

6--Dogs were picked up or impounded

3-Dogs returned to their owners

1-Dog adopted out to new home

8--Cats were picked up or impounded

2-Cats adopted out to new homes

1-Cat transferred to another agency

2-Cat euthanized

1-Cat DOA

Quarantines Issued: (4) dog ten day

Quarantines Released: (2) ten day dog, (1) ten day cat, (1) cat six month extended

(4) Dog bites were reported and investigated

Animal Care Fund expended: \$1,171.30

ASSESSORS: Submitted by James Judge

[No Report Submitted]

BOARD OF HEALTH: Submitted by Henny Walters

The Board of Health met with the Town Government Study Committee. This was an opportunity for the Board to educate the Town Government Study Committee on the Board of Health's role in the overall structure of Kingston Government.

The Board of Health continues to work with Town Counsel on two matters that are currently in litigation.

Beach Testing – Monitoring of beach water quality will continue through Labor Day. Samples are collected on a weekly basis and data is submitted to the Department of Public Health, Bureau of Environmental Health. Results are well within State limits.

McDonald's Restaurant – A call was received of a fire at the restaurant. When power was restored, the personnel were ordered to remove and destroy all contaminated foods including fryolator oils. After a thorough inspection of the kitchen, McDonalds was allowed to open again.

The Board of Health permitted a new Body Art Facility in Town.

The Board of Health participated in a HHAN (Health and Homeland Alert Network) drill. We were one of nineteen of the 24 coalition communities who responded within 15 minutes, which is excellent according to the Department of Public Health. Our response time was 2 minutes 2 seconds.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT/INSPECTIONAL SERVICES: Submitted by Paul Armstrong

- Construction activity is increasing. Quite a few additions have been or are being constructed under the Stretch Code guidelines. These new additions will be very energy efficient and draft resistant.
- We spent a day in Monson MA., helping to inspect homes damaged by the tornado. The power of Mother Nature is immense. The attitude and resilience of the townspeople is inspiring.
- We inspected the summer camps in Town, they up and running and the mosquitoes seem ready also.
- The repair specs for the Reed Community Building and the Faunce School have been finalized by the Permanent Building Committee and work should start soon.
- Please make sure your street number is conspicuously posted on your home.

MONTHLY RECAP

JUNE 2011

BUILDING PERMITS

BUILDING TYPE	PERMIT TO	COUNT	ESTIMATED COST
Commercial	Alter	2	14,700.00
Commercial	Repair	0	0.00
Commercial	Demo	0	0.00
Commercial	Construct	0	0.00

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Dwelling Units	Alter	3	35,300.00
Dwelling Units	Construct	1	125,000.00
Dwelling Units	Addition	1	30,000.00
Dwelling Units	Repairs	8	65,865.00
Dwelling Units	Roofing / Siding	4	25,500.00
Garage	Any	0	0.00
Misc.	Any	0	0.00
Other	Any	3	29,700.00
Shed/Barn	Any	2	5,600.00
Swimming Pools	Any	5	69,200.00

ALL PERMIT TYPES

Building	29	3,294.00
Cert. of Inspection	7	560.00
Electric	18	1,060.00
Gas	15	892.00
Plumbing	10	976.00
Signs	2	775.00
Zoning	0	0.00
Sheet Metal	1	63.00
Total Fees Collected	82	7,620.00

YEAR TO DATE TOTALS

Total fees collected to date	73,783.00
Total Est. cost of construction to date	5,452,357.00
Total dwelling units to date	11

COLLECTOR: Submitted by Priscilla Palombo

Ms. Palombo resigned from office mid-term as of July 1, 2011. We appreciate her many years of service to the Town and wish her well.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION: Submitted by Maureen Thomas

The Conservation Commission held four public hearings during June and conducted two site visits to inform decision-making on proposed projects. The Commission approved three projects in June including the Tree Farm Landing Subdivision roadway off of Parting Ways Road. The Commission also voted to issue two enforcement orders and two fines for violations within their jurisdiction. The Conservation staff continued to serve the public during regular office hours and the Agent was involved in the following additional activities during the month of June:

- Conducted reconnaissance with Paul Basler of town-owned stormwater outfalls to be sampled as part of the MassBays Program grant to assess water quality in the Jones River & Kingston Bay;
- Completed annotated outfall map and submitted it to MassBays Program as third deliverable for stormwater sampling grant;
- Met with a consultant to discuss engineering work related to the Jones River & Kingston Bay Stormwater Assessment Project and worked with Selectmen's office on contract;
- Commenced working with an intern who has graciously volunteered to work with the Conservation office for the summer;

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- Began working with a high school student on conservation land for a community service graduation requirement;
- Continued work with various Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts for their projects on conservation land and/or within Commission jurisdiction;
- Attended the monthly Plymouth Carver Aquifer Advisory Committee (PCAAC) meeting;
- Met with DEP, MIT SeaGrant and JRWA in early June to collaborate on and strategize for stormwater sampling events;
- Joined samplers from DEP and MIT SeaGrant in late June to conduct dry weather bacterial as well as nutrient sampling at several locations in Kingston. Both DEP and MIT SeaGrant offered to conduct sampling in Kingston to add value to the Town and the JRWA work on our MassBays projects for stormwater sampling and Tussock Brook research. This collaboration will assist the Town and JRWA on many fronts such as getting updated data on the status of impaired waterbodies, working toward stormwater remediation goals, moving toward establishing nutrient thresholds for the bay as part of the MA Estuaries Project, working toward restoration of Tussock Brook area, etc. Lab analysis of samples will be completed in a few weeks;
- Continued work on the Wapping Road stormwater improvement project that was added to the Wapping Road dam removal project at the urging of state and federal regulators;
- Continued work with Patrick Farah, volunteer GIS consultant, to further refine the open space datalayer through deed research;
- Conducted various site visits to inspect ongoing work, to determine Commission jurisdiction, to inspect conservation lands and to investigate violations; and
- Worked with Commission to complete the revised Kingston Wetland Protection Regulations and forwarded them to Town Counsel for review.

COUNCIL ON AGING: Submitted by Linda Felix
Statistics FY2011 are attached & include...

Fitness/Exercise - Recreational/Socialization - Community Education - Transportation - Meals on Wheels – Outreach/Advocacy – Professional Services and other services

New June Activities: Flag Dedication (COA Veterans) - Volunteer Recognition Party – Your Hearing Health – Matter Of Balance – Mosquito Control and Repellants – Diabetic Shoes – Dominoes – Candy BINGO – Zumba Gold

Summer is here and Kingston Elders are realizing that the Kingston Senior Center is the coolest place in Kingston! Many seniors are taking advantage of staying cool and being active during the hot summer days.

June was a month of appreciating our COA Veterans and our hard working Volunteers at our annual Volunteer Recognition Party. On Flag Day we dedicated our Flag pole and showed our appreciation to all our COA Veterans who served our great country and we showed our appreciation to our wonderful COA volunteers.

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STATISTICS FY 2011													
	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	TOTAL
FITNESS / EXERCISE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-					-	-
EXERCISE W/CINDI	8	9	3	9	0	0	0		4	8	13	12	66
TAI CHI				18	8	11	6	20	43	28	26	31	191
Chair Yoga					11	11	2	24	20	30	21	26	145
GET FIT W/DIRECTOR								14	71	71	68	62	286
LINE DANCING										22	33	36	91
WALKING CLUB										2	6	3	11
STRENGTH FITNESS OVER 60											24	25	49
Zumba Gold												9	9
													-
													-
INTERGENERATIONAL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-					-	-
SENIOR OLYMPICS		90											90
SALUTE TO VETERANS					62								62
Senior Prom "Putting on the Ritz"											120		120
PIZZA BINGO											25		25
													-
													-
RECREATIONAL/SOCIALIZATION													
BINGO	51	0	33	92	36	23			151	100	100	177	763
CARDS			23	27	8	15			15	17	22	25	152

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CRAFTY LADIES													-
ROYAL GARDEN	50												50
ROCKY NOOK / BREWSTER PARK	63	80											143
CHARLIE HORSE		68											68
BREAKFAST	51			36	31				24	0	21	24	187
PINOCHLE	9	6	13	12	23	17	16	26	17	23	11	18	191
Hand / FACIAL		5											5
PIZZA PARTY				31									31
ICE CREAM PARTY				25				33	19	12	0	15	104
JERRY-ATTRICS -ENTERTAINER				78									78
HIGH TEA				24	9			22	8	8	3	7	81
HALLOWEEN PARADE				16									16
STATE HOUSE TRIP					44								44
POT LUCK LUNCH					12								12
90+ CELEBRATION					84								84
HOLIDAY LUNCHEON @ Village at Duxbury						47							47
COA HOLIDAY LUNCHEON						150							150
NEW YEARS CELEBRATION						41							41
Whist								20	46	40	40	82	228
CRIBBAGE								24	36	26	28	29	143
FRIDAY AT THE MOVIES										5	0	23	28
GARDENING CONTAINERS										10	21		31
GETTING TO KNOW YOU										4	4		8
RED SOX OPENING DAY										6			6
BRIDGE										36	46	42	124
DOMINOES											8	5	13
GLAMOUR IN THE AFTERNOON											3	2	5

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BREAD RECIPE COOK-OFF											24		24
Volunteer Recognition												74	74
Flag Dedication												74	74
Candy Bingo												34	34
													-
													-
													-
													-
													-
COMMUNITY EDUCATION													
LUNCH & LEARN		80			28								108
"ASK GATRA"				4									4
PLYMOUTH COUNTY JAILS THEN & NOW				78									78
MEDICARE CHANGES					31								31
COPING WITH GRIEF DURING THE HOLIDAYS							1						1
GRAND OPENING (W/AGENCIES)								700					700
Cellphone for Seniors AT & T									8				8
Calcium Osteoporosis & you										12			12
CANDIDATES DAY										100			100
GUN LAWS AND SAFETY										6			6
RSVP										4			4
VETERANS BENEFITS											12		12
THE LEGAL CHECK-UP											30		30
Diabetic Shoes												7	7
Matter of Balance												24	24
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													-
CULTURAL													
BOOK CLUB	8	9	9	9	9	0	4	8	8	8	6	0	78
OIL PAINTING			43	45	32	0	0	0	46	54	16	0	236
QUILTING				20	22	9	13	8	16	21	24	20	153
Craft Class									3	3	2	2	10
ART EXHIBIT											111	35	146
Friends Jewelry													-
HEALTH SCREENING													
BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC	80	140	33	86	63	61	0	40	82	79	92	88	844
PEDI-CARE	12	2	8	4	6	4	5	6	3	8	6	5	69
Your Hearing Health Screening												4	4
													-
													-
HEALTH EDUCATION	-	-	-	-	-	-	-					-	-
ARTHRITIS TALK					31								31
													-
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TOTAL MONTHLY PARTICAPATION	332	489	165	614	550	390	46	945	620	743	966	1020	

TOTAL FISCAL YEAR TO DATE	6,880
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STATISTICS FY 2011

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	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	TOTAL
TRANSPORTATION													
													-
Van S-1													
Miles	1389	1390	1296	1352	1361	1212	###	977	1604	1243	1617	1482	#####
Services	209	235	210	217	198	245	153	326	239	188	213	237	2,670
Van S-2													
Miles	1547	1357	1466	1587	1631	1589	948	1203	1755	1256	1544	1823	#####
Services	185	208	211	236	227	227	125	238	252	196	239	279	2,623
FOOD SERVICES	-	-	-	-	-	-	-					-	-
THURSDAY LUNCHEON	50	0	301	322	177	332	125	0	492	360	366	434	2,959
Bakery Items			89	325	332	280	235	300	681	683	699	785	4,409
OCES Congregate Meals									142	150	122	131	545
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MEALS ON WHEELS (Duplicated Services)	567	557	610	582	617	658	562	434	690	503	647	586	7,013
Unduplicated people	32	36	37	34	34	36	36	30	36	32	34	35	412
SUPPORT SERVICES													
MEDICAL EQUIPMENT LOAN	4	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
OUTREACH / ADVOCASY													
SHINE	20	4	6	4	16	12	3	5	8	9	7	4	98
FUEL ASSISTANCE	10	7	3	4	5	4	3	3	1	2	0	0	42
CLIENT SUPPORT (ELDERS ONLY)	50	2	3	1	6			5	10	11	5	15	108
HOME CONSULT			1	2	0	0	2	3	3	1	0	1	13

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FOOD STAMPS	3	2	4	4	4	1	1	1	5	1	2	2	30
FAMILY SUPPORT (NON-ELDERS ONLY)	4	17	2	4	2	0	10	5	5	6	17	2	74
Office Consult & phone												15	15
													-
													-
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES													
LEGAL ASSISTANCE	2	4	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	5	7	2	39
TAX CONSULTANT	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	25	52	31	0	0	110
REFERRAL > AGENCIES	10	16	15	17	25	12	21	0	2	20	8	15	161
REFERRAL < AGENCIES	2	16	14	15	2	12	0	0	0	9	5	2	77
FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT			0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	-
STATE REPRESENTATIVE		0	0	0	1	0		0	0	0	0	0	1
													-
													-
VOLUNTEER													
Volunteer Hours			379	370	242	185	136	380	645	318	650	785	4,090
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													-
													-
													-
													-
TOTAL RECORDED DUPLICATED SERVICES FOR FY 2011													
TOTAL RECORDED UNDUPLICATED PEOPLE FOR FY 2011													

FIRE DEPARTMENT/ Kingston Emergency Management Agency (KEMA): Submitted by Robert Heath

I am pleased to notify you that I have entered into an agreement with a company called Blackboard Connect who will provide our Town with our own Reverse 911 Notification System. As you are aware, prior to June 30th, a similar system was in place and operated by the Plymouth County Sheriff's Department. However, due to budget constraints, the Sheriff's Department informed us that beginning July 1st, his department would be not be able to supply this service without additional funding from the Commonwealth. The Town of Kingston was fortunate to receive additional annual funding from Entergy and I have earmarked an annual amount of funding to sustain this service to our citizens for the future. Training and implementation will be occurring in July with a full in-service date of August 1.

The Kingston Fire Department, through a Grant from Region 5 of the Office of Emergency Medical Services, will be the recipient of two, heavy-duty mobile laptop computers, to be installed in each ambulance as well as contain the necessary programming to provide for electronic ambulance reporting, data collection, enhanced billing information and increased quality control and quality assurance. These computers would have cost the Department approximately \$18,000. This is a huge step in progression for our Department as well as the way we will be able to perform emergency medical services.

The Kingston Fire Department also received a generous donation of \$1,600 from the Independence Mall to purchase a rotary ventilation and forcible entry saw. This type of saw is invaluable in structural fires for ventilating buildings and rescue situations where it can quickly and effectively cut all types of metal and concrete, as well as wood.

On June 28th, the Kingston Fire Department, as part of a regional emergency services test, was involved in a Mass Casualty Drill, hosted by the Town of Duxbury. This annual drill is held by regional departments in conjunction with the Jordan Hospital. This year's drill focused on three simultaneous major emergencies. They involved a significant weather event similar to a downburst, a fire in a school building involving a piece of equipment (similar in nature to the actual event we experienced at Wingate in 2007) and a multiple vehicle head-on crash at Exit 10 and Duxbury Road.

HARBORMASTER: Submitted by Dennis Carvalho

Put 4 new moorings out front, seeded 100,000 soft shell clams, towed 4 boats, water sample checked out good and welds broke on the racks across the river chained racks in place. Will have to be repaired after they are removed from the river.

HIGHWAY (STREETS, TREES, PARKS & Solid Waste): Submitted by Paul Basler

June was a busy month for the Department of Streets, Trees & Parks. I am pleased to announce that the sweeping of streets has been completed. We started the mowing of some of the roadsides around Town. We had our paving contractor, TL Edwards, place an asphalt leveling coarse on most of South St. We reconstructed various catch basins in Town that had structural issues. We started issuing the new Transfer Station stickers to residents who were surprisingly happy that the price didn't increase.

The residents of the Town recycled the following amounts:

22.08 tons of newspaper
17.93 tons of commingle
17.52 tons of cardboard

LIBRARY: Submitted by Sia Stewart

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We met the minimum book expenditure amount that constitutes one requirement for state certification, thanks to the supplementary funds provided by the Kingston Public Library Foundation. We are beginning to work on our annual reports to the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners. Next we will complete our application for a waiver of the municipal appropriation requirement. This will be the third year that a waiver is needed because the appropriation for the Library budget fails to meet the state's minimum standard.

Our Summer Reading Program started and is in full swing. This program helps children and families stay engaged with reading over the summer, as children maintain their reading skills in a relaxed and fun setting.

We participated in meetings of the Town Technology Committee and the Heritage Center Committee.

We worked with the Kingston Public Library Foundation and the Friends of the Library on projects related to fundraising.

We participated in Old Colony Library Network committee work. Library Director Sia Stewart was elected Vice President of OCLN.

We prepared the first edition of our electronic newsletter, the *KPL Connection*, to be emailed in July.

In addition to our ongoing work with the public to answer reference questions and local history requests, provide homework help, and offer a full schedule of programs for children, teens, and adults, special events this month included an exhibit of work by Kingston artist Joan Lyons; a display of work from the boy scouts; a display of historical images and documents from our Local History Collection; a South Shore Locavores program; a program for caregivers; and meetings of several book groups for adults and children.

PLANNING BOARD: Submitted by Thomas Bott

[No Report Submitted]

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Submitted by Joseph Rebello

- Several times each summer we get calls from concerned citizens who observe pets left in vehicles on hot days. Even with the windows cracked, temperatures can get hot enough inside a vehicle to cause heat stroke and death. Dogs and cats have more hair/fur and fewer sweat glands than humans, making it harder for them to cool off. If you see an animal in a car on a hot day, try to notify the owner. If that isn't successful or practical, contact the police dispatcher at 781-585-0522 so that an animal control officer and/or a police officer can be dispatched. **Be responsible pet owners; leave your dog home in the summer's heat.**
- Be familiar with the Town's By-Laws regarding the restraint of dogs. No dog is allowed in any public place or any land or way within the Town of Kingston without effective restraint by a chain or leash. This includes the Hathaway Preserve, the Kelleher Property, and Bay Farm Field. Dogs are not permitted at Gray's Beach or the playing fields at Pottle Street and the Intermediate School. **Be responsible pet owners; be considerate of others and follow the posted rules.**

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- During the summer, the Kingston Police Department receives a large amount of property which has been lost or misplaced. These items are held at the Police Department in hopes of reuniting them with their original owners. If you have an item of value or found an item, please give the Police Dispatch a call at 781-585-5022.
- On June 1, 2011, the police station suffered the effects of a lightning strike. There was much damage to telecommunication equipment, computers, 911 telephones, state computer interface, CCTV recording equipment, internet services, and emergency radio equipment. Do to the many backup systems of redundancy that have been implemented, the citizens of Kingston were still able to have their emergency needs meet by the police department. Temporary repairs have been made to restore most services. The department is still working with several vendors and the insurance company to replace and or repair all of the damaged equipment. The Finance Committee authorized a transfer of funds to cover the insurance deductible for this unforeseen event.

Kingston Police Department
 Crime Status Report
 June 1, 2011 thru June 30, 2011

Calls for Service logged by Dispatchers	1256
Arrests/Custody	16
Protective Custody	1
Applications for Warrants	9
Domestic Violence Incidents	8
Investigated Motor Vehicle Crashes	18
Verbal Warnings – Motor Vehicle	79
Written Warnings/Citations Issued - MV	47
Citation Arrest	2
Citation Civil Charges	6
Citation Criminal Complaints	2
Incident Reports filed by Officers	146
Kidnapping/Abduction	1
Robbery	1
Aggravated Assault	2
Simple Assault	5
Intimidation	4
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	6
Shoplifting	1
Theft from Building	6
Theft from Motor Vehicle	1
All other Larceny	11
Embezzlement	1
False Pretense/Swindle	3
Weapons Violation	1
Stolen Property Offenses	3
Statutory Rape	1
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism	13
Drug Narcotic Violations	3

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Disorderly Conduct/Drunkenness	1
Liquor Law Violations	1
All other Offenses	7
Traffic Town By-law Offenses	4

RECREATION: Submitted by Susan Woodworth

SEWER COMMISSION/WASTEWATER TREATMENT: Submitted by Ken Vandal

The Wastewater Treatment Facility processed 9,223,983 gallons of wastewater during the month of June. This resulted in the production of 69,700 gallons (13.95 dry tons) of sludge.

The Treatment Facility participates in a Demand Response Program managed by EnerNOC. The program is designed to reduce the load on the electric grid during times when peak demands are expected that could cause blackouts or brownouts. Our agreement with EnerNOC requires the Treatment Facility to switch from city power to emergency generator power for a short period of time to relieve the load on the power grid when the need arises. The amount of time is determined by EnerNOC based on the demands on the grid. EnerNOC pays the Wastewater Department a sum of money based on the amount of energy we would otherwise have used if we remained connected to the grid. EnerNOC call a Demand Response Event on June 16th. The Event lasted from 12:20pm to 2:25pm. The Treatment Facility reduced the demand on the grid by 115 kilowatts during that time by switching to emergency generator power.

TOWN CLERK: Submitted by Mary Lou Murzyn

[No Report Submitted]

TREASURER: Submitted by John LaBrache

[No Report Submitted]

VETERAN'S AGENT: Submitted by William Martin

Chapter 115:

We assisted 48 veterans, widows and families during the month with a total of \$22,920.37 in benefits distributed. Sadly, two of our recipients passed away during the month. Those cases were finalized and closed out with the State.

All Chapter 115 cases were recertified with the Department of Veteran's Services for the next 6 months. This is a time consuming process involving verification of bank statements, income, assets, and medical insurance premiums.

We have many clients collecting unemployment benefits that will soon be terminated as the federal extension runs out. We anticipate an increase in benefits for some clients as well as an influx of new recipients still unable to secure employment in this sluggish economy. We continue to require all employable clients to work with Mike Kelley, Veteran's Rep at the Career Center. They must complete a standard of job searches each week and report to us.

In line with the VA's efforts to end and prevent homelessness of the veteran's population, we spent many hours working with a Kingston veteran who had recently become homeless and was sleeping in his work van. He has a good job and we wanted to make sure he was able stay securely employed. Working through our many contacts with landlords, we were able to secure a studio apartment for him. With backing from the Town, the landlord was able to house him immediately.

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We have continued to see an increase in the requests for emergency food. We are thankful to both Kingston Democratic Committee and Town & Country Estates who have recently supplied us with emergency food stock.

Veteran's Administration:

We continue to see a surge in requests for assistance with VA claims for disability compensation. Two years ago, we handled 2-3 cases a month. Now we are seeing 2-3 a week. We find ourselves assisting a combination of older veterans who never applied for VA compensation but now find themselves unable to afford medical expenses and/or medications and the younger recently discharged veterans. While these claims require extensive case development, we continue to have a high success rate and find even a small percentage award can have a dramatic effect for a struggling veteran.

WATER: Submitted by Matthew Darsch

Over \$85,000 in overdue water/sewer charges has been collected to date during our annual shut-off program.

Our annual Consumer Confidence Report was delivered with the June Water/Sewer bills with additional deliveries to local physicians, various public locations and to those accounts with multiple residents.

Superintendent Matt Darsch and Pump Operator Dave Sapir attended Manganese Removal classes sponsored by the New England Waterworks Association.

Eighteen residences were equipped with radio read metering equipment.

All but two of the leaks located by our leak detection company have been repaired.

Monthly sampling for bacterial analysis was complete. Two samples showed the presence of total coliform. Water Department employees flushed the sample lines and re-sampled. No total coliform was present in the re-sampling.

The pH level of town water was reduced in an effort to minimize the manganese infiltration. Work continues to determine whether or not the old Soule's Pond well can be restored and reintroduced to the distribution system. We expect an answer within the next few weeks as to whether Winthrop Street Well can be reintroduced to the distribution system.

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Should you have any questions regarding the foregoing, please do not hesitate to call or email the BOS/TA office or jgoldsmith@kingstonmass.org. Thank you!