

MINUTES

Cumberland Town Council Meeting

Town Council Chambers

MONDAY, June 30, 2014

7:00 P.M. Call to Order

Present: Councilors Gruber, Stiles, Copp, Edes, Turner and Storey-King

Excused: Councilor Bingham

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Councilor Stiles, seconded by Councilor Storey-King, to approve the June 16, 2014 minutes with one amendment.

VOTE: 6-0 UNANIMOUS

II. MANAGER'S REPORT

The construction on Main Street last Saturday went very well. Summit Natural Gas, Shaw Brothers and Ciambro worked feverishly from 5:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The entire intersection was excavated, backfilled and repaved. Thank you for the cooperation and patience of the community for dealing with the detours all day.

III. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Paul Weiss of 314 Blanchard Road said that at the beginning of the Natural Gas project, he was opposed to another carbon based polluted form of energy. He has an extensive background in energy and is "not taking the Kool-Aid of Natural Gas". He feels it is a horrible and reckless choice for our Town and the future of this Town is being locked into a carbon based, polluting environmental nightmare. He is disturbed by the construction to our infrastructure and the fact that he is getting mail supporting the project with the Town's logo on it. He hopes that the people in Town realize that they have a choice, because there have not been two sides presented. There are clean energy options and the people of this Town were not given that information. This earth is being destroyed by carbon based energy.

Councilor Turner said that the residents have the option to hook up or not to hook up to natural gas. Nobody is "locked in".

Brad Hilton of Blanchard Road said that he installed a wind turbine which has not turned out to be a good pay back. He feels that the Town is doing the right thing in "pushing this infrastructure" and supporting it. He is going to sign up for natural gas. He looks at it as a reduction in his oil bill and a reduction of CO2. The pros and cons of energy is a tough topic that everyone will not agree on.

IV. LEGISLATION AND POLICY

14 – 113 To hear reports from the Special Projects Coordinators re:

- **Senior Citizen survey results**
- **Cumberland Maine Business Association update**
- **Natural Gas project update**

Chairman Gruber introduced Special Projects Coordinators, Eliza Porter and Emily Fisher who presented the following:

The Special Projects Update



Keeping You In
Cumberland Survey

Natural Gas Project

CMBA

June 30, 2014

Eliza Porter & Emily Fisher

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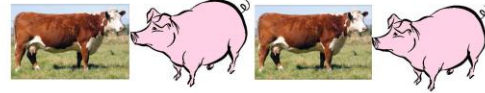


Support Our Local 4-H Club & Community Food Pantry



Last year through generous community donations, a steer and a pig were purchased at the Cumberland Fair's 4-H Auction and donated to the Community Food Pantry in Cumberland. Over 100 area families benefited from this worthwhile fundraiser. Please help us this year as **our goal is to raise \$10,000** so we can purchase **2 steers and 2 pigs!**

It only takes 1,000 residents paying \$10 to reach our goal!



You can donate by cash/check/credit card. Checks should be made out to:

The Community Food Pantry-4H

Cumberland Town Hall

290 Tuttle Road

Cumberland, ME 04021

Credit Card Donation is available through the Town Website listed below:

<http://cumberlandmaine.com/4h-community-food-pantry-fundraiser/>

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Celebrating 64 Years at the North Yarmouth Memorial School!



A North Yarmouth
Memorial School

Abecedarius

Celebrating 64 Years



Now that the school has been closed, remember the past 64 years of NYMS in this special edition of the North Yarmouth Gazette.

The North Yarmouth Memorial School Abecedarius is a booklet filled with old stories, pictures, and memories at the school.

Interested in buying one?

They can be purchased at the Cumberland Town Hall for \$5.

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Working to Keep You In Cumberland

June 2014



1.) How old are you?

2.) Are you a male or female?

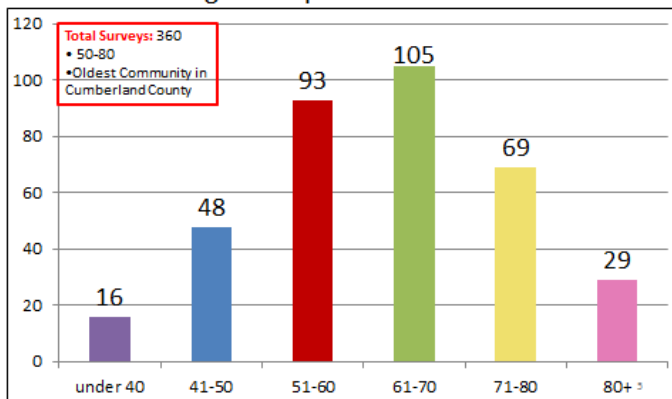
3.) Where do you live?

4.) Are any of these concerns important to you?
Check all that apply.

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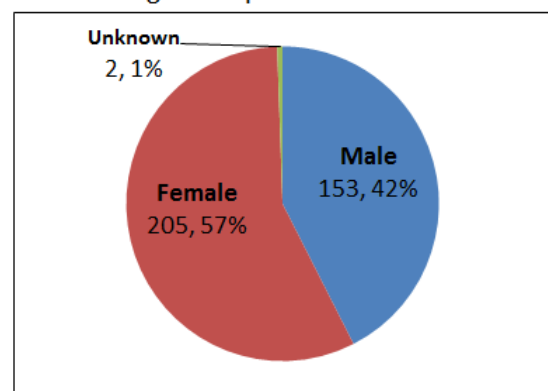
Age of Survey Responders

Working to Keep You In Cumberland!



Gender of Survey Responders

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Concerns of Survey Responders

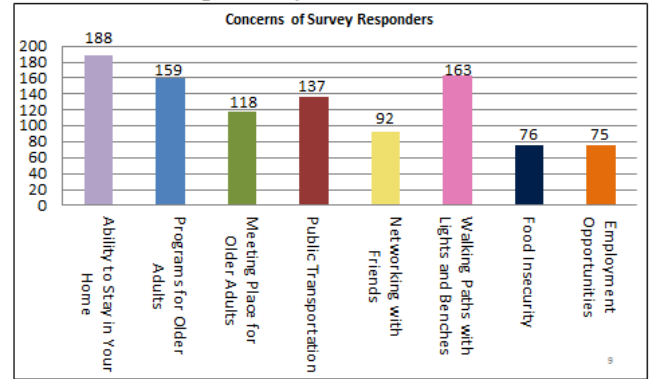
Working to Keep You In Cumberland!

281 residents noted that Property Taxes were a concern to them.

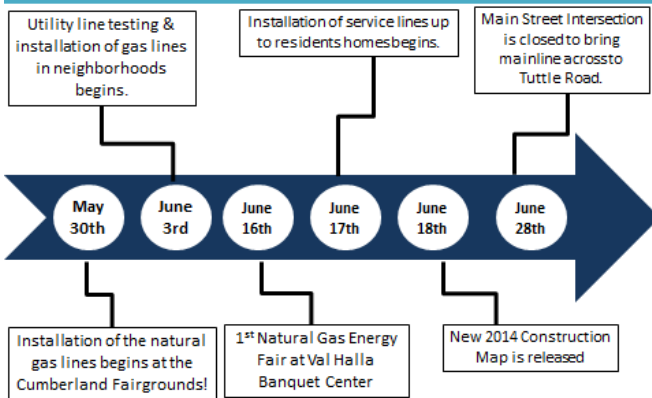
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Concerns of Survey Responders

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Natural Gas Project



Installation of Mainline



Fusing of Pipes Together



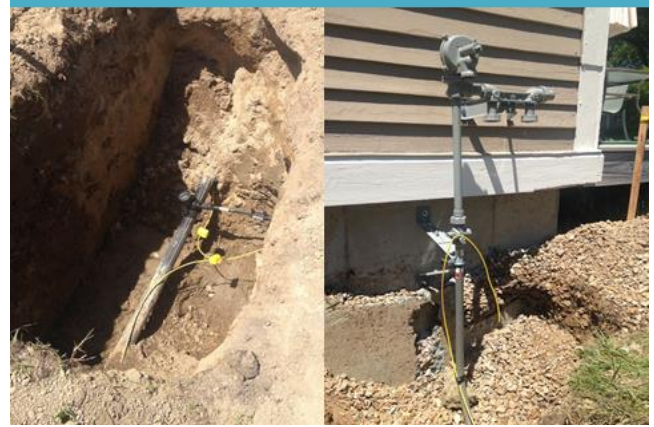
Utility Line Testing



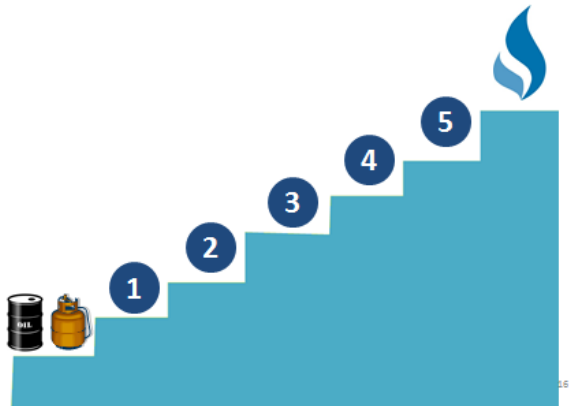
Installing Neighborhood Gas Lines



Installing Service Lines & Meters



5 Easy Steps to Convert to Natural Gas



Step #1



Sign up with Summit Natural Gas by signing their non-binding Residential Customer Agreement.

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Step #2



Call an Efficiency Maine licensed contractor for an estimate.

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Step #3



Call an energy advisor to perform an energy audit.

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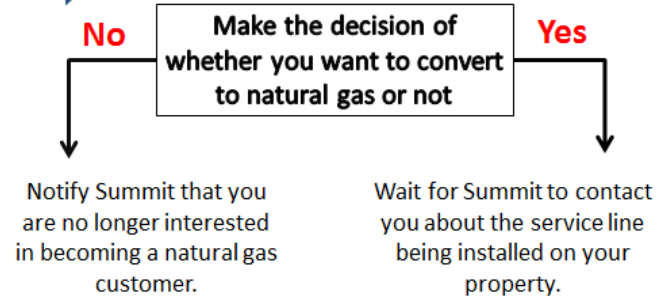
Step #4



Consider your finance options.

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Step #5



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Natural Gas Project

Interested in converting to Natural Gas?



Take our survey to help us relay interested streets to Summit Natural Gas.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/9BNDDDT>

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Natural Gas Project

- Visit our social media sites--updated daily!

Go to our
Cumberland Natural Gas Website

Like us on Facebook

Follow us on Twitter



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Cumberland Maine Business Association



- New CMBA Website•
- CMBA on Facebook and Twitter•
- CMBA Newsletter•

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Developing a Monthly Newsletter

Cumberland Maine Business Association



July 2014

14 – 114 To hold a Public Hearing to consider and act on authorizing the Town Manager to execute a lease agreement with Verizon for a cell tower at Val Halla maintenance building, pursuant to Planning Board approval.

Town Manager Shane explained that this is more of a data tower than a cell tower and it will be placed at Val Halla near the maintenance building. The tower will be approximately 125 feet tall and the project is subject to Planning Board approval. The 5-year lease payments will be \$21,600 per year.



Verizon Cell / Data Tower

Chairman Gruber opened the Public Hearing.

Ted Kern asked if there was a clause that would allow Verizon to invite other tenants (i.e. Sprint, etc.).

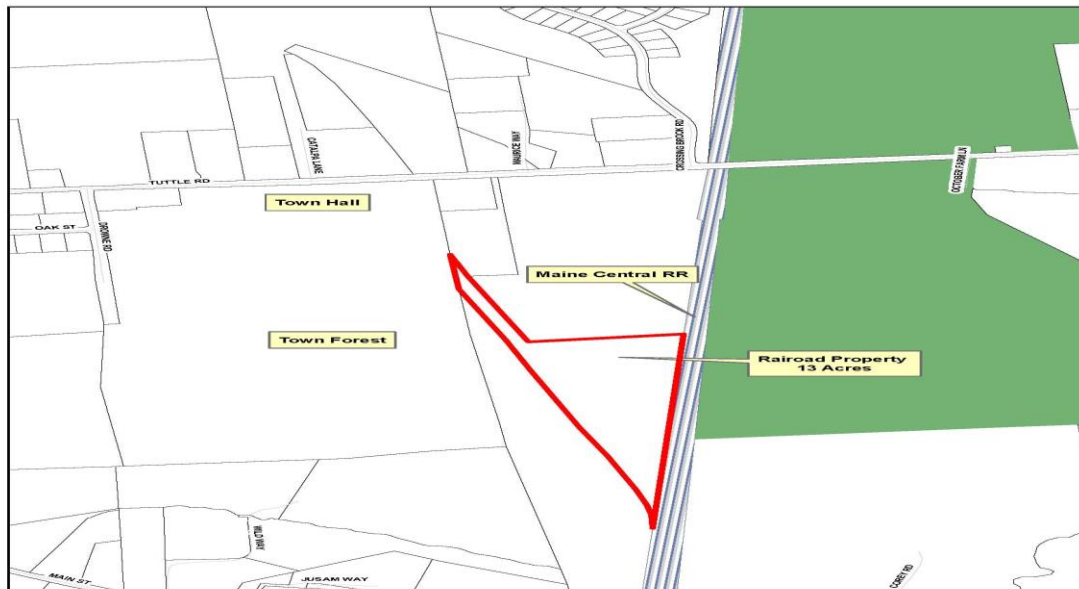
Town Manager Shane responded that Verizon can add additional services. The plus to the Town would be additional public safety communication and there would be financial incentives to the Town if they add additional carriers.

Motion by Councilor Copp, seconded by Councilor Edes, to authorize the Town Manager to execute a lease agreement with Verizon for a cell tower at Val Halla maintenance building.

VOTE: 6-0 UNANIMOUS

14 – 115 To hold a Public Hearing to consider and act on authorizing the Town Manager to execute a Purchase & Sale Agreement with the Maine Central Railroad Company for 13.13 acres located off of Tuttle Road.

Town Manager Shane referred to the map below which shows the property being purchased from the Railroad for \$40,000.00.



Chairman Gruber opened the Public Hearing.

Sarah Verrier of Tuttle Road asked what the potential use of this lot would be for the Town.

Chairman Gruber said that the Town has not made a decision about what to do with this land. There are many options.

Chairman Gruber closed the Public Hearing.

Motion by Councilor Copp, seconded by Councilor Turner, to authorize the Town Manager to execute a Purchase & Sale Agreement with the Maine Central Railroad Company for 13.13 acres located off of Tuttle Road for \$40,000.00.

VOTE: 6-0 UNANIMOUS

14 – 116 To amend item 14-102 authorizing the Tax Anticipation Note for FY’2015.

Town Manager Shane explained that this is a procedural issue. We were notified by the Town Attorney that the original motion should have referred to the order below:

Ordered, that, pursuant to Section 5771 of Title 30-A of the Maine Revised Statutes, as amended, the Town Treasurer is hereby authorized and empowered to borrow money from time to time during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015 in the principal amount or amounts not exceeding \$2,000,000 at any one time outstanding, in anticipation of the collections or receipts from taxes, by the issuance of tax anticipation notes of the Town, each of which notes shall be designated “Town of Cumberland 2015 Tax Anticipation Notes.” All of such tax anticipation notes, and any extensions, renewals or replacements thereof, shall be signed by the Town Treasurer and countersigned by the Chair of the Town Council, shall be payable on or before June 30, 2015, out of money raised by taxation during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, shall bear interest payable at maturity at a rate determined in the manner as approved by the Treasurer, and shall contain such other terms and provisions, not inconsistent herewith, and be in such form, as shall be approved by the officers signing the same, whose approval shall be conclusively evidenced by their execution thereof, and

Be It Further Ordered that the Treasurer is hereby authorized to issue the Tax Anticipation Notes in accordance with the terms of the bid letter of Androscoggin Bank, dated June 12, 2014, and

Be It Further Ordered that the notes authorized by the foregoing are hereby designated as qualified tax exempt obligations for purposes of Section 265(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and

Be It Further Ordered that the Treasurer of the Town be authorized to covenant with the purchasers of the notes on behalf of the Town and for the benefit of the holders of the notes, that the Town will take whatever steps, and refrain from taking any action, as may be necessary or appropriate to ensure that interest on the notes will remain free from federal income taxes, including without limitation, the filing of information returns and reports with the Internal Revenue Service and the payment of any rebate due to the United States of America.

Motion by Councilor Storey-King, seconded by Councilor Turner, to amend item # 14-102 authorizing the Tax Anticipation Note for FY 2015 to amplify the approved language to include the attached Order as required by the Internal Revenue Service.

VOTE: 6-0 UNANIMOUS

V. NEW BUSINESS

Councilor Copp – thank goodness summer finally arrived after the long winter we had.

Councilor Storey-King – she received a number of complaints from Middle Road residents who appreciated the road line painting, but wished the road had been swept before the painting occurred.

Congratulations to Town Manager Shane on his interview with the Maine Townsman Magazine. The article highlighted for her that we are very lucky to have an able bodied professional as Manager.

The Land Use Committee met on the 26th. It is interesting to debate the fine details, but it is tedious work. A survey sub-committee has been formed which should make the process move a little faster and be done in time to report back to the Town Council.

She wished her husband a very happy 24th anniversary.

Councilor Edes – in response to Mr. Weiss’s comments, the Town has addressed alternative energy sources. Last year, we raised the building height maximum to accommodate for solar heating. We do want to give people options.

He wished everybody Happy 4th of July and reminded people to be careful if they use fireworks.

Chairman Gruber - he has been coaching T-ball over the years and now sees the kids from years ago on the Greely championship baseball team. The spirit of the community for our sports champions is terrific.

The Food Pantry continues to do well and it will be open on the 4th of July.

Public Works has done some sweeping and cutting back of brush on Route 88. Thanks to them, it looks great.

Councilor Stiles – in regard to the 4-H fund to purchase meat for the food pantry, he reminded the public that not only are the donations supporting the food pantry, they are supporting the 4-H members who work hard to feed and raise the animals.

There was a meeting in Freeport with METRO recently that proposed an express transit line. It was a very interesting meeting.

Councilor Turner - in response to Councilor Storey-King’s comments regarding the Land Use Committee meeting, he was a member of the Comprehensive Plan Committee many times over the years, and the evolution of this Town has been fantastic and we should be proud of that. He is concerned that the Comprehensive Plan is too comprehensive and people on the new Land Use Committee are arguing about minutia. Regulation is important, but we have a lot of it and we need to be careful about the controls that we institute.

Reminder that cars and bicycles need to coexist. Most cyclists are courteous, but there are always a few that ride in tandem with one in the traffic lane.

Town Manager Shane – the Senior Circuit Breaker Committee will be meeting over the summer. They will be reviewing the changes to the State laws and figure what is next.

Fire Chief, Dan Small has been accepted as having met the professional development criteria of the Maine Fire Chiefs’ Association certification program and is now a Certified Fire Chief in the State of Maine. He is now one of 4 Fire Chief’s in the entire state and we are very lucky to have him.

Siemens has come back with the results of their energy audit of Town buildings. The costs are very high and the energy savings are very projected (the payback period far exceed some of the equipment life expectancy). The Finance Committee will review the report in the next few weeks.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A., § 405(6)(C) re: real property.

Motion by Councilor Stiles, seconded by Councilor Copp, to recess to Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A., § 405(6)(C) re: real property.

VOTE: 6-0 UNANIMOUS

TIME: 8:48 P.M.

Reconvene to regular session at 9:25 P.M.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilor Storey-King, seconded by Councilor Turner, to adjourn.

VOTE: 6-0 UNANIMOUS

TIME: 9:26 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda L. Moore

(not present at meeting – minutes prepared by DVD of meeting)