

MINUTES

Cumberland Town Council Meeting

Town Council Chambers

MONDAY, August 26, 2013

6:00 p.m. Workshop

7:00 p.m. Call to Order

6:00 p.m. Workshop re: 2013-14 Town project prioritizing.

7:00 p.m. Call to Order

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

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Councilor Gruber, seconded by Councilor Bingham, to accept the August 12, 2013 minutes as presented.

VOTE: 7-0

II. MANAGER'S REPORT

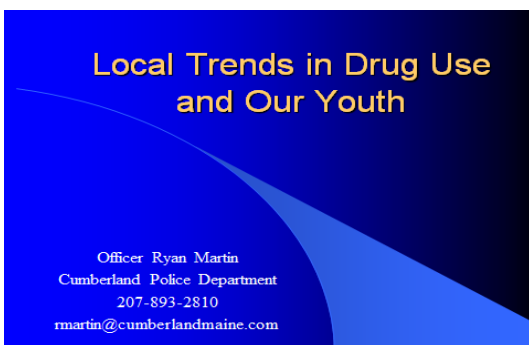
- Town-wide paving to begin this week.
- Work on Blanchard Road has been delayed by the gas line installation, and paving won't be done until after the fair.
- The Manager and Assistant Town Manager met with the City of Augusta today regarding gas main project. The City of Augusta was very helpful with what to expect and opportunities that are available in regard to the project.
- For the first time in 10 years, the Town will not have to use any of the Tax Anticipation Note money in July & August. This is a significant accomplishment and if we are able to not use any of that money all year, we will save approximately \$50,000.
- Public Services will be working with the S.A.D. to widen road between the Middle and High Schools, so the current bus loop will be open to all vehicles by Thanksgiving.
- Concrete was poured at Greeley Middle School last week.
- The tree stands in the Town Forest have been removed. Thank you to Brad Hilton for locating them and providing a map to them.

III. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

None

IV. LEGISLATION AND POLICY

13 – 131 To hear a report from Police Officer, Ryan Martin re: local trends in drug use and our youth.



So What Does It Look Like?



How's Marijuana Measured?

- Gram \$5-10 (BHO \$70)
- Joint (1/2 gram to 1.5 grams) \$7-10
- **Slice or 1/8**– 1/8 of an ounce \$35-65
- Q or **Quarter** – Quarter of an ounce \$70-125
- **Half**– Half ounce of Kush \$165
- **OZ or Zip**– Ounce \$300-350
- QP or QUAP – Quarter Pound \$1100-1250
- HIP, HIPPO, HIPPOPOTOMUS – Half pound of marijuana - \$2100-2300
- Elbow – Pound of marijuana - \$2800-3800

How is it Sold & Packaged? Marijuana vs. powder or pills



Most Common Paraphernalia



Other Drug Prices

- Molly \$250 ball, \$70-90 gram or .1g for \$10
- Adderall 20mg \$5 30mg \$7
- BHO made with Kief \$70 gram
- Hash \$20g
- Acid \$10-15 per tab, strip \$80-90, \$550 vial
- Cocaine \$100g, \$180-220 for 3.5g (1/8 oz)

Marijuana Containers and Paraphernalia



Packaging of other drugs



What Are "Dabs"?

By statute it is hash as it is the resin from marijuana. Solvents are used to push the resin/THC out of the plant material. Solvents dissipate and oil is smoked.



Hallucinogens / Stimulants



Where Do They Get It?

- From cities to smaller dealers (usually around the age of a minor 16-20) locally to children
- Children usually purchase through a connection made socially at our school
- Small amounts grown locally (usually indoors under lights with humidity control systems)
- Outside grows less common due to pest issues, human issues and growing issues
- Transactions take place in schools, in cars on the streets or parking lots, and mostly in the homes of our children

Local High School Data – MIYHS 2011

- 24.3% of students answered that they had their first drink of alcohol before age 13 (other than a few sips).
- 27.6% stated they consumed one or more drinks one more days within the past 30 days.
- 72.3% stated that if they wanted to get alcohol that it would be sort of easy or very easy to get.
- 32.8% used marijuana at least once in their lifetime
- 10.7% first tried marijuana before age 13

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Local High School Data – Cont.

- 21.6% used marijuana at least once in the last 30 days.
- 55.3% stated that if they wanted to get marijuana it would be sort of easy or very easy to get.
- 8.2% have used inhalants one or more times in their life.
- 13.5% have used prescription drugs without a doctors prescription one or more times in their life.
- 6.8% have used a prescription drugs one or more times within the last 30 days that was not their own
- 29.5% stated that someone has offered, sold or given them an illegal drug on school property within the past year.

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Local Middle School Data

- 14.7% stated they have consumed alcohol at least once (more than a few sips)
- 41.6% stated the consumption was before age 11.
- 7% stated they have had one or more drink on one or more days within the last 30 days.
- 48.5% stated it would be sort of easy or very easy to get alcohol.
- 4.5% stated they have used marijuana in their life.
- 12.7% stated it would be sort of easy or very easy to get marijuana.

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Local Middle School Data – Cont.

- 7.9% stated they have used inhalants at least once in their life.
- 5.0% stated they have used a prescription drug without a doctors prescription at least once.
- 2.8% used the prescription drug within the last 30 days.

<http://www.cascobaycan.org/>

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Questions and Comments?

THANK YOU!!!

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13 – 132 To hear a report from Adam Pitcher, Chairman of the Cumberland Energy Advisory Committee.

Mr. Pitcher said that he has been a member of the Energy Advisory Committee since its inception back in 2007. The committee is made of residents that look to carry out the committees objectives, which include:

1. *Reduce the Carbon Footprint and emissions for the Town of Cumberland*
2. *Explore, inventory and recommend policies to the Town Council for energy savings and efficiencies.*
3. *Work with surrounding communities to collaborate on regional energy savings and carbon reductions and emissions.*
4. *Explore life-cycle costs for recommended policies or initiatives, including pay-back costs.*

Mr. Pitcher said that he is here tonight on behalf of the Energy Advisory Committee to voice our unanimous support for the Natural Gas Pipeline project. After reviewing the proposed natural gas project, the Committee feels that this project offers a great alternate fuel source for Cumberland. The investment in the Natural Gas infrastructure in Cumberland will offer benefits that mesh nicely the Energy Advisory Committees objectives. Such benefits include:

- Reduction in emissions from #2 heating oil, currently the majority heating fuel in use within the Town.
- Up to 40% reduction in energy cost for the towns citizens, businesses, and municipalities.

The Committee also recognizes additional benefits for the citizens of Cumberland such as:

- The gas pipeline infrastructure Increases revenue from the commercial base, reducing the tax burden from the residential base
- Increased fuel options from Cumberland residents, that will lower home expense budgets
- Reduced maintenance for heating equipment for residents as compared to maintenance on heating oil equipment.
- Summit Natural Gas offers connection rebates for residents to help off-set connection costs.

The Committee has voiced concerns about the following for the Town Council's consideration:

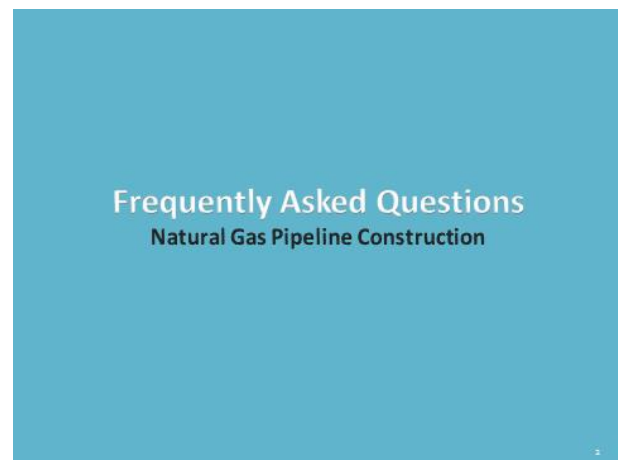
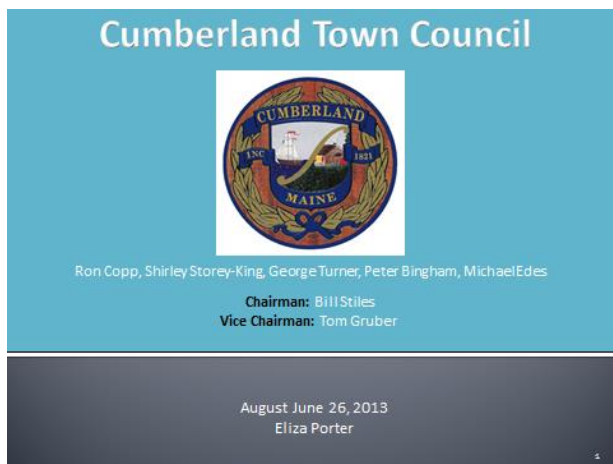
- The Energy Advisory Committee recommends applying a small percentage of the increased tax revenue toward an energy fund. This fund would be available to assist the 20 percent of Cumberland citizens that would not directly benefit from the Summit agreement through connection rebates, reduced heating cost, and home efficiency audits. This fund could be funded annually, supporting ongoing programs to assist residents, municipalities with home energy audits, efficiency improvements, and emission reduction measures.
- Clearly communicating to residents the pros / cons and expected cost for connection and gas delivery services after the connection will be critical.

On behalf on the Committee, Mr. Pitcher thanked the council for their time, and the opportunity to commit and express the Committee's position regarding the Natural Gas Pipeline and Summit Natural Gas agreement.

Brad Hilton of Blanchard Road suggested that the Council consider giving Summit Natural Gas a reduction in taxes on their infrastructure in exchange for them to expand through more of the Town.

Chairman Stiles thanked Mr. Hilton and Mr. Pitcher.

13 – 133 To hear a report from Eliza Porter on the gas main project.



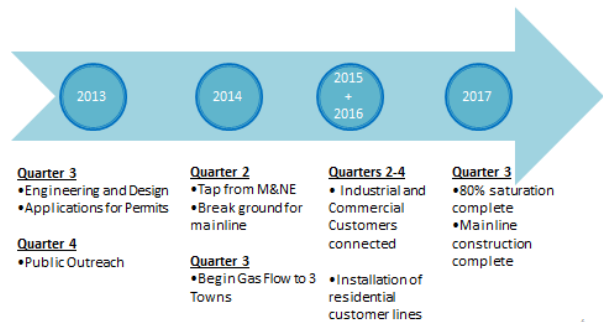
Who?



The Towns of Cumberland, Falmouth, and Yarmouth have worked on a joint project with Summit Natural Gas of Maine to bring natural gas to our area. They are headquartered in Augusta and specialize in bringing natural gas to small towns and rural areas.

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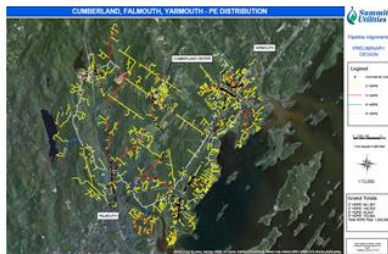
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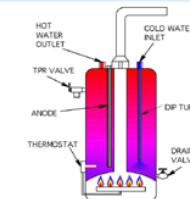
The substation will be located on Blanchard Road near the fairgrounds. There will be 32 miles of primary pipeline and 213 miles of distribution lines throughout Cumberland, Falmouth, and Yarmouth



This is a very preliminary projection for the distribution systems. Final locations are to be determined.

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Why is natural gas a good option?



- Natural gas equipment is easier to maintain and repair, which means lower maintenance costs.
- Most natural gas equipment lasts longer than similar electric appliances.
- Natural gas is the most environmentally friendly fossil fuel.
 - **83% of home buyers prefer gas heating***
 - **82% prefer gas water heating***
- It is also more affordable than heating oil, your tank never needs to be refilled—you are always full on natural gas!

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What natural gas appliances are available?



- Water heaters, Central Cooling and Heating Systems, Space Heaters, Outdoor Grills, Gas Lights, Ranges, Ovens, Cooktops, Dryers, Fireplace Logs, Pool Heaters, Gas Generators



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- Natural gas is one of the most affordable, convenient, reliable, clean, and safe sources of energy available to the residential consumer.
- Historically, it has been a better value than electricity as a source of energy in the home.
- According to the DOE, natural gas costs approximately 68% less than the cost of electricity and can reduce heating costs by 50%.
- Natural gas produces 45% less carbon dioxide than coal, 30% less than oil, 15% less than wood, and can save you about \$1,500 in year round energy costs!

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What are some of the natural gas appliances offered and how do they operate?



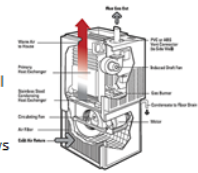
- **Cooking on Gas vs. Electric**
-The Difference: Control
-Professional chefs prefer the instant flexibility of gas cooking for exact, controlled food preparation
- **Gas Clothes Dryer**
-They dry clothes faster and actually treat your clothes more gently than electric dryers
- **Gas Fireplace Logs**
-They create an instant roaring fire with no logs to lug or mess to clean up. They don't pollute the air like wood ones do.
- **Outdoor Gaslights and Gas Grills**
-A natural gas outdoor light provides year-round soft, natural light for beauty and security even when the power is off. Nothing is faster and easier than cooking on an outside gas grill.

When the power goes off, with the exception of gas furnaces and clothes dryers, gas appliances keep right on working for you.

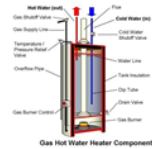
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What are the benefits of a gas furnace?

- A Natural Gas furnace is a more affordable heat source than oil.
- Easier and cheaper to maintain than an oil furnace.
- Natural gas is a more environmentally friendly fossil fuel than oil.
- Natural Gas is cheaper than oil.
- Your tank never needs to be refilled—you are always full on natural gas!



What makes a gas water heater better?



- A gas water heater works nearly twice as fast as an electric one, so you're less likely to run out of hot water.
- Sources: Appliance Magazine and Manufacturers Specifications.

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What are some safety considerations with natural gas?

If you believe you have a gas leak:

- Alert others and leave immediately.
- Call the fire department
- Call SNG from your neighbor's house or another location.
- Tell Summit where you are so you can let them in your house when they arrive.

- Don't turn on a light.
- Don't switch on anything electrical.
- Don't light a match.
- Don't use your home phone. Use cell phone, once out of house.

Natural gas has no odor of its own, so gas companies add an odorant as a safety precaution, which *smells like rotten eggs*. The distinctive odor intentionally smells bad to immediately signal a possible gas leak. Most gas leaks are small and aren't usually dangerous, but don't try to judge for yourself if a leak is dangerous or not.

If you switch to natural gas it's a good idea to buy a Natural Gas Detector for your home to help alert you if there is a possible leak.



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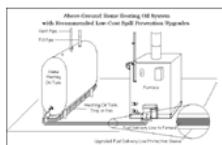
Have your heating system checked annually!



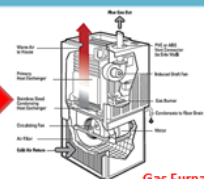
- Homeowners should have their furnace or central heating system inspected annually.
- When heating systems are properly adjusted, the by-product of combustion is water vapor and carbon dioxide -- the same things we exhale as we breathe.
- When a heating system powered by a fossil fuel gets out of adjustment and the system isn't operating properly, carbon monoxide may be produced.
- An annual check-up of your heating system by a qualified professional ensures it is operating safely and efficiently with the proper mix of fuel to air.

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Will I have to have my oil burning furnace completely replaced to convert to natural gas?



Oil Furnace



Gas Furnace

- When converting from an oil furnace to natural gas, the difference is the burner.
- If your furnace is newer than 5 years old, you will most likely be able to convert to natural gas without having to buy a new one.
- The older your furnace is, the more likely it will be that you have to purchase a new one to convert.
- Costs to convert your system will range from \$3,000-\$7,000
- Additional costs would include: making sure everything is up to code, the removal of the oil tank, and the insertion of the chimney lining.

"Frequently Asked Questions." Summit Natural Gas of Maine, N.A., n.d. Web. 12 June 2012. <http://summitnaturalgasmaine.com/frequently-asked-questions>.

Does Summit Gas provide rebates to cover some costs to convert to natural gas?



- Rebates will start when Summit lands in town
- You will pay the money upfront and Summit will give you a check with the full amount.

Summit Natural Gas will provide up to:

- a \$1,500 rebate to residents who purchase a high efficiency boiler or furnace and water heater.
- \$560 rebate for an Efficiency Maine Approved Home Energy Audit in conjunction with six hours of air sealing to make homes more energy efficient.
- Residents enrolled in the federal Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) will be eligible for a maximum rebate of 100% or may receive up to \$4,000 to convert to natural gas.

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Rebates Applicable to Residential Customers

Qualifying Conversion Costs	Maximum Incentive	Maximum % of Conversion Costs Rebated
Conversion of Qualifying equipment not otherwise listed below	\$375	50% of costs
Hot water boiler with an AFUE rating greater than or equal to 95%	\$1,500	75% of costs
High-efficiency boiler and water heating unit with an AFUE rating equal to or greater than 90% and domestic hot water storage of 2 gallons or less	\$1,312	75% of costs
Hot water boiler with an AFUE Rating equal to or greater than 90%	\$1,125	75% of costs
High-efficiency natural gas water boiler AFUE 85% or greater	\$375	75% of costs
High-efficiency natural gas furnace AFUE 95% or greater with ECM Motor	\$1,125	75% of costs
High-efficiency natural gas furnace AFUE 90% or greater with ECM Motor	\$750	75% of costs
On-Demand, Tankless Water Heater with an AFUE rating of 82% or higher	\$562.50	75% of costs
Energy Star Qualified Natural Gas Storage Heater	\$300	75% of costs

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Rebates Applicable to All Customers in the LIHEAP Program

Qualifying Conversion Costs	Maximum Incentive	Maximum % of Conversion Costs Rebated
Conversion of Qualifying equipment not otherwise listed below	\$1,000	100%
Hot water boiler with an AFUE rating greater than or equal to 95%	\$4,000	100%
High-efficiency boiler and water heating unit with an AFUE rating equal to or greater than 90% and domestic hot water storage of 2 gallons or less	\$3,500	100%
Hot water boiler with an AFUE Rating equal to or greater than 90%	\$3,000	100%
High-efficiency natural gas water boiler AFUE 85% or greater	\$1,000	100%
High-efficiency natural gas furnace AFUE 95% or greater with ECM Motor	\$3,000	100%
High-efficiency natural gas furnace AFUE 90% or greater with ECM Motor	\$2,000	100%
On-Demand, Tankless Water Heater with an AFUE rating of 82% or higher	\$1,500	100%
Energy Star Qualified Natural Gas Storage Heater	\$800	100%

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Energy Audits and Associated Conservation Measures

	Rebates Applicable to Customers	Rebates Applicable to all Customers in the LIHEAP Program
An Efficiency Maine Approved Energy Audit in conjunction with 6 hours of air sealing	\$560	\$750
An Efficiency Maine approved Energy Audit	\$375	\$500

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Atlantic Regional Federal Credit Union Involvement



Atlantic Regional Federal Credit Union offers the **No Equity Home Equity Loan** to help Cumberland homeowners finance the conversion to natural gas. This loan offers a simple and convenient way to borrow with easy terms and fixed rates. Rates are currently fixed at 6.00% APR (rate as of June 19, 2013; subject to change).

To learn more and find out if you qualify, please contact a Cumberland branch representative at 489-3039 x471 or visit <http://www.atlanticregional.com/personal/loans-credit/no-equity-home-equity-loan.html>. Or contact the main office in Brunswick at (800) 894-0432.



Pace Loans are at 4.99% interest rate.

Summit Comes to Town



The Town of Cumberland is excited to welcome Summit Natural Gas of Maine to town this month to lay 6,000ft of gas line in preparation for their upcoming project. The laying of the gas lines is in conjunction with the Blanchard Road reconstruction project. Summit has come to lay part of the mainline in order to avoid ripping up the road again next year when they return to town.

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• The End •

Questions?

The entire Council thanked Ms. Porter for her excellent presentation and the great job she did on all the projects she worked on this summer.

Town Manager Shane said that Ms. Porter has done a phenomenal job as an intern this summer. She had no knowledge of the gas project and was not afraid of the task. The information in this presentation will be made available to the public

13 – 134 Update on regionalization of assessing services.

Cumberland County has advertised for the position of County Assessor. To date, Cumberland, Falmouth, Yarmouth, and North Yarmouth, have been attending informational meetings and the Manager feels that additional towns may also be interested. This is an exciting opportunity and there will hopefully be more good news on this in October.

13 – 135 To hold a Public Hearing to consider and act on increasing sewer user fees 3.1% for FY'14.

Chairman Stiles opened the Public Hearing.

Public discussion: none

Motion by Councilor Gruber, seconded by Councilor Bingham, to increase sewer user fees 3.1% for FY'14 as recommended by the Town Manager.

VOTE: 5-2 (Edes and Copp opposed) MOTION PASSES

13 – 136 To hear a report from the Ordinance Committee re: committee work to date.

Councilor Storey-King explained that the Ordinance Committee met on Thursday, August 15th to discuss the following items:

Firearms Ordinance: The Police Chief and the Assistant Town Manager presented information to the committee regarding the town's authority to regulate the discharge of firearms per statute. Specifically, the Police Chief recommended that the committee consider prohibiting the use of firearms in the Town Forest so that hunting activity on that property would be limited to the use of bows and arrows (including crossbows). State law and the Town's Firearms Ordinance require that no firearm be discharged within 100 yards of a building. The committee is recommending that the Town flag a perimeter in the Town Forest that is 100 yards from the property line and monitor hunting activity over the course of the next season before taking any further action.

Fireworks Ordinance: The committee discussed amending the ordinance to include provision for a special events permit on a day other than those allowed by ordinance. This item is still under consideration.

Traffic Ordinance: The committee recommends scheduling a public hearing to consider alternative traffic calming measures for Hedgerow Drive and Val Halla Road.

Zoning Ordinance: The committee heard two proposed changes to the zoning ordinance, one to restrict the business and professional office use not to include medical marijuana facilities and another to change the building height limit from 35 feet to 40 feet town wide. Both of these items will be on the Planning Board's September agenda for a public hearing and recommendation to the Council.

13 – 137 To set a Public Hearing date (September 9th) to consider and act on a Class I Liquor License for James Guidi d/b/a Louie's Grille located at 319 Main Street, for the period of October 1, 2013 through October 31, 2014.

Motion by Councilor Bingham, seconded by Councilor Turner, to set a Public Hearing date of September 9th to consider and act on a Class I Liquor License for James Guidi d/b/a Louie's Grille located at 319 Main Street, for the period of October 1, 2013 through October 31, 2014.

VOTE: 7-0 UNANIMOUS

V. NEW BUSINESS

Councilor Turner – In regard to Officer Martin's presentation on drugs and our youth, he feels that there may be some parents who feel that using marijuana is something that kids try and can be innocuous. As noted in Officer Martin's presentation, what they are using today, compared to even 10 years ago, is very different and very serious.

Councilor Bingham – Noted the passing of Bob Cram. He was very active in Town Government in the late 60's and early 70's. It is important to remember that all the good things that have or are now going on in Town is the result of the foundation that was laid by dozens of very competent and dedicated individuals. We all appreciate their service to our Town.

Councilor Storey-King – A reminder to the public that school starts on Wednesday.

Letters will be going out to the Cumberland Maine Business Association for the opportunity to buy advertisement space in the Korean War Veteran celebration program on November 11th.

At the soccer game this Thursday evening, the varsity field will be dedicated to Glen Hutchins. Mr. Hutchins has been very active in our community for many years and this is a well-deserved dedication.

Councilor Gruber – Thank you to Heather Perreault, Finance Director for all the good work that she has done.

Thank you to Bill and Linda Shane for all their hard work at the Food Pantry.

Chairman Stiles – A plea to business owners to donate to the Food Pantry 4-H auction fund so that meat can be purchased for the pantry.

Councilor Edes – There was a glitch in the Town computer system today and I.T. Director, Mike Crosby and Brenda Moore were very helpful in getting it fixed. Town staff does a very good job and he is very appreciative of them.

Councilor Copp – School starts on Wednesday, so everyone please drive with caution.

Thank you to Library Director, Thomas Bennett for his report at the last Council meeting. It included some old pictures that were very interesting. Kudos to Mr. Bennett for the phenomenal job that he does.

Town Manager Shane – The Governor will be in Cumberland on October 4th attending the dedication ceremony at Maine Standards.

On Monday, November 11th (Veterans Day) there will be a Korean War Veteran celebration. It will be a great celebration and he hopes that many people will attend.

Congratulations to the Town Manager of the Year, Nat Tupper, of Yarmouth. Nat is one of the true great manager's in the entire state.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

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

VOTE: 7-0

TIME: 8:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Brenda L. Moore
Council Secretary