

MINUTES

Cumberland Town Council Meeting

Town Council Chambers

MONDAY, March 11, 2013

6:00 p.m. Workshop re: Comprehensive Plan update

7:00 p.m. Call to Order

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Councilor Gruber, seconded by Councilor Jennings, to approve the February 21, 2013 minutes as presented.

VOTE: 6-0-1 (Perfetti abstained) MOTION PASSES

Motion by Councilor Gruber, seconded by Councilor Jennings, to approve the February 25, 2013 minutes as presented.

VOTE: 6-0-1 (Perfetti abstained) MOTION PASSES

III. MANAGER'S REPORT

Town Manager Shane said he would hold his report until New Business.

IV. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

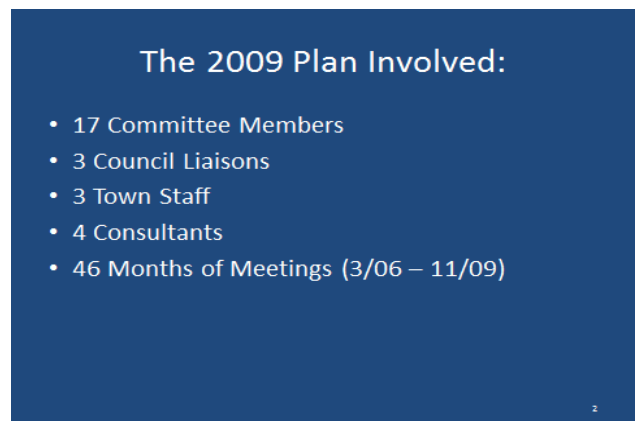
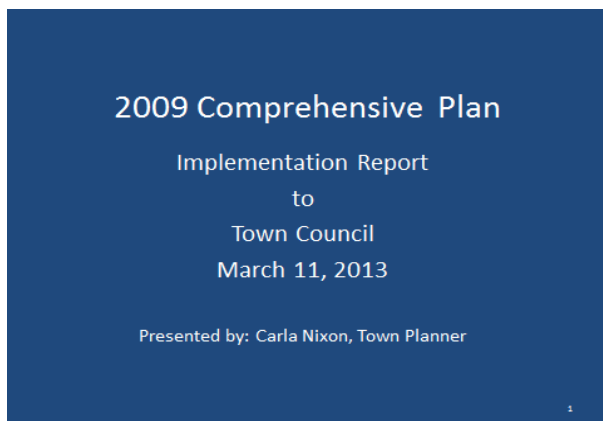
None

V. LEGISLATION AND POLICY

13 – 043 To hear a report from Town Planner, Carla Nixon re: Comprehensive Plan update.

Ms. Nixon explained that the 2009 Comprehensive Plan needs to be updated because of all the developments which are not in conformance with the current zoning standards (lot sizes, uses, etc.). The number of contract zone agreements is a clear indicator that the Town is going in a different direction than the Comp Plan laid out. It is important to take another look at the Comp Plan to be sure that things we assumed would happen in Town are still the things that will happen, and that we want to happen.

Chairman Stiles explained that the Council met in workshop earlier this evening and Ms. Nixon reviewed the following presentation with them:



Why Update?

Consider the Town's vision for next 10 years in light of latest Census data, and developments over the last few years.

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THE 2009 VISION STATEMENT

The Town of Cumberland's vision for the next ten years is to....

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"Vision" Accomplished?

- ✓ • Preserve the community's rich agricultural heritage;
- ✓ • Implement programs and practices to assure environmental sustainability;
- ✓ • To make available quality affordable housing for people of all ages and income levels;
- ✓ • To expand its non-residential tax base
- ✓ • To facilitate moderate growth through prudent planning.

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Status of Implementation

There were 62 Goals listed in the 15 chapters) with...

239 Action Items

(i.e., steps to accomplish the goals)

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239 Action Items

Complete (or complete w/on-going efforts required): 229

Alternative Action Utilized: 6

Not Completed (not feasible): 4

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Comp Plan Update

Three Key Elements:

1. Defined Scope of Work
2. Defined Time Frame for Work
3. Small, Experienced Committee

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Scope of Work

- Update demographics w/ 2010 Census Data
- Review Housing Chapter
- Review Land Use Chapter
- Review Public Facilities Chapter
- Review Vision Statement

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Scope of Work

Council Charge

The Cumberland Comprehensive Plan Update Committee shall review key elements of the 2009 Comprehensive Plan and recommend to the Town Council changes to the plan that reflect the current 10 year vision for the town.

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Defined Time Frame

- To begin no later than May 15, 2013;
- To meet on a monthly basis;
- To provide recommended changes to Council by November 15, 2013.

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Small, Experienced Group

- 2 Council Liaisons
- 2 Planning Board members
- No more than 7 residents (mix of former and new members)

Total Number: 11 (plus staff)

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Chairman Stiles thanked Ms. Nixon and explained that the Council has requested that the Manager put the Comprehensive Plan Update Committee charge on an April Town Council agenda. The committee work should be completed in approximately 6 months.

13 – 044 To hold a Public Hearing to consider and act on a Mass Gathering Permit for the Cumberland Youth Boys Lacrosse Jamboree to be held on May 4th from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Twin Brook Recreation Facility.

Motion by Councilor Storey-King, seconded by Councilor Copp, to table this item to March 25, 2013.

VOTE: 7-0 UNANIMOUS PASSAGE

13 – 045 To hold a Public Hearing to consider and act on a Mass Gathering Permit for the Cumberland Youth Girls Lacrosse Round Robin to be held on June 1st from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Twin Brook Recreation Facility.

Motion by Councilor Storey-King, seconded by Councilor Copp, to table this item to March 25, 2013.

VOTE: 7-0 UNANIMOUS PASSAGE

13 – 046 To hold a Public Hearing to consider and act on authorizing the Town Manager to negotiate a 3-year contract extension with Rachel’s On the Green at Val Halla.

Chairman Stiles opened the Public Hearing.

Public comment: None

Chairman Stiles closed the Public Hearing.

Town Manager Shane said that the Smith’s have done an outstanding job running the restaurant at Val Halla, and have brought a lot of life to the community, especially during the off season months. The Manager strongly recommended approval of the contract.

Motion by Councilor Turner, seconded by Councilor Perfetti, to authorize the Town Manager to negotiate a 3-year contract extension with Rachel’s On the Green at Val Halla.

VOTE: 7-0 UNANIMOUS PASSAGE

13 – 047 To hold a Public Hearing to consider and act on a Class I Liquor License, Special Amusement Permit, and Auxiliary Mobile Golf Cart License for Rachel’s on The Green at Val Halla, for the period of April 2013 – April 2014.

Chairman Stiles opened the Public Hearing.

Public comment: None

Chairman Stiles closed the Public Hearing.

Town Manager Shane said that the necessary paperwork is completed and the Town has no issues with any of the permits that are being requested.

Motion by Councilor Perfetti, seconded by Councilor Jennings, to approve the Class I Liquor License, Special Amusement Permit, and Auxiliary Mobile Golf Cart License for Rachel’s on The Green at Val Halla, for the period of April 2013 – April 2014.

VOTE: 7-0 UNANIMOUS PASSAGE

13 – 048 To set a Public Hearing date (March 25th) to consider and act on adoption of the FY’14 Municipal Budget.

Town Manager Shane said that the Council will meet in workshop on Saturday, March 16th to review the budget. The following presentation consists of the most up to date numbers. The SAD is still working on their budget and their numbers will change almost weekly until April or May.



Budget FY 2014		
Expense Increases		
MSAD 51 Local Allocation	\$666,413	3.04%
County Tax	\$42,259	0.19%
Capital Improvement Plan	\$237,556	1.08%
Town Operating Budget	\$35,755	0.16%
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Total General Fund Impact	\$981,984	4.48%

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Budget FY 2014

Revenue Increases

New Taxable Property- \$20 M \$346,000

Expense Increases

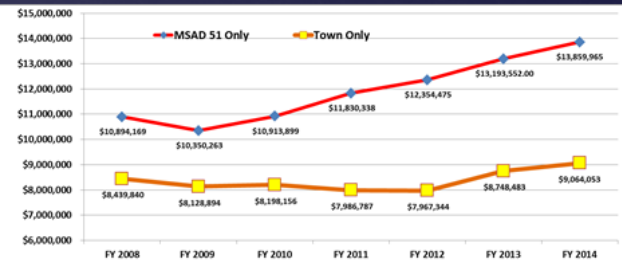
Town + County + School \$981,984

Net Increase to Taxpayers

\$638,984

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Budget FY 2014



Tax Yr.	Mil Rate	Tax Yr.	Mil Rate
2008	\$19.80	2012	\$15.80
2009	\$14.00	2013	\$16.55
2010	\$14.55	2014	\$17.05
2011	\$15.30		

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Budget FY 2014

The Importance of Growth

Year	Valuation	Growth	New Revenues
2008	\$804,150,625		
2009	\$1,146,940,500	\$343,337,075	Revaluation Year
2010	\$1,152,882,350	\$5,941,850	\$86,454
2011	\$1,162,033,920	\$9,151,570	\$140,019
2012	\$1,168,057,070	\$6,023,150	\$95,166
2013	\$1,199,623,060	\$31,565,990	\$522,417
2014	\$1,219,527,900	\$19,904,840	\$344,354

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Budget FY 2014

Town Budgets

Capital Improvement Plan \$237,556 1.08%

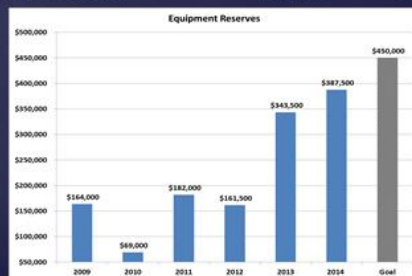


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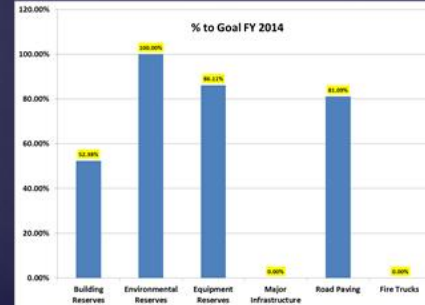


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Budget FY 2014

Town Budgets

Capital Improvement Plan \$237,556 1.08%



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Budget FY 2014

Town Budgets

Town Operating Budget \$142,819 0.65%

Dept.	Incr. Exp.	Revenue	Explanation
Police	\$79,286	\$47,000	Grant Refund
Rec	\$32,871	\$25,000	Added Revenues
Codes	\$5,795	\$10,000	Rev. over Expen FY 12
NET	\$117,952	\$82,000	\$36,000 +/- Net Increase

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Majority of Increase Offset with Revenues

Budget FY 2014

Impact on Taxpayers - \$17.05 ↑ \$0.50 or 3%



How much new tax value to offset Tax Increase?

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Budget FY 2014

Year	Mil Rate	New Value Needed to Get to No Tax Increase	Or Cuts in the Town & School Budgets
2010*	\$14.55	\$42,907,016	\$624,297
2011*	\$15.30	\$58,509,933	\$895,202
2012*	\$15.80	\$36,475,647	\$576,315
2013	\$16.55	\$50,929,599	\$842,885
2014	\$17.05	\$38,609,305	\$638,984

11 * No Increase in Municipal Budget in FY 2010-2011-2012 (\$200,000 decrease)

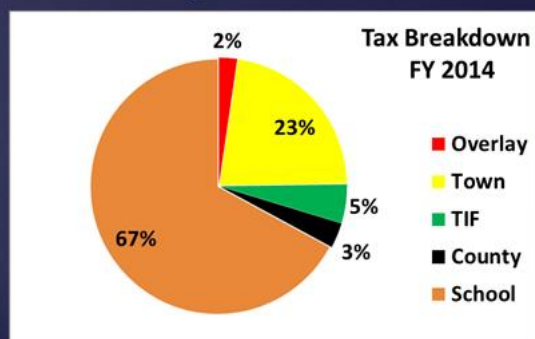
Budget FY 2014

Scenario on March 11th

	Mil Rate Increase %	\$\$ Increase	Mil Increase \$.50
School	2.11%	\$666,413	\$0.35
County	0.12%	\$42,259	\$0.02
Town	0.79%	\$273,312	\$0.13
Totals	3.02%	\$981,984	\$0.50

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Budget FY 2014



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Budget FY 2014 - Next Steps

February 18 – Finance Committee 1st Review

February 25 - Budget Workshop

March 11 – Manager's Overview & Budget Workshop

March 16 – All Day Public Budget Workshop

March 25 – Public Hearing & Adoption Budget FY 2014

Councilor Gruber reminded the public that they are invited to attend the budget workshop on Saturday, March 16th beginning at 8:00 a.m.

Motion by Councilor Gruber, seconded by Councilor Turner, to set a Public Hearing date of March 25th to consider and act on adoption of the FY 2014 Municipal Budget.

VOTE: 7-0

UNANIMOUS PASSAGE

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Councilor Turner – For any citizens who are concerned about the Governor’s budget, there will be an opportunity for anyone to speak at a hearing in Augusta on Wednesday, March 13th or Thursday, March 14th. If anyone feels strongly about taxes or legislative decisions, they should attend.

Councilor Copp – Congratulations to Greely Boys Hockey for winning the State Championship.

Councilor Storey-King – She would also like to congratulate the Greely Boys Hockey team.

There will be a fundraiser for Glen Hutchins on Saturday, March 30th with the proceeds going to Mr. Hutchins favorite charity, the Barbara Bush Children’s Hospital. Mr. Hutchins was a long time coach at Greely, who won many state titles. He was also a teacher for many decades. For more information contact Debby Duff- Sullivan, or Nancy Storey at the Maine State Golf Association.

Councilor Gruber – The MSAD 51 Reapportionment Committee met today. The committee wanted to meet and move quickly because there will be another seat on the School Board, and nomination papers are available March 19th & 29th.

He received a letter from Donna Palmer of the Cumberland Farmers Market Association. Ms. Palmer said that the association is planning to sponsor a series of fund-raising activities in support of the Cumberland Food Pantry, and she requested any support that could be extended back to the Farmers Market. Councilor Gruber said that he told Ms. Palmer that he would support them any way that he possibly could. The Farmers Market is a big supporter of the Food Pantry.

The Food Pantry continues to do very well, but we do not have the amount of product that we had over the holiday season. He asked residents to keep the pantry in mind and that they are in need of donations all year long.

Councilor Storey-King said that next week is Spirit Week at Greely Middle School and students are encouraged to bring in items to be donated to the food pantry.

Chairman Stiles – There will be a Joint Workshop with Cumberland, Falmouth and Yarmouth with Summit Natural Gas. The meeting will be held at Yarmouth Town Hall at 7:00 p.m.

Councilor Jennings – As many people are aware, the School Board voted to close the Memorial School in North Yarmouth and move the 4th and 5th grader students to Greely Middle School in the fall of 2014. Residents will have the opportunity to vote on the proposed school closing in June. Tomorrow (March 12th) at 7:00 p.m. the Greely PTO is offering an opportunity for parents to tour Greely Middle School and see first-hand how the 4th & 5th grade classes will be included in the Middle School.

Cumberland Recreation just completed their basketball season and all the teams had a successful year. On behalf of the coaches and officials, he wanted to thank Pete Bingham and Ben Bettez for all their hard work with the basketball league.

Reminder that the Foundation 51 auction will be on April 6th and tickets are on sale now.

Councilor Perfetti - None

Town Manager Shane – We currently have over 35 new names to be added to the Veterans Monument by Memorial Day this year.

Thank you to the boys and girls hockey teams who brought in over 300 pounds of food to the food pantry. They also helped by stocking the shelves and marking canned goods. They are an awesome group of young athletes who show great community spirit.

Nomination papers will be available on March 19th for Town Council and School Board seats. Anyone interested in running can see Town Clerk, Tammy O'Donnell.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to Title 36 M.R.S.A., § 841 re: Property Tax Abatement Request. Motion by Councilor Copp, seconded by Councilor Perfetti, to recess to Executive Session.

VOTE: 7-0 UNANIMOUS PASSAGE

TIME: 8:01 p.m.

Motion by Councilor Copp, seconded by Councilor Turner, to approve the Hardship Abatement Request for property identified as Map U04/Lot 12D, in the amount of \$9,282.90.

VOTE: 7-0 UNANIMOUS PASSAGE

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilor Perfetti, seconded by Councilor Jennings, to adjourn.

VOTE: 7-0

TIME: 8:08 p.m.

WORKSHOP: FY'14 Budget

Respectfully submitted by,

Brenda Moore
Council Secretary