



TOWN OF CUMBERLAND

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September 13, 2018

Dear Skillin Road Area Resident:

After four years of searching for a site to relocate the Town Garage, the Town Council has asked me to present to the public the Cumberland County Riding Club property located at 68 Skillin Road, as a potential site. The Town Council will hear a recommendation at its September 24th meeting and decide whether to forward to a Council vote on Monday, October 8, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

The project would be constructed in two phases. The first phase would be constructed in 2019 – 2020. It would include the compost and brush site, a new sand building and relocating the existing salt building. In lieu of money, the riding club has requested site improvements, such as a riding arena, electrical upgrades and a small building to hold events. The club has agreed to a 99-year lease of the property to the Town. In the event that the non-profit riding club is dissolved, the agreement would require the Town to maintain the riding arenas for public use, in perpetuity. The club has also agreed to allow both 100' x 200' arenas to become ice skating areas in the winter months. The current property also has trails that have not been maintained. These trails could be improved and become walking trails for the public.

The second phase would be the construction of a new Town Garage building. The 12,000 square foot building would consist of five 20' x 100' bays, a locker room, lunch room, wash bay and an office area for both Town and MSAD 51 staff. The building could be added onto should future growth require additional space. The cost for phase one is \$3.4 million and the garage building would be \$5.2 million. The bonding of the project is phased to coincide with existing debt being retired, minimizing the overall tax impact to \$0.61 on the current mil rate, spread over 7 years.

Additional details regarding financing, timeline, site selection, etc. are posted on the Town website at www.cumberlandmaine.com/TownGarage. Please plan to attend (or watch on Channel 2) the Town Council meeting on Monday, September 24th at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall, 290 Tuttle Road. Questions and comments can be forwarded to my email, found at the end of this letter, and will be forwarded to every member of the Town Council.

Sincerely,

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