



Town Manager's Report to the Town Council

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ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROJECT UPDATE

As you may recall we collaborated with the City of Waterville and the Sustain Mid Maine Coalition in obtaining an Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant from the Efficiency Maine Trust in the amount of \$170,000. The grant funds are helping us fund two projects: 1) Residential Energy Efficiency and 2) Community District Energy.

The original goal of the residential energy efficiency project was to improve the energy efficiency of 50 homes in Winslow and 50 homes in Waterville. That goal has been expanded to include multifamily structures. To date we have completed 22 Energy Audits and 23 Weatherization projects.

The community district energy project has not begun yet but will consist of a feasibility study for a renewable energy combined-heat and power facility. The facility could provide low cost electricity, steam and hot water that could attract businesses to the area.

CENTRAL MAINE GROWTH COUNCIL

The Central Maine Growth Council (CMGC) has begun its search for an Executive Director to replace John Butera who left to work for the Governor's Office. CMGC is the lead agency for economic and community development in the City of Waterville and the Towns of Fairfield, Oakland, and Winslow. It is a public-private organization that operates as an independent agency under the guidance of a corporate board, which includes members of the business community and the managers of the four municipalities. The Executive Director is the area's chief Economic and Community Development Specialist, working with the municipalities, partner agencies, and the private sector to implement a regional development strategy.

LOHMANN TIF AMENDMENT

In the Council Packet is Order No. 1-2011, which provides for an Amendment to the Lohmann Animal Health International (LAHI) TIF District and Development Program. If approved, the amendment will add a 2 acre parcel of LAHI land that was omitted in the original TIF district.

LAHI's original expansion plans did not include developing the 2 acre parcel of land, however, during the planning and construction phase a structure was built on this parcel. The structure that was built is valued at 1.75 million and the value was intended to be captured in the original development program.

In order to capture and shelter the 1.75 million the amendment will need to be approved before March 1, 2011. Plus, a public hearing with 10 days notice must be held. Therefore, if the amendment passes the first reading a Special Council Meeting and Public Hearing will be held on February 23, 2011 at 7:00 pm in the Winslow Town Council Chambers.

FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT MAPS & ORDINANCE

In the Council Packet is Ordinance No. 3-2011 (Maps) and Ordinance No. 4-2011 (Ordinance). If adopted the ordinances will update our floodplain management practices and will allow us to continue to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program. By participating in the program, Winslow residents who live within a flood zone are eligible to buy flood insurance.

The deadline to adopt the changes is June 16, 2011.

MANAGER'S PERFORMANCE REVIEW

My annual performance review is due April 1st. Attached to this report is a blank performance review form. I suggest you complete the form and give it to the Council Chair before our March 14th Council meeting. The Council Chair can then compile the responses before the March meeting.

9th, at 3:30 pm at the town office.

GENERAL FUND BALANCE

Our General Fund cash balance at the end of January was \$4,985,692.04

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At our Monday, Feb. 14th, Council meeting we will need to go into executive session to conduct a Poverty Abatement Hearing and to discuss Union Contract Negotiations.

In the Council Packet is an envelope marked CONFIDENTIAL, that contains information about the two executive session topics.

FT. HILL CEMETERY SLOPE UPDATE

On February 28th at 1:30 pm I am scheduled to meet in Augusta with representatives from the Maine Geological Survey and DEP to begin the process of developing a bank stabilization plan for the cemetery slope.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

The Redistricting Commission will be holding their first meeting on Wednesday, Feb.