



Town Manager's Report

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Town of Winslow - In the heart of Central Maine representing People, Pride and Progress.

January 6, 2009

My Scheduled Events:

- 1/7 @ 7:30 am—
Area Managers' Mtg.
- 1/8 @ 12:00 pm—
Chamber Public Policy Comm Mtg.
- 1/12 @ 7:30 pm—
Town Council Mtg.
- 1/13 @ 3:00 pm—
Recycling Mtg.
- 1/14 @ 3:00 pm—
Dept. Head Mtg.
- 1/16 @ 7:30 am—
CIT Mtg.
- 1/17-19—
Community Catalyst Forum
- 1/20 @ 7:30 am—
Growth Council Mtg.
- 1/21 @ 7:30 am—
United Way Board Mtg.

Congratulations to Council Chairman Steven Russell

Congratulations to Steven Russell for his recent election to the Town Council Chair position. I am looking forward to working with Chairman Russell over the coming year as I am sure we will have many challenges.

I also want to express my appreciation to outgoing Chairman Gerald Saint Amand for his support and leadership over the past two years he served as Council Chair.

Winslow is very fortunate to have such dedicated and qualified individuals willing to accept the responsibilities of such an important position.

Resolution No. 1-2009

In your council packet is Resolution No. 1-2009, which if approved would add two parcels of land totaling 17.27 acres to the Town's Pine Tree Zone and would remove 17.27 acres of the Town's Industrial Park land from the Pine Tree Zone. Lohmann Animal Health is requesting that the two parcels of land be added to help support their continuing expansion efforts at their site on the China Road. We can discuss this request further at your Monday Council meeting.

CDBG Letters of Intent

In your packet are two letters of intent from the town reflecting an interest in applying for CDBG funding for two projects. Neither of the letters commit us to the projects at this time. If the Town Council declines to pursue one or both of the projects then we can simply withdraw our letter.

The first letter of intent is for CDBG's economic development program and involves ALCOM Inc. relocating their business from Waterville to our Industrial Park on the Augusta Road. The town is not required to make a financial contribution to this grant request.

The second letter of intent is for CDBG's housing assistance program and involves the town purchasing the six homes on Dal-laire Street and then demolishing the homes to prevent further occupancy. The estimated cost to the town would be \$504,539.

Community Catalyst Event

Members of our Sustainability Committee (*Catherine Nadeau, Elery Keene, Jim Veilleux, Frank Stankevitz and myself*) will be attending a three day workshop (*Jan. 17th—19th*) that will focus on energy conservation and sustainability goals. The event will be held at the Waterville Opera House and is open to the public.

FEMA Reimbursement

Due to severe weather events that occurred between December 11th and the 29th we may be eligible for reimbursement from FEMA for labor, equipment and materials related to the storms. John Giroux has submitted a reimbursement request of just over \$20,000. We are awaiting approval or disapproval of our request.

Heating Fuel Contract for Next Winter

I am having discussions with the School Department and Maine Power Options regarding requesting bids in the next month or two for a fuel oil contract for next winter. It could be beneficial to lock-in now for next year since fuel prices are subject to extreme fluctuations. I will keep you informed of my progress.

Maine Service Centers Coalition

As you are probably aware, we are members of the Maine Service Centers Coalition and they are asking us to appoint a representative and an alternate who will be authorized to vote at the Coalition's annual business meetings. I will be asking the council to appoint two individuals to fulfill this request.

Speaking Engagement Request

Attached to this report is a request from the Maine State VFW for me to speak at their annual State Convention being held here in Winslow at the VFW. The event is being held on June 12, 2009. I would be honored to speak at such an event, however, if the Council would prefer having a Council member speak at this event then I would support that as well.

Homeless Shelter Donation

Over the past year town office employees have made contributions to the Friday dress down day fund. Historically at the end of each year (around Christmas time) the money that has accumulated in the fund is then donated to a charitable cause.

This year the employees donated \$400 from the fund to the Mid-Maine Homeless Shelter.

Executive Session

In your packet are two envelopes that are each marked CONFIDENTIAL. We will be discussing the contents of these envelopes during executive session this coming Monday.