

Town Manager's Report: Town Council Meeting of 01/07/2014:

1. The FYI Folder: FYI Folder which contains items that come in between the Town Council Meetings has the following this evening: READ List.

2. Sebasticook Regional Land Trust Farm & Habit Ride: The Town has been contacted by representatives of the Land Trust to start the collection of information for the 2nd Annual Farm & Habitat Ride. This year, the group is going to check all schedules to try to plan the ride on a day that another significant bike ride is taking place. This will lead to more participants as many of the regular bicyclists were at a large biking event. As soon as the date is chosen, we will start to promote and publicize the bike ride and padding event.

3. Ordinance Amendments: The Town will be starting the new year with some ordinance amendments. The CEO had been working on a Property maintenance ordinance. After numerous discussions with the Town Attorney and review by the Planning Board, the Town Attorney has recommended that the State Law be utilized for some of the property maintenance issues the CEO has been dealing with and that the Town zoning ordinance be utilized as well as several amendments to the Zoning Ordinance. Basically if we beef up the Zoning Ordinance a bit, we do not need another ordinance that will conflict with the State law and town code and it will be easier to address some of the property issues going on. 90% have been addressed by commonsense and talking with people. The rest of the issues require more. There may also be shoreland zoning ordinance amendments and the two that I have been saving in order to consolidate all of this and effectively address public hearing costs and time spent by the committee members: Bid Policy amount increase and consideration of changing the Admin Code for Town Council Meetings to 6:30 pm from 7:30 pm if the Council would like to do this. Currently, we are using a resolution which authorized the change in the time of the meeting.

4. Egg Festival Dinner for Volunteer Organizations: The Central Maine Egg Festival will be hosting a dinner for volunteer organizations on Thursday, January 09, 2013 at 6:30 pm in the Council Chambers. This will be an informal dinner meeting to discuss the 2014 Egg Festival and how Volunteer Organizations can become involved. Councilors are invited to attend if you would like.

5. Library programming: READ Notice

6. Maine Service Centers Coalition: We should consider a resolution at one of the next two Council Meetings regarding further State Revenue Sharing cuts. READ Letter

