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Candidates running for office.....

Selectman Assessor and Overseer of the Poor - 3 year term

ERIC DURGIN

KENNETH E HARMON

MSAD 55 board member- 3 yr term

WRITE-IN

MSAD 55 board member- 1 yr term

WRITE-IN

Annual Town Meeting

Election – Friday

March 5th, 2021

Polls open 4 pm – 8 pm

Absentee Ballots available

Town Meeting

Sat. March 6th, 2021

9 am

At the

Sacopee Middle School

CDC GUIDELINES FOLLOWED

**Must Mask and stay 6 feet apart
(unless family or live together)**

Town Meeting Articles

Because we have been through a lot in the last year dealing with COVID-19, and to keep our formal gathering for town meeting at a minimum length of time, we have combined a lot of the articles in order to hopefully shorten the town meeting. The following is a sample of some of the articles that have been combined:

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$37,500.00 for the Sacopee Rescue Unit per their request as follows:
Sacopee Rescue operating account \$ 32,500.00
Sacopee Rescue reserve account \$ 5,000.00

Totaling	\$ 37,500.00
Municipal Officers recommend raise and appropriate \$32,500.00 for operations and \$2,500.00 for reserve for SRU.	

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$33,600.00, with \$1,620.00 coming from surplus for Harvest Hills Animal Shelter, the following outside agencies per their requests :

Sacopee Recreation Council	\$ 3,000.00
Southwest Oxford County Nutrition, Inc.	\$ 4,600.00
Seniors Plus Organization	\$ 1,000.00
Community Concepts, Inc	\$ 2,980.00
Smooth Feather Youth and Excursions	\$ 600.00
Saco River Corridor Commission	\$ 300.00
Sacopee Snowdrifters Club	\$ 500.00
Soldiers Memorial Library	\$17,500.00
Harvest Hills Animal Shelter	\$1,620.00
Hiram Historical Society	\$ 500.00
Hiram Development Assoc	\$ 500.00
Hiram Community Center	\$ 500.00

Municipal Officers recommend raise and appropriate \$33,600.00 with \$1,620.00 coming from surplus

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Sum of \$ 58,161.00 for the following town office operations and Professional services:

Audit	\$ 7,150.00
Planning and Appeals Boards	\$ 200.00
Legal expenses	\$ 5,000.00
MMA Dues	\$ 2,653.00
SMPD dues	\$ 608.00
Town Office operations	\$40,000.00
Update Tax Maps	\$ 1,750.00
Health Officer	\$ 800.00

Totaling	\$58,161.00
Municipal Officers recommend: raise and appropriate \$ 58,161.00 (NOTE: The \$5,000.00 increase in town office operations is because the computer equipment/software account has been combined into this account.)	

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ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$33,700.00 for Code Enforcement Officer, Building Inspector, and Plumbing Inspector's combined salary, Mileage, Training courses and any other miscellaneous materials or supplies needed. \$19,200.00 will be taken from surplus account.
Municipal Officers recommend: raise and appropriate \$33,700.00 for CEO salary and expenses. \$19,200.00 will be taken from surplus account.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$192,250.00 for compensations, insurances, benefits for town employees. Authorizing and entrusting the elected municipal officers to disperse funds appropriately in accordance with the Hiram Personnel Policy and appointments to positions. Municipal Officers recommend: \$192,250.00 for compensations, insurances, and benefits for:

Town office Staff	\$ 82,000.00
Fire Chiefs	\$ 5,000.00
Municipal Officers	\$ 14,800.00
Election Clerks	\$ 2,000.00
Animal Control officer	\$ 2,150.00
EMA Director	\$ 1,800.00
Unemployment	\$ 1,000.00
Insurances	\$ 70,000.00
Towns Share Social Security	\$ 13,500.00

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$47,000.00 for the following emergency response departments: Any unexpended balance at years end will be put into a special revenue accounts for each department.

Communications	\$ 10,000.00
Hiram Fire Department	\$ 18,500.00
South Hiram Fire Department	\$ 18,500.00

Totaling \$ 47,000.00
Municipal Officers recommend: raise & appropriate \$47,000.00 for emergency response departments with unexpended balances going into a special revenue account for each dept.

ARTICLE 32. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$561,000.00 for the purpose of road work within the town as follows:

Large Road Projects	\$ 25,000.00
General Road Maintenance	\$ 100,000.00
Paving	\$ 150,000.00
Winter Roads	\$ 286,000.00

Municipal Officers recommend: raise and appropriate the sum of \$561,000.00 for road work within town.

ARTICLE 33. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,200.00 for the Care of Cemeteries, Memorial purposes, Park upkeep and the restoration and maintenance of Outlying Cemeteries where veterans are buried, per MRSA 1964, Chap. 58, Section 3. Any unexpended balance at year end in the outlying cemetery account will be put into a special revenue account and the balance in the park upkeep account will be put into the Recreational Land Reserve Account. Accounts to be as follows:

Outlying Cemeteries	\$ 2,000.00
Care of Cemeteries:	
Pleasant Ridge Cem	\$ 1,000.00
Stanley Cem.	\$ 3,000.00
Tare Cem.	\$ 100.00
Hiram Village Cem	\$ 1,700.00
Memorial Purposes	\$ 400.00
Park Upkeep	\$ 2,000.00

Totaling \$ 10,200.00
Municipal Officers recommend: raise and appropriate \$10,200.00

ARTICLE 34. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$38,500.00 for the following reserve accounts:

Capital Improvement Reserve	\$ 5,000.00
Road Reconstruction Reserve	\$10,000.00
Public Works Reserve	\$10,000.00
Building Maintenance Reserve	\$ 5,000.00
Vehicle Purchasing Reserve	\$ 5,000.00
Revaluation Reserve	\$ 3,500.00

Totaling \$ 38,500.00
Municipal Officers recommend: raise and appropriate \$38,500.00 for reserves.

There are a total of only 36 articles this year for town meeting! Many towns have done or are doing the same for their town meetings in order to still have an open town meeting and give the voters the opportunity to voice their opinions and vote but to also keep it short to minimize any exposure.

There are further details of the procedures for the town election and town meeting on the Clerks page in this newsletter.



**PLANNING BOARD
WILL BE
CONDUCTING A
PUBLIC HEARING
TUES.
MARCH 2ND, 2021
AT 7:00 P.M.
AT THE HIRAM TOWN
OFFICE**

Zelman Brothers Holdings, LLC/Andrew Zelman are requesting a conditional use permit in order to have 5 Wilderness Campsites within a designated area on Tax Map U7 lot 1. People would park in a designated parking area and hike into these campsites. This would be carry in-carry out setup.

The application is available at the town office or you can request a copy be emailed to you for your review. If you wish to state any comments or concerns and are unable to attend the public hearing, you may write to Hiram Planning Board, Zelman PH, 16 Nasons Way, Hiram ME 04041.

Any questions, feel free to contact Terry at 625-4663.



Its time to replace the Flags that line Main St along the parade route, and thought we should add some new flags to the South Hiram Rd as well.

It was suggested we get donations
To cover the expense associated with this added cost

Please help us reach our goal of \$2,400.00 to
Help decorate the streets of Hiram
Any amount is appreciated,
help us give the community something
to smile about this summer.

Donations can be dropped off at the Town Office
or mailed to the office
Our mailing address is 16 Nasons Way, Hiram ME 04041.
Please include a note stating what your payment is for if
you are mailing it.

Town Clerk & Tax Collector Corner

Town Elections & Town Meeting March 5 & 6 2021

Town elections will be held on Friday March 5, polls will be open from 4pm to 8pm, absentee ballots are now available until Tuesday March 2. You can call the office and request a ballot to be mailed to you or stop by during regular business hours and cast your vote.

We will be practicing CDC guidelines on Election Day so the line to vote may be outside at times. Please be sure to dress accordingly.

Town Meeting will be held at the Sacopee Valley Middle School, this year we will be meeting in the gymnasium instead of the cafeteria, (same entrance). Again, we will be practicing CDC guidelines, chairs will be set up socially distance and we are asking you not to arrive prior to 8:30 am. There will be no delicious snacks or beverages for sale this year, you can bring your own snacks if desired.

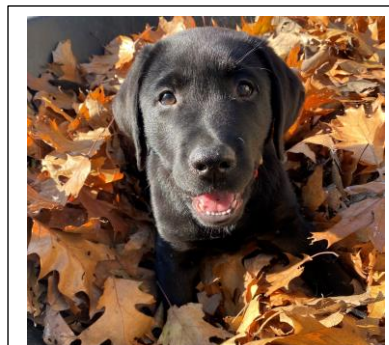
Please do not hesitate to contact the office with any questions in regard to the Municipal Elections or Town Meeting.



DOG LICENSES

Due to COVID-19 there are no late fees being assessed this year on dog licenses. We are asking you to please license your pets according to state law. Did you know that the registration fees you pay helps offset the Animal Control Officers (ACO) compensation as well as the annual assessment we receive from Harvest Hills? The fee is relatively small, \$6 for a spayed/neutered dog and \$11 for a non-altered dog and it helps ensure that our pets and loved ones are safe from the rising cases of rabies being reported in Maine.

A few years ago, a law was passed the required all vets to forward copies of your dogs rabies vaccination to the town office. You may have received a call from Cindy our ACO please do your part and license your pets.



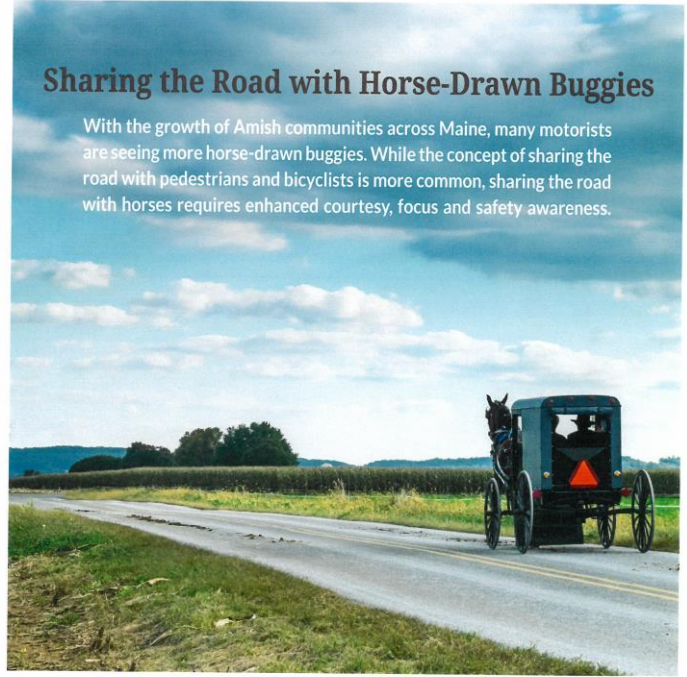
WE ARE VERY FORTUNATE and EXCITED TO WELCOME THE AMISH COMMUNITY TO HIRAM!

There are Amish families moving into Hiram on the South Hiram Road at the corner of Durgintown Road and South Hiram Road. We ask that you be aware of their travels in their buggies and on bicycles along the roads and cautiously pass them so not to jump the horse or driver. MDOT will be placing signs along the road into Cornish.

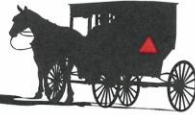
Their plans are to have fresh vegetables, beef, eggs, chicken, furniture, crafts and eventually an Amish store located there.

Sharing the Road with Horse-Drawn Buggies

With the growth of Amish communities across Maine, many motorists are seeing more horse-drawn buggies. While the concept of sharing the road with pedestrians and bicyclists is more common, sharing the road with horses requires enhanced courtesy, focus and safety awareness.



Horses may be unpredictable and are easily spooked by noisy exhaust pipes, horns, squealing brakes and other unexpected sounds. In addition, Amish buggies are not as expected or as visible as cars, trucks and bicyclists. This combination makes the buggies and their passengers quite vulnerable on public roads.



Tips for Motorists

- Slow down and pay attention when you see horse-drawn vehicle signs.
- Don't honk your horn near a horse! Nearly all horses are spooked by horns and it is against the law to knowingly frighten or startle an animal on a public way.
- Please don't rev your engine when pulling alongside a horse.
- Motorists are obligated by law to stop and remain stationary if anyone handling an animal signals that the animal is frightened. The motorist needs to wait as long as is reasonable and necessary, until the animal is calm enough to pass or move along.
- Dim your headlights when meeting or following a buggy at night, just as you would when meeting or following a car.
- Learn to recognize the reflector and lighting systems used on the front and rear of Amish vehicles. Dark buggies on dark nights are hard to see.



- Leave plenty of room between your vehicle and the buggy, especially if the buggy is stopped at an intersection. Horses get nervous at intersections and may back up. This unexpected move could damage the front of your car and the buggy. More importantly, passengers in both vehicles could be injured.
- When passing a buggy, please allow at least three feet of space. If the horse is surprised, it could lurch the buggy into your path. If a car bumper catches a buggy wheel, it can flip the buggy, causing serious injuries to the passengers and the horse.
- Slow down when driving over a blind hill or around a sharp turn. If a buggy is nearby, your speed might make it impossible to avoid a collision.
- Buggies can travel faster than you think! Some can reach 15-20 mph. This is important to remember if you're passing a horse and buggy. Give yourself plenty of room to return safely to your lane if you're facing oncoming traffic, just as you would when passing a car.

Amish drivers also have responsibilities for driving safely and courteously. Always remember that many motorists are not expecting to see horses on the road so your visibility is crucial. Place reflectors on both the front and back of the buggy and use lanterns at night, keeping in mind the lanterns are not visible from every direction. Here are some suggestions for buggy or wagon drivers.

Tips for Amish Drivers

- Always be aware of vehicles approaching from behind.
- Please use hand signals.
- Cars need longer distances to stop, so don't pull out in front of a vehicle.
- When you're climbing a hill, be aware of what's behind you. Pull to the right and stop if traffic is closely approaching from behind. When you're over the crest, keep as far to the right as possible and allow the vehicles behind you to pass.
- When going around a blind curve, move along as quickly as is reasonable. Keep as far to the right as you can and allow cars to pass before and after navigating the curve.
- When turning left to enter a driveway or road, make sure that there are no vehicles behind you attempting to pass you on your left.
- When a vehicle in a driveway is about to enter the roadway, stop and wait. You may not be



visible to the driver, especially if the car is backing onto the road.

- When approaching an intersection at night, stop and wait for the other vehicle to enter the road. You may not be visible to the other driver.
- Be very cautious when meeting another horse-drawn buggy on the road. A car may be trying to pass the buggy coming toward you and that driver may not see you approaching them.



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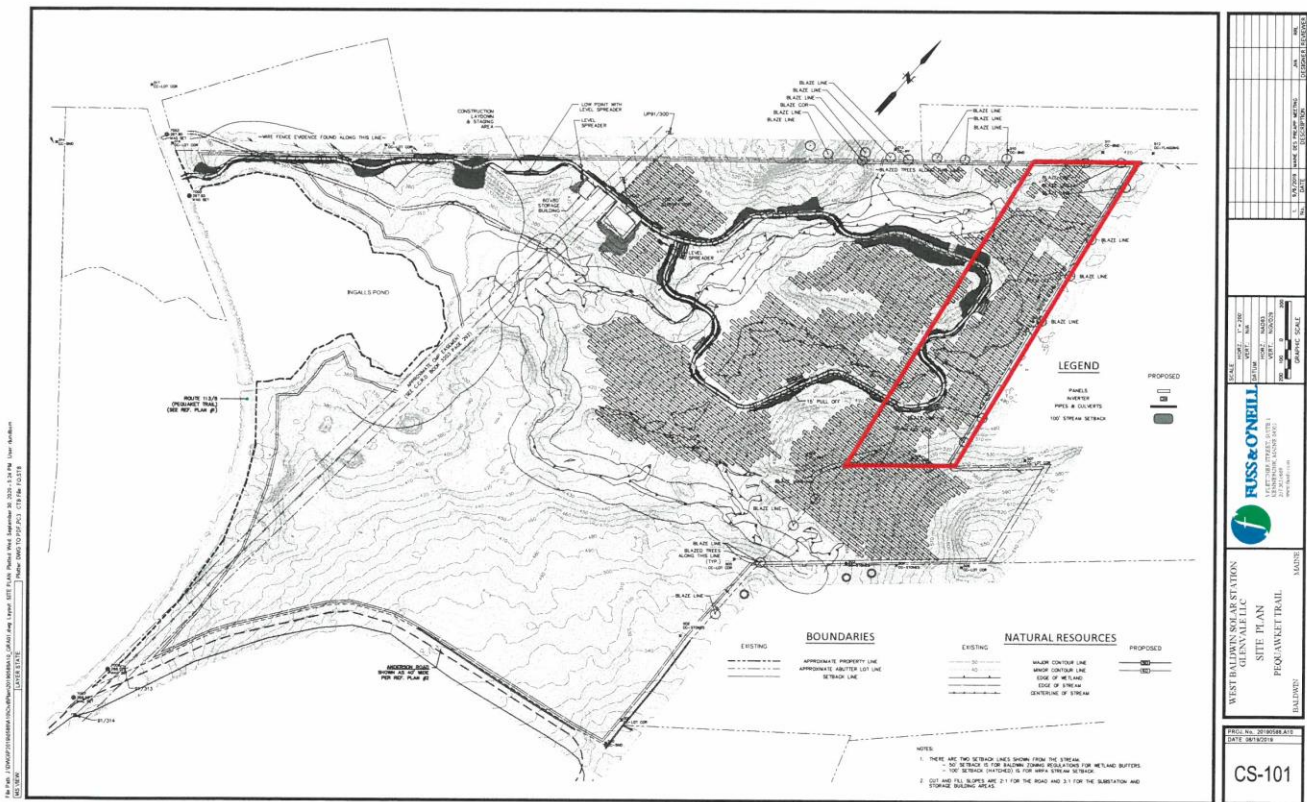
PLANNING BOARD NEWS

The Planning Board has become very busy in the past year and looks like it to be this year. We have attempting to go through our current zoning ordinance and clarify terminologies and address any inconsistencies that we are aware of. As well as, many request for conditional use permits that have come before the board and some that are pending final decisions. The largest one pending is the request to have a portion of a large solar farm located Baldwin extend into Hiram on a 20 acre parcel located on the Baldwin/Hiram townline. This solar farm is 90 % located in Baldwin along Ingalls Pond and Rt.113/5 (Pequawket Trail). The map below shows the layout of the project, the part outlined in red is the parcel located in Hiram. All of the little brick looking marks are panels that would be installed. This solar farm would go directly into the CMP grid that is already located on this property. We held a public hearing on January 26th, 2021 with few people present. The Planning board has yet to make a decision on the project and have requested an extension to make their decision until Baldwin planning board comes to their conclusion since most of the project is in Baldwin.

Excerpt from West Baldwin Solar Station narrative given to the PB with their application....

“Total Lot are involved in the project is 216.72 acres. The Lease Area and project area on the parcels in question is 110 acres. The project area contains a network of existing woods roads with 1 primary woods road from Pequawket Trail to the CMP Easement.”

“The proposed development includes solar arrays, a substation (12,500-sf), storage building (2,400-sf), an access road, inverter/transformer pads and battery storage areas (152,000-sf) grading and associated site amenities. The cleared area will be equivalent to 110 acres including the access road and the solar panel racks. Areas of solar panels over wetland will leave the stumps in the wetlands in order to minimize impacts and will be maintained no more than twice per year.”



PLANNING BOARD NEWS (CONTINUED).....

The Planning Board currently does not have a Solar Ordinance to give them guidance on the Solar Farm Project so we are relying on information gathered from other communities that already have solar farms and looking at what other towns have for ordinances. We are currently working on a Solar Ordinance for the town and will be presenting the draft to the public in the near future at a public hearing. Watch the local Shopping Guide and check the town website for notice of the date and time of the hearing. At the same time we will be presenting the proposed changes to our zoning ordinance. We have a draft of the articles we are going to present at a public hearing and then at a special town meeting scheduled at a later date. The following are the proposed changes for the zoning changes:

ARTICLE ___. Shall the Inhabitants of the Town of Hiram amend our current Town of Hiram Zoning Ordinance under ARTICLE 3 Construction of Language and definitions Subsection 3.2 Definitions as follows:

Add:

"CAMPER TRAILER – A trailer constructed with collapsible partial side walls that fold for towing by another vehicle and unfold at the campsite to provide temporary living quarters for recreational, camping or travel use."

"FIFTH-WHEEL TRAILER – A vehicle mounted on wheels designed to provide temporary living quarters for recreational, camping or travel use, of such size or weight as not to require special highway movement permits and designed to be towed by a motor vehicle that contains a towing mechanism mounted above or forward of the tow vehicle's rear axle."

"INDIVIDUAL PRIVATE CAMPSITE – an area of land which is not associated with a campground, but which is developed for repeated camping by only one group not to exceed ten (10) individuals and which involves site improvements which may include but not be limited to a gravel pad, parking area, fireplace, or tent platform."

Planning Board & CEO recommends to do so.

ARTICLE ___. Shall the Inhabitants of the Town of Hiram amend our current Town of Hiram Zoning Ordinance under ARTICLE 3 Construction of Language and definitions Subsection 3.2 Definitions as follows:

Change the definition of Manufactured housing as follows:

"MANUFACTURED HOUSING

A structural unit or units designed for occupancy and constructed in a manufacturing facility and transported, by the use of its own chassis or an independent chassis, to a building site. The term includes any type of building that is constructed at a manufacturing facility and transported to a building site where it is used for housing and may be purchased or sold by a dealer in the interim. 2 types of manufactured housing are included:

(1) Those units constructed after June 15, 1976, commonly called "newer mobile homes," that the manufacturer certifies are constructed in compliance with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development standards, meaning structure transportable in one or more sections, that in the traveling mode are 14 body feet or more in width and 750 or more square feet, and that are built on a permanent chassis and designed to be used as dwellings, with or without permanent foundations, when connected to the required utilities including the plumbing, heating, air conditioning or electrical systems contained in the unit.

(a) This term also includes any structure that meets all the requirements of this subparagraph except the size requirements and with respect to which the manufacturer voluntarily files a certification required by the Secretary of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and complies with the standards established under the National Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974, United States Code, Title 42, Section 5401, et seq.; and

(2) Those units commonly called "modular homes" that the manufacturer certifies are constructed in compliance with Title 10, chapter 951, and rules adopted under that chapter, meaning structures, transportable in one or more sections, that are not constructed on a permanent chassis and are designed to be used as dwellings on foundations when connected to required utilities, including the plumbing, heating, air-conditioning or electrical systems contained in the unit."

Planning Board & CEO recommends to do so.

ARTICLE ___. Shall the Inhabitants of the Town of Hiram amend our current Town of Hiram Zoning Ordinance under ARTICLE 3 Construction of Language and definitions Subsection 3.2 Definitions as follows:

Change the definition of Manufactured housing section (2) add to Mobile Home definition as follows:

"A mobile home shall contain not less than 600 square feet of gross floor area built prior to June 15, 1976"

Planning Board & CEO recommends to do so.

ARTICLE ___. Shall the Inhabitants of the Town of Hiram amend our current Town of Hiram Zoning Ordinance under ARTICLE 3 Construction of Language and definitions Subsection 3.2 Definitions under Manufactured housing section (2) add Motor Home as follows:

"MOTOR HOME – a motor vehicle designed to provide temporary living quarters for recreational, camping or travel use that contains at least 4 of the following as permanently installed independent systems that meet the National Fire Protection Association standard for recreational vehicles:

A. A cooking facility with an on-board fuel source.

B. A potable water supply system that includes at least a sink, a faucet, and a water tank with an exterior service supply connection.

C. A toilet with exterior evacuation.

D. A gas or electric refrigerator.

E. A heating or air-conditioning system with an on-board power or fuel source separate from the vehicle engine; and

F. A 110-volt to 125-volt electric power supply."

Planning Board & CEO recommends to do so.

ARTICLE __. Shall the Inhabitants of the Town of Hiram amend our current Town of Hiram Zoning Ordinance under ARTICLE 3 Construction of Language and definitions Subsection 3.2 Definitions reword definition of Recreational Vehicle as follows:
“**RECREATIONAL VEHICLE** – A vehicle that is either self-propelled or towed by a consumer-owned tow vehicle, is primarily designed to provide temporary living quarters for recreational, camping or travel use, complies with all applicable federal vehicle regulations and does not require special highway movement permits to legally use the highways. “Recreational vehicles” includes motor homes, travel trailers, fifth-wheel trailers and folding camping trailers. A truck camper, although not towed or self-propelled, shall be considered a recreational vehicle.”

Planning Board & CEO recommends to do so.

ARTICLE __. Shall the Inhabitants of the Town of Hiram amend our current Town of Hiram Zoning Ordinance under ARTICLE 3 Construction of Language and definitions Subsection 3.2 Definitions add the following definitions:

“**TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY** – An occupancy that does not exceed 120 days in a calendar year.

TRAVEL TRAILER – A vehicle mounted on wheels designed to provide temporary living quarters for recreational, camping or travel use, of such size or weight as not to require special highway movement permits when towed by a motor vehicle.

TRUCK CAMPER – A portable unit constructed to provide temporary living quarters for recreational, travel or camping use, consisting of a roof, floor and sides, designed to be loaded onto and unloaded from the bed of a truck.”

Planning Board & CEO recommends to do so.

ARTICLE __. Shall the Inhabitants of the Town of Hiram amend our current Town of Hiram Zoning Ordinance under ARTICLE 5 – PERFORMANCE STANDARDS section 5.9 section 5.9.1 Change the wording as follows:

“**MANUFACTURED HOMES (MODULAR HOMES/MOBILE HOMES) AND RECREATIONAL VEHICLES**
MODULAR HOMES;

5. Application shall be made to the Code Enforcement Officer for a building permit prior to placement of a modular home.
6. All of the provisions of this ordinance pertaining to single family dwelling in the zoning district where the modular home is to be located shall apply to the unit and the lot upon which it is located
7. A permanent foundation is required and must conform to the Town of Hiram building code requirements adopted March 2013”

Planning Board & CEO recommends to do so.

ARTICLE __. Shall the Inhabitants of the Town of Hiram amend our current Town of Hiram Zoning Ordinance under 8. ARTICLE 5 – PERFORMANCE STANDARDS section 5.9 section 5.9.2 Change the wording as follows:

“**MOBILE HOMES:**

1. After the effective date of this ordinance (January 29, 1987) only those mobile homes which meet the definition of manufactured housing, as defined in this ordinance, may be placed on any lot within the town.
2. No person, firm or corporation shall place, occupy, move, bring or cause to be brought into the Town any mobile home without first securing a Conditional Use permit to do so from the Planning Board.
3. Must provide a copy of the Conditional Use Permit granted by the Planning board to the Code Enforcement Officer, prior to the placement of a mobile home.
4. All the provisions of this ordinance pertaining to single family dwelling in the zoning district where the mobile home is to be located shall apply to the unit and the lot upon which it is located.
5. No mobile home shall be moved or removed from the location designated in the permit to another location within the Town without first securing a new Conditional Use permit from the Planning Board, which permit shall be subject to all of the provisions of this ordinance pertaining to the application for and granting of a new permit.
6. No person, firm or corporation shall move a mobile home from any location in Town to another community without first obtaining a certificate from the Town Tax Collector certifying that, as of the date of removal, all taxes due the Town had been paid in full.
7. Any owner of a mobile home who has a lawful conditional use permit for the placement and occupancy of such and desires to replace it with another, shall file an application for a replacement conditional use permit with the Planning Board. All of the pertinent provisions of this Ordinance pertaining to the application for, and granting of, a conditional use permit for a mobile home shall apply to the application for and granting of the replacement permit.
8. A foundation for a “newer mobile home” must conform to the installation standards established by the Manufactured Housing Board. Typically, this consists of a six (6) inch re-enforced concrete slab atop eighteen (18) inches of packed gravel.
9. Hold-downs for mobile homes shall be securely installed and attached according to all the manufacturer’s instructions.
10. Where a continuous masonry foundation is not used, the space between the ground and the bottom of the unit shall be fenced, screened, or otherwise enclosed so as not to be visible.”

Planning Board & CEO recommends to do so.

ARTICLE __. Shall the Inhabitants of the Town of Hiram amend our current Town of Hiram Zoning Ordinance under
ARTICLE 5 – PERFORMANCE STANDARDS section 5.9 section 5.9.3 subsections 5.9.3.1 – 5.9.3.4 Recreational Vehicles as follows:
“RECREATIONAL VEHICLES:
The following articles are retroactive and apply to all recreational vehicles regardless of the effective date of this revision.
Any pre-existing conditions as they pertain to recreational vehicles must be brought into compliance with the new provisions of this ordinance.

5.9.3.1 STORAGE
1. Recreational vehicles may be kept or stored on premises within the Town provided they are not stored in any front yard, or within 15 feet of any side lot line or 20 feet of any rear lot line.

5.9.3.2 OCCUPANCY
5. Recreational vehicles are not residential dwelling units and as such, are prohibited from being used for permanent residential occupancy. This prohibition applies to recreational vehicles sited at legally established RV parks, campgrounds, and private property.
6. Recreational vehicles may be occupied in legally established RV parks or campgrounds with legally established utility connections for periods less than 120 days per calendar year.
7. Recreational vehicles may not be occupied on private property except as expressly permitted pursuant to Article 5.9.3.3 and 5.9.3.4.
8. Only one recreational vehicle shall be allowed on any individual private campsite.

5.9.3.3 TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY (Less than 120 days per calendar year)
5. Recreational vehicles shall not be located on any type of permanent foundation except for a gravel pad, and no structure except a canopy may be attached to the recreational vehicle.
6. For each recreational vehicle placed on a site other than a legally established RV park or campground, and generally occupied for less than one hundred and twenty (120) days per year, a written sewage disposal plan describing the proposed method and location of sewage disposal shall be required.
7. The plan must be approved by the Local Plumbing Inspector and where disposal is off-site, written authorization from the receiving facility is required.
8. An RV permit from the Code Enforcement Officer must be obtained prior to siting the RV to ensure compliance.

5.9.3.4.1.1 TEMPORARY OCCUPANCY (Greater than 120 days per calendar year)
5. Recreational vehicles shall not be located on any type of permanent foundation except for a gravel pad, and no structure except a canopy may be attached to the recreational vehicle.
6. A recreational vehicle may be placed on site and generally occupied for more than one hundred and twenty (120) days per year in instances where temporary housing is required or while construction or re-construction of a dwelling is being accomplished.
7. In this instance, a permanent potable water supply (frost protected) is required and the installation/hook-up of a subsurface sewage disposal system in compliance with the State of Maine Subsurface Wastewater Disposal Rules is also required unless served by public sewage facilities.
8. An RV permit from the Code Enforcement Officer must be obtained prior to siting the RV to ensure compliance.”

Planning Board & CEO recommends to do so.

ARTICLE __ Shall the Inhabitants of the Town of Hiram amend our current Town of Hiram Zoning Ordinance under
ARTICLE 5 – PERFORMANCE STANDARDS section 5.9 section 5.9.4 Permit fee to read as follows:
“5.9.4 PERMIT FEE

1. Permit fees for Modular Homes, Mobile Homes, and RV placement shall be in accordance with the schedule of fees adopted by the Hiram Planning Board and Municipal Officers as determined by the Code Enforcement Officer.
2. All fees must be paid prior to the issuance of any permit.”

Planning Board & CEO recommends to do so.

ARTICLE __. Shall the Inhabitants of the Town of Hiram amend our current Town of Hiram Zoning Ordinance under
ARTICLE 5 – PERFORMANCE STANDARDS section 5.9 subsection 5.9.5 Town Assessors to be notified to read as follows:

“5.9.5 TOWN ASSESSORS TO BE NOTIFIED

The Code Enforcement Officer shall immediately notify in writing the assessors and the Municipal Officers of any occupancy permit issued by him for a Modular or Mobile Home.”

Planning Board & CEO recommends to do so.

PLEASE REVIEW THE ABOVE PROPOSED CHANGES AND BE PREPARED WITH YOUR QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FOR THE UPCOMING TBD PUBLIC HEARING

**2020
ANNUAL TOWN
REPORTS ARE
AVAILABLE**

**WE HAVE THEM AT THE TOWN
OFFICE AND AT THE SOLDIERS
MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

The report was dedicated to Lura Sawyer this year for all of her volunteered time and work she dedicates to the town. One item that was omitted in the dedication is that Lura was a Selectperson for the town as well.

**APPLICATIONS
FOR THE
2021
MOOSE LOTTERY
ARE NOW
AVAILABLE ON
LINE**

Applications must be completed by 11:59 pm (ET) on May 13, 2021.

Moose Lottery drawing to be held in June 2021.



Please help us better serve you

If you are coming into re-register something (cars, boats, ATV etc) if possible please bring in the old registration. For vehicle registrations please check to see that you have a valid insurance card and the current mileage before coming into the office this will help us better serve you.

Registration Helpful Hints

The State is starting to crack down on the bill of sales for motor vehicles, snowmobiles, ATV's and boats. They are requesting what they refer to as a valid bill of sale. A valid bill of sale fully describes the vehicle being purchased – the year, make, model, color and VIN; it also contains both the seller and buyers information, including names, signatures and addresses for all parties. If the title transfer is incomplete and you have a valid bill of sale we may be able to process the registration using the documents you have.

When registering a previously owned snowmobile, ATV or boat if it has been registered in Maine before please try to bring in the sticker number and year from the previous registration this is extremely helpful trying to locate the vehicle within MOSES

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU!!!!

UNBELIEVABLE DONATIONS AND ASSISTANCE FOR THE CHRISTMAS GIVING IN WHAT WAS A UNPRECEDENTED YEAR!

I can not express enough gratitude to all those that so generously donated monetarily and gift wise for the Christmas giving! With so many people out of work, limited incomes, family sickness, stress of the Covid, you still thought of your fellow neighbors and friends in Hiram and gave so very generously!

There were 12 large families that were given gifts at Christmas! It was a lot of wrapping and I had wonderful Santa helpers this year doing the wrapping: Michelle, Stevie, Dayna and Daryl Ann Collomy and Shondi Verrill! Thank you so much ladies for all of your assistance! Santa sure did appreciate it!

At Thanksgiving – 9 families were given gift certificates to Call’s Shop n Save so that they could purchase the items their families like for Thanksgiving.

Lets hope that 2021 is an easier year for all families and friends in Hiram and brings much joy and happiness to all!



HIRAM TOWN OFFICE HOURS

MON – Thursday 9 A.M. – 3 P.M.

THURS EVENINGS 5:30 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.

FRIDAYS 9 A.M. – NOON

SECOND SAT. OF MONTH – 8 A.M. – 11 P.M.

Municipal officers meet every Thurs eve at 7 p.m. Public welcome to attend.

Masks and social distancing required