

## TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

JANUARY 3, 2011

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Hampden Town Council was held on Monday, January 3, 2011. The meeting was held at the municipal building council chambers and was called to order by Attorney Thomas Russell at 7:00 p.m.

**Attendance: Councilors:** Matthew Arnett, Andre Cushing, Janet Hughes, Jean Lawlis, William Shakespeare and Kristen Hornbrook; Thomas Brann was absent

**Town Manager:** Susan Lessard

**Town Counsel:** Thomas Russell

**Department Heads/Staff:** Town Planner Bob Osborne

Citizens

The first order of business was the election of Mayor. Councilor Cushing nominated Matthew Arnett for Mayor; seconded by Councilor Lawlis. There being no further nominations, Attorney Russell closed nominations and vote was 5-0-1 (Hornbrook). Mayor Arnett was sworn in by Attorney Russell.

Mayor Arnett asked for nominations for Deputy Mayor. Councilor Lawlis nominated Andre Cushing; seconded by Councilor Shakespeare. There being no further nominations, Mayor Arnett closed nominations and vote was 5-0-1 (Hornbrook). Deputy Mayor Cushing was sworn in by Attorney Russell.

### A. CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Arnett asked the Clerk to make a correction to the minutes of the December 20, 2010 meeting regarding the Council's motion on Item C.4.a. - Library Circulation Desk. The minutes will be amended to include in the motion that the Council authorized the use of up to \$5,000.00 from the Library Reserve account. Motion by Councilor Cushing, seconded by Councilor Shakespeare to accept the Consent Agenda as amended -- unanimous vote in favor.

### B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

### C. POLICY AGENDA

## **1. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### **a. ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE ENACTING A MORATORIUM ON MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARIES AND SITES OF MARIJUANA CULTIVATION**

Town Planner Bob Osborne explained that the previous moratorium expired and that this would allow an additional 120 days for the Council to review the zoning ordinance and add language necessary for the review of any Medical Marijuana Dispensary applications received by the Town. Bob noted that the Planning Board will be holding its public hearing on the proposed zoning ordinance amendments on January 12th and he anticipated that the process shouldn't take more than another couple of months.

Mayor Arnett explained the procedure for the public hearing and then opened the hearing.

Proponents: Sally Leete of 344 Main Road North stated that she is in favor of extending the moratorium to give the Town a chance to look into it further and for the public to hear the pros and cons.

No one spoke in opposition and there were no general questions or comments. The hearing was closed.

Motion by Councilor Cushing, seconded by Councilor Lawlis to adopt the moratorium ordinance – unanimous vote in favor.

### **b. PROPOSED ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT RE DAY CARE PROVISIONS – ARTICLE 3.9 RURAL DISTRICT AND ARTICLE 4.19 DAY CARE PROVISIONS**

Town Planner Bob Osborne explained that this amendment would allow the operation of a day care facility in buildings separate from a dwelling if common to the lot. He reported that the Planning Board has returned a recommendation of "ought to pass".

Mayor Arnett opened the hearing. No one spoke in favor or opposition and there were no questions or comments. The hearing was closed.

Motion by Councilor Hughes, seconded by Councilor Shakespeare to adopt the Zoning Ordinance text amendments as proposed – unanimous vote in favor.

## **2. NOMINATIONS-APPOINTMENTS-ELECTIONS**

There were none.

## **3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Ordinance, Enacting a Moratorium on Medical Marijuana Dispensaries and Sites of Marijuana Cultivation

**WHEREAS**, a referendum was passed by the Maine voters liberalizing the laws relating to Marijuana Dispensaries; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Maine Department of Health and Human Services adopted emergency Rules Governing the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Program (10-144 CMR Chapter 122), effective May 5, 2010; and

**WHEREAS**, the Maine Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Licensing and Regulatory Services, has issued a Request for Applications for non-profit corporations to become dispensaries for growing and dispensing marijuana to registered patients under the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act (Title 22 M.R.S. §§2421-2430-A); and

**WHEREAS**, the potential location of Marijuana Dispensaries and Sites of Marijuana Cultivation in the Town of Hampden raises legitimate and substantial questions and concerns about the impact of such facilities on the Town of Hampden, including questions of the adequacy of streets for additional traffic; the compatibility of Marijuana Dispensaries and Sites of Marijuana Cultivation within existing residential and commercial zones; the potential adverse health and safety effects of the Marijuana Dispensaries and Sites of Marijuana Cultivation on the community; the possibility of illicit sale and use of illegal drugs, misuse of prescribed marijuana, associated criminal activity, and drug related deaths; and the increased burden on the Hampden Police Department; and

**WHEREAS**, marijuana is illegal to possess under federal law; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Maine allows the possession of certain amounts of marijuana, and

**WHEREAS**, the current Hampden Zoning Ordinance and Comprehensive Plan do not adequately address the concerns listed above; and

**WHEREAS**, the possible effects of the location of Marijuana Dispensaries and Sites of Marijuana Cultivation has implications for the health, safety and welfare of the Town of Hampden and its citizens; such implications include, but are not limited to, the location of such Marijuana Dispensaries and Sites of Marijuana Cultivation proximate to schools, residential areas, and public ways; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Hampden needs a reasonable amount of time to study the Zoning Ordinance and Comprehensive Plan to determine the implications of future proposed Marijuana Dispensaries and Sites of Marijuana Cultivation and to develop reasonable regulations governing the location and operations of such treatment facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Hampden, under its home rule authority and its police power, has the authority to impose reasonable restrictions, conditions, and limitations on such a facility; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council members for the Town of Hampden, through the advice of the Hampden Planning Board and staff, shall study the Hampden Zoning Ordinance to determine the land use implications of Marijuana Dispensaries and Sites of Marijuana Cultivation and consider what locations and conditions of approval might be appropriate for such facilities and such cultivation; and

12/20/2010: Introduced for public hearing on 1/3/2010

Adopted by Town Council: 1/3/2011

**WHEREAS**, the existing Comprehensive Plan, Zoning Ordinance, and other applicable laws and regulations, if any, are not adequate to prevent serious public harm by the development of Marijuana Dispensaries and Sites of Marijuana Cultivation in the Town of Hampden; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Hampden has developed proposed amendments to its Zoning Ordinance to address the foregoing matters, but its Moratorium on Marijuana Dispensaries and Sites of Marijuana Cultivation enacted on June 21, 2010 expired prior to the full consideration of the proposed amendments by the Planning Board and the Town Council, and before the adoption of the final amendments to the Ordinance by the Town Council; and

**WHEREAS**, the Moratorium is necessary to prevent an overburdening of public facilities that is reasonably foreseeable as the result of Marijuana Dispensaries and Sites of Marijuana Cultivation being located in the Town of Hampden and to permit the Town adequate time to review and adopt the proposed amendments to its Zoning Ordinance; and

**WHEREAS**, it is anticipated that review, development and adoption of proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance will take another one hundred twenty (120) days;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMPDEN THAT THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE ENACTING A MORATORIUM ON MARIJUANA DISPENSARIES AND SITES OF MARIJUANA CULTIVATION BE ENACTED:**

1. **Applicability and Purpose:** This moratorium shall apply to Marijuana Dispensaries and Sites of Marijuana Cultivation, as defined below, that may be proposed to be located within the Town of Hampden.
2. **Prohibition:** During the time this Ordinance is applicable, no officer, official, employee, office, board, or agency of the Town of Hampden shall accept, process, approve, deny, or in any other way act upon any application for a building permit, certificate of occupancy, site plan review, conditional use plan review and/or any other permits or approvals related to such use. No person or organization shall develop or operate Marijuana Dispensaries or Sites of Marijuana Cultivation within the Town of Hampden on or after December 4, 2010.
3. **Enforcement, violation, and penalties:** If Marijuana Dispensaries or Sites Marijuana Cultivation is established in violation of this Ordinance, each day of any continuing violation shall constitute a separate offense for this purpose. The Town shall be entitled to all rights available to it in law and equity, including its reasonable attorney fees and costs in prosecuting any violations.
4. **Definitions:** As used in this Ordinance, the following terms have the following meanings:
  - a. "Marijuana" shall have the definition set forth in Title 17-A M.R.S.A. Section 1101 (1) and 10-144 CMR Chapter 122, Section 1.15.
  - b. "Marijuana Dispensaries" means one or more marijuana dispensary, facility or location, whether fixed or mobile, where marijuana is made available to or distributed to any person or entity authorized to receive it under Maine Law.

- c. "Sites of Marijuana Cultivation" means one or more sites at which marijuana may be cultivated for the specific purpose of making marijuana available to or distributed to any person or entity authorized to receive it under Maine Law.
5. Date: This Ordinance shall apply retroactively to December 4, 2010 and shall remain in effect for a period of one hundred twenty (120) days after said date, unless extended, repealed, or modified by the Hampden Town Council.
6. Pending proceedings: Notwithstanding the provisions of Title 1 M.R.S. § 302, this Ordinance shall apply to any proposal to establish Marijuana Dispensaries or Sites of Marijuana Cultivation, whether or not an application or proceeding to establish said uses would be deemed a pending proceeding under Title 1 M.R.S. § 302.
7. Action by the Town Council and Planning Board: During the applicable period of this Ordinance, the Planning Board and staff shall expeditiously act to review the implications of such Marijuana Dispensaries and Sites of Marijuana Cultivation on, among other things, the health, safety, welfare, traffic, law enforcement, land use, aesthetic, property value, and environmental impacts on the Town of Hampden and its citizens. During the Moratorium, the Town will hold at least one public hearing and receive input from interested parties.
8. Severability: Should any section or provision of this Ordinance be declared by any court to be invalid, such a decision shall not invalidate any other section or provision.

C-1-b



TO: Mayor Arnett and Hampden Town Council  
 FROM: Robert Osborne, Town Planner  
 SUBJECT: Draft Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment: Day Care Provisions  
 DATE: October 14, 2010

At the October 13, 2010 Planning Board Meeting the Board voted unanimously to return this item to the Council with an "ought-to-pass" recommendation with two friendly amendments to 4.19.3. Performance Standards. Item 7 was amended to add punctuation and to add the phrase "operating the facilities":

- 7. Day Care Facility. Notwithstanding the definition of Day Care Facility, when located in a commercial or industrial district this use is not required to be operated within a dwelling or by a person residing on the premises. Notwithstanding the definition of Day Care Facility, when located in a Rural District this use may be operated within a separate building on a lot common to a dwelling in which a person or persons *operating the facilities* reside.

Item 8 was amended to require written comment from Hampden Public Safety to identify any child safety issues. This might include but not be limited to known sex offenders in the immediate area.

- 8. *As part of the review process written comment shall be obtained from Hampden Public Safety to identify any child safety issues.*

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 Adopted by Town Council: 1/3/2011

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The Town of Hampden Hereby Ordains  
Proposed Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance

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ARTICLE 3  
REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO INDIVIDUAL ZONES

3.9. Rural District

3.9.1. *Purpose* - The intent of this district is to protect and promote the rural use and character of the area, to provide for traditional agricultural and open space uses, and to provide for low density residential development where appropriate. It is intended that much of the residential development occurring in this district will be either dispersed in nature or, where the developer chooses, will be clustered with extensive open space surrounding the development. (Amended: 12-18-95)

3.9.2. *Permitted Uses (Subject to Site Plan Review where applicable)* - Agriculture, forestry, single family dwelling, certified manufactured home, two family dwelling, three or four family dwelling when serviced by public sewer and water, home day care (subject to Section 4.19), accessory use, golf course or other outdoor recreational facilities, home occupation (subject to Article 4.10), cluster subdivisions, essential service, and wireless telecommunications facilities (subject to Section 4.22). (Amended: 9-19-83, 8-22-94, 12-18-95, 10-01-01, 6-3-02, 03-21-05)

3.9.3. *Conditional Uses (Subject to Site Plan Review)* - Daycare facility, child care center (subject to Section 4.19), nursing home, non-profit school, public schools, church, non-profit club, hospital or clinic, mobile home park (subject to Section 4.13), campground, cemetery, buildings and parking for recreational facilities, processing agricultural products which are not accessory to an agricultural use, processing and excavation, gravel pit and quarry activities (subject to Article 4.23 *Excavations, Gravel Pits and Quarries*), stockpiles (subject to Article 4.9) not accessory to excavation, gravel pit and quarry activities, commercial nursery, indoor recreational facilities, boarding of animals; to include training and grooming, veterinary hospital, buildings necessary for essential services, community facility (including solid waste facility), Customary Rural Business (subject to Section 4.20). (Amended: 8-22-94, 12/18/95, 12-2-96, 1-21-97, 03-21-05, 12-17-07)

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*4.19. Day Care Provisions*

*4.19.1. Purpose* - In order to provide suitable day care opportunities in all areas of Hampden without adversely impacting the peaceful enjoyment of residential neighborhoods, day care facilities of all types which provide for the supervision and care of children under the age of sixteen shall comply with the following provisions.

*4.19.2. Day Care Types:*

1. Home Day Care
2. Day Care Facility
3. Child Care Center

*4.19.3. Performance Standards*

1. Density: ~~Home Day Care and Day Care Facilities~~ shall not exceed a density of 12 children per acre.
2. Outside Outdoor Play Area: Outside play areas proposed as part of Home Day Care, and Day Care Facility Facilities or Child Care Center which provide outside play areas, such play areas shall be fenced and no closer than 25 feet to any adjacent property lines.
3. Hours of Operation: Home Day Care and Day Care Facilities located in the Residential A, Residential B or Rural Districts shall not operate between the hours of 6:00 pm and 6:00 am.
4. Parking: Home Day Care, and Day Care Facilities and Child Care Centers shall provide one off-street parking space per four (4) children plus one (1) space per employee who does not reside on the premises.
5. Signs: Home Day Care shall not display any outdoor signage. Day Care Facilities located in the Residential A, Residential B or Rural Districts may have an unlighted sign not to exceed two (2) square feet.
6. Employees: Day Care Facilities located in the Residential A, Residential B or Rural Districts may employ one (1) person who does not reside on the premises. *(Amended: 8-22-94)*
7. Day Care Facility. Notwithstanding the definition of Day Care Facility, when located in a commercial or industrial district this use is not required to be operated within a dwelling or by a person residing on the premises. Notwithstanding the definition of Day Care Facility, when located in a Rural District this use may be operated within a separate building on a lot common to a dwelling in which a person or persons operating the facilities reside.

8. As part of the review process written comment shall be obtained from Hampden Public Safety to identify any child safety issues.

4.19.4. Approvals Required.

1. Home Day Care. Home Day Care shall be subject to Article 5.3.2 Certificate of Compliance regulations.
2. Day Care Facility. Day Care Facility located in the Residential B or Rural Districts shall be subject to Planning Board approval pursuant to Article 4.1.9.1 Site Sketch.
3. Child Care Center. All Child Care Centers operated as Service Businesses shall require Site Plan Approval pursuant to Article 4.1 Site Plan Review. Child Care Center operated as accessory to a church or community building does not require site plan review.

(Please note that day care is regulated by the State of Maine Title 22: HEALTH AND WELFARE Subtitle 6: FACILITIES FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS Chapter 1673: CHILD CARE FACILITIES HEADING: PL 2001, C. 645, §5 (RPR) 88301-A. Licensure of child care facilities: certification of family child care providers).

## Article 7, Definitions is not to be amended but simply a reference page.

### ARTICLE 7 DEFINITIONS

*7.1. Construction Language* - In this Ordinance, certain terms or words shall be interpreted as follows:

The word "person" includes a firm, association, organization, partnership, trust, company or corporation as well as an individual; the present tense includes the future tense, the singular number includes the plural, and the plural includes the singular; the word "shall" is mandatory, and the word "may" is permissive; the words "used" or "occupied" include the words "intended", "designed", or "arranged to be used or occupied", the word "building" includes the word "structure" and the word "dwelling" includes the word "residence", the word "lot" includes the words "plot" or "parcel". In case of any difference of meaning or implication between the text of this Ordinance and any map or illustration, the text shall control.

Terms not defined shall have the customary dictionary meaning.

*7.2. Definitions* - In this Ordinance the following terms shall have the following meanings unless a contrary meaning is required by the context or is specifically prescribed:

*Accessory use or structure:* A use or structure of a nature customarily incidental and subordinate to those of the principal use or structure. For residential uses, accessory structures shall not be used as habitable space. (Amended: 11-18-02)

*Business or professional office:* An enclosed place of business where the primary activity is the collection, manipulation, evaluation, recording and dissemination of information. Office uses may include service businesses whereby there is no storage, sales, service, or repair of goods and products.

*Child Care Center:* A building or buildings in which a person or persons maintains or otherwise carries out a program, for any part of the day, providing care and protection for 3 or more children. Child Care Centers, with or without consideration for the services rendered, may be operated as a service business or within a church or community building. (Amended: 8-22-94)

*Day Care Facility:* A dwelling in which a person or persons residing on the premises provides or maintains a regular program for consideration, for any part of the day, providing care and protection for four to twelve children. (Amended: 8-22-94)

*Group development:* Two (2) or more primary uses or structures on one (1) lot/parcel.

*Home Day Care:* A dwelling in which a person or persons residing on the premises provides or maintains a regular program for consideration, for any part of the day, providing care and protection for up to three children. (Amended: 8-22-94)

*Preschool:* A service business whereby an instructional program is provided for compensation to three (3) or more children between the ages of one (1) and five (5) years.

*Principal building:* The primary use to which the premises is devoted, and the main purpose for which the premises exists.

a. 2010 COUNCIL COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

The slate of committee appointments was accepted.

b. COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION

Mayor Arnett requested that this item be added to the agenda. Motion by Councilor Hughes, seconded by Councilor Cushing to set aside the rules for the purpose of adding an item to the agenda – unanimous vote in favor.

Motion by Councilor Shakespeare, seconded by Councilor Hughes to add the Council Strategic Planning Session discussion to the agenda as Item C.3.b. – unanimous vote in favor.

The Council had scheduled a strategic planning session for Saturday January 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm at the White House Best Western Inn. Due to a conflict, Councilor Hughes is unable to attend on that date and there was discussion about rescheduling the session to Saturday, February 5, 2011. Councilor Hornbrook expressed opposition to scheduling the session on a Saturday and to spending \$100 to pay for a room offsite. She suggested that the session could be held at the Town Office and it could be broken into two evening sessions. During discussion several Councilors expressed that because of the importance of this planning session, it should be held as only one session and that holding it offsite would provide an opportunity for free and open discussion and allow for a teambuilding opportunity for Council members.

Vote to hold the strategic planning session on February 5, 2011 was 5-1 (Hornbrook). A separate vote to hold the session at the White House Inn was also 5-1 (Hornbrook).

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

a. KIWANIS CLUB OF HAMPDEN – GAMES OF CHANCE  
LICENSE AUTHORIZATION

Motion by Councilor Shakespeare, seconded by Councilor Hughes to authorize the Kiwanis Club of Hampden to receive a license for Games of Chance – unanimous vote in favor. The license application was circulated for Council's signatures.

b. APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF LIQUOR LICENSE  
RECEIVED FROM WANG & LO, INC. d/b/a FRESH GINGER  
RESTAURANT, 64 MAIN ROAD NORTH

Motion by Councilor Lawlis, seconded by Councilor Hughes to approve the application – unanimous vote in favor. The liquor license application was circulated for Council's signatures.

**D. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

There were none.

**E. MANAGER'S REPORT**

A copy of the Manager's Report is attached.

It was noted that the second Council meeting for January is scheduled for January 18<sup>th</sup>, which conflicts with the SAD #22 public forum relative to the Hampden Academy re-use. The Council felt it was important to attend that forum and Councilor Shakespeare made the motion to move the second meeting from January 18<sup>th</sup> to January 24<sup>th</sup>; seconded by Councilor Cushing and vote was unanimously in favor.

The January meeting of the Infrastructure Committee will be moved to January 31<sup>st</sup>.

It was suggested that the meeting with the Water District Board of Trustees could be held on February 28<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with the Infrastructure Committee. Manager Lessard will contact the Water District to confirm the date, location and agenda items.

**F. COUNCILOR'S COMMENTS**

Councilor Shakespeare asked Attorney Russell if we are required to have a site for marijuana cultivation/distribution in Hampden. Attorney Russell explained that the statute does not allow us to prohibit dispensaries or cultivation sites but we can impose reasonable restrictions.

Councilor Hornbrook commented that someone had brought an idea to her for a "Food for Thought" session for constituents to make comments or suggestions and ask questions of the Council. This will be placed on the agenda for the next Communications Committee meeting.

Councilor Hughes informed everyone that the Hampden Business Association will have a lunch meeting tomorrow at Anglers Restaurant.

Mayor Arnett expressed thanks to Bud and Ken Hall of Anglers Restaurant for providing lunch at Randall Arendt's presentation at Anglers back in December.

**G. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

  
Denise Hodsdon  
Town Clerk

## MANAGER'S REPORT

January 3, 2011

Bangor Region Chamber Dinner – The Bangor Region Chamber Annual Dinner is being held on Wednesday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at the Bangor Civic Center. Please let me know if you plan on attending and I will make reservations for you.

Ice Rink – The Recreation Department is in the process of making the ice rink at the field adjacent to the pool again. We are hoping that it will once again provide a great location for family skating.

Fire Department Lieutenant – The Public Safety Director has selected Daniel Pugsley as the Lieutenant in the Fire Department to replace Ray Pipes who left to take the Fire Chief position in Hermon. Mr. Pugsley is currently the Fire Inspector and is a paramedic as well.

Public Forum- Hampden Academy Re-use – There is a Public Forum being held on Tuesday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. at the Library at Hampden Academy for the purpose of discussing Demolition, the University of Maine Market Analysis, Maine State Law in regard to re-use, and the Hampden Academy re-use report prepared by WBRC.

Community Reads Invitation – Attached to this report please find an invitation from the City of Bangor to participate in this year's Community Reads for elected officials. The book for this year is To Kill a Mockingbird and the discussion date is Thursday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> from 5:30-8 p.m. at the Hammond Street Senior Center.

Hampden Water District – Meeting with Councilors – The Water District is seeking a meeting date for February for the semi-annual meeting between the Trustees and the Council. Their only unavailable date is 2/17.

Newsletter – The newest edition of the newsletter will be sent out at the beginning of next week. In the meantime – we will have the pdf copy posted on the website.

Christmas Lights – The Christmas lights will be taken down tomorrow (Tuesday). Once again they provided lovely atmosphere for the community during the holiday season. Many thanks again the businesses and individuals who donated funds for the purchase of the decorations.

CITY COUNCIL  
Susan M. Hawes, Council Chair  
Patricia A. Blanchette  
Richard B. Bronson  
Nelson E. Durgin  
Geoffrey M. Gratwick  
Charles R. Longo, Jr.  
David S. Neatley  
Gerry G. M. Palmer  
Cary M. Weston

January 4, 2011

Dear Elected/Town Officials:

For the last ten winters the Bangor Public Library and other area libraries have sponsored the "Community Reads" program. All citizens in the Penobscot Valley are encouraged to read the same book and get together for discussions – a chance to exchange ideas, build community and get to know each other. For the past five years, the Bangor City Council and councilors from neighboring towns have held their own special sub-group. Our meetings have been great fun and very successful.

This year we would again like to invite you to join us for a stimulating evening of conversation, food and discussion. Our local libraries have chosen *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee, a remarkable and poignant tale of race, justice and injustice. It's a wonderful read.

**Where:** Hammond Street Senior Center, 2 Hammond St., 262-5532

**When:** 5:30 – 8:00, Thursday February 3 2011

**Participants:** limited to 18

**Sign up:** call Jane Robbins-Teel at 992-4203 ASAP at Bangor City Hall and with questions

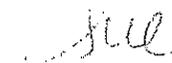
**Facilitator:** Marge Irvine

**Cost:** Free – sponsored by a grant from the Maine Humanities Council

Get to know your local elected colleagues, eat good food, enjoy a gentle libation, and think new thoughts. Please join us!

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,



Susan M. Hawes, Mayor



Councilor Geoff Gratwick