

**JOINT MEETING
HAMPDEN TOWN COUNCIL
HERMON TOWN COUNCIL**

AGENDA

Monday, March 1, 2010
5:00 pm

Hampden Town Office

1. Discussion of Possibilities for Fire Department Consolidation, Joint Ventures, and/or Shared Personnel

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To: Municipal Leaders in Neighboring Towns
From: Hermon Town Council
Date: January 14, 2010
Subject: Fire Department Organizational Ideas

As some of you may have heard, Larry Willis, Hermon's fire chief since 1994, plans to retire before the end of this year. As the Town of Hermon starts to plan the hiring process for our next fire chief, it seems appropriate to initiate discussions concerning the possibility of multiple municipalities sharing one or more fire department personnel. We are interested in hearing from any towns that might be interested in discussing this topic (with no obligation to participate in the final plan, if one can even be determined). There may not be any viable options, however, nothing ventured nothing gained.

If there is interest, we would attend (or host) a meeting of municipal officials to discuss the possibilities for consolidation, joint ventures, and/or shared personnel. The meeting could include town managers, elected officials, and fire chiefs.

It is very important to note that nothing has been ruled in, and nothing has been ruled out, regarding Hermon's willingness to participate in any joint ventures regarding the organization of fire service delivery in this area. We are open to discussing any and all options, including maintaining our status quo.

Please contact Clinton Deschene, Hermon Town Manager at (207) 848-1010 or Robin Hall, Hermon Town Council Chair at (207) 949-1245, if you have any questions.

Yours truly,

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