

PUBLIC HEARING
October 12, 2009
2009-2010 General Assistance Appendices A, B and C
2009-2010 Winter Parking Regulations

Open Public Meeting: Town Council members present included: Oscar Emerson, Nicholas Wood, Audrey Wilcox, J. Frederick Gifford, and Lillian Coulter, excused. Town staff was Town Manager Melissa Doane

Public Comment: Council Chair asked Manager Doane to explain the items to be discussed for public hearing.

General Assistance Appendices: Manager Doane explained that Appendix A is a listing of the overall maximum levels of assistance pertaining to all municipalities in Maine. The overall maximum levels have been calculated on the basis of 2009-2010 HUD Fair Market Rent values that will become effective October 1, 2009. These maximum levels of assistance are established by Maine General Assistance Law and cannot be altered by action of the municipal officers. Appendix B is a listing of the maximum levels of assistance for food. These maximum levels are the same as the USDA 2009-2010 Thrifty Food Plan, which are presumed to be reasonable by regulation of the Department of Health and Human Services. If the municipal officers wish to amend these maximum levels of food assistance, a local survey must be developed and provided to DHHS to justify the alterations. Appendix C is a listing of the maximum levels of assistance for housing (both heated and unheated). These maximum levels were developed by Maine Municipal Association using 2009-2010 HUD Fair Market Rent values that include utility costs. Because the FMR numbers include utility and heating costs, the applicable average utility and heating allowances, as developed by the Maine State Housing Authority are subtracted from the Fair Market Rent to obtain a pure housing cost. A rental survey can be completed if the housing amounts do not represent rental rates in the area.

Winter Parking Regulations: Manager Doane explained that the Town of Bradley each year enacts winter parking regulations to insure that winter plowing and snow removal is preformed safely and adequately. The general rule is that any vehicle shall not be parked on public street or way from November 1, 2009 to April 15, 2010 for more than one hour between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. and may never hinder the removal, plowing of snow.

Councilor Chair explained that the appendices are submitted by Maine Municipal Association and generally the Town Council accepts them as presented. He asked Manager Doane if the winter parking regulations were the same as in the past. She explained they were exactly the same.

Councilor Emerson asked for further questions or comments, there was none, public hearing closed.