**MEMORANDUM**

 TO: Cape Elizabeth Town Council

 FROM: Ordinance Committee

 DATE: September 29, 2011

 SUBJECT: Rooster regulations

The Ordinance Committee has discussed regulation of roosters at three meetings. Police Chief Neil Williams and Code Enforcement Officer Bruce Smith provided information on the number of complaints received regarding roosters and limitations on enforcement. The Ordinance Committee also reviewed examples of rooster regulations in other communities.

The proposed ordinance amendments to the Miscellaneous Offenses Ordinance add roosters and chickens to the list of animals that cannot wander onto private property without permission and restrict loud noises that deprive abutting property owners of the peaceful enjoyment of their property.

At the September 21, 2011 meeting, the Ordinance Committee voted to recommend that the Town Council adopt the attached amendments to the Town of Cape Elizabeth Miscellaneous Offenses Ordinance to establish restrictions on the noise and roaming of roosters (3-0).