

MEMORANDUM

TO: Ordinance Committee
FROM: Maureen O'Meara, Town Planner
DATE: June 10, 2011
SUBJECT: Rooster regulations in nearby communities

As part of its review of the rooster regulations, the Ordinance Committee requested information on how roosters are regulated in other communities. The publication, "Residential Urban Chicken Keeping: An Examination of 25 Cities, includes in Appendix A (page 17) a summary of ordinance features including regulation of roosters. This chart includes South Portland, Maine, which does not allow roosters.

Information for other towns near Cape Elizabeth follows:

Scarborough: Scarborough allows roosters only on lots of 40,000 sq. ft. in size or more. (This approach is very similar to the amendments drafted and ultimately rejected by the Cape Elizabeth Planning Board.)

Falmouth: Falmouth allows roosters only in the Farm and Rural District. This district covers approximately 65% of the town and the minimum lot size is 80,000 sq. ft. (This district would be comparable to the RA District in Cape Elizabeth.)