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### AUBURN SET TO LAUNCH “COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS”

AUBURN, ME. – This fall, the City is focusing on connecting with our citizens by launching a series of “Community Conversations.” These meetings are meant to engage the diverse viewpoints of our citizens where the focus will be:

- To create an agenda of shared priorities for the Auburn community
- To help Auburn become stronger and more cohesive with engaged and well-informed participation in trusted decision-making

Starting the third week of September and ending the third week of October, this series of seven meetings will be held at seven different locations around the City—at least one in each ward. These public meetings will be citizen lead and will be organized by a different, dynamic individual from the community. Auburn citizen, Mary Sylvester will serve as facilitator, working to engage citizen conversation. City Staff, School Staff and appropriate Councilors and/or School Committee members will be present to observe, listen, and answer questions. At every meeting, the group will be asked: *Given the difficult decisions that our community must face and the reality that property tax increases must be minimized, what are our priorities for Auburn’s future?*

Because the City of Auburn is continually striving to better our services, we encourage the public to attend one or more of our Community Conversations.

There will be a "social hour" from 6:00pm to 6:30pm and the conversation will follow. The schedule of Community Conversations is as follows:

- 9/17 Edward Little High School, Chorus Room
- 9/24 Park Ave. Elementary, Cafeteria
- 9/25 East Auburn Community, Cafeteria
- 10/01 Danville Grange (15 Grange Street), First Floor Meeting Room
- 10/02 Sherwood Heights Elementary, Gymnasium
- 10/08 Auburn Public Library, Community Room
- 10/15 Washburn Elementary, Gymnasium

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