

## Public Services

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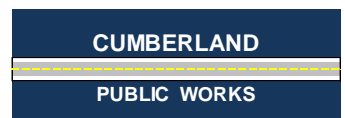


It's my pleasure to submit the 2014-2015 annual report on behalf of the Public Services Department. The Public Services Department consists of three independently supervised departments consisting of the Public Works Department, Parks Department and the Valhalla Golf Course Maintenance Department as well as Buildings Maintenance Supervisor who oversees the general maintenance of all town- owned buildings. There is also a public services administrative assistant who oversees all the towns' storm water and OSHA compliance as well as the day to day administrative operations of all three departments. As the Assistant Town Manager, I have the honor of overseeing and working directly with all three departments on a daily basis. The department's biggest challenge this year was snow; it started early in the year and really seemed to never end. However, when it did end we had the challenge of removing it from school and municipal parking lots to make room for parking. This removal project resulted in a mountain of snow at the Twin Brook Recreation facility that dwarfed all others. It was a tiresome winter and I commend all the departments for an excellent job.

One of the biggest projects the department started in the spring of 2015 is the reconditioning and construction of trails in the Town Forest located behind town hall. When completed, this 1.7 mile loop will consist of eight foot wide compacted gravel trails that will be accessed from Town Hall, Drowne Road, the little league fields as well as from the Village Green Senior Housing facility. The trails will be user friendly and built in such a way that they will be safe and easily accessible to all our residents.

I would like to recognize five graduating seniors from Greely High School for their outstanding community service effort for the Town of Cumberland. Miles Shields, Andrew Theriault and Ben Ingraham spent two weeks in the above mentioned Town Forest battling heat and black flies assisting our public services crew with clearing brush in preparation for the trail reconstruction work. Nick Piacittini and Nick Dubois spent 80 hours cleaning up trash and debris on the Cumberland coast line from Yarmouth to Falmouth and in addition built a bench at the end of Town landing road for residents to use. This was an excellent community service project and I wish all five great successes in the future.

Christopher Bolduc

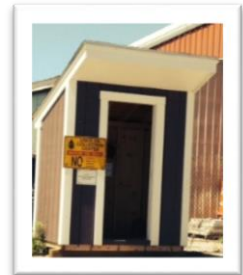


## Public Works

Steve Googins

Public Works Foreman

The Public Works Division of Cumberland Public Services performs many services for the Town. In the spring and summer months the Department maintains over 70 miles of roads and 4.7 miles of sidewalks. The roads are swept and repaired and their ditches are cleaned and inspected. Storm water management continues to be a priority with the Department. This not only involves cleaning and maintaining the ditches but also maintaining an intricate catch basin and fallout network in order to ensure DEP regulations are met and our public waters are kept clean and safe for the environment and for the residents enjoyment. A new waste oil shed will help contain any potential spills as residents deposit their waste oil at the Public Works Garage.



During the winter months, the Public Works Department plows and maintains these same roads this past winter was a long and harsh winter. Plowing started early this year in November and didn't finish until the end of March, with several late season snow events. Many of the storms were small events that were hard to plow and required large quantities of materials to keep the roads safe.



This past year, the Department held a Hazardous Household Waste collection event. Cars were lined up from Tuttle Rd. to the Public Works Garage from opening to the moment the event closed. Over 270 propane tanks and hundreds of gallons of hazardous paint, resins and liquid adhesives were collected. It was a very successful event.



In addition to maintaining the road and drainage systems for the town, the Public Works Department serves as a support for all other town departments and is the home of the Town's Brush Dump and composting facility. The Department also provides support to the MSAD 51 school department with plowing and sweeping and grounds maintenance when asked.

### Services Provided by Public Works:

#### **Interdepartmental Services:**

North Yarmouth Sidewalk Plowing  
Fire & Police Vehicle Maintenance  
Heavy Equipment support at Val Halla  
Installation of drainage at Val Halla  
Ongoing cart path revitalization  
Project Support at Twin Brook  
Grading Roads

#### **Road Maintenance:**

Snow Removal for Roads  
Sidewalk Clearing  
Street Sweeping  
Maintaining culverts and drainage  
Patching and Repair  
Brushing and Ditching  
Road Signage

#### **Environmental:**

Waste Oil Recycling - Residents may bring their used oil to the Public Works Garage during Brush Dump hours  
Storm Drain Inspections and Maintenance  
Street Sweeping & Catch Basin Maintenance

## Parks Department

Theo Bosarge, III

Parks Foreman

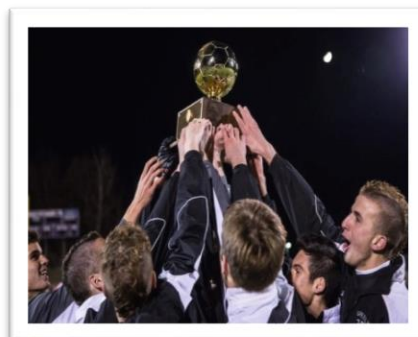


The Parks Department maintains the 3 parks in town and their trails; over 4 miles of walking trails through the Rines Forest, 1.5 of trails through the woods at the Town Office and over 4 miles of wooded walking trails at Twin Brook. The Department also maintains the grounds at the Prince Memorial Library, Town Monuments, Cumberland Commons, West Cumberland Recreation fields, Town Hall, Drowne Road Fields and the Fire Stations.



There are over 22 acres of mixed athletic fields, baseball and softball fields, and soccer fields that are maintained by the Department. One of the bigger projects this year at the park was adding irrigation to the two back multi-purpose fields on the Tuttle Road side of the park allowing more practice times for Lacrosse and Soccer. And this past year, 2014, The Greely boys' soccer team won the class A State Soccer Championships.

The park staff also maintains the shelter building and more than 4 miles of wooded walking trails in the Twin Brook Recreation Area. All athletic fields at Twin Brook and the West Cumberland facility are mowed 3 times a week during the growing season. This combined with the over 60 acres of park area means our large 12-foot mowers can be seen operating almost daily around Town. In the winter months, the staff will groom many of the Twin Brook trails for cross country skiing, assist with repairs around town and supports the Public Works department in plowing the town's roads and clearing the sidewalks; all of which demonstrates this is a flexible and well trained group of employees.





## Val Halla Grounds and Maintenance

Toby Young  
Val Halla Grounds Superintendent

After a very long winter, the greens at Val Halla started came through significantly better than last year. We opened the course with no temporary greens as compared to the 5 temporary from spring 2014. The Grounds Crew has been working long, hard hours all winter to make the summer better than ever. During this time, the staff removed several dead trees and a select few to improve wind movement and the playability of the hole on holes 2, 6, 7, 10, 11 and 17. In addition to tree pruning, we installed a drain in the 16<sup>th</sup> green to remedy an issue of standing water and installed a drain on hole 7 to improve the playability of the hole.

In order to improve course play, we did not aerify the greens this spring. Instead, we used a process call DryJect to inject 24 tons of kiln dried sand into the greens. Staff and the grounds crew have worked tirelessly to get the greens back to the quality our golfers have come to expect.

After switching many of the carts to electric last year, this year saw the completion of that project.

The course at Val Halla was not the only improvement. The deck at the clubhouse was expanded, the stairs relocated and the railings were all redone. This was a much needed improvement that can be enjoyed by golfers and the public at large.



Cumberland Waste and Recycling  
A Division of the Public Service Department

**New, Larger Recycling Bins are available at Town Hall for \$10 each.**

Recycling saves money, energy and water, lowers pollution and greenhouse gas emissions, improves air and water quality, preserves landfill space and conserves natural resources. In order to make it easier for our residents to recycle, Cumberland participates in Single Sort Recycling. This means you do not have to separate out your recyclables; however, your recyclables should remain clean and well contained for pickup. In an effort to encourage residents to recycle, Cumberland has made available larger recycling bins, for \$10 each, available at Town Hall. In response to feedback on the Town trash bags, we have placed an order for the next run of bags to be 1.5mil. thick instead of the current 1.25mil. We hope this will alleviate some of the difficulties residents have been experiencing with the bags and recycling containers.

This past year, the Town of Cumberland hosted several events in the month of October;

Confidential Shredding Service

Saturday, October 4, 2014



Hazardous Household Waste Collection

Saturday, October 11, 2014



Bulky Item Pickup Week

The week of October 13th - 17<sup>th</sup>



Universal Waste Collection (Ewaste)

Saturday, October 18, 2014



All events were very well received and very successful. However, due to the expense of these events, not all will be annual events, so please watch the town website for announcements of upcoming events.

**Universal Waste Collection Event**

Fall of 2014 saw the Town's third universal collection event. This year we collected 21,000 pounds of universal waste for proper disposal and recycling. Universal Waste, also known as Ewaste, is comprised of computers, monitors, printers and other electronic devices. This event is open to the town residents for no additional fee. The department will look forward to planning this event each fall in conjunction with Bulky Item Pickup Week, as the cost to the Town is minimal yet the benefits are great.

**Confidential Shredding**

This past year, Cumberland hosted its first annual (we hope) Confidential Shredding event. Over 10,000 tons of materials were brought to the Public Works Garage for disposal. The event was free to residents. The cost to the town was small but the benefits were huge. We'll do our best to organize this event each fall. Check the Town website for further information.



## **Bulky Item Pickup Week**

This event is held one week in May and one week in October.

### **If an item can fit in a town trash bag, it should go in a town trash bag.**

A Bulky Item Pickup Week was designed to assist the Residents of Cumberland in the disposal of large, oversized items that cannot fit into the Town's PAYT bags in the weekly trash or be recycled in regular curbside recycling. This program is not designed to be a free trash disposal week. If an item, or group of items, fits in a Town of Cumberland PAYT bag, the material IS NOT BULKY Waste and will not be picked up unless it is in a Town of Cumberland PAYT bag. Only residential waste is accepted - no commercial trash is permitted.

#### **Items Accepted:**

Bicycles  
2 Tires (if rims have been removed)  
Washers & Dryers  
Rolled carpet  
Chairs  
Couches  
Tables and other Furniture  
Large Exercise Equipment  
Paint Cans (if OPEN and DRY)

#### **Items NOT Accepted:**

Gas and Gasoline Containers  
Any Hazardous Waste  
Plastic Bags of Trash  
Cardboard or Glass  
Bags or Boxes of smaller items  
Bags or Boxes of Clothing or Textiles  
Yard or Tree Waste  
Construction Material and Wood Debris  
TV's & Computers  
Appliances containing Freon

### **What can be Recycled?**

#### **Recycling Plastic:**

What Can Be Recycled- #1-#7 rigid plastic containers. To help you determine if the plastic item can be recycled here at Ecomaine, we suggest applying these three tests:

**Test #1** – Is it marked with the chasing arrow triangle with a number from 1-7?

**Test #2** – Is it rigid or does it have a hard form?

**Test #3** – Is it a container?

If a plastic item passes all three tests, we can recycle it through Ecomaine!

But wait...there are exceptions to every rule; 1. **No form of foam (Styrofoam) is recyclable at Ecomaine**, so even if it passes all three tests it is still not recyclable because Ecomaine can't find a factory who will buy it. 2. Plastic shopping sacks are recycled at Ecomaine. Although it fails Test #2, we will recycle a shopping sack.

#### **Recycling Paper:**

What Can Be Recycled- We can recycle most paper. Specifically, mixed papers & old mail, newspapers, magazines, phone books, catalogs, paperback & hard bound books with covers torn off, and paper bags.

#### **Recycling Paperboard and Cardboard:**

What Can Be Recycled- Specifically, clean food boxes with all metal and plastic removed. Acceptable materials include cereal, rice, & cake mix boxes, salt boxes, plastic wrap boxes (not the plastic wrap itself) medicine, toiletry, aspirin, Band-Aid & shirt boxes. Toilet paper & paper towel tubes, writing pad backs, poster board, egg cartons and clean corrugated cardboard boxes.

#### **Recycling Glass:**

What Can Be Recycled- Clear and colored glass bottles and jars.

#### **Recycling Cans and Aluminum:**

What Can Be Recycled- Metal food and beverage cans, aluminum foil, aluminum trays and pans, and empty aerosol cans

