

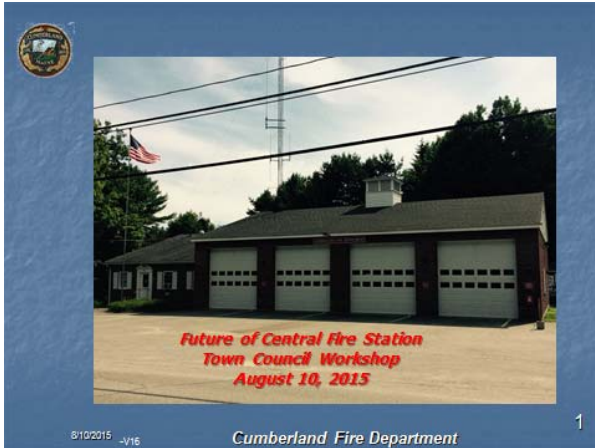
MINUTES

Cumberland Town Council Meeting

Town Council Chambers

MONDAY, August 10, 2015

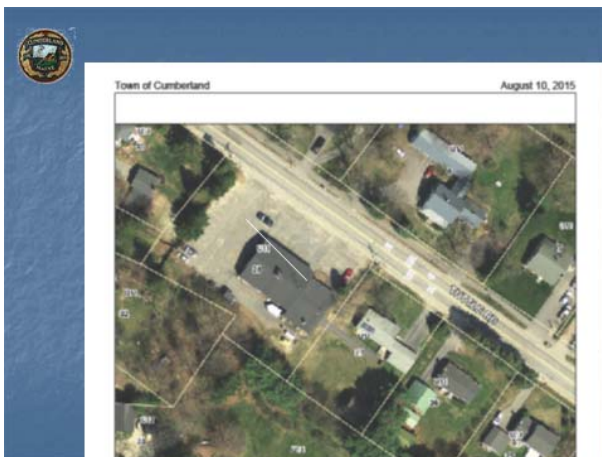
6:30 P.M. WORKSHOP with Fire Chief, Dan Small re: Future of Central Station



Department Overview


- Volunteer base works out of town which leads to day-time staffing issues.
 - 70% of calls are during the day (6AM to 6PM).
- 1 Firefighter/EMT-P and 1 Firefighter/EMT-B on duty at all times
- College live-in students
 - 6 student positions (4 @ central and 2 @ west)
 - 34 weeks per year
- Deputy Bernier and Firefighter Balvin (M-F/8-4)
- Chief part-time

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Central Station

- Built in 1968
- Built on same lot as previous station
- Meeting Room w/Kitchen
- 3 offices
 - Fire
 - Police
 - Dispatch



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Whitman House



- Purchased in 1993 and rented
- 4 College Students
- 1 Firefighter/Paramedic
- Storage of PPE
- Filing of sub-division/business projects
- Washer/dryer
- Medical equipment

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Limitations

- Size for staff (Offices, Training, Sleeping)
- Storage (Gear, tables/chairs, supplies)
- Handicap Accessible
- Heating loss (walls and ceilings)
- Radio Equipment in 1 of the offices for Fire, Police and Public Services

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Limitations (cont.)

- Community Room / Medical Checks
- Conference/Small meeting Room
- Maine BLS has condemned second floor of barn and mezzanine above storage area
- Readiness storage of PPE
- On site parking
- Decontamination area for equipment

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Second floor condemned by Bureau of Labor



First floor wall studs and overhead doors rotted

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Not Handicap Accessible



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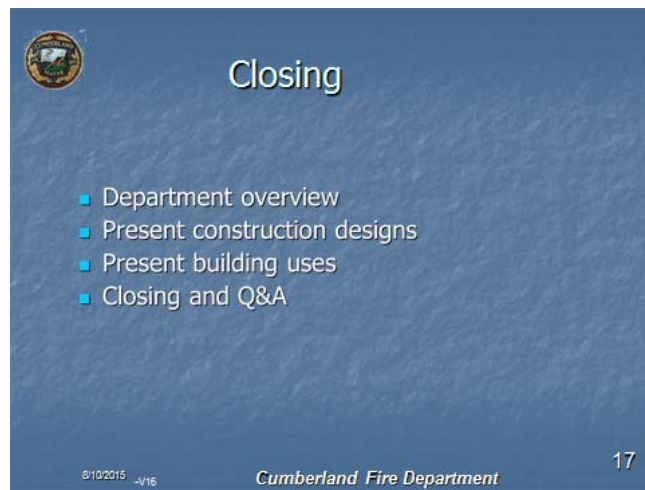


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7:00 P.M. CALL TO ORDER

Present: Councilors Bingham, Turner, Copp, Edes, Gruber, Stiles, and Storey-King

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Councilor Gruber, seconded by Councilor Turner, to accept the July 27, 2015 minutes as presented.

VOTE: 7-0

II. MANAGER'S REPORT

Town Manager Shane said that he would hold off and report under New Business.

III. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Chris Neagle, 76 Orchard Road referenced the stop signs below:



Mr. Neagle asked why stop sign # 3 is there at all. To him, stop signs do a lot of bad things. First of all, they cause you to use gas by stopping and starting, it puts wear and tear on your vehicle every time you stop and start, and it adds time to your commute. The stop sign may have been installed when there was much more traffic in that area, but this is not the case now. It seems to him that if stop sign #3 were eliminated, there would not be a public safety issue. A sign would have to be installed warning drivers that there is a new traffic pattern and that they would have to yield.

Town Manager Shane said that it is the Council's decision if they want to get some traffic study information.

Chairman Bingham asked the Council if they would like the Manager to get that information.

They all agreed that they did.

IV. LEGISLATION AND POLICY

15 – 105 To consider and act on authorizing the Code Enforcement Officer to execute a Consent Agreement with the owners of 81 Blackstrap Road.

Town Manager Shane explained that the Consent Agreement has been drafted as directed by the Town Council in order to levy a fine against the owner of 81 Blackstrap Road. The property owner, Mark Sloat is here this evening to answer any questions. The property has been cleaned up to the satisfaction of the Code Enforcement Officer.

Mark Sloat of 81 Blackstrap Road said that he spoke to each Town Councilor in person (with the exception of Chairman Bingham who he was not able to reach) about this issue, but would be happy to answer any questions this evening.

Councilor Stiles asked Mr. Sloat to explain to the public how he "attacked this problem" and cleaned up the property.

Mr. Sloat explained that his son collects scrap metal and got carried away during the last bulky waste pick up week. He told his son that there was too much junk on the property and that "it has to go". They began making trips to the salvage yard when they could, but then the road work on Blackstrap Road started and he had to get his property ready to allow room for fill to be dumped there, and move the junk in the same period of time. He moved the junk "out back" until he could remove it for good the following week during his vacation. He thought it was still on his property, but later learned that it was not. It is that same location that his parents always had their garden. He admits that ignorance is not an excuse, but he sincerely thought that was his property.

Councilor Gruber told Mr. Sloat that he did the right thing by reaching out to every Town Councilor to explain his situation to them.

Councilor Edes told Mr. Sloat that he really appreciated him taking the time to come see him and explain his situation in person.

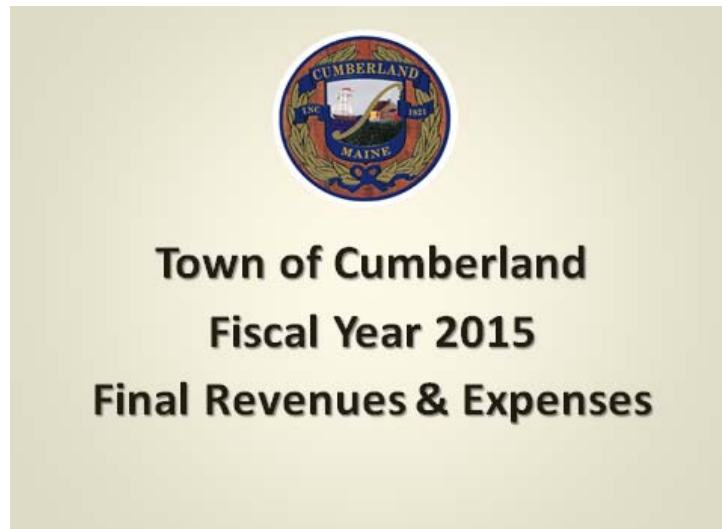
Motion by Councilor Edes, seconded by Councilor Turner, to table action on this item, but if there is any reoccurrence it will be brought back to the Town Council and the Consent Agreement will increase to \$1,000.

VOTE: 7-0 UNANIMOUS

Councilor Turner said that it is a good thing to reach out to each Town Councilor, but it is even better to come to a meeting and explain your situation to the public. That is the most important thing that Mr. Sloat did in his situation.

15 – 106 To hear a report from the Finance Director re: 4th quarter financials.

Finance Director, Heather Perreault presented the 4th quarter financial report:



General Fund Revenues & Expenditures			
	Budget	Actual	FY15 Over (Under) Budget
Total Revenues	\$ 3,869,062	\$ 4,482,904	\$ 613,842
			Over budget
Controllable Expenses	\$ 6,285,878	\$ 6,565,527	\$ 279,649
Fixed Expenses	\$ 17,460,094	\$ 17,299,032	\$ (161,062)
Total Expenses	\$ 23,745,972	\$ 23,864,559	\$ 118,587
			Over budget
GF Net Revenues over Expenditures			\$ 495,255

Selected Revenues

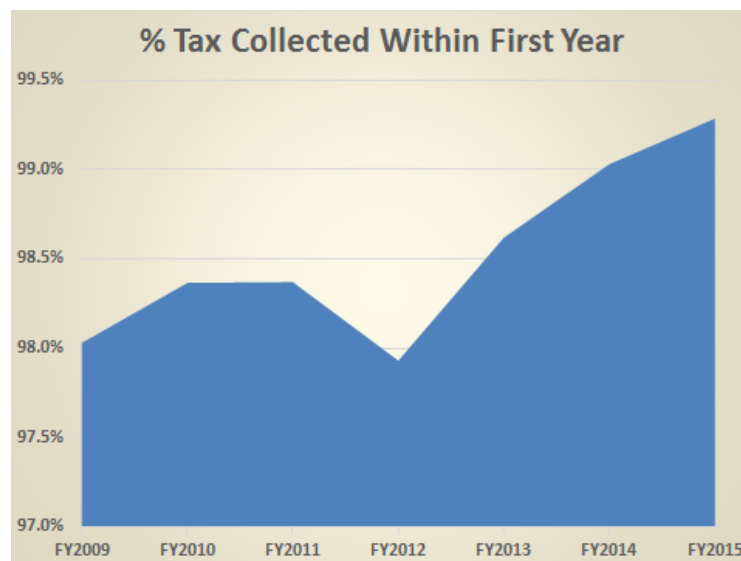
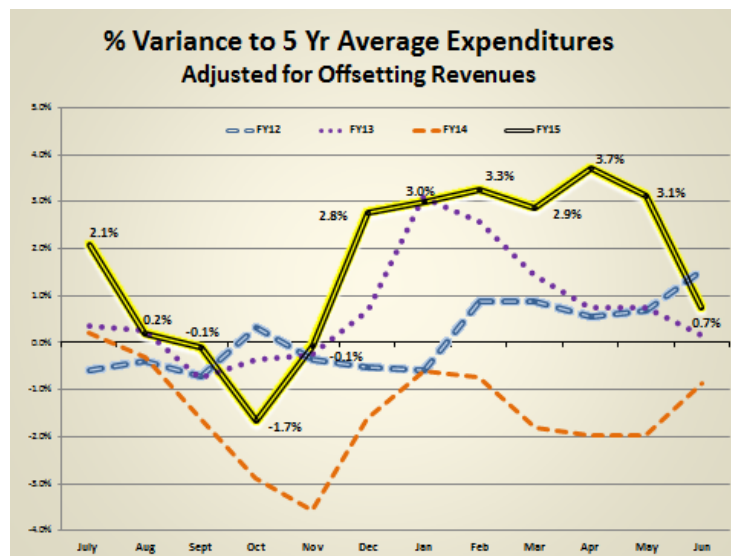
	Budget	Actual	FY15 Over (Under) Budget
Excise Tax	\$ 1,430,000	\$ 1,679,725	\$ 249,725
Recreation	\$ 567,826	\$ 637,067	\$ 69,241
State Revenue Share	\$ 385,710	\$ 421,155	\$ 35,445
PAYT Bag Sales	\$ 250,000	\$ 279,276	\$ 29,276
Rescue Billing	\$ 155,000	\$ 199,921	\$ 44,921
Permits & Impact Fees	\$ 141,500	\$ 185,097	\$ 43,597

Unbudgeted Revenues

	Budget	Actual
Non-Emerg Transport	\$ -	\$ 56,434
EcoMaine Rebate	\$ -	\$ 31,609
State Aid - MEMA	\$ -	\$ 29,042
WC Div & Refunds	\$ -	\$ 26,587
ACO Sharing	\$ -	\$ 12,644

Selected Expenditures

	Budget	Actual	FY15 Over (Under)	Revenue Offset
Abatements	\$ 20,000	\$ 75,921	\$ 55,921	
Legal	\$ 32,500	\$ 60,601	\$ 28,101	
Debt Service	\$ 919,267	\$ 766,386	\$ (152,881)	
FD NET Wages	\$ -	\$ 36,341	\$ 36,341	\$ 56,434
Public Works	\$ 941,925	\$ 978,911	\$ 36,986	\$ 29,042
Recreation	\$ 644,444	\$ 742,156	\$ 97,712	\$ 69,241



15 – 107 To authorize the Town Manager to execute a grant award contract for the Payson Pier Replacement Project.

Town Manager Shane explained that we were fortunate to receive this grant. The pier at the Payson Property is a 200 foot pier that is primarily a residential pier. This grant is for \$21,000 for the engineering to construct a future replacement pier. We are currently working with the Coastal Waters Commission, who is the ultimate permitting authority per Town Charter. The action this evening is to authorize the Manager to execute the contract and accept the grant.

Motion by Councilor Gruber, seconded by Councilor Stiles, to authorize the Town Manager to execute a contract with the State of Maine for the Payson Pier Replacement Project Grant (\$20,906) and to allow the balance of the funding to be transferred from the Land Acquisition Reserve funds (estimated less than \$10,000).

VOTE: 7-0 UNANIMOUS

15 – 108 To set a Public Hearing date of August 24th to consider and act on setting sewer user fees for FY'16.

Motion by Councilor Stiles, seconded by Councilor Turner, to set a Public Hearing date of August 24th to consider and act on setting sewer user fees for FY'16 and to authorize the Town Manager to send a rate increase letter to all sewer users.

VOTE: 7-0 UNANIMOUS

15 – 109 To consider and act on authorizing the Town Manager to execute a 3-year Rental Service Agreement with Cintas for Public Services uniforms.

Town Manager Shane explained that any contract over one year in length requires Town Council authorization. This is for the rental of Public Services uniforms, Cintas was the lowest bidder, and staff is recommending approval.

Motion by Councilor Turner, seconded by Councilor Copp, to authorize the Town Manager to execute a 3-year Rental Service Agreement with Cintas for Public Services uniforms.

VOTE: 7-0 UNANIMOUS

15 – 110 To consider and act on authorizing the Town Manager to execute a 6-year lease agreement with Wells Fargo Financial Leasing, Inc. for maintenance golf carts at Val Halla.

Town Manager Shane explained that this is for the maintenance vehicles that are used at the golf course, not the regular golf carts. This will authorize the rental company go out to bid for a competitive rate (not necessarily Wells Fargo).

Motion by Councilor Stiles, seconded by Councilor Turner, to authorize the Town Manager to execute a 6-year lease agreement for maintenance golf carts at Val Halla.

VOTE: 7-0 UNANIMOUS

15 – 111 To consider and act on Mass Gathering Permits for the Maine Principals Association Regional Cross Country Meet to be held on October 24th at Twin Brook.

Motion by Councilor Storey-King, seconded by Councilor Stiles, to approve the Mass Gathering Permit for the Maine Principals Association Regional Cross Country Meet to be held on October 24th at Twin Brook.

VOTE: 7-0 UNANIMOUS

15 – 112 To consider and act on Mass Gathering Permits for the Maine Principals Association State Cross Country Meet to be held on October 31st at Twin Brook.

Motion by Councilor Copp, seconded by Councilor Storey-King, to approve the Mass Gathering Permit for the Maine Principals Association State Cross Country Meet to be held on October 31st at Twin Brook.

VOTE: 7-0 UNANIMOUS

V. NEW BUSINESS

Councilor Edes – in regard to the statement at the last meeting about the LED sign at the High School, the Town Council did not authorize any funds and the Town did not contribute toward that sign.

He, Councilor Copp and the Town Manager met with the Windham Town Council to continue discussions about the mutual aid emergency coverage around the Forest Lake area. We hope to have the issue resolved by fall.

He referred to an article in the Forecaster that reported that the Town of Falmouth received \$522,000.00 in State aid and instead of spending it they used it to reduce their mil rate. He feels that if a school department finds extra money, it doesn't belong to them; it belongs to all the tax payers.

Councilor Gruber – the Aging in Place Committee Chair will be at a Council meeting in September to report on the results of the survey that was mailed to all residents.

He and his wife walked the new trail system in the Town Forest recently. It is unbelievable. Thank you to the Lands and Conservation Commission and Public Works Department for making it happen. He thanked Brad Hilton for having the vision to make the trail what it is today.

Thank you to all the volunteers who help at our Food Pantry and make it a success.

Councilor Storey-King – tax bills have been mailed out.

She has received some complaints about the flimsiness of the Town trash bags. She responded that we are cycling through the last of the flimsy bags and the next batch will be better. She suggested that they use a regular trash bag and put that inside the Town bag until they get the stronger bags.

Thank you to the Lands & Conservation Commission for the great flyer that they mailed to everyone in Town. It was an educational piece on invasive species that was very informative.

She encountered a peloton (a large group of cyclists) that came off Route 88 and stayed the entire width of the road across the bridge on Tuttle Road, stayed in a group while turning left onto Middle Road. They remained grouped wide down Middle Road and didn't move over for traffic to safely pass them. There are several blind spots on Middle Road a large gully. She respectfully reminded the pelotons that they are required by law to ride single file.

Councilor Turner – he was a critic of the Planning Board's decision to widen the road into the Payson Property, because he felt that the rustic charm would be destroyed. He is glad to report that he now feels that it was a beautifully done project and has not detracted from the beauty of that property. He is very proud of what the Town has done there.

We have some recently paved roads around Town. He reminded everyone to be mindful of their speed when traveling these newly paved roads, especially on Route 88. If the police sat at a couple of spots in particular on Route 88 around 4:00 in the afternoon, they would likely stop $\frac{3}{4}$ of the people that drive by going 15 mph over the speed limit.

He agreed with Councilor Storey-King in regard to cyclists. They have their rights, but they should not ride in the middle of the road and God help any car that comes within 3 feet of them. A lot of times, they ride in single line formation, but there always seems to be a couple that insists on riding side by side in the middle of the road. To those cyclists that insist on riding in that dangerous manner, you probably shouldn't.

Chairman Bingham – Mary Dillon passed away recently. Mary was the wife of Ron Dillon, who served us well on the last major Comprehensive Plan Committee and the Planning Board. Ron was very respected and thoughtful.

Claudia “Cookie” Lowell also passed away recently. She was a marvelous person who was very active in our community as well as the church. Her beloved-ness was evident last Friday by the full house at the Congregational Church for her service.

He was diagnosed with Lyme disease recently. He is starting to feel better, but has still not regained his strength. He works on his property a lot and is very good about checking for ticks, but he must have missed one.

Councilor Stiles – he took his grandson to the Payson Property recently. It was low tide when they were there and it was absolutely gorgeous.

He reminded everyone that he is still collecting money for the 4-H auction that will benefit the food pantry. If everyone in Cumberland and North Yarmouth donate just \$10, we can purchase a lot of quality meat products for the Food Pantry while helping the 4-H kids.

Councilor Copp – he also ran into a problem with cyclist recently on Blanchard Road. They were not riding single file and he was not able to pass them in his wrecker truck. The cyclists need to remember that motorists move over for them in order to give them 3 feet between them and the vehicle, they should be courteous enough to ride single file. We need to see some police presence dealing with this issue.

Town Manager Shane – a portion of Blanchard Road was paved recently, from Glenview to almost Bruce Hill (and a portion of Bruce Hill). We just received an award from PACTS for \$650,000 for the paving of the rest of Blanchard Road for next year (from Main Street to Glenview)

Construction work on Blackstrap Road started today and drainage work around the Main Street area will begin tomorrow. The drainage work and paving in the Farwell Drive area will begin late fall/early spring and paved next summer.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilor Turner, seconded by Councilor Edes, to adjourn.

VOTE: 7-0 UNANIMOUS

TIME: 8:14 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by,

Brenda L. Moore
Council Secretary