

MINUTES

Cumberland Town Council Meeting
Town Council Chambers
MONDAY, February 26, 2018

5:00 P.M. Finance Committee Budget Workshop

EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A., § 405(6)(C) re: real property.

Motion by Councilor Gruber, seconded by Councilor Stiles, to recess to Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A., § 405(6)(C) re: real property.

VOTE: 6-0 UNANIMOUS

TIME: 6:50 P.M.

Reconvene to regular session at 7:05 P.M.

7:00 P.M. Call to Order

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

Excused: Councilor Bingham

I. **BUSINESS INTRODUCTION**

- **Copp Motors**

Ron Copp said that he is the 4th generation at Copp Motors. They are a family business who has been in business for over 50 years. They are a towing business, they sell used cars, service vehicles and do body work. They are open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday.

II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Councilor Stiles, seconded by Councilor Turner, to accept the February 12, 2018 meeting minutes as presented.

VOTE: 6-0 UNANIMOUS

III. **MANAGER'S REPORT**

- Legislative Update from Representative Dale Denno

Representative Denno gave an update of some of the bills that the legislature has considered recently.

IV. **PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

Councilor Turner read the following statement in response to the recent article in the Forecaster and Portland Press Herald in regard to a statement he made at the last Council meeting, which was taken out of context:

My comment, "lack of diversity may have played a role in Maine's low crime rate", was used in an article latent with innuendo involving racist overtones. All we have of real value is our good name. I have enjoyed a total of 38 years of service in Cumberland (25 on the Board of Appeals and 12 as an elected official). Once unleashed, it's hard to disprove a negative. I hope that my service has done just that. The innuendo in the Forecaster article doesn't only call into question my character, but the wisdom of the voters of Cumberland for allowing me to serve all these years. I had considered letting my term expire this spring before this incident, but that could be construed as giving into an apparent assault on

my integrity. I fully intend to run for another 3-year term to give citizens the opportunity to pass whatever judgement they may have. I have been cautioned by my friends not to overreact to possible unfortunate politics. People who know me, know the truth. What about the people who don't know me? I ask you how is it possible to overreact to an unfair questioning of your integrity? For the record, I abhor racism and applaud the fact that we are more and more diverse as a society. Power of the press is enormous in influencing public opinion. With that power goes an awesome responsibility to seek the truth. Far from a truth seeking mission, the article stretched the bounds of logic. I draw strength from the many expressions of support from my friends and constituents in the face of what may have been an overzealous attempt to enforce political correctness.

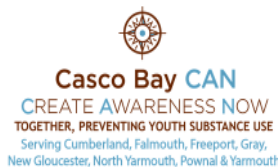
Brad Hilton of Blanchard Road said that he feels it is important to ask our local officials how they feel about important national issues, such as gun control. He hopes to hear some debate from the candidates running for Town Council and School Board. This is important to him and our local officials have tremendous influence in the safety of our schools.

Janine Gorham of 25 Forest Lane said that she would like the Council to be more aware of the ongoing growth of the gravel pits in West Cumberland. She showed some pictures of how much the pits have expanded over the years. She said that she would like to form a subcommittee, possibly working with Storey Brothers, to find a solution that will work for everybody, such as a sound abatement wall, planting large vegetation or restricting the use of the loudest equipment.

V. LEGISLATION AND POLICY

18 – 021 Presentation from Casco Bay CAN re: the Maine Integrated Youth Health Survey.

Beth Blakeman-Pohl of Casco Bay CAN presented the following:



Maine Integrated Youth Health Survey Data Casco Bay Region

SUBSTANCE USE GREELY MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL

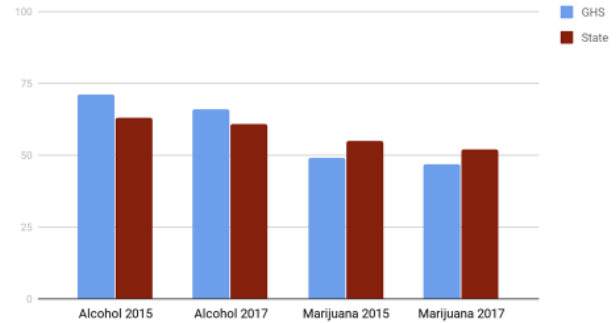
Past 30 Day Use								
	Alcohol		Prescription Drugs		Marijuana		Tobacco Cigarettes	
	GHS	ME	GHS	ME	GHS	ME	GHS	ME
2015	28%	24%	5%	5%	19%	20%	8%	11%
2017	20%	23%	5%	6%	16%	19%	4%	9%
	GMS	ME	GMS	ME	GMS	ME	GMS	ME
2015	2%	4%	2%	3%		4%		3%
2017	2%	4%		3%		4%		2%

STUDENTS PERCEPTION OF HARM

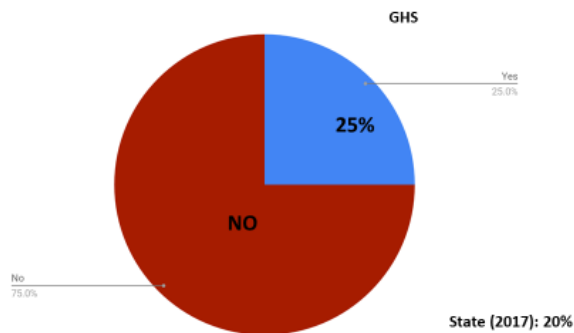
"No Risk" or "Slight Risk"								
	Alcohol		Prescription Drugs		Marijuana		Tobacco Cigarettes	
	GHS	ME	GHS	ME	GHS	ME	GHS	ME
2015	40%	40%	9%	13%	55%	60%	6%	10%
2017	40%	40%	13%	13%	65%	65%	10%	12%
	GMS		GMS		GMS		GMS	
	ME		ME		ME		ME	
2015					18%	29%	6%	10%
2017					24%	35%	6%	11%

EASE OF ACCESS ALCOHOL AND MARIJUANA - GHS

"Sort of Easy" or "Very Easy"



DURING THE PAST 12 MONTHS, HAS ANYONE OFFERED, SOLD, OR GIVEN YOU AN ILLEGAL DRUG ON SCHOOL PROPERTY?



Past 30 Day Use

	Alcohol		Prescription Drugs		Marijuana		Tobacco Cigarettes	
	CB	ME	CB	ME	CB	ME	CB	ME
2013								
Grades 7 and 8	3%	5%	2%	3%	3%	4%	2%	3%
Grades 9-12	27%	26%	5%	6%	20%	22%	10%	13%
2015								
Grades 7 and 8	3%	4%	2%	2%	2%	4%	1%	3%
Grades 9-12	25%	24%	4%	5%	18%	20%	8%	11%
2017								
Grades 7 and 8	3%	4%	1%	2%	2%	4%	1%	2%
Grades 9-12	23%	23%	5%	6%	17%	19%	4%	9%

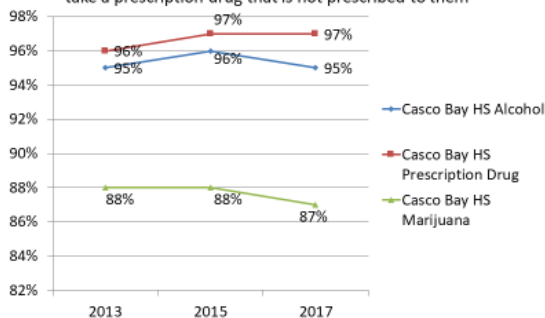
CB- Casco Bay CAN Service Area
ME- Maine

Perception of Parent Disapproval

High School Students

How wrong do your parents feel it would be for you to have:

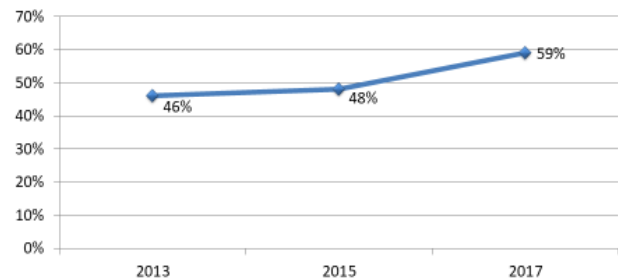
- one or two drinks of an alcoholic beverage nearly every day
- smoke marijuana
- take a prescription drug that is not prescribed to them



Parental Monitoring

If you drank some alcohol without your parents' permission, would you be caught by your parents?

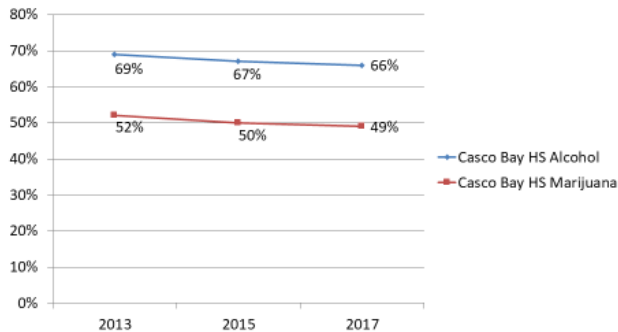
High School Students in Casco Bay Region
Who Believe They Would be Caught



Access

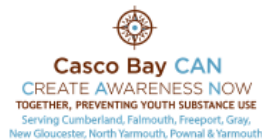
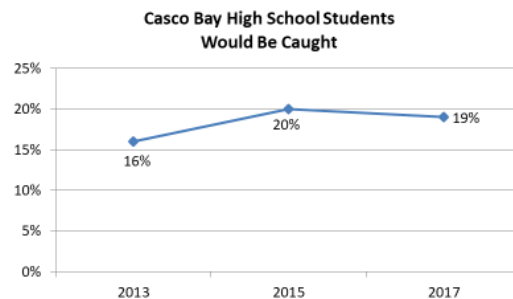
High School Students

If you wanted to get some alcohol or marijuana, how easy would it be for you to get some? 'Sort of easy or very easy'



Law Enforcement

If a kid drank some alcohol in your neighborhood, would he or she be caught by the police? Percentage of students who answered that they would be caught



ADDRESSING SUBSTANCE USE

Anonymous Tip Line – text “UCANTIP”274637

Trainings - Community, School and CPD

Student Intervention & Reintegration Program (SIRP)

FREE 12hr risk reduction for teens

Saturday, March 17 & Sunday, March 18 (9-3)

Drug Take Back Events – Saturday, April 28 (10-2p)

Compliance Checks / Party Patrols

Responsible Beverage Seller / Server Trainings

Tuesday, May 22 (8:30-12:30p)

18 – 022 To authorize the Town Manager to execute a License Agreement with 179 Foreside Road, LLC for the new pier at Broad Cove Reserve.

Town Manager Shane explained that this agreement is for capital replacement of the pier at Broad Cove Reserve (\$150,000) and up to \$5,000 in annual contributions for maintenance and an additional \$5,000 annually for future replacement costs from the homeowners association. The agreement can be rescinded by either party with notice to the other party. The homeowners association has stated that they will not sign off on the agreement, but Town Manager Shane urges the Town Council to move forward on this and accept the \$150,000 from Bateman Partners.

Motion by Councilor Stiles, seconded by Councilor Storey-King, to authorize the Town Manager to execute a License Agreement with 179 Foreside Road, LLC for the new pier at Broad Cove Reserve.

VOTE: 6-0 UNANIMOUS

18 – 023 To consider and act on authorizing the Code Enforcement Officer to execute a Consent Agreement with the owners of 23 Carriage Road.

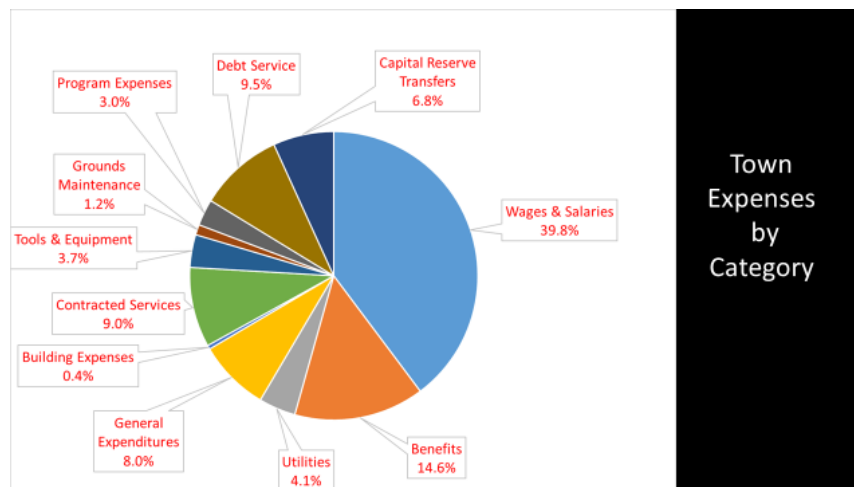
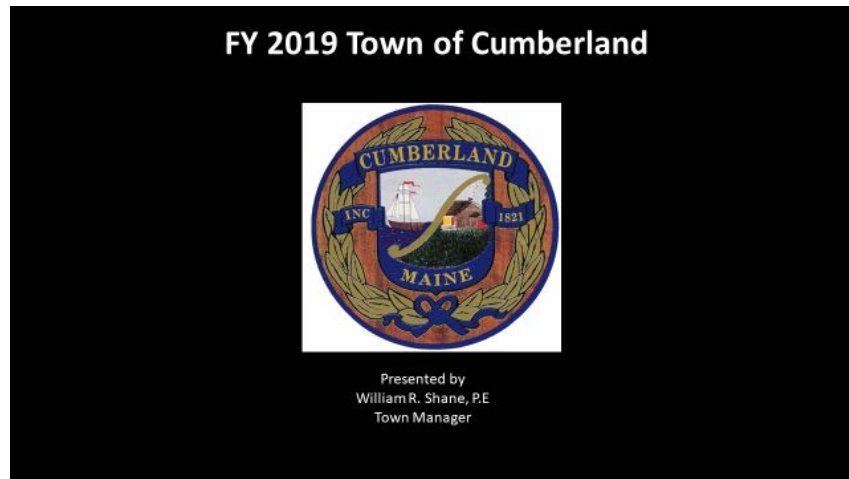
Town Manager Shane explained that there is a 6-foot encroachment to the setback that was discovered during the selling process. The Town Attorney has reviewed this and is recommending approval.

Motion by Councilor Gruber, seconded by Councilor Copp, to authorize the Code Enforcement Officer to execute a Consent Agreement with the owners of 23 Carriage Road and collect \$500 for legal fees.

VOTE: 6-0 UNANIMOUS

18 – 024 Town Manager budget overview.

Town Manager Shane presented the following:



FY 2019 Town Budget - Expenses

	2017	2018	2019	2019	2019	MGR MINUS	Incr	% Incr
	ACTUAL	ORIG BUD	Manager	Dept v2	Dept v1	Original		
Wages & Salaries	\$ 3,879,265	\$ 3,841,321	\$ 4,076,708	\$ 4,195,916	\$ 4,231,786	\$ (155,078)	\$ 235,387	6.13%
Benefits	\$ 1,357,291	\$ 1,498,707	\$ 1,498,763	\$ 1,574,656	\$ 1,524,274	\$ (25,511)	\$ 56	0.00%
Utilities	\$ 404,290	\$ 412,587	\$ 424,627	\$ 449,627	\$ 449,612	\$ (24,985)	\$ 12,040	2.92%
General Expenditures	\$ 718,180	\$ 723,068	\$ 776,936	\$ 778,936	\$ 771,386	\$ 5,550	\$ 53,868	7.45%
Building Expenses	\$ 60,491	\$ 47,701	\$ 53,701	\$ 49,701	\$ 49,701	\$ 4,000	\$ 6,000	12.58%
Contracted Services	\$ 919,008	\$ 897,418	\$ 919,107	\$ 939,498	\$ 940,798	\$ (21,691)	\$ 21,689	2.42%
Tools & Equipment	\$ 421,742	\$ 370,743	\$ 413,572	\$ 393,772	\$ 399,674	\$ 13,898	\$ 42,829	11.55%
Grounds Maintenance	\$ 107,298	\$ 123,006	\$ 118,273	\$ 123,273	\$ 124,280	\$ (6,007)	\$ (4,733)	-3.85%
Program Expenses	\$ 333,610	\$ 299,120	\$ 304,157	\$ 302,157	\$ 299,706	\$ 4,451	\$ 5,037	1.68%
Debt Service	\$ 947,757	\$ 970,000	\$ 970,000	\$ 1,005,000	\$ 1,005,000	\$ (35,000)	\$ -	0.00%
Capital Spending	\$ 1,038,598	\$ 693,000	\$ 699,300	\$ 699,300	\$ 1,540,300	\$ (841,000)	\$ 6,300	0.91%
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$10,187,530	\$ 9,876,671	\$10,255,144	\$10,511,836	\$ 11,336,517	\$ (1,081,373)	\$ 378,473	3.69%

FY 2019 Town Budget - Revenues

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2018	MGR	\$	PCT
General Fund	ACTUALS	ACTUALS	ACTUALS	ACTUALS	BUDGET	Budget '19	INCREASE	CHANGE
Property Tax Revenue	\$ (111,787)	\$ (112,252)	\$ (14,060)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Other Tax Revenue	\$ (1,764,004)	\$ (1,978,713)	\$ (2,048,737)	\$ (1,314,549)	\$ (1,761,000)	\$ (2,045,000)	\$ (284,000)	16.10%
Licenses & Permits	\$ (159,681)	\$ (168,173)	\$ (207,888)	\$ (91,065)	\$ (143,615)	\$ (154,974)	\$ (11,359)	-91.90%
Intergovernmental	\$ (943,015)	\$ (885,347)	\$ (974,245)	\$ (713,768)	\$ (715,036)	\$ (727,398)	\$ (12,362)	-72.20%
Charges for Services	\$ (1,210,283)	\$ (1,982,645)	\$ (2,000,011)	\$ (1,154,870)	\$ (1,956,848)	\$ (1,928,029)	\$ 28,819	-57.90%
Other Revenues	\$ (362,190)	\$ (404,943)	\$ (514,696)	\$ (124,927)	\$ (175,900)	\$ (174,957)	\$ 943	-96.30%
Wages & Salaries	\$ (47,846)	\$ (49,843)	\$ (55,964)	\$ (43,256)	\$ (35,000)	\$ -	\$ 35,000	-100.00%
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ (4,598,807)	\$ (5,581,916)	\$ (5,815,601)	\$ (3,442,435)	\$ (4,787,399)	\$ (5,030,358)	\$ (242,959)	5.07%

FY 2019 Town Budget

What's New:

- Half Time Clerk's Position
- Full Time Fire Chief beginning in January 2019
- 2% COLA
- Half Time Finance Dept. Staff Reduction

What about the New Projects?

- BCR Pier - Reserve Account - \$150,000 from Developer- \$200,000 MDOT
- Solar Farm- If approved – paid for from existing Electricity Accounts
- Main Street & Skillin Road - \$500,000 from MDOT

FY 2019 Town Budget

What's Not in the Budget:

- \$75,000 Paving Town Hall Parking Lot
- \$75,000 Library Parking Lot
- \$500,000 Paving of Town Roads
- \$50,000 in AIP Funding (Staff & Programs)
- Any additional funding to Conservation Commission or Cemeteries
- Funding for Town Garage Relocation (\$5.5 M or \$440k Debt/Yr.)

FY 2019 Town Budget

Expense Increase	\$ 378,473	3.69%	
Revenue Increase	\$ (242,959)	5.07%	
Net Increase	\$ 135,514	0.54%	\$0.10

\$27,000,000	\$18.80	\$ 690,501	\$ 0.50	
County		\$ (65,526)	\$ (0.05)	\$ 0.45
Town		\$ (135,515)	\$ (0.10)	\$ 0.35
School - Revenue Loss		<u>\$ (440,000)</u>	<u>\$ (0.32)</u>	<u>\$ 0.04</u>
		\$ 49,460		

FY 2019 Town Budget

Best Estimate on Future Mill Rate?

Present Mil Rate \$18.80
All Dependent on School Funding

3% or 4% Tax Increase or \$0.50 and \$0.75

Avg Home Price at \$350,000
3% to 4% = \$175 to \$263 increase

Or \$50 to \$75 for Every \$100,000 of Taxable Value

**FY 2019 Town Budget Meeting Schedule
At Town Hall – Council Chambers**

Monday March 5th 5 PM to 7:30 +/-
Monday March 12th 5 PM to 6:30 PM
Monday March 19th 5 PM to 6:30 Placeholder
Saturday, March 24th 8 AM to Noon

Monday, March 26th Presentation at TC Meeting – 7 PM
Monday, April 9, 2018 Public Hearing – 7 PM

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Councilor Gruber – He spoke at the Library recently in regard to the Aging in Place Program.

The Food Pantry applied for a grant to purchase a walk-in refrigerator and freezer. He feels that we are in very good standing to receive the \$20,000 grant.

The Food Pantry continues to do very well and he appreciates all the support, donations and everyone who volunteers their time.

The Conservation Subdivision Committee continues their work. They will be reporting to the Council soon.

He will attend a meeting with the Forest Lake Association and the Turnpike Authority regarding the new ramps that the Turnpike installed for the snowplows to turn around.

He warned motorists to be mindful of people snow blowing the end of their driveways and drive carefully.

Councilor Storey-King – The speed of traffic on Middle Road seems to be a problem with the road improvements. She suggested a speed detail be considered.

This Thursday, Greely girl's will take on Hampden Academy for the State Title in Class A basketball, then Greely boy's will be facing Hampden Academy for the State Title in Class A basketball. Greely boy's and girl's track and Greely girl's ice hockey all won the State Title. It has been a very successful year for Greely sports.

Councilor Copp – We really have some phenomenal athletes at Greely. Great job to all!

Chairman Edes – None

Councilor Stiles – He thanked his fellow Town Councilor's who donated to the 4-H auction to benefit the Food Pantry. He reminded residents that they too can give to this worthy cause.

He has been studying the amount of money that the Cumberland Farmer's Club has paid to the town for Fire/Rescue services at their events. The Farmer's Club is being required to have a lot of Fire/Rescue personnel at their events and they have no option go outside the Town for medical coverage. He requested that the Town look into this matter.

Councilor Turner – None

VII. ADJOURNMENT

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

VOTE: 6-0 UNANIMOUS

TIME: 9:22 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by,

Brenda L. Moore
Council Secretary