

**MINUTES**  
Cumberland Town Council Meeting  
Town Council Chambers  
**MONDAY, April 8, 2019**  
**6:00 P.M. Ordinance Committee Meeting**

**7:00 P.M. Call to Order**

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

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Councilor Bingham, seconded by Councilor Gruber, to accept the March 25, 2019 meeting minutes as presented.

VOTE: 6-0-1 (Stiles abstained)      MOTION PASSES

**II. MANAGER'S REPORT**

Councilor Storey-King introduced Greely High School Senior, Emma Fitzpatrick, who won a scholarship to the University of Maine for her project on invasive species.

Emma explained the project that she did for her Science Research class. Her project focused on finding natural ways to eliminate invasive species. She explained her testing process and the positive results.

**III. PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

None

**V. LEGISLATION AND POLICY**

**19 – 045 To hold a Public Hearing to consider and act on forwarding a Contract Zone Agreement amendment with Heritage Village Development Group, LLC to the Planning Board for a Public Hearing and recommendation. REQUEST TO TABLE BY APPLICANT**

Motion by Councilor Bingham, seconded by Councilor Stiles, to table.

VOTE: 7-0      UNANIMOUS

**19 – 046 To hold a Public Hearing to consider and act on amendments to Chapter 223 (Shellfish Conservation) of the Cumberland Code, as recommended by the Shellfish Conservation Commission.**

Councilor Storey-King explained that the Ordinance and Shellfish Committees met earlier this evening to review the Shellfish Conservation Ordinance amendments, and it was discovered that there is some language that the Department of Marine Resources (DMR) did not approve. She recommended tabling this item until DMR approves the amendments.

Motion by Councilor Storey-King, seconded by Councilor Turner, to table.

VOTE: 7-0      UNANIMOUS

**19 – 047 To hold a Public Hearing to consider and act on the 2019 Brown Tail Moth Street Tree Preservation Program.**

Town Manager Shane explained that last year, the Council authorized \$20,000 for the brown tail moth spraying program. We have attempted to get the vendor to commit to additional spraying time in Cumberland this year, but they are so booked that we will only have one week to spray, so we will have to prioritize spray areas. We are trying to get to trees that are 50 feet from the right-of-way and we will be injecting oak trees on the embankment at the Broad Cove Reserve in order to protect them.

Chairman Copp opened the Public Hearing.

Public discussion: none

Chairman Copp closed the Public Hearing.

Councilor Bingham said that with the amount of residents who opt out, this is basically a feel good operation that is like pouring money down a hole. Stabling the trees along the shore at Broad Cove Reserve makes sense.

Councilor Storey-King said that even though this seems like a futile issue, she feels that spraying the trees along the roadways so that people can get out and walk in the summer is more than just a feel good operation.

Councilor Turner said that if there were no opt outs, he would be willing to spend considerably more to do something about this problem. It's too bad that people can't look at it from the perspective that a lot of their neighbors are suffering from this, and the rationale for opting out reminds him of the current satiation with measles.

Councilor Edes agreed with Councilor Turner. If we were going to spray the entire Town and not allow opt outs, he would be in favor. He suffered last year from the allergic effects of brown tail moths.

Councilor Gruber said that this was discussed during the budget process and he feels somewhat of an obligation to the community that has had health problems. He will vote in favor of this.

Councilor Stiles asked the Manager if this does not pass, will that have any effect on treating the trees at Broad Cove Reserve.

Town Manager Shane said that it would not. The trees at Broad Cove Reserve will be treated regardless.

Motion by Councilor Gruber, seconded by Councilor Turner, to approve the 2019 Brown Tail Moth Street Tree Preservation Program.

VOTE: 4-3 (Bingham, Edes & Stiles opposed)      MOTION PASSES

Councilor Edes left the meeting at 7:25 p.m. Chairman Copp explained that he has a State Police detail for the funeral of the State Trooper that was killed last week.

**19 – 048 To set the week of May 20<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> for Spring Bulky Item Pick Up Week.**

Chairman Copp asked for any public comment.

No public comment.

Motion by Councilor Bingham, seconded by Councilor Stiles, to set the week of May 20<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> for Spring Bulky Item Pick Up Week.

**19 – 049 To hold a Public Hearing to consider and act on adoption of the FY2020 Municipal Budget.**  
Town Manager Shane presented the following:

## FY 2020 Budget Proposal

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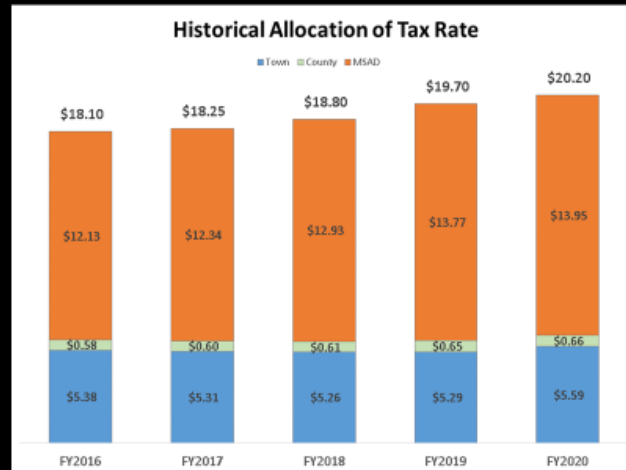
Presented by:

William R. Shane, P.E.  
Town Manager

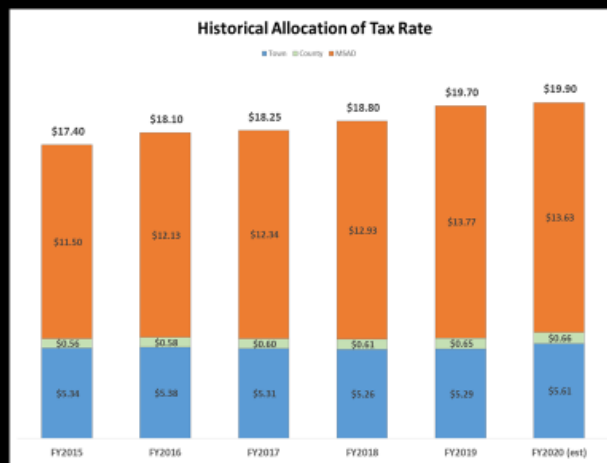
### The Proposed Budget includes:

- Contracted Union increases for Police and Public Services of 2% and 3.5%.
- Wage adjustment for all non-union employees of 2.75% ( avg. of above)
- Insurance premium increase of ~~10%~~ 5.4%
- Increase in solid waste for trash & recycling ( first increase on over 5 years)
- Two new employees in Public Services ( Winter at Highway- Summers at Parks – Val Halla)
- 0.5 Detective – funded over two years – start of position Jan 2020- (from TIF)
- 1 Paramedic – originally .5 proposed
- \$50,000 for Senior Tax Rebate Program

## February 2019 vs. April 8, 2019 Changes to Tax Impact



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Dropped Mil Rate from  
Projected \$20.20 to \$19.90

## Preliminary Tax Rate FY 2018

	FY 2019	FY 2020
School	\$13.77	\$13.63
County	\$ .65	\$ .66
Town	\$ 5.29	\$5.61
Total	\$19.70	\$19.90



	House Value	\$250,000	\$350,000	\$450,000	\$550,000	\$650,000	\$750,000
Property Taxes							
FY 19 - \$19.70		\$4,925	\$6,895	\$8,865	\$10,835	\$12,805	\$14,775
FY 20 - \$19.90		\$4,975	\$6,965	\$8,955	\$10,945	\$12,935	\$14,925
Increase		\$50	\$70	\$90	\$110	\$130	\$150

Budget Information can be found at [www.cumberlandmaine.com](http://www.cumberlandmaine.com)  
click on Departments and Finance Located at the top of the screen

**Questions?**

Chairman Copp opened the Public Hearing.

Public discussion: none

Chairman Copp closed the Public Hearing.

Councilor Bingham said that there was a lot of work done on this budget by the Town Manager and his team prior to it being presented to the Council. The Council met in workshop 4 times and was able to make adjustments to the budget along the way. The Council was able to reach a final budget number at their last workshop on March 16<sup>th</sup>.

Motion by Councilor Bingham, seconded by Councilor Gruber, to set the Municipal FY 2020 General Fund Expenditure budget at \$10,815,763 and the General Fund Non-Property Tax Revenues Budget of \$5,105,643 to offset the impact of property taxes, as recommended by the Finance Committee.

VOTE: 6-0                      UNANIMOUS

**19 – 050    To set a Public Hearing date of April 22<sup>nd</sup> for approval of Mass Gathering Permits for:**

- Southern Maine Coastal Classic – May 16<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>
- Girls Round Robin Lacrosse Tournament – May 18<sup>th</sup>
- Decision America Tour, Billy Graham Evangelistic Association – May 19<sup>th</sup>
- Boys Jamboree Lacrosse Tournament – June 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>
- The Wicked Good Outdoor Fest – June 15<sup>th</sup>

Chairman Copp asked for any public comment.

No public comment.

Motion by Councilor Bingham, seconded by Councilor Stiles, to set a Public Hearing of April 22, 2019 to review and approve the attached Mass Gathering Permits.

VOTE: 6-0                      UNANIMOUS

**19 – 051 To set a special Town Council meeting date of May 7<sup>th</sup> to countersign the Warrant and Notice of Election calling the June 11, 2019 M.S.A.D. 51 Budget Validation Referendum.**

Motion by Councilor Bingham, seconded by Councilor Storey-King, to set a special Town Council meeting date of May 7<sup>th</sup> to countersign the Warrant and Notice of Election calling the June 11, 2019 M.S.A.D. 51 Budget Validation Referendum.

VOTE: 6-0 UNANIMOUS

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

**Councilor Bingham** – None

**Councilor Gruber** – The new freezer for the Food Pantry is now installed and it cost the Town nothing because we received a grant for it. We are now able to store more frozen food for the Food Pantry.

Steve Moriarty was voted by the Democrats for consideration of Representative Dale Denno's seat.

**Councilor Storey-King** – The Bicentennial Committee met last week. What an energetic group of people they are. It is going to be a celebration to remember!

**Chairman Copp** – None

**Councilor Stiles** – Thank you to everyone who sent well wishes after his knee surgery. He is recovering well.

He attended a Historical Society Building Committee meeting recently. They are a good committee who will be working on moving the current Historical Society building to the Library property.

He thanked Councilor Copp for his continued support to the 4-H auction fund that benefits the Food Pantry. He reminded everyone of his ongoing efforts to raise money for this very worthy cause that provides meat to the Food Pantry.

**Councilor Turner** – None

**Town Manager Shane** – Route 9/Main Street construction will start up again on Wednesday and should be completed this summer.

There will be an open house at Val Halla this Saturday. People can stop by to say goodbye to Brian Bickford, who has accepted a position as Director of the Maine State Golf Association, and meet the new Golf Pro, Nick Plummer.

Nomination papers are due by April 16<sup>th</sup>. This will be a busy election. We will hold a "Meet the Candidate's" night on May 28<sup>th</sup> at the performing arts center.

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

Motion by Councilor Bingham, 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: 7:40 P.M.

Reconvene to regular session at 8:39 P.M.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Councilor Storey-King, seconded by Councilor Turner, to adjourn.

VOTE: 6-0                      UNANIMOUS

TIME: 8:39 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by,

Brenda L. Moore  
Council Secretary