

MINUTES

Cumberland Town Council Meeting

Town Council Chambers

TUESDAY, May 26, 2020

7:00 P.M. Call to Order

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

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Councilor Gruber, seconded by Councilor Edes, to accept the April 27, 2020 meeting minutes as presented.

VOTE: 7-0 UNANIMOUS

II. MANAGER'S REPORT

Chairman Storey-King read the following, proclaiming May as National Mental Health Month:

Whereas mental health is part of overall health; and

Whereas one in five adults experiences a mental health problem in any given year; and

Whereas the COVID-19 pandemic has increased the number of people experiencing feelings of anxiety and depression;

Whereas Maine's youth have the highest rate of diagnosed anxiety in the nation and the country's third highest rate of diagnosed depression among children aged 3 – 17;

Whereas we lose a young adult in Maine to suicide every 10 days, an adult every 36 hours, and 48 Maine veterans each year die by suicide;

Whereas early identification and treatment can make a difference in the successful navigation of mental illness and recovery; and

Whereas, we come together with every citizen and community in our state to help end the silence and stigma that for too long has made people feel isolated, alone and discouraged people from getting help; and

Whereas through public education and working together to raise awareness, we can help improve the lives of individuals and families affected by mental illness.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, I, SHIRLEY STOREY-KING, CHAIRMAN of THE CUMBERLAND TOWN COUNCIL do hereby proclaim May as Mental Health Month in CUMBERLAND to shine a light on mental illness and the need for long-term improvements in our mental health care system and increased access to care for all so no one feels alone.

Motion by Councilor Stiles, seconded by Councilor Gruber, to support the proclamation.

VOTE: 7-0 UNANIMOUS

Town Manager Shane shared a map of the agricultural soils in Town. The Lands and Conservation Commission will look at this information at their next meeting and start developing a plan to inventory the prime farmlands. Councilor Vail requested this information and will be involved in the Lands & Conservation Commission meetings.

We have replaced the camera system in the Council Chambers which will allow us to stream our meetings live on YouTube. Those who don't have Time Warner Cable can now watch our meetings streamed live online.

III. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

None

IV. LEGISLATION AND POLICY

20 – 025 To hear a presentation by the Town Manager re: FY2021 Municipal Budget.

Town Manager Shane presented the following:



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To: Shirley Storey-King, Chairperson - Town Council
William Stiles, Chairman - Finance Committee
From: William R. Shane, Town Manager
Date: April 22, 2020
Re: Revised FY 2022 Budget

As requested by the Town Council, I have compiled an updated budget to my March 14, 2020 submission, which was being sent forward for a Public Hearing in April.

FY 2020 Budget	FY 21- March 14 th	FY 21- April 22	Difference FY 21 March to April	Difference FY 22-FY 21
\$10, 815,763	\$11,523,028	\$10, 619,212	-\$912,816	-\$196,551

The notable adjustments to the Expense Budget are as follows:

- Increase in Health Insurance of 17%
- Increase Contingency from \$10,000 to \$100,000
- Wage Adjustments – 0%
- Hiring – Frozen for FY 2021
- Decrease Debt Service by \$35,000
- Reduce Capital Reserves by \$729, 466
- Reduce Recreation Expenses \$188,430

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Notable Adjustments to Revenues:

- Reduce Excise Tax \$265,000
- Reduce Revenue Sharing \$200,000
- Reduced Recreation revenues by \$100,000 over original projection
- Reduced all revenues by \$617,000 over original projection

Mil Rate Today	March Mil Rate	April Mil Rate
\$19.85	\$20.70	\$20.35

An anticipated 3 year recovery will result in much more difficult decision to be made for the FY 2022 budget, but how bad and how deep cuts will need to be are unknown at this time. This budget will allow the Town Council some options in the spring of 2021. For example, the remaining money set aside for capital could be used to bond and leverage \$1M in paving and equipment funding.

Capital Funding Restoration Plan

FY 21 - \$180,000 – used for environmental and potential \$1.2M Bond (10 -15 Year)

FY 22 - Add an additional \$200,000 for Capital and add another \$1.2M Bond (10 - 15 Year)

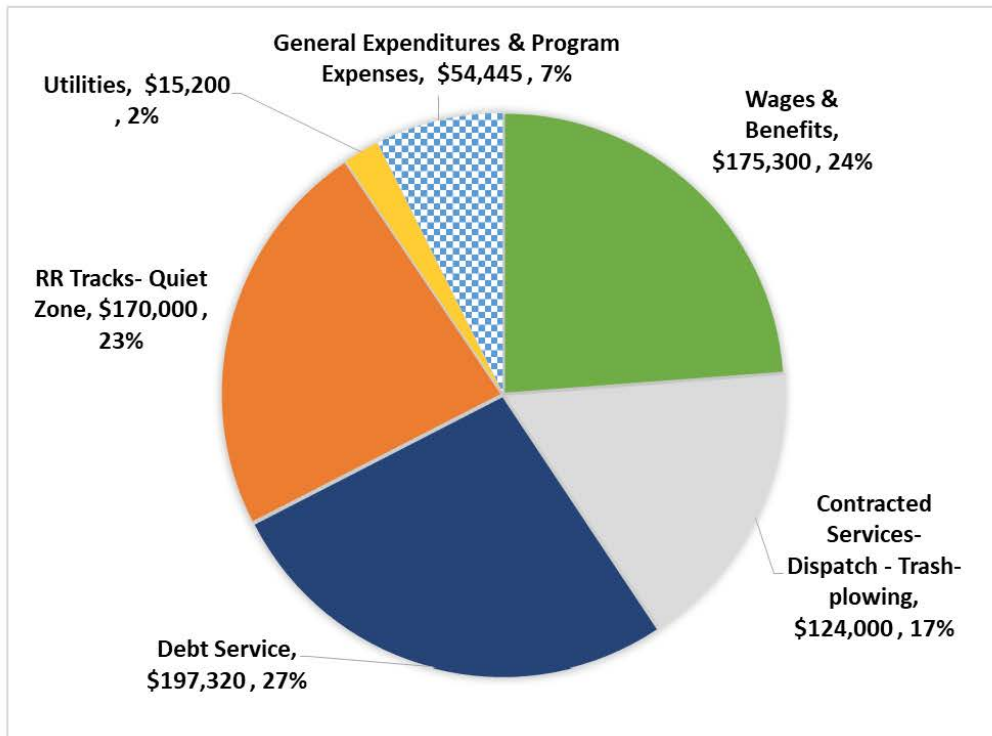
FY 23 - Add an Additional \$200,000 for Capital and add another \$1.2M Bond (10 - 15 Year)

FY 24 - Add an Additional \$200,000 to get Capital Budget to \$800,000 and pay for \$550,000 in Debt Service with TIF funds set aside for paving projects done the three previous years.

Upcoming Expenses

	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
County	\$100,000 + % ↑	\$100,000 + % ↑	\$100,000 + % ↑
Capital	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
Other Municipal	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
Mil Impact	\$00.42 .36	\$00.42-.36	\$00.42-.36
\$0 Growth	\$42 /100k of Value	\$42 /100k of Value	\$42 /100k of Value
	\$36 / 100k of Value	\$36 / 100k of Value	\$36 / 100k of Value

The Chart below represents this year's increases as submitted in the March budget proposal. There isn't much to be removed other than General Expenses and Wages (which means people).



While future conservative annual growth of \$20,000,000 per year will yeild \$400,000 in new revenues, and non property tax revenues may recover by 4% per year or \$200,000 per year, these will barely cover the increase in municipal and county increases. A school increase of 5% per year is nearly \$1,000,000 assessment increase or approximatley \$75 per / \$100,000 of value.

The above scenarios are not sustainable for any length of time. Difficult decisions will need to be made in order to provide levels of services that allow all residents to live and grow old in Cumberland. One day at a time for now. The FY 2022 budget will be much more difficult and there are truly no easy decisions left to make.

	2021 Mill Impact	2020 Mill Impact	Difference FY 21-20
School	\$14.27	\$13.46	\$0.81
County	\$0.67	\$0.65	\$0.02
Town	\$5.41	\$5.74	-\$0.33
Total	\$20.35	\$19.85	\$0.50

Current		\$19.85			
Projected		\$20.35			
				Mill Impact	
\$1,408,767,300	Value	\$20,104,804	Schools	\$14.27	70.13%
		\$938,569	County	\$0.67	3.27%
		\$7,625,042	Town	\$5.41	26.60%
		\$28,668,415		\$20.35	100.00%

\$400,000 Home Last Year

$\$19.85 \times 400k = 7,940$

$20.35 \times 400k = \$8,140$

***\$200 Increase - \$101.75(Homestead) = 98.25
or 1.2% increase in Tax Burden FY 2021***

Determining the Tax Rate

Mill Rate

Mill rate is also known as the millage rate. The term "millage" is derived from a Latin word millesimum, meaning thousandth, with 1 mill being equal to 1/1000th of a currency unit.

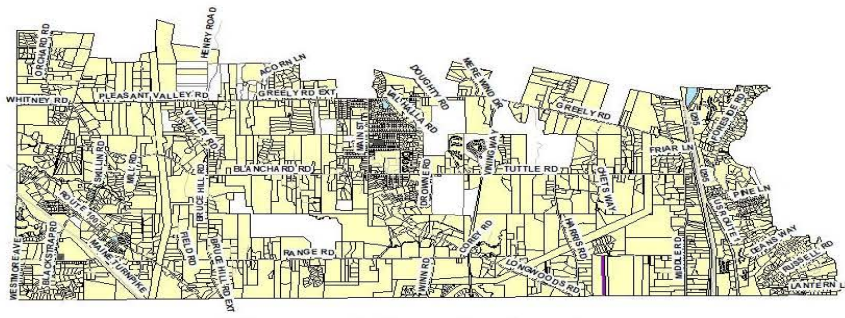
A mill rate determines the amount of property tax each homeowner is responsible for paying. This tax amount is expressed as one dollar for every \$1,000 of assessed property value; mill or per mill means per thousand. Property taxes are often expressed this way by municipalities, so it can be useful to understand how the mill rate is calculated.

The taxable value of Cumberland as of April 1, 2020 is **\$1,406,990,800**. This number will be used as our denominator in calculating the mill rate for FY 2021.

3,518 Taxable Properties

148 Exempt Properties

3,666 Total Properties



Town of Cumberland
3,800 properties
\$1.4 billion of property values

What makes up the Tax Rate for Cumberland?

Simply put, there are three elements to the tax rate:

1. MSAD 51 Annual Assessment
2. Cumberland County Tax
3. Municipal Services

Items 1 & 2 are assessments. They are bills sent to us from both the County and MSAD 51. They are known values when we are developing the Tax Rate for the upcoming year.

The Town Impact is comprised of both Non-Property tax revenues and expenses.

TOWN	\$1,406,990,800	Value		
\$ 10,619,212	Municipal Budget			
\$ 2,506,375	Tax Increment Financing			
\$ (4,937,295)	Revenues- Non-Property Tax			
\$ (704,718)	Homestead Reimbursement- \$25K exemption - @70%			
\$ (45,423)	Business Reimbursement Tax - 50% reclaimed			
\$ 157,181	Overlay			
\$ 7,595,332				

After Revenues and Expenses are netted, the impact on the mil rate for the Town is \$7.6M.

$$\text{School} \quad \frac{\$ 20,168,711}{\$1,406,990,800} \times 1000 = \$14.27$$

$$\text{County} \quad \frac{\$ 938,569}{\$1,406,990,800} \times 1000 = \$0.67$$

$$\text{Town} \quad \frac{\$ 7,595,332}{\$1,406,990,800} \times 1000 = \$ 5.41$$

Tax Rate = \$20.35 for FY 2021

Tax Rate FY 2020 = \$19.85 \$00.50 increase or 2.5%

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Past two-year mil rates

	2020 Mill Impact	2019 Mill Impact	Difference FY 20-19
School	\$13.46	\$13.77	-\$0.31
County	\$0.65	\$0.65	\$0.00
Town	\$5.74	\$5.28	\$0.46
Total	\$19.85	\$19.70	\$0.15

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PROPERTY TAX BILL

For the Fiscal Year of 7/1/2019 to 6/30/2020

Bill Number: 20202886

	FY19%	FY20%	Rate	Amount
School	69.90%	67.81%	\$13.46	\$4,571
County	3.30%	3.27%	\$0.65	\$220
Municipal	26.80%	28.92%	\$5.74	\$1,950
Total	100.00%	100.00%	\$19.85	\$6,741

	FY 20	FY 21	Rate	Amount
Schools	67.81%	70.27%	\$14.27	\$4,846.50
County	3.27%	3.27%	\$0.67	\$226.53
Town	28.92%	26.46%	\$5.41	\$1,838.11
	100.00%	100.00%	\$20.35	\$6,911.14

State Homestead increase this year = $5,000 \times 20.35/1000 = \101.75 or Net Increase of $\$6,911.14 - \$101.75 = \$6,809.39$ or a net increase of \$68.39 or 1%**20 – 026 To set a Public Hearing date of June 8th to consider and act on adoption of the FY2021 Municipal Budget.**

Motion by Councilor Stiles, seconded by Councilor Gruber, to set a Public Hearing date of June 8th to consider and act on adoption of the FY2021 Municipal Budget.

VOTE: 7-0 UNANIMOUS

20 – 027 To appoint Democratic and Republican Election Clerks.

Motion by Councilor Stiles, seconded by Councilor Gruber, to appoint the following Democratic and Republican Election Clerks.

VOTE: 7-0

UNANIMOUS

Party	Name
Unenrolled	Elizabeth Waldman
Unenrolled	Vilean Taggersell
Republican	Judith Gagnon
Republican	Pamela Green
Republican	Donna Berry
Republican	Christine Turner
Republican	Sharon Collin
Republican	Mary Powers
Republican	Sally Pierce
Republican	Barbara Chandler
Republican	Susan Miller
Republican	Jim Stoddard
Republican	Raelene Lewis
Republican	Jean Couillard
Republican	COL Scott Cass
Republican	Stacie Daigle
Republican	Joseph Couillard
Democrat	Elizabeth Harding
Democrat	Anneke Hohl
Democrat	Andrew Magoun
Democrat	Stacey Collins
Democrat	Elizabeth Simonds
Democrat	Julie Otte
Democrat	William Green
Democrat	Eli Rivers
Democrat	Sally Magee
Democrat	Paul Woodward
Democrat	Ritchie Dow
Democrat	Diane Snow
Democrat	Katherine Brooks
Democrat	Linda Putnam
Democrat	Sue Larrabee
Democrat	Bill Kenny
Democrat	Zoe Wyman
Democrat	Katie Mae Simpson

V. **NEW BUSINESS**

Councilor Vail – our former Police Chief, Leon Planche, passed away recently. Condolences to the Planche family.

Councilor Gruber – he thanked Councilor Stiles for his speech at our virtual Memorial Day event. He did a terrific job and the video that was produced was very good. He missed our annual Memorial Day parade this year.

The relocation of the Historical Society building to the Library went very well.

The Food Pantry served over 70 families last week. Thank you to all the volunteers.

Councilor Edes – he also sent condolences to the Planche family. He knew Leon for many years and he was very near and dear to his heart. He was the type of Police Officer who was willing to give a local kid a chance. He was a good man who will be missed by many. His heart goes out to Joan and their 5 children.

Councilor Stiles – the Farmer's Club has not made the decision yet whether to cancel the fair or not. If it is cancelled, arrangements will be made for some type of 4-H auction so the kids can still auction off their animals.

There have been coy dogs spotted in the Rines Forest and his daughter and son-in-law were almost attacked by one. They were able to defer the dog by standing as high as they could and yelling at it. People should be beware of this if they are visiting Rines Forest.

He attended the Historical Society building move and it was fascinating to watch.

Chairman Storey-King – she also watched the Memorial Day festivities online and they were particularly well done.

She has received an email from a woman in Cumberland Center who is concerned about her neighbors burning items. While we do not have burn ordinances, there are laws about what is allowed to be burned. She asked the public to be mindful of their neighbors. A lot more people are at home these days and a lot more people are outside. Smoke is not something that stays in your yard.

Councilor Copp – he asked the Town Manager when absentee ballots will be available. Town Manager Shane responded June 15th.

He also sent condolences to the Planche family.

Councilor Turner – this past weekend, Broad Cove Reserve had a lot of visitors and social distancing probably wasn't as well defined as it should have been, but it was nice to see people enjoying themselves without feeling paranoid.

Town Manager Shane – Town Clerk, Tammy O'Donnell will be at the June 8th Town Council meeting to give the Council and the public more information on voting.

Thank you to Eliza Porter who put together the virtual Memorial Day presentation. She did a great job.

We are diligent in our community about our low crime rate. Chief Planche started a lot of the things that make our community great.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

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

VOTE: 7-0 UNANIMOUS

TIME: 8:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by,

Brenda L. Moore
Council Secretary