

MINUTES

Cumberland Town Council Meeting

Town Council Chambers

MONDAY, June 14, 2021

6:00 P.M. Workshop with the Lands & Conservation Commission re: Open Space Policy

7:00 P.M. Call to Order

Present: Councilors Copp, Edes, Foster, Gruber, Segrist, Storey-King and Vail

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Councilor Vail, seconded by Councilor Storey-King, to accept the May 10, 2021, meeting minutes as presented.

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

II. MANAGER'S REPORT

Town Manager Shane said that he would hold his comments until New Business.

III. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Chris Neagle of West Cumberland said that last August, Cumberland Rescue got him to the hospital and saved his life. He thanked Chris Copp and Evariste Bernier. Shortly after, he was in need of another ambulance ride. He thanked Evariste Bernier, Jordan Hancock, Eli Gosselin-Smoske and Jake Smith. Everyone should know that the full-time Fire Department employees are all paramedics.

Teri Maloney-Kelly of West Cumberland, read the following: *I am 2nd generation of 4 generations living in Cumberland. I live in West Cumberland on the town line with Falmouth, where I also have 4 generations of family members living next door. My roots are deep. In the past I have been an advocate for many causes in this town, including our elderly, our budget, our parks and recreation opportunities, my neighborhood and other neighborhoods throughout Cumberland. Throughout my life I've been the voice that is willing to speak about the elephants in the room. Unfortunately, this has made me unpopular many times when our thoughts or experiences do not align. I tend to put people first and not the financial benefits of having projects come to town for their financial gain and little relief for our citizens. In November 2017, I found that disrespect had become the norm and it was hard to avoid or not get caught up in it. That was when I chose to disconnect from my community, that I too love, knowing that my voice had no sound, meaning, or interest to many of you who we elect and entrust to run our community. I resigned while serving my 2nd term on our Planning Board as well as our AIP initiative that I had served on since its inception. I turned my back, closed my eyes and ears to what was going on in my community. It was a dark time, looking for and feeling HOPE had few opportunities.*

Here we are 2021, 4 years goes by very fast. A lot has happened in our world, country, and community during that time period. Covid interrupted our lives on a global basis. Our Country's leadership changed in which RESPECT is practiced and DISRESPECT is no longer commonplace. Times are a changing at warp speed, and we need to change to build the momentum of unity, HOPE and respect.

Although I cannot change the past, I want to participate in the future. I am back to be that voice that may not always agree with you but should be respected. A respect that I pledge to practice from this side of the dais. I applaud the recent efforts of the Councilors to get out among the citizens of our Town at the

Saturday Farmers Market. Being visible, accessible, and considerate to our citizen's need is what serving Cumberland should be all about.

After the recent election results, I feel the time is right to ask this Council to review our Town Charter. I am asking that a dialogue be started to consider the merits of term limits. Our neighboring towns have them. When you drive through these towns during election time it amazes me to see so many folks running for town leadership positions. Not so in Cumberland. We need to create the opportunity and atmosphere for all citizens to be an active part of the town and its future. Term limits is one way I believe we can accomplish this.

Our current Town Charter reads that each member shall be elected for a term of 3 years. We have no limitation on how long one can serve, hence why we have had elected officials serve for years and years and years.

I would like to propose an amendment to the Charter to add that no member of the Council shall be eligible for re-election for more than 2 or 3 consecutive terms. At which point they would have to step down for at least 1 year before running for a Town Council position again.

It's time for the Town of Cumberland to actively create an atmosphere of mentorship for others to serve. If you are watching this at home and agree, I hope you will reach out to our Councilors and share your thoughts. Change is good. Having HOPE is priceless.

The next topic I would like to highlight to our citizens is the new initiative called "Smash the Stigma". 3 very powerful words. This initiative is about promoting the social, emotional, physical, and psychological wellness of all our community members. This is a first step to bring mental health to the forefront of our community's awareness through dialogue, sharing of resources and building connections that can overcome the isolation and despair that mental illness brings. Another tough topic to talk about out loud, in a small community like ours, especially if you, friends, or family members struggle with this chronic disease. The stigma is real, and the stigma is BIG. I am hoping with more awareness of this initiative that citizens will come out to become informed, feel safe to participate and to come together as a community to bring this discussion into the mainstream.

However, in order to do so we need to make this information more readily available to those who seek it out. If you go to the town website and search "Smash the Stigma", it will bring you to a page that highlights the kickoff event that was held on May 25th. Same result if you go to the MSAD website. Neither website has the future monthly events on their calendars. Neither website is highlighting this month's program which will be held on Wednesday, June 30th from 6-8 pm at Skyline Farm. The topic of conversation will be "Growing Gratitude, Achieving a Positive Outlook". If you received last week's Cumberland Crier, this month's program information is at the very bottom. I would like to ask if it can be brought up closer to the top, so folks won't miss it especially where it is date sensitive. In order to make it more visible and accessible, I am asking if we can have it on our Town and MSAD websites in a more prominent location, such as our news tabs on the front page.

I want to Thank each of you for the sacrifice you and your families make so you can be of your service to our community. Thank you for the opportunity to speak to you tonight.

Bruce Sherwin of Blanchard Road said that he sees a lot of signs around Town advertising sporting events. He suggested posting such a sign in front of Town Hall that will tell people when there is a Town Council meeting, so more people will know when the meetings are.

Mr. Sherwin said that he is disappointed that the Town Manager held his Manager's Report until the end of the meeting. He was looking forward to hearing his report. Some people might have to leave the meeting early and won't be able to hear it.

Tricia Small and Melissa Bunton, co-chairs of Project Graduation/Senior Celebration 2021, thanked the Town Council and the entire Town for embracing the senior celebration at Twin Brook. It was a smashing success. The Town Manager, Chris Bolduc and Peter Bingham really stepped up to help make the event a success. Thank you to them.

Shawn McBreaity of Hamden said that he has already provided the Town Council with three of the five issues that he has seen in Cumberland, one being the lack of transparency from MSAD 51 regarding Greely student's indoctrination of critical race theory, which is starting in kindergarten. The division of the community when Superintendent Jeff Porter and the Equity Committee called you all white supremacists nearly a year ago. Have you read the newly drafted, four-page MSAD 51 equity policy? The venomous cancel culture, essentially keeping people from voicing their opinions in Town mostly by members of the local woke mob. So, tonight he would like to speak to four and five, lack of accountability for MSAD 51's decisions and poor leadership. It's said that absolute power corrupts absolutely and, in his opinion, MSAD 51 Superintendent Jeff Porter and this last MSAD 51 School Board, appear to be corrupted absolutely. Not everyone in Town realizes that 70% of your Cumberland tax bills goes to Sovereign Nation of MSAD 51. All the Town can do is write big checks each month to cover the bloated payroll budget. Not even the Cumberland Police Department has jurisdiction over Greely. There is no overriding authority when a citizen has an issue with the MSAD 51 Superintendent and the School Board. Just your vote. On the 6th we all voted to stay semi-woke in Town. He essentially held the Chair to her own policy on public comment for the first time in four years. On 11/16 he was willing to go to jail to be able to hold them accountable, with his wife, Patty, sobbing at the dinner table before that meeting. He asked the Chairman to please ask Town Manager Shane his recollection of the premeditated meeting brought forth by Mr. Porter and Ms. McGinley asking him and Chief Rumsey to arrest him at that School Board meeting. Recently, there has been a lot of press on this. Jeff Porter called him vile and someone who is unstable, and he apparently has lied to the press again. The tough part about this is that MSAD 51 is holding secret, non-published equity meetings with no calendar entries, no agenda, and no meeting minutes, for a moral imperative to educate on the topic of race, is really making this a hidden deal that needs to be more overt. Superintendent Porter seems to think that critical race theory doesn't exist, even though we've proven otherwise with dozens of examples. You can read more at The North Yarmouth Free Voice about the newly drafted equity policy. MSAD 51 has made willful withholdings of his FOIA requests on the dollars spent on equity training. He believes it to be \$250,000 in taxpayer monies. That was the first of two court cases against MSAD 51 (the other one being the Back to Green situation with Fresh Start 51). Mr. Porter illegally took his private property on 5/15, the sign showing Ann Maksymowicz not standing for the Pledge of Allegiance. Interesting enough, he just returned it after the election. He also lied to the press about there being a disturbance on that morning, the same place where a "honk if you support the School Board" bedsheet was up for well over a week right across from his previous house. The Cumberland Police Department reports no disturbance on the morning of the 15th. Porter then decided that he would try to withhold his rights to see his kid's final band concert and wanted to place conditions on him in order to attend their graduation ceremony, which led to worldwide press about Cumberland Maine. Remember, the root cause is the 6/2 equity letter sent by Tyler, Ann, Porter and others. Lastly, there seems to be some confusion recently about the MSAD 51 School Board Chair and him asking her to resign because of her Facebook post from 6/2/20, where she essentially congratulates herself for splitting the community in two. The Dunning-Kruger effect is the less that you know about

a subject, the more confident you are in your assessment of the knowledge of that subject. Porter and McGinley seem like they are models for the Dunning-Kruger effect. Only the School Board can hire and fire the Superintendent. The School Board provides the Superintendent direction in most towns in Maine. Nick Schuler-Winston, the other co-chair along with McGinley on the Equity Committee, sent out the letter and for the past year, they have done nothing to improve the community. There has been no transition, no discussion, and 3 times we have asked for a mediated meeting between him, the Town, and the school. The school denied the meeting all three times. MSAD 51 provides nearly zero transparency on your tax bills, in his opinion. The administration, along with the teachers, are pretty much untouchable. If he only knew that he could make \$90,000 as a Librarian for 183 days of work, he would have changed his major in college. The residents of Cumberland need to get more involved and find a way to hold them personally accountable, as no other government entity is going to do so. He hopes that the taxpayers feel more comfortable to come forward with dissenting opinions. You've seen the cancel culture attack him, his family, and other members of Back to Five and Fresh Start 51 group. Whatever your thoughts are about him, if you have never reached out to find the truth or did your diligence, then shame on you. I'll leave you with this quote: "when tyranny becomes law, rebellion becomes duty".

Mike Doyle of Portsmouth, New Hampshire: I'm going to inculcate a group of people here tonight until they learn the importance of the First Amendment of the United States Constitution. Jeff Porter, Ann Maksymowicz, Chief Rumsey, Eliza Batchelder, Celeste Forden, Jeff Brown, and of course, the fat midget, Bill Dehais. I got this letter from the Chief of Police: "*Your communication, the form of emails and internet posts, to MSAD 51 School Board member and Cumberland resident, Ann Maksymowicz, have been brought to our attention numerous times over the past year. Due to the recent emails and posts written by you on April 10th, April 13th, 19th and May 18th of 2021 where you referenced Ms. Maksymowicz mental state, a photograph of her home, and referenced her belongings being stolen and destroyed, you are hereby ordered to cease any direct communication with her. Your communications have crossed the line from criticism with School Board policy to intentional torment of her without reasonable cause. This letter is official notice, under 17A MRS, Section 506-A, do not engage in such conduct. If you continue with this conduct, you open yourself up to possible charges and prosecution under that section of the criminal code. If you have thoughts about the School Board policies or actions, you have to email Superintendent Porter directly and not Ms. Maksymowicz. If appropriate, the Superintendent will forward your message to her and the rest of the School Board. Thank you for your cooperation this matter. If you have any questions, please contact me.*" This letter was dated June 10th. This is my response, also dated June 10th: "*Motion to remove this State of Maine charge against me, United States District Court, now comes defendant, Michael Doyle and hereby moves this court to accept the transfer of false harassment complaint from the Cumberland Police Department in violation of the First Amendment. The warning issued to defend it is designed to stifle Freedom of the Press during a campaign of a politician running for re-election, Exhibit 1, (which is the entire package he sent me). Defendant is a reporter commenting on the ridiculous conduct of the complainant, Ann Maksymowicz, during the last 12 months. The bar to measure harassment of politicians is much higher than non-politicians. The First Amendment provides Freedom of the Press to redress grievances to elected officials. If the complainant objects to critical comments and the hurley-burley of politics (Whitney v. California), she might be better served to withdraw from public life and leave that service to those with thicker skins. Consequently, Defendant requests that the warning of the audit canceled for violating the First Amendment of the United States Constitution, wherefore Plaintiff respectfully moves this court pursuant to Section 1983, for an affirmative injunction, which will hereafter order the Plaintiff to cease their malicious prosecution harassment of the Defendant to strike down the warning within*"

Exhibit 1, and the Defendant further requests that the court award him compensatory damages, attorney fees, expenses, and monetary damages, along with any and all other relief which this court deems to be equitable, just and proper”. Folks Bill Shane is one of the smartest guys in this Town. He knows where the line is and apparently nobody else in this Town knows it. He's helped you avoid thousands of dollars in legal fees. I sued the Town of Scarborough two years ago, and for the last 18 months, Mark Franco, a 40-year attorney with experience and a partner at Drummond Woodsum, has tried to get that dismissed. I've learned how to do these cases from previous cases. I told Scarborough years ago if you keep screwing with me, I will learn enough to win one of these cases and it's going to cost you a lot of money. Well, you guys are going down the same road. When will the lesson be learned that you can't screw with somebody on the First Amendment, Freedom of Speech, and Freedom of the Press? It's going to come back and bite you and Bill says there's a \$10,000 deductible. How many of those do you want to pay to me? It's going to come over and over again. I'm not going to back down on my Freedom of Expression, my Freedom of the Press, my Freedom of Speech, and as long as you want to let Jeff Porter do the things he is doing, it's going to cost the Town money. I'm just asking, when will the lesson be learned?

Kim Vine of Cumberland said that she is here this evening because she personally observed one of the ugliest moments that she has ever seen in this Town last Friday. She was driving past the Congregational Church and what she saw was Shawn and Michael with their vulgar, horrible, but legal, sign, illegally parked in the closest parking space to the street. She knows that the church does not allow parking there. She pulled in and saw a police officer who was doing nothing to stop this. She messaged her friend who works at the church to make sure they knew what was happening on church property. It took an hour before Shawn left. They appeared to get a message on their phones, and as they were leaving, the police then showed up. She and Town Manager Shane had a great conversation this. What she saw going on there is not who we are. Shawn was allowed to somehow stay in that parking space, with that sign, while families drove into the church lot, dropping off their preschoolers. Ann being one of them. They knew exactly what they were doing. To see them leave, just before the police arrived, was so discouraging. The events of the last week, leading up to the election, just further showed her that we have allowed this to happen. Shawn has literally deteriorated in front of our eyes. The signs, the social media posts, the speeches here and at the School Board meetings, it's no secret that he is hurting and therefore, hurting others. Many times, she has watched meetings where people say, “this is not our Town, or this is not who we are”. This is one of our own. One of our own has somehow gotten to the point where he is willing to be put in jail for something that isn't even happening in our schools. She connected with so many people this week who just want to see the return to kindness and decency and reach out to people who are clearly hurting. That day, she got to see people from our church envelop Ann and console her, she was able to pray with someone else from another church for Ann, for Shawn, for Michael, for our Town, for Bill, and Jeff, and all of you. There is beauty in this Town. There are very good and kind people in this Town, many of which tried to speak to Shawn only to be dismissed as far leftists. To anyone who is watching this or anyone who listening, this is not who we are, but only if we stand up and become who we want to be. Become the people that we want this Town to be full of for our children. She hopes that there will be an investigation into what happened that morning. A lot of people want to understand the truth because the optics of it were very bad. There are people who are willing to take the baton. Now that Shawn is leaving, this is not going to go away. Michael is on his website saying that he is glad that Ann won so he can continue to tease and harass her. If you want this to go away, everyone is going to have to get their hands dirty and maybe not worry so much about the legalities but worry about the spirit behind the law that is meant to protect and serve all of us.

Rebuttal comments by Michael Doyle: There is nothing worse than ignorance parading around as knowledge. The police officer came there way before anybody at the church knew we were there, because Bill Dehais showed up and was slamming his fist on my window and threatening to tear the sign off my car. I had to get out of the car and tell him to get away from my sign. If this is an illegal activity, no one can park their car there to do anything. While I was parked there, a person rode up on his bicycle, pulled up to a Subaru and put his bike on the bike rack and drove away. Apparently, it's okay to park there if you're riding a bicycle, but not if you have a political sign. He told the lady at the church that he is joining the church. She said, you can't join the church. I guess nobody can join the church unless they're a democrat. The cop showed up and took my information. You have no idea what you're talking about but thank you for sharing your ignorance with us.

IV. LEGISLATION AND POLICY

21 – 058 To swear in newly elected Town Councilors.

Town Clerk, Tammy O'Donnell, administered the oath of office to Town Councilors Copp, Storey-King and Segrist.

21 – 059 To elect a Town Council Chair and Vice-Chair.

Councilor Gruber nominated Councilor Vail as Town Council Chair. Councilor Copp seconded.


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

Councilor Gruber nominated Councilor Foster as Town Council Vice-Chair. Councilor Storey-King seconded.

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

21 – 060 To hear a report from the Lands & Conservation Commission re: Forestry.

Denny Gallaudet presented the following:



Forestry and Natural Resources Subcommittee (FS)

LANDS AND CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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- Linda Arnold
- Melissa Cott
- Denny Gallaudet
- John Leavitt
- Gordon Lichter
- Sally Stockwell



Highlights of FS Ordinance § 30-16(b)

- ▶ Protect sustainability and conservation values of the forests
- ▶ Identify and monitor wildlife habitats and corridors
- ▶ Create forest management plans for major properties
- ▶ Retain licensed forester to oversee plans and harvests
- ▶ Mitigate invasives where cost effective
- ▶ Promote public awareness and appreciation of the forests

"Legacy" trees protect conservation values



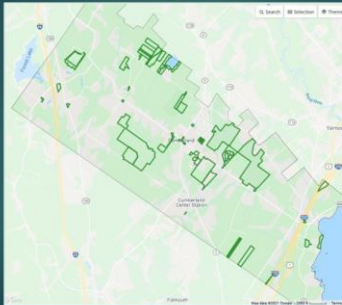
40" DBH white pine
in Twin Brook Forest
DOB ≈ 1821

Town owns
4 major and
8 minor forests

975 acres
in total

Major #	Acres
Rines	272
Knights Pond	203
Twin Brook	129
Town	109
Minor #	713
Range Way	57
Idlewood	47
Greely Woods	40
Crossing Brook	31
Sunnyfield	24
Broad Cove	22
Westbranch Road	21
Valley Road	20
	262
Total Town-Owned	975
Other conserved:	
CCLT	539
Open Space subdivisions	260
Tree Growth	3440
Grand Total	3214
(21% of Town land area)	

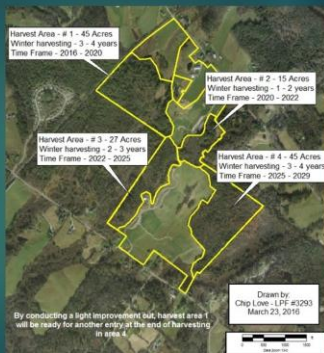
Town-Owned Forests are wide spread,
providing ready access to residents



Town Forest



Twin Brook Forest



Knights Pond Forest



Rines Forest



Recent FS activities:

- Completed plans for 4 Majors
- Developed Guiding Principles (approved by Town Council December 2020)
- Conducted harvests at Rines, Town and Twin Brook Forests
- Initiated invasive treatments at Rines and Town Forests
- Researched deeds/lines at 8 Minors
- Held "owners' night" with forestry, tax info
- Retained Paul Larriue, Licensed Maine Forester

Planned FS activities:

- Update Twin Brook plan to make consistent with Guiding Principles
- Conduct harvest on northwest slope of Knights Pond Forest
- Rework White Trail at Knights Pond Forest to prevent erosion
- Blaze boundary lines at all forests
- Map out potential carbon reserve for Climate Action Plan
- Work with Planning Board to bring past and future Open Space management in line with Guiding Principles
- Institute an annual "owners' night"

Questions/ Comments?

Chairman Vail asked for any public comment.
No public comment.

Motion by Councilor Gruber, seconded by Councilor Copp, to accept the Lands & Conservation Forestry Action Plan as presented.

VOTE: 7-0 UNANIMOUS

21 – 061 To consider and act on acceptance of the Lands & Conservation Commission Climate Action Plan.

Town Manager Shane said that this item was presented by the Climate Action Team on March 22nd, but the Council did not accept the plan at that meeting.

Chairman Vail asked for any public comment.

No public comment.

Motion by Councilor Storey-King, seconded by Councilor Gruber, to accept the Lands & Conservation Climate Action Plan as presented at the March 22, 2021, Town Council Meeting.

VOTE: 7-0 UNANIMOUS

21 – 062 To consider and act on Commercial Hauler's license renewals for FY'22.

Chairman Vail explained that this is an annual housekeeping item. Any company that hauls trash is required to have a license from the Town.

Chairman Vail asked for any public comment.

No public comment.

Motion by Councilor Edes, seconded by Councilor Gruber, to approve the Commercial Hauler's license renewals for FY'22.

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

21 – 063 To hold a Public Hearing to consider and act on an amendment to Section 250 (Subdivision of Land), Section 3 (Definitions), to add a definition of Sketch Plan Review; and Section 17A (Sketch Plan Review), to remove requirement for the Sketch Plan step from the major subdivision review process when a Planning Board Workshop has been held, as per Section 250-14B, as recommended by the Planning Board.

Town Manager Shane explained that the sketch plan review process was duplicative in the RR1 and RR2 zones, so it was asked to be removed when it is not required.

Motion by Councilor Copp, seconded by Councilor Foster, to amend Section 250 (Subdivision of Land), Section 3 (Definitions), to add a definition of Sketch Plan Review; and Section 17A (Sketch Plan Review), to remove requirement for the Sketch Plan step from the major subdivision review process when a Planning Board Workshop has been held, as per Section 250-14B, as recommended by the Planning Board.

VOTE: 7-0 UNANIMOUS

21 – 064 To hold a Public Hearing to consider and act on an amendment to Section 229 (Site Plan Review) Section 2(B)(3) (Classification Levels) to amend the minor staff review column to indicate "5 acres or less", as recommended by the Planning Board.

Town Manager Shane explained that this is a housekeeping amendment. The 5 acres was to be explicit and not implicit. The Planning Board wanted a very specific number.

Motion by Councilor Foster, seconded by Councilor Gruber, to amend Section 229 (Site Plan Review) Section 2(B)(3) (Classification Levels) to amend the minor staff review column to indicate “5 acres or less”, as recommended by the Planning Board.

VOTE: 7-0 UNANIMOUS

21 – 065 To set a Public Hearing date of June 28th to consider and act on a liquor license application for Cumberland House of Pizza.

Motion by Councilor Copp, seconded by Councilor Foster, to set a Public Hearing date of June 28th to consider and act on a liquor license application for Cumberland House of Pizza.

VOTE: 7-0 UNANIMOUS

V. NEW BUSINESS

Councilor Segrist – He thanked the Town Council for being so welcoming to him and thanked the voters of Cumberland in putting their trust in him as a Town Councilor. Thank you to George Turner for 41 years of public service. George has his deep appreciation and respect. He is looking forward to getting to work for the people of Cumberland.

Councilor Storey-King – Thank you to Councilor Gruber for his Chairmanship.

George, we miss you. She and George had some good philosophical conversations over the years. Thank you to Chris Turner, George’s wife, for sharing George with us all those years.

There was a comment on social media that prompted her to let the public know that the Town Council has a policy to not to engage the public on social media.

She was a little disheartened listening to Teri Maloney-Kelly talk about becoming disenfranchised with her role in public service. She is thankful that Teri has gotten back into it. She suspects that she is one of the people that Teri would like to see have a term limit. She really liked Teri’s statement about growing gratitude. Gratitude has been something that has gotten her through the past year with all the conflict going on.

Kim Vine made a comment about leading by example. The Town Council policy of not making comments on social media is us leading by example. There are a lot of times that people should hold their comments for a day before posting.

The Town Council enjoys hearing from the people who come forward to speak at their meetings. If you think about posting your comment on Facebook, send the Council an email or come to a meeting instead.

Bob Leighton’s celebration of life ceremony will be held on July 25th.

Councilor Gruber – Welcome to Councilor Segrist.

Thank you to Brenda, Bob, and Bill for all they did for him over the past year that he was Chairman.

The Planning Board meets tomorrow evening.

Thank you to George Turner for his service. He will be missed.

The Food Pantry will change the dates that they will be opened during the summer. It will be open every other Friday beginning next week to allow the volunteer workers some much needed time off this summer.

He met with the auditors last week. We received a good report from them.

The Coastal Waters Commission will meet on Wednesday night.

Chairman Vail – He thanked Councilor Gruber for a job well done over the past year as Council Chairman.

He welcomed Councilor Segrist to the Town Council.

Appreciation to George Turner for his 40+ years in public service.

In regard to Mr. Sherwin's comment about posting a sign advertising when Town Council meetings are happening, we had a discussion about an illuminated sign at Town Hall a couple of years ago. We will re-visit this topic again.

In regard to Teri Maloney-Kelly's suggestion for term limits, he would be happy to have term limits for the Town Council if we could have the reverse for the School Board.

He asked the Councilor's to think about goals and what they should be talking about over the next year.

The past year has been difficult due to the pandemic and divisiveness in our community, the likes of which he hopes we never see again. It will get better. This is a welcoming community.

Councilor Foster – The next mental health community event "Growing Gratitude with a Former Skeptic" led by Eric Brown, will be held at Skyline Farm on Wednesday, June 30th from 6 – 8 p.m.

We have a Joint Standing Committee with North Yarmouth that does not meet unless they are talking about Knight's Pond. She suggested that a committee that includes North Yarmouth, MSAD 51, and Cumberland is formed to discuss sharing of priorities and ensuring alignment across all three of these leadership groups. Over the last year it has become very clear that there is a very strong connection with the three leadership groups that warrants a more consistent connection point throughout the year.

Councilor Edes – He told Councilor Segrist that one thing he will never hear from this Council is that you are wrong. There may be disagreements and differing opinions, but we really do respect each other as Town Councilors.

He was disgusted in having one of our citizens come here tonight to express their view and being called ignorant by another speaker. There is no place for that type of behavior in our community.

He thanked Councilor Gruber for his Chairmanship over the past year, and congratulated Councilor Segrist, Chairman Vail and Vice-Chair Foster.

Diane Calder passed away recently. Diane was a wonderful woman. Her son, Milt was a long time Lieutenant with the Cumberland Police Department.

Councilor Copp – Welcome to Councilor Segrist. Thank you to George Turner for his service to the Town. He sat beside George on the Council for 15 years, his father sat beside George for 26 years before that, and his grandfather sat beside George before that. George is a good person who we all have learned a lot from over the years.

He attended the Farmer's Market a few weeks ago with Councilors Storey-King and Vail. It was a cold and rainy day, but it was well attended. If anyone wants to speak to their Town Councilors, they will all be taking turns and will be at the Farmer's Market at Town Hall every Saturday.

Condolences to the Wilson family on the passing of Michael Wilson. He passed away at his home last Saturday after attending a 4-H event that his great-granddaughter was involved in. Mike was a true farmer and a true friend of his. He has deep roots in this community and has been a supporter of 4-H for over 50 years. He was a great guy who will be sadly missed.

The brown tail moth situation is very bad this year. He knows a lot of people, including himself, who have had horrible rashes. This truly is a health hazard, and the state should be involved and offering help.

Town Manager Shane – The Ordinance Committee will meet Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. to look at a couple of Contract Zone Agreements (CZA). The CZA process is a long one, so staff recommended having the Ordinance Committee look at it first to see if it should move forward in the process.

Paving around Town should start this week. MDOT will be paving Main Street from Tuttle Road to Greely Road.

We opened the 2 bids that we received for the railroad crossings on Friday. The price that we estimated was \$180,000. The low bid came in at \$290,000, from Storey Brothers. The other bid was for \$450,000. We will add this to the next agenda for Council consideration.

We had a good voter turnout for a June election. In addition to the term limit recommendation that Teri Maloney-Kelly made, another resident suggested switching the Town Council and School Board election to November. These items would require a Charter amendment, something that the Town Council will have to consider.

Town Clerk, Tammy O'Donnell and her staff did a great job during the election, as always.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

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

VOTE: 7-0 UNANIMOUS

TIME: 9:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by,

Brenda L. Moore
Council Secretary