

MINUTES

Cumberland Town Council Meeting

Town Council Chambers

MONDAY, August 12, 2013

7:00 p.m. Call to Order

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

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Councilor Gruber, seconded by Councilor Bingham, to approve the July 22, 2013 minutes as presented.

VOTE: 7-0

UNANIMOUS

Motion by Councilor Bingham, seconded by Councilor Storey-King, to approve the July 29, 2013 minutes as presented.

VOTE: 7-0

UNANIMOUS

II. MANAGER'S REPORT

Town Manager Shane said that in its past session, the State Legislature eliminated the State Circuit Breaker Program. The program was a property tax relief program for residents who made under \$60,000 annually, and were paying more than 4% of their income in property taxes. The elimination of the program will have a negative impact on many Cumberland residents, particularly our senior citizens. Last year, the Town, through our own Senior Circuit Breaker program, was able to help 109 senior citizens with rebates along with the rebate that they received from the State. Going forward, these residents will only have the Town's rebate, which is capped at \$750. These are residents who pay their property taxes, who in a lot of cases are on a fixed income, forcing them to go without food or heat. This is very concerning and he urged residents to look out for their elderly neighbors to be sure they are ok. The Town will also do all they can to help.

III. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Chairman Stiles explained that since there was a member of the public what wished to speak about the last item on the agenda, and the meeting had the potential of being lengthy, he would invite him to speak about bulky waste pick up during public discussion.

Dudley Greely of Mill Road, reminded that Council that he was before them a couple of years ago with photos of the vast amount of items placed curbside during bulky waste pick up week, that would have (and should have) easily fit into a Town trash bag. Mr. Greely said that we do not ask our neighbors to pay our phone bill or fuel bill, and it doesn't make sense to ask our neighbors to pay our trash bill. The Town agreed to address the situation by doing some public education and reminding people that if it will fit into a Town trash bag, it is not considered bulky waste. Mr. Greely said that he noticed no difference in the amount of trash that was curbside during the past few bulky waste pick up weeks. He requested that the Town work with Waste Management to negotiate a waste tag system, whereby residents are given a certain number of tags per year with a menu for large items that would be acceptable for pick up and the number of tags each item requires. He feels that a tag system would be a better system that saved the Town a great deal of money.

Mr. Greely also talked about the nuisance of having to listen to gun shots being fired around his house at any time of day or night. He has been told that the Town can do nothing about this. If someone wants to fire a gun well within earshot of his home, that is allowed. The process of establishing an effective and enforceable disturbing the peace ordinance is not an easy process, but he feels that the Council can address the issue if they at least look at the number of complaints that have come into the police department. He is simply asking that some peace and quiet be returned to some of the residents of the Town.

In regard to our senior citizens losing the State Circuit Breaker refund, Mr. Greely said that he fully supports the Town using some of its resources to assist those in need. He suggested that any money that is provided to those residents be repaid after they pass away through the value of their home. Perhaps the Town won't require that they pay real estate taxes while they are alive and the Town could be paid upon settling of their estate.

IV. LEGISLATION AND POLICY

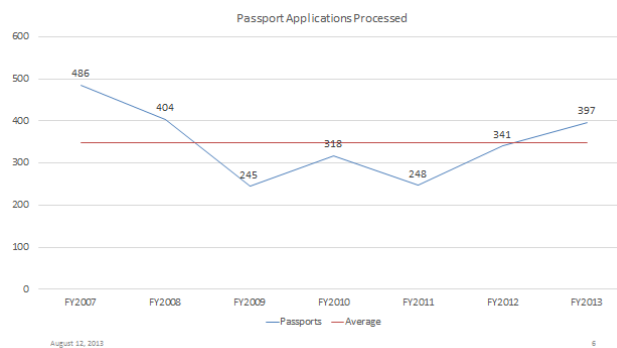
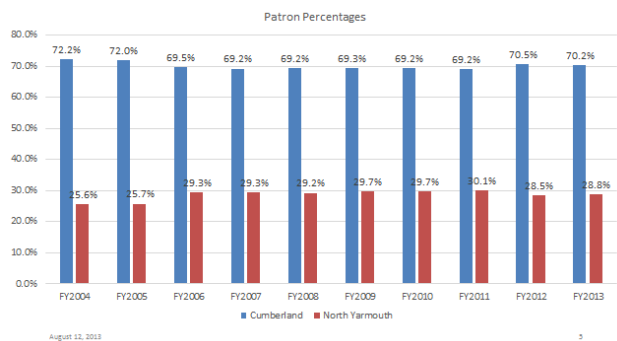
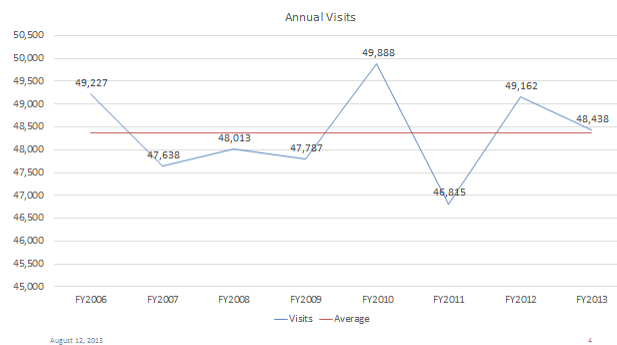
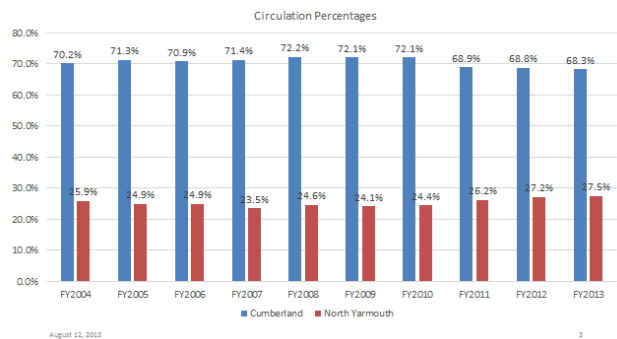
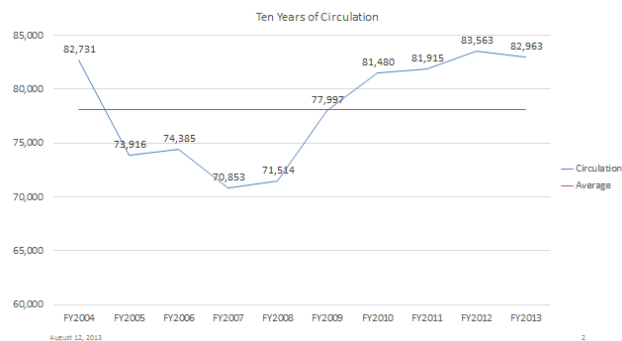
13 – 124 To hear a report from Library Director, Thomas Bennett re: Library updates.

Mr. Bennett reported on the following Library statistics, programming, and projects:



Prince Memorial Library Presentation to the Cumberland Town Council

August 12, 2013



Programs:



August 12, 2013

7



August 12, 2013

8



August 12, 2013

9



August 12, 2013

10



August 12, 2013

11



August 12, 2013

12



August 12, 2013

13



August 12, 2013

14

Archiving of Assessing Records

Grants and Historical Projects

- Grace E. Hutchinson Negative Collection: Davis Family Foundation grant, 2013
- Transcribing historical accounts:
 - History of the Congregational Church, Cumberland Center, Maine (1975)
 - History of the town of Cumberland, Maine (1921)
 - Norton's hand-hewn history of Maine and its representative Town of Cumberland
 - One hundredth anniversary of the Congregational Church, Cumberland Centre, Maine (1893)

August 12, 2013

15



August 12, 2013

16

Grace E. Hutchinson negative collection

Some examples of the photos in the collection



August 12, 2013

17



August 12, 2013

18



August 12, 2013

20



August 12, 2013

21



August 12, 2013

22



August 12, 2013

22



August 12, 2013

24



August 12, 2013

25



August 12, 2013

26



August 12, 2013

27



August 12, 2013

28



August 12, 2013

29



August 12, 2013

30

13 – 125 To hear a report from the Finance Committee Chair re: 4th quarter financials.

Councilor Gruber, Finance Committee Chair, reported that expenses were over by \$25,391. This would be somewhat alarming, but some of those expenses were revenue producers, so the fiscal year ended with revenues of \$290,366, which is terrific.

Finance Director, Heather Perreault gave the following report on the 4th quarter financials:

Town of Cumberland Year to Date Expenses		Through June 30, 2013			
Department	FY 2013			FY 2012	
	Budget	Expenses	% Used	% Used	
130 Administration	\$ 464,582	\$ 513,978	110.6%	112.4%	
140 Assessor	\$ 64,153	\$ 66,989	104.4%	89.0%	
150 Town Clerk/Tax Collector	\$ 222,370	\$ 199,571	89.7%	90.7%	
160 Technology	\$ 164,536	\$ 163,391	99.3%	101.9%	
165 Elections	\$ 17,936	\$ 9,306	51.9%	64.8%	
170 Planning Board	\$ 57,826	\$ 58,828	101.7%	101.8%	
190 Legal	\$ 40,000	\$ 30,884	77.2%	75.7%	
General Administration	\$ 1,031,403	\$ 1,042,947	101.1%	101.5%	
210 Police	\$ 1,038,354	\$ 1,085,309	104.5%	101.2%	
220 Fire	\$ 743,075	\$ 746,688	100.5%	100.0%	
240 Code Enforcement	\$ 80,663	\$ 83,455	103.5%	95.8%	
260 Canine Control	\$ 34,280	\$ 39,973	116.6%	103.4%	
Public Safety	\$ 1,896,372	\$ 1,955,425	103.1%	100.5%	
310 Public Works	\$ 915,184	\$ 952,621	104.1%	99.6%	
320 Waste Disposal	\$ 648,270	\$ 617,766	95.3%	95.8%	
Public Works	\$ 1,563,454	\$ 1,570,387	100.4%	97.9%	
410 Recreation	\$ 571,001	\$ 608,860	106.6%	118.9%	
430 Parks	\$ 191,771	\$ 153,999	80.3%	92.3%	
440 West Cumberland Rec	\$ 8,914	\$ 6,110	68.5%	85.9%	
Parks & Recreation	\$ 771,686	\$ 768,969	99.6%	110.8%	
Library	\$ 372,366	\$ 378,893	101.8%	97.7%	
580 General Assistance	\$ 30,000	\$ 26,756	89.2%	89.9%	
590 Health Services	\$ 8,875	\$ 8,886	100.1%	76.3%	
620 Cemetery Association	\$ 26,700	\$ 24,538	91.9%	99.9%	
630 Conservation Commission	\$ 6,000	\$ 596	9.9%	50.0%	
800 Fire Hydrants	\$ 57,000	\$ 56,963	99.9%	95.6%	
810 Street Lighting	\$ 36,726	\$ 47,299	128.8%	105.6%	
830 Contingent	\$ 46,000	\$ 44,052	95.8%	381.9%	
840 Municipal Building	\$ 175,462	\$ 159,105	90.7%	95.7%	
850 Abatements	\$ 20,000	\$ 19,400	97.0%	328.7%	
Other Expenses	\$ 406,763	\$ 387,595	95.3%	110.4%	
Controllable Expense Total	\$ 6,042,044	\$ 6,104,216	101.0%	101.6%	

Other Expenses	FY 2013			FY 2012	
	Budget	YTD Expenses	% Used	% Used	
MSAD #51	\$ 13,193,552	\$ 13,193,552	100.0%	100.0%	
Debt Service	\$ 913,551	\$ 807,354	88.4%	95.2%	
Insurance	\$ 271,584	\$ 341,000	125.6%	111.5%	
County Tax	\$ 623,416	\$ 623,416	100.0%	100.0%	
Capital Imp. Plan	\$ 896,137	\$ 896,137	100.0%	100.0%	
Other Expense Total	\$ 15,898,240	\$ 15,861,459	99.8%	99.9%	
All Expenses Total	\$ 21,940,284	\$ 21,965,675	100.1%	100.4%	

Town of Cumberland
Year to Date Revenues

Through June 30, 2013

Description	FY 13			FY 12
	Budget	Actual	% Collected	%
Excise Tax	\$ 1,330,000	\$ 1,446,042	109%	101%
Boat Excise Tax	\$ 10,000	\$ 14,287	143%	315%
Supplemental Taxes/PILOT	\$ -	\$ 22,500		0%
Hunting & Fishing License	\$ 700	\$ 533	76%	80%
Marriage License	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,136	71%	58%
Birth Certificates	\$ 365	\$ 1,313	360%	405%
Death Certificates	\$ 500	\$ 1,782	356%	127%
Clerk Licenses	\$ 4,500	\$ 2,611	58%	158%
Shellfish Licenses	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,637	88%	76%
Conservation Fees	\$ 500	\$ 703	141%	0%
Snowmobile Reg	\$ 300	\$ 445	148%	14%
Auto Reg. Fees	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,082	100%	98%
Boat Reg. Fees	\$ 500	\$ 2,344	469%	134%
Building Permits	\$ 40,000	\$ 92,893	232%	152%
Electrical Permits	\$ 15,000	\$ 21,299	142%	97%
Plumbing Permits	\$ 10,000	\$ 20,943	209%	135%
Other Permits	\$ 2,500	\$ 1,350	54%	48%
Application Fee	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,526	153%	363%
Dog Revenue	\$ 6,000	\$ 4,829	80%	88%
Commercial Haulers License	\$ 500	\$ 700	140%	50%
State Revenue Sharing	\$ 575,000	\$ 612,537	107%	113%
Park Fee Sharing	\$ 7,080	\$ 7,212	102%	102%
DOT Block Grant	\$ 82,000	\$ 81,672	100%	100%
Other State Aid/MEMA	\$ -	\$ 32,316	0%	0%
Windham-Fire & Rescue	\$ 3,900	\$ 3,900	100%	129%
Regional Assessing	\$ -		0%	0%
NY Sidewalks	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,600	87%	
Staff Review Fee	\$ 3,000	\$ 12,650	422%	685%
Interest & Penalties	\$ 50,000	\$ 60,316	121%	109%
Over/Short	\$ 100	\$ 7	7%	-223%
Growth Permits	\$ 750	\$ 4,400	587%	253%
Board of Appeals	\$ -	\$ 200	0%	33%
Interest on Investment	\$ -	\$ -	0%	0%
Interest On Savings	\$ 10,000	\$ 3,076	31%	60%
Building Rentals	\$ 825		0%	0%
Sale of Assets	\$ 50,000	\$ 21,209	0%	0%
Misc. Revenue	\$ 30,000	\$ 6,464	22%	44%
Cable TV Revenue	\$ 110,000	\$ 117,289	107%	112%
Mooring Fees	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,220	122%	81%
Private Ways	\$ 400	\$ 200	50%	50%
WC Dividend	\$ -	\$ 7,300	100%	0%
Impact Fees	\$ 40,000	\$ 73,537	184%	0%
Assessing Records	\$ 100	\$ 50	50%	80%
Credit Card Handling Fee	\$ -			
Totals	\$ 2,415,520	\$ 2,709,110	112.2%	103%
North Yarmouth Dare Share	\$ 2,000		0%	100%
North Yarmouth ACO Charges	\$ 3,500	\$ 5,147	147%	130%
Police Issued Permits	\$ 3,500	\$ 4,700	134%	126%
Police Insurance Reports	\$ 500	\$ 500	100%	106%
PARKING TICKETS	\$ 100	\$ 447	447%	215%
POLICE OUTSIDE DETAIL	\$ 22,000	\$ 25,497	116%	141%
Grants/COPS Vet program		\$ 25,000		

G:\Finance\General Finance Documents\Reporting\FY13 Reporting\FY13 Monthly Rev-Exp Reporting\2013-06 RevenuesYTD Comparison

Town of Cumberland
Year to Date Revenues

Through June 30, 2013

Description	FY 13			FY 12
	Budget	Actual	% Collected	%
ANIMAL CONTROL OFF REVENUE	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,027	81%	0%
Court Reimbursement	\$ 3,500	\$ 2,669	76%	81%
Misc Police Revenue	\$ 500	\$ 20,974	4195%	513%
Police Dept Totals	\$ 38,100	\$ 86,961	228%	141%
Misc. Revenue	\$ 15,000	\$ 18,461	123%	
Rescue Billing	\$ 155,000	\$ 130,419	84%	105%
Non-Emergency Transports	\$ -	\$ 9,285	0%	0%
Fire Outside Details	\$ 15,000	\$ 16,439	110%	0%
Paramedic Intercepts	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,400	120%	135%
Fire Dept Totals	\$ 187,000	\$ 177,004	95%	92%
Brush Passes	\$ 5,200	\$ 8,145	157%	163%
Misc Revenue	\$ -	\$ 1,229	0%	229%
Bags/Universal Waste	\$ 290,000	\$ 270,666	93%	90%
PW Totals	\$ 295,200	\$ 280,040	95%	92%
North Yarmouth Recreation Shar	\$ 50,353	\$ 50,353	100%	104%
Recreation Programs	\$ 10,579	\$ 15,323	145%	95%
Fall Recreation Revenue	\$ 48,552	\$ 44,021	91%	118%
Winter Recreation Revenue	\$ 69,563	\$ 90,504	130%	143%
Spring Recreation Revenue	\$ 27,000	\$ 18,383	68%	85%
Summer Recreation Revenue	\$ 204,370	\$ 202,394	99%	95%
Soccer revenue		\$ 9,500		
MSAD Rec Revenue	\$ 10,000	\$ 15,083	151%	
After School Programs	\$ 122,236	\$ 119,172	97%	
Parks Revenues	\$ 15,000	\$ 14,431	96%	
Rec Totals	\$ 557,653	\$ 579,164	104%	143%
North Yarmouth Library Share	\$ 131,276	\$ 131,276	100%	105%
Library Fines	\$ 3,500	\$ 4,831	138%	108%
Library Interest Income	\$ -	\$ 336		0%
Misc. Library Revenue	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,675	168%	172%
Lib Totals	\$ 135,776	\$ 138,118	102%	105%
Misc Revenues	\$ 2,415,520	\$ 2,709,110	112%	103.3%
Dept Revenues	\$ 1,213,729	\$ 1,261,287	104%	114.4%
Total Revenues	\$ 3,629,249	\$ 3,970,397	109.4%	106.8%
Selected Revenue Lines	Budget	Actual	FY 13	FY 12
Excise Tax	\$ 1,330,000	\$ 1,446,042	109%	101%
State Revenue Sharing	\$ 575,000	\$ 612,537	107%	113%
Building Permits	\$ 40,000	\$ 92,893	232%	152%
Recreation Revenues	\$ 557,653	\$ 579,164	104%	143%
Bags/Universal Waste	\$ 290,000	\$ 270,666	93%	90%

G:\Finance\General Finance Documents\Reporting\FY13 Reporting\FY13 Monthly Rev-Exp Reporting\2013-06 RevenuesYTD Comparison

Final Budget Report

for the

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2013

FY2013 Financial Highlights

- Expenditures very close to budget
 - Mid-year spike in spending due to storms
 - Able to tighten spending for balance of year
- Revenues stronger than expected
 - Excise tax payments
 - Building and other permits

FY2013 Revenues

	FY 2013			FY 2012
	Budget	Actual	% Collected	%
Tax Revenues	\$ 1,340,000	\$ 1,482,829	110.7%	102.2%
Licenses & Permits	\$ 108,365	\$ 178,126	164.4%	120.4%
Intergovernmental Revenues	\$ 670,980	\$ 740,237	110.3%	111.3%
Other Revenues	\$ 296,175	\$ 307,918	104.0%	85.9%
Police Department	\$ 38,100	\$ 86,961	228.2%	140.5%
Fire Department	\$ 187,000	\$ 177,004	94.7%	92.5%
Public Works	\$ 295,200	\$ 280,040	94.9%	91.7%
Parks & Recreation	\$ 557,653	\$ 579,164	103.9%	142.9%
Library	\$ 135,776	\$ 138,118	101.7%	105.3%
Grand Total	\$ 3,629,249	\$ 3,970,397	109.4%	106.8%

Amount of Revenues over Budget: \$ 341,148

FY2013 Selected Revenue Lines

	Budget	Actual	FY 13	FY 12
Excise Tax	\$ 1,330,000	\$ 1,446,042	108.7%	101.4%
State Revenue Sharing	\$ 575,000	\$ 612,537	106.5%	112.6%
Building Permits	\$ 40,000	\$ 92,893	232.2%	151.8%
Impact Fees	\$ 40,000	\$ 73,537	183.8%	0.0%
Recreation Revenues	\$ 542,653	\$ 564,733	104.1%	141.0%
Bags/Universal Waste	\$ 290,000	\$ 270,666	93.3%	90.2%

FY 2013 Expenditures

Department	FY 2013			FY 2012
	Budget	Expenses	% Used	% Used
General Administration	\$ 1,031,403	\$ 1,042,947	101.1%	101.5%
Public Safety	\$ 1,896,372	\$ 1,955,425	103.1%	100.5%
Public Works	\$ 1,563,454	\$ 1,570,387	100.4%	97.9%
Parks & Recreation	\$ 771,696	\$ 768,969	99.6%	110.8%
Library	\$ 372,366	\$ 378,893	101.8%	97.7%
Other Expenses	\$ 406,763	\$ 387,585	95.3%	110.4%
Controllable Expense Total	\$ 6,042,044	\$ 6,104,216	101.0%	101.6%

Other Expenses	FY 2013			FY 2012
	Budget	YTD Expenses	% Used	% Used
MSAD #51	\$ 13,193,552	\$ 13,193,552	100.0%	100.0%
Debt Service	\$ 913,551	\$ 807,354	88.4%	95.2%
Insurance	\$ 271,584	\$ 341,000	125.6%	111.5%
County Tax	\$ 623,416	\$ 623,416	100.0%	100.0%
Capital Imp. Plan	\$ 896,137	\$ 896,137	100.0%	100.0%
Other Expense Total	\$ 15,898,240	\$ 15,861,459	99.8%	99.9%
All Expenses Total	\$ 21,940,284	\$ 21,965,675	100.1%	100.4%

Amount of Expenses over Budget: \$ 25,391

General Fund Net Revenues

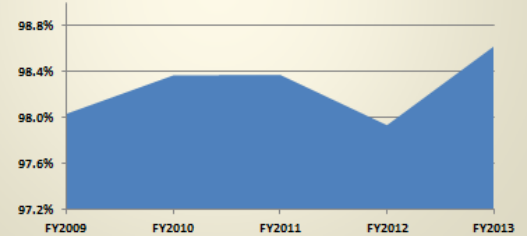
	FY2013
Revenues over Budget	\$ 341,148
Expenses over Budget	\$ 25,391
Net Effect	\$ 315,757
Budgeted Net Overlay	\$ 406,598
Total GF Net Revenues	\$ 722,355

Uses of End of Year Fund Balance

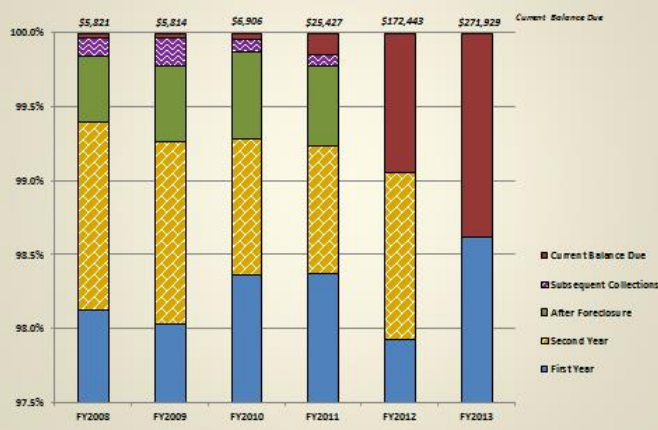
FY2013 General Fund Net Revenues	\$ 722,355
End of Year Budget Transfers:	
Road Improvements Fund	\$ 27,268
Equipment Fund	\$ 119,288
Circuit Breaker	\$ 80,000
Fuel Assistance	\$ 15,000
Val Halla Project fund	\$ 34,728
Val Halla FY2013 operations estimate	\$ 68,000
Total End of Year Budget Transfers	\$ 344,284
Transfer to Val Halla to reduce amount due GF	\$ 378,071
Total Uses of End of Year Fund Balance	\$ 722,355

Tax Collections in First Year

	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013
Tax Commitment	\$ 15,901,519	\$ 16,612,279	\$ 17,647,491	\$ 18,318,972	\$ 19,684,274
Taxes Collected	\$ 15,588,250	\$ 16,340,683	\$ 17,358,863	\$ 17,939,919	\$ 19,412,345
Uncollected @ 6/30	\$ 313,269	\$ 271,596	\$ 287,628	\$ 379,053	\$ 271,929
% Collected	98.0%	98.4%	98.4%	97.9%	98.6%



Tax Collections over Time



13 – 126 To hear a report from the Town Manager re: senior housing rental policy.

Town Manager Shane reported that the Cumberland Housing Authority met last week to discuss subsidized senior housing units. The board directed Town staff to strive to maintain up to 8 subsidized, one bedroom units, whenever possible. However, there are times when that goal cannot be met if there are no seniors on the waiting list who qualify for a subsidized unit. The selection process will remain the same as it has in the past. Rental amounts are listed below:

Unit	Amount	FY 2013 Rent	Total Month	1% INCR FY 14	Monthly Increase	Total Annual Incr	FY 2014
Grandfathered Subsidized One Bedroom	1	\$511	\$511	\$516	\$5	\$61	\$6,193
Subsidized One Bedroom	6	\$624	\$3,744	\$630	\$6	\$75	\$45,377
8 Subsidized by Board Policy							
Grandfathered 1 Bedroom	2	\$770	\$1,540	\$778	\$8	\$92	\$18,665
One Bedroom**	9	\$840	\$7,560	\$849	\$9	\$108	\$91,692
Grandfathered Two Bedroom	3	\$888	\$2,664	\$897	\$9	\$107	\$32,288
Two Bedroom	9	\$1,014	\$9,126	\$1,024	\$10	\$122	\$110,607
	30		\$301,740				\$304,757
							\$3,017
							1%

** Next One Bedroom Unit to become vacant will be offered as Subsidized

All units include Heat, Hot Water, Sewer, Mowing and Plowing - Residents pay for Cable, Internet and Electricity

13 – 127 To hear a report from the Town Manager re: Sewer Ordinance amendments.

Town Manager said that the Sewer Board of Appeals will be at a Council meeting in September to update the Council on their work updating the Sewer Ordinance. The board will also ask the Council to consider a sewer connection permit fee of \$500 for the next two years. This will hopefully encourage more people to connect to the sewer system.

13 – 128 To set a Public Hearing date (August 26th) to consider and act on increasing sewer user fees 3.1% for FY'14.

Motion by Councilor Bingham, seconded by Councilor Storey-King, to set a Public Hearing date of August 26th to consider and act on increasing sewer user fees 3.1% for FY'14.

VOTE: 7-0 UNANIMOUS

13 – 129 To consider and act on amendments to Chapter 315 (Zoning), Section 48 (Erosion and sedimentation control) of the Cumberland Code as recommended by the Planning Board.

Town Manager Shane said that this item has been before the Ordinance Committee and the Planning Board. Staff has amended language to be more in line with feedback from both committees. The purpose is to try to regulate the filling and disturbance of land so it does not affect neighbor's properties.

Motion by Councilor Bingham, seconded by Councilor Turner, to amend Chapter 315 (Zoning), Section 48 (Erosion and Sedimentation Control) of the Cumberland Code, as presented.

VOTE: 7-0 UNANIMOUS

13 – 130 To set the Fall Bulky Waste Pickup Week for October 14th – 18th and Universal Waste Disposal Day as October 19th (at the Town Garage).

Town Manager Shane said that the cost to the Town for bulky waste pick up ranges from approximately \$24,000 to \$48,000 annually. Town staff worked very closely with Pine Tree Waste last year to change the behavior of residents who do not understand that bulky waste means large items, not free trash pick-up. Other towns have been successful with the tag program. Mr. Shane said that he feels that the Ordinance Committee should look at this issue and meet with Public Services Director, Chris Bolduc to hear what he has done with regard to educating the public and the outcome.

Councilor Bingham said that Mr. Greely made some good points, but felt that if the Town did away with the October bulky waste pick up week, the public would panic. He feels that it is time to look at possible alternatives.

Councilor Gruber said that it is time to stop talking about this issue and look at doing something different. He does not feel that we should cancel the event in October, but made the commitment to look for a different approach.

Councilor Copp said he feels that people are fearful that disposing of large items at Riverside Recycling because it will cost too much. It is, in fact, very inexpensive to dispose of items in a responsible way.

Motion by Councilor Bingham, seconded by Councilor Copp, to set the Fall Bulky Waste Pickup Week for October 14th – 18th and Universal Waste Disposal Day as October 19th (at the Town Garage).

VOTE: 7-0 UNANIMOUS

V. NEW BUSINESS

Councilor Turner – None

Councilor Bingham – None

Councilor Storey-King – At the last Twin Brook Advisory Committee meeting, Paul Laravee, a forester from Sappi was present and spoke about a program that Sappi offers. They just finished a project with the Town of Wells Reserve and offered a course for small wood lot owners, which consist of a management planning and harvesting, and the steps landowners can take in managing a woodlot. It was an interesting presentation and a good resource for landowners who may be interested in finding out more about woodlot management.

Councilor Storey- King gave an update on the Korean War Veteran Celebration that will be held on November 11th. There will be a convoy, similar to those that welcome back our state championship teams, that will begin in Cumberland (at Moss Side Cemetery), go to North Yarmouth, and end in Yarmouth with a ceremony. The committee will be raising money to provide lunch for the Veterans. The public is encouraged to attend the celebration.

Councilor Gruber – The food pantry continues to do well and he cannot thank the Cumberland and North Yarmouth residents enough for all their support. As it is with all the local food pantries, the shelves are almost bare, but because of monetary donations, the Town Manger was able to go to Good Shepherd Food Bank and get 1300 pounds of food. Our shelves are full again.

Chairman Stiles – Asked the Manager for an update on the gas line installation on Blanchard Road.

Manager Shane said that the gas main project has a different set of requirements and training for the contractors, flaggers, and other workers on the project. Work was delayed until tomorrow so that the flaggers could be ready and an excavator arrived onsite. They are scheduled to begin at the Skillin and Blanchard Road intersection, working toward the fairgrounds. Eliza Porter will be at the next Council meeting to give a presentation on the project.

Councilor Edes – Asked the Manager for an update on the clam flats.

Manager Shane said that we have been doing our own water testing for 3 years now and the bacteria numbers rise as the water temperature rises, because the bacteria grows in warmer water. The numbers are very good during the winter months. He believes that it has to do with the density of population around our shoreline and we will remain a seasonal clam flat that is open from November 1st – May 31st.

Councilor Copp – He visited Kennebec Valley recently and was amazed by the amount of people employed for the gas main project and the amount of machinery that is on the roadside for their project. When this project comes to Cumberland, everyone will be amazed.

Town Manager Shane – A follow up to Councilor Storey-King's comments on the Korean War Veteran Celebration on November 11th, it will be a very special day in our community and he requests that folks show up just to show their support and show our veterans how much we appreciate their service.

Today was Animal Control Officer, Chuck Bernie's last day with the Town. Chuck has done an outstanding job for our community and the Police Department and he will be very hard to replace.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to Title 36 M.R.S.A., § 405(6)(C) re: disposition of real property.

Motion by Councilor Bingham, seconded by Councilor Copp, to recess to Executive Session pursuant to Title 36 M.R.S.A., § 405(6)(C) re: disposition of real property.

VOTE: 7-0

TIME: 8:58 P.M.

Motion by Councilor Bingham, seconded by Councilor Gruber, to accept payment of back taxes in the amount of \$8,500.00 for tax years 2011 and 2012, including interest and penalties, for property identified as Tax Map U13A/Lot 11.

VOTE: 7-0

VII. ADJOURNMENT

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

VOTE: 7-0

TIME: 9:08 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by,

Brenda L. Moore
Council Secretary