

cumberland, maine

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About the photography in these pages: When we put out a call for photos to Cumberland residents, the response was more than we expected. In these pages, you'll find beautiful shots taken in all seasons by people who live in this small town. We hope you enjoy the photography as much as we do. Many thanks to all who submitted.

Front cover: *Leo Kern enjoys the beach at Broad Cove Reserve. Photo by Elise Kern*

Back cover: *A hot summer day calls for some splish-splash and a helping of watermelon. Photo by Brian Allenby*

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Earlier this year, the Town of Cumberland lost a dear friend. Robert (Bob) Waterhouse, a longtime Cumberland resident, a committed volunteer, and a tireless advocate for the preservation of our town's character, passed away in March. He will be missed by friends, family, and this community that he called home.

Bob was born on November 3, 1945 in Newport News, Virginia. He went to Germantown Academy in Philadelphia and graduated from Middlebury College in 1967, followed by Jefferson Medical College in 1971. He completed his internship and residency in general surgery at Maine Medical Center in 1976 and his plastic surgery residency at McGill University in Montreal in 1978. Following that, he joined Plastic and Hand Surgical Associates in South Portland, where he practiced until his retirement in 2006.

He took a methodical approach to problems, and he had the ability to see issues from all sides.

He believed in strategic town development that included planned growth, while maintaining the rural character of the Town of Cumberland.

Bob married his childhood friend Megan Heyl in 1969, and, together, they started a family in Maine in 1974.

Looking for more space, a small-town feel, and a rural setting, they moved their family to Range Road in Cumberland in 1981. They purchased the Shaw Family Farm, built in 1769, and previously owned by the Dow family. In that house, they raised four children — Noah, Ben, Amanda, and Kira — as well as countless animals, including horses, donkeys, sheep, chickens, rabbits, cats and numerous dogs.

In the early years, Bob helped volunteer in Cumberland's youth soccer, basketball and little league programs. After his retirement he became more involved in the town and served on multiple committees. He was an original member of the Rines Forest Committee, vice chairman of the Comprehensive Plan Revision Committee, chairman/vice chair of the Land-Use Committee, chairman of the Conservation Subdivision Committee, and member of the newly created Lands and Conservation Forestry Committee. He had a methodical approach to problems and the ability to see issues from all sides. He believed in strategic town development that included planned growth while maintaining the rural character of the Town of Cumberland.

Bob was a self-taught builder/carpenter, excavator operator, water skier, snowmobiler, and stall mucker. In short, he loved a good project. He was a great husband, father, grandfather and friend. He lived life to its fullest and committed himself to family, patients and community.

Bob loved living in the town of Cumberland and being part of the community. He was committed to helping preserve the character of the town for generations to come. For this, we are ever grateful.



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT



George Turner

Looking back on FY2016–17 gives me considerable satisfaction mixed with some feelings of frustration. That we are blessed with a top-notch Town Manager in Bill Shane facilitates the job of Town Councilors in many ways. Vision of the big picture is viewed through a common lens for the most part. Common goals are a springboard to good town government; ideally the Manager works at the pleasure of the Council. There is mild frustration when we fail to convey that reality to you, the voters, when it comes to grappling with any controversial issue.

I am especially proud of the work of town committees and subcommittees, comprised of citizens unselfishly volunteering their time and energy to make Cumberland hospitable to all ages. The wildly successful Aging in Place initiative and the Cumberland Food Bank, spearheaded by Tom Gruber, are cases in point.

Other noted endeavors of FY2016–17 include:

- **The work of the Central Fire Station Building Committee:** Their tireless efforts, over many meetings and hours, produced a plan that will fulfill the needs of the Fire Department for the foreseeable future while staying within budget. That final plan was approved in October 2016.
- **The work related to LED signs:** The Congregational Church wanted a black LED sign. The committee and Council wanted to grant the request. Unfortunately, we had to look at the possible unintended consequences of including the signs in the district. The Town attorney cautioned us regarding legal implications, and we were eventually convinced that the request couldn't be granted in good conscience.
- **The controversial issue of whether to allow snowmobiles in the Town Forest during the winter season:** To assuage concern of possible trail destruction and chilling effects on walkers, a compromise was reached, allowing snowmobiles to use the outer trail. The fact that the snowmobile club takes good care of trails in general is a testament to their commitment to our town and their sport.
- **The fireworks ordinance fixed hours that were ultimately acceptable to most around July 4 and January 1:** The Police Department was opposed, for safety reasons. We had to weigh their concerns against the desire of people to celebrate. At the same time, we reserved the right to revisit the issue if experience proves the allowance of any fireworks unwise.
- **In November 2016, there was the proposed moratorium ordinance regarding possible retail marijuana establishments in Cumberland:** The initial Council conclusion was to wait for the state to provide direction. Ultimately, the decision was made to ban retail marijuana sales outright.

Decisions, including mundane ones that are made by the Town Council, have serious impact on costs. We are particularly happy to report no significant burden from the municipal side on the tax rate for FY2016–17. The good management of Town indebtedness, by taking advantage of low interest rates, is one factor; another is strategically taking advantage of optimal seasonal bidding

times for infrastructure projects. To its credit, this Council has embraced its duty to the citizens it represents to hold municipal taxes in check.

Bids were authorized in February of 2017 for the Tuttle Road, Middle Road and Rte#1 projects. The implementation of those projects unavoidably had to take place simultaneously due to the need to take advantage of grants, etc. I am amazed and thankful that the disruption has been minimal given the intersection of two of the projects at Tuttle and Middle Roads.

It has been my pleasure to serve on Cumberland boards and committees since 1980. When we volunteer, we receive more than we give. I want to thank the public for allowing my service on the Council and as your Chair in FY2016–17.

George Turner, Chair
Cumberland Town Council



Back Row (l-r): George Turner, William Stiles, Shirley Storey-King, Thomas Gruber

Front Row (l-r): Peter Bingham, Michael Edes, Ronald Copp

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

The Town of Cumberland would like to thank the board and committee members who so generously give their time to maintaining the character and beauty of our community.

Council and Board appointments expire as of Dec. 31 of the designated year. Terms are for three years. Town Council elections are held in June, and positions are three-year terms.

TOWN COUNCIL

Peter Bingham
Ronald Copp, Jr.
Michael Edes
Thomas Gruber
William Stiles
Shirley Storey-King
George Turner

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS AND APPEALS

Andrew Black
Ronald Copp, Sr.
Christian Lewis
Matthew Manahan
Michael Martin
Sally Pierce
George Turner*
Amanda Vigue
R. Scott Wyman

AGING IN PLACE COMMITTEE

Barbara Berkovich
Evariste Bernier
John Berrett
Peter Bingham*
Cathy Campbell
Pat Carroll
Lisa Crowley
Dale Denno
Rita Farry
Jennifer Freeman
Thomas Gruber*
Teri Maloney-Kelly
Suzie McCormack
Sandra Parker
Kendall Putnam
Cicely Russell
Sally Semmes Pierce
Paula Slipp
Cindy Stennett
Christine Turner
Maryellen Wilson
Eileen Wyatt

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW

Jerome Gamache
Scott Lalumiere
Mark Stevens
James Thomas
Robert Vail

BOARD OF SEWER APPEALS

Paul Chesley
Doug Pride
Ralph Oulton
Steve Sloan
Eileen Wyatt

CENTRAL FIRE STATION BUILDING COMMITTEE

Brian Cashin
Mike Edes*
Linda Fulda
John Hankinson
Adrian Kendall
Bert Kendall
James Orser
George Small
William Stiles*
Harland Storey
Dave Swan

COASTAL WATERS COMMISSION

David Carlson
Thomas Gruber*
Lewis Incze
Hugh Judge
Mike Schwindt
Brent Sullivan
Richard Thompson
Bob Vail
David Witherill

CONSERVATION SUBDIVISION COMMITTEE

Paul Auclair
Alan Blanchard
David Carlson
Thomas Gruber*
Mike Schwindt
Peter Sherr
Sally Stockwell
Sam York

HOUSING AUTHORITY

Connie Bingham
James Clifford
Joyce Frost
Bill Hansen
Norman Maze, Jr.
Sally Pierce
William Stiles*
Eileen Wyatt

LANDS & CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Rachael Becker
McEntee
Peter Bingham*
Ted Chadbourne
Denison Gallaudet
Thomas Gruber*
Ellen Hoffman
John Jensenius
Shawn McBreairty
Tim Nastro
Susan Nolde
Mike Schwindt
Sally Stockwell
Paul Weiss
R. Samuel York
David Young

OCEAN ACCESS COMMITTEE

Charles Adams
Penny Asherman
Lew Incze
Maureen Ann Connolly
Sandra Gousch-Plummer
Thomas Gruber*
Joshua Ottow
C. Ingrid Parkin
Stephen Thomas
George Turner*

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

Amy Amico
Chris Fitzpatrick
Melissa Fowler
Anne Graham
Bill Hansen
Johanna Mulligan
Patty Normandeau
Sally Pierce
Travis Seaver
Nancy Storey
Shirley Storey-King*
Don Stowell

PERSONNEL APPEALS BOARD

Kenneth Blanchard
Katherine Brooks
James Clifford
Mary Porter
Doug Pride
Eileen Wyatt

* Denotes Town Council liaison

PLANNING BOARD

John Berrett
Peter Bingham*
Gerry Boivin
Jeffrey Davis
Thomas Gruber*
Teri Maloney-Kelly
Steve Moriarty
Joshua Saunders
Peter Sherr

PRINCE MEMORIAL LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

Kelly D. Barnes
Trudy Dibner
David Echeverria
Thomas Foley
Mark Lapping
Susan Nolde
Sara Perfetti
Eli Rivers
William Stiles*

SHELLFISH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Charles Adams
John Berrett
Michael Brown
Thomas Gruber*
Jessica Joyce
Robert Maloney
Ralph Oulton
Harland Storey



Photo by Michele Creelman

MANAGER'S LETTER

To the Honorable Town Council & Citizens of the Town of Cumberland:

The year ending on June 30, 2017, was another busy and exciting year for Cumberland. The Town is in a difficult phase right now, where many municipal facilities and important pieces of infrastructure are in need of attention.



Bill Shane

Our Town is experiencing a growing population and increased demand for housing, as we are still one of the most popular places to live and raise a family. Our schools continue to be a leader in education, drawing new families to our community. Our Town employees are second to none. At every level, we have committed and dedicated staff that care so much about our Town. It is humbling and an honor to serve with such selfless people.

A notable recognition has been the care and programs offered for our growing senior population. We have been recognized by state and national organizations for our innovative programs and our partnerships and collaborations with other towns and organizations. The Town Council's support for these important programs, from senior tax rebates, rides, the Forum on Aging, and support staff

for our Aging in Place Committee, has catapulted us to the top on issues related to seniors. Most recently, Police Sergeant Tom Burgess was recognized on the national news for his assistance to an elderly gentleman in our community who needed a hot meal.

Our 50(plus)-year-old Central Fire Station is a critical piece of our community. The station is being expanded to deal with the demands of our Town, hopefully for the next 50 years. It is designed to handle an increasing number of ambulance calls and an ultimate transition from a community-based call department to a full-time, 24/7 operation. That may not occur for another five to 10 years, but the planning of the new station accounted for the potential of full-time, live-in staffing.



Completion of the Central Fire Station is anticipated for spring 2018.

While this village we call Cumberland has done an amazing job helping those in need throughout our Town, we still have many people struggling. Our food pantry serves 85 area families per month. In many cases, these people are invisible to many of us, but they are truly the working poor, struggling week to week. We have a tremendous cadre of volunteers who work tirelessly each week to ensure that families in need have food on the table. Forty hours of volunteer time are required each week in order to open our pantry on Friday afternoons. It's a busy, happy place, filled with caring people who are the hunger fighters of Cumberland. Our own Councilor Tom Gruber was nominated as a Community Champion this

year, one of only three in the entire state. Tom's work at the Food Pantry and with our Aging in Place program is beyond exemplary and displays his huge heart and compassion for so many of our residents.

Please contact me directly at Town Hall if you have questions or concerns you'd like to share regarding Town services or programs. I'm happy to be a part of this great community, and I look forward to the challenges the next years will bring.

Sincerely,



William R. Shane
Town Manager
wshane@cumberlandmaine.com



TOWN CLERK



The Town Clerk is the keeper of the public record and the major reference resource for the past as well as the present. The Town Clerk's office is responsible for all elections, both state and local, held within the community; records and issues marriage, hunting, fishing, dog, Non-Profit Temporary Victular's licenses, cemetery deeds and burial permits; and issues certified copies of marriage, birth, and death records. Vital Records are now controlled by the State of Maine's Electronic Birth, Death, and Marriage Systems. The Town Clerk's office also registers all motor vehicles for the residents of our

town, and processes all tax payments and tax lien processing. We continue to try to make the registration process more convenient by offering as many online services as possible.

The Town of Cumberland is a very caring, and generous community. The Community Food Pantry has now been in operation for several years and continues to grow to serve our community and surrounding towns. The Community Food Pantry is located at Town Hall in the back of the building. We are so thankful to have so many kind volunteers who truly care about our community members.

The Town of Cumberland contracts with Opportunity Alliance for our General Assistance program. A representative is here in the Town Office every Wednesday, from 9 a.m. to noon.

The staff of the Town Clerk's office consists of Eliza Porter, Deputy Town Clerk/Communications Director, Anne Brushwein, who has served our town for 20 years, and Debbie Flanigan, who has served our town for 32 years!

STATISTICS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR (Ending June 30, 2017)

VITAL RECORDS:

Births	—	68
Deaths	—	58
Marriages	—	26

LICENSES:

Hunting & Fishing Licenses	—	258
Boat Registrations	—	509
Snowmobile Registrations	—	181
ATV Registrations	—	87
Dog Licenses	—	1,350

Elections are a very big part of the Town Clerk's office. Maintaining the transparency and integrity of our elections is of the utmost importance. We are very fortunate to have a wonderful group of volunteers who work during our elections. The volunteers go through training prior to every election. They are very eager to assist all of our voters in any way necessary. If you have any interest in being involved in the election process, please contact the Town Clerk's office at 829-5559. The election results for the FY2016-17, are as follows:

STATE GENERAL ELECTION (November 8, 2016)

5,300 out of 6,500 registered voters — 82% Turnout

PRESIDENT/VICE PRESIDENT

Clinton, Hillary Rodham (Democrat)	—	3,184
Kaine, Timothy Michael		
Johnson, Gary (Libertarian)	—	283
Weld, Bill		
Stein, Jill (Green Independent)	—	55
Baraka, Ajamu		
Trump, Donald J. (Republican)	—	1,755
Pence, Michael R.		

REPRESENTATIVE TO CONGRESS

District 1		
Holbrook, Mark I (Republican)	—	2,280
Pingree, Chellie (Democrat)	—	3,063
Bouchard, James J.	—	0

STATE SENATOR

District 25		
Breen, Catherine E. (Democrat)	—	3,035
Ladd, Barton (Republican)	—	2,275

REPRESENTATIVE TO THE LEGISLATURE

District 45		
Denno, Dale J. (Democrat)	—	3,043
Timmons, Michael	—	2,293

REGISTER OF PROBATE

Daniels, Nadeen	—	2,864
Hughes, James	—	2,259

STATE OF MAINE REFERENDUM ELECTION (November 8, 2016)

Question One — Citizen Initiative: "Do you want to allow the possession and use of marijuana under state law by Persons who are at least 21 years of age, and allow the cultivation, manufacture, distribution, testing, and sale of marijuana and marijuana products subject to state regulation, taxation and local ordinance?"

Yes	—	2,679
No	—	2,788

Question Two — Citizen Initiative: "Do you want to add a 3 percent tax on individual Maine taxable income above \$200,000 to create a state fund that would provide direct support for student learning in kindergarten through 12th grade public education?"

Yes	—	2,129
No-	—	3,322

Question Three — Citizen Initiative: "Do you want to require background checks prior to the sale or transfer of firearms between individuals not licensed as firearms dealers, with failure to do so punishable by law, and with some exceptions for family members, hunting, self-defense, lawful competitions, and shooting range activity?"

Yes	—	3,761
No	—	1,727

Question Four — Citizen Initiative: "Do you want to raise the minimum hourly wage of \$7.50 to \$9 in 2017, with annual \$1 increases up to \$12 in 2020, and annual cost-of-living increases thereafter; and do you want to raise the direct wage for service workers who receive tips from half the minimum wage to \$5 in 2017, with annual \$1 increases until it reaches the adjusted minimum wage?"

Yes	—	3,115
No	—	2,347

Question Five — Citizen Initiative: "Do you want to allow voters to rank their choices of candidates in elections for U.S. Senate, Congress, Governor, State Senate, and State Representative, and to have ballots counted at the state level in multiple rounds in which last-place candidates are eliminated until a candidate wins by majority?"

Yes	—	3,091
No	—	2,269

Question Six — Highway Bond \$100M: "Do you favor a \$100 million bond issue for construction, reconstruction and rehabilitation of highways and bridges and for facilities, equipment and property acquisition related to ports, harbors, marine transportation, freight and passenger railroads, aviation, transit and bicycle and pedestrian trails, to be used to match an estimated \$137 million in federal and other funds?"

Total estimated lifetime cost is \$133 million representing \$100 million in principal and \$33 million in interest (assuming interest at 6 percent over 10 years).

Yes	—	3,760
No	—	1,630

MSAD₅₁ BUDGET VALIDATION

REFERENDUM ELECTION (June 13, 2017)

Question One: “Do you favor approving the Maine School Administrative District No. 51 budget for the upcoming school year that was adopted at the latest District Budget Meeting?”

Yes	—	556
No	—	441

TOWN OF CUMBERLAND

MUNICIPAL ELECTION (June 13, 2017)

Town Councilor (At-Large) 1 Seat Available

Gruber, Thomas H.	—	799
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Town Councilor (Cumberland Cntr) 1 Seat Avail.

Stiles, William C.	—	800
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MSAD₅₁ Board of Directors (Vote for two)-

Keep, Sarah F.	—	647
McKinley, Tyler-	—	604

STATE OF MAINE SPECIAL

REFERENDUM ELECTION (June 13, 2017)

Question One — Bond Issue: “Do you favor a \$50 million bond issue to provide \$45 million in funds for investment in research, development and commercialization in the State to be used for infrastructure, equipment and technology upgrades that enable organizations to gain and hold market share, to increase revenues and to expand employment or preserve jobs for Maine people, to be awarded through a competitive process to Maine-based public and private entities, leveraging their funds in a one-to-one ratio and \$5 million in funds to create jobs and economic growth by lending to or investing in small businesses with the potential for significant growth and strong job creation?”

Total estimated lifetime cost is \$63,750,000, representing \$50 million in principal and \$13,750,000 in interest (assuming interest at 5 percent over 10 yrs).

Yes	—	567
No	—	441

Tammy O'Donnell
Town Clerk/Deputy Tax Collector

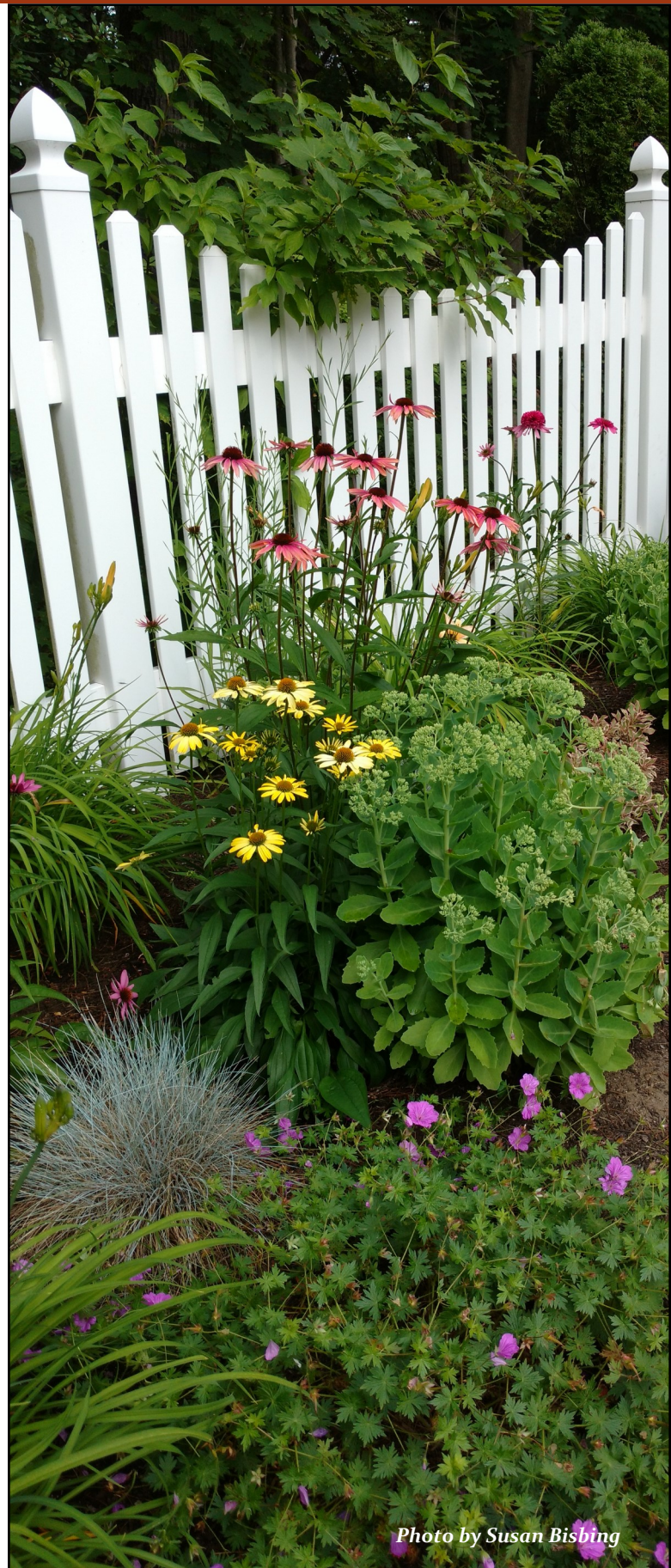


Photo by Susan Bisbing

The Finance Department is responsible for processing and reporting all financial transactions for the Town of Cumberland, including all revenue collections, payroll, vendor payments, and other disbursements. In addition, the department estimates future cash flow requirements; works closely with all departments in preparation of annual budgets; manages investments, insurances, debt and bond issuances; and works closely with Human Resources to administer employee benefits. The Finance Department is subject to an annual audit, and prepares the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, which has received the Government Finance Officers Association award for Excellence in Financial Reporting for all full fiscal years from 1993 through 2016.

The following information relates to the unaudited financial results for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017. (FY2017). The most recent audited financial statements available are for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016. Copies are available at <https://www.cumberlandmaine.com/finance/pages/financial-reports>.

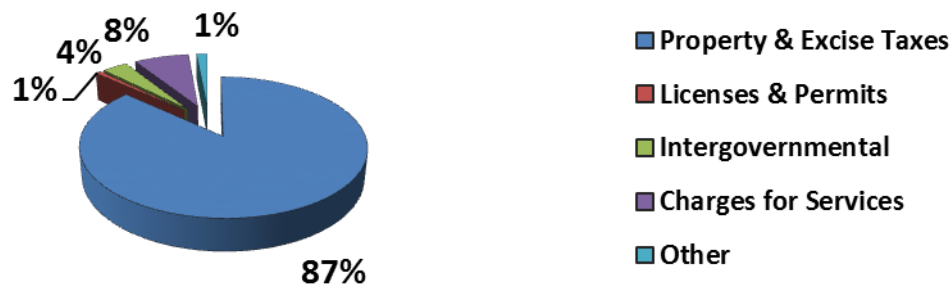
Fiscal Year 2017 Financial Overview

Overall, the Town had net revenues over expenditures, when compared to budgets. Revenue collections were much higher than anticipated. Collection of vehicle excise taxes continues to exceed all expectations, and permit and impact fee revenues were triple what was projected.

Description	Revenues for FY Ended June 30, 2017 (unaudited)		
	FY17 Budget	FY17 Actual	Over (Under) Budget
Tax Revenues	\$ 1,558,000	\$ 2,046,737	\$ 488,737
Licenses & Permits	\$ 146,365	\$ 207,889	\$ 61,524
Intergovernmental Revenues	\$ 669,382	\$ 695,117	\$ 25,735
Other Revenues	\$ 250,600	\$ 413,522	\$ 162,922
Police Department	\$ 39,100	\$ 40,480	\$ 1,380
Fire Department	\$ 202,700	\$ 235,396	\$ 32,696
Public Services	\$ 278,000	\$ 310,216	\$ 32,216
Val Halla	\$ 649,870	\$ 632,390	\$ (17,480)
Recreation	\$ 726,143	\$ 884,912	\$ 158,769
Library	\$ 3,700	\$ 4,968	\$ 1,268
Total Revenues	\$ 4,523,860	\$ 5,471,627	\$ 947,767

Distribution of revenues between different sources has remained consistent for several years. The biggest changes have been the decrease of Intergovernmental Revenues, as a result of reductions to the State Revenue Sharing program; and increases in Charges for Services, primarily from Recreation and Val Halla revenues.

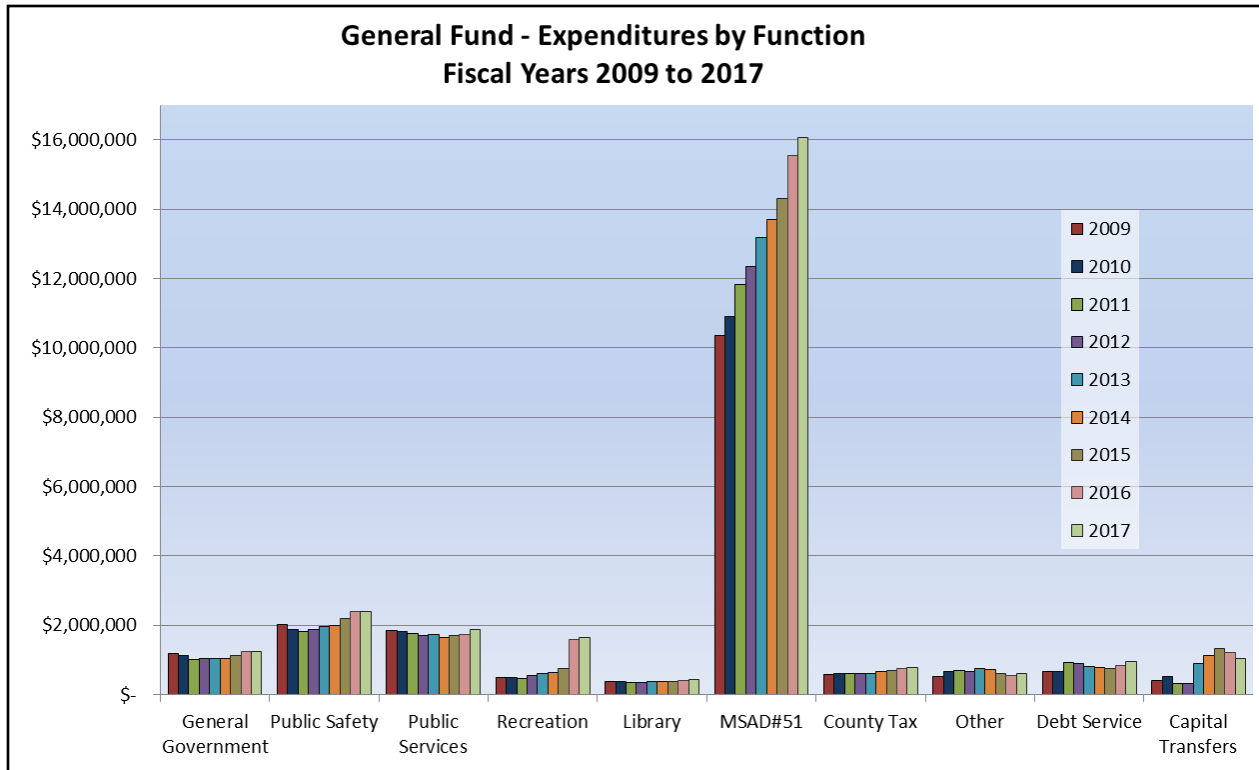
General Fund - % of Revenues by Function - FY2017



It was a difficult year for expenditures, with significant overages as a result of a difficult winter and problems associated with aging equipment, as well as some employee terminations and retirements. However, the overages were more than offset by the increased revenues.

	<i>Expenditures for FY Ended June 30, 2017 (unaudited)</i>		
	FY17 Budget	FY17 Actual	Over (Under) Budget
General Administration	\$ 1,125,415	\$ 1,247,599	\$ 122,184
Public Safety	\$ 2,253,616	\$ 2,400,159	\$ 146,543
Public Services	\$ 1,839,963	\$ 1,865,824	\$ 25,861
Val Halla	\$ 695,465	\$ 718,967	\$ 23,502
Recreation	\$ 839,396	\$ 931,074	\$ 91,678
Library	\$ 417,655	\$ 426,320	\$ 8,665
Other Expenses	\$ 290,604	\$ 337,166	\$ 46,562
Controllable Expenses	\$ 7,462,114	\$ 7,927,109	\$ 464,995
Debt Service	\$ 958,471	\$ 947,757	\$ (10,714)
Insurance	\$ 276,607	\$ 272,370	\$ (4,237)
MSAD #51	\$ 16,060,474	\$ 16,060,474	\$ -
County Tax	\$ 775,374	\$ 775,374	\$ -
Capital Imp. Plan	\$ 1,038,598	\$ 1,038,598	\$ -
Fixed Expenses	\$ 19,109,524	\$ 19,094,573	\$ (14,951)
Total Expenses	\$ 26,571,638	\$ 27,021,682	\$ 450,044

Most expenditure areas have increased gradually over the past several years. Recreation expenditures increased significantly in FY2016, when Val Halla Golf Center was incorporated into the General Fund. The largest town expenditure continues to be the annual assessment from MSAD #51.



If you have any questions or need additional financial information, we would be happy to assist you. You can contact the Finance Department at 207-829-2205, or via email at financeoffice@cumberlandmaine.com.

Heather L'Hommedieu Perreault, CPA
Director

Deanna Dyer
Staff Accountant

Pam Lunn
Accounting Assistant & Special Projects



A morning run at Twin Brook pays off in more ways than you might think.

Photo by Melanie Bonnevie

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

FY2016-17 was another busy and productive year for the Information Technology Department. The year began with the addition or replacement of 12 computers. At the Town Office, five workstations were replaced, one laptop was replaced and one laptop added. At the Cumberland Police Department, three workstation computers were replaced, along with one mobile terminal unit. At the Cumberland Fire Department, the EMS mobile laptops were replaced in two ambulances for run reporting. Computers in patrol cars and fire apparatus are used primarily for Computer Aided Dispatch, as they communicate directly with Cumberland County Regional Communications Center.

In preparation for a new IP-based telephone system, the town replaced all of the core switches on the town hall network. In doing so, we increased the bandwidth of our network by a factor of 10, from 100 mb/s to 1000 mb/s.

Due to the increase in global cyber threats, the town has implemented two new network security software suites. "CISCO Advanced Malware Protection" is the first, and it works as an additional layer of protection. AMP provides real-time threat detection by operating in conjunction with our antivirus and firewall to keep cyber threats from entering our network. The second is the "Know-B-4" software suite, which allows administrators to send out town-generated SPAM emails to employees in efforts to train them in recognizing potentially malicious email messages.

Cumberland Local Access television station, TV2, produced, replayed locally, and uploaded 45 videos of Town meetings to the VIMEO.com platform for on-demand viewing.

Michael A. Crosby
Director



40 Years Later...

Four Class-of-1977 Greely High grads gather together for Cumberland's 2017 Memorial Day Parade

L to R:

*Pete Bickmore,
FBI Agent in Charge*

*Milt Calder, Lieutenant,
Cumberland Police Dept.*

*Gerry Bolduc, Adjunct
General, National Guard and
keynote speaker*

*Mike Edes, Sergeant, Maine
State Police and Chairman,
Cumberland Town Council*

Photo submitted by Mike Edes

On June 30, 2017, **Lieutenant Milt Calder** retired from the Police Department after more than 26 years with the department. Milt and his wife, Alicia, moved to their new home on the Maine coast to enjoy retirement and their 36-foot sailboat, Speed Trap.

On June 1, 2017, Public Works mechanic **Elliott Weed** retired just shy of 35 years with the Public Works Department. Elliott plans to enjoy his retirement by taking some trips on his motorcycle and working on projects around his properties.

Collectively, 61 Years of Service to our town. Thank You!



Lt. Milt Calder with Cameron Hunt
Photo by Judy Gagnon



Elliott Weed retired just shy of 35 years as a Public Works mechanic.

NEW EMPLOYEES

Cumberland Fire Department: Lucas Trask, Jacob Smith, Nicholas Brown, Adam Matthews, Connor Osborne, Scott Dunn, Brian Cashin

Cumberland Police Department: Ryan Pyncheon, patrol officer; Bobby Silcott, Animal Control officer

Town Hall Staff: Bill Longley, Code Enforcement officer became a full-time employee in February.

Public Works & Parks: Spencer Googins, Public Works mechanic; Joshua Muscadin, seasonal parks maintenance

CODE ENFORCEMENT

This past year was another busy year for the Codes/Building Department. Many new subdivisions were approved during the last 10 years or so, and those lots are now being purchased and built upon. During FY2016–17, 52 new single-family residential units were permitted, and many of those are now finished. Along with the new single-family residential construction, the town has experienced a number of new commercial projects. One of the recently approved projects is for 96 new apartments (eight- to 12-unit buildings) currently under construction at Chelsea Way, a private road off Route One, near the Falmouth line in Cumberland Foreside Village. Of the 96 units, 60 were complete and fully rented as of Aug. 1, 2017. The increased residential and commercial building permits and fees have increased as has the issuance of plumbing and electric permits.

The town uses Richard Wentworth of Yarmouth for electrical inspections, and we are lucky to have his knowledge and experience in that position.

Last year, we welcomed Christina Silberman, a Cumberland native, who has filled in as administrative assistant and replacement for Pam Bosarge, who left last year. Christina is doing a great job.

Because of the increase in demand for services in February, the town ended the 13 years of regional agreement with Yarmouth and hired me on a full-time basis. As a full-time employee, I'm now available Monday through Thursday for questions, issuance of permits or most inspections. Electric inspections are currently done on Tuesday or Thursday based on Richard Wentworth's availability.

Permits: The owner or agent must complete and submit an application for a building permit to the building inspector. If plumbing is required, you must obtain appropriate permits from the licensed plumbing inspector. A separate electrical permit must be obtained by a licensed electrician or by the owner if work is done by the owner. Applications for building permits are available at the building inspector's office and on-line. For building permits, a full set of construction plans showing elevations, section drawings, and/or floor plans may be required. A site plan must be submitted. All construction must meet the 2009 International Residential Code (IRC) and the 2009 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) as adopted by Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code (MUBEC). A Site Plan Review by the Planning Board may be required prior to the issuance of a non-residential building permit; non-residential building plans must meet the 2009 International Building Code (IBC). A special exception may be required by the Board of Adjustment and Appeals prior to the issuance of a building permit. A zoning permit is required if construction takes place within the shoreland area.

Bill Longley
Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector/Plumbing Inspector
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Type of Construction	Number of Permits	Construction Costs	Permit Costs
Access. Structure	4	\$86,000.00	\$ 451.60
Addition	45	\$2,860,411.00	\$ 17,044.33
Antenna	0	\$-	\$-
Barn / Storage	0	\$-	\$-
Commercial	23	\$9,423,100.00	\$ 34,262.80
Conversion - Duplex	0	\$-	\$-
Deck	24	\$118,000.00	\$830.10
Demolition	6	\$5,050.00	\$125.00
Fence	0	\$-	\$-
Foundation	0	\$-	\$-
Garage	7	\$385,000.00	\$622.40
Garage - Addition	1	\$65,000.00	\$126.35
House	52	\$14,192,900.00	\$39,842.80
Miscellaneous	3	\$10,000.00	\$75.00
Pier	1	\$100,000.00	\$160.80
Pool	11	\$486,200.00	\$1,100.00
Porches	8	\$118,869.00	\$375.00
Renovation	81	\$2,365,447.85	\$23,825.23
Shed	35	\$164,421.86	\$1,002.00
Shoreland	3	\$353,000.00	\$300.00
Temp. Structure	3	\$4,500.00	\$100.00
TOTALS	307	\$30,737,899.71	\$120,243.41
Electrical Permits	251		\$27,258.43
Plumbing Permits	279		\$31,125.00
		Total Fees	\$178,626.84

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT AND APPEALS

The Board held five meetings during the fiscal year 2017.

Variance _____ o

Special Exceptions _____ o

Back Lot Reduction _____ o

Special Permits _____ o

Expansion of non-conforming use _____ o

Interpretation Appeal _____ o

Reconsideration of Interpretation Appeal _____ o

R. Scott Wyman
Chair



Morning greetings from Spring Brook Farm...

HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Cumberland Housing Authority is governed by a seven-member Board of Directors. The Board is appointed by the Town Council. The main responsibility of the Board of Directors is to oversee the management of the 30 age-restricted (55+) rental units at Cumberland Meadows Senior Housing which are located adjacent to Greely Middle School.

The units offer a mix of one and two bedrooms, and they feature an attractive, one-story floor plan with attached garages. The Housing Authority offers several subsidized units to those who meet eligibility requirements. Since their development in 1992, the units have been at full occupancy. The Housing Authority maintains several waiting lists and encourages interested individuals to apply. If you would like more information on Cumberland Meadows Senior Housing, please call 829-2206.

The Housing Authority meets several times throughout the year. Current Housing Authority members are: Joyce Frost, Bill Hansen, James Clifford, Norman Maze, Eileen Wyatt, Connie Bingham and Sally Pierce. William Stiles serves as the Town Council liaison.

Jonathan Carpenter, who provides maintenance for all the town buildings, also takes excellent care of the units and the Cumberland Meadows residents. We are fortunate to have such a talented, kind and dedicated employee in this important role.

Following the retirement of a long-time administrative assistant, Pam Bosarge, a new administrative assistant was hired to support several departments, including Senior Housing. Christina Silberman has taken on this challenging role and has done a wonderful job handling the many day-to-day calls for service, the processing of rent and utility checks, and other clerical work. Her kind and positive demeanor has been enjoyed by our senior housing residents and co-workers alike.

Carla A. Nixon
Executive Director

PLANNING BOARD

FY2016–17 was busy, and during this period the Planning Board acted upon a broad variety of applications and proposals. From a leadership perspective, Steve Moriarty and Gerry Boivin were re-elected as chairman and vice chairman, respectively. Later in the spring, John Berrett resigned as a member when he relocated out of state, and Paul Auclair was appointed to fill the balance of John's term. Paul joined fellow Board members Jeff Davis, Josh Saunders, Teri Maloney-Kelly, and Peter Sherr.

The Board's activities during this period can be summarized in the following categories:

RESIDENTIAL: There was a resurgence in applications for residential subdivisions, which reflects a strong real estate market and an increasing demand for housing within the town. In May, the Board approved a five-lot major subdivision known as Solar Way, located on Hillside Avenue. The owner/developer has proposed to construct three additional solar-powered homes on the designated lots. In June the Board also granted final approval for a 100-lot major subdivision to be known as Spring Valley and located on Blackstrap Road.

To increase the diversity of residential options within the town, in August 2016 the Board approved a rental housing proposal located within Cumberland Foreside Village on Route 1. The project will consist of eight buildings, each containing 12 units, for a total of 96 apartments with adjacent parking. A community building will also be constructed as part of the project.

In November 2016 and May 2017, approval was given for a multiplex housing project located along the Route 100 corridor in West Cumberland. The development will consist of 20 residential units adjacent to Skillins Greenhouse.

COMMERCIAL: In November, approval was granted for construction of a medical facility known as Integrative Health Center of Maine, LLC and to be located in Cumberland Foreside Village along Route 1. In May, the Board approved construction of two commercial buildings on a separate lot contained within Cumberland Foreside Village. It is anticipated that Maine Real Estate will occupy one of the buildings, but the tenant for the second building has yet to be determined.

PUBLIC FACILITIES: A major renovation and expansion project at Central Fire Station on Tuttle Road was approved in February, and construction commenced during the summer. The existing apparatus bay will remain and a larger 2-bay apparatus garage will be added. In addition, there will be a major new administrative building with classroom space that can also be used for smaller-sized community events. The expansion will be built on a former house lot previously purchased by the town some years ago in recognition of the eventual need to expand and improve the Central Fire Station.

The town's acquisition of Broad Cove Reserve, situated off the Foreside Road, has been completed, and in July, the Board approved a proposal for additional parking spaces with necessary buffering to improve public access to the facility.

MSAD51: In November 2016, the voters of Cumberland and North Yarmouth approved the construction of a Performing Arts Center to be constructed adjacent to the new classroom wing of Greely High School. Approval of the PAC was given in June, and, once completed, the center will house an approximately 520-seat auditorium for theatrical and musical events at the school. It will also serve as a facility for unusually large public meetings.

We again extend our deep thanks to Town Planner Carla Nixon and to Town Manager Bill Shane for the invaluable support and assistance that they have provided to the Board over the past year. We are also grateful for the insight that has been offered by members of the public who have regularly attended and participated in our monthly meetings. All members of the Planning Board are committed to serving the public as the town continues to grow and as we strive to ensure that future development is consistent with both the comprehensive plan and our existing growth-management ordinances.

Steve Moriarty
Planning Board Chairman

*For questions regarding land use issues
in the community:*

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Town Planner
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cnixon@cumberlandmaine.com

CONSERVATION SUBDIVISION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

In November 2015 the Town Council created the Conservation Subdivision Advisory Committee, charging it with:

- Researching and developing — with the assistance of town staff — a draft conservation subdivision ordinance.
- Considering:
 - ♦ Which areas of the town would be subject of the provisions of a conservation subdivision.
 - ♦ The need for waiver language to address unique hardships or situations to a project.
- Determining if the current cluster subdivision provisions are sufficient or if a more restrictive ordinance is needed to protect the rural character of the town.

The six members, along with liaisons from the Planning Board and Town Council, were initially appointed in October 2016 and are studying a draft ordinance presented by the Planning Board staff. Deliberations are expected to continue through 2017.

Mike Schwindt
Chairman

LANDS AND CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Cumberland Lands and Conservation Commission (CLCC) was established by the Town Council for three main purposes:

1. Promote the conservation of natural resources.
2. Encourage the conservation of land and open space in Cumberland.
3. Develop educational programs to advance public awareness and need for land conservation.

Further duties include: Reporting on the status and use of town-owned properties, as well as those properties in which the town has partial ownership; providing recommendations to the Town Council and Planning Board for the use of these properties; and developing strategies for coordinating with other conservation groups within the town.

The CLCC has been active in the prescribed areas of responsibility, as well as venturing into new areas of interest. The following projects were the most intensive. Others, though important, go unmentioned for lack of space.

Education: Emphasis on education is embedded in all the commission activities; but some are specifically focused. In previous years an annual tree presentation was made to fourth and fifth grades on Earth Day for learning about trees and their importance to the community and the world. Each student was presented with a fir tree to plant and nurture, offering first-hand knowledge of the growing process. Another activity has been to educate the community on the impact of invasive plant species.

Review of property development applications: The commission regularly reviews property development plans and advises the Cumberland



Callie enjoys an evening walk at Knight's Pond.

Photo by Morgan Carver

Planning Board on the potential impacts to the environment, recreational land use and trails.

Town Forest: The Town Forest trails were enhanced and modified with the help of the Cumberland Public Works to increase the accessibility and usability for year-round enjoyment.

- Trail surfaces were improved, trails were widened and rerouted, and shorter loops were added.
- The Yarmouth Rotary Club generously donated four benches that have been placed around the trail.
- Access to a portion of the trail was provided to the local snowmobile club in exchange for grooming the entire trail network within the forest, improving the use of the trails during winter months.
- New signage, trail markers, and directional signs along the trail are being installed at the kiosk.
- A town-wide trail system logo has been developed and will be installed at the trail terminus.
- An informational nature trail is being developed to highlight the forest's trees, shrubs and flowers.

All this activity has spawned an interest in other trail projects, which, in turn, has given rise to an expanding trail system throughout the Town. This expansion includes an aggressive plan to create a connected trail system with surrounding towns.

Knight's Pond Preserve: The commission was involved in supporting the acquisition and trails development in this new recreational area managed by the CCLT.

Greely Woods: A plan is in place to utilize some unused town property off Greely Road Extension (GRE) to cut an access trail to stranded trails between GRE and Blanchard Road and beyond. Doing so has provided opportunities for Scout involvement, giving them valuable experience in the process. As soon as some property-connecting details are clarified, this will be available for use.

Range Way Properties: Trail planning is in process to link up new trails on these properties with the Rock Ridge trail. The result will be included in the plan for an area-wide, linked trail system connecting surrounding towns and cities.

Future CLCC Activities:

- Put up digital version of the Town trails and update Maine Trail Finders Guide and similar sites.
- Integrate donated field property adjacent to the Town Forest into town conservation and recreational space, including the Butterfly Garden (BFG) as a demonstration of the impact of plant and flowers on the butterfly and other pollinating insect populations.
- Promote and coordinate updates in all town trail systems and those of the Chebeague and Cumberland Land Trust (CCLT).
- Develop strategies for coordinating activities of other conservation organizations within the town.
- Extend educational programs to include other positive and negative components of the environment (e.g.: bats, browntail moths, use of trees and plants to improve the environment).
- Implement additional invasives control projects
- Provide trails plan to Planning Board to ensure consideration during reviews of development plans.

Appeal for new members: We need new and returning members! There are more ideas than members. More members mean more accomplishments for the greater benefit to the town. One call to the Town Manager's office, to the commission chair or secretary or Town Councilor is all it takes to find out more and to sign up!

Sam York
Chairman

BROAD COVE RESERVE ARCHAEOLOGICAL PROJECT



The Maine Historic Preservation Commission and Prince Memorial Library conducted a joint excavation of the prehistoric archaeological site at Broad Cove. The site is a shell midden formed by native people who were extracting resources from Broad Cove. Archaeologists and volunteers uncovered dietary remains, pottery, and stone and bone tools, with the most common recovered material consisting of *Mya arenaria*, or soft-shell clam. The dig had a public education component, with students from Greely Middle School and the Friends School of Portland visiting the site to learn about shell midden archaeology and native lifeways from Barry Dana of the Penobscot Nation. The archaeological discoveries resulted in a tentative dating of the site at 1,400 to 2,000 years old, with seasonal occupation possibly continuing after Cumberland became a town.



▲ A dog mandible recovered from the base of the shell midden was deposited either before or when the shells started accumulating, so a radiocarbon date of the bone should date initial occupation by the people using Broad Cove's resources. Stable isotope analysis will allow proxy reconstruction of human diet, since dogs have been shown to mirror the diets of their human owners.

◀ A two-tined iron fork was found in what looked to be a disturbance or small pit. (Two-tined forks are early-1600s to 1800s in date.) These finds indicate substantial artifact evidence for either a 17th-century Native American use of the site after European arrival, or European use of the site area into the early 1800s, or both.



◀ Barry Dana, of the Penobscot Nation, demonstrates starting a fire, using a bow drill.

▼ The most common bone in the site is sturgeon. Both short-nose and Atlantic sturgeon are represented, and the size of the fish range from juveniles (< 1 m) to very large adult Atlantic sturgeon in the 3-meter range. There are other fish bones present, preliminarily identified as sculpin and cod.

▼ The ceramics recovered were coarse, grit-tempered, and decorated on the exterior with large dentate stamping, indicating a date range of possibly 2000 to 1600 years ago, or 0 to 400 AD. We conclude that the first use of the landform was primarily to cook hard-shell clams, and that the fires were laid on or in very shallow ground depressions.



POLICE DEPARTMENT

When the 2015 crime statistics were released late last year, we were pleasantly surprised to learn that the Town of Cumberland had the lowest crime rate in the entire state of Maine! Our crime rate was 2.36, meaning that your Police Department investigated an average of 2.36 index crimes per 1,000 residents. Index crimes include murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, theft and motor vehicle theft. Our clearance rate (the number of index crimes reported to us that were solved) was 55.6 percent, much higher than the statewide average of 35.3 percent. These statistics are something to be proud of.

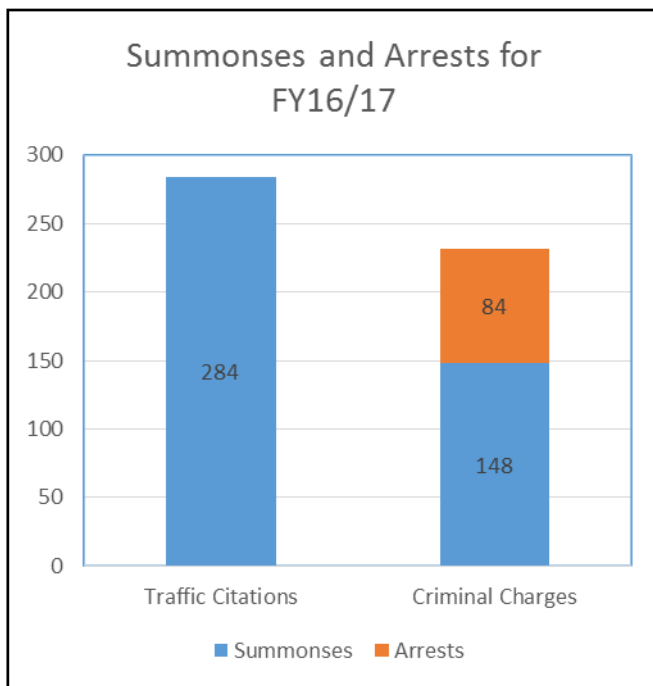
As you can see with a quick glance at the distribution of our 8,022 calls for service, most of our officers' time is spent managing the community caretaking function. This means that we are working to ensure your safety on the road, your ability to feel safe from crime, and to ensure that Cumberland remains an attractive, relaxing place to live, work and play.

Emergency Medical Training

Last year, members of the department took part in rigorous training to be certified as Emergency Medical Technicians. The class includes 150 classroom hours, and many hours of skills practice. In order to pass, students must successfully complete a practical skills exam and



a written test. Last summer and fall, Officers Burnes and Merriman completed their training. Last winter, an EMT course held in Cumberland was attended by four members of the Cumberland Fire Department and three members of the Cumberland Police Department: Chief Rumsey and Officers Hendee and Burke. All have successfully completed their testing. Those five officers, along with Sergeant Tony Ridge (a long-serving Advanced EMT) mean that more than half of the force are qualified to provide emergency care on scene until our partners from the Fire Department arrive to take over. We are proud of this accomplishment and look forward to training more officers in the future.



Safety first

Our officers spend time each shift responding to calls and patrolling the town's roads. Although seeing an officer smile and wave as he cruises through your neighborhood is hopefully a common and friendly sight, know that we are working hard to make your highways and byways safe. On most occasions, a warning to slow down or a reminder that it's time to register a vehicle will suffice. Last year we issued 1,787 of those warnings. On occasion, though, official action is necessary. Depending on the call, an officer can issue a traffic citation, a summons to court for a criminal or civil violation, or make an arrest. The chart at the left shows how often we took those actions last year.

Sailing away

On June 30, 2017, Lieutenant Milt Calder retired from the Police Department. It was

my pleasure to work with Lt. Calder during my first year with the department. He amazed me with his knowledge of this community and his passion and devotion to caring for the people in town and the officers under his command. During his 26-plus years with CPD, Milt served in every position in the agency, including harbormaster and shellfish warden. His skill on the waters and in the coastal areas of Cumberland was amazing. Equally impressive was the network of law enforcement professionals, residents and friends, and other colleagues upon whom he relied to help quickly solve issues that arose in town under his watch. Upon retirement, Milt and his wife Alicia left on a long and well-deserved trip on their sailboat.

Stay informed

We employ a variety of methods to keep you informed. You can find us online at www.cumberlandpd.org or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/cumberlandpolice. We're also on Instagram and Twitter. Please message us, email us, or submit an anonymous note through the tip line on our website. We want to know what's concerning you and how we can serve you better. Be safe out there!

Charles Rumsey
Police Chief

Lt. Milt Calder on duty.



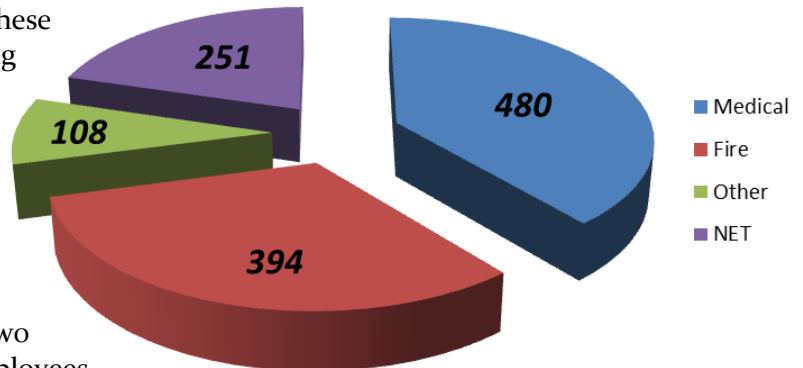
FIRE AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The members of the Cumberland Fire Department continue to demonstrate a high level of professionalism. Their sustained commitment to training and responding to emergencies at all hours of the day offers the Town of Cumberland a tremendous level of comfort and protection. It is with great pride that I have had the opportunity to serve for 18 years as chief of such a fine organization.

Every year, we continue to experience an increase in our responses. During FY2016–17, the fire department provided service at 1,233 incidents. In addition to our emergency responses, the department also provided fire and medical coverage at several

events over the course of the year. These activities include football games, running events, multiple athletic events at Twin Brook Recreation Facility and several events at the Cumberland Fairgrounds.

An additional firefighter/EMT per-diem position was added to the staffing. This position has been added to work with our firefighter/paramedic, so there are now two people on duty at all times. These employees must be qualified in both firefighting and medical skills training, so they can respond immediately to any emergency that may occur in town.



Looking toward the future

The department offers a student live-in program for five students. This program includes housing for students enrolled in either fire science or paramedicine at Southern Maine Community College by living at one of our two fire stations. This program provides the students with real-life emergency fire and medical experiences by assisting our on-duty firefighter/paramedics, as well as our on-call members, during training and emergency responses. All five of our students have completed the first year of the Fire Science associate's degree program at SMCC.

The highest level of firefighter certification is the Firefighter 1 & 2 Program. On-call members, as well as the student live-ins, have either completed or are currently enrolled in this class. Upon completion, these members have a solid foundation to work with experienced firefighters to develop sound skills.

The department is making strong efforts to market interest to fellow citizens to become a member of the fire department. An exciting part of this effort has been a new wave of interest to our community's youth. In conjunction with the Boy Scouts of America, we have an Explorer Post that is the future of our department. We are working with about 10 kids between the ages of 13 and 18 who can be involved in age-specific tasks. Attending tours of other departments, the County dispatch center, our police department, the Portland fire museum and one of the area hospitals allows the kids to have an idea of whether or not they want to be involved in providing public safety.

Continuing education and training

Over the course of the winter, we hosted an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) class at the West Cumberland Community Hall. Five members from our department, three from the Cumberland Police Department, as well as other mutual aid departments attended. Other members also attended EMT, Advanced EMT and paramedic classes over the course of the year, with another three members starting

a paramedic class in September of 2017. It is rewarding to know that we are annually raising the bar on our capability of providing high-quality medical care. Citizens should have comfort in knowing that all ambulances, fire trucks and police cruisers have very complete medical assessment equipment and medical supplies along with an automated external defibrillator (AED).

Central Fire Station Renovations

The Central Station Building Committee put in countless hours on a proposed design for the station. Work included visiting other fire stations, meeting with neighbors around our station to hear their concerns, and performing design research for this facility that will serve our community for decades to come. All of their recommendations were presented to, and unanimously approved by, the Town Council. Station completion is anticipated for spring 2018.

A reminder to the residents of the Town of Cumberland: we are always looking for people to join our organization. From assisting with traffic control, to driving fire trucks or ambulances, to wearing air packs, to becoming an EMT, we likely have a job for you. To learn more about the rewarding benefits of firefighting and emergency medical services, contact the department at 829-5421.

Daniel R. Small, Chief

*Cumberland firefighters train
to extinguish a gas fire.*

Photo by Jeff Michaud



PUBLIC SERVICES



Photo by Erin Kroll Peacock

When residents think of the duties of a public services department, they normally think of maintaining and plowing roads and mowing grass, which are usually the primary functions of Public Services Departments, but in Cumberland the duties are more extensive. The Public Services Department oversees:

- The MS4 Storm water management plan, as outlined by Maine DEP, which is a complex job handled by our Stormwater Coordinator Laura Neleski. Staff monitor and maintain storm water outfalls, ditches and other components of the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan.
- Plowing and removing snow from MSAD51 parking lots and performing infrastructure repairs to school property.
- Maintenance of the varsity playing field at Greely High School.

- Sweeping streets, cleaning catch basins, removing roadside brush, and roadside mowing.
- Repairing lawns from winter damage and repairing damaged mail boxes from snow plowing.
- Operating the brush dump and compost facility which provides compost to town residents.
- Operating the universal waste, hazardous waste and shredding events.
- Setting up and breaking down all the events on Memorial Day and at all 5K running events.
- Organizing parking and crowd control at all mass gathering events at Twin Brooks.
- Operations of the town gravel pit, producing gravel and sand which saves the Town from having to purchase these materials.
- Maintenance of all town buildings and the 30 -unit senior housing complex.
- Maintenance of all walking trails and bathroom facilities at all town-owned parks.
- Provision of a shuttle service in the summer at the Broad Cove Reserve and monitoring the water quality at the beach for the safety of visitors.
- Assisting the Cumberland Cemetery Association with maintenance projects at town cemeteries and with administrative record-keeping.
- Vehicle and equipment maintenance on all town-owned equipment for all departments.
- Maintenance of an 18-hole municipal golf course.

The Town of Cumberland is very fortunate to have this great team of talented men and women providing such a vast array of essential services to its residents.

Christopher Bolduc
Assistant Town Manager

Harvesting dandelions at Twin Brook.
Photo by Brian Allenby



PUBLIC SERVICES

The Parks Department maintains five different parks with combined trails that extend over 10 miles. The department also maintains the grounds at the Prince Memorial Library, Town Monuments, Cumberland Commons, and West Cumberland recreation fields, Town Hall, Drowne Road fields and the fire stations. New to the department's responsibilities are Knight's Pond and the Broad Cove Reserve.

Broad Cove Reserve is a 22-acre property that's tucked off of Route 88 with nearly 11 acres along the shoreline. This year, the park saw the installation of a new 30-space parking lot. Although there is a dropoff available at the beach for the public and two handicap spaces, all other parking is limited the parking lot near Route 88. Parking on Beach Drive itself is prohibited. Broad Cove is open to the public from sunrise to sunset, seven days a week.

Knight's Pond Preserve also saw the installation of a new 20-space parking lot, allowing the public even better access to this 215-acre preserve consisting of a 46-acre pond, 169 acres of forestland and a network of trails, as well as a critical wildlife habitat. Knight's Pond & Blueberry Hill Preserve is the largest undeveloped property in Cumberland and contains many natural resource values important to the region, including forested uplands and a ridgeline with views of Casco Bay. The preserve is accessible from Greely Road Ext.

Twin Brook Recreation Area continues to be a hub for the community. The past year saw the replacement of the old concrete culvert that leads to the Wilderness Trail replaced with a new concrete



boxed culvert, allowing staff access to better maintain this beautiful trail. There are over 22 acres of mixed athletic fields, baseball and softball fields, and soccer fields that are maintained by the department. Combining this with the over 60 acres of park area means our large 12-foot mowers can be seen operating almost daily around town. In the winter months, the staff

will groom many of the Twin Brook trails for cross country skiing, assist with repairs around town and support the Public Works department in plowing the town's roads and clearing the sidewalks; all of which demonstrate that this is a flexible and well-trained group of employees.

Theo Bosarge, III
Parks Foreman

Public Works is an integral part of the many services that are provided to the town residents. Whether it is the actual maintenance of the infrastructure of our roads, completing projects in our parks or maintaining the many vehicles and equipment utilized by police and fire services or even assisting with the buildings that Town employees come to work in every day, Public Works strives to do its best. We achieve this through the labor and commitment that our highly skilled employees put into their jobs every day. They are the reason the Town services stand above the rest. The Public Works Department also serves as a support for all other town departments and is the home of the Town's brush dump and composting facility.

This summer has been busy at the town's Public Works facility. The town has capped the old "stump dump," located under our composting facility and regraded the area to comply with DEP rulings and ensure the area is environmentally sound as well as aesthetically pleasing to the surrounding neighborhoods.

Summer of 2016 saw the completion of the neighborhood paving project in the center of Town. Middle Road will be summer of 2017 and many streets in West Cumberland will be addressed in the summer of 2018. Public Works monitors the more than 76 miles of pavement and works with Town Management to keep the town's infrastructure solid. During the winter months, the Public Works Department will plow and maintain these same roads, as well as provide support to the MSAD 51 school department with plowing, sweeping and grounds maintenance when asked.



Capping the old "stump dump" and regrading the area.

October 2016 saw our second hazardous household waste collection event. Because of the expense of hosting this event, the department will look toward having this event every other year. The Public Works garage also hosted the annual Universal Waste event and a confidential shredding event. Information on those events can be found at www.cumberlandmaine.com/wasteandrecycling.

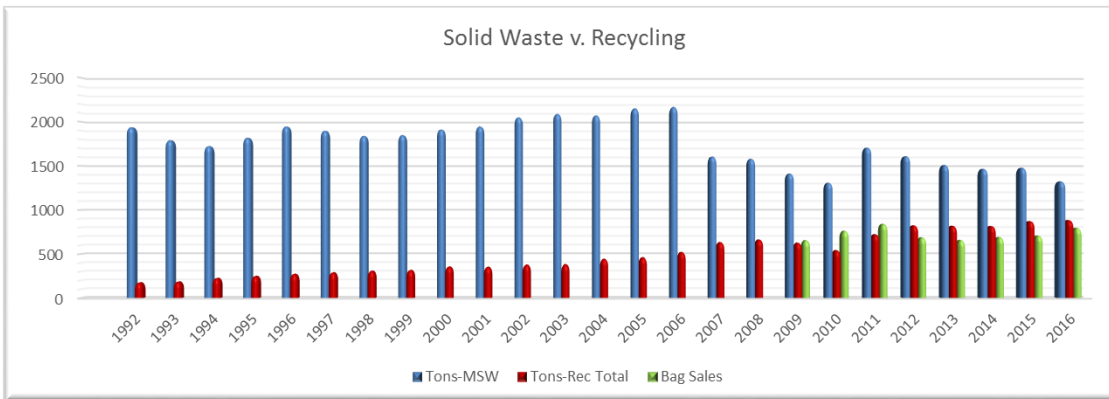
Services provided by Public Works

- *Road Maintenance:* Snow removal for roads, sidewalk clearing, street sweeping, maintaining culverts and drainage, patching and repair, brushing and ditching, and road signage.
- *Interdepartmental Services:* North Yarmouth sidewalk plowing, fire and police vehicle maintenance, heavy equipment support for Val Halla improvements, including path revitalization, project support at Twin Brook, and grading roads.
- *Trash Removal:* Curbside waste removal, curbside recycling, eWaste collection, brush dump, bulky item pickup, and confidential shredding.
- *Environmental:* composting facility, waste oil recycling (residents may bring their used oil to the Public Works garage during brush dump hours), storm drain inspections and maintenance, and street sweeping and catch basin maintenance.

Steve Googins
Public Works Foreman

Waste and Recycling

Recycling saves money, energy and water, lowers pollution and greenhouse gas emissions, improves air and water quality, preserves landfill space and conserves natural resources. In order to make it easier for our residents to recycle, Cumberland participates in single-sort recycling. This means you do not have to separate out your recyclables. However, your recyclables should remain clean and well contained for pickup. In an effort to encourage residents to recycle, Cumberland has made available larger recycling bins, for \$10 each, available at Town Hall.



The Town of Cumberland utilizes a PAYT program and instituted curbside collection for both household trash and recyclables. The purchase and use of the Cumberland trash

bags subsidizes this program. Our goal is to reduce the amount of household trash generated by residents of the town and effectively dispose of this trash and any recyclable items in the most cost efficient way possible. We continue to work with residents to ensure the PAYT program runs effectively.

Last year, in response to residents' concerns, we focused on the quality of the bags. The town ordered 1.5 mil instead of 1.25 mil trash bags without increasing the cost to residents. This year, the focus is to ensure the bags are used properly. ***Trash must go into the PAYT bag. The town trash bag cannot be tied to the handle of or placed on top of a barrel or standard trash bag.*** Household waste that is not in a PAYT bag will not be collected.

Universal Waste Collection Event

Fall of 2016 saw the town's fifth-annual universal collection event. This year, we collected 23,000 pounds of universal waste for proper disposal and recycling. Universal Waste, also known as Ewaste, is comprised of computers, monitors, printers and other electronic devices. This event is open to the town residents for no additional fee. The department will look forward to planning this event each fall in conjunction with bulky item pickup week. The cost to the town is minimal, yet the benefits are great.

Confidential Shredding

This past year, Cumberland hosted its fourth-annual confidential shredding event. More than 8,000 tons of materials were brought to the Public Works garage for disposal. The event was free to residents. The cost to the town was small but the benefits were huge. We'll do our best to organize this event each fall. Check the Town website for further information

Hazardous Household Waste Collection Event

This event is only scheduled occasionally due to the expense. Fall of 2016's event was very successful. Residents were required to show proof of residency as this is an expensive event for Cumberland



The fireworks at the Cumberland Fair are even more colorful when seen through the spokes of the ferris wheel. Photo by Pamela Ames

taxpayers. However, the full tractor trailer of material that Clean Harbors removed at the end of the day demonstrated a strong need to offer this program when possible. Next event is tentatively being planned for fall of 2018.

Bulky Item Pickup Week

This event is held one week in May and one week in October. Bulky Item Pickup Week was designed to assist the residents of Cumberland in the disposal of large, oversized items that cannot fit into the Town's PAYT bags or be recycled in regular curbside recycling. This program is not designed to be a free trash disposal week. If an item or group of items fits in a Town of Cumberland PAYT bag, the material *is not* bulky waste and will not be picked up unless it is in a Town of Cumberland PAYT bag. ***If an item can fit in a large trash bag, it should go in a town trash bag.***

Types of Items Accepted:

- Bicycles
- Two tires (if rims have been removed)
- Washers & dryers
- Rolled carpet
- Chairs
- Couches
- Tables and other furniture

Types of Items NOT Accepted:

- Gas and gas containers
- Plastic bags of trash
- Glass or items made of glass
- Yard or tree waste
- TVs or computers
- Boxes of assorted trash
- Appliances containing Freon

Val Halla Grounds and Maintenance

saw a tough winter. Freeze and thaw patterns caused multiple ice layers on a few of Val Halla's greens, and we started the year with significant turf loss. However, despite the very wet spring, we managed to recover quickly. Condition-wise, we are in the best shape we have ever been in.

With the help of the Public Works Department, our staff completed some much needed tree removal, which will allow our "problem greens" to receive more sunlight and air movement, improving the overall health of the greens to better their odds of surviving winter.

We finally have the fountain installed! This fountain not only provides aesthetic value but also agronomic value by keeping down aquatic plants and oxygenating the water.

We purchased a mix tank this year to allow us to make our own fertilizer. The majority of our fertilizer applications are done through the sprayer with soluble fertilizer rather than granular. We buy raw elements and solubilize them into a liquid with a large mixing tank. This gives us significantly better control over our applications by allowing us to "spoon feed" the turf and only put out exactly what is needed, where it is needed, and when it is needed. Soluble fertilizers are quickly available to the plant and used up in a short period of time. Unlike granular fertilizers (both synthetic and organic), which can last for months and release at different rates, depending on weather and other conditions, we have the ability to control release rates and eliminate potential for runoff.

As they do every year, the staff has worked hard to keep the golf course in the best possible conditions.

Toby Young
Val Halla Grounds Superintendent



Photo by Michele Creelman



Above: Winter weather led to significant turf loss. Recovery was quick, and Val Halla is in the best shape it's ever been in (photo right).





*Beachcombing at Broad Cove
Photo by Kim Anania*

Community Recreation had a busy and productive year. With growth in many of the existing programs and a slate of new programs, Community Recreation is always looking to meet the needs of Cumberland/North Yarmouth residents. We strongly encourage resident feedback and any program or activity suggestions.

Some of the new programs and highlights include:

- Overall FY2016–17 program revenue increased by \$133,000 over the previous fiscal year (\$275,000 increase over prior two fiscal years).
- Added a kindergarten-only afterschool program, which allowed us to increase overall aftercare program capacity by 20 percent.
- Added a K-5th grade before-school care program.
- Hosted the third-annual Daddy/Daughter Dance, with more than 300 fathers and daughters.
- Continued positive feedback on increased offerings for senior programs and excursions.
- Merged Twin Brook, Val Halla & Forestry Advisory Boards into a single Parks & Recreation Board.
- Highest overall summer program participation rate since we began tracking enrollment through Activenet in 2011.
- Continued use of North Yarmouth Memorial School gym to expand program offerings for adults, seniors and children.

As was the case in 2016, the department continues to see an increase in youth enrichment programs, the After School Care Program, senior activities, and adult/senior fitness offerings.

Peter C. Bingham
Recreation Superintendent

Chris Fitzpatrick
Parks & Recreation
Advisory Board Chair

Ultimate, originally known as ultimate frisbee, is a popular (and growing) sport offered to middle and high schoolers. Games are played weekly, and tournaments attract teams from all over New England.

Photo by Lori Gerencer



PRINCE MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Our small, bustling library serves as the community library for the residents of Cumberland and North Yarmouth. Services include the lending of library materials, programs for both children and adults, use of computers and access to the Internet, and providing community meeting space.



Our new website is live at princememorial.org. Patrons will find increased access to our services and programs, as well as links to reading resources and recommendations. Of course, the catalog and download library can also be accessed via the website.

ADULT PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Prince Memorial Library offers programs on a range of topics for all ages and interests. In addition to the programs listed below, the library provides community meeting space for a wide range of groups. The library is host to weekly Scrabble games, a Dominoes group, knitting groups, and more.

The Lecture Series featured speakers on a range of topics, including: :

- William Heinz, MD, David Higgins & David Shapiro: *A Discussion on Youth and High School Football*
- Steve Greenlee: *The Story of Jazz Through Early Recordings*
- Yasmin Vitalius, PSO Violinist: *Inside the Music*
- Scott Andrews: *145 Years of Skiing in Maine*
- Ivy Frignoca, Casco Baykeeper: *The Challenges of Casco Bay*
- Sarah Long, WMTW Meteorologist: *Life at the Top*
- David Witherill: *Sailing from Falmouth to the Bahamas*
- Leah's Lyme Busters Support and Education Group: *Lyme Disease Prevention and Treatment*

Author Talks are a great way to hear and talk to local authors about their craft and their inspiration. Author Talks included:

- Kevin Mannix and Linda Rota — *Weathering Shame*
- Kevin Hancock — *Not For Sale: Finding Center in the Land of Crazy Horse*
- Debra Spark — *Unknown Caller*
- Phyllis Chinlund — *Looking Back from the Gate: A Story of Love, Art and Dementia*
- Andy Young — *Young Ideas: Twelve Extraordinarily Thought-Provoking Essays (and 58 Others) by an Exceptionally Ordinary Human Being*
- Lou Zambello — *Flyfisher's Guide to New England*

Overall Circulation

Number of patrons: 5,593

Number of Visits: 52,392

Total number of books, videos and audiotapes: 52,862.

Circulation of PML Materials: 94,063 *

* This figure represents a:

- 3.21% increase from the previous year's circulation of 91,141.
- Circulation of digital audiobooks and ebooks through Maine Infonet Download Library decreased 18.34% from 4,832 to 3,946. Total circulation, including digital, was 98,009.

In addition to cataloged materials, the library loans paperback books and school summer reading list books, but does not maintain statistics on usage.

- Susan Deborah King — *Dropping into the Flower: Poems*
- Caitlin Shetterly — *Modified: GMOs and the Threat to Our Food, Our Land, Our Future*
- Peter Bridgford — *Hauling Through*

Music & Muffins, the popular monthly concert series, featured performances by:

- Max Garcia Conover (songwriter and one-man band)
- L.C. Williams and the Driver (rockin' blues band)
- Sarah Cummings & Scott Thurston (kantele and guitar)
- Tom Porter (jazz pianist)
- Jim Nga and Hugh Judge (classical piano & violoncello)
- Nicole Rabata (Irish flute)
- Putnam Smith (rootsy multi-instrumentalist songwriter)

Book Groups are held monthly, both in the afternoon and evening. Books are chosen by the group, and selections change monthly. New members are always welcome. Contact Reference Librarian Elizabeth Tarasevich at 829-2215 for more information.

PML is a passport acceptance facility. The library processed a total of 832 passport applications during FY2016-17, an increase of 175 applications over the previous year, resulting in \$21,560 in revenue and \$2,666 in expenses, for a net gain of \$18,894.

YOUTH PROGRAMMING

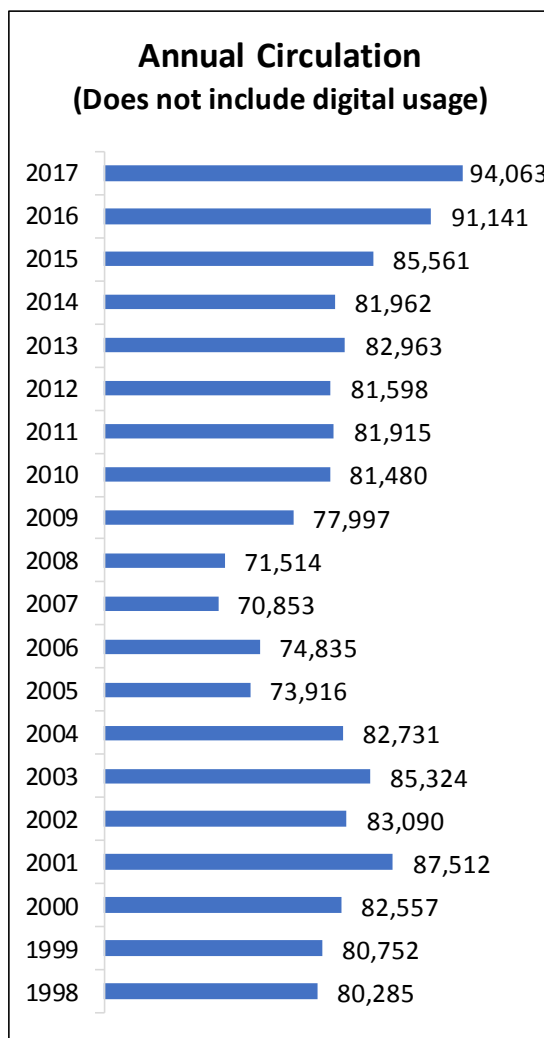
A total of 287 children and young adults registered for the Summer Reading Program, themed *On Your Mark, Get Set, Read*, with a total 5603 attendees for programs throughout the summer. Throughout the year 4,480 children and young adults visited the library for storytimes, therapy dog visits, Minecraft club, Lego club, a Maine Student Book Award book group, kids' yoga, monthly family night, Lego contests, a fairy house contest, teen volunteering, teen jewelry making, teen book group and teen costume contest. Lauren visited 1,516 students from the local schools to promote reading, the library, and the Summer Reading Program.

FRIENDS OF PRINCE MEMORIAL LIBRARY

The Friends of Prince Memorial Library provide an important service to the library and the community. The Friends supply the library with memberships to the Portland Museum of Art, the Children's Museum of Maine, Maine Maritime Museum, the Maine Wildlife Park, and the Tate House Museum, making discounted passes available to families and individuals. The Friends also manage the annual book sale in the fall, support the children's book sale and craft session in February, and contribute financially to children's programs and other library needs.

Library staff would like to thank the Friends for their generous assistance in offering services to the residents of Cumberland and North Yarmouth, and to members of the Prince Memorial Library Advisory Board for their guidance. Thanks to all those who donated money and books to the library.

Thomas C. Bennett
Library Director



AGING IN PLACE

Aging in Place Cumberland, underwritten by the town and supported by the Town Council, has a wide range of programs in place to help people stay in their homes as long as possible as they age. A rides program provides free transportation to Cumberland residents 60 and older. Seniors can choose from a myriad of activities — morning gatherings with friends, music presentations, game nights at the library, lectures, author talks, and many other topics of interest. Classes on balance, self-help instruction for those with chronic health conditions, Medicare assistance, and other courses are available. AIP volunteers offer regular visits to homebound and isolated senior residents. Students at Greely and adult volunteers help with yard work, shoveling, minor handyman repairs, and pet care during an emergency.



AIP's Friendly Visitor Susan Smith, right, enjoys her visits with Cumberland resident Liz Richter.
Photo courtesy The Forecaster

AIP volunteers are making a difference in the lives of Cumberland residents. One resident, who can no longer drive and relies on the AIP rides program — Cumberland Area Rides (CAR) is a collaboration between AIP and the Congregational Church in Cumberland — said that she felt imprisoned in her home before volunteer drivers provided transportation to take her on errands and to appointments. Another rider, who had enjoyed attending plays before medical conditions limited her ability to drive, was able to attend the theater, thanks to a volunteer CAR driver. “I thought that part of my life was over,” she said, delighted to be able once again to see performances.

A woman whose activities have been limited since she had a stroke is having a wonderful time playing cards with a volunteer who visits her twice a month as part of Cumberland's Friendly Visitor program. Another senior says her Friendly Visitor has made a “huge difference” and has “lightened her life.”

The relationships developed between older residents and the volunteers definitely work both ways. Volunteers often say they get more out of the work they do than the people they assist. Students who helped a resident with her gardening learned about plants and landscaping. The teacher who set up the arrangement in conjunction with AIP said, “The boys are learning so much. She has been great at teaching them as they go!”

The town's property tax assistance program, initiated by the Town Council last year, received rave reviews from seniors who appreciated the financial assistance it provided. The program has been approved for a second year and will provide tax relief for property owners 70 and older.

Cumberland is an AARP-Age-Friendly Community with more than 90 people enrolled as volunteers in Aging in Place. AIP is part of the town's effort to build a livable all-age-friendly community. It sponsors educational programs, provides volunteer opportunities for youngsters and adults, and it connects them to older community members. AIP's CAR program benefits all by transporting older residents — some of whom might otherwise drive despite conditions affecting their ability to drive safely — and enabling experienced seniors to contribute skills and wisdom to community discussions and events.

With community partners (churches, public safety, library, and schools), AIP creates vibrant programs for a livable community:

- **Cumberland Area Rides (CAR)** currently deploys 20-25 volunteer drivers. Drivers use their own cars to transport residents to appointments, social events, and more. In its first year, CAR provided 250 rides to 37 seniors. The need for transportation continues to grow. Requests for rides have risen sharply from an average of four to five rides a week to 11 rides weekly. In addition to providing rides to medical appointments, CAR allows older residents, who are unable to participate otherwise, to be a part of the community, attending AIP activities, church and school functions, and cultural and civic events.
- **Friendly Visitor:** This year, nine trained volunteers have served as Friendly Visitors, becoming companions to eight older residents.
- **Mornings with Friends:** AIP's Mornings with Friends sessions — entertaining and useful monthly social gatherings for seniors with periodic on-site computer/electronics assistance for seniors — are held every month on the third Wednesday, alternately at the Tuttle Road Methodist Church and the Congregational Church.
- **Health-oriented classes** such as Matter of Balance and Living with Chronic Pain, sponsored by Southern Maine Agency on Aging (SMAA), are periodically held.
- **Cumberland Fire Department Call-in Program:** Older adults get a daily wellness check.
- **Durable Medical Goods:** Free loan of a wide selection of medical equipment (no age limit). The program served more than 30 seniors during the past year.
- **Handyman Help/Emergency Pet Care:** Approximately 25 volunteers (including students from Greely Middle and High Schools) put in about 150 hours assisting 27 seniors last year with handyman, yard work, shoveling, dog walking, and other chores.
- **Annual Forum on Aging:** Free daylong program featuring educational programs, blood pressure and balance screening, lunch, and social interaction. This year's event, held in early November, will focus on tips and assistance for caregivers, as well as programs and services for seniors. More than 100 participants attended last year's event.



CAR volunteer driver Diane Brause provides a ride to Cumberland resident Oretta Baker, who serves on the AIP Committee.

For more information about Aging in Place Cumberland, stop by the AIP kiosk in Cumberland Town Hall, visit the Aging in Place website at www.AIPCumberland.org, call 207-829-2205, or email AIP@cumberlandmaine.com for more information.



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Maine School Administrative District #51

August 2017

Dear Citizens of Cumberland,

The 2016-17 school year is now only a memory, but it proved to be another successful and vibrant experience for our students, staff, and entire school community. We even celebrated the 50th anniversary of MSAD #51.

The Strategic Plan's second year is now behind us. This plan was implemented beginning in July 2015, with an ambitious set of 23 action steps to be accomplished by June 2018. Meanwhile, we are in the early phases of developing the next strategic plan; stay tuned for more information about this in the coming months.

Below you will find some representative highlights from the 2016-17 school year. Though this is not an exhaustive list, it provides a snapshot of the remarkable things happening in your school district.

DISTRICT

- Later start times for all grades began in August 2016, in response to research on adolescent sleep patterns, and implementation went smoothly. This was the first major change to school start times in over 30 years.
- The Performing Arts Center was approved by the residents of Cumberland & North Yarmouth. Ground breaking will occur this fall and is slated to open in the fall of 2018. A 15-member building committee was formed to work with Stephen Blatt Architects on the design plan for this new facility. *(photo to right)*
- A 10-year enrollment study was commissioned with *Planning Decisions* in partnership with Cumberland and North Yarmouth. The study indicated that the district enrollment will increase steadily over the next decade.
- Due to increasing enrollment at the K-3 level, three additional classrooms have been added over the last two years. Mabel I. Wilson School has gained over 60 students during this time.
- A Pre-Kindergarten task force made up of teachers, administrators, parents, and community members worked for several months on a plan that was approved by the Board of Directors.
- Significant expansion of technology devices at the elementary level has nearly provided all students in grades K-8 with 1:1 access to technology.
- K-12 structures for Section 504 and Response To Intervention (RTI) continue to be developed to further assist students who require interventions and accommodations in order to be successful.
- The environmental stewardship committee implemented a composting program across the district and was awarded a \$4,500 grant to help fund this initiative.
- State Assessment Results ranked MSAD #51 in the top 10 in state (#6 English/Reading, #7 Math and #3 Science).
- The second year of stakeholder surveys for students, staff, and parents was completed, providing comparative data with valuable feedback as to its practices and procedures.
- An energy project has started at Mabel I. Wilson School, with a new heating and cooling system being installed.
- The \$35,950,197 FY18 fiscal budget was approved by voters in June 2017, calling for a modest expenditure increase of 2.83% over the current year.



Engage • Empower • Inspire

- An 18-member Wellness Committee, as envisioned in the Strategic Plan, began work on a comprehensive Wellness Plan for students and staff.
- Both Moody's and Standard & Poor upgraded the district's bond ratings to Aa3 and AA+, respectively, in recognition of its sound financial management practices.

ACADEMIC & EXTRACURRICULAR

- Greely High School implemented block schedules this year to deepen academic learning time and reduce distractions in the school day.
- A new non-categorical Learning Lab was initiated at Mabel I. Wilson School in line with the Strategic Plan's vision around more seamless Response to Intervention services.
- The district held its first-ever K-12 "Drop Everything and Read" event with all students and staff in every school taking 30 minutes at the same time to sit and read; many classes across grade levels and schools joined together for this event.
- Astronaut Jessica Meir, a Maine native, visited with students in grades 4-12 to talk about her background and astronaut training.
- Seven GMS students placed at the State National History Day Competition and four went onto the national competition in D.C., where they met with U.S. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas. *(Photo to the right)*
- Student exchanges and homestays with Namioka, Japan and Barr, France as well as Chile helped our students experience global connections.
- Greely Middle School hosted its first-ever Naturalization Ceremony, welcoming 31 new United States citizens.
- GHS implemented a new Latin honors system using cum laude, magna cum laude, and summa cum laude designations, eliminating the Top 10 tradition. The school also began weighting grades.
- The transition to proficiency-based education continued, with course-standards alignment and revamping of grading practices major focus areas at the secondary level.
- The first year of full implementation of the new teacher and administrator evaluation system took place.
- The street artist "Pigeon" and singer-songwriter Monte Selby worked with students as part of two artist-in-residencies.
- GHS theatrical productions "Carousel" and "Peril on High Schools" were enjoyed by many, along with "Homeroom" at GMS.
- Mabel I. Wilson School launched a Civil Rights Team for 3rd graders, with 50 students participating.



ATHLETICS

- GHS students participated in the Maine Principals' Association inaugural Unified Track Festival.
- State Titles were won for girls cross country, girls volleyball, girls indoor track, boys basketball *(photos below)*, girls outdoor track and girls tennis by Greely teams.



- Additionally, Greely boys & girls alpine and boys tennis won Sportsmanship Awards.
- Numerous student-athletes won individual recognitions.

STAFF

- The 2nd Annual MSAD #51 “Employee of the Year” recognition honor was bestowed to Greely Middle School music teacher Barry Saunders. Kudos to finalists MIW educational technician Brendan Bernard, GMS Grade 5 teacher Jeff Brookes, GMS Grade 7 science teacher Yana Davis, and GMS school counselor Bobbi Goodwin.
- Additionally, these staff members were honored with special awards this past year:
 - Aquatics Director Rob Hale was recognized as “Citizen of the Year” by the Cumberland/North Yarmouth Lions Club
 - Mabel I. Wilson School teacher Jennifer Kameisha won a “Golden Apple Award” which recognizes excellence in education through Binnie Media.
 - GHS science teacher Brian Blum was one of 16 Maine teachers to participate in the Jackson Laboratory’s pioneering research on personal genomics.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

- 20 middle school students participated in Tech Day as part of a UNUM partnership focused on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math).
- Siemens Industry, Inc. donated over 20 windkits to 8th grade science classes, 3 employees spent a day in 7th grade science classes teaching an energy audit & awarded the district a \$10,000 grant to use for STEM education.
- The inaugural STEM Business Roundtable was a success with over 30 educators, business leaders and district administrators in attendance. Thanks to IDEXX, Unum, Siemens Industry, Inc., Kepware, Tyler Technologies and Fairpoint Communications for attending and providing insight on necessary skills students should have to attain employment in STEM fields.
- Continued partnership between Greely PTO and Foundation 51 allowed for another successful year of “Parent University”, providing parents the opportunity to gain insight on valuable topics.
- Kepware donated \$2,500 to purchase “Little Bits” STEM Kits for the newly designed 4-5 STEM Program.

NEWSWORTHY

- U.S. News & World Report ranked Greely High School 4th in Maine and #963 (top 4%) in the nation.
- Niche.com again ranked all district schools as top-notch in the state. MSAD #51 was ranked the fifth best district in Maine, with an overall grade of A.
- Greely Middle School was ranked #1 in Maine by MSN.
- Greely High School participated in WGME’s School Spirit Challenge. WGME’s Charlie Lopresti and Jeff Peterson did a live broadcast as part of the Challenge *(photo to the right)*. Students raised \$1,800 for the Cumberland Food Pantry.
- 50 GHS students and staff volunteered to cut their hair to make wigs for women for Pantene Beautiful Lengths in partnership with the American Cancer Society.
- The “Challenge Day” program continued at Greely High School for the sophomore class in order to promote and sustain a positive school culture. Special thanks to the 50 adult volunteers who participated to make this day possible.
- The second annual “senior walk” brought back memories for the Class of 2017, which proudly graduated 151 students in June.



I wish to thank all students, staff, parents, and community members for their support and commitment to the ideals of our high-performing school district. I look forward to the promises of the 2017-2018 year.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Porter".

Jeffrey J. Porter
Superintendent of Schools



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GOVERNOR

Dear Citizens of Cumberland:

Maine has a long tradition of civil participation in both state and local government, and I thank you for being informed and involved citizens.

My vision for Maine is prosperity, not poverty. For this reason, one of my top priorities continues to be the reduction and eventual elimination of the income tax. Raising the minimum wage is not the path out of poverty; I want Mainers to earn a career wage. Reducing the income tax is the biggest and most immediate pay raise for all hard-working Mainers.

Not only does an income tax cut put more money back in your pockets, but it will also attract businesses that can offer good-paying careers to keep our young people here. It shows the nation that we are serious about wanting people and businesses to come—and stay—in Maine.

Unfortunately, voters approved a referendum question to raise the income tax to 10.15% on successful Maine households and small businesses. Enacting the second highest income tax rate in the country shows the nation we are eager to punish people for being successful. It will drive them out of our state and make it even more difficult to attract much-needed doctors, dentists, scientists, engineers and other professionals to Maine. They can live in neighboring New Hampshire, which takes no income tax from their paychecks. Even worse, there is no guarantee the extra revenue from this tax will go to fund education, as proponents promised.

As successful people leave Maine, state and municipal government will lose the significant amount they pay in property, sales and incomes taxes. This will put even more upward pressure on local property taxes. Municipalities will have to get more creative to provide local services without increasing property taxes. Reforming the tree growth program, collecting property taxes on land in conservation or preservation programs, charging a payment in lieu of taxes on state land that is taken off the property tax rolls and having non-profit organizations pay a two-percent tax on their net revenues are all ways for municipalities to increase revenues.

Such bold measures would take strong leadership and commitment from local officials and residents. If ever I can be of assistance to you or if you have any questions or suggestions, I encourage you to contact my office by calling 287-3531 or by visiting our website at www.maine.gov/governor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul R. LePage".

Paul R. LePage
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Dear Friends:

It is an honor to represent Maine in the United States Senate. I am grateful for the trust the people of our State have placed in me and welcome this opportunity to share some key accomplishments.

Growing our economy by encouraging job creation remains a top priority. The tax relief bill enacted during this last Congress contains provisions I authored to provide small businesses with the certainty that they need to invest, grow, and, most important, hire new workers. The 2017 National Defense Authorization Act includes a provision the Maine delegation worked together to champion requiring that military recruits be provided with athletic footwear made in America, as is required for other equipment and uniform items whenever possible. This is a great victory for our troops and for the 900 skilled workers at New Balance factories here in Maine.

Maine's contributions to our national security stretch from Kittery to Limestone. As a senior member of the Appropriations Committee, I successfully advocated for critical funding for projects at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard and \$1 billion towards the construction of an additional ship that will likely be built at Bath Iron Works. This funding will strengthen the Navy and our national security, and the additional destroyer will help meet the Navy's goal of a 355-ship fleet.

Maine's growing population of older individuals creates many challenges. That's why, as Chairman of the Senate Aging Committee, my top three priorities are fighting fraud and financial abuse directed at our nation's seniors, increasing investments in biomedical research, and improving retirement security.

The Aging Committee's toll-free hotline (1-855-303-9470) makes it easier for senior citizens to report suspected fraud and receive assistance. Last May, a call to the hotline helped lead to the arrest of a national crime ring targeting seniors, and in June I worked to secure the humanitarian release of a Maine senior who had been imprisoned in Spain after being victimized by an international drug smuggling scam.

The Aging Committee also released an extensive report detailing the findings of our bipartisan investigation into the abrupt and dramatic price increases for prescription drugs whose patents expired long ago.

I advocated strongly for the \$2 billion increase in funding for the National Institutes of Health to advance research on such diseases as diabetes and Alzheimer's. I also championed and authored portions of the 21st Century Cures Act that will further support biomedical innovation and make significant reforms to our mental health system.

The Senate also took steps in the past year to combat the nation's heroin and opioid epidemic by passing the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA), which I was proud to cosponsor. CARA is a monumental step forward in our effort to address the devastating addiction crisis affecting countless families and communities across the country and right here in Maine.

A Maine value that always guides me is our unsurpassed work ethic. In December 2016, I cast my 6,236th consecutive vote, continuing my record of never missing a roll-call vote since my Senate service began in 1997.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve Cumberland and Maine in the United States Senate. If ever I can be of assistance to you, please contact my Portland state office at (207)510-1444 or visit my website at www.collins.senate.gov. May 2017 be a good year for you, your family, your community, and our state.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins
United States Senator

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Dear Friends of Cumberland:

Since being sworn into the Senate in 2013, I have made it my mission to address at the federal level the most important issues facing our great state. Working closely with my colleagues in the Maine Congressional Delegation, we've been able to successfully secure a number of legislative victories that support our state's economy, our rich traditions, and the hardworking people I am proud to represent. In an increasingly polarized Congress, my goal as an Independent is to put partisanship aside, build consensus and further common-sense solutions to address the needs of the American people. To this end, I have co-founded the Former Governors Caucus, a group of former state executives who are frustrated with legislative gridlock and eager to find bipartisan solutions. And as always, I aim to bridge the partisan divide by hosting barbeque dinners in Washington with colleagues ranging from Ted Cruz to Elizabeth Warren. If you know a person's children, then you see them as a mother or father and not a rival vote, and working to further personal dialogue and build relationships can lay the foundation for successful legislation.

One of the accomplishments of which I am most proud is the legislative victory that protects our college students and their families from an expensive hike in student loan interest rates. In 2013, as students faced a significant spike in interest rates that would have taken thousands of dollars out of their pockets, I brought together colleagues from across the political spectrum to broker compromise legislation called the Bipartisan Student Loan Certainty Act. Thanks to this bill, students will save \$50 billion over the next 10 years by lowering their interest rates, which means that a student in Maine will now save between \$3,000 and \$6,000 over the life of their loan.

Being an Independent in the Senate has allowed me to make calls and vote on policies that are best for Maine, but it has also made it possible to play key roles in finding simple solutions and legislative fixes that make good commonsense to both parties. Of course, much of what we do in the Senate doesn't happen on the Senate floor, or even in committee. Instead, it involves working across all levels of government to ensure the State of Maine receives attention and support from the federal government. Take, for example, the opioid and heroin epidemic devastating communities across our state. While Congress has passed legislative solutions aimed at expanding access to medical treatment, I've also pressed for other changes that can be accomplished more quickly and make a more immediate difference in Maine. For example, I successfully urged the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to increase the number of patients to whom a doctor can provide medication-assisted treatment, and in 2015 brought the Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy to Brewer to meet directly with Mainers and hear their stories. I've also engaged law enforcement – including the Drug Enforcement Agency – to crack down on the production of opioids and work to limit their diversion. Together, Senator Collins and I helped pass the Northern Border Security Review Act to combat drug and human trafficking along our border with Canada. While the opioid epidemic is certainly our biggest public health crisis, job loss in Maine is still our number one economic problem and that's why we need to focus on bringing good paying jobs back to Maine and protecting the ones we still have. As a member of the Armed Services Committee, I teamed up with Senator Collins and Representative Poliquin to successfully secure a provision in the defense bill that can help domestic shoe manufacturers like New Balance. The three of us also worked together with the Department of Commerce to establish an Economic Development Assessment Team, known as an EDAT, to assist Maine's forest industry in the wake of several mill closures. We have an incredible spirit of innovation and ingenuity in Maine and I believe finding ways to invest in that spirit will reignite Maine's forest products sector and our economy. Part of

our economic path forward must also include expanding access to high-speed broadband, which can help connect our businesses and communities to information and economic opportunities.

As a member of the Senate Armed Services and Intelligence Committees, I work to keep Maine and our nation safe. Part of that important work means continuing to work for funding for the construction of Navy ships that will be used to protect American interests across the globe. We all know that “Bath Built is Best Built,” which is why I’ve fought to authorize funding for Navy ships built at BIW. The best way to preserve peace is by deterring war through unassailable strength, and to do that we must support our shipbuilders and our brave service members and invest in our military. I strive to meet this solemn responsibly every day as a member of these committees, which is why I hardly ever miss a hearing and take great care in overseeing the agencies sworn to keep us safe. Armed Services Chairman John McCain called me “one of the most serious and hard-working members” of the Committee, and that’s a humbling compliment from a true American hero.

As always, please call or write me with thoughts or concerns with matters currently before Congress, or if you need assistance navigating a federal agency. Please call my toll-free line at 1-800-432-1599 or local office: (207) 622-8292, or write me on our website at www.king.senate.gov/contact. It is an honor and a privilege serving the people of Maine in the Senate, and I look forward to working with you in our search for a more perfect Union.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Angus S. King, Jr.".

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CHELLIE PINGREE
CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES
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Dear Friend,

I hope this letter finds you well. It's a privilege to share an update on my work to represent you and your family in Washington and in Maine.

As always, the interests of my constituents are what guide my work. There are many things I could talk about in that regard. But I want to focus here on one issue of particular importance—economic development. Having good-paying jobs allows future generations to make this wonderful state their home. With that goal in mind, I'm working to address Maine's economic challenges and capitalize on its opportunities.

One such opportunity is agriculture, where Maine is bucking national trends. The average age of our farmers is actually going down while acreage in cultivation is going up. Consumer demand for local food is driving that growth. I've been successful in reforming federal policies to help farmers and processors meet that demand. My work will continue this year as Congress reauthorizes the Farm Bill.

I'm also working to support jobs in our coastal communities. Last year, I helped block Sweden's proposed ban on the export of Maine lobsters to the European Union. I also introduced legislation to lift unnecessary regulations on seafood exporters and invest in working waterfront infrastructure.

On the House Appropriations Committee, I'm defending federal programs that support jobs throughout Maine. These programs invest in worthy projects that are beyond the reach of private, municipal, or state resources. In our state, they provide loans to small businesses, clean polluted sites for redevelopment, find new marketable uses for Maine's natural resources, build broadband infrastructure, and much more.

Aside from economic development, advocating for Maine veterans is one of my highest priorities. With Congress' current agenda, I'm also fighting to defend Medicare and Social Security, protect clean air and water, and ensure that our communities have the resources to address hunger, homelessness and lack of health care access.

Just as important as my policy work in Washington is what my office does to help individuals in Maine. Every year, my staff helps hundreds of constituents who have issues with federal agencies or programs. Please call my Portland office at (207) 774-5019 for assistance. It's an honor to serve you.

Take care,

Chellie Pingree
Member of Congress

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Dear Neighbors,


It's been an immense honor serving as your Representative in the Maine Legislature these past months. I take that word—Representative—very seriously; I have tried hard to effectively represent your interests and those of the entire State. While it is impossible to agree with every constituent on every issue, your calls and messages have been both welcome and educational for me; I encourage you to continue speaking out on issues you care about.

This Legislative session has been extremely contentious, and a discouraging number of issues were voted on by party line. The budget in particular brought out partisan grandstanding and an adamant rejection of compromise. However, in the end, we were able to increase school funding, reduce property taxes and increase compensation paid to the direct care workers who look after our elderly and disabled. Despite many disappointing losses, it's been a privilege to be a part of the democratic process.

The Legislature has one more task this year: to pass legislation regulating the sale and use of recreational marijuana. Once that vote is done, we will not be gearing up again until December.

I am always happy to hear from you on any issue. I'm also glad to help out on any problem you may be encountering with State government. You can call me at 400-1123, or email me at repdenno@gmail.com.

Sincerely,



Dale Denno
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