

Cumberland, Maine

ANNUAL REPORT - FY2017-2018



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 by Michele Creelman

Back Cover by James Mallar

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IN DEDICATION TO OUR COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS

We'd like to extend our appreciation and thanks to all of the volunteers in our community who give their time and resources to make Cumberland such a wonderful place to live in. The following volunteers were nominated by their peers for their exemplary citizenship and volunteerism. We are so fortunate to have so many individuals who participate on boards, committees, and in organizations to improve our trail systems, coach the youth in the community, hold fundraisers, donate resources, and help those in need. The volunteers below are only a handful of the ones who are actively working in our community day in and day out.



Carolyn Small

*For her dedication to the
Cumberland Historical Society*



Linda Shane

*For her tireless work in the
Community Food Pantry*



Eliza Miller

*For coordinating Rec Youth
Soccer for over 20 years*



Kevin Foster

*For holding the Firefighter 4 Kids
Toy Drive & Breakfast Fundraiser*



Mike Schwindt & Ellen Hoffman

*For planting and establishing an
Operation Pollinator at Val Halla*



Steve Carey

*For his work as a coach to the
youth in our community*



Penny Asherman

*For her work for the Chebeague
& Cumberland Land Trust*



Jen Pincus

*For coordinating the
Cumberland Kids Triathlon*



Tom Peterson

*For donating local produce to
the Community Food Pantry*



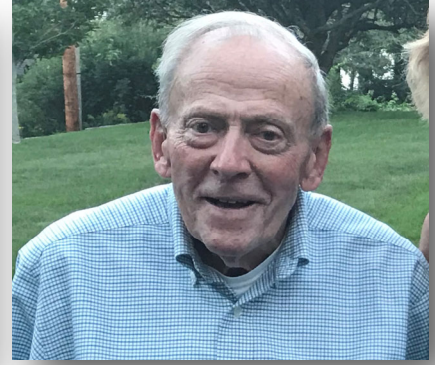
Brian Cashin & Jim Orser

*For their work on the Central
Fire Station Building
Committee*



Paul Weiss

*For his work on the Cross
Cumberland Trail Network*



Jack Mullin

*For his work in the Community
Food Pantry*



Mike Kemna

*For his devotion to Aging in Place
& the community's older residents*



Bruce Wildes & David Carlson

*For their work for the
Cumberland Woodbank*



Nina Comisky

*For volunteering in the PML
gardens & starting a book
giveaway at the Food Pantry*

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

I want to thank the citizens of Cumberland and the Town Council for the opportunity to serve as your Council Chairman for fiscal year 2018. The past year was marked with success, frustration, controversial issues and new projects. But in the end, I am proud of the work so many did to make Cumberland a better community and one that we are all so proud to call home.

Your council members work hard year round and not just on issues associated with the bi-weekly town agendas. All your councilors give much more to our community outside of the council chambers.

Councilors are members of Lion's Club, the Chamber of Commerce, and 4-H. They are teachers and local business owners who are involved in serving the Community Food Pantry, helping out with senior organizations, and the local churches.

Over the past year, the council worked on a new Senior Housing Overlay District, focused on bringing new opportunities and living options to the seniors in our town and surrounding communities. We authorized and oversaw the construction of a new central fire station that is designed to not only accommodate our current fire and rescue needs, but to also meet the challenges and changes in emergency services for the next 50 years. We purchased land adjacent to the Town Forest and had an open and frank community discussion on a variety of options on what to do with it. In the end, the Council decided to slow the process down, bank the land and save it for future community needs.

Your council also reinforced our commitment to our environment and in keeping our town as green as possible. We purchased an additional 19.6 acres at the Knights Pond Preserve, giving us ownership of most of the pond. In the spring of last year, we received great news from the Department of Environmental Protection that our efforts to recover and protect our largest aquifer had been successful. The Forest Lake aquifer no longer requires DEP monitoring as illegal dumping contamination to the aquifer from the 1990's had been eliminated. We remain committed to our roles of stewards of Cumberland's soil and water and will do everything in our power to protect them. Last year also saw the Council moving towards becoming net neutral with our greenhouse emissions. We authorized the start of a solar array farm on the site of the former town landfill as recommended by our Climate Action Team. In the next year, this solar array will provide enough electricity for all of the town owned buildings.

We are committed to our local farmers and this past spring issued the first farm based "Special Events" permit. These special events will help local farmers to expand their revenue base and keep their farms intact. We started a program at the beginning of each of our council meetings, which gives a local business the opportunity to introduce themselves and their businesses to the local community.

FY2018 however, was not without controversy. In the spring of 2018, the Council took the unusual step of issuing a resolution on the proposed school budget. We looked at the severe, across the board impact on all of our residents and asked the School Board to take another look at their budget to see where they

might make cuts in order to alleviate the burden on taxpayers. In the end, the school budget passed by only a handful of votes. However, by opening up this conversation with the school and our community, we hope that all sides can work together going forward in creating a school budget that meets the needs of our students, but lessens the impact on our residents, especially our seniors. Every member of the Town Council has had children who attended the SAD#51 schools and many of us attended schools here as well. We are proud of our school system and our teachers. We look forward to a continuing partnership with our schools in providing the best for our children.

Our town infrastructure was at the forefront of our focus. We started the Middle Road reconstruction project and accepted bids for a new pier at the Broad Cove Reserve. New road construction began on Tuttle Road and Route 1 as well as working with the railroad on a new bypass rail system.

It has been my pleasure to serve as your council chair for the past year. I had an opportunity to not only work with long time Cumberland residents, but also got to welcome many new residents into our community. We are a strong, united community with a lot of pride. Thank you again for allowing me one of the greatest opportunities of my public service career.

Michael Edes, 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

MEET YOUR TOWN COUNCILORS

Cumberland is governed by a seven-member, elected Town Council who meet the 2nd and 4th Monday of every month to conduct town business. The Council delegates responsibility in carrying out its mission to the Town Manager and his staff. Additionally, over 15 committees comprised of volunteer residents are tasked with research and oversight of specific town resources and activities. To contact the Town Council, please email towncouncil@cumberlandmaine.com.



Michael Edes ('19) — Chairman

831-5197 • medes@cumberlandmaine.com

- *Central Fire Station Building Committee*
- *Falmouth/Cumberland Chamber of Commerce*
- *Cumberland/North Yarmouth Joint Standing Committee*
- *Ordinance Committee*



Ronald Copp ('21) — Vice Chairman

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- *Nominating Committee*
- *Circuit Breaker Committee*
- *Growth Ordinance & Impact Fee Committee*



Peter Bingham ('19)

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- *Aging in Place Committee*
- *Lands & Conservation Commission*
- *Planning Board*
- *Nominating Committee*
- *Finance Committee*



Thomas Gruber ('20)

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- Aging in Place Committee
- Coastal Waters Commission
- TIF Committee
- Ocean Access Committee
- Conservation Subdivision Committee
- PACTS Policy Committee–Alternate
- Growth Ordinance & Impact Fee Committee
- Shellfish Conservation Commission
- Housing Authority
- Ocean Access Committee
- Lands & Conservation Commission
- Planning Board
- Finance Committee



William Stiles ('20)

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- Central Fire Station Building Committee
- Housing Authority
- Prince Memorial Library Advisory Board
- Finance Committee
- Cumberland/North Yarmouth Joint Standing Committee
- TIF Committee
- Circuit Breaker Committee



Shirley Storey-King ('21)

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- Recreation/Community Education Advisory Board
- Greater Portland Council of Government
- Circuit Breaker Committee
- Growth Ordinance & Impact Fee Committee
- Ordinance Committee



George Turner ('21)

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- Board of Appeals
- Ocean Access Committee
- Coastal Waters Commission
- Nominating Committee
- Cumberland/North Yarmouth Joint Standing Committee
- Ordinance Committee
- TIF Committee

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, Sr.
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
Peter Bingham, Sr.*
Brian Cashin
Lynn Copp
Lisa Crowley
Dale Denno
Rita Farry
Deborah Gray
Thomas Gruber*
Mike Kemna
Robert Knupp
Nancy Law
Teri Maloney-Kelly
Suzie McCormack
Cindy Molleur
Kendall Putnam
Cicely Russell
Sally Pierce
Beth Waldman
Mary Ellen Wilson

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
Meg Coon
Thomas Gruber*
Mike Schwindt
Peter Sherr
Sally Stockwell
R. Samuel 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
Janene Gorham
Thomas Gruber*
Ellen Hoffman
John Jensenius
Shawn McBreairsty
Tim Nastro
Linda Putnam
Timothy Schneider
Mike Schwindt
Sally Stockwell
Paul Weiss
Eli Wilson
R. Samuel York
David Young

OCEAN ACCESS COMMITTEE

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

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

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

PERSONNEL APPEALS BOARD

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

* Denotes Town Council liaison

PLANNING BOARD

Paul Auclair
Peter Bingham*
Gerry Boivin
Jeffrey Davis
Thomas Gruber*
Bill Kenny
Teri Maloney-Kelly
Steve Moriarty
Joshua Saunders
Peter Sherr

**PRINCE
MEMORIAL
LIBRARY
ADVISORY BOARD**

Kelly D. Barnes
Jerry Benezra
Trudy Dibner
Linda Draper
David Echeverria
Thomas Foley
Mark Lapping
Sara Perfetti
Eli Rivers
William Stiles*

**SHELLFISH
CONSERVATION
COMMISSION**

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



TOWN MANAGER



To the Honorable Town Council & Citizens of the Town of Cumberland, the July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 fiscal year was filled with many projects, ordinance updates, new developments and the opening of our newly renovated Central Fire Station.

The Town is fortunate to have so many dedicated volunteers who serve on a multitude of committees that help recommend policy and ordinance changes to the Town Council. This year the Conservation Subdivision brought the new Subdivision Ordinance to the Council for consideration. While it is still being tweaked, the Council is

hopeful to have the new ordinance in place by the end of 2018. This ordinance will strive to conserve more land and natural resources balancing the need for growth with the protection of our rural character.

The Town's Coastal Waters Committee was also busy working through ordinance language in preparation for the new pier at Broad Cove Reserve, which will be installed by spring of 2019. The three party partnership of the State, Homeowners Association and Town made this \$530,000 project achievable.

The Planning Board and Ordinance Committee worked diligently on a new senior housing overlay district which allowed for the development of a new senior subdivision called Oceanview at Cumberland. This model of successful housing and transitions for seniors has worked well in Falmouth and we welcome John and Chris Wasileski, along with their amazing team, to Cumberland. The Council and Planning Board also passed an Accessory Dwelling Unit Ordinance, paving the way for more seniors and families to age in place and reconfigure their existing homes to accommodate changing life styles.

Perhaps one of the most exciting projects was the work of our local Climate Action Team. They assisted the Council's Finance Committee in developing a solar project that, when operating, will generate enough power to supply all Town buildings! In seven years, the Town will be able to purchase the solar array at a substantial discount and save \$80,000+ annually on its power costs.

The \$4.1 M renovation of the Central Fire Station was completed in the spring of 2018 and is be ready to serve our community's needs for the foreseeable future. If you haven't seen the facility, please call to schedule a tour, as it is quite impressive.

Construction continued around Town on Middle Road, Tuttle Road, Main Street, and Mill Road as part of our Town-wide paving projects. We are very fortunate to have contractors like A.H. Grover and Storey Brothers, who have deep roots in Cumberland and often are the successful bidders on our work. Their quality guarantee and commitment to excellent work is unmatched.

Finally, if you have a concern or request for a project in your area, please contact me so we can discuss the project and bring it to the Council for consideration in our Capital Plan. In closing, I would like to thank our tremendous, hardworking, and dedicated employees, both full time and part time, who make this the best town in Maine.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'W. R. Shane', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

William R. Shane, P.E.
Town Manager
wshane@cumberlandmaine.com



HUMAN RESOURCES



After almost 30 years of service to the Cumberland Police Department, Officer John Dalbec retired in June. For most of his career, Officer Dalbec served as School Resource Officer for M.S.A.D. 51 where he had a tremendous impact on the lives of thousands of children, some of whom had grown up and entrusted their children to John! We wish John the best in his future endeavors. He will be missed!

NEW EMPLOYEES

Cumberland Fire Department: Patty Murphy, Office Manager; **Per-diem Paramedics:** Steven Bishop, Hale Fitzgerald, Stephen Sloan; **Call Members:** Jack Kane, Arnold Klugman, John Kane, Jr., Richard Thibeau, Aaron Chandler, Joe Lillard, Brian Gardner; **Explorers:** Caleb Croce, Chase Copp, Andrew Storey, Brennan Rawnsley, Jared Swisher, Jacob Boyle, Jake Cunningham, Max Emrich-Shanks, Emily Small, Jackson Small; **Explorer Leader:** Lynn Copp; **Live-In Students:** Ryan Pooler, Cameron Smith, Cody Doyle

Cumberland Police Department: Jacob Lachance, Patrol Officer

Town Hall Staff: Abbey Lombard, Assistant Clerk; Jessica Dwyer, Assistant Clerk; Ritchie Dow, Election Worker; Elias Rivers, Election Worker; Lori Medlen, Accounting Assistant

Prince Memorial Library: Amelia Greenlee and Jennifer Benham

Public Works & Parks: Gregory Googins, Seasonal Parks Laborer

Recreation: Madeline Perfetti, Sydney Pettengill, Holly Downing, Jacob Sherr, Maureen Lucey, Taylor Wells, Anna Raley, Kevin Brewer, Abby Civiello, Maureen Allen, William Nicholson, Jack Brown, Nicholas Small, Kirstin Sandreuter, Hannah Austin, Eliza McCauley, Lauren Lamberson, Nyaurah Kouth

Val Halla Golf Course: Ryan Gage, Kevin Gage, Charles Bean, Edie O'Keefe, Stephen Sloan, Lynn Wagner, David Kenny, Angus Laughlin, Megan Crews, Alexander Schumacher, Nicholas Montminy, Payson Sowles, Patrick Johnson, Jacob MacDonald, Louis Walker, Noah Piers, Nicholas Hughes, Angus Christie, Justin Fairbanks

COMMUNICATIONS

Stay in the loop about all things Cumberland by connecting with all of our communication channels! We are continuously working hard to communicate effectively and efficiently with all of the residents in our community. In the past year, we have seen a significant increase in our subscribers for our weekly newsletter and email alerts, as well as our followers on our social media pages. This past May we held our 2nd New Resident Orientation. It was an open house forum, where residents stopped by to meet with representatives from town departments and elected officials. It was a wonderful night meeting new faces, making new connections, and most importantly making our newest community members feel at home. We look forward to continuing this event for many years to come. It's my continued hope to unite the members of our community and to make our small town feel even more connected!

Eliza Porter

Director of Communications



Weekly Newsletter

THE CUMBERLAND CRIER

YOUR WEEKLY UPDATE IN CUMBERLAND

The Cumberland Crier is a weekly email that is sent out every Thursday and is full of information about community events, recreation registration, special notices, road construction, police and fire alerts, waste & recycling notices, council/board meetings and agendas, and more. Sign up for The Cumberland Crier by following the link below:

<https://www.cumberlandmaine.com/community-news/pages/cumberland-crier>

Social Media Accounts



[www.facebook.com/
CumberlandME](https://www.facebook.com/CumberlandME)



[www.twitter.com/
CumberlandMaine](https://www.twitter.com/CumberlandMaine)

Email Alerts



Sign up to receive email alerts when a notice has been posted to the Town Website!

<https://www.cumberlandmaine.com/subscribe>

The 2018 assessed valuation of \$1,357,731,600 resulted in a tax rate of \$19.70 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for the 2019 fiscal year. The 90 cent increase represented a 4.79% increase over the 2017-2018 rate. The \$26,588,400 increase was due to new construction, land divisions, and new personal property. * The decrease in personal property from 2016 to 2017 was the result of reclassification of the natural gas lines from personal property to real estate.



John Brushwein
Assessor

3 YEAR VALUATION COMPARISON

	2016	2017	2018
Land	\$ 547,393,800	\$ 562,794,900	\$ 552,737,600
Buildings	\$ 729,778,500	\$ 755,049,700	\$ 790,629,700
Personal Property	\$ 24,069,800	\$ 13,298,600*	\$ 14,364,300
Total	\$1,301,242,100	\$1,331,143,200	\$1,357,731,600

The Assessor's office began a property inventory update in July of 2018 that is expected to be completed by the end of December. The inventory update is being conducted to assure that all assessment data is accurate. It was discovered over the past year that current assessment data was deficient in many instances. There has not been a complete physical inventory update within the last fifteen years. The inventory update is not a revaluation, although there may be valuation changes as a result of the review. Any additions (living area, renovations, decks, porches, outbuildings, etc.) that were not previously included, or that were included and have been removed will be reflected in the assessed value for the 2020 fiscal year. Notices will be mailed to property owners that have an increase in value in excess of \$10,000.

There are statutory exemptions that are available to qualifying property owners. The homestead exemption is available for resident homeowners that have owned the homestead property for twelve months prior to the date of application. The homestead exemption is a reduction of the assessed value in the amount of \$20,000. There is also a veteran's and veteran's widow/widower exemption available for veteran's who are residents of the State of Maine who have reached the age of 62, or are 100% disabled, that served during a federally recognized war period. The veteran's exemption is a \$6,000 reduction in the assessment. Lastly, there is a \$4,000.00 exemption for resident property owners who are legally blind. Exemption applications must be filed prior to April 1st and are available through the Assessor's office or from the State of Maine website at www.maine.gov/revenue/forms/property/appsformspubs.htm.

Taxpayers who have questions regarding assessments may contact the Assessor's office at (207)-829-2204 or email at jbrushwein@cumberlandmaine.com.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY



Michael A. Crosby
I.T. Director

This past year was another very busy and productive one for Information Technology. The year began with the addition or replacement of 17 computers. At the Town Office, 7 workstations were replaced and 1 laptop was added. At the Cumberland Police Department, 3 workstation computers were replaced, along with 1 mobile terminal unit, and 2 laptops were added: 1 for two-way radio programming and 1 for use by officers attending required training programs. At the Cumberland Fire Department, 1 desktop and 1 laptop were added for the new office manager, as well as 1 additional laptop for a company officer. Computers in patrol cars and fire apparatus are used primarily for Computer Aided Dispatch, as they communicate directly with the Cumberland County Regional Communications Center. EMS computers are used primarily for run reporting during EMS incidents.

In 2017, we replaced 9 five-year-old Town Council iPads and also supplied 9 new iPads for Planning Board members. The program has been very successful in reducing or eliminating the need to print multiple copies of meeting agendas and associated informational packets, as they are now sent via email or downloaded from the web.

Last year the Town replaced the switching-type phone systems at the Town Office and Library with new state-of-the-art VoIP telephone systems. These systems have proven to be very reliable and give the staff the ability to listen to voicemail messages from their email.

In June of 2018, our 5-year-old VMWare server was replaced with a new Hewlett Packard Generation 9 host, which will carry us through the next 5-year interval. The VMWare server that was replaced has become our backup server. The Town currently runs 8 virtual servers on 1 piece of hardware.

Cumberland Channel 2 produced, replayed locally, and uploaded 37 videos of Town meetings to the VIMEO platform for on-demand viewing. Last year over 2000 replays of our various meetings were watched by the public on the VIMEO website.

Cumberland Fair (Photo by Kelly Carignan)



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 Clerks 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, 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.



Tammy O'Donnell
Town Clerk/Deputy Tax Collector

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 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

The Town Clerk's Office had some personnel changes this year with the addition of two wonderful new employees to our team. Abbey Lombard, joined our office in December of 2017, and Jessica Dwyer in January of 2018. Abbey and Jessica are perfect fits on our team and they look forward to serving your needs. Please say "hi", when you are in. We are also fortunate to have Ms. Anne Brushwein, who has been with the Town for 21 years. Ms. Eliza Porter is our Deputy Town Clerk/Communications Director, and does a tremendous job keeping us all informed and organized.



Eliza Porter
*Deputy Town Clerk/
Director of
Communications*



Anne Brushwein
*Motor Vehicle Agent/
Assistant Clerk*



Abbey Lombard
Assistant Clerk



Jessica Dwyer
Assistant Clerk

VITAL RECORDS:

Births	-	72
Deaths	-	53
Marriages	-	26

LICENSES:

Hunting & Fishing Licenses	-	272
Boat Registrations	-	594
Snowmobile Registrations	-	156
ATV Registrations	-	73
Dog Licenses	-	1,239

ELECTIONS



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 to 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 my office at 829-5559. The election results for the fiscal year 2018, are as follows:

TOWN CLERK

State of Maine Referendum Election, November 7, 2017

Question One-Citizen Initiative-

"Do you want to allow a certain company to operate table games and/or slot machines in York County, subject to state and local approval, with part of the profits going to the specific programs described in the initiative?"

Yes - 344
No - 2435
Blank - 6

Question Two-Citizen Initiative-

"Do you want Maine to expand Medicaid to provide healthcare coverage for Qualified adults under age 65 with incomes at or below 138% of the federal poverty level, which in 2017 means \$16,643.00 for a single person and \$22,412.00 for a family of two?"

Yes- 1792
No- 988
Blank- 5

Question Three-Citizen Initiative-

"Do you favor a \$105,000,000 bond issue for construction, reconstruction and rehabilitation of highways and bridges and for facilities or equipment related to ports, Harbors, marine transportation, freight and passenger railroads, aviation, transit and Bicycle and pedestrian trails, to be used to match an estimated \$137,000,000 in federal and other funds, and for the upgrade of municipal culverts at stream crossings? Total estimated life time cost is \$133,875,000 representing \$105,000,000 in principal and \$28,875,000 in interest (assuming interest at 5% over 10 years).

Yes - 2164
No - 603
Blank - 18

Question Four-Citizen Initiative-

"Do you favor amending the Constitution of Maine to reduce volatility in state pension funding requirements caused by the financial markets by increasing the length of time over which experience losses are amortized from 10 years to 20 years, in line with pension industry standards?"

Yes - 1916
No - 759
Blank - 110

June 12, 2018 M.S.A.D. #51 Budget Validation Referendum Election-

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 - 1381
No - 1355
Blank - 52

Town of Cumberland Municipal Election June 12, 2018

Town Councilor (At-Large) 1 Seat Available-

Mitchell, Christina-	938
Storey-King, Shirley -	1506
Blank -	336

Town Councilor (Cumberland Foreside) 1 Seat Available-

Turner, George -	2039
Blank -	741

Town Councilor (West Cumberland) 1 Seat Available-

Copp, Ronald W. Jr. -	1863
Blank -	917

M.S.A.D. #51 Board of Directors (Vote for two)-

Harrington, Margo -	1364
Kerr, Ann -	1494
Blank (2 Candidates)	2702

State of Maine Republican Primary Election June 12, 2018

Governor-

Fredette, Kenneth Wade -	54
Mason, Garrett Paul -	100
Mayhew, Mary C. -	169
Moody, Shawn H. -	546
Blank-	67

U.S. Senator (Vote for One)-

Brakey, Eric L. -	557
Linn, Max Patrick -	223
Blank-	156

Representative to Congress (Vote for One District 1)-

Holbrook, Mark I. -	767
Blank-	169

State Senator (Vote for One District 25)-

Savage, David Gilman -	762
Blank -	174



Broad Cove Reserve (Photo by Stacie Maddox)

Representative To The Legislature (Vote for One District 45)-

Thomas, Tamsin M. -	765
Blank -	171

District Attorney (Vote for One District 2)-

Bates, Randall J. -	739
Blank -	197

State of Maine Democratic Primary Election June 12, 2018

Governor-

Cote, Adam Roland -	471
Dion, Donna J. -	6
Dion, Mark N. -	42
Eves, Mark W. -	173
Mills, Janet T. -	357
Russell, Diane Marie -	14
Sweet, Elizabeth A. -	150
Vachon, J. Martin (Declared WI) -	0
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United State Senator (Vote for One)-

Ringelstein, Zak -	832
Blank -	438

Representative to Congress (Vote for One District 1)-

Pingree, Chellie -	1168
Blank -	102

State Senator (Vote for One District 25)-

Breen, Catherine E. -	1136
Blank -	134

Representative To The Legislature (Vote for One District 45)-

Denno, Dale -	1143
Blank -	127

Judge of Probate (Vote for One)-

Aranson, Paul -	376
Kahill, Charles -	198
Segal, Rubin G. -	312
Blank -	384

Sheriff (Vote for One Cumberland County)-

Joyce, Kevin J. -	966
Blank -	304

District Attorney (District 2)-

Gale, Jon C. -	431
Levy, N. Seth -	248
Tarpinian, Frayla -	302
Blank -	289

Twin Brook (Photo by Jen Foster)



The Finance Department is responsible for processing and reporting all financial transactions for the Town of Cumberland: revenue collections, payroll, vendor payments, and other disbursements. 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 2017.



Heather L'Hommedieu Perreault, CPA
Finance Director

The following information relates to the unaudited financial results for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018. (FY2018). The most recent audited financial statements available are for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017. Copies are available at <https://www.cumberlandmaine.com/finance/pages/financial-reports>.

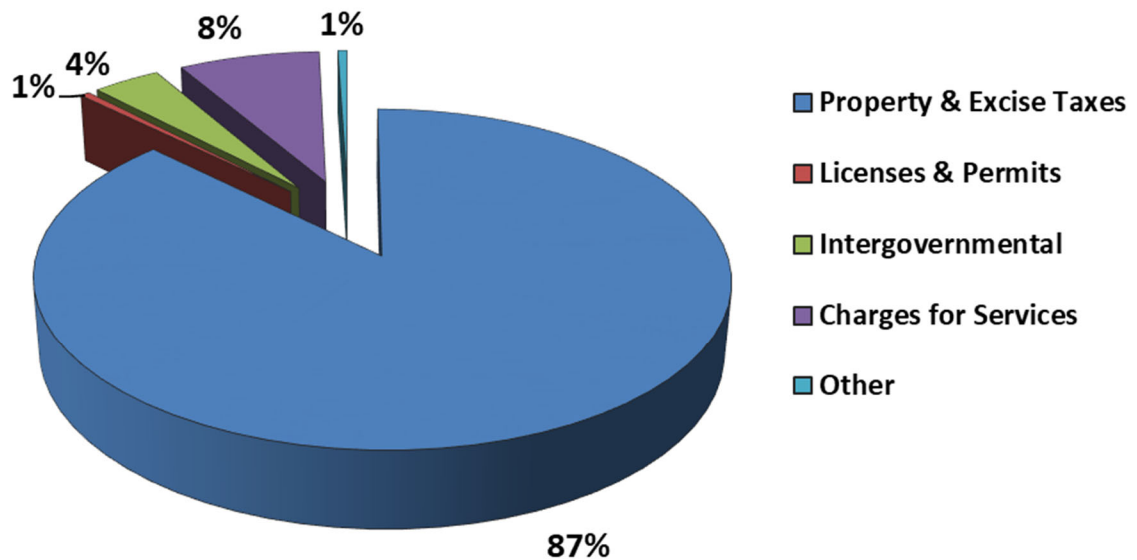
Fiscal Year 2018 Financial Overview

Following the trend of the past few years, the Town received significantly higher than budgeted revenues, and incurred higher than budgeted expenses. The excess revenues more than offset the expenses, resulting in an unbudgeted surplus for FY2018. Due to significant changes in the revenue and expenditure budgets for FY2019, this is expected to be the last year the Town sees an unbudgeted surplus of this magnitude.

Description	Results for FY Ended June 30, 2018 (unaudited)		
	FY18 Budget	FY18 Actual	Over (Under) Budget
Non-Property Tax Revenues	\$ 4,787,399	\$ 5,425,788	\$ 638,389
General Fund Expenditures	\$ 10,690,575	\$ 11,023,961	\$ 333,386
MSAD #51 Assessment	\$ 17,208,107	\$ 17,208,107	\$ -
General Fund Unbudgeted Surplus			\$ 305,003

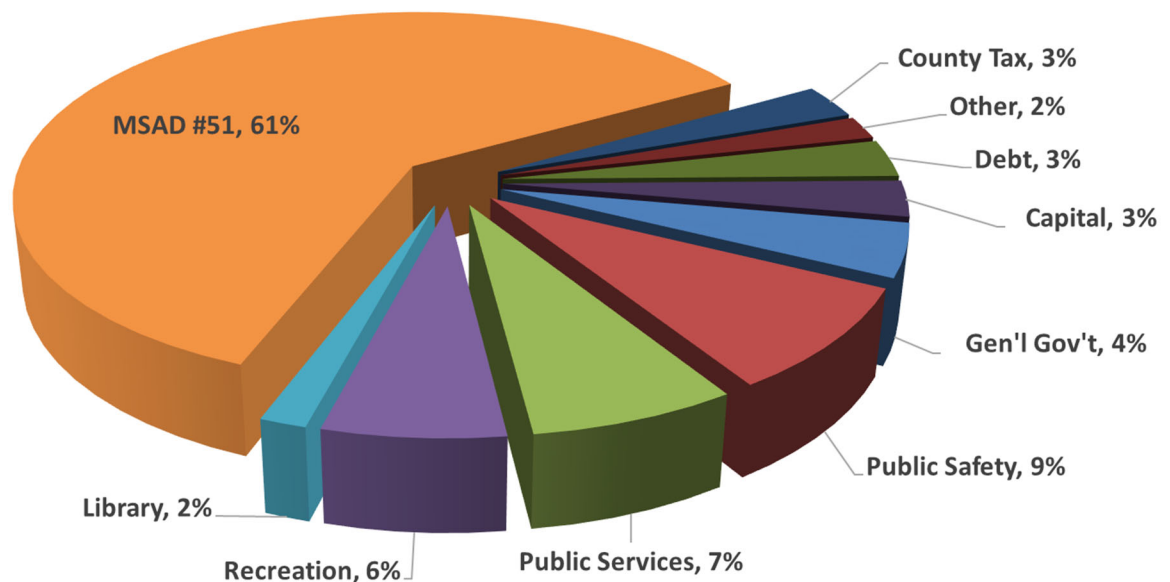
This unbudgeted surplus was used to reduce the FY2019 budget and tax rate. Programs funded from the surplus include: maintenance of local roads, senior property tax assistance, equipment for the Police and Fire Departments, and the Assessing property audit.

General Fund Revenues - FY2018



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 Expenditures - FY2018



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.

FINANCE

Fiscal Year 2018 Non-Property Tax Revenues by Function

	<i>Revenues for FY Ended June 30, 2018 (unaudited)</i>		
Description	FY18 Budget	FY18 Actual	Over (Under) Budget
Tax Revenues	\$ 1,758,000	\$ 2,194,688	\$ 436,688
Licenses & Permits	\$ 143,615	\$ 151,498	\$ 7,883
Intergovernmental Revenues	\$ 715,036	\$ 716,977	\$ 1,941
Other Revenues	\$ 128,600	\$ 147,212	\$ 18,612
Police Department	\$ 75,600	\$ 90,812	\$ 15,212
Fire Department	\$ 190,600	\$ 184,790	\$ (5,810)
Public Services	\$ 270,500	\$ 277,199	\$ 6,699
Val Halla	\$ 683,832	\$ 652,311	\$ (31,521)
Recreation	\$ 818,116	\$ 1,005,733	\$ 187,617
Library	\$ 3,500	\$ 4,568	\$ 1,068
Total Revenues	\$ 4,787,399	\$ 5,425,788	\$ 638,389

Fiscal Year 2018 General Fund Expenditures by Function

	<i>Expenditures for FY Ended June 30, 2018 (unaudited)</i>		
	FY18 Budget	FY18 Actual	Over (Under) Budget
General Administration	\$ 1,168,362	\$ 1,276,988	\$ 108,626
Public Safety	\$ 2,413,478	\$ 2,456,082	\$ 42,604
Public Services	\$ 1,901,644	\$ 1,987,728	\$ 86,084
Val Halla	\$ 735,188	\$ 739,638	\$ 4,450
Recreation	\$ 920,638	\$ 994,028	\$ 73,390
Library	\$ 437,550	\$ 449,610	\$ 12,060
Other Expenses	\$ 304,984	\$ 331,555	\$ 26,571
Controllable Expenses	\$ 7,881,844	\$ 8,235,629	\$ 353,785
Debt Service	\$ 970,000	\$ 962,673	\$ (7,327)
Insurance	\$ 331,827	\$ 318,755	\$ (13,072)
County Tax	\$ 813,904	\$ 813,904	\$ -
Capital Imp. Plan	\$ 693,000	\$ 693,000	\$ -
Fixed Expenses	\$ 2,808,731	\$ 2,788,332	\$ (20,399)
TOWN BUDGET	\$ 10,690,575	\$ 11,023,961	\$ 333,386
MSAD #51 Assessment	\$ 17,208,107	\$ 17,208,107	\$ -
Total Expenses	\$ 27,898,682	\$ 28,232,068	\$ 333,386

Property Taxes

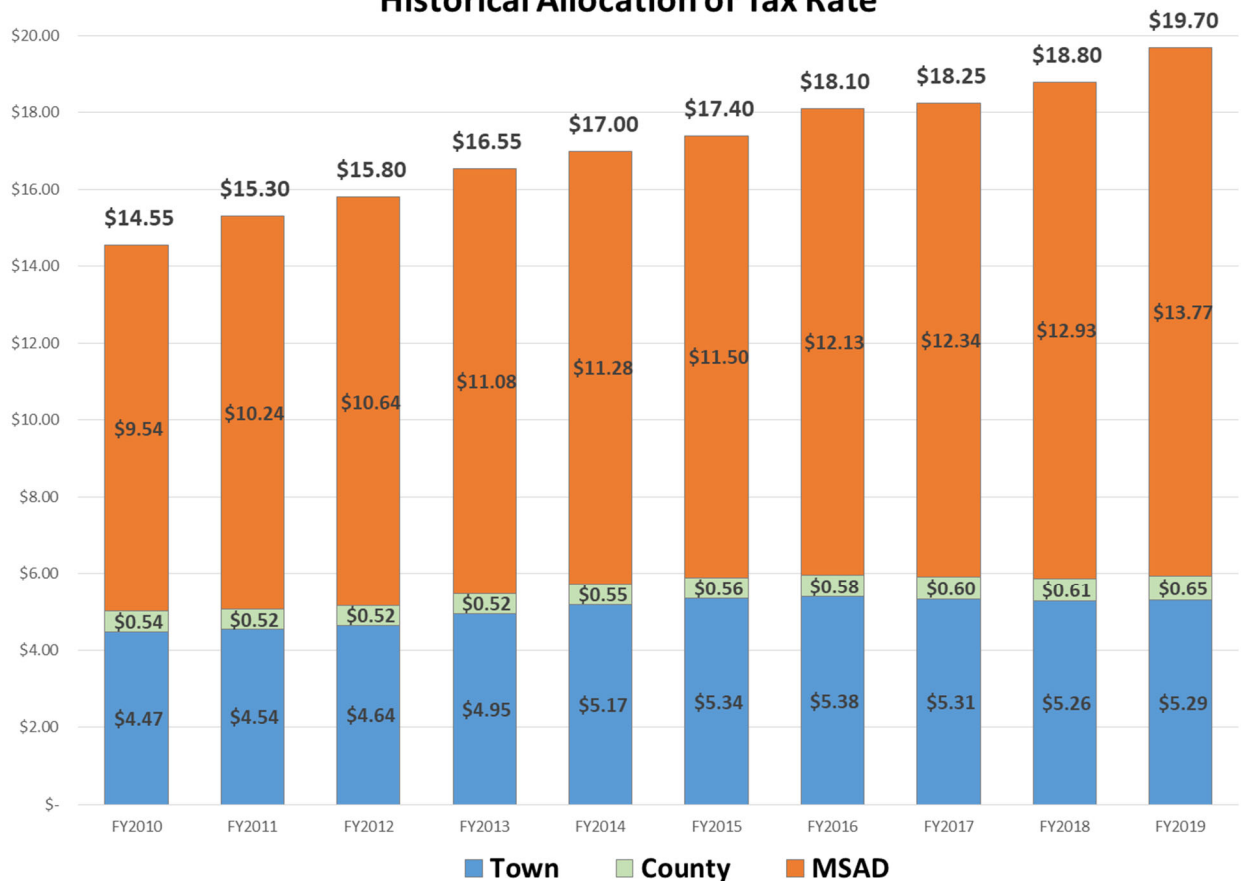
Property Valuations:

	FY2018	FY2019	1 Year Change		10 Year Change	
Taxable Real Estate	\$1,317,844,600	\$1,343,367,300	\$25,522,700		\$212,291,300	
Personal Property	13,298,600	14,364,300	\$1,065,700		\$3,703,300	
Total Taxable Property	\$1,331,143,200	\$1,357,731,600	\$26,588,400	2%	\$215,994,600	19%

Property Tax Rate Distribution:

	FY2018	FY2019	1 Year Change		10 Year Change	
Town	\$5.26	\$5.28	\$0.02	0.4%	\$0.81	18%
County	0.61	0.65	0.04	7%	0.11	20%
MSAD #51	12.93	13.77	0.84	6%	4.23	44%
Total Tax Rate	\$18.80	\$19.70	\$0.90	5%	\$5.15	35%

Historical Allocation of Tax Rate



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.

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. Over the past year ending June 30, 2018, 31 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. The increased residential and commercial building permits and fees have increased as well as 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.



Bill Longley
Code Enforcement Officer

Last year our Administrative Assistant, Christina Silberman, was named “Employee of the Year”. Christina is a Cumberland native and is doing a great job in the position.

Because of the increase in demand for services in February of 2017, the Town ended the 13 years of regional agreement with Yarmouth and hired me on a full time basis. As a fulltime employee I’m now available Monday-Thursday for questions, issuance of permits or most inspections. Electrical inspections are currently done on Tuesday or Thursday based on Richard’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 2015 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 2015 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 Shoreland Zoning Permit is required if construction takes place within the shoreland area.

Below is the contact information for the Code Enforcement Office:

Bill Longley

Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector/Plumbing Inspector

Telephone: 207-829-2207

Cell: 207-751-7420

Email: wlongley@cumberlandmaine.com

Type of Construction	Number of Permits	Construction Costs	Permit Costs
Access. Structure	4	\$26,350.00	\$301.65
Addition	66	\$2,262,400.00	\$12,155.11
Barn / Storage	1	\$40,000.00	\$124.80
Commercial	13	\$9,661,045.00	\$7,988.80
Deck	21	\$108,900.00	\$823.20
Demolition	7	\$12,100.00	\$375.00
Duplex	1	\$200,000.00	\$1,110.60
Garage	16	\$747,030.00	\$1,814.00
Garage - Addition	2	\$380,000.00	\$786.70
Greenhouse	1	\$650.00	\$25.00
House	31	\$8,717,900.00	\$24,387.40
Miscellaneous	2	\$16,200.00	\$175.00
Pier	1	\$19,000.00	\$64.00
Pool	4	\$128,800.00	\$550.00
Porches	1	\$2,500.00	\$50.00
Renovation	66	\$1,571,859.49	\$16,370.67
Shed	38	\$155,944.00	\$1,174.20
Shoreland	7	\$65,175.00	\$1,150.00
Solar Arrays	3	\$59,062.00	\$150.00
TOTALS	285	\$ 24,174,915.49	\$ 69,576.13
Electrical Permits	292		\$25,397.60
Plumbing Permits	209		\$25,342.50
		Total Fees	\$120,316.23

PLANNING

The Cumberland Planning Department is tasked with the following responsibilities:

- ◆ Providing comprehensive reviews of development proposals requiring Planning Board approval, including subdivisions and site plans;
- ◆ Assisting the Planning Board in its review of residential and commercial development proposals;
- ◆ Providing staff support to various appointed committees such as the Comprehensive Planning Committee.
- ◆ Review and approval of small projects not requiring Planning Board review in order to expedite processing and reduce costs for applicants.
- ◆ Providing research and technical assistance to the Planning Board, Town Manager, Town Council, departments, and residents;
- ◆ Drafting ordinance changes and developing policies for Planning Board and Council consideration;
- ◆ Serving as a liaison for developers, the Planning Board, residents and regulatory agencies;
- ◆ Assisting residents and developers with questions about land use and the various review processes.
- ◆ Maintaining and implementing the Town's Comprehensive Plan.



Carla Nixon
Town Planner

If you have any questions regarding land use issues in the community, please contact me at 829-2206 or email to cnixon@cumberlandmaine.com

(Photo by Charles Day)



BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT AND APPEALS

The Board held two meetings during the fiscal year 2018.

Variance	_____	1
Special Exceptions	_____	2
Back Lot Reduction	_____	0
Special Permits	_____	0
Expansion of non-conforming use	_____	0
Interpretation Appeal	_____	0
Reconsideration of Interpretation Appeal	_____	0

R. Scott Wyman
Chair



(Photo by Brian Allenby)

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 are 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.

Christina Silberman (*pictured right*) serves as the Administrative Assistant to several departments, including Senior Housing. Christina does a great job in a very challenging role. In addition to supporting the Town Planner and Code Enforcement Officer, Christina is also the point person for our senior housing program. She provides information to callers requesting information on Cumberland Meadows and she handles the many day to day calls for service, the processing of rent and utility checks, and maintenance of the waiting lists. Christina was honored as the 2017-18 Employee of the Year and was very deserving of this recognition. Her kind and positive demeanor has been enjoyed by our senior housing residents and co-workers alike.



Carla Nixon
Executive Director

PLANNING BOARD



Back Row (L-R): Peter Sherr, Josh Saunders, Paul Auclair

Front Row (L-R): Bill Kenny, Steve Moriarty, Jeff Davis

The town's fiscal year from July 2017 through June 2018 was both busy and challenging, and as has been true in recent years, the Planning Board dealt with a broad variety of proposals and development applications. The major events can be summarized in the following several categories.

RESIDENTIAL:

Three subdivision applications were considered during the year. In September the Board approved a four-lot minor subdivision known as Stratton Woods, located at 50 Stratton Woods Lane in West Cumberland. In March approval was granted for a two-building apartment project to consist of eight apartments and to be known as Higbee Notch. The property is located off Route 100 heading north from the intersection of Blackstrap Road and Route 100. Finally, in June a proposed ten-lot residential subdivision located off of Orchard Road and to be known as Courtland Court received final approval.

COMMERCIAL:

Casco Systems is an engineering and system integration company serving the electronic and power generation industry which opened its headquarters on Route 9 in 2011. Having rapidly grown its workforce, the company desired to construct a substantially larger headquarters building on Route 100, adjacent to Copp Motors. In November site plan approval for the new building was granted, and by the end of the fiscal year the new structure at over 20,000 square feet in size was largely completed.

In July site plan approval was granted for Storey Time Learning Center and Afterschool Care, a preschool and afterschool care facility. The business is located on Middle Road and will serve the needs of up to twenty children.

Farm based special events are now a new permitted use in the Rural Residential One, Rural Residential Two, and Medium Density Residential Zones. In December, site plan review was granted for farm based special events at a large agricultural property on Bruce Hill Road.

SENIOR HOUSING:

Many Cumberland residents are familiar with the OceanView senior living project in Falmouth. OceanView has proposed to develop a large senior living community in Cumberland consisting of 52 cottage units and a community center. The center is to be located on a large tract of undeveloped property opposite the Town Hall on Tuttle Road. While there will be no amenities onsite, all residents will have access to the services and recreational options offered at the Falmouth campus. Sketch plan review took place in October followed by a site walk in early November. In March preliminary plan approval was granted by the Board, and as of the end of the fiscal year the Board was awaiting further information necessary for final plan review.

PERSONNEL CHANGES: Steve Moriarty and Gerry Boivin were re-elected as Chairman and Vice Chairman, respectively, early in the new year.

Following the December meeting Teri Maloney-Kelly resigned as a member of the Board and her position was filled by Bill Kenny.

Following the June meeting Gerry Boivin resigned as a member of the board after a number of years of service, and in August 2018 Ann Sawchuk was appointed to fill the vacancy. Many thanks to both Teri and Gerry for their service to the Town.

At the start of the new fiscal year the Board membership consisted of Steve Moriarty, Peter Sherr, Josh Saunders, Jeff Davis, Paul Auclair, Bill Kenny, and Ann Sawchuk.

A NOTE OF THANKS:

As we have before, we again extend deep gratitude to Cumberland Town Planner Carla Nixon and to Cumberland Town Manager Bill Shane for the support and assistance that they have offered to the Board during the previous year. In addition, we thank the many members of the public who have taken time to personally attend our meetings and to offer helpful and constructive comment on the various items that have appeared on our agendas. All members of the Planning Board are strongly committed to insuring that future growth will be well-managed in accordance with both the Comprehensive Plan and our existing growth- management ordinances. Thanks for your participation.

Steve Moriarty, Chairman
Cumberland Planning Board

CONSERVATION SUBDIVISION

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Committee concluded its study of a draft conservation subdivision ordinance and presented its recommendations to the Town Council in October 2017.

The primary recommendations were to retain the traditional subdivision option, delete the cluster option in the RR1 and RR2 zones, and replace it with the conservation subdivision option.

These recommendations stemmed primarily from the desire to protect agricultural land and desirable open spaces as well as to preserve scenic views and provide a way to link existing trails and open spaces. Additionally, the committee felt the change would encourage street designs that reduce traffic speeds, promote interconnectivity and encourage social interactions among lot owners.

Subsequently, the Town Council referred the draft ordinance to the Planning Board and the Conservation Subdivision Committee to further refine and incorporate it in with other existing ordinances.

Mike Schwindt
Chairman

LANDS & CONSERVATION COMMISSION



(Photo by Brian Allenby)

The mission of the Cumberland Lands and Conservation Commission (Commission) is to promote the conservation of natural resources and encourage the conservation of water, land open spaces and vistas within the Town.

Among its duties, the Commission periodically reports to the Town Council on the condition, status, or current use of any land owned by the Town as well as any land where the Town has less than ownership interest.

Additionally the Commission coordinates the efforts of the subcommittees to assure the assigned duties and responsibilities are met. The **Forestry and Natural Resources** and the **Recreational Trails** are the two standing subcommittees.

The **Forestry and Natural Resources** subcommittee makes recommendations to the Commission on all matters pertaining to the use, preservation, management and maintenance of the town forests and other natural resources. The subcommittee has begun working on a number of these areas, most of which are multiyear activities. This year the subcommittee:

- Finalized town-wide Guiding Principles for Forest Management in major town-owned forest properties,
- Coordinated 2018 harvest plans for Twin Brook with the contractor,
- Toured Rines Forest, Twin Brook, Town Forest, and Knights Pond properties; reviewed existing management plans for each site; and discussed the schedule for updating each plan for consistency with Guiding Principles,
- Visited active forest harvesting on Dale Rines property adjacent to town-owned Rines Forest to observe an active harvesting operation, and
- Retained a licensed forester to provide advice in all aspects of forest management and maintenance.

The **Recreational Trails** subcommittee makes recommendations to the Commission on all matters pertaining to the use, preservation, management, construction and maintenance of the town trails and bridges. Included is responsibility to develop and maintain plans for and governing the use of all town trails including trail easements on private lands. This year the subcommittee:

Marked trails throughout the town.

Worked with the Oceanview developers on the preservation of old and development of new trails,

Worked with residents on easements and future trails through the Greely Woods properties, and

Made considerable progress in extending town-wide trails as well as developing and marking new trails.

Recognizing the need for work in other assigned areas, the Commission established **ad hoc subcommittees** to:

Manage **Invasive Species**, and

Develop **assessment tools** to

Identify and assess land with significant conservation value, and

Begin updating the **town land use survey**.

Commission members have also actively worked on conservation projects. They updated the **Nature Trail** map for the trails through the Town Forest. Additionally,

The **butterfly garden**, on the rail trail, now in its second year, is in bloom and attracting a wide variety of pollinators,

About 75 varieties of trees and flowers have been identified and plotted within the Town Forest. Permanent markers have been ordered and will be installed this fall,

Also, the **Nature Trail** has been cleaned up and colored trail markers installed. This continues to be a work in progress,

We have planted a number of nut trees and flowers in support of Operation Pollinator undertaken by the Val Halla golf course

We congratulate **Sam York**, our immediate past chair, for his appointment to the board of directors of the Maine Association of Conservation Commissions.

Your help is needed! We have many opportunities for people to try their hand at conservation projects while spending time outdoors in our town. There are more things needing doing than hands available to accomplish the tasks. Just let us know where your interest lies and we will see how to make your efforts productive and fun. Please call the Town offices, the Town Manager's office or my number (207-489-9155) to find out more and to sign on.

Mike Schwindt
Chairman

Knight's Pond Preserve (Photo by Matt Rothman)



POLICE DEPARTMENT



Charles Rumsey
Chief of Police

David Young
Lieutenant

Thomas Burgess
Sergeant

Antonio Ridge
Sergeant

Kirk Mazuzan
School Resource Officer

It is my distinct pleasure to provide this report to the residents of Cumberland and to update you all on the progress of our department. The last twelve months have seen some exciting staff changes: following the retirement of Lt. Milt Calder, I promoted Sergeant David Young to the position of Lieutenant after a comprehensive process which certainly proved his readiness to accept an important leadership role. Lt. Young's former position was filled by Sergeant Antonio "Tony" Ridge, whose transition was seamless due to the fact that he had been a trainer and mentor to his fellow officers for years.

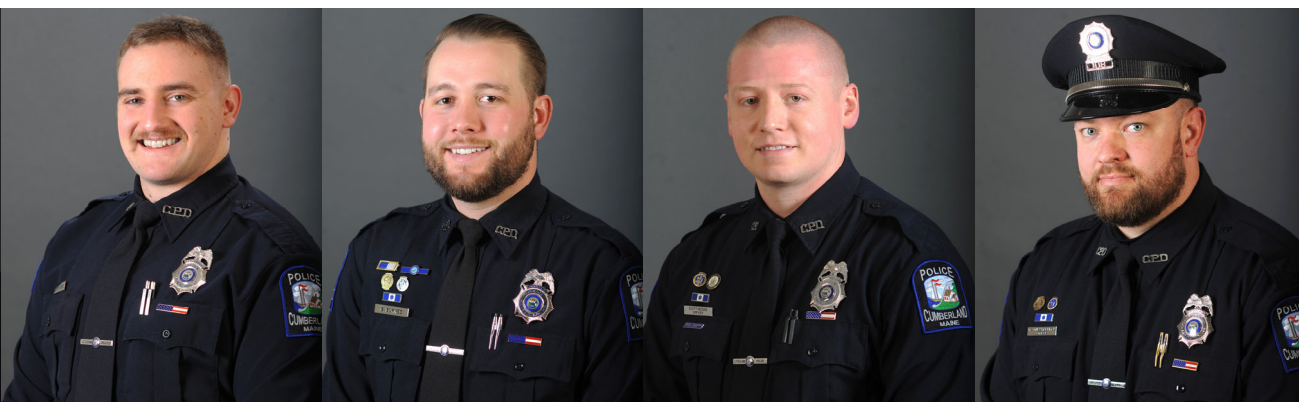


Ryan Pynchon
Patrol Officer

Jake Lachance
Patrol Officer

While we're on the topic of staffing changes, meet Officer Ryan Pynchon (hired September 2017) and Officer Jake Lachance (hired August 2018). Ryan grew up in North Yarmouth and graduated from Greely. Jake came to us after working in South Portland for about 3 years. Jake filled the vacancy created by the departure of Officer John Dalbec, who left to take a position with the Sabattus Police Department. Both officers are settling in nicely and will be integral parts of our agency for years to come.

We've remained engaged in the community in many important ways. Each summer, we partner with our friends at Casco Bay CAN to issue "positive tickets" to community youth when we "catch them doing right." It's a great way to build relationships, share a few laughs, and give out some gift certificates to a local business for a special treat. During the last year, we began joining the students at the Mabel I. Wilson School on occasion for lunch. It's a huge amount of fun for us – the children ask a million questions and are super excited to chat with a uniformed officer over a tasty meal. We remain



Joseph Burke,
Patrol Officer

Benjamin Burnes,
Patrol Officer

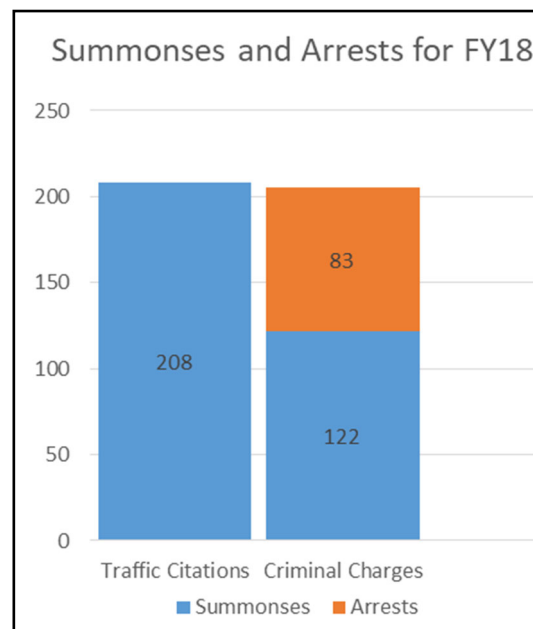
Scott Hendee
Patrol Officer

Matthew Merriman
Patrol Officer



committed to sharing important information, heartwarming stories and much needed laughs with all of you on our department website at www.cumberlandpd.org and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/cumberlandpolice. Have you “liked” us yet?

If our officers are not answering calls for service, assisting Fire/Rescue, handling crashes, or engaging in community policing, they are working each day enforcing motor vehicle laws to keep our crash rate low and our town’s residents and visitors safe on the roads. We are responsive to citizen concerns about speeding vehicles, and target areas for increased attention when necessary. The chart on the right shows how many arrests, criminal summonses, and traffic tickets we issued in FY18. There were a lot of warnings (1,328 to be exact): we find that a friendly reminder will usually go a long way! You can find the data collected by our radar speed display here: <https://www.cumberlandmaine.com/police-department/pages/radar-speed-display>.



During the past year, we continued our efforts to grow our internal capacity to teach ourselves (and other law enforcement professionals) the important skills we need to safely do our jobs. Our officers have become instructors in OUI detection, firearms and less-lethal tools, self-defense for women, and more. Our officers have received training in interviewing techniques, de-escalation, school security assessment, supervision and leadership, drug-impaired driver detection, and officer safety. Officer Scott Hendee completed an incredibly rigorous training to become certified as a Drug Recognition Expert! He is qualified to assist our staff and other officers in southern Maine with the necessary testing to successfully complete investigations into drugged driving, which is an emerging trend of concern due to increased use of medical and recreational marijuana. We are proud of this talented team!



Have you met Bobby Silcott, Cumberland's Animal Control Officer? Bobby joined the PD in 2017 and has become a familiar face around town, especially in our parks and on our trails. Bobby's immense knowledge of state animal laws and local ordinances has been vital to us, and has led to a number of updates to our ordinances and park rules. He approaches his work with an emphasis on education and seeking compliance, so if you see him you should expect a friendly wave and maybe a word to the wise about our leash laws and dog sanitation requirements. New signs to help clearly communicate the town's rules for park use have been recently installed, and soon we will have kiosks at every town park which will explain permitted uses and dog rules. If you have a question, you can reach Bobby at 829-6391 or bsilcott@cumberlandmaine.com.

If we didn't have enough to be proud of, the Maine Chiefs of Police Association presented our very own Sergeant Tom Burgess with a Humanitarian Award in recognition of his actions above and beyond the call of duty to assist one of our community's elders who was in crisis! The help that Sergeant Burgess rendered had a direct effect in returning our neighbor to physical health and resulted in his reconnection and relocation with family members to provide continuing care. Well done, Sarge!

Charles Rumsey
Chief of Police



I am pleased to submit the annual report for the Cumberland Fire Department for the fiscal period of July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018. The members of the department have once again shown a high level of professionalism to our community. Their sustained commitment to training and responding to emergencies at all hours of the day offers our town a tremendous level of comfort and protection. It is with great pride that I have had the opportunity to serve for 19 years as the Chief of such a fine organization.

For the period included in this report, the fire department provided service at 1,078 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 as well as several mass gathering events at the Cumberland Fairgrounds. The department has had mutual aid agreements with our neighboring communities for over 40 years, and those agreements have never proven more necessary than they do now. With the increase of emergency responses, we work quite frequently to assist each other with both fire and medical related emergencies. During the period of this report, we worked with our mutual aid partners 75 times. On March 30, 2017 a very destructive storm caused extreme damage in town, most significantly along the coastline. Over the course of one week, the department responded to 83 emergencies as compared to an average week of 20 responses.



Daniel R. Small
Fire Chief

The department offers a student live-in program for five students. This program includes housing to 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 completed the Fire Science Associates Degree program. Three new students will be entering the program in August of 2018, and two of our prior students will be staying in the department to begin the college's paramedicine program.

In conjunction with the Boy Scouts of America, we have an Explorer Post that includes ten kids between the ages of 13 and 18 who are involved in age-specific tasks. A fire academy was held in June where eight of the Explorers participated for five days. The academy was 24 hours per day and the students stayed in bunk rooms at central station. The academy included hands-on training of basic firefighting skills which concluded with simulated exercises at the Yarmouth training site. We felt it was important to teach the kids about the differing public safety job opportunities in the emergency response fields, so we had four outside speakers participate to educate the kids on: fire, dispatch, medical and law enforcement.

Greely High School student Audrey Hankinson received the Girl Scout Gold Award for developing a street address sign program. This identifies the need to the residents of Cumberland that the quicker we can find them in their time of emergency, the quicker we can help. Audrey's program has provided a



(Photo by Shawn McBreairty)

very simple application that citizens can complete and a sign(s) will be ordered by the Town that has white reflective 4" numbers that are sealed to a green sign. When these are mounted onto a residence the address becomes very visible and therefore reduces our arrival time.

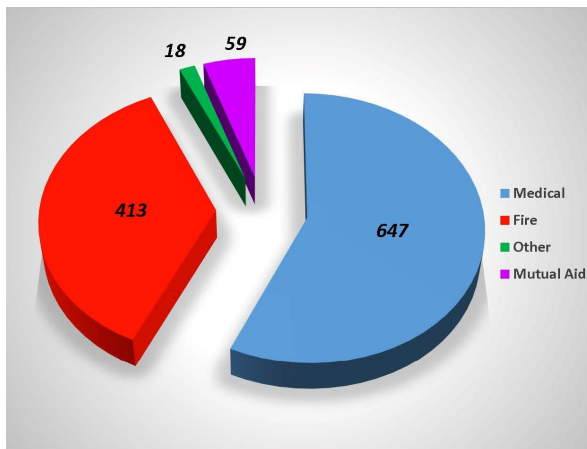
An additional Firefighter/EMT per-diem position was added to the staffing on March 1st. This position has been added to work with our Firefighter/Paramedic, so there are now two people on-duty at all times. Previously one of our college live-in students was required to be the ambulance driver but could not obtain the necessary experience watching the EMS provider perform patient care. These positions are qualified in both firefighting and medical qualifications so they can respond immediately to any emergency that may occur in town.

Members of the department attended EMT and paramedic classes over the course of the year. Four members have been active in paramedic training --- one should have her license in the summer of 2018, and the other three should have their licenses by December of 2018. It is rewarding to know that we are annually raising the bar on our capability of providing high quality medical care, and this is done by over 50% of our department having a medical provider license. Citizens should have comfort in knowing that all ambulances, fire trucks and police cruisers have very complete medical equipment and supplies along with an automated external defibrillator (AED).

During this fiscal year we replaced our 1999 ambulance with a unit that is equipped with the most current state of the art medical equipment. This ambulance is staffed 24 hours per day, and is located at central station. Along with our 2010 and 2013 ambulances, this truck will be in a rotation to be utilized at the multitude of mass gathering events that we cover.

Patty Murphy was hired in March in our newly created Office Manager position. She has brought a tremendous amount of value to the department's leadership. In addition to the

many roles and responsibilities that she has within the department, she also is our liaison with town office staff, most specifically the finance department. Patty's office is at the main entrance of the central fire station, and she is our first public contact. Any community group wishing to use our multi-purpose room should contact Patty to book the date/time.



The construction of Central Station came to fruition after a couple years of researching the needs for a facility that could house adequate staff and equipment for decades to come. During the construction we relocated our offices and equipment to three different locations. I would be remiss if I did not thank the police and the public services departments for allowing us to use parts of their facilities while we were displaced during the construction. The new fire house is called Central Station because it is located in the exact center of town. This was so important for us to stay in this location so we can be as accessible and well pronounced in our community as possible. Community members are encouraged to contact

us if you would like to have a tour of your fire station. In addition to the vehicle bays, offices, and bunk rooms, we have other sections that we feel set us apart from other fire stations. We designed a paramedic room immediately adjacent to the main entrance so we can provide medical assessment and care for a person in an immediate fashion. We are also involved in the insipient stages of a community paramedicine program and as this service continues to grow, it is likely that we will not only visit people in differing occupancies but also at the station. We designed our training room to also be a community multi-purpose room. This room has seating for 45 people and has a small kitchen. Town, community and school groups are strongly encouraged to use this space. The other special feature of the building is a physical fitness room. This is a large space for fire, police and other town employees. An anonymous donation of \$20,000 was given to completely outfit this room. I would once again like to thank the building committee for all of their work to justify the station to the town council. Furthermore, I'd like to individually thank both Jim Orser and Brian Cashin, who were the building committee chairman and vice-chairman, for their work both before and after the station approval. They quite literally donated hundreds of hours for the station's architectural design, researched necessary equipment and furniture needs that fit within the budget and maintained constant awareness during the construction process.



Memorial Day Parade (Photo by Curtis Ingraham)



Val Halla (Photo by Toby Young)

PUBLIC SERVICES

On behalf of the dedicated members of our Public Services Department, which consists of Public Works, Parks, Val Halla and Town facilities, it's my honor to submit the 2017-2018 Annual Report. In the past, our reports have been focused on projects completed throughout the year, updates to facilities, and a general overview of the department's operations. These are all very important aspects of the department that give residents a better understanding where their tax dollars are being used; to maintain and improve the community where they live and raise their families.

After the long and bitter cold winter that we just experienced, we decided to take a different approach towards this year's report. We would like to introduce the many faces that make up our busy and hardworking department. These men and woman worked tirelessly this winter to keep our roads and sidewalks clear to make it safe to travel to work and school. Our plow operators worked multiple storms in a row spending long days and nights away from their families. This year included Christmas Day. Crews worked around the clock, through whiteout conditions, to battle the large nor'easter that struck Maine. When they weren't out plowing roads and sidewalks, they were clearing snow from the school yards and trucking it to Twin Brook for storage, clearing paths to fire hydrants, knocking down snow banks, and performing citizen assists.

The Town has Public Service employees that have been with the Town of Cumberland for over 30 years, with a combined years of service of over 250. Cumberland is extremely fortunate to have this team of dedicated individuals who protect the Towns infrastructure, make our roadways safe, and improve the way of life in our community.



Christopher Bolduc
Assistant Town Manager

The Parks Department

The Parks Department is responsible for maintaining over 500 acres of town owned property that include 22 acres of mixed athletic fields, 10 miles of trails, 3 little league fields, a baseball and a softball field as well as numerous other athletic fields. The department takes care of the Library, Monuments, Cumberland Commons, Twin Brooks, Rines Forest, Drowne Road ball fields, Broad Cove, Knights Pond, Town Forest trails and the Fire Stations and Town Hall properties. The staff consists of a supervisor, and two full time seasonal positions who work for the Public Works Department in the off season, and 2 part time summer positions.



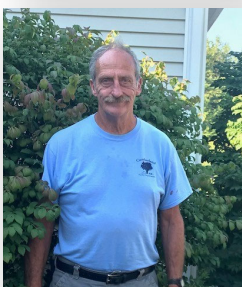
Ted Bosarge is the Parks Superintendent and has been with the town for over 14 years. Ted manages a complicated schedule for stringing nets, lining fields, mowing fields, landscaping properties, grooming trails, maintaining the equipment and working with the Recreation Department to ensure that all of the parks are in top shape and ready for any game, tournament or race that is scheduled. In the winter, Ted also assists the Public Works Department with plowing both the streets and the sidewalks.



Frank Smith has been with the town for over 12 years. In true team spirit, Frank is involved with every aspect of running the town parks. Whether it is working with the Recreation department to set up events or filling in for the Park Superintendent ensuring operations run smoothly, Frank is an integral part of the Parks team. After graduating from Greely, Frank has stayed involved with the school – coaching baseball at both the middle school and high school level. In the winter months, Frank works with the Public Works crew with winter projects and plowing and is an all-around go to guy.



Jonathan LaBrie has been with the town for 5 years now. Often seen riding the big mowers around town, Jonathan works on the athletic fields as well. Set up and game day preparation are a specialty. Jonathan also does trail maintenance, landscaping at the town buildings (which is favorite) and plowing in the winter.



Dale Lawless has worked for the town for over 38 years. Having worked for Val Halla Golf Course and the School system in the past, Dale settled in at the Parks Department as a true Jack-of-all-Trades. Whether it is mowing, lining the fields, stringing nets or fixing the equipment, Dale does it all.



Twin Brook (Photo by Brian Allenby)

Public Works



The Public Works Department handles a wide variety of responsibilities for the Town: Road Maintenance, Snow Removal, Drainage Installation and Repair, Composting, Vehicle Maintenance, Environmental Projects and Interdepartmental Support such as setting new granite cemetery signs, installing an electric gate on Beach Drive and putting in new drainage at Val Halla. Although teamwork is the backbone of the department operations, each person brings something special to the table to make it all work.

Our Team:



Laura Neleski has been with the Town for almost 8 years. In addition to the traditional duties as an Administrative Assistant for Parks, Public Works and Town Properties, Laura is also the town's Stormwater Coordinator. She is the person on the other end of the phone when residents call with questions about trash removal, recycling, special events, snow removal, trail conditions, road conditions and the Brush Dump. She makes sure the town vehicles have gas and diesel available and that our bills are paid on time. Laura also covers just about every other department in town when they need an extra hand. In addition, Laura is both a Notary Public and a Dedimus Justice.



Steve Googins, who attended Greely High School, has been with the Town of Cumberland for over 35 years and Foreman of the Department for over 20 years. Steve is a Maine Roads Scholar and uses his training to ensure the safety of our town roads. Steve is responsible for overseeing all department employees, coordinating projects, directing snow removal and working within a tight budget to ensure the needs of the town lands and its residents are met. There isn't a piece of machinery or vehicle that Steve can't operate – including the big plow trucks!



Bert Copp has been with the Town over 40 years and brings many skills to the department. In addition to being able to operate every piece of equipment the Department owns, he specializes in operating the street sweeper and the machinery needed to clean out the Town's vast network of catch basins. He is our most experienced Pit Operator. Bert is also our fabrication specialist; often extending the life of our equipment well past industry expectations. Bert graduated from Greely Institute and can still be found on the school grounds in the winter, operating the big loader to ensure that the school can still open its doors – even after the biggest storms.



Dan Burr has worked for the Town for over 30 years since graduating from Greely High School. He became a Maine DOT Roads Scholar and is our heavy equipment operator and back up project manager. Dan is also the licensed Compost Facility operator. Dan's expertise with the Loader, shooting lines and grading make him a valuable asset in getting many of the town's drainage projects completed in a timely and accurate manner. In partnership with Frank Smith, Dan is a past winner of the Southern Maine Snow Plow Competition.



Mark Brainerd has worked for the Town for over 20 years and is a Maine DOT Roads Scholar. In addition to operating heavy equipment for the Town and plowing, Mark is responsible for roadside mowing, OSHA, record keeping and inspections. Stormwater inspections and building record keeping also falls to him and he ensures the safety of all who work for the department. Thanks for keeping us all safe, Mark!



Brendan Sweeney, a military veteran, has been with the Town for 5 years. In addition to all of the basic responsibilities of the department, Brendan is also our Stormwater Specialist and knows the town drainage system better than most. Brendan works closely with Bert in maintaining the stormwater system and keeps us in good standing with the DEP. Brendan is also the Mailbox Medic and keeps up with the Public Works Facebook page.



Spencer Googins also went to Greely High School. He joined the team last year as our Mechanic. Spencer not only keeps Public Works equipment going, he also performs maintenance on Police and Fire Department vehicles. Spencer also does double duty helping out with plowing or any other Public Works job that needs another set of hands. Welcome to the team, Spencer!

Waste and Recycling

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 provides larger recycling bins, for \$10 each, available at Town Hall. **Do not put your recycling material in plastic trash bags. Plastic bags full of recycling will not be collected. Recycling must be in a bin or cart and labeled 'recycling'!**

Pay As You Throw (PAYT)

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

- ◆ **Trash must go in to the PAYT bag.**
- ◆ The town trash bag cannot be tied to the handle of a barrel or tied to the bag
- ◆ The town trash bag cannot simply be placed on top of the barrel or other trash bags
- ◆ Household waste that is in not in a PAYT bag, will not be collected.

Universal Waste Collection

Fall of 2017 saw the Town's 6th Annual Universal Collection event. This year we collected 13,000 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 looks forward to planning this event each fall in conjunction with Bulky Item Pickup Week, as this has proven to be an event that the residents look forward to.

Confidential Shredding

This past year, Cumberland hosted its 4th annual Confidential Shredding event. Over 13,500 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.

Bulky Item Pickup Week

This event is held one week in May and one week in October.

IF AN ITEM CAN FIT IN A LARGE PAYT TRASH BAG, IT SHOULD GO IN A LARGE PAYT TRASH BAG. A 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 in the weekly trash 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.

Types of Items Accepted:

Bicycles
2 Tires (if rims have been removed)
Washers & Dryers
Rolled carpet
Chairs
Couches
Tables
Mattresses
Bathroom Fixtures

Types of Items NOT Accepted:

Gas and gas containers
Plastic bags of trash
Glass or items made of glass
Yard or tree Waste
TV's or computers
Boxes of assorted trash
Appliances containing Freon
Construction Debris
Windows

Val Halla Grounds and Maintenance

Despite the harsh weather the course has endured this past year, Val Halla strives to continually improve the golfing experience and the grounds of the course. We look at the course from a variety of perspectives. For sustainability, we removed some trees around problem greens to allow more sun through, we are cultivating our own nut tree saplings for future transplanting and with the assistance of some members of the community (Ellen Hoffman & Mike Schwindt) we have established the 'Operation Pollinator' garden on the 1st tee and just off the 18th green. For playability, we relocated the cart path near the 6th green and the 7th tee to make this area more playable and with the help of Public Works, we installed new cart paths near the clubhouse to keep carts out of the parking lots.



Toby Young, a graduate of our own Greely High School, has been at Val Halla for the past 19 years and the Head Superintendent for the last 13 years. He is a Class A Superintendent with the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America and serves as a Grassroots Ambassador for the GCSAA as well. He has served on the board of directors for the Maine Golf Course Superintendents Association for the last 13 years. He held the cabinet positions of Vice President and President for 4 years and is the most recent recipient of the MGCSA's highest honor; the Distinguished Service Award. He holds a State of Maine Commercial Master Applicators License and has partnered with many organizations and programs including Audubon International, Monarchs in the Rough and Operation Pollinator. In the winter months, Toby can be found in a loader plowing the school parking lots.



Ian Doumas has been at Val Halla for 11 years and the 1st Assistant Superintendent for the last 6 years. He is a Class C member of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America and serves on numerous committees of the Maine Golf Course Superintendents Association. He holds a State of Maine Commercial Applicators License and executes the majority of our applications and fertility program. In the winter months, Ian joins the Public Works team in ensuring that all the snow plow routes for the town are covered.



Wade Wescott has been the Turf Equipment Technician at Val Halla for 17 years. He is responsible for maintaining not only all of the equipment at Val Halla but for the Parks Dept. as well; totaling over 100 different units. He specializes in small engines and his preventative maintenance practices have shown substantial savings and extended the life of our equipment well past its life expectancy. Wade also plows a route for the town in the winter as well as continuing the equipment maintenance at Val Halla. He's busy all year round.

PGA Professional of the Year



Congratulations to Brian Bickford for being honored as the 2018 PGA Professional of the Year! Brian was selected by the Professional Golfers' Association of America, Maine Chapter. This award is one of the highest honors the Association can bestow on a working club professional whose total contributions to the games best exemplify the complete PGA Professional. This award embraces a wide range of services executed by the club.

Brian and his team have been instrumental in implementing golf programs for those who are ages 5 to 95. From the Wee Golfer Clinics, Junior Leagues, Overnight Golf Camps, Women's Wine & 9 and Men's Stein & 9, Women's and Men's Twilight Leagues, Couples Fun Nights, and Family Golf Saturday's...just to name a few! Thank you Brian and to the entire Recreation Department for all of their hard work to offer so many programs to our community!



PUBLIC SERVICES

Community Recreation

had a very busy and productive year. With growth in many of the existing programs and many new offerings, 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 offered include:

- ◆ Overall FY18 program revenue increased by \$134,000 over the previous fiscal year (\$381,000 increase over prior three fiscal years)
- ◆ Increased Aftercare enrollment by 21%
- ◆ Added a K-5th Grade Before School Care Program
- ◆ 4th Annual Daddy/Daughter Dance in March with over 300 daddy's & daughters
- ◆ Continued Positive feedback on increased offerings for senior programs and excursions including the "Hobo Turkey Train" trip and the Boothbay Botanical Gardens. The ever popular Magic of Christmas trip is always a highlight of the holiday season.
- ◆ Purchased 12 passenger van in conjunction with MSAD 51 which will be used for group trips/excursions
- ◆ Highest overall Summer Program Participation rate since we began tracking enrollment through Activenet software in 2011
- ◆ "Aging in Place" incorporated into the Recreation Department

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*



Photo by Emily Gray



AGING IN PLACE

Aging in Place Cumberland (AIP), an official committee of the Cumberland Town Council, continues to enrich the entire community. Operated almost exclusively by volunteers (and a part-time coordinator), AIP provides a more age-friendly environment where older adults can contribute their knowledge and experience and in turn receive assistance with chores and transportation and enjoy the company and shared stories of others in the community. During the past year, AIP logged many milestones.



AIP/CAR (Cumberland Area Rides) logged:

647 rides (March 2016-March 2018); **454** rides 2017-2018

AIP Forum

80-90 people attended annual Forum on Aging

AIP Handyman Program Volunteers responded to:

50+ requests for assistance for yard work, home repairs, dog walking, chores

24 volunteers put in **63** hours of work to help **10** residents

during Big Project Day in May

AIP Volunteers

92 volunteers have applications on file with AIP

1,608 hours logged by CAR volunteers (2017-2018)

Cumberland Property Tax Rebate

\$60,000 was given to residents 70 and older as tax rebates on property tax (2017)

Durable Medical Equipment (managed by the Cumberland Fire Department)

62 items of durable medical equipment were loaned to residents

For more information:

Aging in Place Cumberland (290 Tuttle Road, Cumberland, ME 04021)

(207) 558-9133, AIP@cumberlandmaine.com, www.AIPCumberland.org

PRINCE MEMORIAL

LIBRARY

Prince Memorial 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.

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

ADULT PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

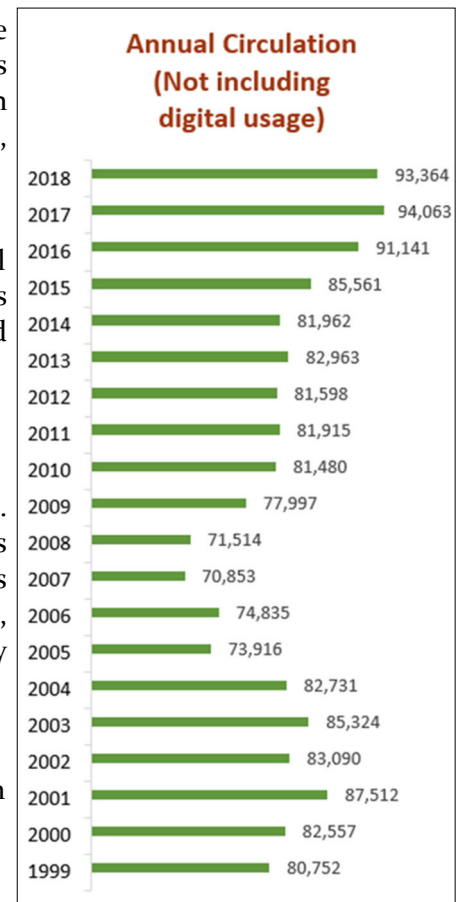
Prince Memorial Library offers programs for all ages and interests. In addition to the programs listed below, the library provides meeting space for a number of community groups. The library is host to weekly Dominoes and Scrabble games, knitting groups, Daisy Troop meetings, and more. During the year, the library hosted 217 programs attended by a total of 2,366 people.

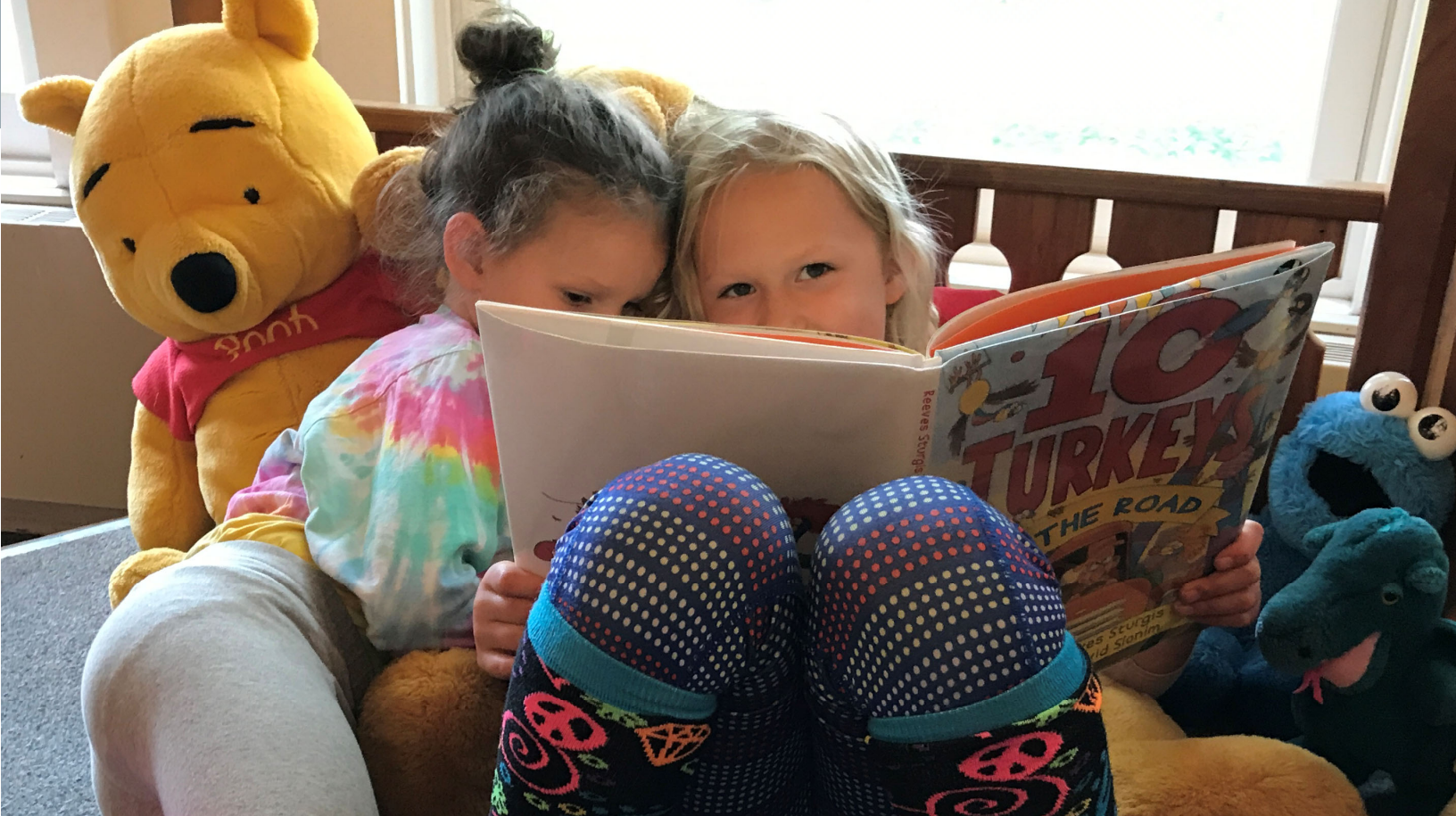
Music & Muffins, the popular monthly concert series, ran September through May, and featured performances by:

- Flight 317
- Truth About Daisies
- Music's Quill
- Jason St. Pierre
- Pretty Girls Sing Soprano
- Christian Stevens
- Dan Merrill
- Nicole Rabata Choro Band

Author Talks feature local authors discussing their craft, inspirations, and more. Author Talks included:

- Paul Betit, *Let Me Tell a Story*
- Mary Plouffe, *I Know It in My Heart*
- Joanne Lannin, *Finding a Way to Play*
- Kathryn Miles, *Quakeland*
- Mary Lawrence, *Death at St. Vedast*
- Jean Peck, *Blue Girls*





- Paula Harrington, *Mark Twain & France: The Making of a New American Identity*
- Kelly Payson Roopchand, *Birth, Death and a Tractor: Connecting and Old Farm to a New Family*

The Lecture Series brings in local speakers to discuss current issues. Featured speakers included:

- Tad Runge, *Oriental Rugs*
- Brian Bickford, *Golf*
- Gary Goodrich, *Gardening for Tomorrow*
- Carla Nixon, Cumberland Town Planner
- Tom Gruber, *Aging in Place*
- John Gobel, *Beekeeping*
- Wendy Thompson, *College Admissions*

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, with certified passport agents who process applications for the U.S. Department of State. The library processed a total of 802 passport applications during FY2017-18, a decrease of 30 applications over the previous year, resulting in \$22,560 in revenue and \$2,189 in expenses, for a net gain of \$20371.

YOUTH PROGRAMMING

During the year, 4,033 children and young adults visited the library for 327 separate programs, including storytimes, therapy dog visits, Minecraft Club, Lego Club, Maine Student Book Award Book Group, fairy house and Lego contests, and kids' yoga. The library benefited from 100 hours of service by teen volunteers. Youth Services Librarian Lauren Isele visited with a total of 1,133 students from MSAD51, the Friends School, Tender Years, and Children's Cooperative Nursery School to offer activities and promote the library's youth services and 2017 Summer Reading Program. The Summer Reading Program kicked off with comic and mime Robert Rivest, closed with an ice cream party and entertainment from Lindsay & her Puppet Pals, had 237 children and young adults registered, and hosted 963 program attendees.

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. This year, the Friends provided the library with two Maine State Park Vehicle Passes, a new service that was supplemented by one pass provided by the Cumberland Mainland and Islands Trust. 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.

STAFF

Youth Services Librarian Lauren Isele resigned to pursue another career. Former Circulation Aide Kelly Greenlee has assumed the position of Youth Services Librarian, and Jennifer Benham has joined the staff as Circulation Aide. Reference Librarian Elizabeth Tarasevich, Circulation Librarian Arabella Eldredge, Technical Services Librarian Pam Copenhagen, and Circulation Aides Carolyn Currie and Sally Somes round out the staff, which provides the many services that make Prince Memorial Library such a valuable asset to the communities of Cumberland and North Yarmouth.

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 go out to all the groups and individuals who donated money and books to the library.

Overall Circulation

Number of patrons: 4,644

Number of Visits: 51,123

Total number of books, videos and audiotapes: 54,094

Circulation of PML Materials: 93,364 *

This figure represents a:

- 0.74% decrease from the previous year's circulation of 94,063
- Circulation of digital audiobooks and e-books through Maine Infonet Download Library increased 16.7% from 3,946 to 4,605. Total circulation, including digital, was 97,969

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

Thomas C. Bennett
Library Director



- The third year of stakeholder surveys for students, staff, and parents was completed, providing comparative data with valuable feedback as to its practices and procedures.
- “Board Goes to School” is a great opportunity for Board members to see schools & programs in action in order to illustrate the highlights and challenges that are brought to the Board for consideration and approval.
- Standard & Poor’s bond rating for MSAD #51 is AA+ in recognition of its sound financial management practices.

ACADEMIC & EXTRACURRICULAR

- Nearly a dozen GMS students competed at the State of Maine National History Day Competition. Six students placed at the state level and went onto the national competition in D.C. Two 8th grade students, Matthew Gilbert and Don Strawbridge, placed 1st in the nation for their documentary in the Junior Group.
- Gregory Pershing, Peter Theodores and Maddie Albert advanced to the prestigious invitation-only American Regions Mathematics League competition.
- GMS 5th grader Christopher Gilbert is Maine state winner for the 3M Young Scientist Challenge.
- Ben Otte’s Senior Project won "best film" award for his play "Small Street" at a local small film festival.
- Congratulations to Dominic Gianattasio for being recognized at Westbrook Regional Vocational Center for "Outstanding Student in Web Design"
- Junior Kira Shepard had the honor of being selected to attend the New England Young Writers Conference at the Breadloaf Campus of Middlebury College
- The 2nd Annual Community First Responders Event was held in May. Special thanks to Cumberland Police, Cumberland Fire, North Yarmouth Fire and Maine State Police for attending!
- Throughout the spring, Scott Clark from Ledgewood Construction met with many classes from Kindergarten to High School Juniors to talk about the progress at the Greely Center for the Arts (GCA). Approximately 80 students were also able to tour the GCA as it was being built.
- The 4th grade Friendship Concert was a hit and included several numbers from the newly formed ukulele ensembles.
- Cassidy Dean and Lauren Dennen, 7th graders at GMS, were winners of the Maine Municipal Association essay contest.
- The Environmental Stewardship Committee sponsored “Outdoor Classroom Week” in May. Many teachers took their students outside for lessons to enjoy the fresh air and natural surroundings.
- Greely Middle School 8th grade student Laura Howe was selected to read her piece of writing at the Statewide Civil Rights Team Project.
- GHS senior Gregory Pershing, named US Presidential Scholar, one of only two students in Maine and 161 students in the US to win this honor
- GMS 4-5 students raised more than \$6,500 for Habitat for Humanity through a Habitat Walk.
- Jillian Brown and Kasey Newman competed in the SkillsUSA Maine Competition in the Health Knowledge Bowl and placed with a silver medal.
- Student exchanges and homestays with Namioka, Japan and Santiago, Chile helped our students experience global connections.
- Charlie Saffian placed 1st in the 25 butterfly and 3rd in the 50 freestyle at the Special Olympics state swim meet.
- Kira Fried & Stephanie Tillotson received national awards from the American Association of Teachers of Spanish & Portuguese. They were eligible for these awards by scoring in the top 75% on the National Spanish Exam then completing a scholarship application
- Eight Greely High School students competed in the Maine State Science Fair. 6 students came home with scholarships and awards
- 56 new members of the National Honor Society who were inducted this week at GHS at an evening candlelight ceremony. NHS members exemplify the core pillars of scholarship, character, leadership, and service since NHS was founded in 1921.



- The GHS band performed and was one of just two schools in the state in our division to earn a Gold award. Gregory Pershing and Edmund Paquin earned outstanding musicianship awards, with Edmund also awarded the Dale Huff outstanding musician award.
- Former USA Olympian Bill Becklean visited some of our 5th graders to share what it was like competing in the Olympic Games in 1956.
- Kindergarten classes visited the District Office to drop off artwork, work on their math facts, and show staff their “How To” books that they authored.
- 2nd grader George Reynolds had artwork featured at the Portland Museum of Art as part of National Youth Art Month.
- GHS theatrical productions “Guys & Dolls” and “Robin Hood” were enjoyed by many.

ATHLETICS

- Anna DeWolfe scored her 1,000th career point.
- Greely High School winter athletes set the bar high this year bringing home five State Championships!



STAFF

- The 3rd Annual MSAD #51 “Employee of the Year” recognition honor was bestowed to Greely Middle School 6-8 social studies teacher Peter Gillingham. Kudos to finalists MIW school counselor Dawn Lane, GMS 4-8 library media specialist Dorothy Hall-Riddle, GHS social studies teacher Chris Hoffman, and GMS 4-8 special education educational technician Megan Rogers.
- Additionally, these staff members were honored with special awards this past year:
 - Mabel I. Wilson School second grade teacher Connie Russell was named Cumberland County Teacher of the Year and has now moved onto the state semi-final round.
 - Greely High School french teacher Grace Leavitt was named president of the Maine Educational Association.
 - Greely High School’s Jayme Jones was named Assistant Principal of the Year by the Maine Principals Association.
 - Greely Middle School 4-5 PE teacher Becki Belmore was named 2017 Elementary PE Teacher of the Year by MAHPERD.

NEWSWORTHY

- MSAD #51 again ranked as a top Maine school district, this time by Backgroundchecks.org, placing #3 in the state.
- Niche.com once again ranked MSAD #51 the 5th best school district in Maine for 2018, the second year in a row. GMS 6-8 ranked 6th best middle school in Maine and GHS ranked 6th best high school in state.
- The GHS Pathways program has continued to expand to reach more students. WGME 13 Highlighted one student’s success through their *Dirigo Stories Series*.
- MSAD #51 partnered with the Cumberland Police Department and Casco Bay CAN to host a Vaping Workshop. Over 50 parents attended.
- 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 30 adult volunteers who participated to make this day possible.



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PAUL R. LePAGE

GOVERNOR

Dear Citizens of Cumberland:

For the past seven years as your Governor, my priority has been to make Maine—our people—prosper. Helping you keep more money in your wallet by reducing taxes has been part of that mission.

Too many Maine families are facing skyrocketing property taxes that strain household budgets. Our elderly on fixed incomes are particularly vulnerable to these increases. School budgets are often blamed for annual increases in property taxes. But there's another reason. A tremendous amount of land and property value has been taken off the tax rolls, leaving homeowners to pick up the tab.

As of 2016, towns and cities owned land and buildings valued at nearly \$5.5 billion statewide. Large and wealthy non-profits, such as hospitals and colleges, often escape paying property taxes on their vast real estate holdings—totaling more than \$5.1 billion statewide.

In Maine, nearly 2.5 million acres of land have been set aside for conservation by the federal and state governments and non-profit organizations, including land trusts. Municipalities are losing out on property taxes on an estimated \$2 billion in land that has been either removed from the tax rolls or prohibited from development—shifting the cost of municipal services to local homeowners through higher property taxes.

It's time to recognize the results of taking property off the tax rolls and identify solutions to reduce the burden on our homeowners. My administration's proposals have been met with staunch resistance.

In 1993, about 35,800 acres of land were documented as land-trust owned. That number has increased by an astonishing 1,270 percent. Land trusts now control over 490,000 acres with an estimated value of \$403 million. We must restore the balance. We will be working this session to ensure all land owners are contributing to the local tax base. It's time for them to pay their fair share.

I encourage you to ask your local officials how much land in your municipality has been taken off the tax rolls, as well as how much in tax revenue that land would have been contributing today to offset your property taxes.

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,


Paul R. LePage
Governor

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 from this past year.

Maine has the oldest average age in the nation. As Chairman of the Senate Aging Committee, my top three priorities for the Committee are fighting fraud and financial abuse directed at our nation's seniors, increasing investments in biomedical research, and improving retirement security. Following the Committee's investigation into skyrocketing prescription drug costs, I authored bipartisan legislation to foster generic competition, which was signed into law. The Aging Committee's toll-free hotline (1-855-303-9470) makes it easier for seniors to report suspected fraud and receive assistance. To support the 40 million family caregivers in the United States, I am proud to have authored the RAISE Family Caregivers Act to create a coordinated strategy to support family members who make countless personal and financial sacrifices to care for their loved ones.

The opioid crisis touches families and communities across our state. As a member of the Appropriations Committee, I fought for significant increases in funding to support community, law-enforcement, and public health efforts. In April, the State of Maine was awarded over \$2 million to fight this devastating public health crisis. Additionally, I have authored legislation to support grandparents and other extended family members who are raising grandchildren as a result of the nation's opioid epidemic.

Biomedical research has the potential to improve and save lives, and also supports good jobs at research facilities here in Maine. Last year, the Appropriations Committee approved a \$2 billion increase for the National Institutes of Health for the third consecutive year. This includes an increase of nearly 30 percent for research on Alzheimer's, our nation's most costly disease. As founder and co-chair of the Senate Diabetes Caucus, I work to raise awareness of the threats posed by diabetes, invest in research, and improve access to treatment options. My bill to establish a national commission of health care experts on diabetes care and prevention was signed into law in 2017.

We owe our veterans so much. Last year, I worked to secure the authorization of a Community-Based Outpatient Clinic in Portland to support the health care of Maine's veterans in the southern part of our state. I also worked to secure funding extensions to help veterans throughout rural Maine receive health care within their communities. I also worked to secure funding for housing vouchers for veterans to reduce veterans' homelessness.

Maine's contributions to our national security stretch from Kittery to Limestone. I successfully advocated for critical funding for projects at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard for construction of an additional ship that will likely be built at Bath Iron Works. This funding will strengthen our national security and preserve great jobs in our state.

As chairman of the Transportation and Housing Appropriations Subcommittee, I worked to increase funding for the TIGER program that has provided Maine with more than \$122 million for vital transportation projects. For housing, I worked to provide \$160 million to help communities protect children from the harmful effects of lead poisoning.

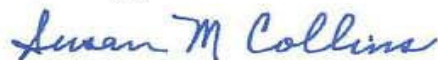
Growing our economy remains a top priority. I supported the comprehensive tax reform bill because it will help lower- and middle-income families keep more of their hard-earned money; boost the economy; and encourage businesses, both small and large, to grow and create jobs here in Maine and around the country. This legislation contains key provisions I authored that are important to Mainers, including preserving the deduction

for state and local taxes, expanding the deduction for medical expenses, and enabling public employees such as firefighters, teachers, and police officers, as well as clergy and employees of nonprofits, to make “catch-up” contributions to their retirement accounts. I led the effort to ensure that the tax cut will not trigger automatic budget cuts to Medicare or any other programs.

A Maine value that always guides me is our unsurpassed work ethic. As of December 2017, I have cast more than 6,500 consecutive votes, continuing my record of never missing a roll-call vote since my Senate service began in 1997.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve Cumberland County and Maine in the United States Senate. If ever I can be of assistance to you, please contact my Portland office at 207-780-3575 or visit my website at www.collins.senate.gov. May 2018 be a good year for you, your family, your community, and our state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Susan M. Collins". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Susan M. Collins
United States Senator

United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

January 3, 2018

Dear Friends,

Representing Maine in the United States Senate is an honor.

I continue my work on the Senate Armed Services Committee, each year authorizing the funding required to build our military capabilities and ensuring that our service members are trained and equipped to defend our nation. I was pleased to be part of a bipartisan effort to enact a new law to simplify the appeals review process to reduce the backlog our veterans are facing, as well as a new law that provides critical funding to the VA Choice Program, allowing veterans in rural Maine to access services closer to home.

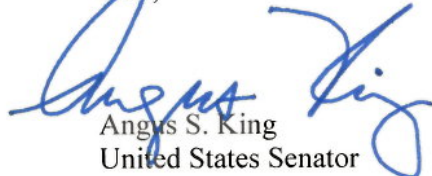
While my committee work is important, working to combat the opioid epidemic is one of my top priorities. Although Congress has made some important strides, much remains to be done to provide additional funding for prevention, treatment and enforcement. I am working with colleagues on both sides of the aisle to pressure the Drug Enforcement Administration to reduce the amount of opioids produced and to thwart the flow of fentanyl and other deadly drugs into our country.

I am very optimistic about the integrated, multiagency effort I led with Senator Collins to foster innovation and commercialization in Maine's forest economy. Through the Economic Development Assessment Team (EDAT) we are already experiencing increased federal investments that will strengthen our existing forest products industry and help support job creation in rural communities. Initiatives like Cross Laminated Timber, Combined Heat and Power, nanocellulose, 3D printing with biobased materials and other biobased products will mean that Maine's wood-basket will continue to be a major jobs and economic contributor for our future.

Finally, the coming year will continue the work of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence in the ongoing investigation of Russian interference in the 2016 election. Our Committee has held seven public hearings and numerous classified sessions, reviewed tens of thousands of pages of documents and conducted hundreds of interviews. I remain focused on the security of our elections and committed to developing strategies to prevent interference by foreign governments in our democracy.

May 2018 be a good year for you, your family, your community and our great State.

Best,



Angus S. King
United States Senator

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Dear Residents of Cumberland,

I hope 2018 finds you and your family doing well. It is an honor to represent you and this community as your state senator.

Property tax relief remains a top priority for me, and the Legislature has made great strides in the 128th Legislature. Last year, my colleagues and I fought to increase the Homestead Property Exemption from \$15,000 to \$20,000, protected state funding for local services such as fire departments and road maintenance, and increased public K-12 education funding by \$162 million over the biennium. This year, the Legislature passed a bill that will expand the Property Tax Fairness Credit to further ease the property tax burden on qualifying Mainers. I will continue to work with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle in order to lower property taxes, which have been too high for too long.

I would also like to share some information about the state's unclaimed property list. "Unclaimed property" is money owed to Maine people by third parties, such as former employers, banks or utility companies. It could be from a forgotten account, an overpaid bill or uncollected wages, and could be unclaimed as a result of a change in name, addresses or bank account. Go to www.maine.gov/unclaimed or call 1-888-283-2808 to see if the state is holding any unclaimed property for you.

One of the best parts of being a legislator is bringing students to the State House to serve as Senate Pages. Pages assist legislators by handing out documents during the session, passing messages between senators, and performing other tasks critical to the legislative process. It's an excellent opportunity for hands-on learning and families can make a day of it by touring the State House and other nearby attractions. If you know of students who may be interested, please reach out to my office, as the Legislature will start up again in early 2019.

I am always glad to hear from folks back in District 25. Please email me at Cathy.Breen@legislature.maine.gov or call (207) 287-1515 to share any thoughts or concerns you may have.

Sincerely,



Cathy Breen
Senate District 25



(Photo by Toby Young)



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September, 2018

Dear Neighbors,

I feel compelled to start by saying once again what an honor it is to represent you in the Maine Legislature. I hope you have felt heard and respected whenever you have reached out to me—whether or not we agreed on the substance of a particular issue. Civility in political discourse has been in decline of late, and I hear from you consistently that you want to see a less contentious and partisan environment. I hope I have helped to move the conversation in that direction.

The Legislature has made some major progress this past year. We funded an innovative approach to opioid addiction treatment that we hope will help save the lives many Mainers. We funded a number of positions to bolster our Child Protective Services. We made certain that CMP will pay for its own costs in clearing up any overcharging of Maine customers. We enacted sweeping legislation on both recreational and medical cannabis. We harmonized Maine's tax system with the new Federal tax code, reinstating a partial circuit breaker on property taxes.

I can't help but note the many areas where a minority blocked much-needed legislation. We failed once again to get bi-partisan support for solar and other renewable energies. My own bill to assure oversight when Mainers with intellectual disabilities or autism are injured or die under suspicious circumstances was passed without objection, and then killed when the Governor vetoed the bill. None of these issues should be partisan, but the atmosphere in Augusta reflects the same divisions we experience at the national level.

Please continue to call, email or text me whenever you feel strongly about an issue; I sincerely value your input. None of us is ever 100% right; we get the best solutions when we listen to and incorporate multiple points of view.

Sincerely,

Dale Denno

Representative, HD 45

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