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ANNUAL REPORT - FY2019-2020



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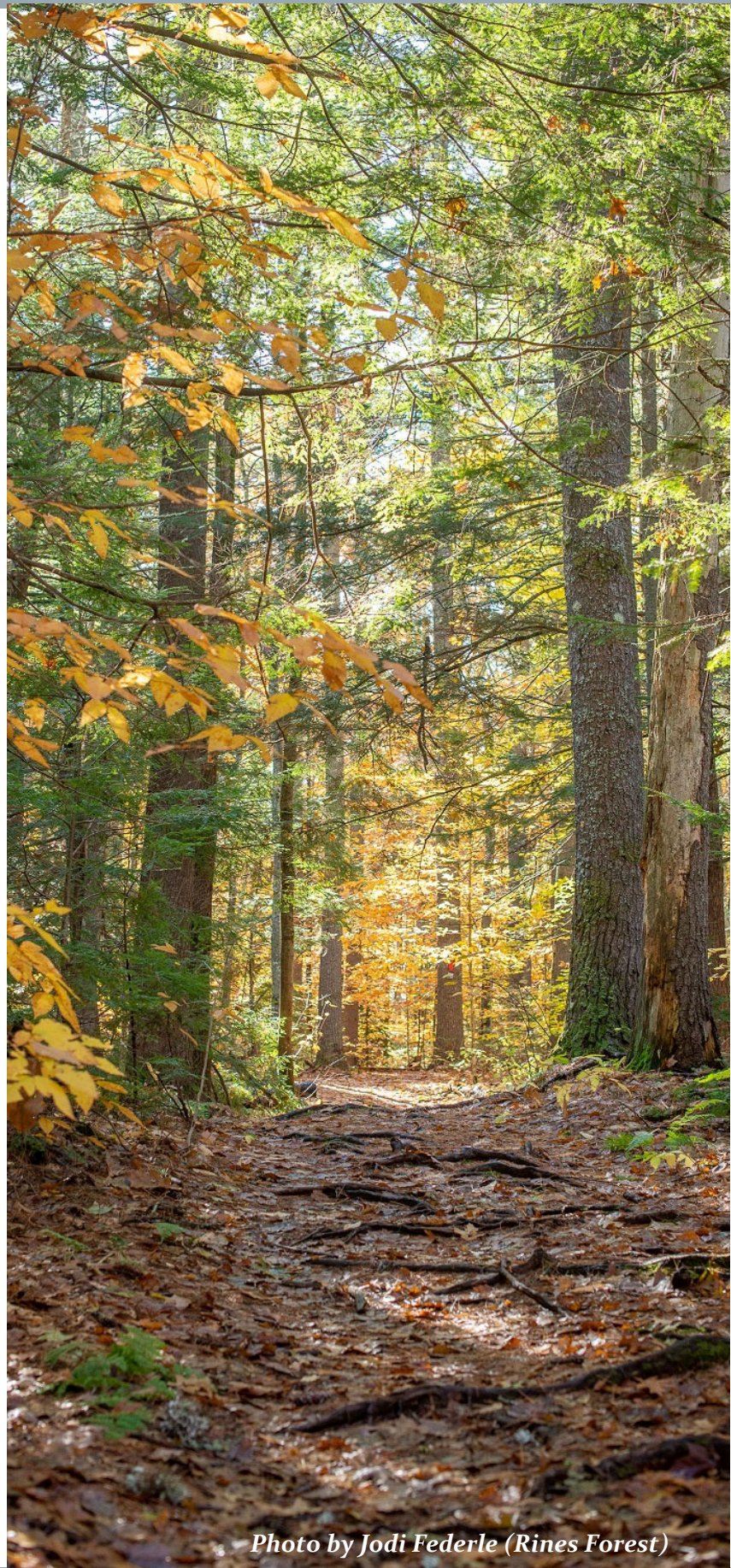


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IN DEDICATION TO

William Stiles



Bill Stiles served on the Town Council for 24 years. As Town Manager, I had the privilege to serve under Bill's leadership for 17 years of his tenure. He is a passionate man who loves Cumberland. Talking about him in the past tense would be a mistake, because he will always be around as long as he is standing! At his farewell celebration he told the Town Council that he will be watching and encouraged them to do their best and be prepared. No one could ever be as prepared as Bill. He was a man of character and one worthy of respect for the sacrifices he made for our Town. He gave generously of his time, supported many committees and was the unofficial 'Mr. Chairman' of the Town Council. He served as Chairman of the Finance Committee for so many years, it was easy just to call him Mr. Chairman! Bill's passion was improving the financial position of the Town. Thanks to Bill, we were able to eliminate pages of deficit funded accounts and turn around the sewer fund. Bill was committed to bringing all our accounts into good standing, and this year we reached his goal of achieving a fund balance of over \$3M. Bill was instrumental in improving our financial market ratings. There are a lot more accomplishments that could fill the pages of this report, but Bill's legacy will be remembered by commitment, respect, passion, and caring for all people. He cared about the employees very much and often asked "How's everybody doing?" I miss his positive attitude and can-do spirit. He's a man who was a great boss and an even better mentor.

William R. Shane
Town Manager

"There are a lot more accomplishments that could fill the pages of this report, but Bill's legacy will be remembered by commitment, respect, passion, and caring for all people."

From Bill's Family:

In 1974, William 'Bill' Stiles, also known as William 'Community' Stiles, built a house on Range Road, and moved to Cumberland with his wife, Joyce H. Stiles. Together, they raised five children who all graduated from Greely High School. Four of his children currently own property in Cumberland. Today, he has fifteen grandchildren (ten Greely alumni, four currently attending Greely High School and one preschooler) and seven great-grandchildren (one is attending Mabel I Wilson).



Bill and his wife, Joyce

Bill supported the MSAD #51 athletic programs and enjoyed watching his children, grandchildren and many others compete. He was a substitute teacher at Greely High School and was involved with fundraising for the Greely Band program.

Bill is a member of the Cumberland Farmers Club. For thirty-four years, he volunteered and supported many 4-H children as a Cumberland County 4-H Swiners leader. Seeking a solution to provide high quality protein for the Cumberland Food Pantry, Bill came up with an idea to connect the 4-H children raising market animals with the Cumberland Food Pantry. He solicited donations to the Food Pantry enabling the Town Manager to purchase animals at the Cumberland County Fair 4-H auction to adequately stock the freezer at the food pantry. Bill has raised and continues to raise cattle and pigs on his land in Cumberland. Often his house is referred to as “the house with the cows in the pasture.”

Bill owned and retired from his family business, Maine Insurance Agency in 2005. He also is a director for two local insurance companies.

Bill served our country and community with the Air National Guard, 243rd Engineering Installation Squadron retiring after 20+ years of service. For thirty-three years, Bill was a member of the Cumberland Rescue as an EMT, retiring as a paramedic. He has a calm and positive demeanor when it comes to emergency situations.



Bill enjoys hunting and fishing at his camp on Moxie Pond in East Moxie Township, Maine. He is the vice-president of the Moxie Pond East Homeowners association.

Those of you that know Bill well, know that if he could get involved and help he would. He values efficiency and worked tirelessly to find savings in the budgeting process. He knows how to get the most out of a dollar. One of his favorite sayings is “save money for a rainy day.”

From Christopher Bolduc, Assistant Town Manager, Former Cumberland Rescue Chief

Bill Stiles spent over 30 years dedicating countless volunteer hours to the residents of the Town of Cumberland as a member and Captain of the Cumberland Rescue Department. Bill has a passion for emergency medicine and for helping others and it was proven through the time he spent on call and responding to emergency calls in the back of Cumberland’s Rescue Unit. Bill was one of the first Critical Care Technicians in the State of Maine and later became one of the State’s first licensed paramedics. His training and skills brought a whole new advanced level of emergency care to the residents of Cumberland. His commitment and dedication touched many lives, but more importantly, saved many lives. Bill’s calm demeanor and witty personality made him a great educator, mentor and a good friend to all the Cumberland Rescue team of medics.

From Wendy Gallagher, a 4-H Swine Leader:

When asked how are you doing? Bill Stiles always replies “Fantastic!” Bill always engages everyone that he encounters. Whether it be an adult or the youngest member of our Cumberland County 4-H Swiners, he finds something to talk about. With the youngest members, he asks them some questions. At first, it may just be a quiet look from that youngest member, but later on the older

version of that member would come up and just talk right away with him. This may be a gradual progression, but one worth noting. Bill's way of engaging people and listening is remarkable. He would go that extra mile for the 4-H youth to make sure they could participate in whatever they wanted.

His 34 years as a 4-H leader led to him knowing many families, not only the 4-H members he had early on, but those that would eventually return as parents of new 4-H members. This is a true testament to his longevity, not only as a 4-H Leader but in other aspects of his life including of his service to his community. This is evident in his organizing and assisting in placing the flags on Veterans graves there in Cumberland or tirelessly raising funds for the Community Food Pantry to purchase quality 4-H raised market animals for those in need. He is always committed even today with these projects. A true leader leading by example.

 STILES WAY

STOP



TOWN COUNCIL



Back Row (L-R): George Turner,, Thomas Gruber, Robert Vail, Michael Edes

Front Row (L-R): Ronald Copp, Shirley Storey-King, William Stiles

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. The following residents served on the FY2019—2020 Town Council.

Shirley Storey-King, Chair	<i>At-Large — 2021</i>	sstorey-king@cumberlandmaine.com	415-1128
William Stiles, Vice Chair	<i>Center — 2020</i>	wstiles@cumberlandmaine.com	829-6679
Ronald Copp, Chair	<i>West— 2021</i>	rcopp@cumberlandmaine.com	829-4191
Michael Edes	<i>At-Large — 2022</i>	medes@cumberlandmaine.com	831-5197
Thomas Gruber	<i>At-Large — 2023</i>	tgruber@cumberlandmaine.com	781-4613
George Turner	<i>Foreside — 2021</i>	gturner@cumberlandmaine.com	329-4495
Robert Vail	<i>At-Large — 2022</i>	rvail@cumberlandmaine.com	838-4753

TOWN COUNCIL CHAIR

Dear Cumberland Residents,

Challenging times sometimes bring us an opportunity to be grateful, and I am indeed grateful to live and work in a great community. I want to thank each of you for your patience and understanding as we have all adapted to “a new normal” life. Who could have imagined or prepared for the circumstances we now find ourselves in? Still, I wouldn’t want to be anywhere else with anyone else.



Shirley Storey-King
Town Council Chair

The past year started out strong. The Town Council was looking forward to a productive year where we might accomplish some capital projects that had been delayed. I want to extend my most sincere appreciation to my fellow Councilors who always have the Town’s best interest at heart. They, as well as Manager Bill Shane, are experienced and steadfast, thoughtful and deliberate, and because of these qualities, it is my pleasure to report that the town is fairing well and planning carefully and conservatively for a future that faces unprecedented uncertainty.

Last July, the Town Council passed a bond that has allowed some projects in town to move forward. Over the summer, you will see improvements to our Public Works facilities. Already, sand, salt, brush and compost operations have been moved to a new facility adjacent to the Town Forest. Site work at CPW will include improvements to the Town Garage and an additional wash bay to help maintain the MSAD’s busses. An administrative building in front of the garage will genuinely improve the “curb appeal” of our operations and provide necessary workplace accommodations and meeting space for our CPW employees as long as bids come in within budget.

Cumberland had another outstanding year for maintaining our “rural character,” and investing in conservation and sustainability. A portion of Twin Brooks that had been acquired years ago by purchasing part of Spring Brook Farm was returned to the farm in a perpetual farm easement. The sale of the land ascertains that this land on Greely Road will stay farmland, and we will see cows there for years to come. In addition, the Town acquired the remaining fifty acres of the Rines Forest and put it into conservation. I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to the many individuals who helped, not only with their vision of what they want Cumberland to be, but with their time, effort, and financial commitments to making these two projects a reality.

As always, it is the work of the Council to maintain and improve when we can, the quality of life of our residents. To that end, the Council reviewed and approved recommendations for quiet zones at the crossings where the railroad moves through town. Unfortunately the present pandemic has forced us to delay this project until our financial future is more predictable. We

also worked with MDOT to examine the intersection of Skillins and Blackstrap Roads and Route 100. The MDOT determined that a four-way stop would be acceptable to address our safety concerns, but a traffic light there is not warranted. A four-way stop did not make sense to us, so that intersection will remain as is. I am pleased and proud to say, however, that we were able to provide relief to many of our seniors with our Senior Tax Relief Program. That was threatened when the State made some changes to state laws, so we are very glad to have been able to help some of our most vulnerable citizens.

Perhaps there is a silver lining by living so mindfully in the present. We are able to prioritize what matters to us as a community and reflect upon our history. Cumberland turns 200 years old on March 19, 2021! A bicentennial committee is moving forward with plans to celebrate our history and all that is important to us. This year, as you know, the Town moved the Historical Society building to the library property where plans are underway for an expansion of the library in a way that connects our past with our present and future. My sincerest thanks to the Historical Society and Friends of Prince Memorial Library for their hours of commitment and passion for all things Cumberland.

In closing, I would like to reflect for a moment. In May, I read a mental health proclamation, but our health should not be a one month thing. The times are challenging for many. Social distancing is hard work. Some people have lost their jobs or have had changes to their employment status. Financial uncertainty exists for us all. In the days and months ahead, please know that you can reach out to the Town Council and/or town staff for help with your burdens. Our food pantry is as robust as ever and town staff are happy to assist you in locating resources for a wide variety of needs. Most importantly, however, is to continue being kind and generous. Together it is the people of our community that make it the best place to live in Maine.

Stay well and be safe!

Shirley Storey-King
Town Council Chair



Photo by Michele Creelman (Sweetser's Apple Barrel & Orchards)

TOWN MANAGER

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

The fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2019 and ending on June 30, 2020 was dominated by the final quarter of the year. Covid-19 took hostage our day to day operations.

Our community is and was at the time, experiencing very rapid growth and the revenue projections of last year were being surpassed by 15% or more in most categories entering the final quarter. Then March 16, 2020 struck and life as we knew it changed almost immediately. We adapted and prepared for a reopening under the Maine CDC guidelines and the Governor's Executive Orders.



William R. Shane, P.E.
Town Manager

Everything became very different. Handshakes are now obsolete and frowned upon; physical barriers have been erected making personal interactions anything but personal. Someone sneezes and everyone is diving for cover! It has become a new world and one we need to adapt to and stay safe, or risk unnecessary illness and infecting many people some at a high risk of contracting the more serious effects of this virus.

We completed some projects that were bonded in January at a 1.83% interest rate. We ordered a new fire ladder truck in January; began expansion of the Town Garage; and completed moving the compost/brush facility and salt shed to a new home next to Town Hall along Tuttle Road. The sidewalk project to Twin Brook was completed and now connects the 2 miles of sidewalks that begin at Town Hall. Upon reflection, it was a very busy and productive year!

The Town Council wisely suspended future capital projects and capped spending at the FY20 levels (actually the Town budget was \$190,000 less.). The Town Council accepted a proposal to suspend all capital funding for FY21 until we had a clearer picture of the financial impacts of the pandemic. On a very positive note, our fund balance grew from 8.5% to 10.3% which is our safety net or rainy-day fund for the future. I am optimistic and hopeful the fiscal impacts of the pandemic will be mitigated and life as we once knew it may return in calendar year 2021 during our bicentennial celebration!

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'd like to thank all our dedicated Cumberland Team, including full time, part time and volunteers who make Cumberland the best Town in Maine.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'W. R. Shane', written over a horizontal line.

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



TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

Another year has come and gone! 2019-2020 was filled with a great deal of activity, excitement, and change. When our office closed abruptly in March, we pivoted our focus to remote work and adapted on serving our community members from afar. Thankfully, the Governors Executive Order covered the extension of all vehicle registration that expired during the State of Emergency. This helped to alleviate some of the stress of not being able to come into the office to complete transactions in person. After a two-month closure, our team was back at Town Hall on May 26th working diligently to assist residents. For the first few weeks, we were open by appointment only and slowly shifted back to our normal hours with no appointments necessary. We appreciate the public's patience and understanding as we navigated such a unique and unknown time period!

Responsibilities of the Clerk's Office

The Town Clerk is the keeper of the public record and the major reference resource for the past as well as the present. The Town Clerk's Office is responsible for completing a variety of transactions, including vehicle registrations, property tax payments, birth, death, and marriage certificates, dog, hunting, and fishing licenses. Our Clerks are also tasked with holding state and local elections in our community.

Our Team

In September 2020, our longtime clerk Anne retired after 23 years. (How dare she!) We are fortunate to have two wonderful Assistant Clerks, Abbey and Whitney. They are both excited to be back in the office and look forward to seeing you! Our Deputy Town Clerk and Director of Communications, Eliza does a tremendous job keeping us all informed and connected with our weekly newsletter *The Cumberland Crier*. Our Town Clerk, Tammy O'Donnell is a wealth of knowledge and this past year served as the President of the New England Association of City and Town Clerks.

Community Food Pantry

The Town of Cumberland continues to be a compassionate and caring 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.

General Assistance

The Town of Cumberland contracts with Opportunity Alliance for our General Assistance program.



Tammy O'Donnell
Town Clerk/Deputy Tax Collector



Eliza Porter
*Deputy Town Clerk/
Communications Director*



Anne Brushwein
Assistant Clerk



Abbey Lombard
Assistant Clerk



Whitney Miller
Assistant Clerk

VITAL RECORDS:

Births — 73
Deaths — 59
Marriages — 42

LICENSES:

Hunting & Fishing Licenses — 197
Boat Registrations — 354
Snowmobile Registrations — 175
ATV Registrations — 86

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 and we encourage anyone who is interested in working during our elections, to contact the Town Clerk's office at 829-5559. This year, we had several new election workers, who did a wonderful job. The volunteers go through training prior to every election. They are very eager to assist all of our voters in any way necessary. The election results for the fiscal year 2019, are as follows:

State of Maine General Election, November 5, 2019

Question One-Bond Issue-

"Do you favor a \$105,000,000 bond issue to build or improve roads, bridges, railroads, airports, transit and ports and make other transportation investments, to be used to match an estimated \$137,000,000 in federal and other funds?"

Total estimated life time cost is \$133,875,000 representing \$105,000,000 in principal and \$28,875,000 in interest (assuming interest at 5.5% over 10 years).

Yes- 967
No- 236
Blank- 1



It was all hands on deck after the polls closed for the March 3rd Election! We ran out of Democratic ballots and received permission from the State to photocopy more ballots. All photocopied ballots had to be hand-counted after the polls closed at 8pm.

TOWN CLERK

Question Two-Constitution Amendment-

"Do you favor amending the Constitution of Maine to allow persons with disabilities to sign petitions in an alternative manner as authorized by the legislature?"

Yes- 939
No- 258
Blank- 7

State of Maine Presidential Primary, March 3, 2020 **President of United States**

(Vote for One)-(Democrat)

Biden, Joseph R. Jr.	-	762
Bloomberg, Michael R.	-	278
Booker, Cory A.	-	2
Buttigieg, Peter	-	88
Gabbard, Tulsi	-	10
Klobuchar, Amy J.	-	64
Patrick, Deval	-	2
Sanders, Bernard	-	435
Steyer, Thomas F.	-	3
Warren, Elizabeth	-	349
Williamson, Marianne	-	1
Yang, Andrew	-	9
Blank	-	13

(Vote for One)-(Republican)-

Trump, Donald J.	-	624
Blank	-	232

Special Referendum Election Question March 3, 2020

Question 1: Peoples Veto

"Do you want to reject the new law that removes religious and philosophical exemptions to requiring immunization against certain communicable diseases for students to attend schools and colleges and for employees of nursery schools and health care facilities?"

A “yes” vote rejects the new law and maintains religious and philosophical exemptions to immunization requirements.

A “no” vote approves the new law, which removes religious and philosophical exemptions to immunization requirements.

Yes - 434

No - 3,026

Blank - 9

Due to the Covid 19 Pandemic, the June Municipal, MSAD #51 Budget Validation Referendum and the State Primary Elections were all moved to July 14, 2020, which moves them into a new fiscal year. The results will be in the 2020 Town Report.



Photo by Elaine DesPres (Broad Cove Reserve)

HEALTH OFFICER

This year has had many health issues in Southern Maine. The following is a brief description of the problems facing our citizens as well as our leaders.

COVID-19

The Coronavirus (COVID-19), is a new virus (NOVEL), that has had a significant impact on our lives. Here in Maine, we have been following the advisories from the Maine CDC as well as the CDC. We have also been working closely with Maine Emergency Management Agency (MEMA). The collaborative efforts of our town and these agencies have been instrumental in keeping our citizens as safe as possible with advisories, and any information that may help make our town as safe as possible.

Deer Ticks

The female deer tick continues to be an issue that is on many Mainer's minds. Diligence is needed to dress appropriately, remove all piles of leaves and other natural matter, as well as tall grass, to help eliminate the harborage of ticks. This will be helpful in minimizing the nesting and reproduction of ticks.

Brown Tail Moths

Brown Tail Moths (BTM) continue to be a problem. Residents are urged to remove all moth nests in trees and shrubs. BTM frequently causes severe rashes to people who come in contact with them. Any webs on trees and shrubs should be removed, placed in a plastic bag and disposed of in the trash or burned. Do not dispose in the woods. Web worms are not as bothersome to humans, but they can defoliate and kill trees and shrubs.

Mold

If mold is found in the home the origin must be determined and corrected. Cleaning mold can usually be successful by using a good detergent. If bleach is used, it is not advisable to mix it with any other detergent.

Rabies

Rabies is always a danger when wildlife is present. Wildlife biologists strongly urge the public not to feed, touch, or allow any wildlife in their home. If a wild animal appears to be ill, report it to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. The local animal control officer does not address wildlife.

Bed Bugs

There have been a few reports of bedbugs. They can be found in beds, under chairs, and in any kind of furniture. Although they do not normally carry disease, they are a nuisance. They do not necessarily indicate sanitation issues. Check luggage when returning from a trip to assure they have not tagged along for a "free ride".

Anita Anderson
Health Officer



Photo by Abbey Lombard

FINANCE

DEPARTMENT

The Finance Department is responsible for administering and reporting financial information for the Town of Cumberland. Finance also analyzes and manages the Town's cash flow needs and investments. We work in partnership with departments to prepare the annual budget, manage insurance, debt and bond issuances, and collaborate with Human Resources to administer employee benefits. The Town's financials are audited annually by an independent CPA firm and a Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) is prepared, which has received the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) award for Excellence in Financial Reporting for fiscal years 1993 through 2018.

The following information is relates to the audited financial results for fiscal year ended June 30, 2019 (FY2019). For additional financial information about the Town of Cumberland, please visit us online at <https://www.cumberlandmaine.com/finance>.



Helene DiBartolomeo
Finance Director



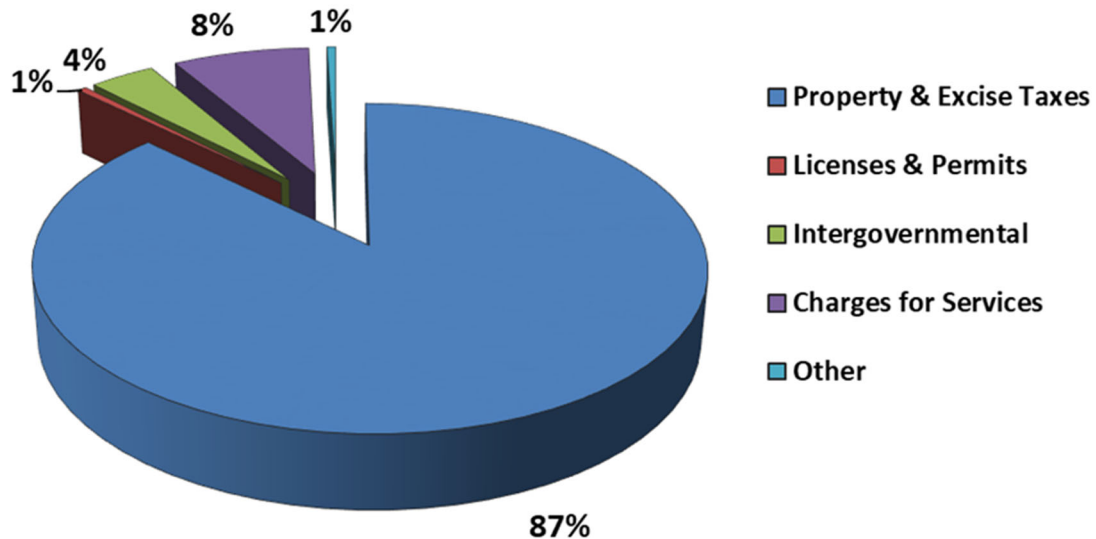
Jessica Dwyer
Accounting Clerk

Fiscal Year 2019 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 FY2019. This unbudgeted surplus was used to reduce the FY2020 budget and tax rate. Programs funded from the surplus include: debt payments, move of the Historical Society building, and equipment and repairs for the Police and Fire Departments.

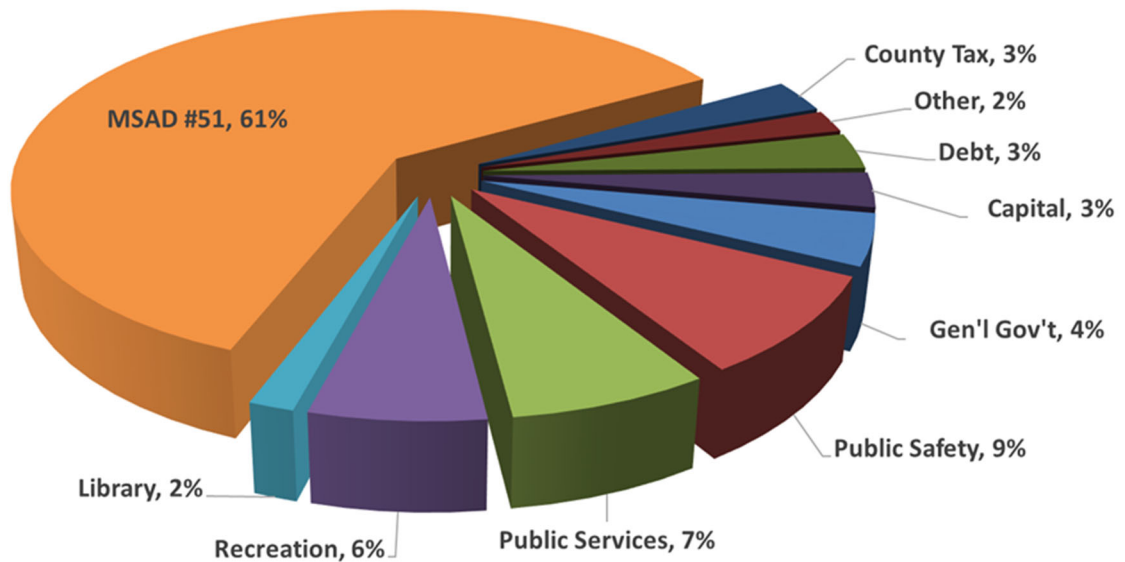
	<i>Results for FY Ended June 30, 2019</i>		
	Budget	Actual	Over (Under) Budget
Revenues	\$ 30,090,881	\$ 30,580,973	\$ 490,092
General Fund Expenditures	10,463,974	10,576,923	112,949
County Tax	878,854	878,954	100
MSAD #51 Assessment	17,208,107	17,208,107	-
General Fund Unbudgeted Surplus	\$ 1,539,946	\$ 1,916,989	\$ 377,043

General Fund Revenues - FY2018



Distribution of revenues among the different sources have remained consistent for several years. The largest revenue increase over budget was Excise tax and Recreation programs, which accounted for 85% of the surplus revenue.

General Fund Expenditures - FY2018



Most expenditures have naturally increased over the past several years. The Recreation program's expenditures were over budget due to the increase demand in the after-school programs, which is reflected in the increase in revenue. The largest town expenditure continues to be the annual assessment from MSAD #51, which was a \$1.5 million increase over the prior year.

FINANCE

Revenues by Function

Description	Revenues for FY Ended June 30, 2019		
	Budget	Actual	Over (Under) Budget
Tax Revenues	\$ 26,562,642	\$ 26,738,541	\$ 175,899
Licenses & Permits	154,974	153,384	(1,590)
Intergovernmental Revenues	1,212,279	1,207,851	(4,428)
Other Revenues	133,117	172,796	39,679
Police Department	86,248	90,334	4,086
Fire Department	190,700	198,701	8,001
Public Services	306,884	357,370	50,486
Val Halla	621,421	617,302	(4,119)
Recreation	818,116	1,040,273	222,157
Library	4,500	4,421	(79)
Total Revenues	\$ 30,090,881	\$ 30,580,973	\$ 490,092

Expenditures by Function

	Expenditures for FY Ended June 30, 2019		
	Budget	Actual	Over (Under) Budget
General Administration	\$ 1,269,374	\$ 1,332,737	\$ 63,363
Public Safety	2,570,617	2,507,780	(62,837)
Public Services	1,985,742	1,981,046	(4,696)
Val Halla	759,782	789,872	30,090
Recreation	993,045	1,088,125	95,080
Library	494,236	491,453	(2,783)
Other Expenses	359,499	357,293	(2,206)
Controllable Expenses	8,432,295	8,548,306	116,011
Debt Service	1,045,825	1,044,848	(977)
Insurance	236,554	234,469	(2,085)
Capital Imp. Plan	749,300	749,300	-
Fixed Expenses	2,031,679	2,028,617	(3,062)
TOWN BUDGET	10,463,974	10,576,923	112,949
MSAD #51 Assessment	18,690,208	18,690,271	63
County Tax	878,854	878,954	100
Total Expenses	\$ 30,033,036	\$ 30,146,148	\$ 113,112

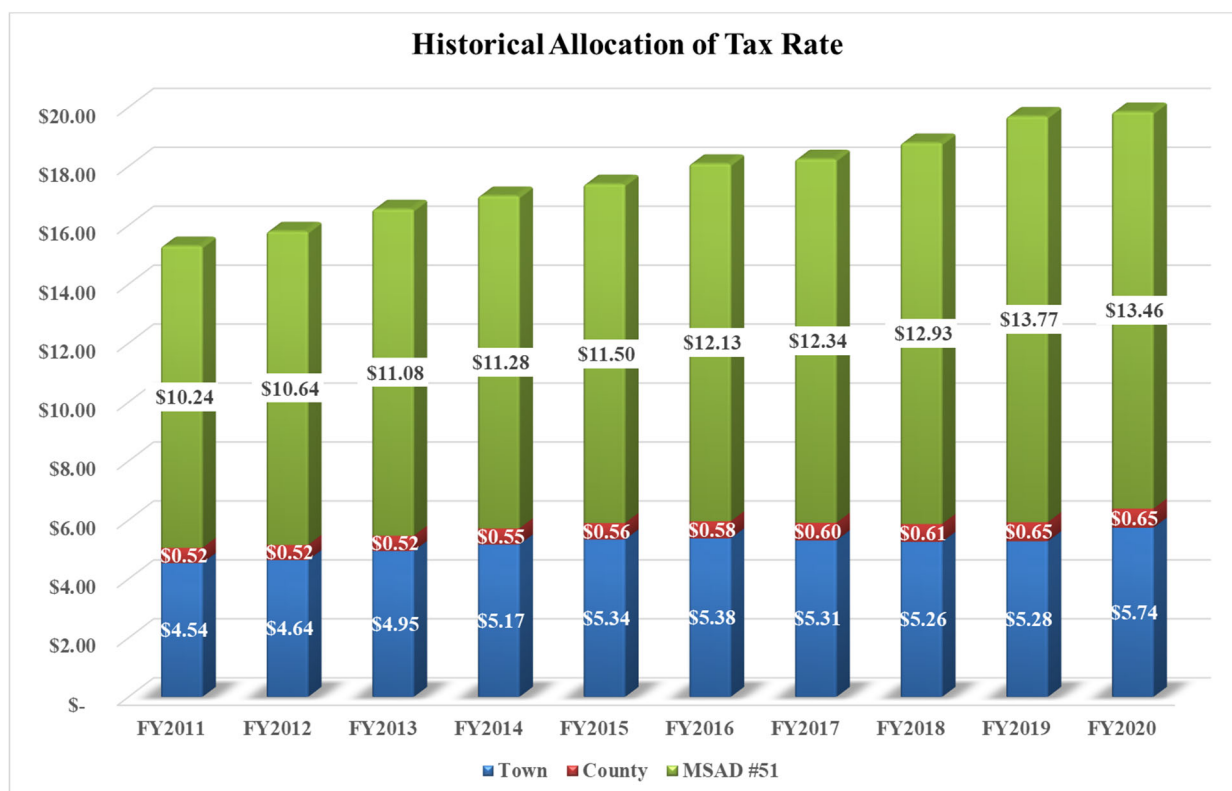
Property Taxes

Property Valuations:

	FY2019	FY2020	1 Year Change		10 Year Change	
Taxable Real Estate	\$1,343,367,300	\$1,382,622,600	\$39,255,300		\$241,358,600	
Personal Property	14,364,300	14,404,000	\$1,065,700		\$2,237,000	
Total Taxable Property	\$1,357,731,600	\$1,397,026,600	\$40,321,000	3.0%	\$243,595,600	21.1%

Property Tax Rate Distribution:

	FY2019	FY2020	1 Year Change		10 Year Change	
Town	\$5.28	\$5.74	\$0.46	8.7%	\$1.20	26.4%
County	0.65	0.65	0.00	0.0%	0.13	25.0%
MSAD #51	13.77	13.46	-0.31	-2.3%	3.22	31.4%
Total Tax Rate	\$19.70	\$19.85	\$0.15	0.8%	\$4.55	29.7%



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.

ASSESSING

The 2020 assessed valuation of \$1,412,621,300 resulted in a tax rate of \$20.35 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for the 2021 fiscal year. The 50 cent increase represented a 2.52% increase over the 2020-2021 rate. The \$15,594,700 increase was the result of land divisions, new construction, additions and new personal property.

3 YEAR VALUATION COMPARISON

	2018	2019	2020
Land	\$ 552,737,600	\$ 557,104,500	\$ 561,815,300
Buildings	\$ 790,629,700	\$ 825,518,100	\$ 836,174,900
Personal Property	\$ 14,364,300	\$ 14,404,000	\$ 14,631,100
Total	\$1,357,731,600	\$1,397,026,600	\$1,412,621,300

The real estate market continues to remain very robust due to a reduced inventory and record low mortgage interest rates. As a result the Town's assessment ratio (the ratio of assessed value to fair market value) continues to drop. If the current market trend continues the Town will have to implement a full revaluation in order to adjust the assessments to fair market value.

The State Legislature increased the homestead exemption from \$20,000.00 to \$25,000.00 for the 2021 fiscal year. The Town of Cumberland's average assessment ratio dropped to 90% for the 2020-2021 assessment year. By law, municipalities can certify up to 10% above or below the average ratio. The 2021 certified ratio for the Town of Cumberland is 99%. As a result all exemptions, and current use rates must be adjusted by the certified ratio. Homestead exemptions will appear on tax bills at \$24,800.00, Veteran's exemptions will appear at \$5,900.00, and tree growth rates are also adjusted by the certified ratio. The Assessor's office processed 167 new homestead exemption applications this year and 11 new Veteran's exemption applications.

The Homestead exemption is available for resident homeowners that have owned the homestead property for twelve months prior to the date of application. The Veteran's and Veteran's widow/widower exemption is available for veteran's that are residents of the State of Maine that 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 that are legally blind. All 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 that have questions regarding assessments may contact the Assessor's office at (207)-829-2204 or email at jbrushwein@cumberlandmaine.com.

John Brushwein
Assessor



Photo by Rebecca Blaesing

CODE

ENFORCEMENT

This past year been a strange and unusual year with the COVID-19 virus. We closed Town Hall to the public in March and worked from home without missing a beat. We returned in May and started with inspections in June! I'm now available Monday-Thursday for questions, issuance of permits or most inspections. Electric inspections and final CO inspections are currently done on Tuesday or Thursday based on Richard's availability.

The Town uses Richard Wentworth of Yarmouth for Electrical inspections and we are lucky to have his knowledge and experience in that position. Christina Silberman is the Administrative Assistant to the Code Enforcement Officer and does a terrific job assisting residents.

Over the past year ending June 30, 2020, 38 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.

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.



William Longley
*Code Enforcement Officer/
Building & Plumbing Inspector*

Type of Construction	# of Permits	Construction Costs	Permit Costs
Access. Structure	1	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 100.00
ADU	1	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 469.95
Addition	69	\$ 2,780,239.00	\$ 16,091.27
Barn / Storage	1	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 319.20
Commercial	19	\$ 2,987,785.00	\$ 6,799.14
Conversion - Duplex	1	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 625.00
Deck	29	\$ 142,126.31	\$ 917.40
Demolition	6	\$ -	\$ 150.00
Duplex	2	\$ 480,000.00	\$ 1,393.60
Fence	0	\$ -	\$ -
Foundation	7	\$ 76,400.00	\$ 916.20
Garage	13	\$ 779,150.00	\$ 3,167.00
House	30	\$ 11,732,000.00	\$ 21,041.31
House- Condo	8	\$ 880,000.00	\$ 4,236.90
Miscellaneous	2	\$ 120,000.00	\$ 50.00
Pier	0	\$ -	\$ -
Pool	11	\$ 365,400.00	\$ 1,100.00
Porches	5	\$ 51,500.00	\$ 308.00
Renovation	65	\$ 1,286,812.77	\$ 14,417.35
Shed	34	\$ 154,263.48	\$ 875.00
Shoreland	9	\$ 406,800.00	\$ 1,350.00
Solar Arrays	37	\$ 1,252,873.00	\$ 1,800.00
Temp. Structures	0	\$ -	\$ -
TOTALS	350	\$ 23,869,349.56	\$ 76,127.32

Type of Permit	# of Permits	Permit Costs
Electrical Permits	283	\$20,053.95
Plumbing Permits	190	\$21,665
		\$117,846.27

PLANNING

Cumberland is currently served by a part-time Planning Director and a part-time Administrative Assistant. This department is responsible for the following:

- ◆ 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.

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



Carla Nixon
Town Planner

Photo by John Beaman



PLANNING BOARD



***Back Row (L to R): Billy Kenny, Josh Saunders, Jason Record, Steve Moriarty,
Front Row (L to R): Lee Buffinton, Paul Auclair, Ann Sawchuck***

On behalf of all Planning Board members I thank the Cumberland community for the honor and opportunity to participate in the consideration for approval many types of proposed projects. We remain dedicated to applying established criteria fairly and consistently. Following is a summary of some of our activities during the past year:

- ◆ After several improvements to the original plan, Final Approval was given for the Christmas Creek 20-lot subdivision on Tuttle Road. Later an amendment for this subdivision was approved for a revised entrance design.
- ◆ Following a site walk by Board members and the public, the Site Plan for the Cumberland compost pad and salt shed off Tuttle Road was approved.
- ◆ An amendment to the subdivision for Oceanview at Cumberland LLC (Phase 1) was approved to increase the number of units from 52 to 53 without a community building that had been previously included. Importantly this amendment was conditioned on approval of Phase 2 of the project which would include a Community Center.
- ◆ Preliminary Review was conducted for Oceanview at Cumberland LLC (Phase 2), including 52 dwelling units plus a community building on Greely Road but was tabled for future review.
- ◆ A Site Plan Review was approved for a change of use of the building at 174 Main Street from a non-conforming convenience store with gas sales to a non-conforming auto sales and repair shop.
- ◆ A Site Plan Review conducted at a virtual conference by Zoom was approved for the Town of Cumberland Public Works Improvements at 23 Drowne Road.

- ◆ Also, by virtual conference the Site Plan Review for the Town of Cumberland parking lot expansion was approved.

Please note that further details about these and other activities of the Planning Board can be found at the Town website (<https://www.cumberlandmaine.com/planning-board>).

During the past year one of our longtime members, Peter Sherr, resigned and we welcomed Lee Buffinton as the new member. We all sincerely thank Peter for his valuable service to our Board and community and will miss his expertise. We are grateful for the enthusiastic and extremely helpful support of Carla Nixon and Bill Shane, and of their staffs, who are all critical to our mission.

Paul Auclair, Chair
Cumberland Planning Board



(Maine Street Auto located at 174 Main Street)

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT AND APPEALS

The Board held two meetings during the fiscal year 2019.

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

The meeting held in August has been appealed to the courts.

Matthew Manahan
Chair



Photo by Brian Allenby (Knight's Pond Preserve)

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 the MSAD #51 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: Bill Hansen, James Clifford, Norman Maze, Connie Bingham, Sally Pierce and Janene Gorham. Tom Gruber and William Stiles serve as Town Council Liaisons.

Jonathan Carpenter, who provides maintenance for all the town buildings, 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.

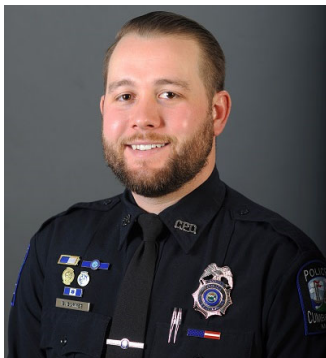
Christina Silberman serves as the Administrative Assistant for Housing Authority as well as for the Planning, Code Enforcement and Assessing Departments. Christina does a great job handling all the day to day call for service, processing of rent payments and maintenance of the multiple waiting lists. Her kind and positive demeanor is very much appreciated by our senior housing residents and Town of Cumberland co-workers alike.

Carla Nixon
Executive Director



L to R: Officer Jacob Lachance, Officer Ryan Pynchon, Officer Joseph Burke, Sergeant — Antonio Ridge, Captain — David Young, Chief — Charles Rumsey, Sergeant — Thomas Burgess, Detective — Benjamin Burnes, School Resource Officer—Kirk Mazuzan, Officer Scott Hendee, Officer Matthew Merriman.

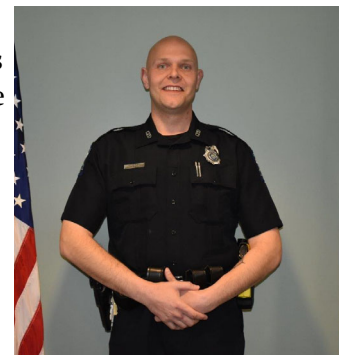
I always look forward to the opportunity to report our department's activities and accomplishments each year, and this one is no different. It's impossible to argue that life looks much different in the middle of 2020 than it did one year ago. One thing, however, has certainly not changed: the Cumberland Police Department continues to focus on the provision of excellent service in a never-ending effort to realize our vision "to be the premier law enforcement agency protecting America's town."



In January of 2020, Ben Burnes transitioned from his position as Patrol Officer to become the agency's first Detective! In his new role, Detective Burnes will be primarily responsible for the investigation of serious crimes to include burglary, sexual assault, child abuse, drug trafficking, elder crimes, and more. Over the next few years, Ben will be receiving a large amount of specialized training in the investigation of these crimes and will also train in the location and preservation of electronic evidence. This new position is tremendously important to the ability of CPD to efficiently and effectively handle these investigations – often these cases require specialized knowledge that is difficult to impart to each officer. Also, the cases can stretch across multiple jurisdictions and can take days, weeks, or even months to conclude. When

necessary due to staffing and call volume, he will also supplement the officers on patrol. We are very excited for Detective Burnes!

In February, we welcomed the newest member of the CPD family, Officer Chris Giles. Officer Giles began his career working as a judicial marshal for the Maine court system, and then spent approximately 5 years working for the Richmond Police Department. Chris comes to us having completed the 40-hour Crisis Intervention Team training. He's an active officer who enjoys traffic enforcement and interacting with community residents. Please welcome Chris to town when you see him out and about.

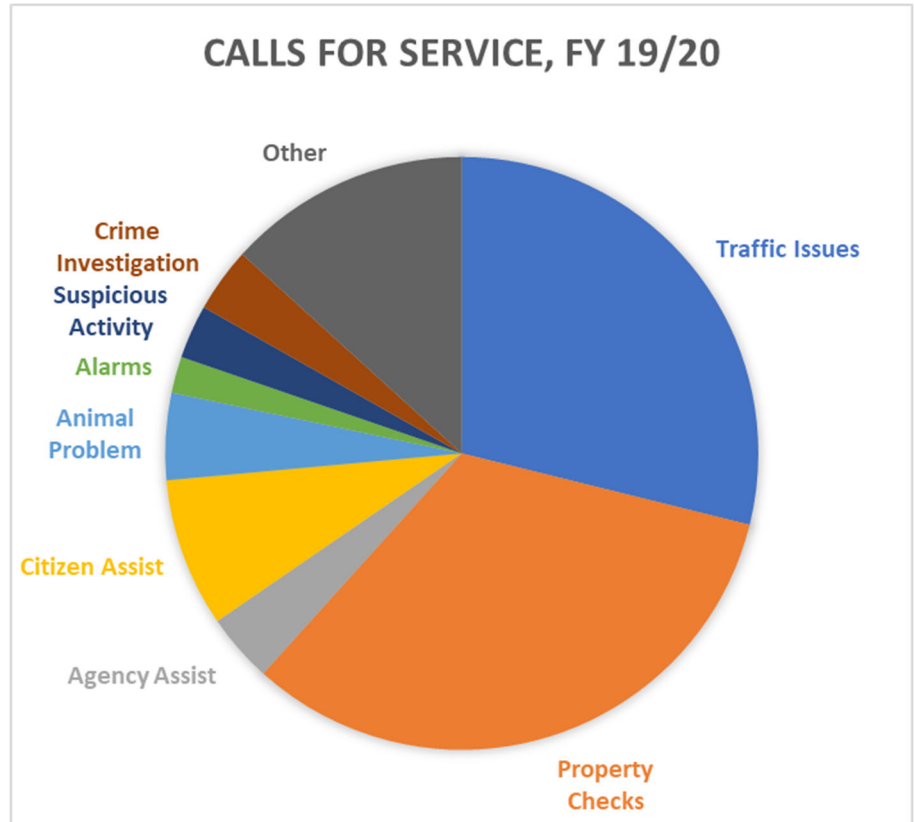


Are we the safest, or nearly the safest community in Maine? Yes! Does that mean your police department isn't busy? No! Our small staff keep active, checking town parks, monitoring traffic, assisting residents and visitors in a myriad of ways, and keeping up with mandatory and assigned training. We are best at what we do when we are successfully connected with you – please like us on Facebook, and never hesitate to call, email, write or flag us down to let us know what's going on and how we are doing!

As I write this report to you, the community we serve, our nation is experiencing a level of social unrest not seen by most of us. This is certainly like nothing I've seen during the 25 years I have devoted my life to the elevation of policing as a noble profession. Many Americans are engaging with their local government in ways they haven't before, seeking assurance that those charged with guarding them are doing so in ways that are unbiased, lawful, and transparent. While I'm heartbroken at the news out of Minneapolis and concerned about the lack of trust that many citizens have in their protectors, I continue to be proud of the work we do and I pledge to remain positive and optimistic that we will emerge from this as better police and as a more just nation. Because of my positions as member of both the Maine Criminal Justice Academy Board of Trustees and the Maine Chiefs of Police Association Executive Board, I was asked to assist with the preparation of a document detailing the state of Maine policing in 2020. In so many areas, we lead the nation with respect to the training and licensing of police, in mandatory policy standards, use of force reporting, and more. We aren't perfect, but we are in a continuous cycle of improvement which began before this year and which will never end. If you'd like to read the document, you can find it <https://www.cumberlandmaine.com/leo2020>

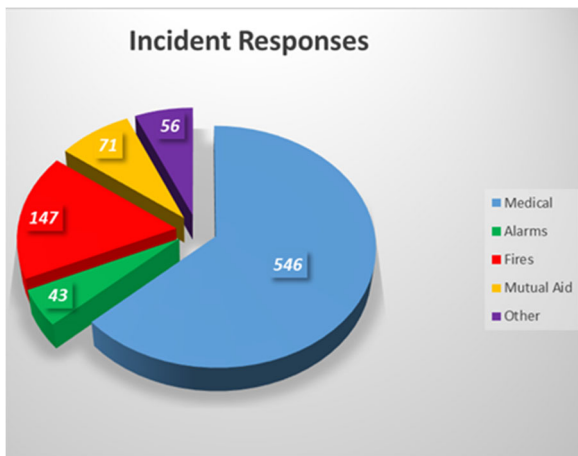
The COVID-19 pandemic has required us to adopt many modifications to our work in order to help keep our officers and the community safe. One thing has not changed: our love for Cumberland and our people. Please stay healthy, be safe and let us know what we can do for you.

Charles Rumsey
Chief of Police



FIRE & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

I am pleased to submit the annual report for the Cumberland Fire Department for the fiscal period of July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020. The call-company, high school Explorers, college fire/EMS live-in students, per-diems and full-time members of the department have worked tirelessly to provide a great level of service to the Town of Cumberland and our mutual aid departments. Their sustained commitment to training and responding to emergencies at all hours of the day offers our town a tremendous level of protection. It is with great pride that I have had the opportunity to serve for 21 years as the Chief.



For the period included in this report, the fire department provided services at 863 incidents. This number is less than previous years, due to fewer EMS responses, but this is a common trend throughout the United States due to less people dialing 9-1-1 in fear of being transported to a hospital in concern of being exposed to COVID-19. We want to be very clear that if you're experiencing medical discomfort we will first provide you necessary immediate care and then together we'll make the decision whether further care is necessary or recommended. It is the law that if a patient is of sound mind and refuses to be transported to the hospital, even against our medical advice, that we cannot, and we will not, force you.

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. We work 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 91 times at fire and medical incidents both in our town and in theirs.

EMS providers and firefighters completed 2,585 of hours training. This time included not only weekly scheduled fire and EMS trainings but also trainings that upon completion a certification or license was





obtained. Several members completed courses on structural firefighting and received a certification by the State of Maine. There were five members who completed Emergency Medical Technician courses that receive a State of Maine license to provide medical services based upon the level of protocol standards.

The department is very committed to providing fire and medical awareness to our community. Fifty-five safety inspections were conducted at several businesses and schools throughout town. Resident and business interactions occur frequently both in our community room at Central Fire Station and throughout the community. While there are nationally pre-established weeks per year for EMS and fire education we provide a considerable amount of time at public and private schools, day care facilities, businesses, senior housing facilities and several other locations to teach people how to stay safe and know how to initiate an emergency response, should one be required. We teach, *“when in doubt, call us out”* so we can assist with investigating and mitigating all discovered emergencies.

We offer a very robust program for providing durable medical equipment. The program is available to all residents and equipment includes: wheelchairs, canes, walkers, shower chairs, and several other items. There are no fees for the community safety awareness or borrowing the durable medical equipment. Insurance reimbursement may not be available for these items but we want to ensure that everyone obtains the correct equipment so further injuries may be prevented.

It goes without saying that the department has been dealing with several additional commitments due to the coronavirus pandemic. Simply said, this has put a tremendous impediment on the entire public safety staff as we must maintain regular preparedness to deliver emergency services and continue to realign our procedures as we are instructed to do so by Maine Emergency Medical Services and the Center for Disease Control. Not only are we trying to stay abreast of properly educating the community and all other town employees we’re also working regularly to keep our fire department staff prepared so we can be safe while still providing great patient care. Obtaining personal protective equipment and other supplies for EMS personnel has been a challenge but fortunately we are maintaining, at a minimum, the necessary items. Some businesses in Cumberland have donated supplies that we have not been able to obtain from medical equipment vendors. This has been a tremendous help so we can ensure that we remain capable of protecting our staff and we’re truly appreciative of their mindset of *“we’re all in this together”*.

In closing, I would like to remind the residents of the Town of Cumberland that we need citizens to join our department. There are several differing roles that you can provide, such as: assisting with traffic control, driving fire trucks or ambulances, wearing air packs, or becoming an EMT, it is likely that we have a job for you. We truly need to build our base of volunteers, and it starts with you. Whether

personal, business, government, and many others, we know everyone's budgets have been negatively impacted over the past several months. There are hours of mandatory training to become a call-company member "volunteer" but it's rewarding to help others. To learn more about the skills and benefits of firefighting and emergency medical services, please contact the department at 829-5421.

Daniel R. Small
Fire Chief



PUBLIC SERVICES

It is my privilege to submit the FY 2019/2020 annual report on behalf of the Public Service Department which is made up of the Public Works Department, Parks Department, and Val Halla Golf Course. The end of year 2020 will mark my 30th year as an employee of the Town of Cumberland. During this time, I have had many roles and many titles, and it has been a privilege to work for this great town and with some extraordinary coworkers. I have seen many positive changes to the Town over my career. We, as a municipality, have made great strides in improving our infrastructure, facilities, parks and image as being one of the best communities in Maine to live.



Christopher Bolduc,
*Assistant Town Manager
Director of Public Services*

We have also seen our share of challenges and disasters over the past 30 years; two major hurricanes, a tornado, ice storm of 98, and major flooding. All these events caused significant damage to Cumberland. We lost roads, bridges, homes and during one event, a life. We have rebuilt and learned from these events; the Public Safety Agencies and the Public Services agencies have created a 'play book', per sei, to respond to these events and we practice our response to these events yearly to improve how we manage these events with the goal of minimizing our losses and protecting our residents. I am very proud to have been a part, and continue to be a part, of this team working together to serve and protect the residents of Cumberland.

In March of 2020 nothing could have prepared us for what was coming upon us. We very quickly started to feel the effects of the global pandemic, COVID-19. Our schools closed, then our businesses, and then we were ordered to stay home, which ended our ability to keep Town Hall open. The uncertainty of food supplies, medical supplies and catching the illness caused a statewide panic. Our disaster 'play book', that we have worked so hard on, wasn't much help to us. We, as Town staff, are all essential employees. We can not shut down Town government in times of crisis when we are needed the most; and we didn't. Some town staff were able to work from home, but the majority reported for work every day. We felt the best way to combat this pandemic was to bring a sense of normalcy to our residents in a situation that was far from normal. The Public Safety agencies performed their duties and patrols as usual and Town staff responded to residents' questions and concerns through emails and phone. The Public Services Department responded to two late snowstorms in March and April and an ice storm that knocked out power to residents who were already stressed. When spring weather finally arrived, residents came out and started to clean up their yards, we responded by sweeping the streets, fixing lawns and opening our brush facility 5 days a week making it more convenient for residents to get to the facility. We made sure trash pickup was not interrupted and occurred on the normal pick up day. We saw many towns and cities close their parks, but we chose to keep ours open with extra signage and maintenance to keep them safe for residents to visit. Golf Courses were not allowed to open, but we continued to work at Val Halla to make it ready and safe so when we could open, we would be ready to accept guests in a safe environment. I am very proud of all our town staff for working through this time of uncertainty, putting themselves out there to help the town they serve gain some normalcy, while still worrying about their own safety and the safety of their families. We will continue our efforts and continue to provide the residents of Cumberland the highest caliber of services we can.

Looking forward to FY 2020/2021, we will see another great project and collaboration happening in the Town of Cumberland. The Town of Cumberland and SAD 51 will be working collaboratively to build a new public works and school maintenance facility and administrative building on its existing site on

Drowne Road. This was a 5+ year process in which we looked at over 20 sites in the Town to relocate this facility, with no success. In the end, we decided it was best to stay where we are and upgrade the facility. After multiple meetings with the residents of Village Green/Drowne Road, we developed a site plan that was agreeable to all and was approved by the Planning Board and the Town Council. We are hoping to break ground in August 2020 with a completion date of May 2021.



PUBLIC SERVICES

Public Works

Whether it is the ongoing maintenance of the infrastructure of our roads, completing projects in our parks, maintaining the many vehicles and equipment utilized by Police & Fire services, or assisting with the buildings that Town employees come to work in every day, the 6 full time employees and 3 seasonal employees of the Public Works department strive to do their best with whatever task they are given.

In addition to completing daily basic functions of the Public Works department, such as street sweeping, roadside mowing, cleaning catch basins, patching potholes and plowing, and many other tasks which take up most of the day, the department also completed the following extra projects this past year:

- Ditching on Range Road
- Ditching on Mill Road
- Ditching project on Greely Road
- Ditching project on Valley Road and replacement of a cross culvert
- Catch basin installation at the corner of Blackstrap and Forest Lake Road
- Installed catch basin on the corner of Willow Lane
- Shoulder work on goose Pond Road
- Replaced several failing driveway culverts
- Built snowmobile bridges
- Built gravel pad for the food pantry garage
- Shouldered the new paved road
- Worked on Val Halla projects this spring
- Rebuilt the top section of Range Way
- Installed new ballot drop box
- Demolished the back portion of historical building
- Prepped the Historical Building for moving
- Cleaned mortar off 4000 bricks for a preservation project for the Historical Society building.

This has been a very busy year for the Public Works Department. This year, we saw the closure of the old Brush Facility that had been located at the Public Works Garage and the construction and opening of the new Facility at 284 Tuttle Road. The facility opened the first Saturday in April without a hitch! A great achievement for a facility that is used by hundreds of residents every year.



Steve Googins
Public Works Foreman

PUBLIC SERVICES

Parks Department

During this pandemic, many residents are exploring our parks for the first time. The great outdoors is one of the places where it is easier to social distance and still be part of a wonderful community. The staff works hard with their mowers, chainsaws, leaf blowers and other equipment to make the town parks enjoyable for everyone. The addition of Broad Cove Reserve and Knights Pond over the last few years has increased public space for the residents to recreate, but also keeps the Parks trucks and mowers moving from one end of the town to the other. Come explore all your town has to offer!

Broad Cove Reserve

The newest of the town's parks, Broad Cove Reserve has nearly 2,200 feet of shoreline. Broad Cove Reserve is managed for the citizens of Cumberland to provide for their access to and appreciation and enjoyment of this special seaside environment, consistent with the conservation of its scenic value, diverse habitats and natural communities. Every April the town holds a lottery, to allow chosen residents to store their personal watercraft (kayak/paddle board) down at Broad Cove. Be on the lookout for applications in late February. Come enjoy the beach!



Knights Pond

At approximately 212 acres in size, Knight's Pond Preserve is the largest undeveloped property in Cumberland and contains many natural resource values important to the region, including a 46 acre great pond, forested uplands, a ridgeline with views of Casco Bay, a network of connecting trails, unique natural community types, and critical wildlife habitat. It is a keystone parcel in a multi-town recreational and conservation corridor.



Rines Forest

With over 4 miles of very natural walking trails, Rines Forest is a wonderful park to escape to. You can walk under red oak, birch, poplar and maple trees while looking at white tail deer, coyote, fox, wild turkey, ruffed grouse and other wild birds. Between the flora and fauna and the beautiful babbling brooks, Rines Forest is a place of beauty and solitude. Be sure to wear your hiking boots! Even with the addition of a few stunning bridges, this is sometimes a wet and/or rustic walk.



Town Forest

There are over 1.5 miles of trails in the Town Forest that we maintain. This park has much to offer the residents of Cumberland. There is a story walk for the young ones, a bridge to access the trails by the Little League fields, and benches throughout if you need a place to rest along the way.



Twin Brook

The Parks Department maintains over 4 miles of trails at Twin Brook. A new bridge to the Wilderness Trail, a short paved trail and benches available throughout this park, make this park an accessible treat for everyone. Bring a ball because there are well maintained playing fields throughout!



Val Halla Pro

The golf course had a tremendous turnaround after a tough start to FY20. Toby Young and his team at the Val Halla Maintenance department were able to get the course conditions back to normal in late August of FY20, allowing for revenues to bounce back. We closed the 2019 calendar year, down just \$26,000 from the average of the past three years.



Nick Plummer
Head Golf Professional

After a short winter, we were positioned to open the golf course in March for the first time in recent years. That was until the COVID-19 pandemic hit the United States. After a month of quarantining at home, Governor Mill's allowed golf courses to open on May 1st. Thankfully, golf courses have been one of the least effected businesses during the pandemic. After sitting at home for the previous month, people wanted to get out and enjoy the outdoors and golf was one of their only outlets to do so. We had unprecedented numbers in May of 2020, ending the month with Greens Fee revenues over \$30,000, only to surpass that with over \$35,000 in June.

Additionally, FY20 was another great year for junior golf at Val Halla. Our Summer and Fall programs brought in over 400 kids for the second straight year and junior memberships are at an all-time high. I expect this to continue in FY21 with the uncertainty of organized sports in the Fall of 2020.

I have listed some of the highlights and figures from FY20, below:

- * Even with the loss of the entire month of April, Greens Fee revenues still ended over budget by roughly \$25,000.
- * Membership revenues came in under budget largely due to the uncertainty around COVID-19. A large portion of our Membership falls into the at-risk category for COVID-19, and some of our past members didn't feel comfortable coming to the course during the pandemic. We ended FY20 roughly \$12,000 under budget in Memberships.
- * Val Halla Junior Programs were well attended, even with the cancellation of our Spring Programs. We met our budgeted revenues and continued to provide the opportunity to learn a lifelong sport to the youth in our community.

In summation, I am very encouraged by the support of golf courses in Maine throughout this difficult time in society. Golf is one of the best ways to enjoy an outdoor sport, while remaining socially distant from others. The staff at Val Halla will do everything it can to continue to provide a safe recreational outlet for our residents, as well as residents of our neighboring communities. We hope to see you out on the course soon!



Photo by Toby Young

Val Halla Grounds

This past year has been one of our busiest and most productive seasons to date. After the substantial turf loss experienced at the beginning of last season, my staff and I have been working incredibly hard to make numerous improvements to the golf course. These projects not only enhance the playability of the golf course but also improve the health and survivability of the greens through another tough winter by increasing sunlight and minimizing excessive soil moisture.



Toby Young
Val Halla Grounds Superintendent

We purchased five new, permeable covers for some of our problem greens as well as two impermeable covers with Enka mat insulation for the two greens that drain the poorest and have experienced the most ice damage in recent years. The permeable covers can ‘breathe’ and went down in late fall while the impermeable covers do not breathe and had to go down as late into the season as possible. Enka mat insulation was laid out first and then the covers were nailed down to the ground and the edges were buried in any low-lying area where water may run underneath the cover.

A handheld trenching machine was also purchased that allowed us to install hundreds of feet of slit-drainage in our worst greens. Trenches were cut approximately 2’ deep from all low points in the green out through the collars and then back filled with sand. We were able to complete this process on the 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 10th, 14th, 15th & 17th greens. The benefits from this process (lack of puddles and excess soil moisture) were seen almost immediately with late season rain events.

We used our full size trencher to install hundreds of feet of drainage and surface drains around the greens as well. This was done in areas where surface water may run off the greens but once frozen in winter, would back up onto the green. Drainage was installed at the 9th approach, 10th approach, 13th green surround, 14th approach & 14th green surround. Staff also completed the removal of numerous collar dams – areas where the collar was higher and prevented surface water from exiting the green.

Extensive tree work was also completed over the winter. Staff thinned numerous areas between holes to increase airflow during the humid summer months. Whitney Tree and Hotham Logging were contracted to remove 100 large, Pine trees from greens that receive virtually no sunlight during the winter months. Trees were removed from the 1st, 10th, 11th and 17th greens and with the help of Public Works, these areas were cleared of debris and reshaped into playable areas.

Finally, an industrial, walk-behind snow blower was also purchased which allowed my staff to keep all of the greens (except those with impermeable covers and insulation) clear of snow throughout the winter. By keeping the snow off, it drastically reduced the amount of ice that formed when temperatures either rose above freezing or we received any precipitation in the form of rain. My hat goes off to Public Works and my entire staff for all of their hard work and involvement with these improvements but especially my assistants, Ian Doumas and Jason Lewis, who diligently kept the greens clear after every snow storm – often times after plowing all night for the Public Works Dept.

While this past spring proved to be challenging in a different way, the golf course experienced one of its best openings to date – both from a golfing and agronomic standpoint. We came through the

winter in great shape and had virtually no winterkill on the greens. Although we were forced to delay our opening due to COVID-19 this year, we have experienced possibly our busiest May and June ever at Val Halla. Part of that is due to all of the hard work and excellent playing conditions and the other part is due to the fact that people are excited to be outside. My entire staff and I are not only proud to provide the level of playability we do but also to provide the community with a great outdoor activity the entire family can enjoy during these times.



Photo by Toby Young

PUBLIC SERVICES

Waste & Recycling

The Town of Cumberland holds several annual special waste collection events every October in addition to the waste and recycling that occurs every week. With the assistance of several companies, Public Works runs these events and they are very popular and well received by Cumberland residents. During this time of social distancing, the helpful and hard working men from Waste Management have gone above and beyond to make sure our weekly collection goes off without a hitch. They have often worked late into the evening to complete the routes that have run long due to the heavy amount of trash and recycling that residents have generated. Here are some tips that Cumberland residents could employ to make trash collection more efficient:

- ♦ Break down and flatten all cardboard so it will fit in the truck easily. If the WM staff has to do this it slows the route down.
- ♦ Trash must go *in* the PAYT bag – it's unacceptable to tie the bag to the can.
- ♦ Clearly label any trash cans that are being used for recycling.
- ♦ Make sure all Styrofoam is broken down and put in town PAYT bags. It is *not* recyclable.
- ♦ Make sure all plastic bags are in the trash – not in the recycling.

Trash collection can be expensive but attention to these details can help us cut down our costs!

Use the Recyclopedia! Maybe there are items that you've been throwing away that could actually be recycled. This could save you money!

The screenshot shows the 'ecomaine RECYCLOPEDIA' website. At the top is a green header with the title and a 'Share' button. Below the header is a navigation bar with five icons: a magnifying glass (labeled 'ecomaine RECYCLOPEDIA'), a calendar (labeled 'Collection Schedules'), a game controller (labeled 'Wicked Smart Recycler'), an envelope (labeled 'Keep in touch'), and a question mark (labeled 'Need help?'). The 'ecomaine RECYCLOPEDIA' icon is highlighted with a green border. Below the navigation bar is a search section with the text 'Type the name of a waste item and we'll tell you how to recycle or dispose of it.' followed by a text input field and a green 'Search' button.

Both the E Waste event (Universal Waste) and the Confidential Shredding were very successful in the fall of 2019, but were unfortunately cancelled by the vendors for October 2020. We are hopeful to offer these services again in 2021!

We are continuing to look for ways to streamline our collection and keep our costs down. We will keep you posted on what we find and what changes we might make on the town website. Also, sign up for waste and recycling notifications at: <https://www.cumberlandmaine.com/subscribe>

PUBLIC SERVICES

Community Recreation

As with every facet of our lives changing in mid-March, Cumberland-North Yarmouth Community Recreation Department was severely impacted by the economic and societal impacts of Covid-19.

Before going into detail on specific impacts I would like to highlight some of the positives. First, by thanking our residents for practicing social distancing measures at all of our public parks, trails and outdoor facilities during the shutdown period and over the recent months. Having access to these spaces is a crucial wellness tool and a much needed diversion this past spring. Other communities experienced issues in this regard, our community followed the rules and I cannot thank you all enough for working together so we were able to keep our spaces accessible!

I would also like to recognize our staff as from day one of things shutting down. We were all on the same page working on program refunds/cancellation notifications, community communications and implementing multiple plans for when it would be possible to at least partially open up. By working together we were able to develop multiple scenarios for what may or may not have been permitted as the governor gradually eased restrictions. This “game plan” and pre-planning allowed us to release information in real-time in conjunction with each announcement from Augusta.

We are by no means out of the woods and many more challenges likely await for 2020-21. However, the staff has proven to be up to the challenge and we will continue to plan and implement programs, a based on current information.

Through March 1st the department was on track to exceed FY 2019-20 revenues & program participation by nearly 10% Through March 1st, 2020 the department had grossed \$621,000 which was outpacing the prior year by over \$60,000.

Particularly hard hit was the Afterschool Program which was on track to gross \$350,000 through June 2020 which would have been an increase of close to \$40,000 over the previous year end.

The other major item in our budget that has been impacted the Day Camp Program. Due to Covid, space limitations and a reduction in the need for care, this revenue source is down from a little over \$225,000 to around \$90,000.

While there are many unknowns to the upcoming year we fully intend on continuing to deliver a high quality experience for the residents of our community and look forward to offering the many events and activities that we were unable to hold this past spring

Thanks and once again thank you for your patience, vigilance and positive feedback!



Peter C. Bingham
Recreation Director

PUBLIC SERVICES

Aging in Place

The primary mission of AIP is to help our older residents stay in their homes as long as possible as they age. Cumberland is fortunate to have 90+ volunteers serving in a variety of activities to support our older residents. Our community partners, including Cumberland churches, Prince Memorial Library, Cumberland Fire Department, Public safety and schools, help to support this program in a variety of spaces. **Sadly, most of our programs were suspended to the Covid-19 pandemic.**



Senior Shopping Support Program. In response to the pandemic, we organized a Senior Shopping Support program for those who requested help with shopping for groceries and prescriptions. With over 80 volunteers stepping forward, we were able to offer help to about 20+ families. Thank you to the volunteer shoppers and to these town employees, Christina Silberman, John Brushwein, Laura Neleski, Jonathan Carpenter and Pete Bingham, for making this a team effort.

Educational programming: In Fall 2019, AIP sponsored a series of free classes, educational and fun, including Watercolor Painting, Fitness: the Importance of Physical Activity in your Life, Functional Eating for Health and Decorating Holiday cookies. They were very well received by the community. Our annual Fall Forum, "Living Well; Aging Well" was held on November 9th at the Greely Center for the Arts. The featured speakers were Dr. Marilyn Guggliucci from UNE and Bill Green of the popular "Bill Green's Maine, with four break-out sessions on topics of interests to older persons and their families.

Morning with Friends: This monthly program, coordinated by Deb Gray, on the third Wednesday morning of the month offered gatherings with topics such as the Estate Planning, Emergency Preparedness, Seeds of Peace Camp, and Owls of Maine.

Luncheons: We planned a series of free luncheons for Winter-Spring 2020 which ended abruptly in March as the Covid-19 pandemic interrupted our plans and our lives. The January and February luncheons brought people together with trivia, prizes and a special visit in February with golden retriever puppies from Goldiva Goldens in Cumberland!

Cumberland Area Rides (CAR) has about 21 active volunteer drivers who provided rides for approximately 22 riders, coordinated by Hilary Doane and Pam Flick. An Information Session was held in October to recruit new drivers. A wonderful service of appreciation for the volunteer driver and coordinators was held at the Cumberland Church in March. This driving service was suspended in March due to Covid-19





safety reasons for the near future.

Fall 2019 Big Project Day – This activity is designed to help our older neighbors with a variety of home and fall clean-up projects through volunteer teams. We had successful day- thanks to our Coordinators, Teri Maloney-Kelly and Kyle Ryerson. Our Spring Big Project Day was cancelled.

Durable Medical Goods: Cumberland residents borrowed a variety of durable medical equipment for the CFD. The CFD also provides daily reassurance calls to those requesting this service.

Sarah Davis
Aging in Place Coordinator

PRINCE MEMORIAL LIBRARY

A year like no other...

The year began with record setting numbers of library visits, circulation, and program attendance. The highlights included our popular Music & Muffins series, which brought our dedicated music fans in to listen to Timothy Burris, Spruce Rooster, Sorcha, Scott Thurston and Sarah Cummings, Pretty Girls Sing Soprano and Jason St. Pierre Trio.

Our Author Talks featured local talent, beginning with Greg Westrich's *Maine's Wicked Wild 25*, Joh Moon's *City by the Sea II*, Christopher Gilbert's *Quantum Mechanics for Kids*, and Kathy Eliscu's *Not Even Dark Chocolate Can Fix This Mess*.

PML had its first year as a full participant in the Camden Conference and we welcomed Georges Budagu Makoko on "The Story of Amjambo Africa", and Peter Imber on "A Brief History of TV News in America". The Lecture Series also featured Thomas Bennett's talk on the "Broad Cove Archaeological Project", Scott Douglas on "The Athlete's Guide to CBD", and Sally Bancroft on "Welcoming the Asylum Seekers".

Art in the Library, a revolving gallery set in the Prince Room featured the art work of Arabella Eldredge, Nicola Drew, Tony Lisa, Ed Nolde, and Jon Breyer. In January, the Archangel Committee show its special photographic exhibit, *Bridges of Friendship* in celebration of the 30-year anniversary of the Sister City relationship between Greater Portland, Maine, and Archangel, Russia.

In all, 1520 visitors participated in 150 library programs. In March, things came to an abrupt halt in response to COVID19, when the library had to close to the public. We continued with virtual book groups and discussions, and hope to re-schedule our musicians, authors, and speakers when it is safe to do so.

In response to library closure, hundreds of new PML patrons began using the CloudLibrary app to download digital ebooks and audiobooks. In May, we launched curbside delivery of library materials, circulating books, puzzles, movies, and magazines to our users in a manner that was safe and efficient for all. The library re-opened to the public with some restrictions on July 1, 2020.

Youth services at PML are offered to children from birth through grade 12. Our goal is to invite children and teens into the library to explore the world through reading and with programs that encourage inquiry and exploration. The first half of the year offered programs for young chess players, a Halloween parade for toddlers,

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Overall Circulation

Number of patrons: 5,143

Number of Visits (July 1, 2019-March 14, 2020): 38,248

Total number of books, videos & audiotapes: 49,499

Circulation of PML

Materials (July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020) 86,486

Circulation was in-person through March 14, 2020; curbside pickup for the week of March 17- 21, 2020; and curbside pickup May 26 through June 30, 2020

Digital circulation: Increased 44% with 7,269 downloads in PML's Cloudlibrary app



a Witch-Hat-making workshop, monthly preschool music workshops from 317 Main Community Music Center, a writing contest, and voting booths within the library for kids to learn civic responsibility. New this year, we offered our first Stuffie Sleepover, an offering that engages young children, as well as volunteer middle schoolers who help make the program a success. Puzzle Palooza was a multigenerational success, drawing participants as young as 4 years old through retirement age.

Summer 2019 kicked off with a Juggler Michael Menes. 317 Main Community Music Center offered drum workshops three times during the summer. Our biggest success was another multigenerational offering, this time at Twin Brook, where Astronomer Edward Gleason of Southworth Planetarium offered a tour of the night sky in late July. The audience of all ages enjoyed ice cream sundaes under the big night sky. Mad Science offered our finale program in August.

Our storytimes, therapy dog visits, middle school book group, Lego contest, Lego club and Santa visits are mainstays of our children's programming. Kelly Greenlee, Youth Services Librarian, offers engaging monthly visits with local schools and area preschools, including the MSAD51 Preschool, the Children's Cooperative Nursery School, The Friends School of Portland, and Tender Years Preschool.

A word about programming during the COVID-19 pandemic: Live and recorded virtual programming continued via Facebook. This largely consisted of storytime offerings and picture book readalouds.

Staff: Thomas Bennett is Library Director and Elizabeth Manning is Assistant Director. Kelly Greenlee is Youth Services Librarian. Arabella Eldredge is head of Circulation, and Pam Copenhagen is head of Technical Services. Jennifer Benham, Carolyn Currie, and Sally Somes are Circulation aides.



Library staff would like to thank the Friends of Prince Memorial for their generous support of library programs and events that serve the people of Cumberland and North Yarmouth. We also thank our Library Advisory Board for their guidance and leadership. We are especially grateful this year to the patience, kindness, and engagement of our library patrons in this year of unprecedented disruption and change: YOU ARE WONDERFUL! Stay safe.

Thomas C. Bennett
Library Director



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.

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Photo by Emilie Sommer (Val Halla in the winter)



BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

CUMBERLAND ND 1821 ⇄ 2021

The Bicentennial Planning Committee has been busy planning events and celebrations of our community in honor of Cumberland's 200th birthday. The Committee hopes to host a birthday bash for the community celebrating our past, present, and future on March 19, 2021, the anniversary of the town's independence. Several historical lectures are in the works throughout the spring and summer. A big outdoor celebration with family-friendly games, a relay road race, food trucks, live music, and fireworks is planned for September 2021. Virtual celebrations will be held as necessary due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Bicentennial merchandise is available to all who want to celebrate their town pride, including sweatshirts, blankets, Yeti mugs, hats, water bottles, and more! We also have a book in the works and will be featuring Cumberland residents past and present in the style of Humans of New York.

More information can be found at www.cumberland200.me and on the Cumberland Bicentennial Facebook page: www.facebook.com/cumberlandbicentennial



Tig Filson & Emily Gray
Bicentennial Co-Chairs

Photo by Eliza Porter



CEMETERY ASSOCIATION



Photos by Ben Gross

Due to the current Coronavirus closures we have postponed our Annual Meeting to a later date.

Herb Foster has decided to resign after spending nearly fifty (50) years as a valuable member. Herb 'adopted' the Congregational Cemetery, always making sure the Veteran flags were put out and keeping the flag holders in good repair. He'll be missed. Thanks, Herb. Tatjana Connors, our Vice President, has relocated to Georgia. Ann, our Treasurer, has informed me that she is giving up her position, but will remain on the Board as a Trustee. Thanks T.J. and Ann.

The Association is (after years of struggling) in good shape financially. We are able to catch up on projects that had been deferred due to budget shortfalls. This year we have rebuilt the roads in Moss Side and plan to have brush and dead trees behind Moss Side cut and chipped.

We've been able to avoid fee increases in the past few years and don't anticipate fee increases in the foreseeable future. Rights of interment sales (\$600 per space) have held pretty constant at about 20 per year. Spaces are available for purchase in Foreside, Moss Side, Farris, Universalist, and Methodist Cemeteries. Burials (for which the Association receives a \$225 administrative fee each) are typically about 25 per year. Heirs of persons with unused spaces may take ownership of such spaces after proper paperwork (affidavit of heirs found in Rules and Regulations) is submitted. There is a \$25 per space fee.

D.C. Stilkey Co. is our maintenance contractor. Keeping the cemeteries attractive has been a real challenge the past few years due to extremely dry summers.

Our Perpetual Care Fund is managed by High Tower Advisor, LLC of Portland. We have seen good growth over the past few years. Our investment policy allows us to transfer 3% of the three years average of the fund balance into the operating account. This is currently a little over \$9000 per year.

The operating account (checking) is with Atlantic FCU. We were able to start a Reserve Fund or 'rainy day fund' of \$2500 last year. Hopefully we'll be able to make annual contributions to the fund.

A lot of people are finding the cemetery section of the Town's web site very useful and informative. You can find it here: <https://www.cumberlandmaine.com/cemetery-association>.

COASTAL WATERS COMMISSION

The Coastal Waters Commission for this reporting period consisted of the following personnel: David Carlson, Ivy Frignoca, Robert Johnson, Hugh Judge, Mike Schwindt (vice chair), Richard Thompson, David Witherill (chair) with Thomas Gruber, George Turner, and Bob Vail as Town Council representatives. Town staff were Chief Charles Rumsey, and Jean Duchesneau serving as Committee Secretary.

The Commission does not have a regular meeting schedule, but meets throughout the year as issues needing attention come up. The Commission advises and as needed proposes rules and regulations to the Town Council regarding activity in Cumberland's Coastal Waters from the high tide line seaward. This includes reviewing new private pier/dock construction applications, moorings, the Broad Cove pier, and aquaculture applications. The Cumberland Harbormasters frequently update the Commission on waterfront activities and work closely with the Commission to address issues as they develop.

On September 18th the Commission met and received a report from the Harbormasters via Chief Rumsey on the current status of Cumberland moorings. A site visit was planned to the Broad Cove pier to assess the number of dinghy tie-ups safely available. Ordinance language changes were approved regarding dinghies and kayaks. A report was given regarding the Spears Hill Housing Associations request to attach their own float with kayak racks to the south side of the Town floats at the Broad Cove pier.

Commission members met at the Broad Cove pier on the evening of September 25th to look over the dinghies currently tied to the floats and space available.

On October 16th the Commission met and took up the topic of mooring allocations. It was recommended that the number of moorings remain at 35 due to the current float space available for tie up at the Broad Cove pier. Other business taken up included signage for no swimming or jumping, suggestions for adding additional railing for young children, an inquiry on if the town participated in the Maine Healthy Beaches program (to be investigated).

The Commission met on January 15th and heard a proposal from Baker Associates on Broad Cove pier float expansion. The Commission recommended choosing an option that will minimize eel grass issues. There is a plan to install two Rescue Ladders on the floats. The Commission voted for more channel markers to and from the pier, and for increased signage and educational materials.

A meeting was held on June 17th for a public hearing from Kristen Isfeld on 4 pending applications for aquaculture operations off of Sturdivant Island. No members of the public were in attendance. Ms. Isfeld's application is with the state Department of Marine Resources. No vote was taken by the Commission as it does not have approval power in this process however no members had concerns about the project. Other business: Custom Float is working to install two safety ladders on the floats, new "No Swimming, Jumping" signs have been installed, new enhanced marking of the channel has been completed. Harbormaster Burnes reports that all 35 mooring permits for Broad Cove have been taken and there are 8 applications on the waiting list.

David Witherill
Chair

CUMBERLAND

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

“Where can we put this?” Cumberland Historical Society volunteers asked this question over and over this past year as storage and display areas were filled to capacity in the 1853 schoolhouse that houses the historic artifacts and papers of the Town of Cumberland. In 2019 a building committee was assembled to work with an architectural firm to implement a design which would connect the 1853 schoolhouse to the Prince Memorial Library. And on May 19, 2020 residents and visitors watched as the schoolhouse was transported from 4A Blanchard Road to the grounds of Prince Memorial Library to begin this process.



Beginning in early summer of 2019, Monday morning volunteers began sorting and boxing artifacts and in late August two moving vans arrived to take furniture and boxes to a storage facility in Portland.

Before the arrival of COVID-19 brought the suspension of the Society’s very popular lecture series to a halt as well as delaying the Scavenger Hunt and other fund- raising events, the Society was able to provide an in-classroom history of Cumberland to most of the second grades at the Mabel I. Wilson School and provided a \$1,000.00 scholarship to a Cumberland graduate of Greely High School.

Board members participated in the New Resident Orientation Evening at Cumberland’s Town Hall and with the Recreation Department, provided two - three hour bus tours of Cumberland’s historical landmarks and homes.

Helping to celebrate Maine’s bicentennial, the Historical Society has loaned its 1853 Captain Wilson Quilt to the Maine State Museum for display. CHS members also serve on Cumberland’s Bicentennial Committee and the Cumberland Historical Society and Prince Memorial Library Expansion Building Committee.

The Cumberland Historical Society was founded in 1939 through the dedicated efforts of Herman and Phyllis Sweetser and has a membership of approximately 150.

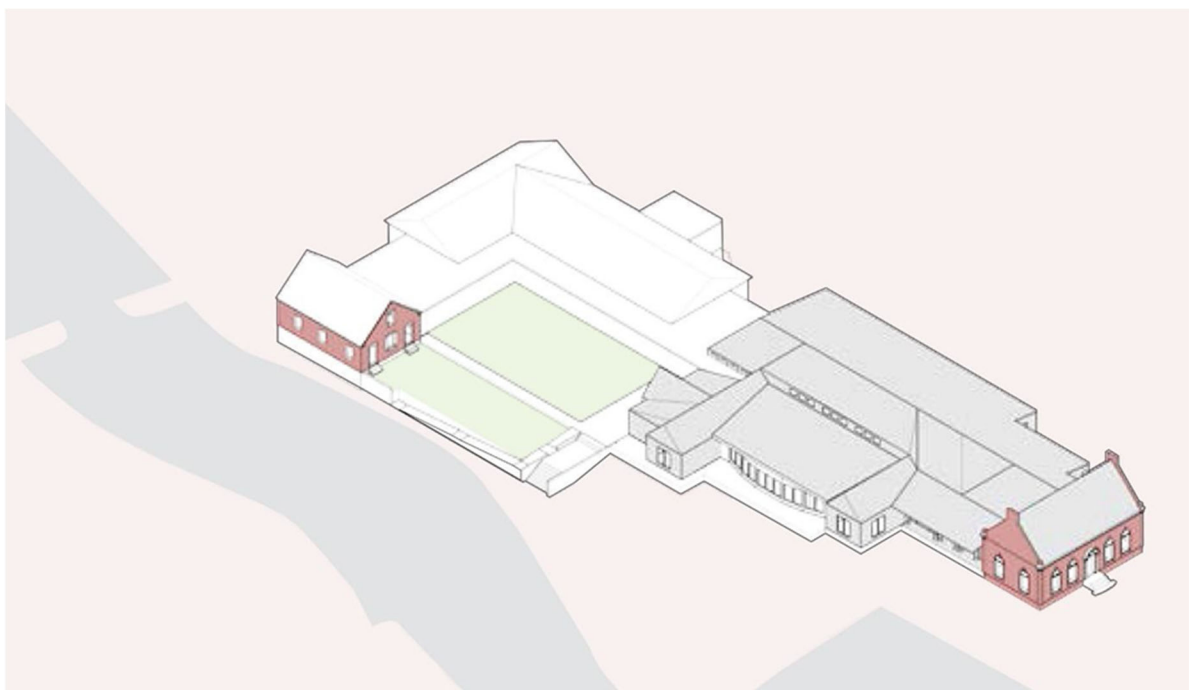
Linda S. Fulda, *Chair, Board of Directors*
Carolyn F. Small, *Curator*

Cumberland Historical Society building move to the grounds of Prince Memorial Library.

Cumberland has realized the first step of a plan to join the Cumberland Historical Society and Prince Memorial Library by moving the former District 3 schoolhouse on Blanchard Road to the library grounds. A full foundation for the 1853 CHS building was poured at the library in November, and in May James G. Merry Building Movers of Scarborough moved the building to the library parking lot, where it sits while waiting to be put on the foundation. Phase II of the project, which is dependent on fundraising, would link the library and the newly situated CHS facility with an L-shaped addition that would add ~8,500 sq. ft. of space. The expanded facility will have two historic brick buildings, the original 1921 PML building and the 1853 schoolhouse, bookending the library's 1959 Merrill Wing, the 1986 Cumberland Wing, the 1994 YA Room, and the new space. Preliminary plans for the new construction include a children's area, a central circulation station, and a 200-seat community room that could be partitioned into three separate spaces. The Cumberland Historical Society, Prince Memorial Library, and the Town of Cumberland are excited at the prospect of having two venerable institutions on the same site, and are fully committed to seeing a greatly expanded facility open within the next five years.



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Architect's rendering showing (left to right) newly situated CHS building, proposed new space, and existing YA Room, Cumberland Wing, Merrill Addition and original library.

LANDS & CONSERVATION COMMISSION



Photo by John Jensenius (Greely Woods)

This year has been filled with a lot of activity to encourage the conservation of natural resources, land and open space in Cumberland. As with most groups, we lost a bit of momentum when the pandemic caused the cancellation of the April meeting and limited opportunities to work on projects; nonetheless, with technology we are back up and again working.

When given the opportunity, we continued the traditional role of assessing proposals before the Town Council and the Planning Board, offering our perspectives on various proposals. Additionally, our subcommittee structure was expanded with the creation of the **Climate Action** and the **Farmland Assessment** subcommittees.

Commission members continued to work on the broad picture while keeping their hands busy with projects. The Nature Trail through the Town Forest inches closer to completion although we still are in need of maps at the kiosks. We await the additional benches under construction that will be located in the Town Forest and at the butterfly garden. Through the generosity of the White Pine Community Church the butterfly garden was expanded by transplanting a number of unique peonies and we look forward to expanding the BFG in the fall of 2020.

Our tree plantings at Val Halla appear to be growing well. The pollinator garden has also been doing well with a good variety of plants of interest to bees and butterflies.

The **Recreational Trails** subcommittee continued to monitor trails and trail conditions throughout the year. Cumberland's trails saw an increase in use during the 2020 spring due to the COVID-19 virus. The subcommittee is in the process of developing standards for trail construction and maintenance for Town-owned trails.

During the year, the subcommittee worked with the Chebeague and Cumberland Land Trust (CCLT) to place the Greely Woods property in a conservation easement. To mitigate some of the impact of the increased use, the subcommittee constructed two walkways across wet areas and spread gravel to harden soft areas along the trail. In addition to the entrances on Greely Road Ext. and Lockwood Lane, the subcommittee worked with neighboring property owners to post trail markers on private trails connecting with other neighborhoods. Connecting trails are now marked to Crystal Lane, Archer Lane, Blanchard Road, Newell Ridge Road and Glenview Road. Roadside trail signs were placed at the

entrances on Lockwood Lane, Crystal Lane, and Blanchard Road.

The subcommittee also worked with the Town to re-route the snowmobile trail that led from the Town Forest to Val Halla. Trails were cut and improved through the Crossing Brook property and two bridges were constructed across small streams.

Throughout the year, the subcommittee continued to work with developers in the town to retain existing trails or to develop new trails in the new subdivisions.

At its January meeting, the LCC established the **Climate Action** subcommittee. Its charter calls for it "to develop a Climate Action Plan (CAP) that would specify a greenhouse gas reduction goal for the Town of Cumberland and set out a coordinated and formal plan to achieve such goal." The charter calls for up to seven members to be appointed by the LCC.

The CAP will be developed in two phases over the next two years.

- **Phase 1** will be restricted to the greenhouse gas emissions of the Town and MSAD 51 and is to be presented to the Town Council for consideration by December 31, 2020.
- **Phase 2** will address the roles of commercial and residential greenhouse gas emissions and the dovetailing of same with actions taken by the Town and MSAD 51; it is to be completed and presented to the Town Council for consideration by December 31, 2021.

So far, the subcommittee has developed a baseline inventory of greenhouse gas emissions for 2015. Total baseline emissions are estimated to be 66,129 metric tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalents. By sector these are accounted for by residential (79%), commercial (13%), school (7%) and town (1%). The subcommittee has updated the emissions inventories of MSAD 51 and the Town through FY2019. Significant reductions from the baseline have already been realized by projects such as switching fuel to natural gas, the landfill solar array and efficiency investment.

In late 2020, the subcommittee plans to conduct a survey of Cumberland citizens to solicit their attitudes towards and knowledge of issues related to greenhouse gas pollution and climate change. As public health considerations permit, it also plans to convene stakeholder meetings to solicit further input.

The **Farmland Assessment** subcommittee is to identify parcels of land capable of producing food and fiber which would allow the community to become more self-sufficient. Of the 16,800 acres contained within the town borders, 1,606 are considered prime agricultural land with another 5,243 acres rated as statewide significant. Part of the challenge will be to identify the better farmable lands and determine how much is still undeveloped or not treed so available for food and fiber production. We are looking for volunteers willing to help with the research.

The **Invasives** subcommittee again conducted a late fall spraying program along traffic corridors to determine if knotweed could be effectively controlled. The results are encouraging in that, for the most part, the knotweed did not re-sprout. Additionally, we tried alternative control methods such as modifying soil pH conditions and by grinding vegetation to ground level, a multiyear process if successful. We were also represented at the regional meeting/discussions of environmental issues held annually in Brunswick.

The **Forestry and Natural Resources (Forestry)** subcommittee also had an active year, including hiring Paul Larrivee as the new town forester. He was involved in a walking tour of the Knight's Pond forest to discuss the forest management goals for the parcel. Additionally, a snowshoe tour through the expanded Rines Forest introduced him to the site so we could discuss possible updates and changes to the current management plan. We also worked closely with Spring Brook Farm to oversee the harvest at Twin Brook Recreation Area (Greely Road side) to ensure the harvest met our guiding principles for forest management.

Rines Forest (Rines) also received added attention. In partnership with CCLT, the Town received a \$125,000 Community Forest grant from the US Forest Service towards the purchase of Rines II. We also worked with CCLT to update the general management plan for the Rines Forest to include the Rines II addition.

We received \$6,000 from the Maine Forest Service Project Canopy program to match funding allocated by Cumberland and North Yarmouth and time from volunteers to complete timber inventories and prepare forest management plans for both Knight's Pond and Rines II community forests.

Invasive species specialist Nancy Olmstead from the Maine Natural Areas Program walked Rines so she could discuss options for controlling the glossy buckthorn that has overtaken much of the forest. Additionally, we held a work session at the Rines Forest to cut some of the buckthorn as a test, with the goal of cutting it three times over two years at those sites where it is just starting to spread or that are serving as seed beds for other areas of the forest as a first step.

We also planned an open house for larger forest landowners in Cumberland to learn more about forest ecology and management, and opportunities to manage their woodlands for multiple goals, including clean water, fish and wildlife habitat, recreation, and timber. Unfortunately, the open house had to be cancelled at the last minute because of COVID-19.

The Commission has a number of activities addressing some of the challenges facing our Town. We welcome individuals willing to work on these or similar subjects. Just let either us, your Town Councilor or the town staff know your interest; I believe we can find a challenge you will enjoy.

Mike Schwindt,
Chairman

SHELLFISH CONSERVATION COMMISSION



Photo by Shelton Waldrep (Broad Cove Reserve)

The purpose of the Cumberland Shellfish Conservation Commission is to ensure the protection and optimum utilization of shellfish resources within the intertidal zone of the Town. These goals are achieved by establishing ordinances requiring licensing, making recommendations regarding the number of shellfish harvesters, restricting the time and area where digging is permitted, and limiting the minimum size and amount of shellfish taken.

Among its duties, the Commission periodically reports to the Town Council on the condition, status, and level of utilization by shellfish harvesters. This includes shoreline inspections, shellfish surveys, water quality monitoring and annual recommendations regarding the number of licenses to be issued. Much of this work is completed under the watchful eyes of Harbormasters, Matt Merriman and Ben Burnes who have been invaluable resources to the Commission.

Our shoreline has seen consistent improvement in water quality through the stormwater management efforts of Public Works, especially along Route 88. Unfortunately, we have also seen declines in overall shellfish populations in our Town due to predation, acidification and shifting ecology. These issues extend beyond our borders we have been working with the Casco Bay Regional Shellfish Working Group being coordinated by Tidal Bay Consulting with support from the Maine Department of Marine Resources.

The tidal mud flats of Cumberland are a very valuable shellfish resource, which is important to the local economy, and are not an inexhaustible resource: they must be prudently managed in order to remain viable. Towards that end our Commission moved to expand our ordinance to include soft-shell clams (*Mya arenaria*), quahogs/hard-shell clams (*Mercenaria mercenaria*), American/Eastern oysters (*Crassostrea virginica*), European oysters (*Ostrea edulis*), razor clams (*Ensis directus*), and surf/hen clams (*Spisula solidissima*), and includes shellstock and shucked shellfish. Maine State law shall continue to apply to mussels.

Lastly the Cumberland Shellfish Conservation Commission wishes to recognize the years of dedicated service provided to our group by Harland Storey who resigned his post at the end of last year. Our meetings are not the same without him.

Michael Brown
Chair

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dear Citizens of Cumberland,

I am pleased to submit this annual report on behalf of Maine School Administrative District #51. We strive to fulfill our mission to *Engage, Empower, and Inspire* each student in our care every day.

This year was unlike any other in the history of MSAD #51. In mid-March, we had to close our doors and transition to remote, at-home learning, which continued until the end of the school year.

I have never been more proud of our staff than I am this year. They were determined to make the best for our students out of this impossible situation. Our instructional staff, with only two days' notice, transformed the curriculum into a virtual learning program. The school nutrition program provided bagged breakfasts and lunches to nearly 150 students daily during the remote learning months. Our bus drivers and custodial staff disinfected and sanitized the buses and schools. The technology staff has been in overdrive since the shutdown occurred, helping to fix student and staff devices, troubleshooting software issues, and managing our 'Continuity of Learning' website.

While the end of the school year was not what we expected, we still have much to celebrate. Below you will find representative highlights from the 2019-20 school year. Though not an exhaustive list, it provides a snapshot of the remarkable people and events happening in your school district.

DISTRICT

- ◆ US News and World Report ranked Greely High School #1 in Maine for 2020. Congrats to students, staff, and families for making our high school the best in the state with an 'A' average.
- ◆ Niche.com ranked MSAD #51 in the top 5% of all US school districts
- ◆ Southern ME Partnership at USM identified MIW as having an exemplary model for academic & behavioral interventions, bringing a team of 25 educators from across the region to learn about non-categorical supports. MIW offers seamless supports regardless of special ed. or regular ed.
- ◆ Renovations on campus included (but not limited to) a new cafeteria design at Greely High School, renovated art rooms at GHS, GMS cafeteria floor replacement, and new playground equipment in 'Tuttle Town' at MIW (see picture to the right).



Jeffrey Porter
Superintendent of Schools

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Director of Finance, Human Resources & Operations

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Director of Instructional Support

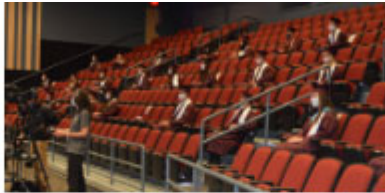
Susie Robbins
Director of Academic Services

Dirk Van Curan
Director of Technology

- ◆ A new 8-room modular unit will be set on the grounds of MIW during the summer of 2020 to further assist with enrollment increases at the school, which is projected to have over 700 students in September 2020, up 170 students since 2015.
- ◆ The Board formed a building committee in December 2019 to begin planning for a new primary school to be decided by voters in the future. Oak Point Associates was hired to assist with this process.
- ◆ In a switch in job roles, Sally Loughlin was appointed principal of Mabel I. Wilson School and Susie Robbins moved over to the district office as the Director of Academic Services.
- ◆ With the help of PTO and Foundation 51, bus drivers delivered ice cream sandwiches (& popsicles) to all MSAD #51 students at their bus stops to celebrate the end of this unusual school year.

ACADEMIC & EXTRACURRICULAR

- ◆ Congratulations to the Greely High School Class of 2020! This was a unique year, but you did it!



- ◆ GMS outgoing 8th graders were recognized with individual signs for each student posted throughout the school yard.
- ◆ Greely students attended and presented at the National History Day Competition in Lewiston. Over 300 students registered and all Greely students moved onto the state competition! Many of our Greely students will move onto the National Competition.
- ◆ Many of our GMS and GHS students participated in various choral groups, including All Eastern Honors Music Festival, District 2 Honors Chorus, and the All National Honors Choir.
- ◆ Grades 4 & 5 students utilized the GCA to Skype with scientist Jean Penneycooke in Antarctica! 1 student per class asked her a question about studying penguins. They got to see inside her home & peek outside to see Antarctica in real time. An amazing experience for everyone.
- ◆ Our Civil Rights Teams hosted DAY OF WELCOME (*picture to the right*). Students all across the district participated. The focus of the day is to celebrate a school community where we all belong.



Students, staff & community were asked to wear ORANGE to show your support that the school community is for everyone.

- ◆ Greely High School's Debate Team won their fourth consecutive state-wide tournament. Greely has been in the top two at every tournament this school year.
- ◆ 8th graders wrote thank you letters to veterans from their family or community and sent over 120 letters and cards to the Maine Veterans' Home in Scarborough.
- ◆ Congratulations to Greely's four National Merit Scholarship commended and semifinalist scholars.
- ◆ We are pleased to announce that the first year of our public Pre-K program was a huge success for our 30 youngest students.

ATHLETICS-GO RANGERS!

- ◆ Although their season was cut short due to the pandemic, Greely Middle School held their FIRST Unified Basketball game this year.
- ◆ Boys Ice Hockey... State Champs again.
- ◆ Both boys AND girls Cross Country secured State Championships.
- ◆ Class A girls South Basketball Sportsmanship Award winners.
- ◆ Four Greely Special Olympians attended this year's State Winter Games and all were victorious.
- ◆ Greely Women's swim team for impressive results at the regional relay meet, swimming away with 1st place.
- ◆ GHS & GMS students won the Northern New England Mountain Bike Championship.
- ◆ Cross Country Girls & Boys both took home the Class B South Regional Championship recognitions (*picture to the right*).
- ◆ Golf team was runner up for the Class A state title.
- ◆ Girls & Boys Outdoor Track teams won the MPA's 'Good Sportsmanship' award.



STAFF

- ◆ Congrats to the 2019-20 MSAD #51 Employee of the Year, Eliza Miller, an educational technician at GHS.
- ◆ MIW teacher Allison Fluet was recently recognized for Outstanding Achievement in Instructional Technology by UMaine.
- ◆ GHS Principal Christopher Hoffman was awarded the Maine Association of School Libraries Administrator of the Year Award.

- ◆ Gifted/Talented teacher Kathi Kearney, was nominated by the National History Day® program in Maine for consideration for the 2020 Patricia Behring Teacher of the Year Award (*picture to the right*).
- ◆ Greely Swim Coach Rob Hale was inducted into the Maine Swimming Hall of Fame.
- ◆ Teachers Val Dominiski, Denise Allen, Amy Jacobson & Carol Robinson were each nominated for Cumberland County Teacher of the Year.
- ◆ MIW teacher Connie Russell was recognized by the National Board of Certified Teachers for her outstanding leadership in the teaching profession.



I wish to thank all the students, staff, parents, and community members for their support and commitment to the ideals of our high-performing school district. I look forward to the promises of the 2020-2021 year.

Jeffrey J. Porter
Superintendent of Schools

GOVERNOR OF MAINE

Dear Friends:

When I took the oath of office to become Maine's 75th governor, I never imagined that we would face a global pandemic. But that is our current reality, and it is my solemn responsibility to guide our state through this unprecedented time to keep Maine people safe and healthy.

COVID-19 is wreaking havoc on our national economy, dealing heavy losses to businesses of all sizes, while millions of people find themselves newly unemployed. Here in Maine it has taken the lives of over 100 people and sickened many more. While we all dream of going back to the way things were, the fact is that our lives will not return to normal soon. Instead, we have to invent a new normal - a different way of doing business, shopping, traveling, and enjoying the Maine outdoors - one that keeps us all safe.

My Administration, in collaboration with public health experts and business leaders across the state, developed a plan to gradually and safely restart Maine's economy, and we recently released a Rural Reopening Plan for those counties where no community transmission is present. My Administration has also formed an Economic Recovery Committee charged with assessing the economic impacts of the pandemic on Maine's economy and providing recommendations for policy changes to deal with these impacts. Together, drawing on the hard work and resilience of Maine people, we will rebuild and strengthen our economy and rise from this unprecedented challenge a stronger state than ever.

I continue to be amazed by the strength and courage of the Maine people and businesses who have found different ways to do business and the brave first responders in your town and in our health care facilities. Thank you to the people of Maine who have demonstrated patience, kindness, and compassion during this difficult time.

Please take care,



Janet Mills
Governor



P.S. For the latest information and guidance on Maine's response to COVID-19, as well as resources for assistance during this time, please visit www.maine.gov/covid19/.

UNITED STATES

SENATE

Dear Friends,

As 2019 ends and 2020 begins, I am pleased to report that Congress made progress on a number of issues important to Maine families despite the polarization in our country.

In a major win for surviving military and retiree spouses to whom we are deeply indebted, I was proud to co-lead the repeal of what is often referred to as the “Military Widow’s Tax,” an unfair offset of survivor benefits that has prevented as many as 67,000 surviving spouses—including more than 260 from Maine—from receiving the full benefits they deserve.



The high cost of health care and prescription drugs continues to be a top issue for families and seniors. To provide continued relief for more lower- and middle-income individuals, I led the charge to extend for another two years the medical expense tax deduction that I included in the 2017 tax law. Without this extension, nearly 20,000 Mainers and millions of Americans with high medical expenses, including many with preexisting conditions, would have faced an increased tax burden. In other good news, the CREATES Act I cosponsored became law. It will prevent pharmaceutical companies from blocking access to a sufficient supply of brand-name drugs needed for the studies that allow less expensive alternatives to enter the marketplace.

Improving people’s health and wellbeing remains my priority. On a per capita basis, Maine has the highest incidence of Lyme disease in the country. In August, I held a Senate hearing at the University of Maine’s Tick Lab on this growing public health crisis. A comprehensive public health strategy to combat this epidemic is needed, and the new law I authored will do just that.

In addition, I helped champion another \$2.6 billion increase for the National Institutes of Health, our nation’s premiere biomedical research institution, including significant boosts for Alzheimer’s disease and diabetes research. Last year, NIH funded more than \$111 million for research at 14 Maine institutions.

To help prepare the graduates of Maine Maritime Academy, I secured \$300 million for a new training ship, which will ensure rigorous instruction for MMA students for decades to come.

Significant federal funding was approved for work at Bath Iron Works and Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. Funding appropriated by Congress will pay for three new destroyers, make a down payment on an additional ship, and finance infrastructure improvements at PNSY.

As Chairman of the Transportation and Housing Appropriations Subcommittee, I have led efforts to improve our nation’s crumbling infrastructure and ensure that Maine’s housing needs are addressed. For Maine’s roads, bridges, airports, and seaports, tens of millions in federal funding will help make urgently needed upgrades and improve safety. Funding will also support housing assistance to low-income families and seniors and aid communities in reducing homelessness among our youth. The Community Development Block Grant program will assist numerous towns and cities in our State.

The Aging Committee I chair has continued its focus on financial security for our seniors. A new law I authored will make it easier for small businesses to offer retirement plans to their employees. Our Aging Committee's Fraud Hotline fielded more than 1,200 calls this year. Congress passed a new law to crack down on robocallers who are often the perpetrators of these scams. And a new law I authored will expand the IRS' Identity Protection PIN program nationwide to prevent identity theft tax refund fraud.

At the end of 2019, I cast my 7,262nd consecutive vote. In the New Year, I will keep working to deliver bipartisan solutions to the challenges facing Maine and the nation. If ever I can be of assistance to you, please contact one of my state offices or visit my website at www.collins.senate.gov. May 2020 be a good year for you, your family, your community, and our state.

Sincerely,

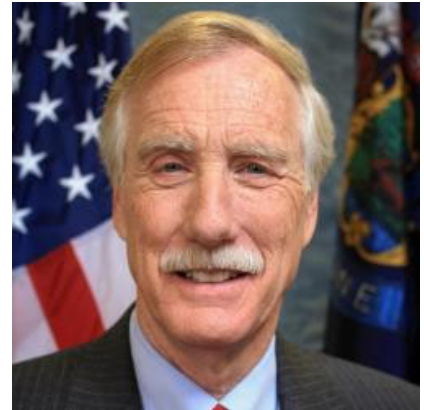


Susan M. Collins
United States Senator

UNITED STATES

SENATE

The beginning of a new year provides the opportunity to reflect on the progress of the past 12 months. If you've been watching cable TV, you might think that every waking moment of 2019 in Washington has been consumed by divisive, partisan issues – and while there's no shortage of those debates, there have also been opportunities for bipartisan cooperation. You sent me to the Senate to make the most of those opportunities, so as we enter into the New Year, I wanted to take a moment to update you on my efforts to work with members of both parties to make life better for the people of Maine.



One of my most important priorities this past year has been emphasizing preventive healthcare. Maine's distinction as the oldest state in the nation brings us wisdom, of course – but it also creates unique challenges, particularly relating to healthcare. The key to addressing these obstacles is being proactive, because the cheapest, safest medical procedure is the one that doesn't need to happen. That's why I've introduced legislation to incentivize healthier living, expand mental health screenings, and help more Americans access regular check-ups. We're making progress, but we've got a long way to go – and I'd like your help, because I know that the best ideas are the ones that come from families and communities on the front lines of these challenges. To strengthen this effort, I convened a policy forum on prevention in Bangor in October, which has already given me exciting new ideas that I'll carry with me into 2020. If you have additional thoughts on encouraging preventive healthcare, please share them with my office.

This year has also continued the growth of Maine's forest products industry – a key focus of my work to revitalize Maine's rural economy and communities. We've seen significant investment in mills across the state, creating good jobs to support rural Maine. I'm also pleased that the investments aren't just in our mills – the industry is thriving because of its commitment to innovation. We're fortunate to have the University of Maine's top-notch researchers exploring cutting-edge ways to use our forest resources, including capitalizing on the rise of 3D printing technology with the world's largest 3D printer. Combining this work with ongoing federal support, our vast forests, and Maine's dedicated workforce, I know that the future of this industry is bright, and I'll continue working to support it on all fronts.

I'm proud of all we've accomplished together this year, but even as I reflect on all that we've achieved, it is challenging to not think of the work left undone. It sometimes can be discouraging to watch these important priorities hang in limbo, but fortunately for me, encouragement is never far. After all, I get to live in Maine – which means I get to count Maine people as my neighbors and friends. I'm always struck by the kindness that our citizens show not only to me, but also to each other. This focus on collaboration and compassion is an inspiration, and it powers my efforts bring a little bit of Maine common sense to Washington. Thank you for all you do to for our state – Mary and I are deeply grateful, and we hope that 2020 will be a good year for you, your family, your community, and the State of Maine

Best,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Angus L. King, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Angus King
United States Senator

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES

Dear Friends,

I hope this letter finds you well. It's a privilege to represent you and your family and I am thankful for the opportunity to update you on my work in Washington and Maine.

In 2019, I was honored to work with my colleagues to pass hundreds of bills that address everything from fighting climate change to raising the minimum wage. And while Congress has become an increasingly partisan place, I was proud to continue my habit of reaching across the aisle, introducing a number of bipartisan bills and cosponsoring even more.



On the House Appropriations Committee, I worked to support programs important to Maine, such as rural broadband investment, Head Start, PFAS clean up, and shipbuilding at Bath Iron Works. Further, I firmly believe we need to make substantial investments in all aspects of our infrastructure, from safe drinking water and modernized schools, to upgraded highways, transit, and rail. From my seat on the Appropriations Committee I advocated for increased funding for the BUILD grants program which funds investments in transportation infrastructure by states, local governments, and transit agencies. I also pushed for increased funding for the Community Development Block Grant program, our national park system, local and organic agriculture, election security, and the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

Since my time in the Maine State Senate, lowering the cost of prescription drugs has been one of my top priorities. This year I introduced two bills that would help Americans afford their prescription medications. I also voted for a bill that would allow the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to directly negotiate prices for certain drugs. I look forward to continuing this important work in 2020 so Americans are no longer faced with the choice of picking up prescriptions they desperately need or putting food on the table.

I am sure this coming year holds many challenges and opportunities for our country, and I promise that the interests and principles of Mainers will continue to guide my work. If there is anything my offices in Washington or Maine can do to be of assistance - whether you, your town, or your organization is applying for a grant; you're facing an issue with a federal agency; or if you'd just like to share a thought or opinion - please do not hesitate to reach out.

Best Wishes,

Chellie Pingree
Member of Congress

SENATE OF MAINE

Dear Cumberland Community,

I hope 2020 finds you and your loved ones faring well during these difficult times. Thank you for the opportunity to represent Cumberland in the Maine Senate — it's an enormous honor to serve your community in Augusta.



This year has challenged us in ways we have not experienced before. As Maine grapples with the new normal and people make enormous sacrifices to stem the effects of COVID-19, I have seen the very best in our community come to the fore. It's been a long road, and we are not done yet, but I know we are going to get through this together. When we do, we will be stronger than ever. In the meantime, if you need assistance with services of any kind, please email me at Cathy.Breen@legislature.maine.gov or call (207) 287-1515.

As Senate Chair of the Appropriations and Financial Affairs Committee, I am ready to roll up my sleeves and get to work. This year, the Committee left the state in much better fiscal shape than we found it by leaving \$193 million in the General Fund to offset a decrease in revenue and putting an additional \$17 million in the Rainy Day Fund, bringing it to its highest level ever. As we navigate the COVID-19 crisis, we will build on this solid foundation in our usual respectful, bipartisan manner to put Maine's well-being ahead of politics.

As always, I like to use this space to remind folks about unclaimed property, or money owed to Maine people by third parties, such as former employers, banks or utility companies. It could be from a forgotten account 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.

Finally, if you know of any students who have an interest in experiencing the legislative process firsthand, consider referring them to the Senate Page Program. Pages assist legislators by handing out documents during the session, passing messages between senators, and performing other important tasks. Families can make a day of it by touring the State House and other nearby attractions. Please contact my office and I will arrange a visit once the Legislature is back in session.

Again, please email me at Cathy.Breen@legislature.maine.gov or call (207) 287-1515 if I can be of service to you or if you would like to share any thoughts or concerns. I look forward to hearing from you and hope to see you around soon!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cathy Breen', written in a cursive style.

Cathy Breen
Senate District 25

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Dear Cumberland Residents,

Thank you for the honor to have represented you this year in the Maine House of Representatives. When we began in early January no one could have foreseen that we would adjourn just over two months later in the face of a global pandemic. The early adjournment protected the health of the members, the staff, and the public at large.



Before leaving, the Legislature passed an almost unanimous supplemental budget that set aside state funds for pandemic response. Additionally, the budget raised rates for direct health care providers, increased the state's pre-K education contribution, invested in transportation projects and more, all while adding another \$17.4 million to the "Rainy Day Fund." \$192 million was left in the General Fund in anticipation of pandemic-related revenue losses. I have been impressed by the sacrifice and resilience of Maine people in taking the steps necessary to limit the spread of COVID-19.

Of course, many matters were left unfinished at the close. In the early summer legislative committees completed work on 162 bills which then became ready for legislative action. In July and August two attempts were made to convene a special session. They failed based upon partisan disagreement on the scope of the agenda of the proposed session.

I appreciate the opportunity to have assisted those who lost jobs and struggled with the state's flawed unemployment system. My staff and I are here to advocate for you should you need help.

As always, please feel welcome to contact me with your questions, concerns and ideas. I can best serve our community when I hear directly from you. I can be reached by phone at 318-3238 or by email at Steve.Moriarty@legislature.maine.gov.

With all good wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephen Moriarty". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Stephen Moriarty
Representative District 45

Photo by George Kendall (Knight's Pond Preserve)



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