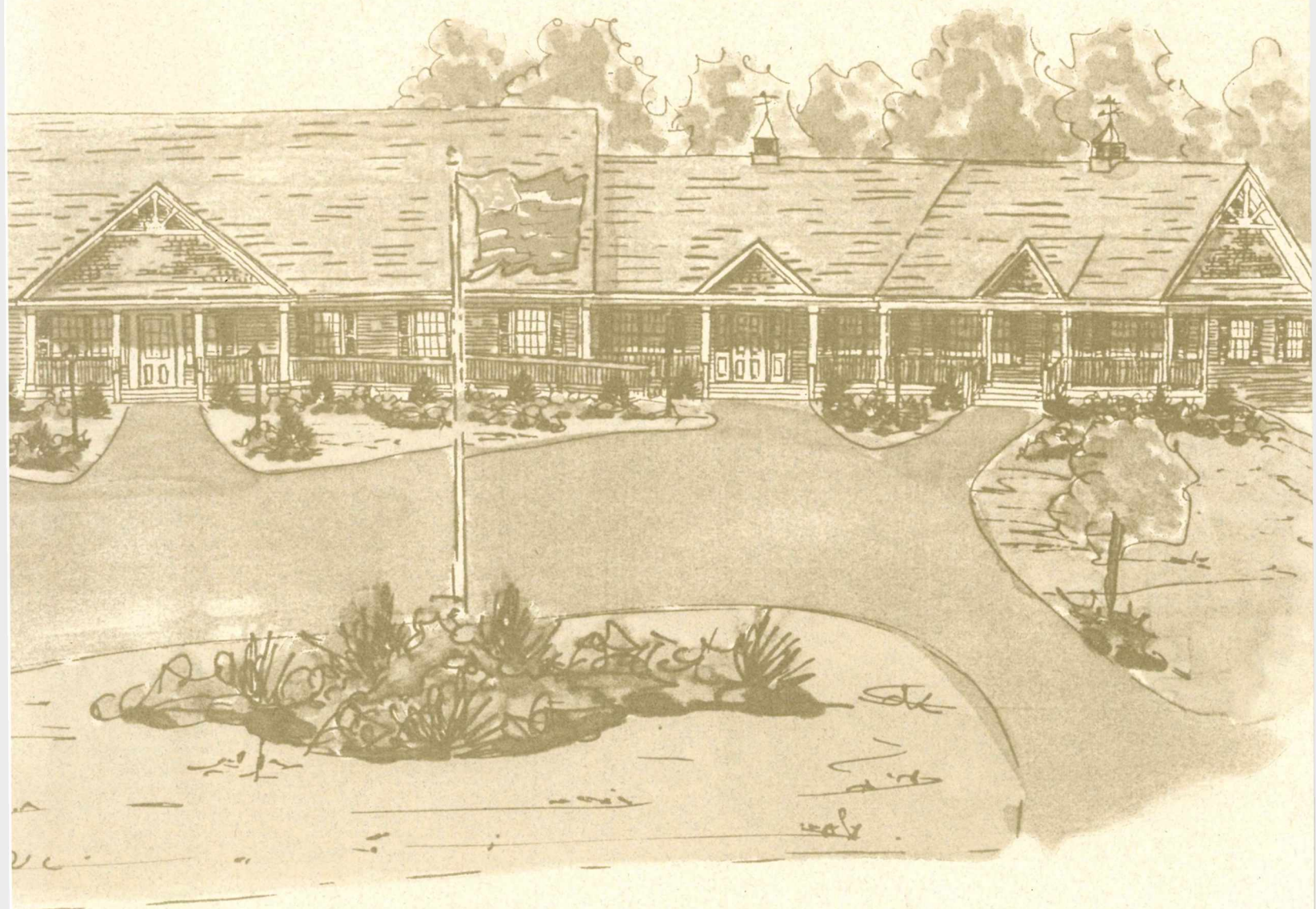


# Town of Cumberland

## Annual Report

for the Year Ending  
December 31, 1996



VAL HALLA



*This year's annual report features on its cover  
the handsome new and spacious clubhouse at  
Val Halla, Cumberland's Municipal Golf Course.*

The 1990s have been an exciting decade at the Val Halla golf course. Thanks to the installation of full irrigation on the 18th hole layout, improved course maintenance and the 1996 completion of the new club house. The public facility that started as a modest, rustic layout in the early 1960s has been transformed into one of the best conditioned public courses in the Greater Portland/Southern Maine area, with first rate amenities and banquet function facilities for up to 200 people.

Val Halla, the only 18-hole public course in the growing Portland-to-Brunswick corridor has come a long way from its humble beginnings. After breaking ground in 1962, Val Halla opened as a 9-hole public course in July, 1965. The layout was designed by Massachusetts-based golf course architect Phil Wogan. In its early years, the course, like many new courses in Maine, operated on a tight budget.

Val Halla started as a privately-owned public course but was sold to the Town of Cumberland in the mid 1970s and has been a town-owned facility overseen by a Board of Directors ever since. Val Halla remained a 9-hole course until the mid 1980s when work started on what is today's back nine, also designed by Phil Wogan. The new back nine opened in 1986, and with an 18-hole layout, Val Halla was set for the dramatic growth to come over the next ten years. Val Halla offers the golfer a wonderful mixture of challenges, with tight, secluded tree-lined holes, open rolling land that is more forgiving, plus. It's a very comfortable walking course.

From its earliest days Val Halla has had close ties with the community and has traditionally had a strong junior golf program.

With the popularity of golf on the rise — particularly in the public sector — Val Halla, with a rising membership and excellent playing conditions for the public, appears to be well-positioned for success as we approach the next century.

*(Portions reprinted from Maine Golf, Inc., October, 1997, by Barry Mothes)*

Report of the

## VAL HALLA RECREATIONAL CENTER

**Bob Leighton, General Manager**

With the opening of our newly restored club house and addition, the final stage in the development of Val Halla is now complete.

The Town of Cumberland can be proud of the facility at Val Halla. We not only have the best municipal golf course in the State of Maine, but we now have the best banquet facility of its kind in the area.

Our special thanks go out to *Bob Benson* and the *Town Council* for their support in this project, and also the Val Halla Board of Trustees, past and present, for their hard work in the planning of this wonderful building.

We also must thank *Phil Wentworth* and his department for all the help they gave us.

### Valla Halla Golf & Recreation Center Board of Trustees

*Meets 1st Monday of every month*

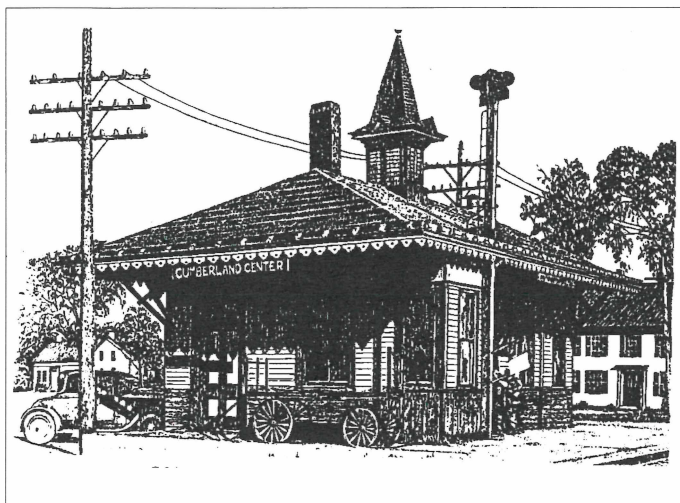
Kate Hoffner	Term Expires 12/97
Brian Walsh	Term Expires 12/97
Stewart McAllister	Term Expires 12/98
Patrick Skahan	Term Expires 12/98
Stephen Gilchrist	Term Expires 12/99
William Hansen	Term Expires 12/99
Michael McDonough	Term Expires 12/99
Philip Gleason (Council)	

As for the new banquet center, we do not have to advertise to keep it busy. Every function we have here results in new inquiries for more bookings. We hosted 19 weddings in 1996 and several already booked for 1998. With all the other parties and banquets scheduled, we do not have a Saturday available until November 1997.



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# Town of Cumberland Community Profile



**Cumberland Center Station**  
(donated by the Cumberland Historical Society)

Cumberland, Maine, by almost any measure, continues to be one of the premier communities in New England.

Located on the coast, with rolling fields and woods, Cumberland is close to work centers such as Portland and Brunswick. Cumberland has also matched significant environmental assets with high community values and an excellent award-winning school system.

Other characteristics of the Town of Cumberland include its own municipal 18 hole golf course, town forests, apple orchards, a farmer's market, as well as nature, snowmobile and cross-country ski trails. Another several hundred acres has been purchased for future municipal and recreational purposes.

Cumberland Fairgrounds will be celebrating its 125th Annual Cumberland County Fair this year. The fairgrounds feature not only farmers' club events but also concerts, country and western shows, craft and antique fairs, horse, carriage and antique street rod shows, and Native American cultural exchanges throughout the year.

With a population of around 6,000, Cumberland comprises an area of 27 square miles. It also includes some 20 islands, the largest being Great Chebeague Island, with a year-round population of 330 but mushrooming in the summer to 1,800. In the 19th century, Chebeague Island was well known for its Stone Sloops, captained by Chebeague men.

These sloops carried many tons of great granite blocks and other building stone from quarries Down East to rail heads in Boston, New York and many other eastern cities. The granite was then transported to construction sites such as the State and Navy Building in Washington, DC., the Washington Monument and Chicago Auditorium. The sloops also carried rock which was used in the construction of many coastal lighthouses, breakwaters and forts from Eastport, Maine to Delaware Bay.

Cumberland was a part of North Yarmouth until its incorporation as a town in 1821, a year after Maine became a state in 1820 as part of the Missouri Compromise. In 1973, Cumberland adopted a Town Council/Town Manager form of government.

In its earlier years, the inhabitants prospered through farming and lumber (saw mills). The 19th century saw the region develop into an important shipping and shipbuilding center. Railroad depots at Poland Corner and Cumberland Junction enhanced mercantile opportunities for the town.

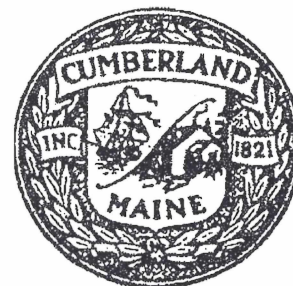
Today, the popularity of Cumberland as a peaceful suburban community has grown as it has proven to be a wonderful place to live and raise a family. A glance at the architecture of its older homes, open fields and salt water views are a constant reminder of its past, its maritime and agrarian roots of seaman and farmers; and its present, a still viable, active and involved community.



# Town of Cumberland

## 1996

### Annual Report



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## A Message from the Town Manager

### TO THE TOWN COUNCIL AND CITIZENS OF CUMBERLAND:

I am pleased to submit the *Annual Report of the Town of Cumberland* for the calendar year of 1996.

The Town Council has directed that this report be issued in order to help its citizens understand and appreciate their local government and their community. It also serves to provide a record of the activities of the departments and committees during the course of the year.

In presenting this report, we have made every effort to explain highlights of each department's and committee's accomplishments in 1996.

I would like to thank the members of the Town Council and all the members of our Boards, Commissions and Committees who give so generously of their valuable time in service to our community.

Finally, I would like to thank the employees of the Town for their dedicated service throughout the year.

Sincerely,

Robert B. Benson  
Town Manager



# 1996 CUMBERLAND TOWN COUNCIL

1996 saw the Town Council deal with a number of important issues, the most important of which involved the acquisition and development of Town land.

Early in the year, the Council approved a concept plan for the initial development of the Dillenback property on Tuttle Road. Public interest in the project was considerable, and resulted in large turnouts at the several public meeting conducted by the council.

After the final public hearing on March 14 — attended by well over 100 people at the Mabel I Wilson School Auditorium — the Council unanimously voted to proceed with the immediate development of a trail network, parking lot and multipurpose playing fields.

The public hearing process demonstrated the acute need for these recreational facilities, which should be in use by the summer of 1997.

At the same time that discussions regarding the Dillenback property were taking place, an adjacent tract of land owned by the Fowler family and fronting on Greely Road, became available. Acting on an enthusiastic recommendation from the Conservation Commission, the Council unanimously approved the purchase of this property later in the year.

The combination of the Dillenback and Fowler properties, centrally located between Tuttle and Greely Roads, gives the Town a valuable recreational resource which lends itself to many potential uses in the future.

In another important step, the Council approved a tax increment financing district ("TIF") for the Cumberland Business Park subdivision on Route 1. We are hopeful that the availability of the TIF will encourage appropriate development in that area.

Finally, I am pleased to report that, for a **fifth consecutive year**, the Council passed a "no tax increase" budget. The fact that the Town is able to of-



Town Council (L-R, front row): Philip Gleason (Chair), John Lambert (Vice-Chair) (L-R, back row) Josiah Drummond, Harland Storey, James Phipps, Peter Bingham (absent from photo: Philip Allen)

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fer all the services it does, without increasing taxes, is nothing less than remarkable, and is in a large part a reflection on the abilities of Bob Benson, our Town Manager, and the department heads and Town employees. They all make the Council look good.

The June municipal elections signaled the departure of Councilor Susan McGinty after two three-year terms; the election of new Councilor Peter Bingham, who has previously served on the Planning board and the SAD 51 Board; and the reelection to a second term of Councilor Gleason.

*Respectively submitted,  
Philip Gleason,  
Town Council Chair*



# BOARDS and COMMITTEES

## Town Council

*Meets 2nd and 4th Monday of every month*

Philip Gleason (*Chair*) (*Term Expires 6/99*) 781-3787  
10 Stony Ridge Rd, Cumb. F'side, ME  
Philip Allen (*Term Expires 6/97*) 829-3406  
34R Skillins Rd., Cumberland, ME 04021  
Peter Bingham (*Term Expires 6/99*) 829-5713  
19 Brook Rd., Cumberland, ME 04021  
Josiah Drummond (*Term Expires 6/98*) 829-5506  
240 Foreside Rd., Cumb. F'side, ME 04110  
John Lambert (*Term Expires 6/97*) 781-5282  
7 Ocean Terrace, Cumb. F'side, ME 04110  
James Phipps (*Term Expires 6/98*) 846-6274  
190 Deer Pt. Rd., Chebeague Is., ME 04017  
Harland Storey (*Term Expires 6/97*) 829-3939  
45 Middle Rd., Cumb. F'side, ME 04110

## Planning Board

*Meets 3rd Tuesday of every month*

Philip Hunt ( <i>Chair</i> )	Term Expires 12/99
Sam Hunter	Term Expires 12/97
Martha Porch	Term Expires 12/97
Penny Jansmann	Term Expires 12/98
Robert Vail	Term Expires 12/98
Tom Powers	Term Expires 12/98
Jeff Daigle	Term Expires 12/99
Phil Allen ( <i>Council</i> )	

## Board of Adjustment and Appeals

*Meets 2nd Thursday of every month*

George Turner ( <i>Chair</i> )	Term Expires 12/99
Greg Fowler	Term Expires 12/98
Ronald Copp	Term Expires 12/99
James Fortin	Term Expires 12/00
Scott Wyman	Term Expires 12/00
John Lambert ( <i>Council</i> )	

## Board of Assessment Review

*As requested*

Robert G. Crosen, Jr. ( <i>Chair</i> )	Term Expires 12/99
Field Griffith	Term Expires 12/97
Stan Furlow	Term Expires 12/97
Kenneth Charest	Term Expires 12/99
Wanda Worrey (Alt)	Term Expires 12/97

## Board of Directors M.S.A.D. #51

*Meets 1st and 3rd Mondays*

Ronald Bancroft ( <i>Chair</i> )	Term Expires 1999
Frances Sweetser	Term Expires 1997
Peggy Wiles	Term Expires 1997
Thomas Hyndman	Term Expires 1998
William Williamson	Term Expires 1998
Gail Witherill	Term Expires 1999
Karen Herold	Term Expires 2000

## Board of Sewer Appeals

*As requested*

William Whitten ( <i>Chair</i> )	Term Expires 12/97
Ralph Oulton	Term Expires 12/98

## Cable TV Regulatory Board

*annual appointment 6/31*

Wayne Buhelt	Term Expires 6/97
Stanley Milton	Term Expires 6/97
Gordon Erikson, Jr.	Term Expires 6/97
Cecil Ryder	Term Expires 6/97
Hector Nadeau, Jr. (Alt)	Term Expires 6/97

## Chebeague Island Library Trustees

Gloria Brown	Term Expires 12/95
Virginia Ensign	Term Expires 12/95
Katherine Habig	Term Expires 12/95
Margery Howard	Term Expires 12/95
Donald Soucek	Term Expires 12/95
Joan Robinson	Term Expires 12/95
Donna Damon	Term Expires 12/96
Mabel Doughty	Term Expires 12/96
Herbert Maine	Term Expires 12/96
Susan Stavropoulos	Term Expires 12/96
Ross Martindale	Term Expires 12/97
Gertrude Putnam	Term Expires 12/97
Elisabeth Weiss	Term Expires 12/97
Linda White	Term Expires 12/97
Jim Phipps ( <i>Council</i> )	

## Coastal Waters Commission

Richard Boscherini ( <i>Chair</i> )	Term Expires 12/98
John Williams	Term Expires 12/97
Lewis Incze	Term Expires 12/98
Kenneth Hamilton	Term Expires 12/99
Hartley Brewer	Term Expires 12/99

## Conservation Commission

John Eldredge ( <i>Chair</i> )	Term Expires 12/98
Howard Foley	Term Expires 12/97
Robert Wood	Term Expires 12/97
Robert S. Craig, Jr.	Term Expires 12/98
Denise Gallaudet	Term Expires 12/99
Ellen Hoffman	Term Expires 12/99
Peter Bingham ( <i>Council</i> )	

## Cumberland Housing Authority

Margaret Darling	Term Expires 12/97
Richard Foote	Term Expires 12/97
Jeffrey Porter	Term Expires 12/98
W. Scott Fox	Term Expires 12/98
Joyce Frost	Term Expires 12/99
Sandra Doughty	Term Expires 12/99

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### **Cumberland/Yarmouth Joint Standing Committee**

Guy Vigue	Term Expires 12/96
Cecil Ryder	Term Expires 12/96
Stephen Moriarty ( <i>advisory</i> )	
John Lambert ( <i>Council</i> )	

### **Cumberland Islands Committee**

Michael Porter ( <i>Chair</i> )	Term Expires 12/97
Marjorie Munroe	Term Expires 12/97
Peter Rice	Term Expires 12/97
Donna Damon	Term Expires 12/98
Beth Howe	Term Expires 12/98
Eric Weagle	Term Expires 12/98
Sandra Birkett	Term Expires 12/99
Harriet Hutchison	Term Expires 12/99
Jim Phipps ( <i>Council</i> )	

### **Greely Scholarship Committee** (no defined terms)

Grace Hutchinson	Jean Williams
Thomas Joyce	Terry Snow
Kenneth Gallant	

### **Greenbelt Committee**

Barbara Garsoe	Barbara Milburn
Beth Fitzgerald	Robert Waterhouse
Chris Naigle	Henry Milburn
Jay Fordham	John Fitzgerald
Julie Restuccia	Kathy Brown
Mara Janelle	Martha Porch
Meg Waterhouse	Norman Billard
Rugh Naigle	Sue Flaherty
Ted Miles	Bud Stratton

### **Landing Committee**

Donna Damon	Term Expires 12/97
Linden Smith	Term Expires 12/97
Robert White	Term Expires 12/97
Doug Ross	Term Expires 12/98
J. Samuel Hunter III	Term Expires 12/99
Jim Higgins	Term Expires 12/99
J. Samuel Hunter, II	Term Expires 12/99
Jim Phipps ( <i>Council</i> )	

### **Long Range Planning Committee**

Paul Cote ( <i>Chair</i> )	Term Expires 12/97
Brian Atchinson	Term Expires 12/97
Michael Porter	Term Expires 12/97
Laura Small	Term Expires 12/97
John Granfield	Term Expires 12/98
Harriet Hutchison	Term Expires 12/99
Phil Allen ( <i>Council</i> )	
Phil Hunt ( <i>Planning Board Chair</i> )	
Robert Hasson ( <i>SAD 51 - Superintendent</i> )	
Ron Bancroft ( <i>SAD 51 - Board</i> )	

### **Portland Water District Local Representative**

Alan B. Rich	Term Expires 6/96
Cedric Porter	Term Expires 6/97

### **Prince Memorial Library Advisory Board (4 year terms)**

*As needed*

Charles Adams ( <i>Chair</i> )	Term Expires 9/97
Elizabeth Orser	Term Expires 9/97
Steve Moriarty	Term Expires 9/98
Joy O'Neil	Term Expires 9/98
Mary Lewis	Term Expires 9/98
Carl McPherson	Term Expires 9/99
Nancy Gisson	Term Expires 9/99
William Hayes	Term Expires 9/99
Josiah Drummond ( <i>Council</i> )	

### **Recreation/Community Education Advisory Board**

E. Debra Sloan	Term Expires 12/97
Pam Moriarty	Term Expires 12/97
Connie Sweetser	Term Expires 12/97
Sharon Walsh	Term Expires 12/98
Margery Gruber	Term Expires 12/98
James Googins	Term Expires 12/99
Frances Sweetser ( <i>SAD Board</i> )	
John Lambert ( <i>Council</i> )	

### **Recycling Committee**

Jennifer McAdoo ( <i>Chair</i> )	Term Expires 12/97
Angela Wheaton	Term Expires 12/97
Susan McGinty	Term Expires 12/98
Hope Foster	Term Expires 12/98
Janice Tooker	Term Expires 12/98
Jo Anne Babcock	Term Expires 12/99
Janet Hotham	Term Expires 12/99
Philip Allen ( <i>Council</i> )	

### **Regional Waste Systems Board of Directors**

Susan McGinty	Cumberland's Rep.
Robert B. Benson, Town Manager	- Cumberland Alt.

### **Shellfish Conservation Commission**

James Higgins ( <i>Chair</i> )	Term Expires 12/97
Tom Peterson	Term Expires 12/97
Richard Peterson	Term Expires 12/98
Steve Sloan	Term Expires 12/98
Thomas Calder	Term Expires 12/99

### **Town Forest Board**

Elizabeth Surgi	Term Expires 1997
Walt Dunlap	Term Expires 1997
Anne Maher	Term Expires 1998
Sally Stockwell	Term Expires 1999
Jennifer West	Term Expires 1999



# TOWN CLERK



Klara M. Norton,  
Town Clerk

## Statistics for the Year Ending December 31, 1996

- **COUNCIL MEETINGS:**  
Regular - 20, Special - 4
- **ELECTIONS:** Three were held in 1996
  - March 5 — Presidential Preference Primary**
  - June 11 — Primary, Municipal and Portland Water District Election**
    - (2) Town Councilors
    - (1) School Board Director
    - (1) Portland Water District Trustee
  - (1,714 voted out of 4,867 registered voters)
  - November 5 — General, Referendum and Special Municipal Election**
  - Voters approved "Shall fluoride be added to the public water supply for the intended purpose of reducing tooth decay?"
  - YES-2,821 NO-1,144
  - (4,043 voted out of 5,108 registered voters)

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 is responsible for all elections, both State and local, held within the community; records and issues Marriage, Hunting, Fishing, Dog, Victualers licenses, cemetery deeds and burial permits; and issues certified copies of marriage, birth and death records.

## Vital Statistics

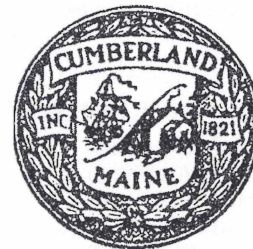
	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
<b>Births</b>	72	74	77	80	65
<b>Deaths</b>	36	35	32	44	38
<b>Marriages</b>	69	68	63	65	71

## Licenses

	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
<b>Dogs</b>	804	776	841	847	974
<b>Fish &amp; Game</b>	1,170	1,136	1,047	1,015	957
<b>Shellfish</b>					
<b>Recreational</b>	146	200	200	230	228
<b>Commercial</b>	0	0	10	0	0

## Follow the history of the Town of Cumberland throughout this year's annual report.

*It has been 175 years since the Western section of the Town of North Yarmouth was incorporated as the Town of Cumberland. Cumberland was incorporated in 1821 only a year after Maine became a state in 1820 as part of the Missouri compromise.*



To celebrate the 175th anniversary of Cumberland's incorporation, a series of articles will be published in the Town Report during the next few years, which will survey the evolution of the Town from the period after the Civil War to the dawn of the new millennium. Residents of Cumberland will have an opportunity to learn about our past as the the Town of Cumberland prepares to jump onto the electronic highway headed for the Twenty-First Century.



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# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Adjustment and Appeals

Assessor

Building Inspector

Cumberland Housing Authority

Planning Board

Town Planner

Code Enforcement Department

Sewer



*This old store on Main Street was built by Reuben Rideout, whose home was across the street. He operated a grocery store there for some years, later selling it to the Blanchard brothers, Everett and Fenwick, whose home was right next door. In March, 1880, the store burned and the Blanchard brothers replaced it with another, larger store. This building served as the Cumberland Center county store and also as its Post Office during the Blanchard brothers' ownership. The Blanchard brothers sold it to William E. Wilson, who after two years sold it to Oren S. Thomas.*

*Mr. Thomas disposed of it around 1888 to James L. Dunn. Mr. Dunn operated this grocery store until his death in 1923, and over the years, it changed hands five or six more times. In 1960, Maurice Harding bought it and remodeled it into the present four-unit apartment building.*

## Cumberland Comes Alive —

*Follow along with us as we journey through  
Cumberland's history — from the nineteenth century  
right on up to the edge of the 21st!*



—by Donna Miller Damon

**I**n the 1870s Cumberland was a town of farmers and fishermen, merchants and mariners. While people on the mainland were raising apples and milking cows and engaging in mercantile endeavors, people from Chebeague were building wharves, breakwaters and lighthouses such as Halfway Rock, and manning fishing vessels bound for the Grand Banks.

The people lived on farms and in various hamlets throughout the town. More than 100 people resided in 23 houses which were located around the intersection of Tuttle Road, Main Street and Blanchard Road, known as Cumberland Center. There were stores, blacksmith shops, shoe makers and carpenters.

The Town House (Town Office) sat near the site of the present fire station. There were four churches and three post offices on the mainland, while three churches and one post office were located on Great Chebeague, the largest of Cumberland's eight inhabited islands. Train stations were located at Cumberland Junction on Longwood Road and Poland Corners near the intersection of Middle Road and Tuttle Road.

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# ASSESSOR

Paula M. Jansmann, CMA, Assessor



Paula M. Jansmann

The Assessing Department is the focus of this 1996 fiscal report. Even though the Assessing Department has no control over the appropriation or expenditure of town funds relating to the amount of taxes a taxpayer has to pay, the Assessing Department is often blamed for the rise in taxes, the tax rate or both. Property taxation is the foundation upon which local government services are financed.

It is the responsibility of the Assessor to distribute, year by year, the burden of taxation.

The assessor is responsible for establishing the value of property for ad valorem tax purposes. Assessors are responsible for discovering, listing, and equalizing and valuing all taxable property. In doing so, the assessor is responsible to the individual property owner to ensure that the value is proper and that the owner pays no more than their fair share of the property tax.

In 1996 the Town of Cumberland contracted with Vision Appraisal Technology for the purpose of conducting a town-wide revaluation; contract price, \$149,000. It has been ten years since the last complete revaluation (equalization) of all real estate in Cumberland

Constantly changing economic conditions have caused inequities to develop. These inequities are normal "hills and valleys" in valuation which occur in any community over a period of time. Neighborhoods change and the economic climate changes, meaning some properties become overvalued or undervalued when compared to comparable market properties.

The solution is to reappraise all real estate and to bring assessment records up to date with present day values. The revaluation returns properties to current market values and to the fair-share basis.

The new property values will be set to April 1, 1997 and will be re-

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flected in the 1997 tax bills. Higher property assessments do not cause higher taxes. Town and school budgets determine the total amount of taxes that must be paid. Property assessments determine how that total tax is shared among the property owners. A property owner's tax bill is the result of both budgets and property assessments. The revaluation program will not change the total tax burden.

The tax rate is calculated by dividing the tax dollars required by the total taxable assessed value. How much the tax rate decreases as a result of the revaluation depends on how much the total assessed value of the Town increases and the total expenditures raised at Town and School meetings.

## STATISTICS FROM APRIL, 1995 TO APRIL, 1996

Total Land Valuation .....	\$153,662,120.00
Total Building Value .....	244,033,420.00
Total Real Estate Valuation (3,485 parcels) .....	397,695,540.00
Total Personal Property Valuation (212 accounts) .....	2,532,120.00
Veteran Exemptions (200) .....	850,000.00
Blind Exemptions (4) .....	13,600.00
Property Exemptions (101) .....	27,789,930.00
Tree Growth Classification (52 parcels-1,774 acres) .....	250,100.00
Farmland Classification (14 parcels-360 acres) .....	90,590.00
Open Space Classification (7 parcels-100 acres) .....	128,400.00

	1995	1996	% INCREASE
<b>TAX LEVY</b>	<b>\$7,875,479</b> .....	<b>\$8,284,712</b> .....	<b>5.0%</b>
<b>ASSESSMENT</b>	<b>\$391,765,150</b> .....	<b>\$400,227,660</b> .....	<b>2.10%</b>
<b>TAX RATE</b>	<b>\$20.10/\$1,000</b> .....	<b>\$20.70/\$1,000</b> .....	<b>2.9%</b>

## 1996 TAX YEAR (Town Fiscal Year 1/96 to 12/96)

<b>April 1, 1996</b>	<b>Ownership &amp; Assessment of Property Fixed</b> (State Taxation Law Title 36 §502)
<b>September 8, 1996:</b>	<b>Tax Roll "committed" to Tax Collector</b> (determined by Assessor)
<b>November 1, 1996:</b>	<b>Payment Due Date</b> (determined by Council)
<b>November 2, 1996</b>	<b>Interest begins 10.75% annually</b>
<b>March 12, 1997:</b>	<b>Deadline for filing assessment appeals</b> (185 days after commitment Title 36 §841)



# BUILDING INSPECTOR

Robert B. Littlefield, *Building Inspector*

I am pleased to submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 1996.

In 1996 there were 189 building permits issued representing a total construction cost of \$9,050,751.

There were 45 permits issued for new homes in 1996 representing a construction cost of \$6,866,000 with an average cost per unit of \$152,578.

Again this year with the able assistance of Plumbing Inspector *Richard Peterson* and Electrical Inspector *Stanford Brown*, all new construction was site inspected in a effort to maintain the proper standards as required under the Building, Electrical and Plumbing codes.

## The following information was compiled for the 1996 inspection year

Type of Construction	No. of Permits	Construction Costs	Permit Costs
New Houses	45	\$6,866,000.00	\$4,264.00
Renovations	36	788,065.00	1,062.00
Alterations	1	2,400.00	6.00
Additions	29	807,075.00	1,169.00
Porches	4	16,400.00	42.00
Garages	12	186,500.00	315.00
Foundation	1	12,000.00	24.00
Access. Structure	47	278,711.00	558.00
Temporary Structure	0	0.00	0.00
Antenna	0	0.00	0.00
In-Ground Pool	8	78,600.00	151.00
Retaining Wall	0	0.00	0.00
Demolitions	4	0.00	2.00
Commercial	2	15,000.00	34.00
Exempt from fees	2	850,000.00	0.00
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>\$9,900,751.00</b>	<b>\$7,383.00</b>

Electrical Permits:	141	Permit costs:	\$2,460.71
Plumbing Permits:	150	Permit costs:	\$8,020.51



Although the town voted to keep the town landing (probably a hauling up place) at Bennetts Cove on Chebeague, the residents of the island formed the *Chebeague Wharf and Steamboat Company* to provide the island's first public transportation, and built a landing for the steamer *Henrietta*, at Saltworks Point (now know as Central).

## One Hundred, Twenty-Five Years in the Making

The Cumberland Fair came into its own during the late 1860's and the 1870's. Main Street was used for horse races and ox pulling contests.

The fair became so popular that Solomon Blanchard described the event as, "The largest event Cumberland ever had...by noon Cumberland Center seemed like Tremont Street in Boston."

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# BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT AND APPEALS



*Board of Appeals: (L-R) George Turner (Chair), James Fortin, Greg Fowler, David Golebieski (missing: Ronald Copp, Scott Wyman).*

**At the request of an applicant, the Board of Adjustment and Appeals meets on the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m.**

**The Board took action on the following in 1996:**

Interpretations .....	4
Variances .....	18
Special Exceptions .....	18
Expansion of Non-Conforming Use.....	0
Change of Non-Conforming Use.....	0
Waiver .....	0
Successive Appeals .....	0
Applications Withdrawn .....	0

The Board of Adjustment and Appeals is comprised of five members appointed by the Town Council as volunteers to serve for a term of three years.

This Board is an administrative one authorized and created under the law, the powers and duties of which are strictly governed and limited by Town Ordinances. Some of the matters to be considered by the Board are as follows:

**INTERPRETATION.** Upon appeal from a decision of the Code Enforcement Officer, the Board shall determine whether the decision of the Code Enforcement Officer is in conformity with the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance. The Board shall interpret the meaning of the Zoning Ordinance in cases of uncertainty.

**VARIANCES.** Upon appeal from a decision of the Code Enforcement Officer, the Board shall have the power to vary the dimensional requirements of the Zoning Ordinance that relate to size and height of structures, setback distances, and size of signs. The variance shall only be granted where such variance will not be contrary to public health, safety or general welfare, and where, owing to conditions peculiar to the property and not the result of the actions of the applicants, a literal enforcement of this Ordinance would result in unnecessary and undue hardship.

A variance shall not be granted for the establishment or expansion of a use otherwise prohibited. The presence of other non-conformities in the neighborhood or zoning district shall not constitute grounds of a variance.

**SPECIAL EXCEPTION.** A use that would not be generally appropriate throughout a zoning district, but which may be permitted by the Board of Adjustment and Appeals if specific provision for such conditional use is made in the zoning ordinances; and if the Board finds that the proposed use meets certain standards as set forth in the Ordinance.

**OTHER PERMITS.** The Board also has the power and duty to pass upon the issuing of certain permits or approval, where expressly authorized by the Zoning Ordinance.

**SUCCESSIVE APPEALS.** After a decision has been made by the Board of Adjustment and Appeals, a new appeal of similar import concerning the same property shall not be entertained by the Board until one year shall have elapsed from the date of said decision, except that the Board may entertain a new appeal if the Chairman believes that, owing to a mistake of law or misunderstanding of fact, an injustice was done, or if he believes that a change has taken place in some essential aspect of the case sufficient to warrant a reconsideration of the appeal.

**Members of the 1996 Board were** *George S. Turner, Chair; Gregory W. Fowler, Vice-Chair, Ronald W. Copp, James E. Fortin, Scott Wyman (added 10/96) and David Golebiewski (left 5/96).*

Report of the

# PLANNING and CODE ENFORCEMENT

Donna Larson, Town Planner

The Planning and Code Enforcement Department assists both the Planning Board and the Board Adjustment and Appeals. For the Planning Board this assistance means reviewing site plans for commercial proposals, reviewing residential and commercial subdivision plans and reviewing and recommending changes to the zoning and subdivision ordinances. Its work for the Board of Adjustment and Appeals includes: assisting residents in completing their applications, explaining the Board's procedures, researching the history of the properties, and visiting proposed work sites.

In addition to working with the local boards, the staff also works with the public by answering zoning and subdivision questions relevant to their property. The Town Planner is available to discuss with residents whatever ideas or concerns they might have relating to general land-use and other issues that may impact their land.

## Cumberland Meadows Senior Housing

Cumberland Meadows Senior Housing continues to be a tremendous success. The project is completely self-sufficient. It not only requires no tax dollars, it is

building a reserve fund adequate to keeping the buildings in excellent condition.

The one story design and the attached garages are the features most often cited by the tenants as good design.

The tenants have organized among themselves a number of functions such as teas, luncheons and other social activities. The tenants are a delightful and diverse group from all walks of life.

To round out this success story, mention needs to be made of a man who plays a very important part in this picture. *Don Bolduc* is the one responsible for the overall maintenance of the senior complex. He's the one called upon for all sorts of emergency problems by the tenants, and he's the one who has kept this facility up and running and looking great. Thank you, Don, for the wonderful job that you consistently do!

**The Housing Authority maintains a waiting list for apartments in this project. If you are interested in being put on the waiting list, call the Town Planner at 829-2206**

## Cumberland History *(continued from page 9)*

But a conflict arose between the folks in the Center and West Cumberland and for awhile, two fairs were held. The building presently known as the Junior High Annex was built during this controversy. Because people from West Cumberland helped their neighbors in the Center finish the building, it was known as the Union Hall. Although West Cumberland lost the battle, they won the war when the two groups eventually merged and determined that the Cumberland County Fair would be held in West Cumberland for all time!

### Education Always First-Class

Cumberland children were educated in 12 one-room schools in Cumberland — including one on Crotch Island (known as Cliff Island since the 1890's when the two-thirds of the island which was part of Cumberland, became part of Portland). The two largest schools in the town were on Great Chebeague. The District Nine school on Chebeague, built c. 1871, was the newest school in town. Teachers for the district schools were hired by school agents who were elected by the residents in their district.

The town employed a supervisor of schools who candidly reported his findings in the annual town report. He gave laudatory evaluations to teachers who drilled their students, while criticizing those whose closing examinations showed 'defective order and carelessness in recitations.' The supervisor reported that if one particular teacher had "*believed that whispering should be entirely forbidden, and none allowed to leave their seats except when absolutely necessary, the order would doubtless been perfect.*"

But it was not up to standard."



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Report of the

# PLANNING BOARD

Regular meetings of the Board are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. Special meetings and workshops are held as needed. Matters involving Chebeague Island ordinarily are heard on the Island.

Meeting notices and agendas are published in the *Portland Press Herald*, the *Falmouth Forecaster*, and *Shopping Notes* and are posted in the Town Hall and at other locations.

The 1996 Planning Board was initially comprised of Board Chair **Philip C. Hunt**, **Peter Bingham**, **Jeffrey Daigle**, **Sam Hunter**, **Penny Jansmann**, and **Bob Vail**, with one seat vacant. **Tom Powers** joined the Board in February. Peter Bingham resigned in May to pursue a seat on the Town Council and **Martha Porch** was named to fill the vacancy in October.

The principal role of the Planning Board is to review subdivision applications to assure compliance with the Town's Subdivision Ordinance and to review site plans for development submitted under the Town's Site Plan Ordinance. The Board also conducts public hearings with respect to proposed amendments to the Zoning, Subdivision and Site Plan Ordinances. The Board held 12 regular monthly meetings in 1996.

Subdivision applications were considered for the Cumberland Business Park (final approval as revised); Sunnyfield Farm (final approval as revised); Valley Road (approval pending); and Idlewood on Range Road (approval pending). Preapplication conferences were held for the Greenwood at Cumberland, Spears Hill and Daniel Crew subdivisions.

Site Plan Reviews were conducted for CHIPCO Products, the Chebeague Island Recreation Center, the Nellie G. Cafe, the Cumberland Farmers Market, Tuttle Road Church Day Care, On-Call Services, and



The Cumberland Planning Board consists of seven members appointed by the Town Council, (front row, L-R): Robert Vail, Phil Hunt (Chair), Martha Porch; (back row, L-R): Carol Tukey (Secretary), Jeff Daigle, Penny Jansmann, Sam Hunter (missing: Thomas Powers)

preapplication review of a purposed Golf School on Bruce Hill Road.

The Board approved Shoreland Zoning Permits for Sharon Stevenson, garage and foundation near Forest Lake and for Raymond Gilmartin, a pier on the east shore of Chebeague Island.

A variety of public hearings were held in connection with proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance in connection with road standards, fees, and the allowance of congregate housing on Chebeague Island.

Members of the Board also actively participated in the development and approval of the revised Comprehensive Plan for the Town.



*The Jeremiah and Caroline Matilda Eastman House, built circa 1871, was the highest assessed home on Great Chebeague during the 1870s (\$1,200.00) Only one other house, which was on the mainland, existed at that time assessed at the same price. Hamilton was a successful Stone Sloop captain, who later converted the house to a summer boarding house known as the Bayview. It burned in the Great Hillcrest fire in August, 1924.*

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# PUBLIC SAFETY

Reports from:

Fire Department

Harbor Master

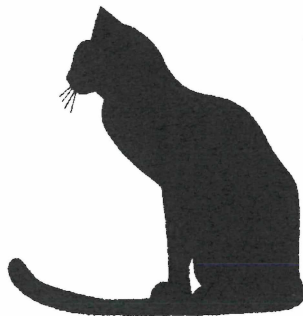
Police Department

Public Health

Public Works

Recycling

Rescue

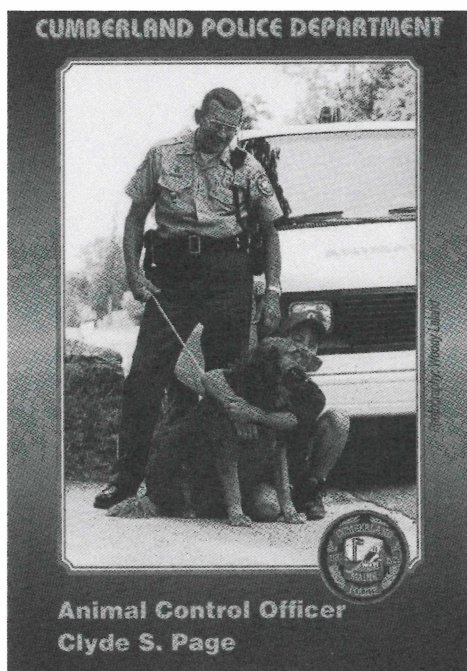
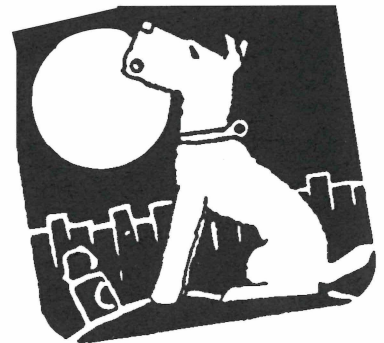


## ANIMAL CONTROL

- A little black pepper in your flower garden may keep your neighbor's cat out of it!
- Mothballs in the hole of a woodchuck or skunk encourages the animals to clear out!
- Place a piece of reflective tape around your dog or cat's collar to help keep them from being struck by a car at night.
- You can remove burrs from your pets by working oil into the tangle or crushing the burrs with pliers. Crushed burrs lose their holding power and can be easily combed out.
- Most dogs love cheese, so if your's refuses to swallow a pill, wrap the pill in a piece of cheese.
- The **Animal Control Officer** can assist with these and other animal-related problems. He can be reached by calling 829-5239.

## DOG LICENSING

- Dog licensing is a **STATE LAW**.
- All dogs 6 months or older must be licensed! This is regardless of whether or not they go outside.



- Residents who are new to the state must license their dog within 30 days.
- Residents who move from one municipality to another must license their dog within 30 days.
- **Current licenses expire on January 1, and must be renewed annually; licenses may be renewed starting in mid-November.** Any licenses renewed past the due date will be subject to a late charge.
- To license a dog, residents must bring a current rabies certificate and neutering/spaying certificate (where applicable) to the Town Office.
- **Licensing may be done quickly and easily at the Cumberland Town Hall. Please call 829-5559 for more information.**





Report of the

## HARBOR MASTER

Ted Curtis, Harbor Master

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Greely Institute was  
a private school  
which provided a  
free education for  
Cumberland residents  
and was partially  
subsidized by  
the town.

During the 1870s  
as many as  
79 students  
attended Greely  
during one term,  
necessitating the  
completion of the  
second floor  
of the Institute at  
a cost of \$520.

An exhibition was  
held on August 31,  
1874 to dedicate the  
new facility. The staff  
consisted of one  
teacher and two  
assistants. Greely  
Institute's annual  
operating expenses  
for 1874 were  
\$2,613.05.

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1996 was another outstanding boating year. The weather was excellent and everybody spent a great deal of time boating.

The number of mooring registrations have increased to over 380. Eighty percent of the moorings reside around Great Chebeague Island.

My activities included assisting mariners with mooring questions, checking moorings, enforcing docking time at both the Stone Pier and Chandlers' Pier, monitoring parking at the Stone Pier, assisting grounded boats, removing water from water laden prams and punts, relocating dead seals and deer, recovering and returning wayward boats, and removing derelict boats from the coastline.

Additional activities included working with the Chebeague Island and Mainland Rescue, checking the shellfish flats in the capacity of a shellfish warden, and working with the, "Friends of Casco Bay Citizens' Monitoring Program". I was responsible for two sampling sites, Stone Pier and Johnson Cove.

**To expedite the mooring registration process, I encourage everyone to pay your registration fee at the Cumberland Town Office at the same time you pay your boat registration.** You will only be asked to complete the

mooring registration form if you are registering for a new mooring.

**If you have any questions please call me at 207-846-4613 or write me via the Internet at the following address: CHEABIS@AOL.COM.**

To assist me in maintaining your mooring location please make an effort to **visually display your assigned mooring numbers on your mooring float or buoy.**

A personal thanks to Cumberland Public Works, in particular **Med Bowen**, and **Bert Copp**, my fellow officers in the Cumberland Police Department, the **dispatchers** in Dispatch, the **rescuers** in both Mainland and Chebeague Island Rescue, **Hartley** and **Diane Brewer** at the Chebeague Island Boat Yard, and finally the **Cumberland Town Office employees**. Their close support and cooperation greatly assisted me in carrying out my assigned responsibilities as Harbor Master and Shellfish Warden.

My personal thanks to everyone else for their valued assistance and excellent suggestions that contributed to making 1996 a fine boating year. Let's continue to work together and make 1997 another prosperous and safe boating year.

Report of the

## PUBLIC WORKS

Philip Wentworth, Director

1996 was a challenging year with a very busy Winter Season. It involved the use of nearly 4,000 yards of sand and 900 tons of salt during 25 storms.

The construction season involved several major projects, starting with the site work and landscaping at Val Halla's new club house.

The Public Works Department replaced nearly 900' of culverts and underdrains on various streets and other

public property, some of which was in preparation for repaving many Foreside streets. The last of the construction season was spent building 1500' of gravel road and a 50 car parking lot on the Dillenback property.

Several heavy rain storms during the year, the last occurring in October, left approximately 11 inches of water in the Center area. This proved to be a challenge, but did surprisingly little long term damage.

Kerry Farms Subdivision was the only new road accepted during 1996.

Report of the

# POLICE DEPARTMENT

Joseph J. Charron, *Chief of Police*

1996 proved to be another busy year for the Cumberland Police Department. One of the more alarming increases in calls for service has been domestic violence complaints. We have experienced a 200% increase in calls involving domestic violence. Despite the national attention to domestic violence there does not appear to be a decreasing trend to these types of calls.

The fact that there has been an increase does not necessarily mean that this crime is occurring more often, but that more people are reporting rather than not reporting.

In 1996 and continuing in 1997 the department has and will continue to expand on the number of officers certified as emergency medical technicians, which will greatly assist the Cumberland Rescue Department in responding to calls.

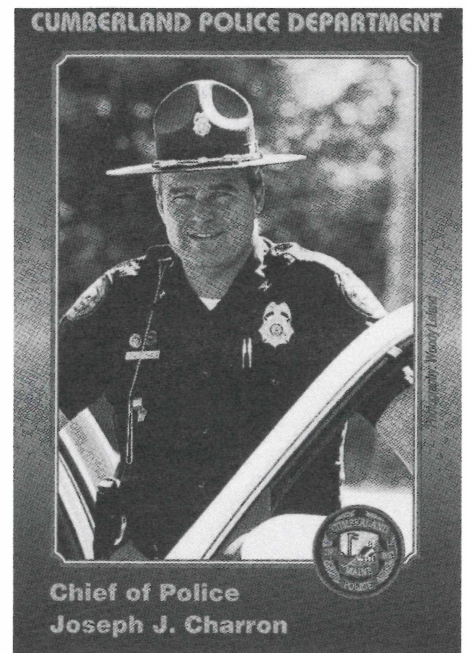
In June of 1996 **Julie Flanigan** joined the Cumberland Public Safety Department by replacing **Rose Napolitano** as the Public Safety Secretary. We all welcome Julie aboard.

Officer **John Dalbec** continues to conduct the D.A.R.E. program at the second, fourth, fifth, and Jr. High grade levels. The program has nationally come under fire recently and it has been suggested that the program has not been successful.

What has not been reported is the fact that those communities only conducting the core curriculum at the fifth or sixth grade levels without the additional follow-up at the higher grade levels are the communities reporting no results and, in fact, an increase in drug use.

In order for the program to have the most positive impact, it is important to provide the follow-up programs at all appropriate grade levels.

The Cumberland Police Department was again able to sponsor five fifth grade students from the North Yarmouth Memorial School to attend **Camp P.O.S.T.C.A.R.D.**, (*POLICE OFFICERS STRIVING TO CREATE AND REINFORCE DREAMS*). The camp is sponsored by Volunteers of America, the Maine



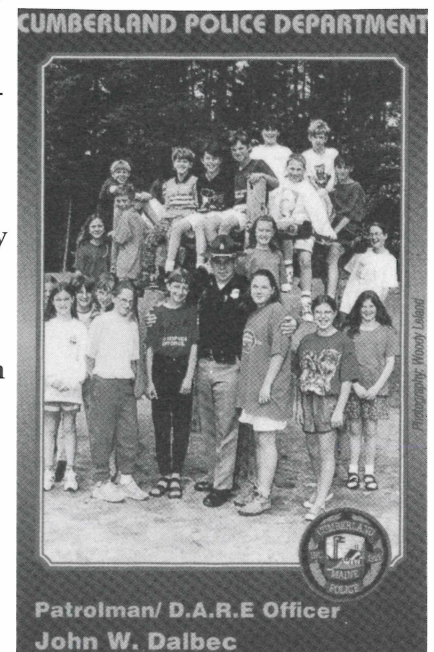
Sheriff's Association, and the Maine D.A.R.E. Officers Association. Other than donations from department fund raisers there is no cost to the Town of Cumberland for sending campers.

The figures reported to the Maine Department of Public Safety Uniform Crime Reporting Division remained consistent with past years. Assaults decreased by six, however property crimes, burglaries and thefts increased by sixteen reported crimes.

Overall there is no significant increase in these types of crimes, however we have found that more juveniles are being arrested for those property crimes reported.

The main deterrent to criminal activity continues to be the community's involvement in reporting suspicious activity.

We thank the community for their continued support and involvement in assisting the Cumberland Police Department working for you.





# RESCUE DEPARTMENT

**Christopher J. Bolduc, Rescue Chief**  
**Lance Dow, Rescue Chief**  
**Captains: Marlene Bowen,**  
**Elizabeth Chesley, William Stiles**

1996 proved to be a difficult year for the Cumberland Rescue. With population steadily increasing and the popularity of home health care developing, the requests for assistance from the Rescue Unit increased from 482 calls in 1995 to 610 calls in 1996.

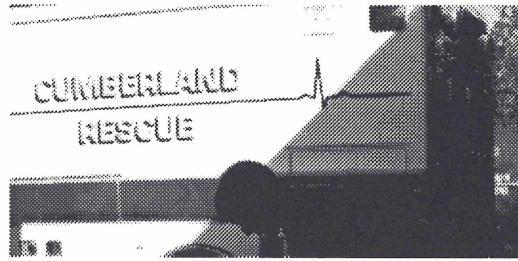
This type of increase in call volume greatly taxed the resources and manpower of the rescue department. In light of these challenges, the dedication, determination and perseverance of the entire rescue crew ensured we were able to provide the residents of Cumberland with quick and professional help whenever called.

In 1997, the Town of Cumberland will be changing. More subdivisions will be approved. More applications for day cares will be submitted. Elder care facilities will be located in churches and homes. More families will be opting to take care of elderly family members at home and more events will be held at the Cumberland Fair Grounds. All these changes will greatly effect the Rescue Department and we are predicting another 10% - 15% increase in calls.

In order to continue providing the advanced level of emergency care we currently provide, we must make some positive changes within the organization of the rescue department. Our first goal will be making sure we have adequate staff to insure that any time someone calls for assistance, rescue will be there.

This is difficult to guarantee when rescue operates with a primarily volunteer staff with no set hours. In order to accomplish this goal, we must consider hiring a full time paramedic. Funding this position will be difficult and the Town may have to look to the insurance companies to help finance this position.

On Chebeague Island, medical staff will be increased by the addition of three firefighters from the island, who are currently taking an emergency medical first



## **During 1996, the Cumberland Resuce handled 610 emergency responses**

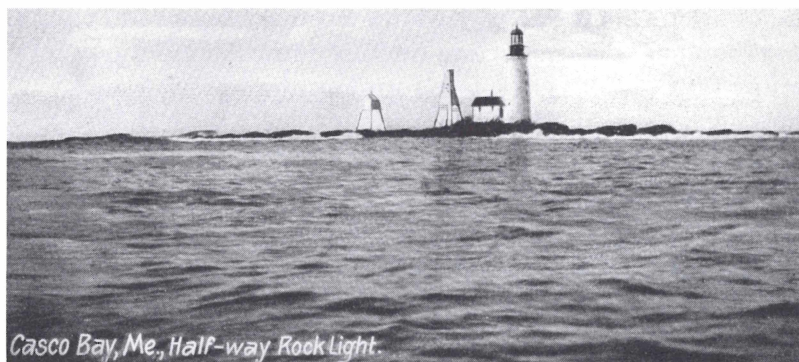
responder course.

Our second goal will be to reduce response times of personnel and equipment. The most cost effective way to accomplish this is for the Town to utilize resources it already has, such as the police department.

Currently there are three officers trained as emergency medical technicians and four in school to become emergency medical first responders. Two police cruisers will be equipped with life saving defibrillator and medical supplies.

We are predicting that there will be a police cruiser on the scene of most emergencies within four minutes from the time of the call. This will greatly enhance the emergency medical service in Cumberland.

It's going to be a busy 1997, yet by the end of the year, once all our goals are met, Cumberland will have one of the best Emergency Medical Services in the State.



*Halfway Rock Lighthouse, circa 1871, located on a ledge, midway between Small Point and Cape Elizabeth, was built of granite carried by a Chebeague Stone Sloop captained by Robert Hamilton Jr., who was also a Cumberland selectman for the Islands District. Through the years numerous Chebeaguers maintained the light while working for the Lighthouse Engineers, and Joseph Upton, served as one of the light's many keepers.*

# PUBLIC HEALTH

Eileen Wyatt, Health Officer

**This year the spread of rabies in Cumberland County is a concern for all of us.** The number of confirmed cases in Maine for the year is now at 101. Raccoons and skunks predominate with foxes, dogs and bats also being verified. Since *rabies is 100% fatal for humans* we need to observe strict precautions and teach our children *preventative habits*.

- Keep house pets vaccinations current.
- Never approach a wild animal or their young or a stray.
- If your family pet is in a fight — handle it with gloves.
- Wash you hands well with antibacterial soap if you have come into contact with the saliva or have been bitten by a wild animal — **THEN CALL YOUR PHYSICIAN!**
- **Do not keep a bat as a pet and if a bat is found in the bedroom report it to the Maine Bureau of Health 287-5301. Bat bites are tiny so sometimes a sleeping person is not aware that they have been bitten.**

For rabies to be transmitted, the virus present in the animal's saliva needs to be introduced into the blood of the individual. Bites can be provoked or unprovoked. Unprovoked bites are when animals having one or more open avenues of es-

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## What is Rabies?

Rabies is a viral disease of the central nervous system (brain and spinal cord) that is almost always fatal. Rabies in humans is very rare in the U.S., but rabies in animals — especially wildlife — is common in some parts of the country.

## How is Rabies Spread?

The rabies virus lives in the saliva (spit) and other body fluids of animals and is spread when they bite or scratch. The virus can also be spread if one of these body fluids touches broken skin or a mucous membrane (in the mouth, nose or eyes).



## For Safety's Sake

- Have your dogs and cats vaccinated regularly
- Avoid close contact with wild animals
- Avoid stray cats and dogs (They probably haven't been vaccinated)
- Adopt a pet only from a source which can give you its vaccination history

cape deliberately cross neutral space and attack. Rabies in livestock is not a big problem in Maine, but the possibility cannot be excluded.

The growing popularity of keeping reptiles, which can carry Salmonella, can endanger a family. When reptiles are allowed to roam in someone's abode they can contaminate all horizontal surfaces. Food preparation areas should be off limits and the kitchen sink should not be used to bathe reptiles or their dishes or to clean their cages or aquariums. Good handwashing after handling them is of primary importance.

Lovers of Fiddleheads are warned to cook or steam these early spring delights for at least 10 minutes. Shorter times such as stir frying may produce gastric upsets.

## Inspections for 1996

Sit Down Restaurants .....	8
Take-out .....	8
Bakery .....	1
Fairground Events/Food Concessions:	
Steer Pulling .....	1
Greyhound Event .....	1
Craft Fair .....	17
Sampling Tent .....	8
Native American .....	5
Cumberland Fair .....	57
Sit-down Restaurants .....	3
Street Rods .....	4
Inquiries .....	10
Complaints .....	5
Case Work .....	2

The Greely Pool is inspected monthly and reported annually for re-licensure to the Town Council.



# RECYCLING COMMITTEE

*Jennifer McAdoo, Chair;  
Jo Anne Babcock, Hope Foster,  
Janet Hotham, Susan McGinty  
and Janice Tooker*

During 1996, the Cumberland Recycling Committee began a study of residential recycling habits in an effort to assess the current collection program and suggest improvements that will ultimately improve the Town's recycling rate.

Phase I of this project involved sending questionnaires to and monitoring the recycling habits of approximately 250 mainland households.

Phase II will be conducted on Chebeague Island in 1997.

Many of you may have seen the display that the Recycling committee set up in the Town Hall on election day. Additionally, the committee organized the annual Christmas tree collection where over 500 trees were collected (don't forget that these trees are chipped into mulch and you can pick up free mulch at the town garage in the spring). And, finally, the Committee was involved in getting corrugated cardboard and household batteries added to the material that can be recycled by Cumberland residents.

In 1996, Cumberland residents threw away over 2,982 tons of household trash. Of that, 400 tons were recycled through curbside collection. This saved the Town over \$34,000 in disposal fees. By continuing to recycle as much of our trash as possible, these savings will continue to grow.

Currently, materials that are collected during the weekly curbside pick-up (Chebeague residents should recycle these items at the transfer station) include:



- mixed paper (old mail, newspapers, magazines, catalogs, phone books and brown paper bags);



- paperboard (such as cereal boxes, paper towel rolls and shoe boxes);



- glass, cans and aluminum; and

- plastic milk and cider jugs (HDPE #2).



Additionally, residents can take the following materials to the marked containers by the Town Garage on Drown Road:

- leaves, grass clippings, plant trimmings, branches and brush;
- used motor oil;
- corrugated cardboard;
- household (alkaline and lithium) and automobile batteries; and
- white good/metal items (for a fee).

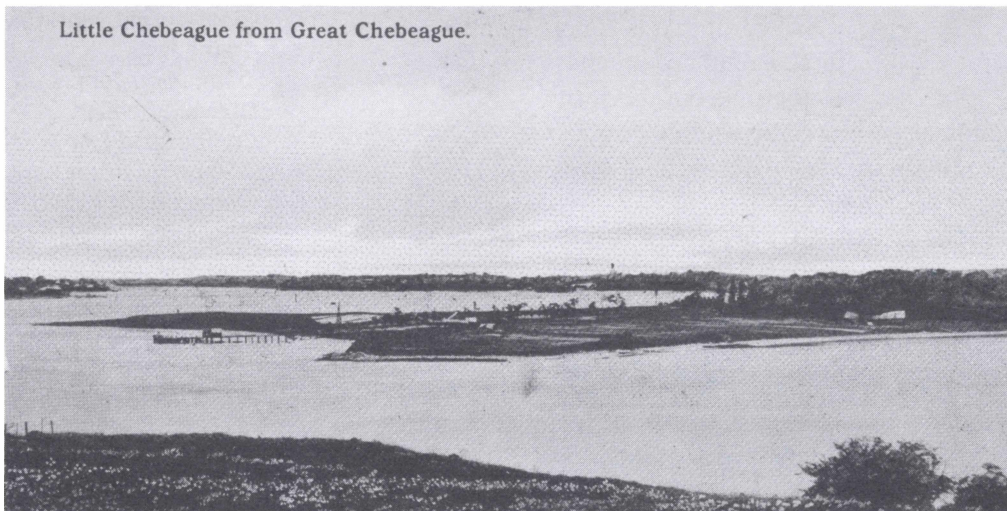
**For additional information on recycling these materials, call the Town garage at 829-2220 (mainland).**

As always, please feel free to attend our monthly meetings to find out more about what the Recycling Committee is up to. Call the Town office at 829-5559 for the date and time of the next meeting or with any questions you might have.

# RECYCLE

***be nice to mother earth,  
ourselves and our children!***

Little Chebeague from Great Chebeague.



# EDUCATION and COMMUNITY SERVICES

Reports from:

Adult Education

Chebeague Island Historical Society

Chebeague Island Library

Community Education and Recreation

Cumberland Farmers' Club

Cumberland Historical Society

Forest Board

General Assistance

SAD #51, Schools

Prince Memorial Library

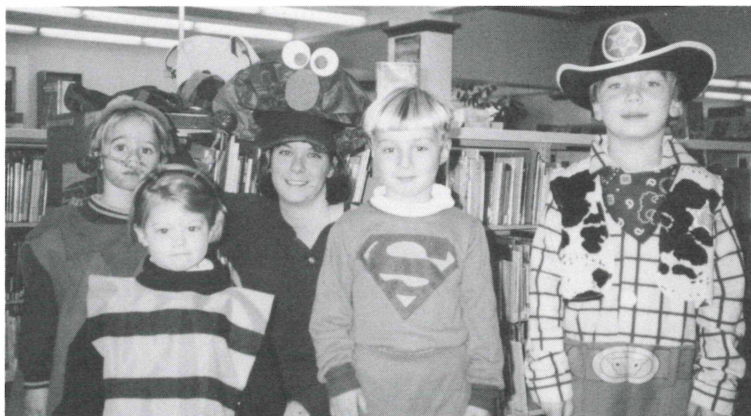
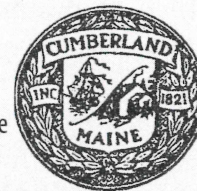
Val Halla Golf & Recreation Center

## History cont. from page 14

The earliest Annual Reports which have been located to date chronicle the financial, educational, and municipal happenings in Cumberland from March 1873 - March 1875. In those days the Town, which included the Mainland and the Islands, was valued at nearly one-half million dollars. In addition to Great Chebeague, Cumberland residents lived on Crotch Island (now Cliff), Basket, Bates, Hope, Stave, Ministerial, and Sturdivant. Approximately one-third of the town's 1,500 inhabitants lived on the islands.

Sixty dogs were owned by residents.

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*Prince Memorial Library hosts goblins among the books; encouraging even the youngest to read.*



# CHEBEAGUE ISLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

David R. Hill, *President*

The Historical Society has enjoyed another active year, only now we find ourselves spending almost as much time anticipating the future as we do reflecting upon the past.

Before getting into our plans for the future, let's review what we did last year.

Our programs included sharing Island School remembrances, examining island artifacts, discovering Indian signs we never knew existed with *Nathan Hamilton*, and hearing the ever-popular reminiscences of our summer natives.

*Richard Innes* fascinated us with his history of Little Chebeague. Also, in two sessions we began our celebration of island artists, which included *B.J. Abrahamson*, *Shirley Burgess*, *Lincoln Ciampa*, *Bea Crossman*, *Ralph Frizzell*, *Betty Healy*, *Fred KomLosy*, *John Rich* and *Louise Todd*.

Late last year the Cumberland Town Council voted to execute a quitclaim deed to the Historical Society for the District 9 East End Schoolhouse, more recently know as the old town garage. We are cur-

rently evaluating the building in anticipation of accepting the building and creating a museum and meeting area.

What can we say about **Crown Pilot Crackers** that hasn't already been said? After receiving a donation of \$1,000 from Nabisco, plus another \$1,500 in donation generated by *Gail Miller's* cracker pins, we're well on our way to putting together the funding necessary to do justice to the old schoolhouse. Many thanks to Nabisco and to all the happy cracker pin owners.

## Now, for the future...

We are planning to revive the popular island house tour with visits to several exciting Island residences. Noted Maine historian *Herb Adams* will be keynoting our Annual Meeting with his observations concerning Chebeague Island's role in the Civil War, and *Ron Formissano* will be previewing his long-awaited history of the lobster wars of the 1950's. Many other surprises are also in the works.

So as exciting as 1996 was, we're even more excited about what 1997 holds in store for us!



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Public service was not only expected, it was a necessity. 70% of the people voted and more than sixty people served in elected offices which

included now extinct positions

such as surveyors of the roads, fence viewers, pound keeper, and school agents. In addition, a list of thirty-three potential jurors was approved at the Town meeting. There were three selectmen, one of whom lived on Chebeague. Some of the officers received stipends from the town.



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# CUMBERLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Hope Foster, *President*

The Society doors are open to all interested persons on Wednesdays, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. The collections Committee is on hand to accept, restore, classify, catalog, and display, or store items which are then made available to researchers of all ages.

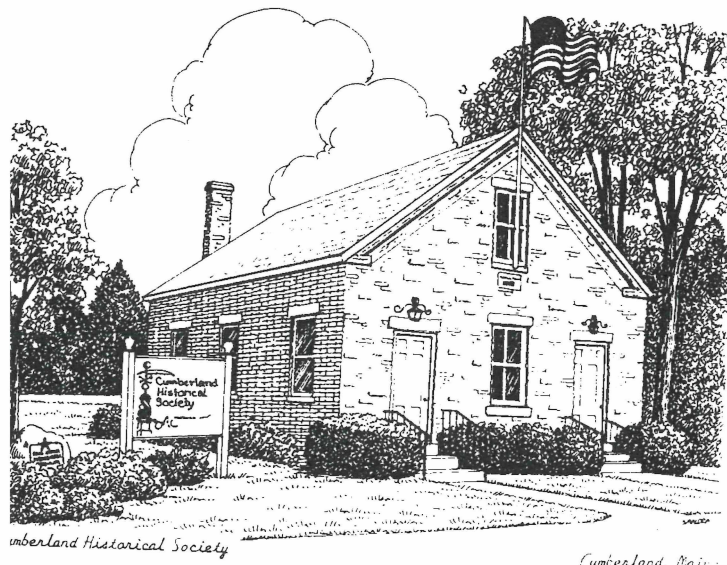
## Activities of the Cumberland Historic Society

- The Historical Society annually awards two college scholarships to Greely High School students. The two recipients for 1996 were *Kimberly Speed* and *Nathan Parsons*.
- The 1996 Memorial Day Parade was organized by *Morgan Knight*.
- All third grade classes from our school system come to visit every year. They are extremely interested in the history of our community.
- Some of our 1996 programs included: *Chebeague Island —Isle of Many Springs*, *Witches in Maine*, *Drums Along the Kennebec*, *Maine Indians*, *Ding Ding Ding Went the Trolley*, and *Music from the 20's-40's*.

The Cumberland Historical Society would like to invite all of the residents of Cumberland to visit our museum and archives, whether on Wednesday afternoons or by appointment. And, of course, Everyone is welcome to attend our meetings and program events.

Our regular meetings and historical programs are held on the third Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m., September through June, in the red brick schoolhouse at 6 Blanchard Road.

The committee accepts, restores, classifies, catalogs, and either displays or stores these items for use by researchers of all ages and for future generations.



Cumberland Historical Society

Cumberland, Maine



# CHEBEAGUE ISLAND LIBRARY

Martha O. Hamilton, *Librarian*

1996 was a very active year. Once again we exceeded records for the number of patrons served. Last summer, we saw 100 people per hour — a little hectic, to say the least! As always, we sincerely appreciate all of the “summer volunteers” and hope that they are all planning to be on hand next year, and perhaps, bring a friend.

The computer had not been a very visible part of our operations. Last year, some of us attended several seminars on the mainland to see how and why this technology could be an effective and useful service for the public.

We had been using a computer for record keeping, but needed to expand the program to provide public access to that same information. We expect to be able to set up a Subject index, and a Video index, but we do not expect to replace the whole card catalog or set up a circulation system any time soon.

We will be able to have some Internet connection and offer programs on CD ROM, as well as other educational tools. Happily, we have expert back-up help from *Herb Maine*, *Gloria Brown* and *Joe Partlow* — but the rest of the Library crew is still learning — HAVE PATIENCE!

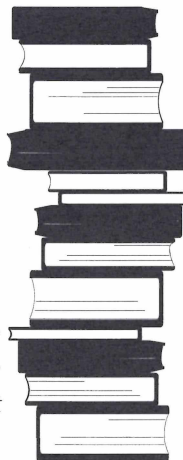
We are still working on plans for developing a computer network for this library. A computer was recently donated and then upgraded with the help of a \$600.00 grant from NYNEX. They also presently fund the \$70.00 a month needed for this connection and will do so until the year 2000. After that we will have to consider those costs in our budget. Some funds are available for public use terminals; however, we hope to have matching funds from some interested donors to make the most effective use of available money.

Our Friends group plan the annual July and August BOOK SALES, and a new Gala Literary Costume Ball — the theme: M-Y-S-T-E-R-I-O-U-S!

An outstanding addition to the Chebeague library is a collection of operas on video tape, a Memorial to Mary Capps Stelle. We are still adding performances on videos and operatic music on CDs and audio cassettes, and hope that many will be able to enjoy these great classics from this collection. Prince Memorial patrons will be able to enjoy this collection also as part of our Video loan program.

## Chebeague Island Library Trustees:

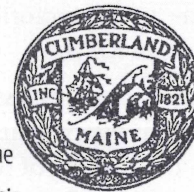
*Albert Traina, Chairman; Margery Howard, Vice Chairman; Elizabeth Middleton, Rec. Sec.; Allyson Smith, Cor. Sec.; Cheryl Stevens, Treasurer; Willoughby Sharp, William Armstrong, Ross Martindale, Linda White, Katherine Habig, Geraldine Ross, Donna Miller Damon, Gertrude Putnam, Herbert Maine; Friends President Beth Howe*



## History

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The tax rate in 1873 was \$1.80 per \$100. The tax collectors were the residents who were willing to collect the taxes at the lowest cost to the Town. This



was determined through a bid process. Each collector was backed by two other residents who served as bondsmen.

During the 1870's an errant collector caused a great deal of controversy when he failed to fulfill his obligation. Interestingly the tax rate dropped in 1874. In 1873 citizens voted to raise \$10,980 from taxes, but in 1874 the Town need only \$9,834.08 to meet its commitments.

In 1841 the residents of Chebeague, frustrated by the Town's rejection of their request for a town road on the island, petitioned the Cumberland County Commissioners who determined that the Town of Cumberland had to lay out and build the first town road on Great Chebeague Island.

Up to that time people had to open and close fence gates as they traveled from one end of the island to the other. The drop in the tax rate in 1873 reflects the completion of that road.

The Town spent \$1,087, approximately 10% of the annual budget on 'Support of the Poor' by paying for everything from supplies for the poor to digging graves, paying expenses at the 'Insane Hospital' in Augusta, 'boarding' the poor and paying doctor's bills.

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# PRINCE MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Beth Hoffer, *Librarian*

Two important dedications took place at the Prince Memorial Library during 1996. In March, during a ceremony attended by close to one hundred people, the Young Adult wing was dedicated in memory of **Jan Poliquin**. Bruce Poliquin, who came forward as the previously anonymous donor whose initial donation made the building program possible, and his 5-year-old son, Sam, cut the ribbon opening the area.

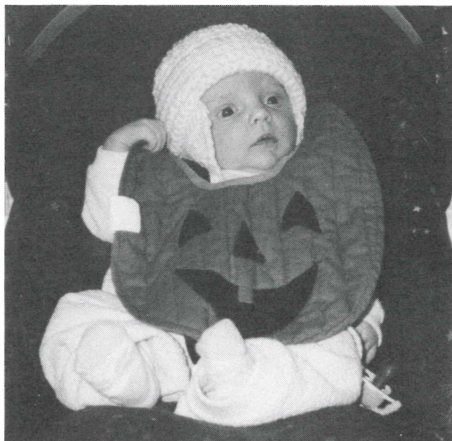
In June we remembered **Phyllis Sturdivant Sweetser**, Prince Memorial librarian from 1951 to 1970, during a ceremony in her honor. Funds were raised, and a plaque bestowed on the desk that bears her name.

Family members and friends from all around graced the library with their presence for a heart-felt evening which included a presentation of a beautifully illustrated volume of Andrew Wyeth's works given to the library by Jeannette Sturdivant Edwards in memory of her sister.

The year saw going away parties for two of our staff. **Jody Sharp**, Children's Librarian, left us for a warmer climate to be near family, and **Ann Dixon**, familiar to anyone checking out materials over the past few years, left her position as Assistant Librarian for a position at Bowdoin College. We wish them both the best.

The library offered many well attended programs during 1997, with a lot of help and support from the Friends of the Prince Memorial Library.

Children's programming included regular story hours, a special "pajama" story hour, a teddy bear picnic, a puppet show with local puppeteer **John**



**Loren**, a sing-a-long with recording artist **Sue Sheriff**, crafts, the popular summer reading program, a visit by funny man **Sam Kilbourn**, scary Halloween stories, and much more.

Adult programs included an exhibition and demonstrations of rug hooking, "Frames of Reference: An Exhibit of Photographic Sculpture," a book discussion program, and a slide show presentation on Antarctica.

The Friends of the Price Memorial Library is a support group in the truest sense. The group provides valuable cultural and educational outreach to the community through programming and other efforts, and offers indispensable financial and moral support to the library.

The Friends' annual holiday party, complete with horse drawn wagon rides, was enjoyed by all.

The Friends were also instrumental in helping to make the dedication programs, mentioned earlier in this report, special occasions.

The group held a book sale this year that was a lot of work, but also a financial success, and they hope to do it again next year. The Friends also raised funds through membership dues and the sale of various items, such as book bags, the on-going book sale, "book" pins, tote bags, etc.

A special thank you to the board members and all who gave their time in support of this important organization.

The library continues to be blessed with dedicated volunteers. Their helpfulness is appreciated along with the cheer they add to the surroundings. My appointment to the position of Director of the Price Memorial library took place on March 4. I have stepped into a position with a rich history, replacing Pete Pawle after 25 years of dedicated hard work.

**The Friends of the Price Memorial Library is a support group in the truest sense. The group provides valuable cultural and educational outreach to the community**

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## Prince Memorial Library *continued*

A few small changes have transpired, which, I hope, continue in the tradition of offering the best possible library service to the communities of Cumberland and North Yarmouth.

After surveying our patrons, Friday hours of operation were changed from noon until 6:00 pm to 10:00 am - 5:00 pm. A decision was made to extend Saturday hours through the end of school, and will go into effect during 1997.

A new book drop was installed, as well as an after hours depository for videos, allowing patrons to return videos when the library is closed. Some of the furniture was rearranged, as well but hopefully these are changes that are not breaking with the past, but are moving us along on a forward path.

Much of my year was spent in the planning of one of the missions for which I was hired: library automation and technological upgrades. The groundwork was laid, or shall I say, the "how are we going

to do it?" was planned, for building a database of the library's collection, putting the library collection "online," and offering a local area network with access to the Internet.

With the support of the Town Council, the Town Manager, and the Library Advisory Board, funds have been appropriated that will bring in additional computers for patron use, and put the library on the World Wide Web.

While we are happy to report that the year saw a ten percent increase in circulation over the previous year, it is our goal to see those statistics continue to rise.

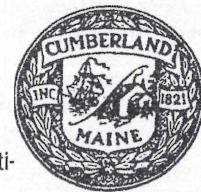
So, if you're looking for a best-seller to read, a popular video to watch, an audiobook to help while away the time, stories to read to your children, a first reader for your child, consumer or health information, or information on your favorite topic or hobby, please stop in to the Prince Memorial Library and let us assist you.

## Cumberland History *(continued from page 22)*

The Town's contingency expenses were over \$1,500 in 1874 which included items such as unbudgeted highway expenses, selectmen's services and travel, the acquisition of a new hearse and \$28.00 for printing, what may have been, the first town report.

20% of the annual appropriation was dedicated to paying notes and interest. Cumberland was still repaying debts incurred during the Civil War when the Town was forced to borrow heavily to fill quotas imposed by the Federal government

The subject of cemeteries was a recurring topic at town meetings during the 1870's. During that decade the Town voted to buy a 'suitable hearse for the southside or lower part of town' (the Foreside/Middle Road area). Someone was to be paid \$2 per funeral to attend all funerals and take care of the hearse. In addition after several years of discussion, it was decided to fence all of the cemeteries in the Town.



During the 1870's Cumberland citizens demonstrated their respect for the past and their concern for the future when they authorized the selectmen 'to build a vault or provide a safe for better protection of their books and papers'.

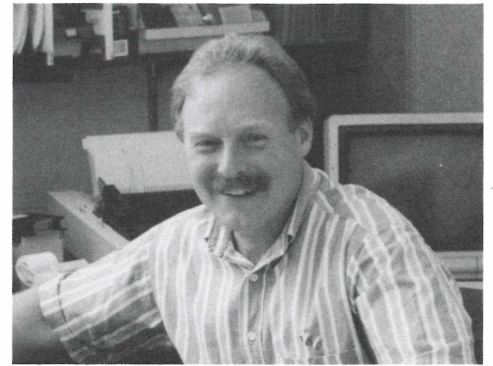
This was accomplished and the vault was used for many years. Thanks to their foresight, many of the town's original records are intact today, giving us an insight into our past so that we may be better able to understand the present while we plan for the future.

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Report of the

# DEPARTMENT of COMMUNITY EDUCATION and RECREATION

J. William Landis, *Department Director*  
Thomas Joyce, *Adult Education Coordinator*  
Winnie Durrah, *Secretary*



Bill Landis, *Community Education  
& Recreation Director*

## **The Plans are Approved and the Work Has Begun!**

The Department is excited about the development of the town land on the former Dillenback property. Work began in the fall — clearing of 5K of trails to be used for skiing, running, walking, etc. This network of loops through the woodland of the property will be connected in the future to a system that will start and/or finish at the Val Halla Golf and Recreation Center. Work has also begun on two multi-purpose fields (200' X 300'). The work includes removing top soil, leveling the area, reapplying top soil, and planting athletic turf seed. The anticipated readiness of the fields will be the fall of 1998.

## **Purchase of Land Approved**

The Cumberland Town Council approved the purchase of land known as the Spring Brook Farm on Greely Road. This parcel of land does not include the buildings on the Fowler property but the land west of Greely road and around the buildings. The property abuts the town property (Dillenback site). The farm will remain in operation until 1999.

The Land Use Committee will continue to serve the community by providing insight and direction to the Town Council for any future development. A trail network through the woodland would be an expected use early on. This trail system would be connected to the property on Tuttle Road (former Dillenback property).

## **Open Space is Preserved**

With the acquisition of the above parcels of land the future of open space and Youth and Adult Recreation space has become a reality. The Recreation Department is overjoyed by the land that is available for adults and youth to walk, hike, ski, run, and picnic. This property will be the envy of surrounding communities, and in my opinion, will be reflected on in years to come as a very wise purchase by the residents of Cumberland.

The Cumberland Community Education and Recreation Department provides Youth and Adult Recreation Programs, Adult Education Evening Classes, and Special Events for all ages to the Cumberland Community. This programming is done with minimal cost to the individual taxpayer.

## **Some 1996 department highlights:**

- The Greely swimming pool offers youth swimming instruction, diving instruction, adult lap swimming, water exercise classes, and open public swims. This facility is used from 5:30 am to 9:30 pm almost every day.
- Instructional Lacrosse — this new and growing sport to Southern Maine is attracting a number of youth who are looking for a new sport and one that provides great cardiovascular exercise.
- Day camps were based at the Greely High School; an excellent location for the campus-based summer programs.
- Rock Climbing camps — the Portland Rock Gym provided a number of Climbing Camps to youth during the school vacation weeks.

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## **Our goals for 1997 will be:**

- Continued collaboration with neighboring communities to provide a greater variety of programming,
- Completion of the trails and fields on the Tuttle Road property,
- Completion of construction of the bike path along Tuttle Road,
- To provide a curriculum for life-long learning.

***Thanks for Your Community  
Support in 1996!!!***



## Community Education *continued*

- Instructional Ski programs continue to grow in popularity. Our enrollment for Shawnee & Lost Valley exceeds 200 skiers.

The strength of this department is its consistency in providing a variety of programming which meets individual interests — ranging from music to arts & crafts to athletics.

Report of the

## TOWN FOREST BOARD

Walt Dunlap, *Chair*

Your volunteer Forest Board, charged with the management of the town forest at Drowne Road and Tuttle Road, has been working to make this close-to-town asset even more accessible. With the help of Boy Scout Troop 58 and other volunteers, we have worked to create a self-guided nature trail. The one-mile trail loops from the north end of Town Hall, past the ballfields, into a red pine property along the old railroad to another mixed species plantation, where it transects the property toward the southwest corner and then returns to the end of Drowne Road.

Scouts and volunteers have built bridges and cleared a pathway that is available any season of the year. The numbered signposts along the way are keyed to a printed guide available at the trail head kiosk or Town Office. They illustrate the diverse nature of the forest and its ecology and describe the different forest management techniques used to create a variety of habitats and forest types.

The dedication of the Ernest A. Rand trail took place on June 15, 1996, with a brief ceremony attended by about 60 people, including Mr. Rands's daughter, Betty Surgi, and her sons, Alan and Rand.

Under the supervision of J. Luther Gray of West Cumberland, his horse-drawn logging operation worked in the winter of 1995-96, as a valuable tool for the type of low-impact harvest that the Board prefers. The harvest yielded 160 tons of pine pulpwood, 45 tons of hardwood pulpwood and 21 cords of firewood. The Board continues to implement the forest management plan drafted in 1988 by a professional forester, and expects to continue our efforts of timber stand and wildlife habitat improvement.

## Adult Education

Tom Joyce, Adult Education Coordinator, continues to provide one of the best course offerings for adults in the Greater Portland area. The classes are timely, unique, and provide retraining and enrichment for the participants. We are proud that the number of individuals who participated in lifelong learning has exceeded 1600 for 1996.

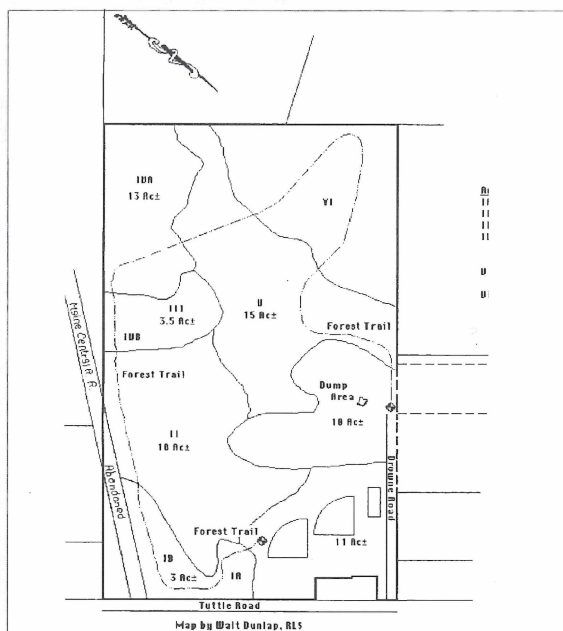
**GED** — The State is considering dropping financial support for small GED centers, such as Cumberland's. This move would limit our ability to provide GED testing; providing only pre-testing and then referrals to Freeport or Portland.

Volunteers are welcome to participate in many capacities and everyone is welcome to attend the regular meetings of the Board at 7:00 PM on the first Thursday of every month at the Town Hall.

### Guide to the Cumberland Town Forest

#### LEGEND

AREA	DESCRIPTION
■ IA & B	red pine plantation (late 1960s)
■ II	old field white pine (late 1960s)
■ III	scotch pine (1930s)
■ IVA & B	mixed softwood (1930s: white pine, red pine, Norway Spruce; thinned 1973)
■ V	hardwood (abandoned 1800s: maple, popple, hemlock)
■ VI	mixed wood (abandoned 1800s; thinned 1973)



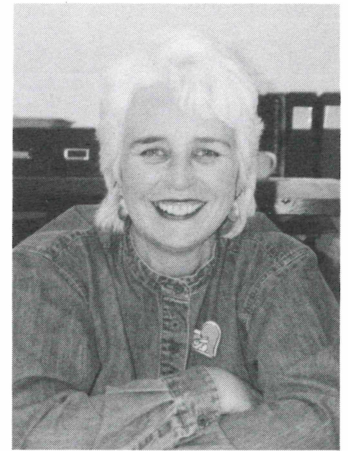
## GENERAL ASSISTANCE

**Cheryl R. Buxbaum**, *Welfare Director*

The Town of Cumberland has a General Assistance Program that is regulated by guidelines adopted by the Town Council. After these guidelines are met the General Assistance program provides financial assistance for basic needs such as housing, utilities, food, and medications.

Prior to 1989, this program was funded by local property taxes. On July 1 of 1989, legislation went into effect that required the state to reimburse municipalities a portion of their net general assistance costs. Cumberland currently receives 50% reimbursement.

The Town of Cumberland has some very dedicated citizens and organizations that give a helping hand when needed. Various organizations have provided Thanksgiving baskets for several families. A local church group adopted a family for Christmas giving. These were most appreciated by the recipients.



**Cheryl R. Buxbaum**,  
*Welfare Director*

Report of the

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

**John Eldridge**, *Chairman*

The Conservation Commission was active on a number of fronts in 1996.

In addition to monthly meetings, the Conservation Commission conducted on-site inspections of open space areas associated with proposed clustered housing subdivisions. These included Sunnyfield Farm subdivision off Blanchard Road (formerly the Kennedy property) and the proposed Valley Road subdivision (formerly the Ekberg property).

The Sunnyfield Farm subdivision is now under active development, and the 23.6 acres of open space toward the rear of the property will prove to be a wonderfully scenic addition to Town-owned property. This open space can be accessed from the new subdivision road that has been created near the orchard of the former Kennedy property on the south side of Blanchard Road just 200 yards west of the Log Cabin Store. There are four gravel parking spaces for public use located part way in on the access road.

The proposed Valley Road Subdivision is still under review by the Planning Board, and the 19.3 acres of open space associated with that project are not yet available to town residents.

The Conservation Commission also conducted on-site inspections of significant properties that reverted to Town ownership due to tax liens. These included a 13 acre parcel off Cottage Farm Lane (formerly owned by Yankee Acreage), and a 4.3 acre par-

cel off Schoolhouse Road on Chebeague Island.

In both cases, the Conservation Commission recommended the Town keep the properties for the purpose of open space preservation and passive recreation. The Town Council agreed to a compromise with the former owners of the Yankee Acreage property, allowing the owners to keep two house lots. Meanwhile, the Town retains ownership of the remaining 8 acres, an attractive wood parcel featuring a network of trails.

The Town Council is still considering the disposition of the Schoolhouse Road property on Chebeague.

Another area of Conservation Commission activity in 1996 involved representation on related Town committees. *John Eldredge* serves as liaison to the Town Forest Board, a new Town committee which the Conservation Commission gave birth to in 1995. Additionally, *Rob Craig* and *John Eldredge* serve on the Lands Committee that is providing the stewardship and overseeing the environmentally sensitive recreational development of the Dillenback and Fowler properties.

I wish to thank long standing members *Ellen Hoffman* and *Rob Craig* for their contributions, energy and support in 1996, and I heartily welcome aboard new members *Denny Gallaudet* and *Howard Foley*.



# SCHOOLS: S.A.D #51

Robert G. Hasson Jr., Ed.D, Superintendent

The 1996-97 school has been a very exciting year for the School district. We continue to focus on the improvement of our curriculum, assessment and instruction. The district-wide work is focused on teachers using some of the recently developed benchmarks (a benchmark is the identified level of student outcome that is expected to be achieved by a certain point K-12) in classrooms. Copies of both the district outcomes and benchmarks are available at the Superintendent's office. The District-wide improvement work is planned by the Design Team which is comprised of instructional staff (Grades K-12), members of the community, students and administrators.

This work continues to be our primary focus for the improvement of our schools. To this end, we have begun the next step in this process, the development of assessments to demonstrate what students have learned. We continue to encourage your active involvement in this ongoing process, so that our educational program will be reflective of the mission, values and goals of the community. We also welcome your participation in any of our volunteer and/or community outreach activities. Information regarding these activities may be received by contacting our Volunteer Director, Kathy Coyle (829-4825).

The District continues its involvement with the Casco Bay Educational Alliance (CBEA). The CBEA is comprised of the following school systems: Falmouth, Freeport, Gorham, Yarmouth, MSAD #51 and MSAD#62. Together we have had the opportunity to enhance learning opportunities for our students and staff. Examples include the Enterprise Team (Lynn

Hallett, 829-2027) and a summer institute for teachers. CBEA is developing plans to continue to combine business services, professional development programs and available resources. This collaboration and consolidation of resources becomes even more critical as the fiscal climate and state funding levels continue to be unpredictable.

**On December 16, 1996, the Task Force on Learning Results published its final report.** This is an important development and will influence our school improvement work into the future. The final report of the Task force's work includes a detailed description of recommended legislation based on the Learning Results and the Plan for Education. **Copies of the report are available at the Superintendent's Office located in the Sweetser School on Tuttle Road.**

**The District Performance Indicators Committee,** a group composed of parents, teachers, administrators and the Board of Directors, have been charged with developing accountability data to track across time. They have successfully developed and conducted a **parent survey. Results of this survey are available at the Superintendent's office.**

I value your input and encourage your involvement in our schools. Please feel free to contact me to let me know your thoughts. You can reach me at 829-4800. I look forward to hearing from you. I thank you for your continued support.

## Cumberland History *(continued from page 24)*

When Greely Institute opened in 1868 it was a private school which provided a free education to Cumberland's teenage children. Although the building was financed in part by a bequest of native son, Eliphalet Greely, Cumberland was paying over \$1,300 in interest on more than \$36,000 in notes. \$500 was reimbursed by the trustees of Greely Institute who were also Cumberland's selectmen.

Don't miss the 1997 Cumberland, Maine Annual Report to learn more about your Town as it readied itself for the dawn of the Twentieth Century.

*The Town is looking for copies of Nineteenth Century town reports. If you have any you would be willing to donated, please contact Klara Norton at the Town Office.*





Report of the

# CUMBERLAND FARMERS' CLUB

—by Carolyn Small

According to an article in the *Portland Press Herald* in 1952, the first agricultural fair was held on Cape Cod about 350 years ago. We here in Cumberland cannot make such a claim to ancient history, but the Cumberland Fair is going into its 125th year.

## October 10, 11, 1868

The very first Cumberland Fair was held for two days on October 10 and 11 of 1868 in the center of town in back of what is now Greely Junior High School. The land was provided by Capt. Enos Blanchard. His house is now Dr. Louis Hanson's office on the corner of Tuttle Road and Main St. The ladies of the town had an opportunity to show all who attended what marvelous cooks they were, and what fine needlework their flying fingers could provide.

Farmers brought their biggest and best-tasting vegetables. Those men with working teams could show off the strength and coordination of their animals at the ox pulling contest. Local horsemen raced their finest steeds on Main Street from the junction of Tuttle Road and Blanchard Road to Greely Road. And so it began...

Just a few years later, a 1/3 mile track was laid out and constructed in the pasture behind the Center burying ground.

Solomon Loring Blanchard wrote the following description of the October 10 & 11, 1871, Fair to his brother George:

"Tuesday was a real summer's day. About 9 o'clock people began to come and by noon Cumberland Center seemed like Tremont Street, Boston. It was the largest assembly of people Cumberland ever had. The Town House was filled with articles of agriculture and fancy work and was a splendid sight to behold.

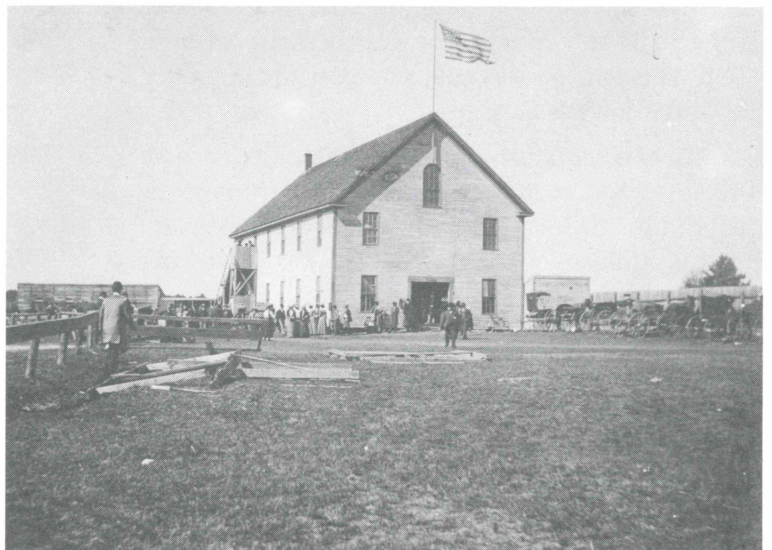
The Meeting House sheds were filled with hogs, colts, sheep, etc. Back of the Meeting House was the stock, two rows of splendid oxen, steers, cows and young cattle. There was an oxen pulling contest at

## *One Hundred, Twenty-five Years in the Making!*

10 o'clock. From 12-2 o'clock dinner was served in a tent in Miss Frothingham's yard with food prepared in her kitchen and that of S. Rideout.

At 2 o'clock was the display of young colts on the track which had been prepared as a trotting park of 1/3 mile behind Capt. Enos Blanchard's home. At 3 o'clock the races were held on the race track. There were horses from Portland, Yarmouth and North Yarmouth. Wednesday afternoon a large crowd came to see the "trot-out". First came the gentlemen's trotting horses and family horses and matched horses. Following that the crowd went to see the exhibits at the Town House, which was so crowded with people one could hardly get around. The year's Fair was a huge success."

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## Cumberland Fair History *continued*

### But Then...Where to Build

The emphasis for the need of a larger area and hall became apparent as was noted in this letter. On that all agreed, but the location of same became a point of heated contention. In a rather surreptitious move, on a moonlit night, the building of a hall was feverishly begun on the land where the fairs thus far had been held.

When it was discovered, and after the shock wore off, town spirit overtook individual opposition and all turned to to complete the task at hand. This building, named Union Hall, stands and is now the building beside Greely Jr. High School. In 1875, a two-story hall was built on land where the Cumberland Fair is now held.

The first floor was for exhibits, and the second floor was used for the dinners that created a stampepe when the dinner bell was rung. It was an all-you-can-eat affair that was a true bargain for 50 cents. One woman, noted for the doughnuts she made, would fry up a bushel basket full for this occasion. This was no small accomplishment, since it was done over a wood cook stove on a hot October day. And obviously, cholesterol and calories were not watched. Now, of course, the ever-popular fried dough-boys have replaced that dear lady's hard work.

In 1872, it was decided that a ten-cent admission would have to be charged for all this fun and entertainment. Inflation was a nasty factor even in those days.

### The Cumberland Farmers' Club Comes of Age

A group of prominent Cumberland citizens, including *Eliphalet Greely* (benefactor of Greely Institute, now High School), petitioned the State of Maine to formally incorporate the Cumberland Farmers' Club. The petition was enacted upon and approved in February of 1875.

World events certainly had influence on how things worked, even with the Fair. Fire destroyed the hall in 1917. Due to the involvement of World War I and an outbreak of the flu, the hall was not rebuilt until 1921.

In 1938 a new grandstand was built. In 1941 it was voted that a clay track would be built. Clay is still the composition of the track today. In 1945 electricity was installed; 1946 telephones (all three of them); 1947 was the year that the grandstand at the pulling arena and a restaurant were built; in 1948 lights were installed around the track for

night racing; 1953 was the first year that a calf scramble was held; 1960 was the year that the current Exhibition Hall was built, and a few years later it was expanded.

The original hall was designated for use by 4-H, but it is still owned by the Cumberland Farmer's Club. Glass was installed in the Grandstand in 1961 and the Ed Wilkins property, where the old farmhouse is, was bought. A year later a new horse paddock was built on that property. There was always something to be painted, moved, enlarged, shingled or built on the fairgrounds.

### Events Come and Gone

Different events have come and gone over the years. We no longer have the **cutest baby contest**, which in 1941 was won by *Bob Morrill*, who, until this year, had been the President of the Farmers' Club; or the **baby with the curliest hair** contest, won by *George Small* in 1941. But recently we have had the Canadian Mounties, the Budweiser horse teams, the radio-controlled car races, the Coors horse team, the 4-H pig races, the truck pulls, and the giant pumpkin weigh-in contest.

Cumberland Fair was the first to have a **pig scramble**. We have added **Maine Agricultural Education Day** for a couple of years to show people that agriculture still exists in Maine, even down here in the metropolitan Portland area. We had over 2,100 students from 86 Cumberland County schools visit us on Tuesday of the Fair. We had a great day and it was a big success. The students and their teachers learned that milk does not originate from a plastic jug.

For most people, the Fair is a one day or even one week long event. For those involved with the Fair, it is a year-long job. There is much time spent on the telephone and time spent organizing people and events.

The Fairgrounds are now used for numerous events other than the Fair itself: antique show, craft fair, Native American Festival, antique car show, polo matches, 4-H June Jamboree, the horse and carriage show, street road meet; and for ten years, grounds were donated to Greely High School for the Project Graduation party.

The first President of the Fair was *William Prince*. Others to have served in that position *Arthur Lawson*, Falmouth; *Stanley Hall*, Windham; *Maurice Small*, Cumberland; *Loring Norton*, Falmouth; *Mike Wilson*, Gray; *L. Robert Morrill*, Windham; *Charles Googins*, Cumberland; and currently *Francis Small*, Cumberland.

# SHELLFISH COMMISSION

Charlene A. Doyle, *Administrative Assistant*

We would like to begin this report by recognizing the Harbor Master and the Police Department for their enforcement efforts and the water sampling volunteers for their continuing dedicated service.

The activities of the Shellfish Conservation Commission for the 1996 calendar year have included formal and informal field surveys of shellfish resources, shoreline surveys, and planning meetings, coordinated with the Maine Department of Marine Resources (DMR). These activities are summarized below:

## Enforcement:

The Police Department, including the Chebeague Island Officer, in coordination with the Harbor Master, continued to provide effective enforcement of the shellfishing regulations and lead to the issuance of 1 summons.

## Field surveys:

Commission members and the Harbor Master conducted approximately 20 informal, non-quantitative surveys of the Chebeague Island shoreline, 6 on Sturdivant Island and 34 along the mainland shore, from April through October.

## Planning Meetings:

The Commission held three meetings during the course of the year. The following issues were discussed:

1. Management goals for shellfish areas.
2. Continuing the volunteer water quality sampling program.
3. Scheduling of shoreline surveys as required by DMR.
4. Maintaining effective enforcement of the shellfish regulations.
5. Creation of an active volunteer program to assist with shellfish conservation projects.

## Coordination with Maine Department of Marine Resources:

The Commission met with Biologist Don Card, Maine Department of Marine Resources, and worked with the department on Water Quality Sampling, Shoreline Surveys, and Shellfish Surveys.

WE ENCOURAGE  
ANYONE INTERESTED  
IN VOLUNTEERING TO  
WORK WITH THE  
COMMISSION TO  
CONTACT THE  
TOWN OFFICE.

## Water Quality Sampling Program:

As a result of the Commission's coordination with Maine DMR, as well as the availability of willing and very able volunteers, the Town is currently providing state-approved water samples according to an established sampling program and schedule. *Dick Peterson* of the Shellfish Commission and *Gail Worthen-Todd* continue to collect samples along the mainland shore and the shore of Chebeague Island.

Harbor Master *Ted Curtis* continues to assist in obtaining some of the water samples as well. All samples were delivered to the DMR Lab in Boothbay Harbor for analysis.

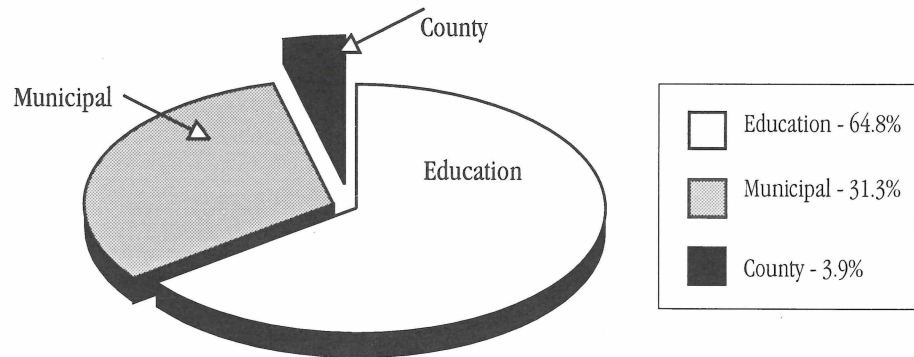




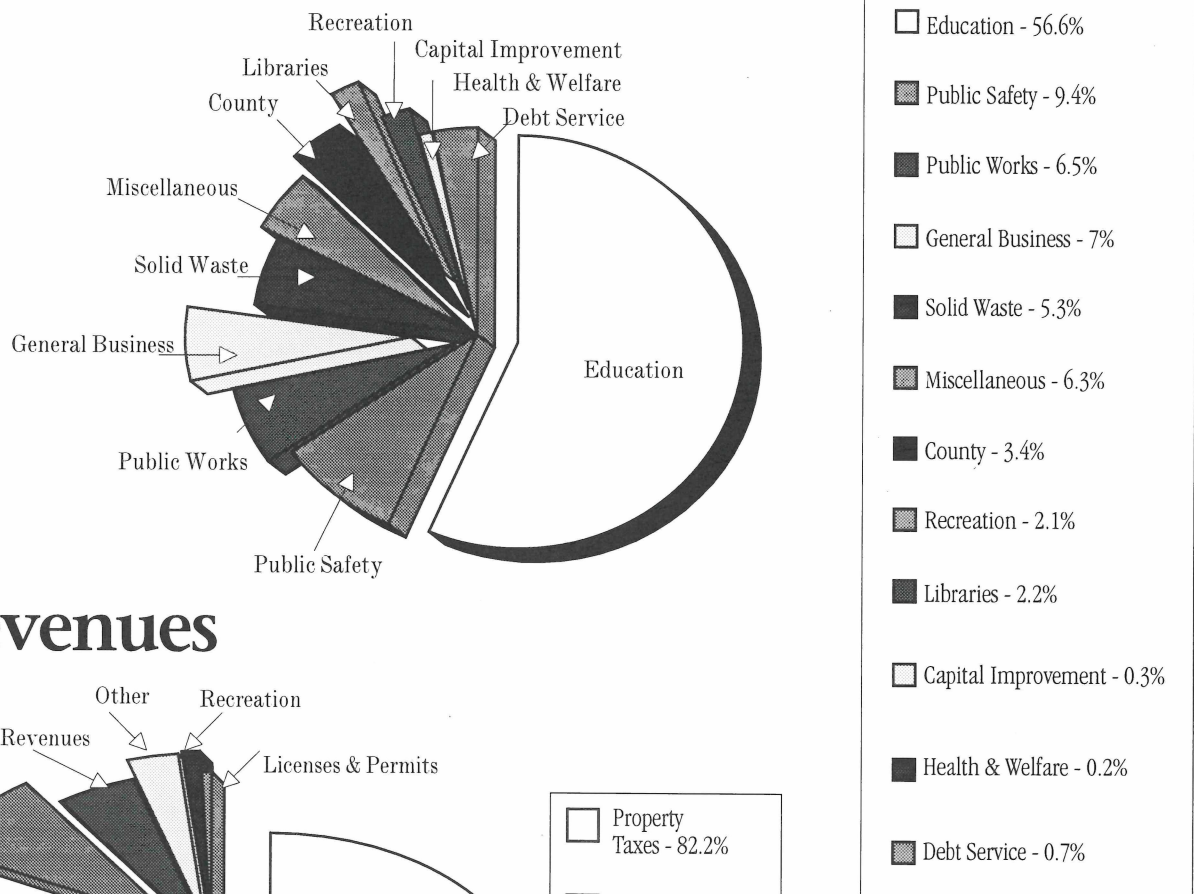
**CUMBERLAND CEMETERY ASSOCIATION**  
Allocation of Revenue and Expenditures to Funds  
1996

Funds:	General	McCall	St. Clair	Congre- gational	Methodist	Universa- list	Subtotals	Perpetual Care	Grand Totals
<b>Balances 12/31/95:</b>	54,293.36	16,436.30	22,261.97	3,706.75	6,291.30	4,280.46	107,270.14	130,227.90	237,498.04
<b>Revenue:</b>									
Interest and Dividend Income	3,579.12	1,083.51	1,467.55	244.36	414.73	282.18	7,071.44		7,071.44
Donations	0.00						0.00		0.00
Town appropriation	2,000.00						2,000.00		2,000.00
Sale of lots	1,400.00	2,000.00	350.00		2,100.00		5,850.00		5,850.00
PC income from town							0.00	808.00	808.00
PC Fund interest income							0.00	8,366.88	8,366.88
Loss on sale of investments	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
<b>Total revenue</b>	6,979.12	3,083.51	1,817.55	244.36	2,514.73	282.18	14,921.44	9,174.88	24,096.32
<b>Expenditures:</b>									
Officers' salaries	750.00						750.00		750.00
Superintendents' salaries	480.00	200.00	200.00	240.00	240.00	240.00	1,600.00		1,600.00
Maintenance salaries	4,271.13	0.00	1,272.25	1,726.63	1,363.13	454.38	9,087.50		9,087.50
Payroll taxes	618.90	22.50	165.63	221.25	180.36	78.12	1,286.77		1,286.77
Repairs & equipment purchases	568.87						568.87		568.87
Insurance	1,355.50						1,355.50		1,355.50
Conferences, dues, public.	50.00						50.00		50.00
Office expenses	254.82						254.82		254.82
Cemetery maintenance	774.22	1,705.86	1,222.00		100.00		3,802.08		3,802.08
Miscellaneous							0.00		0.00
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	9,123.44	1,928.36	2,859.88	2,187.88	1,883.48	772.50	18,755.54		18,755.54
<b>Inter Fund Transfers</b>									
Half of lot sales proceeds to PCF	-700.00	-1,000.00	-175.00	0.00	-1,050.00	0.00	-2,925.00	2,925.00	0.00
Half of 1996 PCF interest income reallocated	2,091.72	1,045.86	1,045.86				4,183.44	-4,183.44	0.00
1996 Town of Cumberland PCF interest reallocated	404.00	202.00	202.00				808.00	-808.00	0.00
Half of 1996 investment income reallocated	470.63			-122.18	-207.37	-141.09	0.00		0.00
Expenses charged to general fund	-4,843.86			2,187.88	1,883.48	772.50	0.00		0.00
<b>Total Transfers</b>	-2,577.51	247.86	1,072.86	2,065.70	626.12	631.41	2,066.44	-2,066.44	0.00
<b>Balances 12/31/96</b>	49,571.53	17,839.31	22,292.49	3,828.93	7,548.67	4,421.55	105,502.48	137,336.34	242,838.82
<b>Ratios of Funds Other Than Perpetual Care Fund:</b>									
Dec. 31, 1995	50.61%	15.32%	20.75%	3.46%	5.86%	3.99%	100.00%		
Dec. 31, 1996	46.99%	16.91%	21.13%	3.63%	7.15%	4.19%	100.00%		

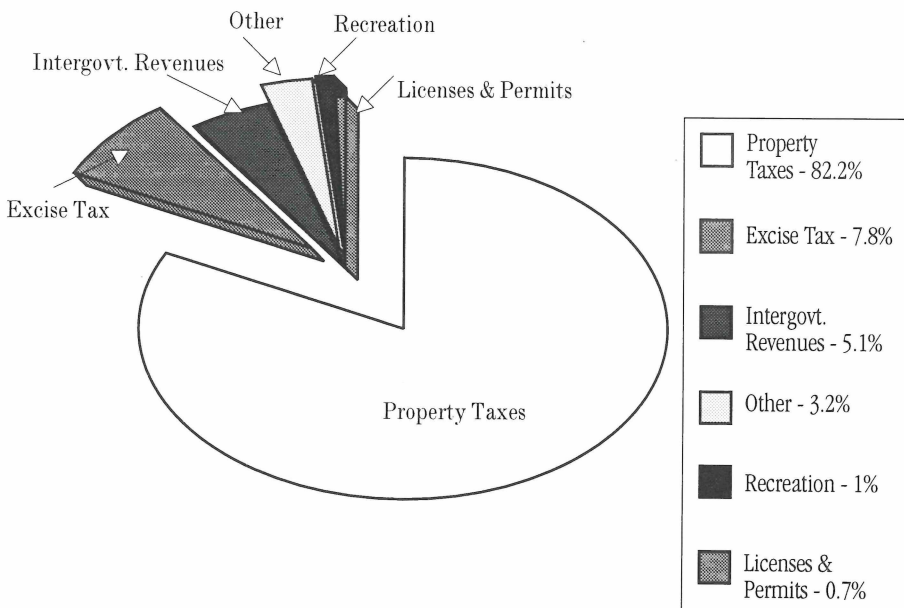
## Your Property Dollars at Work



## Expenditures



## Revenues





# FINANCE DEPARTMENT




**Melody Main,**  
*Finance Director*

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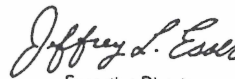
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President



Executive Director

The following statements and exhibits have been extracted from the 1996 financial statements, a complete copy of which is available for inspection at the Town Office. The schedules included herein are:

Statement 1 - Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Groups

Statement 2 - Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - All Governmental Fund Types and Expendable Trust Funds

Statement 3 - Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - All Budgeted Governmental Fund Types - General Fund

Statement 4 - Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Retained Earnings - Proprietary Funds

Melody Main  
Finance Director

**TOWN OF CUMBERLAND, MAINE**  
**Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Groups**  
**December 31, 1996**  
(with comparative totals for December 31, 1995)

	Governmental Fund Types				Fiduciary Fund Type Trust and Agency	Account Groups		Totals		
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Proprietary Fund Type Enterprise		General fixed assets	General long- term debt	(Memorandum Only)		
								1996	1995	
ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS										
Assets:										
Cash	\$ 61,530	1,008	93,981	3,207	182,854	-	-	342,580	344,545	
Investments	957,923	-	-	377,747	293,601	-	-	1,629,271	2,597,220	
Receivables:										
Accounts	6,183	-	179,600	49,623	-	-	-	235,406	97,422	
Intergovernmental	20,107	-	-	-	-	-	-	20,107	14,142	
Taxes receivable--prior years	47,584	-	-	-	-	-	-	47,584	45,583	
Taxes receivable--current year	523,888	-	-	-	-	-	-	523,888	471,668	
Tax liens	217,604	-	-	-	-	-	-	217,604	166,110	
Notes	77,380	-	-	-	-	-	-	77,380	93,580	
Interfund loans	-	107,355	324,303	36,238	83	-	-	467,979	452,866	
Inventory	-	-	-	2,510	-	-	-	2,510	1,410	
Property, plant and equipment	-	-	-	6,298,034	-	7,266,909	-	13,564,943	11,903,214	
Less accumulated depreciation	-	-	-	(1,291,411)	-	-	-	(1,291,411)	(1,128,568)	
Other debits:										
Amount to be provided for landfill postclosure costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	934,200	968,700	
Amount to be provided for retirement of general long-term debt	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	486,152	542,008	
Total assets and other debits	\$ 1,912,199	108,363	597,884	5,475,948	476,538	7,266,909	1,420,352	17,258,193	16,569,900	
LIABILITIES, EQUITY AND OTHER CREDITS										
Liabilities:										
Accounts payable	128,004	-	-	9,296	-	-	-	137,300	199,299	
Compensated absences payable	87,069	-	-	1,841	-	-	-	88,910	85,253	
Interfund loans	23,242	38,135	161,344	237,583	7,675	-	-	467,979	452,866	
Deferred revenues	18,681	-	171,600	-	-	-	-	190,281	-	
Deferred tax revenues	670,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	670,000	540,000	
Deferred compensation benefits payable	-	-	-	-	114,135	-	-	114,135	50,015	
Landfill postclosure costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	934,200	934,200	968,700	
Security deposit	-	500	-	18,290	-	-	-	18,790	-	
Obligations under capital lease agreements	-	-	-	27,745	-	-	5,444	33,189	54,325	
Bonds and notes payable	-	-	-	2,854,292	-	-	480,708	3,335,000	3,430,000	
Total liabilities	926,996	38,635	332,944	3,149,047	121,810	-	1,420,352	5,989,784	5,780,438	
Equity and other credits:										
Contributed capital	-	-	-	2,071,304	-	-	-	2,071,304	1,930,962	
Investment in general fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-	7,266,909	-	7,266,909	6,733,234	
Retained earnings:										
Unreserved	-	-	-	255,597	-	-	-	255,597	228,843	
Fund balances:										
Reserved for long-term receivables	113,595	-	-	-	-	-	-	113,595	137,736	
Unreserved:										
Designated for subsequent years' expenditures	115,270	-	-	-	-	-	-	115,270	200,427	
Unreserved, undesignated	756,338	69,728	264,940	-	354,728	-	-	1,445,734	1,558,240	
Total equity (deficit) and other credits	985,203	69,728	264,940	2,326,901	354,728	7,266,909	-	11,268,409	10,789,442	
Total liabilities, equity and other credits	\$ 1,912,199	108,363	597,884	5,475,948	476,538	7,266,909	1,420,352	17,258,193	16,569,900	



**TOWN OF CUMBERLAND, MAINE**  
**Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances**  
**All Governmental Fund Types and Expendable Trust Funds**  
**For the year ended December 31, 1996**  
**(with comparative totals for the year ended December 31, 1995)**

	Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary Fund Type		Totals	
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Expendable Trust	(Memorandum Only)	1996	1995
<b>Revenues:</b>							
Taxes	\$ 9,048,742	-	-	-	-	9,048,742	8,737,181
Licenses and permits	70,159	-	-	-	-	70,159	59,549
Intergovernmental	565,457	-	-	-	-	565,457	476,386
Charges for services	125,479	-	10,904	-	-	136,383	122,614
Other	230,382	74,020	44,609	25,611	-	374,622	648,415
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>10,040,219</b>	<b>74,020</b>	<b>55,513</b>	<b>25,611</b>	-	<b>10,195,363</b>	<b>10,044,345</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>							
<b>Current:</b>							
General government	535,092	-	-	-	-	535,092	524,319
Public safety	884,820	-	-	-	-	884,820	814,407
Public works	595,063	-	-	-	-	595,063	567,886
Health, sanitation and welfare	576,667	-	-	-	-	576,667	509,199
Recreation	195,235	-	-	-	-	195,235	186,580
Education and libraries	5,680,697	-	-	-	-	5,680,697	5,339,415
Unclassified	840,033	109,873	74,787	6,595	-	1,031,288	1,060,823
Capital outlay	479,330	-	199,892	-	-	679,222	234,499
Debt service	249,083	-	-	-	-	249,083	289,273
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<b>10,036,020</b>	<b>109,873</b>	<b>274,679</b>	<b>6,595</b>	-	<b>10,427,167</b>	<b>9,526,401</b>
<b>Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures</b>	<b>4,199</b>	<b>(35,853)</b>	<b>(219,166)</b>	<b>19,016</b>	-	<b>(231,804)</b>	<b>517,944</b>
<b>Other financing sources (uses):</b>							
Operating transfers from other funds	19,184	150,000	217,881	3,019	-	390,084	241,010
Operating transfers to other funds	(367,881)	-	-	(12,203)	-	(380,084)	(231,010)
<b>Total other financing sources (uses)</b>	<b>(348,697)</b>	<b>150,000</b>	<b>217,881</b>	<b>(9,184)</b>	-	<b>10,000</b>	<b>10,000</b>
<b>Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other financing sources over (under) expenditures and other financing uses</b>	<b>(348,498)</b>	<b>114,147</b>	<b>(1,285)</b>	<b>9,832</b>	-	<b>(221,804)</b>	<b>527,944</b>
<b>Fund balances (deficit), beginning of year</b>	<b>1,326,701</b>	<b>(44,419)</b>	<b>269,225</b>	<b>344,896</b>	-	<b>1,896,403</b>	<b>1,368,459</b>
<b>Residual equity transfers in (out)</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(3,000)</b>	<b>-</b>	-	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Fund balances (deficit), end of year</b>	<b>\$ 985,203</b>	<b>69,728</b>	<b>264,940</b>	<b>354,728</b>	-	<b>1,674,599</b>	<b>1,896,403</b>

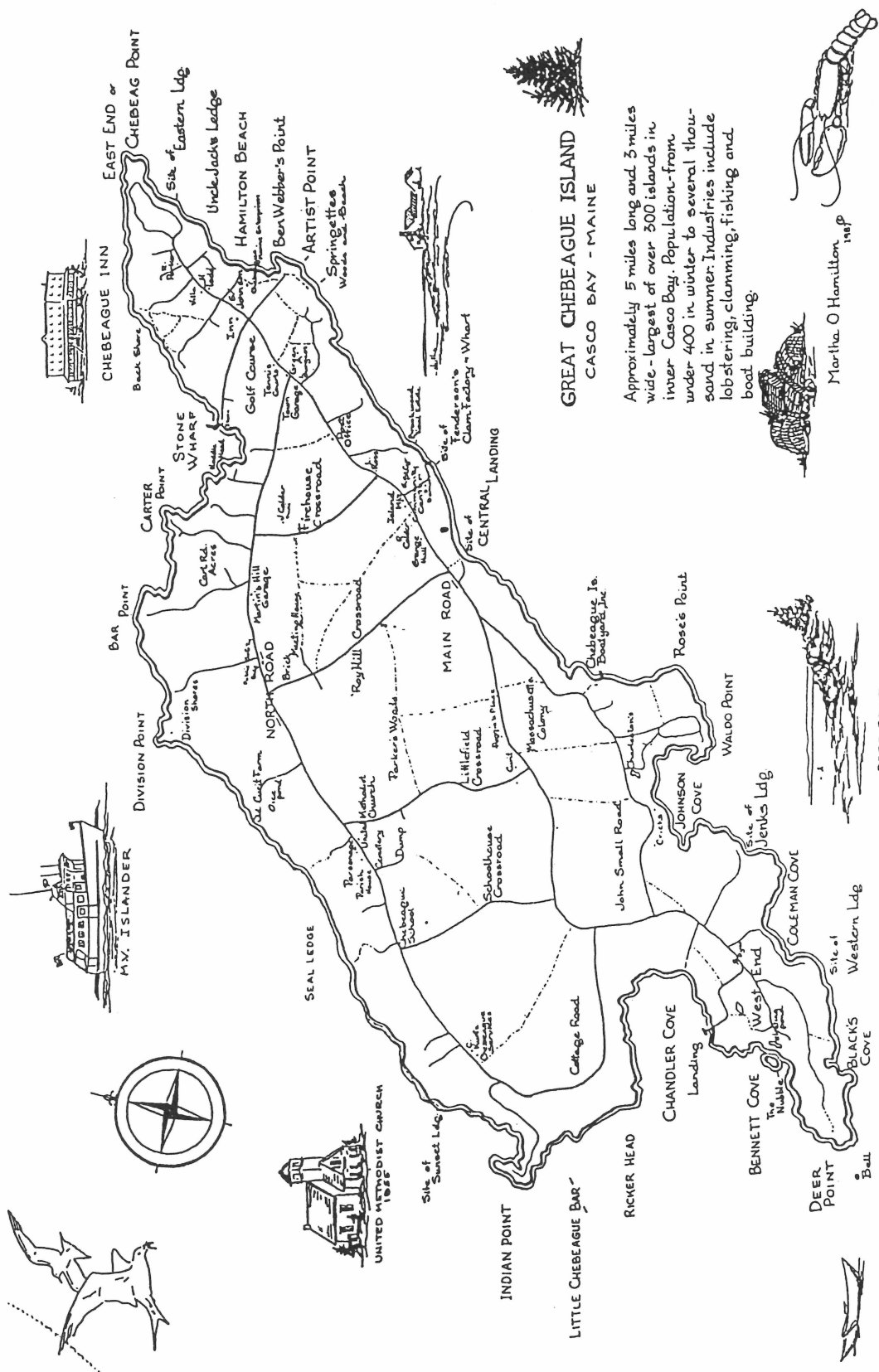
**TOWN OF CUMBERLAND, MAINE**  
**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance**  
**Budget and Actual—All Budgeted Governmental Fund Types**  
**General Fund**  
**For the year ended December 31, 1996**

	Budget	Actual	Variance favorable (unfavorable)
Revenues:			
Taxes	\$ 9,094,712	9,048,742	(45,970)
Licenses and permits	57,100	70,159	13,059
Intergovernmental	508,729	565,457	56,728
Charges for services	112,700	125,479	12,779
Other	61,400	230,382	168,982
Total revenues	9,834,641	10,040,219	205,578
Expenditures:			
Current:			
General government	553,534	535,092	18,442
Public safety	896,089	884,820	11,269
Public works	576,140	595,063	(18,923)
Health, sanitation and welfare	599,373	576,667	22,706
Recreation programs	202,078	195,235	6,843
Education and libraries	5,677,115	5,680,697	(3,582)
Unclassified	1,054,379	840,033	214,346
Capital outlay	479,057	479,330	(273)
Debt service	89,033	249,083	(160,050)
Total expenditures	10,126,798	10,036,020	90,778
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	(292,157)	4,199	296,356
Other financing sources (uses):			
Operating transfers from other funds	13,000	19,184	6,184
Operating transfers to other funds	(368,000)	(367,881)	119
Use of fund balance	647,157	-	(647,157)
Total other financing sources (uses)	292,157	(348,697)	(640,854)
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other financing sources over (under) expenditures and other financing uses	-	(344,498)	(344,498)
Fund balance, beginning of year		1,326,701	
Residual equity transfer - Harbor Boat Fund		3,000	
Fund balance, end of year	\$	985,203	



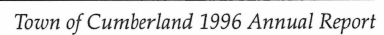
**TOWN OF CUMBERLAND, MAINE**  
**Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Retained Earnings--**  
**All Proprietary Fund Types**  
**Enterprise Funds**  
**For the year ended December 31, 1996**  
**(with comparative figures for the year ended December 31, 1995)**

	1996	1995
Operating revenues:		
Rental income	\$ 226,950	216,406
Golf memberships	190,579	177,060
Greens fees	180,801	181,991
Golf cart rentals	73,613	78,457
Tennis	570	810
Sewer assessments	305,921	271,167
User fees	29,925	53,879
Food and beverage sales	86,199	73,847
Other	11,770	40,003
Total operating revenues	1,106,328	1,093,620
Operating expenses:		
Cost of sales and supplies	75,423	75,567
Wages	243,306	236,146
Utilities	36,617	36,360
Maintenance	46,504	57,432
Gas and oil	27,074	14,524
Wastewater assessment	315,800	315,800
Engineering	5,563	22,500
Other	75,998	63,884
Depreciation	183,387	159,039
Total operating expenses	1,009,672	981,252
Operating income	96,656	112,368
Nonoperating revenue (expense):		
Investment income	18,858	21,800
Interest expense	(125,342)	(128,487)
Loss on disposition of fixed assets	(3,365)	(210)
Total nonoperating revenue (expense)	(109,849)	(106,897)
Net operating income (loss) before operating transfers	(13,193)	5,471
Operating transfers:		
Transfer to General Fund	(10,000)	(10,000)
Net loss	(23,193)	(4,529)
Add depreciation on fixed assets acquired by contributed capital	49,947	47,334
Retained earnings, beginning of year	228,843	186,038
Retained earnings, end of year	\$ 255,597	228,843





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# FOR YOUR INFORMATION

## VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

### RENEWAL REGISTRATIONS

- The Town Office is authorized to issue RENEWAL REGISTRATIONS for automobiles, combination vehicles, handicapped, firefighter, National Guard, motorcycles, mopeds, motor driven cycles, trailers, tractors, special equipment, special mobile equipment, stock cars, antique autos, horseless carriage, street rods, ATV's snowmobiles, boats, mobile homes, motor homes and trucks registered for the same gross vehicle weight as for the previous year, whether commercial or farm trucks.

### NEW PLATES and NEW REGISTRATION

- For your convenience, the Town is also authorized to issue NEW PLATES and NEW REGISTRATION for automobiles, motorcycles, mopeds, motor driven cycles, motor homes, trailers, mobile homes, farm tractors and commercial trucks to be registered for not more than 6,000 pounds gross vehicle weight.
- In processing new registrations the Town is authorized to collect sales tax and process Maine Title applications for vehicles that were manufactured in 1984 and after.
- The Town Office may only issue TEMPORARY REGISTRATIONS for snowmobiles, ATV's and boats.

### OUT OF STATE INDIVIDUALS

- OUT OF STATE INDIVIDUALS, must, WITHIN 30 DAYS of RESIDENCY in CUMBERLAND, register their vehicles in the Town Office and apply for a State of Maine drivers license at Motor Vehicle in Portland. The Town Office will need to see the previous out of state registration, out of state title if the vehicle was manufactured in 1984 and after, proof of insurance.
- Individuals MOVING to Cumberland from WITHIN THE STATE, must within 10 DAYS, notify the Secretary of State or the Dept. of Motor Vehicle in Augusta, of their ADDRESS CHANGE for both their car registration and drivers license.

- TO REGISTER A VEHICLE, it will be necessary to have the serial or identification number, year, make model, color, weight, window sticker (if purchased from a dealer) and PROOF OF INSURANCE for the vehicle being registered.

### NOTE: STREET PARKING BAN Traffic Ordinance:

From November 15th to April 1st, between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 7:00 a.m., no vehicle shall be parked on any street in the Town of Cumberland as it would interfere with or hinder the removal of snow.

## DOG LICENSES

- All dogs must be licensed at the Town Office by January 31st each year.
- To license a dog, a valid State of Maine Rabies Certificate must be presented along with a spaying/neutering certificate. The fee for dogs capable of producing young is \$7.50, and altered animals is \$4.00.

## ELECTIONS AND VOTER REGISTRATION

- The MUNICIPAL ELECTION is always held on the 2nd TUESDAY in JUNE. The STATE/FEDERAL GENERAL ELECTION is always held on the 1st TUESDAY of NOVEMBER.
- Elections are held in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Center at 12 Drowne Road on the mainland, and the Public Safety Building on Chebeague Island.
- Polls open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. One may REGISTER TO VOTE in the TOWN OFFICE Monday thru Friday during normal business hours, or on the day of the election at the polls in the Voter Registrar's office.

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## FISH AND GAME LICENSES

- Resident fishing or hunting licenses for persons 16 years of age or older may be obtained at the Town Office at a cost of \$20.00.
- A Combination Hunting & Fishing license may be obtained for \$37.00, a savings of \$3.00.
- A Junior Hunting license may be obtained for persons 10 years or older and under 16 for \$6.00, but the junior hunter must be accompanied at all times by a parent or guardian or an adult 18 years or older approved by parent or guardian. Upon age 16, proof of successful completion of a Hunter's Safety Course must be provided to obtain an adult license.
- Other licenses and stamps that may be obtained include: Archery license, Resident Serviceman Combination license, duplicate license, Duck Stamps, Muzzleloading, Pheasant Stamps and over 70 Complimentary license.

## HOSPITAL EQUIPMENT FOR LOAN

- Anyone needing a wheelchair, crutches, hospital bed, etc., the Cumberland Fire Department has some available to loan at 829-5421.

## BIRTH CERTIFICATES

- Birth certificates may be obtained from:
  - (1) the City or Town in which the child was born,
  - (2) the City or Town in which the mother was living at the time of the birth or
  - (3) the State Department of Vital Statistics located in Augusta, ME.

The fee for a birth certificate is \$7.00 for the 1st copy and \$3.00 for any additional copies.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES

- A marriage license is obtained from the Town Clerk. In Maine, one files for a marriage license in the Town in which one resides.
- If the bride and groom are from different towns, each must file separately in their individual towns.

- If both are from out of state, they must file in the town where the marriage will take place.
- For persons previously married, a certified copy of the most recent divorce decree or death certificate of the former spouse will be needed at the time of application.
- There is a waiting period of 3 working days after the date of application before the license is valid, at which time it is valid for 90 days. The fee is \$20.00.

## PERMITS

### Building, Plumbing and Electrical

- 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.
- For building permits, a full set of construction plans showing elevations, section drawings, or floor plans may be required. A site plan must be submitted. All construction must meet the setback requirements of the Zoning Ordinance or a variance must have been granted by the Board of Adjustment and Appeals before a building permit can be issued.
- A Site Plan Review by the Planning Board may be required prior to the issuance of a building permit. All construction must meet the BOCA Building Code.

## VETERANS PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION

- State law provides for property tax exemption for veterans, their widows, minor children and certain widowed mothers of veterans.

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- Those veterans having a taxable residence in their place of residence, who served in the Armed forces of the United States during any federally recognized war period, including the Korean campaign and the Vietnam War and who shall **reach the age of 62** years of age or receiving any form of pension or compensation from the United States government for total disability, service-connected or non service - connected, as a veteran, are eligible to apply for the exemption.
- **Applications for VETERAN (Property Tax) EX-EMPTION are available at the Town Office and must be filed with the Assessor's Office on or before April 1st of the year in which the exemption is being requested.**
- Proof of entitlement such as copies of discharge papers, birth certificates or death certificates must be submitted along with the application. If you have any questions concerning the veteran exemption, feel free to contact the Assessor's Office at 829-2204.

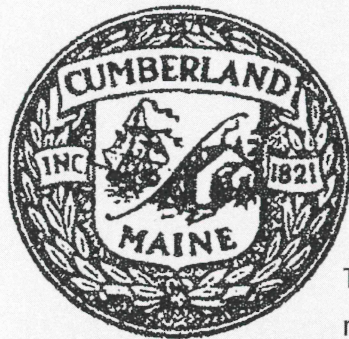
## SOLID WASTE

### Mainland

- Residential solid waste and recyclable are picked up curbside weekly by Enviropac (1-800-891-4036). A temporary transfer station located on Drowne Road accepts white goods (appliances), metals, clean wood waste, yard waste and used motor oil.
- In order to use the temporary station, residents must purchase an annual sticker (\$1.00 fee) at the Town Office.

### Chebeague Island

- Residential and commercial solid waste and recyclable must be taken to the transfer station located at the site of the former landfill. Also accepted at the transfer station are white goods, metals, clean wood waste, yard waste and construction and demolition debris.
- Additional information regarding these solid waste programs - such as disposal fees, route, holidays and restrictions — available at the Town Office at 829-5559.



This is Cumberland's Town Seal — with its colorful, round scene of a millhouse and a ship depicting land and sea, surrounded by a laurel wreath, considered a symbol of honor.

It was designed in 1935 by Ernest A. Rand.



# Application for Cumberland, Maine Board or Commission

The Nominations Committee of the Cumberland Town Council maintains a reserve file of candidates to fill vacancies on boards and committees. Residents interested in serving on a board or committee are invited to make an application. If you are interested in serving on any of our boards and commissions, please provide us with the following information. For a listing of those boards and commissions, see pages 4 - 5 of this report and for more information, please call the Town Clerk at 829-5559.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street/Road Address \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. \_\_\_\_\_





Education \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Where Employed? \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you lived in Cumberland? \_\_\_\_\_ Other activities of interest to you \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you wish to serve? \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form or a photocopy to Town Clerk, Town of Cumberland, P.O. Box 128, Cumberland, ME 04021

## Cumberland's Curbside Collection Guide

	YES!	NO	HOW?
<b>Paper</b> 	Mixed papers & old mail,* newspapers, magazines, phone books, catalogs and paper bags.	No cardboard or paperboard. No carbon paper or photographs. No food papers, string or ties.	Keep clean & dry. Remove any product samples & plastic cards from mail. Deposit loose or in brown (kraft) paper bags.
<b>Paperboard</b> 	Clean food boxes (with liners & metal removed) such as cereal, rice and cake mix boxes; salt and plastic wrap boxes; medicine & toiletry boxes such as aspirin & bandaid boxes; shirt & shoe boxes; toilet paper tubes; writing pad backs & posterboard.	No corrugated cardboard. No paperback books. No waxed paper, foil or plastic liners. No plastic coated paper. No other paper, metal, glass or plastic (use other compartments).	Discard paper, foil & plastic liners. Discard metal spouts & cutting strips as on salt & plastic wrap boxes. Keep clean & dry. FOLD FLAT! Deposit loose or in brown (kraft) bags.
<b>Glass, Cans &amp; Aluminum</b> 	Metal food & beverage cans; aluminum foil, trays & pans; aerosol cans with caps removed (nozzles okay); clear & colored glass bottles & jars and window glass.	No jar lids or seals. No paint or pesticide cans. No light bulbs. No plastic caps. Nozzles are okay.	Discard lids, seals, and plastic caps. Labels are okay. Nozzles are okay.
<b>Plastic</b> 	Crushed natural color #2 HDPE such as milk, water, cider & vinegar jugs. Look for the #2 on the bottom.	No lids or caps. No colored #2 HDPE. No other kind of plastic.	Rinse. Discard lids. Labels okay. CRUSH FLAT!

## 1996 WASTE COLLECTION HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

### Observed Holidays

Tues., July 4

Thurs., Nov. 23 (Thanksgiving Day)

Mon., Dec. 25 (Christmas Day)

Mon., Jan. 1, '96 (New Year's Day)

**Collection Schedule:** Thurs. and Fri. collections are serviced one day later.

**QUESTIONS ?** Please call Waste Management of Maine at 797-8290 or the Town office at 829-5559 .

Please place your properly prepared recyclables in your recycling bin (or some other container) and place at your curbside away from the rest of your trash.



# MUNICIPAL DIRECTORY

## Town Manager

Robert B. Benson ..... 829-5559

## Town Clerk

Klara M. Norton ..... 829-5559/829-2220

## Animal Control Office

Stan Page ..... 829-6391

## Assessor

Paula Jansmann ..... 829-2204

## Building Inspector

Robert Littlefield ..... 829-2207

## Chebeague Island

Public Safety Building ..... 829-5407

Transfer Station ..... 846-4509

## Code Enforcement Officer

Donna Larson ..... 829-2206

## Community Services Director

William Landis ..... 829-2208

## Deputy Tax Collector

Penny Jansmann ..... 829-5559

## Electrical Inspector

Stan Brown ..... 829-4246

## Fire Chief

William Fischer ..... 829-3283

## Harbor Master

Ted Curtis ..... 846-4613

## Health Officer

Eileen Wyatt ..... 829-5238

## Librarian

Beth Hoffer (Prince Memorial) ..... 829-2215

Martha Hamilton (Chebeague) ..... 846-4351

## Motor Vehicle Agent

Debbie Flanigan ..... 829-5559

## Plumbing Inspector

Richard Peterson ..... 829-5448

## Police Chief

Joseph J. Charron ..... 829-6391

## Public Works Director

Philip Wentworth ..... 829-2220

Mainland Garage ..... 829-2220

Chebeague Island Garage 846-4635 ..

## Rescue Chief

Christopher Bolduc ..... 829-2213

Shellfish Warden ..... 829-6391

## Town Planner

Donna Larson ..... 829-2206

## Welfare Director

Cheryl R. Buxbaum ..... 829-5559

West Cumberland Rec. Hall ..... 829-5464

## Val Halla Gold & Recreation Center

Robert Leighton, Manager 829-2226

Pro Shop ..... 829-2225

## EMERGENCY NUMBERS

**FIRE & RESCUE: 829-5211**

**POLICE: 829-3120**

**Mainland Non-Emergency: 829-6391**

**Chebeague Island**

**Non-Emergency: 829-5421**

**Poison Control: 871-4720**

## School M.S.A.D. #51

Superintendent ..... 829-4800

Superintendent Office FAX ..... 829-4802

Chebeague Island ..... 846-4162

Greely High School ..... 829-4805

Athletic Director's Office ..... 829-4809

Guidance Office ..... 829-4836

Social Service ..... 829-4836

Greely Jr. High ..... 829-4815

Mabel I. Wilson ..... 829-4825

North Yarmouth Memorial ..... 829-5555

Special Education Department ..... 829-4835

Bus Garage ..... 829-4837

## U.S. Government

Cumberland Post Office .. 829-3661

Chebeague Island Post Office ..... 846-5820

## LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES

- **MAINE HOUSE, State House Station #2, Augusta, Maine 04333-0002**  
(1-800-423-2900, TDD: (207) 287-4469;  
Voice: (207) 287-1400)

**District 40** Robert F. Fisk, Jr.  
196 U.S. Route One., Falmouth 04105  
781-2671 (W), 781-5862 (H), FAX 781-7508

**District 42** Joseph B. Taylor  
14 Lawn Ave., Cumberland 04021  
829-5751 (H)

- **MAINE SENATE, State House Station #2, Augusta, Maine 04333-0002**  
(1-800-423-6900, Voice: (207) 287-1505)

**District 26** Jeffrey H. Butland  
P.O. Box 431, Cumberland, Maine 04021  
829-5357 (H)

- **U.S. REPRESENTATIVE**

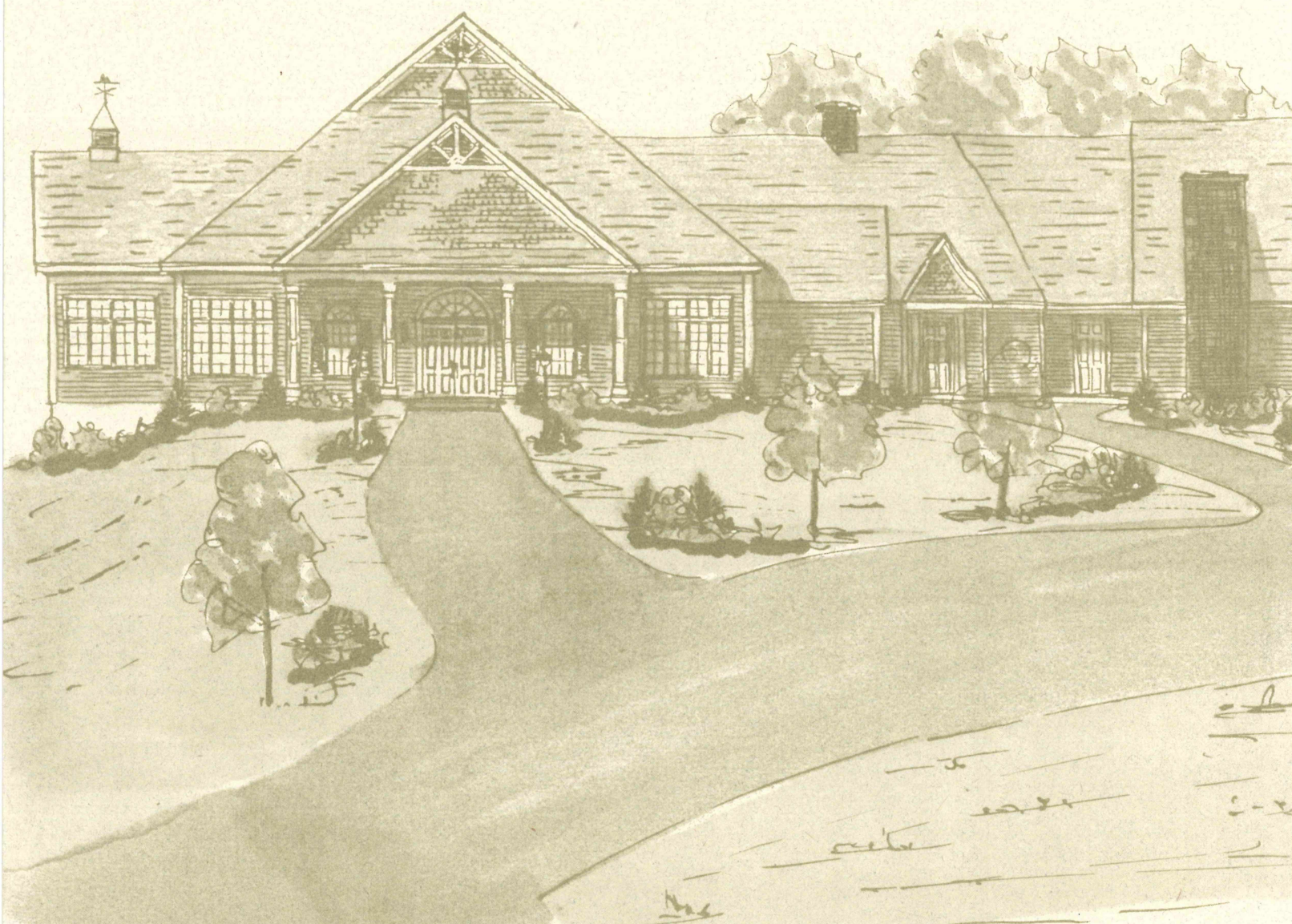
Thomas H. Allen 774-5019  
234 Oxford St., Portland, Maine 04101

- **U.S. SENATOR**

Susan Collins 780-3575 FAX 828-0380  
One City Center, Suite 100  
Portland, Maine 04101

Olympia Snowe 1-800-432-1599  
P.O. Box 188DTS, 151 Forest Avenue,  
Portland, Maine 04112-0188





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