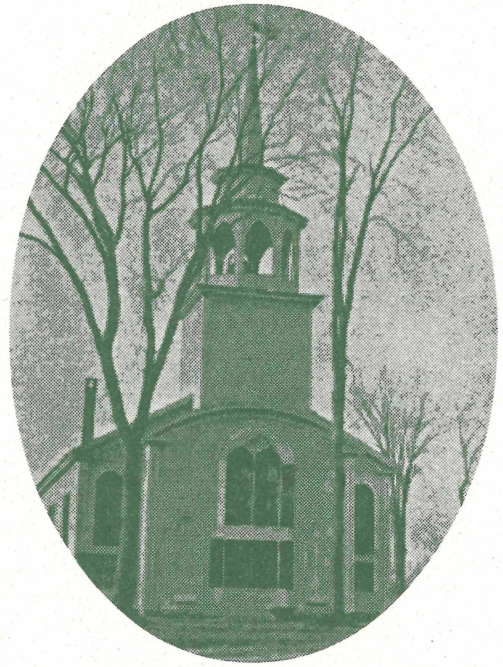


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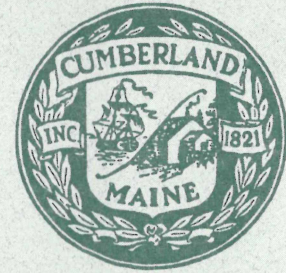




## Cumberland Comes Alive —

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

*It has been 177 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 are being published in the Town Reports during the next few years, which survey the evolution of the town from the period after the Civil War to the dawn of the new millennium. Residents of Cumberland have an opportunity to learn about our past as we prepare for the future. The first of this series was published in the 1996 Annual Report of the Town of Cumberland and is available at the Town Hall.

## Cumberland's Town Halls

*On the cover is Cumberland's new Town Hall, which opened its doors for business on Monday, March 2, 1998, at its new location on 290 Tuttle Road. It is an exceptionally attractive and well-planned facility. Following is a brief history of the Town of Cumberland and its various Town Halls or Meeting Houses as they were called back in earlier times.*

The Town of Cumberland's incorporation was approved on March 19, 1821 by William King, Maine's first governor. The first Town Meeting was held on April 9, 1821, at the Congregational meeting house, presently known as the Cumberland Congregational Church on Main Street. The new town had a population of 1,368.

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The history of the town's first meeting house, is a history of the small beginnings, slow progress and scanty means of our ancestors. Town meetings were held at one or another of the churches in town, alternating from the Center to Shaw Town and, when it was completed, to the Foreside church. By 1832 Cumberland residents were ready to build their town house for meetings and elections. The only problem was that they could not agree on its location.

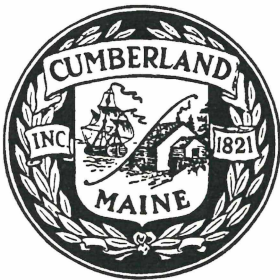
Every few weeks there would be another town meeting to reconsider the vote taken at the last meeting. Several locations were proposed, agreed upon, and subsequently changed. More than a year after the first vote to build a town house on May 13, 1833, town records include the vote "that the November 11, 1832 vote for building the town house on Lot 65 be reconsidered and that the committee procure a deed from Isaac Merrill of 15 square rods to set the town house on."

The story passed down from generation to generation is that some of the town fathers grew tired of the indecision as to where the building was to be located. In the middle of the night they hauled in the lumber and set to work framing up the building on the Isaac Merrill property where the present fire station stands. When the sun rose, the framework of the town house was up and the location of the town house was settled.

So, the town house was finally built, and not only was it to be used for town meetings, but also for elections and social events. Inside the door was the Selectmen's office on the left and a pile of stove wood on the right. A raised platform at the further end of the building supported the speaker's lectern and the ballot box. For town meetings, the floor was covered with a six inch layer of sawdust for the convenience of tobacco-chewing citizens.

Only the men attended town meetings in early days. Discussions were often hot and sprinkled with personal opinions. One moderator, Frank Merrill, is remembered to have run a pretty good meeting without benefit of Robert's Rules. If someone talked too long or became repetitive, Merrill would say, "You sit down and shut up; give someone else a chance to talk!"

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By the mid 1920s, the town house was becoming crowded; not only was the Selectmen's office cramped, but the meeting hall just wasn't big enough for town meetings. In 1928, the annual town meeting was held in Red Men's Hall. By 1930, there was a proposal to purchase Red Men's Hall for a town hall and convert the meeting room of the old town house to a town garage for fire engines and road equipment. In 1936, the town finally voted to purchase the building from Sawga Tribe #20 of Red Men for \$3,500.

The Town Office, except for the vault, was moved to a second floor room of Red Men's Hall and town meetings were held in the hall until 1947 when Gyger Gymnasium became the location for town meetings.

In 1951, the town voted to sell Red Men's Hall back to the Red Men for one dollar and appropriated \$500 to repair the Cumberland Center red brick school building. This building had been one of thirteen one-room district schools in town, and records in 1932 indicate it was used for town meetings .... "09-10-1833 Town Warrant: "Whereas the inhabitants of the said town of Cumberland have no convenient house wherein to hold their meetings, called to assemble at School House in District #3" .... nestled behind the Congregational Church and Redmen's Hall for use as the newest Town Office building. A fire in this new Town Office building on 12/26/55, prompted renovations for the Town Office. Since it was necessary to redecorate, town officials were authorized by vote at the March 1956 Town Meeting to spend \$7,500 to have an addition built on the back of the Town Office.

This building served as the Town Office until 1975, when the town, due to its increased population and needs, purchased back the Red Men's Hall, renovated it, and used it again as the Town Hall until the end of 1986. On May 4, 1984, S.A.D. #51 voted to return the Drowne Road School to the town. The Town renovated the Drowne Road School for use as a Town Hall, and moved in January of 1987.

During the next decade, Cumberland's population continued to increase, consequently the school's space needs increased also.

After a joint meeting of the Cumberland Town Council, S.A.D. 51 Board of Directors and the North Yarmouth Selectmen, the Council voted to renovate and enlarge the Drowne Road building for classroom use. This decision required building a new facility to house Cumberland's Town Hall offices, along with its Police, Public Works and Rescue departments.

To assist in the design and planning of the new Town Hall, the Town Council appointed a Building Committee consisting of the following Cumberland residents:

Mark Robinson, Chairman; Stephen Moriarty, Vice Chairman; William Hansen, Robert Humphreys, Lynnette Hildreth, Susan McGinty, E. Stephen Murray, George Small, Stewart McAllister, and Walt Dunlap.

Peter Bingham served as the Town Council's representative. The committee met for many months in 1997 and 1998 and worked closely with the architect and builder, the Pochebit Company. Among the many details addressed by the committee were the size of the building, exterior materials and appearance, lighting, impact upon the Town Forest, the color and type of interior flooring and wall coverings, parking, access and landscaping.

These Building Committee members are to be commended for their dedication and hard work in making this a most attractive and useful facility, one which the Town of Cumberland's citizens can be very proud.

NOTE: Compiled by Klara M. Norton, Cumberland Town Clerk. Some of this article's information was taken from the book, Cumberland, Maine in Four Centuries by Phyllis Sturdivant Sweetser.

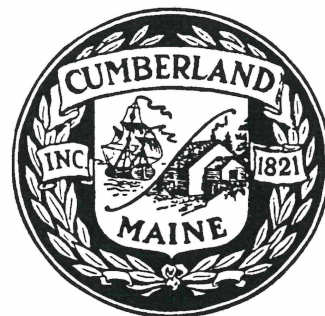


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### A Message from the Town Manager

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 1998.

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 1998.

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 and talent 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



# 1998 CUMBERLAND TOWN COUNCIL

## Highlights of the Year:

- The adoption of a new Comprehensive Plan. This plan outlines the way in which the Town will manage growth and development. Numerous public hearings were held during which the Council listened to concerns expressed by residents. On June 22, 1998, the Council adopted the new plan.
- Following up on concerns expressed by residents during the Comprehensive Plan hearings, the Council intends to appoint an ad hoc committee to address open space planning and growth management issues.
- The Council also adopted a policy on how to handle property that comes to the Town for non-payment of taxes. Another ad hoc committee, the Cumberland Tax Acquired Property Committee, met for several months to develop a policy that establishes a fair process for this difficult, yet necessary work.
- The Council continued its work towards the resolution of the chebeague Island access issue. Various proposals have been brought forward to address the concerns and interests of both towns. The matter needs to be resolved no later than December 31, 1999, when the current agreement expires.
- The Town Council authorized the first-time aerial spraying for Browntail Moth control. More than 1,500 acres were sprayed on the Foreside and Chebeague Island.
- The Town staff moved into the new town Hall on Tuttle Road. Comments from residents and employees have praised the design and decor of the building. Our thanks to the members of the Town Building Committee who volunteered their time to work with the architects and contractor to create a Town Hall we can all be proud of.



MARK KUNTZ

JOHN LAMBERT



*Town Council (L-R, front row): Mark Kuntz, John Lambert (Chair), Peter Bingham; (L-R, back row) Stephen Moriarty, Harland Storey, Philip Gleason. Absent from photo James Phipps (Vice-Chair)*

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*A new  
Comprehensive Plan  
was adopted by the Council  
June 22, 1998.*

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- Finally, I am pleased to report that for the 7th consecutive year, the Town Council passed a no-tax increase budget. It is important to note that the budget as passed continues to fund current services with some minor increases which resulted in improvements in programs that the Town provides. The Council will continue to make every effort to maintain this practice.

The Council would especially like to recognize the efforts of its Town employees and the volunteers who serve the town in many capacities. Our thanks to each of them.

*Respectively submitted,*

**John Lambert,**  
*Town Council Chairman*



Report of the

# ASSISTANT TOWN MANAGER

Carla A. Nixon, Assistant Town Manager

In 1998, this office continued work in the development of necessary policies, job descriptions and performance evaluation instruments; and in employee selection and development. Department Head job descriptions were finalized, and a salary and benefits study was conducted.

In May, the Town conducted its first aerial spray program for control of Brown tail Moth. More than 1,500 acres were sprayed on Chebeague Island and the Foreside. Based on the positive feedback from residents in those areas, the program was deemed successful. Ensuring Town compliance with the various state and federal employment-related laws is

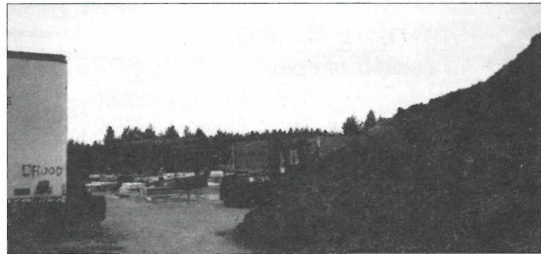
an important responsibility of this position. In just the past few years, major laws such as the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Family Medical Leave Act, and the DOT Drug and Alcohol Testing program have been enacted. Each has required significant work in the development of policies and the interpretation and application to specific situations.

Looking forward to 1999, this office will work to ensure that the Town is prepared for all Year 2000 issues by assessing vendor compliance, and we anticipate having the Town's first Internet website operational by spring.

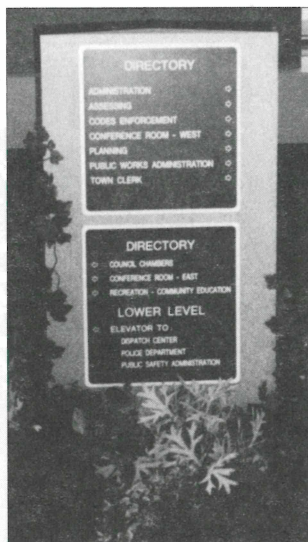
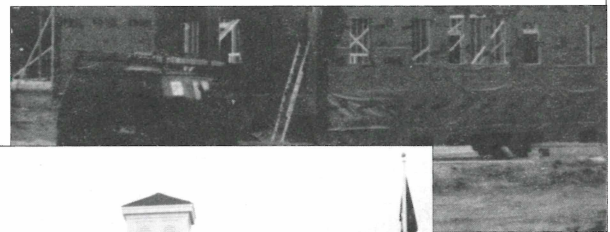


*and it stood empty...*

## Cumberland Builds One More Town Hall



*...a field takes shape*





# BOARDS and COMMITTEES

## Town Council

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

John Lambert (Chair) (Term Expires 6/00) 781-5282  
7 Ocean Terrace, Cumb. F'side, ME 04110

Philip Gleason (Term Expires 6/99) 781-3787  
10 Stony Ridge Rd, Cumb. F'side, ME 04110

Peter Bingham (Term Expires 6/99) 829-5713  
19 Brook Rd., Cumberland, ME 04021

Mark Kuntz (Term Expires 6/00) 829-6482  
66 Blackstrap Rd., Cumberland, ME 04021

Harland Storey (Term Expires 6/00) 829-3939  
45 Middle Rd., Cumberland, ME 04021

Stephen Moriarty (Term Expires 6/01) 829-5095  
34 Blanchard Rd., Cumberland, ME 04121

James Phipps (Term Expires 6/01) 846-6274  
190 Deer Pt. Rd., Chebeague Is., ME 04017

## Planning Board

*Meets 3rd Tuesday of every month*

Philip Hunt (Chair) Term Expires 12/99

Robert Vail Term Expires 12/98

Tom Powers Term Expires 12/98

Jeff Daigle Term Expires 12/99

Sam Hunter Term Expires 12/00

Martha Porch Term Expires 12/00

Terrance Turner Term Expires 12/01

## Board of Adjustment and Appeals

*Meets 2nd Thursday of every month*

George Turner (Chair) 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

## Board of Assessment Review

*As requested*

Field Griffith Term Expires 12/98

Kenneth Charest Term Expires 12/99

Stan Furlow Term Expires 12/00

Robert Crawford (Alt) Term Expires 12/98

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

*Meets 1st and 3rd Mondays*

Thomas Hyndman (Chair) Term Expires 2001

Ronald Bancroft Term Expires 1999

Frances Sweetser Term Expires 1999

Gail Witherill Term Expires 1999

Karen Herold Term Expires 2000

Reid Haywood Term Expires 2000

Mary L. Schendel Term Expires 2001

Jeanne Chadbourne Term Expires 2001

## Board of Sewer Appeals

*As requested*

Ralph Oulton Term Expires 12/98

Mark Benton Term Expires 12/01

Gregory Geier Term Expires 12/01

Michael Holmes Term Expires 12/01

Donald H. McKenna, Jr. Term Expires 12/01

## Cable TV Regulatory Board

*annual appointment 6/31*

Wayne Buhelt Term Expires 6/98

Stanley Milton Term Expires 6/98

Gordon Erikson, Jr. Term Expires 6/98

## Coastal Waters Commission

Richard Boscherini (Chair) Term Expires 12/98

Lewis Incze Term Expires 12/98

Kenneth Hamilton Term Expires 12/99

Hartley Brewer Term Expires 12/99

John Williams Term Expires 12/00

## Conservation Commission

John Eldredge (Chair) Term Expires 12/98

Robert S. Craig, Jr. Term Expires 12/98

Denise Gallaudet Term Expires 12/99

Ellen Hoffman Term Expires 12/99

F. Robert Heyner Term Expires 12/00

## Cumberland Housing Authority

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

Richard Foote Term Expires 12/00

John A. Hay Term Expires 12/00

William Stiles Term Expires 12/00

## Cumberland/Yarmouth Joint Standing Committee

Guy Vigue Cecil Ryder

John Lambert (6/98) James Phipps (6/98)

Stephen Moriarty (advisory)

## Cumberland Islands Committee

Michael Porter (Chair) Term Expires 12/00

Marjorie Munroe Term Expires 12/00

Donna Damon Term Expires 12/98

Beth Howe Term Expires 12/98

Eric Weagle Term Expires 12/98

Sandra Birkett Term Expires 12/99

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## Greely Scholarship Committee

(no defined terms)

Thomas Joyce (Chair)	
Sandra Carlson	Terry Snow
David DeBree	Elizabeth Surgi

## 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

Doug Ross	Term Expires 12/98
Eric Wilson	Term Expires 12/98
Jim Higgins	Term Expires 12/99
J. Samuel Hunter, II	Term Expires 12/99
Milton Calder	Term Expires 12/99
Donna Damon	Term Expires 12/00
Linden Smith	Term Expires 12/00
Robert White	Term Expires 12/00

## Lands Committee

John Eldredge (Chair)	Glenn Hutchins
Pam Arpe	Thomas Hyndman
Alan Blanchard	William Landis
Robert S. Craig, Jr.	Mary Ann Brennan Newcomb
Peter Gordon	Mary Schendel
Jack Hardy	Harland Storey
Kate Hoffner	Celia Woodcock

## Personnel Appeals Board

Chuck Piacentini	Term Expires 12/99
Matthew Ward	Term Expires 12/99
Bill Shane	Term Expires 12/00
Virgil E. Bean	Term Expires 12/00
David White (Alt.)	Term Expires 12/00
Terry N. Snow	Term Expires 12/01
Kenneth Snitger (Alt.)	Term Expires 12/01

## Portland Water District Local Representative

William Lunt, III	Term Expires 6/01
Eileen Wyatt	Term Expires 6/02

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

As needed

Joy O'Neil	Term Expires 12/98
Carolyn Sloat	Term Expires 12/98
Carl McPherson	Term Expires 12/99
Nancy Gibson	Term Expires 12/99
William Hayes	Term Expires 12/99
Brian Walsh	Term Expires 12/00
Linda Putnam	Term Expires 12/00

## Recreation/Community Education Advisory Board

Sharon Walsh	Term Expires 12/98
Margery Gruber	Term Expires 12/98
James Googins	Term Expires 12/99
Callie Chase	Term Expires 12/00
Connie Sweetser	Term Expires 12/00

## Recycling Committee

Jo Anne Babcock (Chair)	Term Expires 12/99
Susan McGinty	Term Expires 12/98
Hope Foster	Term Expires 12/98
Janice Tooker	Term Expires 12/98
Janet Hotham	Term Expires 12/99
Jake Jacobson	Term Expires 12/00
Jennifer McAdoo	Term Expires 12/00
Helen C. Giasas	Term Expires 12/01

## Regional Waste Systems Board of Directors

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

## Shellfish Conservation Commission

Richard Peterson	Term Expires 12/98
J. Whitman Smith	Term Expires 12/98
Thomas Calder	Term Expires 12/99
James Higgins	Term Expires 12/00
Tom Peterson	Term Expires 12/00

## Town Forest Board

Meets 1st Thursday of every month

Sally Stockwell (Chair)	Term Expires 12/99
Anne Maher	Term Expires 12/98
Jennifer West	Term Expires 12/99
Elizabeth Surgi	Term Expires 12/00
George M. Hyde	Term Expires 12/00

## Valla Halla Golf & Recreation Center Board of Trustees

Meets 1st Monday of every month

Stewart McAllister	Term Expires 12/98
Patrick Skahan	Term Expires 12/98
Lloyd Doughty	Term Expires 12/99
Stephen Gilchrist	Term Expires 12/99
William Hansen	Term Expires 12/99
Margaret Kuss	Term Expires 12/00
Brian Walsh	Term Expires 12/00

If you are a citizen of Cumberland, Maine interested in serving on a board or committee, please fill in the Application form found on the last page of this report and drop off or mail to the

Town Clerk at

290 Tuttle Rd., Cumberland, ME 04021.

# TOWN CLERK



**Klara M. Norton,**  
*Town Clerk*

## Statistics for the Year Ending December 31, 1998

### • COUNCIL MEETINGS:

Regular - 21, Special - 5

### • ELECTIONS: Three were held in 1998

#### **February 10 — Special State Referendum Election**

Question 1, People's Veto: "Do you want to reject the law passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor that would ban discrimination based on sexual orientation with respect to jobs, housing, public accommodations, and credit?"  
(YES: 813 NO: 1,336)

(2,201 voted out of 5,132 registered voters)

#### **June 9 — Municipal and Primary Election**

(2) Town Councilors

(2) School Board Directors

(1,138 voted out of 5,135 registered voters)

#### **November 3 — State General/Referendum Election**

(3,209 voted out of 5,135 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; and the compilation and editing of the Town's Annual Report.

## Vital Statistics

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
<b>Births</b>	77	80	65	91	73
<b>Deaths</b>	32	44	38	39	48
<b>Marriages</b>	63	65	71	64	61

## Licenses

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
<b>Dogs</b>	841	847	974	976	1,040
<b>Fish &amp; Game</b>	1,047	1,015	957	951	873
<b>Shellfish</b>					
<b>Recreational</b>	200	230	228	353	311



## Historical Perspective on Cumberland's Population Growth

Cumberland, like other attractive Cumberland County communities, has seen steady growth over the years. At the time of its incorporation in 1821, the town's population numbered 1,368 and seemed to remain constant for more than a century. From 1940 to 1950, population increased from 1,491 to 2,030, then from 1950 to 1960 it grew to 2,765. From 1960 to 1976 it grew to over 3,400, and now in 1999 stands at an approximate figure of 6,800.

It will be interesting to see what the 2000 Census tells us.

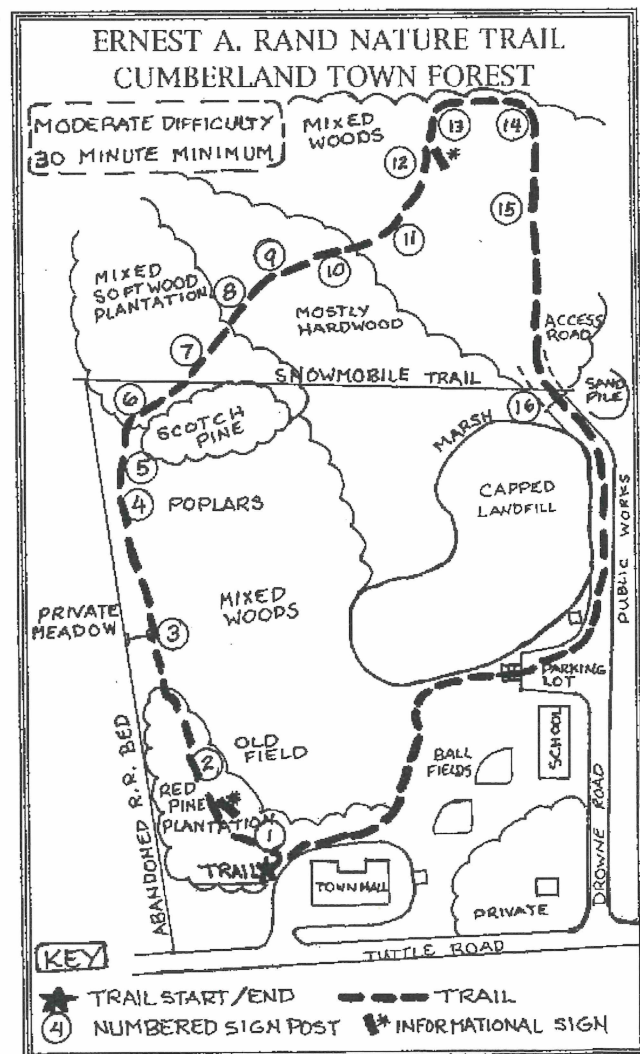


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- Assessor
- Building Inspector
- Planning and Code Enforcement
- Planning Board

## Guide to the Cumberland Town Forest



# ASSESSOR

Paula M. Jansmann, CMA, Assessor

## STATISTICS FROM APRIL, 1997 TO APRIL, 1998

Total Land Valuation .....	\$208,075,900.00
Total Building Value .....	276,513,400.00
Total Real Estate Valuation (3,548 parcels) .....	484,589,300.00
Total Personal Property Valuation (313 accounts) .....	3,142,160.00
Veteran Exemptions (193) .....	915,000.00
Blind Exemptions (4) .....	24,000.00
Homestead Exemptions (1,930) .....	13,510,000.00
Property Exemptions (107) .....	33,502,200.00
Tree Growth Classification (52 parcels-1,780 acres) .....	309,700.00
Farmland Classification (17 parcels-426 acres) .....	125,300.00
Open Space Classification (10 parcels-109 acres) .....	182,100.00

	1997	1998	%Increase and/or Decrease
TAX LEVY	\$8,821,984 .....	\$9,291,284 .....	5.0%
ASSESSMENT	\$490,110,200 .....	\$487,731,460 .....	<1.0%>*
TAX RATE	\$18.00/\$1,000 .....	\$19.05/\$1,000 .....	6.0%
*Decrease due to Homestead Exemption			

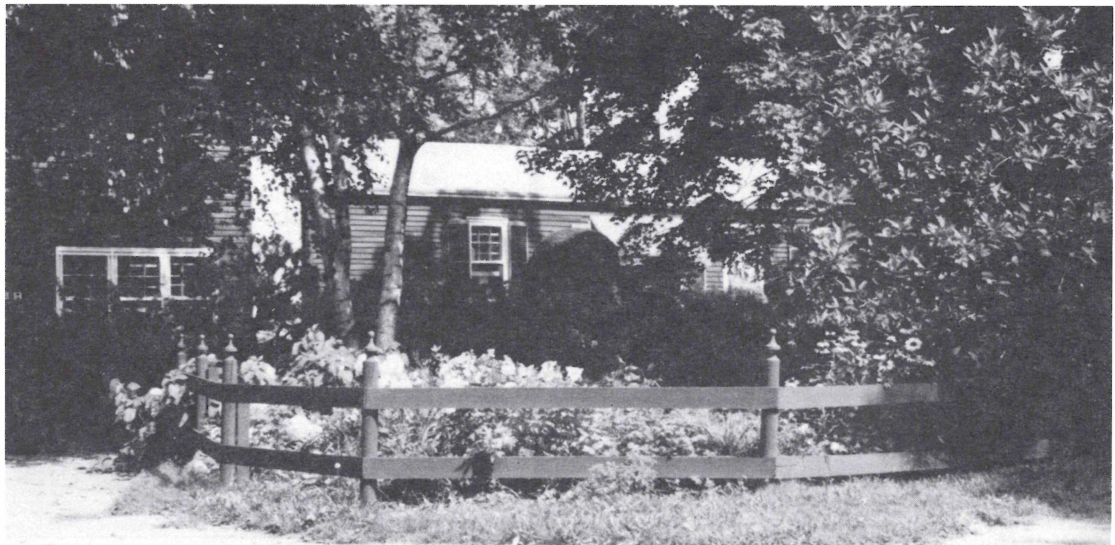
## 1998 TAX YEAR (Town Fiscal Year 1/98 to 12/98)

April 1, 1998	Ownership & Assessment of Property Fixed (State Taxation Law Title 36 §502)
September 14, 1998	Tax Roll "committed" to Tax Collector (determined by Assessor)
November 1, 1998	Payment Due Date (determined by Council)
November 3, 1998	Interest begins 10.50% annually
March 19, 1999	Deadline for filing assessment appeals (185 days after commitment Title 36 §841)

In February of 1998, Town Offices were moved into their new location at 290 Tuttle Road. The Assessing Department was moved closer to the Planning and Building departments allowing for shared support staff and materials. Public access to assessing data was improved by the installation of a computer allowing access to property record cards and associated information.

The Homestead Exemption Act was signed into law on April 1, providing a property tax exemption of up to the just value of \$7,000 for each Maine resident's homestead. Approximately 75% of Cumberland residents took advantage of this exemption in its first year of availability. The Homestead Exemption was in addition to any other exemption, such as Veteran's or Blind, a taxpayer may have received. The review and processing of applications was incorporated into the yearly maintenance and updating of property records for the Town.

Property owners are encouraged to apply for any exemption they may be eligible for by the April 15 deadline by contacting the Assessor's Office.





Report of the

## BUILDING INSPECTOR

Robert B. Littlefield, *Building Inspector*

In 1998, the Building Inspection department experienced one of its busiest years with a total of **261 permits** issued.

Housing starts exceeded any previous year on record with 65 new homes at a total estimated construction cost of \$10,706,100. The total estimated construction cost for all building permits issued was \$14,685,747.00 up \$2,894,386.00 from 1997.

A ride around the town is very convincing that Cumberland has grown tremendously in the past few years. Construction Data New England Inc., a monthly publication of construction activity in parts of Maine and New Hampshire listed Cumberland number 12 in housing starts from the Southern Maine area in the final rankings for 1998.

In an effort to update the Building Permit Fee Schedule, the town has now adopted a pricing schedule based upon the square footage of a structure rather than the previous pricing method based on the total estimated cost of construction.

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 1993 Boca Building Code and the State of Maine Plumbing and Electrical Codes.

### The following information was compiled for the 1998 inspection year

Type of Construction	No. of Permits	Construction Costs	Permit Costs
New Houses	65	\$10,706,100.00	\$17,712.45
Renovations	34	789,910.00	1,391.50
Alterations	6	84,267.00	180.00
Additions	38	1,687,147.00	2,082.15
Porches-Decks	26	79,789.00	255.00
Garages	17	445,165.00	795.60
Foundations	2	800.00	333.60
Access. Structure	42	359,866.00	754.80
Temporary Structure	7	39,100.00	96.00
Antenna	1	100.00	10.00
Pools	11	166,603.00	452.80
Retaining Wall	0	0.00	0.00
Demolitions	11	16,900.00	56.00
Commercial	1	310,000.00	0.00
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>\$14,685,747.00</b>	<b>\$24,119.90</b>

Electrical Permits: 176

Permit costs: \$3,681.00

Plumbing Permits: 162

Permit costs: \$8,182.00

Report of

## 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 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.

The Housing Authority maintains a waiting list for apartments in the Cumberland Meadows Senior Housing project. If you are interested in being on the waiting list, please call the Town Planner at 829-2206.

## BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT AND APPEALS



*Board of Appeals: (L-R) George Turner (Chair), Greg Fowler, James Fortin, Ronald Copp, and 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 held 12 regular meetings and took action on the following in 1998:**

Interpretations .....	3
Variances .....	18
Special Exceptions .....	22
Applications Withdrawn .....	1

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 1998 Board were George S. Turner, Chair; Gregory W. Fowler, Vice-Chair, Ronald W. Copp, James E. Fortin, Scott Wyman.**



## 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 1998 Planning Board was comprised of Board Chair *Philip C. Hunt*, and members *Jeffrey Daigle*, *Sam Hunter*, *Martha Porch*, *Tom Powers*, and *Bob Vail*. *Penny Jannsmann* resigned from the Board in March; *Terry Turner* joined the Board in December.

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 commercial 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 14 regular monthly meeting in 1998.

In 1998, the Board recommended a Comprehensive Plan, and a revised Official Zoning Map to the Town Council for consideration. Both documents were adopted by the Town Council.

Subdivision applications were considered for Rock Ridge Estates (final approval granted) and Tuttle Road Minor Subdivision (final approval granted). A revision to the previously approved Adlerstein Subdivision was granted. The Board held a pre-application conference for Stonegate Estates and Flintlock Ridge major subdivisions, and a condominium project at the Cumberland Business Park.

Site Plan Reviews were conducted for Island Commons on Chebeague Island, Storey Brothers Construction, Inc., and portable classrooms for M.S.A.D. #51.

The Board approved Shoreland Zoning Permits for a pier on Chebeague Island, and a boat storage area on Cumberland Foreside.

The Board also held public hearings on several technical revisions to the Zoning Ordinance, most arising out of recommendations of the Comprehensive Planning Committee.



# PUBLIC SAFETY

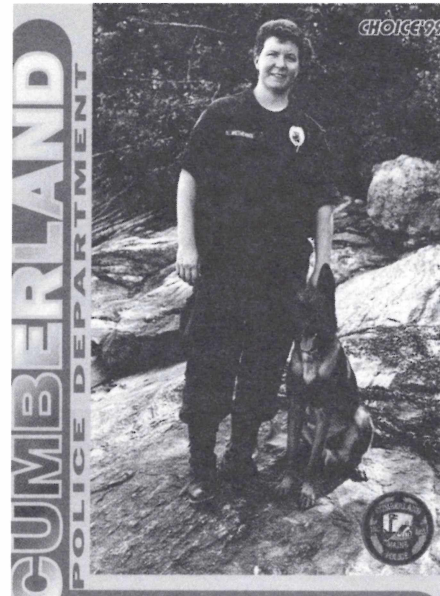
## Reports from:

- Fire Department
- Harbor Master
- Police Department
- Public Health
- Public Works
- Recycling
- Rescue



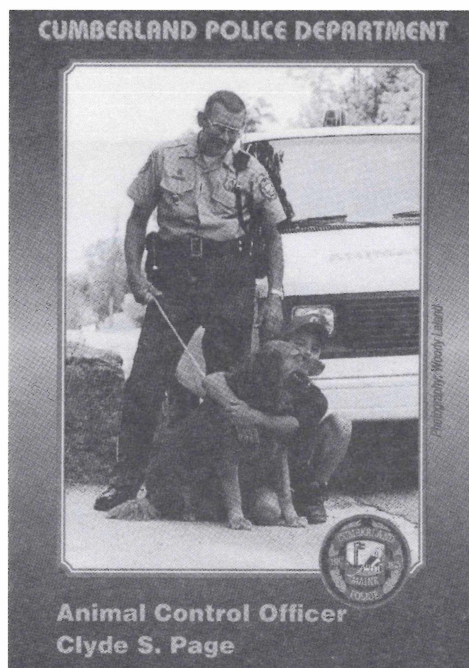
## ANIMAL CONTROL

- 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

Last year was another superb boating year. The weather was excellent and everyone spent a lot of time on the water.

The number of mooring registrations have increased to four-hundred and twenty. Eighty percent still are located around Great Chebeague Island.

My major activities include assisting mariners with mooring questions, checking moorings, enforcing docking time at both the Stone Pier, and Chandler's Pier, monitoring the parking at Stone Pier, removing water from water-laden prams and punts, relocating 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 Water Monitoring Program." I will continue to be responsible for sampling the water at the Stone Pier.

To expedite the mooring registration process, I encourage everyone to pay your mooring registration fee at the Cumberland Town Office at the same time you pay your boat registration fee. Completion of the mooring form will only be necessary if you are registering a new mooring. There is no paperwork required for renewal mooring registrations.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me at 207-846-4613 anytime, or you can email me at the following address: CHEABIS@aol.com.

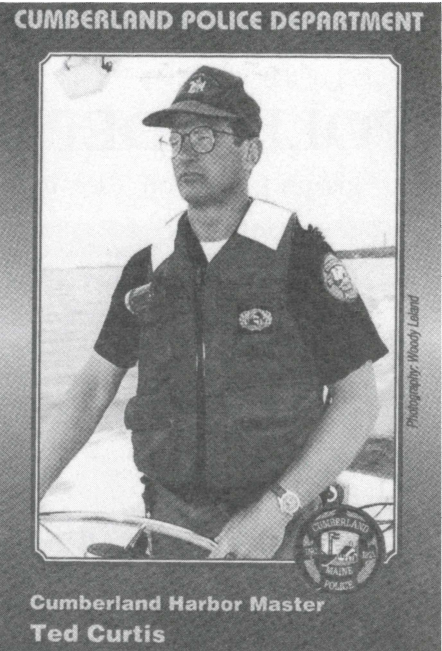
To assist me in maintaining your mooring location please make an effort to **visually display your assigned mooring numbers on your mooring or float buoy.** When replacing your mooring buoy, please use a white buoy.

Everyone is reminded that children ten years old and younger are required to wear Type I, II, or III life jackets in all water craft.

Again personal thanks are in order to Cumberland Public Works employees, in particular **Med Bowen** and **Bert Copp**, my fellow officers in the Cumberland

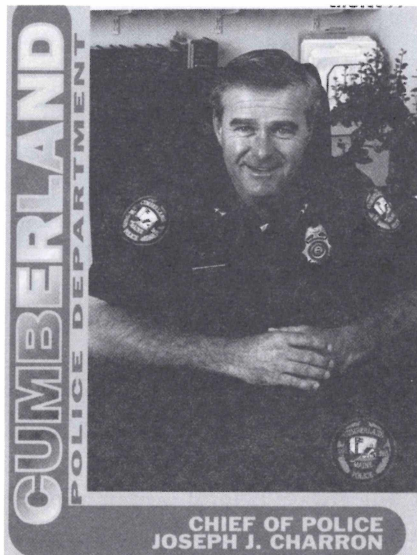
Police Department, the always helpful **dispatchers** in Dispatch, the **rescuers** both on Great Chebeague and the Mainland, **Hartley** and **Diane Brewer** at the Chebeague Boat Yard, and finally the ever helpful **Cumberland Town Office Employees.** Their support and corporation greatly assisted me in carrying out my assigned duties as Harbor Master and Shellfish Warden.

My personal thanks to everyone else for their valued assistance and excellent suggestions that contributed to making 1998 a fine year on the water. Let's continue to work together and make 1999 another prosperous and safe boating year.



# POLICE DEPARTMENT

Joseph J. Charron, Chief of Police



During 1998, the Cumberland Police Department continued its programs within the S.A.D. 51 school system. Along with the D.A.R.E. program visitations to the elementary school, middle and high school programs

were conducted, including lessons and information designed to help keep children safe.

We were again able to send five local students to **Camp P.O.S.T.C.A.R.D.** Students sponsored by the Cumberland Police Department attended the week-long camp at no cost to their families. The department also sponsored outings to Sea Dogs games, Pirates games, as well as a trip to Boston for the High School **D.A.R.E.** Role Models. These trips and programs were made possible through local donations.

During 1998, the **Cumberland Police Department's K-9 unit** was dispatched to 40 calls. Of those 40 calls, the K-9 conducted 20 tracks, five building searches, five searches for evidence, eight officer protection, and two crowd control. Overall, the dog has a 78% confirmed success rate. The national average for police canine is 40-60%. The K-9 unit has been used extensively assisting surrounding departments. *Officer Wetherbee* and *Justice* have contributed greatly to the department's overall level of service delivery to the community.

There were 69 total United Crime Reporting (UCR) reportable crimes during 1998. UCR tracks seven types of crimes, including homicide, rape, robbery, burglary, theft, and motor vehicle theft. The department's clearance rate for these crimes in 1998 was 48%, double the state average. Crimes that are not UCR reportable such as criminal mischief, criminal threatening, non-assault domestic violence, and other calls for services account for the vast majority of police calls.

## Crime Prevention Tips

- Call 829-6391 any time you witness any suspicious activity.
- Do not leave valuables in your car. If necessary, secure them in your trunk.
- Be sure to lock your car doors.
- Lock you home when you're away and especially at night.
- If away on vacation, contact the Police Department for a house check. We also suggest you discontinue newspapers and mail, leave a key with a friend or relative, leave a car in the driveway.

Accident Investigations .....	162
Alcohol/Drug(Arrests&Summons) .....	21
Arrests .....	62
Assists to other Departments .....	166
Assists to Citizen .....	180
Concealed Weapon Permits Issued .....	28
Defect Cards Issued .....	515
Juvenile Petitions & Offenses .....	31
Notices & Agendas .....	381
Property Checks .....	7,062
Summons/Warnings .....	1,695
Total Licensed Burglar Alarms .....	301

During the last two years, staff members of the Cumberland Police Department, Planning Office and Tax Assessing Department have been working on preparing Cumberland for **Enhanced 911** (E-911) phone service. This has been a cooperative effort between these town departments and the state to implement a uniform 911 telephone system. The system, once completed, will assure that when 911 is dialed in an emergency, you will receive assistance from police, fire, or emergency medical services in the fastest, most efficient way possible. The Dispatch Center will have an exact location and other vital information the moment the 911 call is placed, even if the caller is unable to communicate with the dispatcher.

The E-911 project calls for up-to-date street names and house numbering in conjunction with state of the art mapping provided at no cost to the tax payer. The final phase includes joint efforts between the Town of Cumberland, the state and Bell Atlantic to bring the system on line at the Cumberland Public Safety Dispatch Center. We anticipate being on line by the middle of summer 1999.

Finally through the generosity of the *Cumberland North Yarmouth Lions Club* we were able to purchase a second edition of **COP CARDS**. The cards have been a big hit with local children and are available at the communications center at the Public Safety Building. Thank you to the Lions Club for again making the cards possible.



Report of the

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

- William Fischer, Fire Chief

1998 was a busy year for the fire department responding to over 450 calls.

The ice storm in January was a very demanding time for all members. We responded to more than 150 calls ranging from wires down, trees in the road, motor vehicle accidents, and structure fires. The members worked long days, helping townspeople. We assisted the police and public works departments by trying to keep the roads open. The members all did an exceptional job during this period.

The department also had a structure fire during August on Longwoods Road and was able to save the attached business. This was accomplished with the help of surrounding towns on mutual aid.

We responded to several calls for mutual aid to our surrounding towns during the year as members of the Coastal Mutual Aid Association. This association is made up of the towns of Falmouth, Cumberland, Yarmouth, North Yarmouth, Freeport, Pownal, Durham, Brunswick, Bath, Topsham, and Gray. The association allows us to get more help when needed to protect all of our towns.

The department also responds with rescue, when needed, to help with lifting and moving patients.

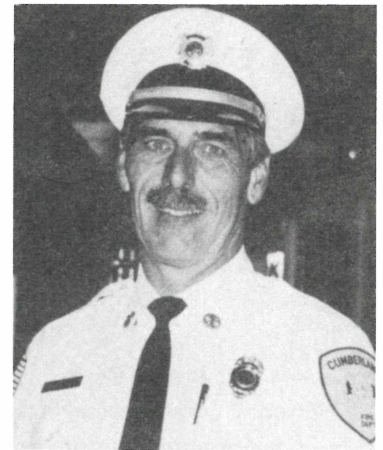
The members put in excess of 3,000 hours of their own time for training to maintain and increase their skills. Three members completed classes to

become state certified Firefighter 1 & 2 Instructors, joining one member already certified. This allows us to do in-house classes for our members to become Firefighter 1 certified.

1998 also saw the formation of a second Fire Explorer Post under the guidance of members of the Chebeague Island Station. They join with the post existing on the mainland under the guidance of Central and West members. The Fire Explorer Posts involve youths between the ages of 14 and 18 who receive training in firefighting skills by adult members, and respond to calls with the department. The Explorers are very active in the department and also give the members a chance to participate in public service.

The department performed over 175 fire inspections during the year for victuals licenses, fire safety and solid fuel burning devices.

**Reminder: Any outside burning such as brush, leaves, building debris, fields, bonfires, etc. require a permit any time of the year.** The permits may be obtained at the Public Safety Dispatch Center after 9:00 am if conditions will allow burning on that day. All permits are only for one day at a time and must be signed by the holder and carried during the burn. **Information may be obtained by calling 829-5421.**



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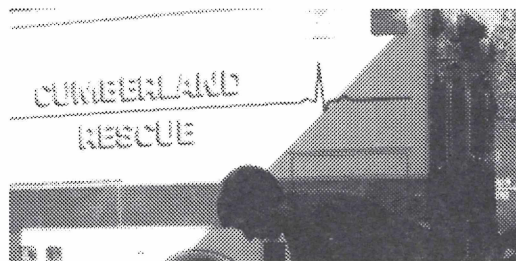
## RESCUE DEPARTMENT

**Christopher J. Bolduc**, *Rescue Chief*

**Lance Dow**, *Deputy Rescue Chief*

**Captains: Marlene Bowen,**

**Elizabeth Chesley, William Stiles**



The Rescue Department, as like many other years, went through several changes in 1998. In March, the operation moved from the Central Fire Station to the new Public Safety quarters at the Town Hall. This move gained the department a better facility and more room to stretch its wings. We have been able to expand our community training programs as well as our in-house training programs.

With the dramatic increase in size of the community, schools and the population as a whole, and the ever-growing trend towards home health care, the Rescue Department felt a major strain in 1998. This strain caused a substantial decrease in volunteerism, which greatly affected the ability of the Rescue Service to provide the 24 hour coverage that the Town of Cumberland has grown accustomed to receiving.

To alleviate this problem, we made some positive changes in the department to insure that we were able to maintain our high level of service to the community. The Town Council allocated funds to hire a full-time paramedic and several part-time paramedics to help cover calls for emergency service 24 hours a day. They also allocated funds to assign a medic to help cover Chebeague Island during its busy summer months. This increase in personnel has greatly improved an already excellent Rescue service.

In addition to the medics, we have an excellent group of police officers helping to provide emergency

*With the move (to Town Hall), we have been able to expand our community training programs as well as our in-house training programs*

medical service to the town residents. Many of the officers are medically trained and carry life saving automatic defibrillators and medical supplies in their cruisers 24 hours a day. Their knowledge and quick response to emergency calls has greatly enhanced the rescue service in Cumberland. We also have many fire fighters that achieved emergency medical licenses in 1998. These firefighters provide back up to the rescues when the ambulances are busy or when they are in need of additional assistance.

I would like to take this opportunity to commend all the personnel who make up and assist the Cumberland Rescue Department. Without them, this service would never be able to operate as efficiently as it does. Their dedication, hundreds of hours of training and their response to emergency calls at all ours of the day and night often goes unrecognized but it never seems to bother them or decrease the amount of time they spend helping the community. The residents of Cumberland are very lucky to have such a high caliber group of people providing their rescue service.

Report of the

## SEWER DEPARTMENT

**Robert B. Benson**, *Superintendent*

Cumberland has a limited sewer system with the costs paid by property owners who use the system. During 1998 revenues continued to meet the expenses of operating costs and debt service without requiring an increase in the current user charge. However, increases in the cost of waste water treatment, if realized, may require the Town Council to consider a rate increase in the future.



# PUBLIC HEALTH

Eileen Wyatt, Health Officer

During the January '98 Ice Storm, I contacted eight food-handling stores and restaurants in Cumberland to make certain that those who lost power and did not have generators would discard the perishable food in their freezers and refrigerators. With some there was only minor loss, while for others it was a total loss and everything had to go to a dumpster.

To quote from author, John Robbins: *It's as if the major cause of death were people falling off cliffs. At the bottom we have stationed the most expensive and sophisticated system of ambulances in the world, but we haven't erected fences at the tops of the cliffs.*

**So much of public health involves prevention. It doesn't make headlines but it certainly does save a lot of illness, injury, disability and death.**

## WHAT YOU CAN DO:

Here are some suggestions so you and your family can avoid the need for medical care by following!

- Pay attention to your children while they are in shopping carts.
- Make your child wear a safety helmet while biking and snowboarding. (give the good example—wear yours also).
- Your pediatrician has told you to have your infant sleep on its side or back, not stomach. Have you told your babysitter, childcare center, or those grandparents who might not know?
- Do you report the neighborhood dog who is aggressive and allowed to run at large?
- Do you check your child's booster seats for sturdiness? Many have been recalled.
- Do you eliminate strings on pacifiers or sweaters for small children?
- Does your playpen have metal rivets sticking out which could catch your child's clothing and strangle them?
- Do you put dangling cords from window blinds out of reach of children?
- Do you cut up foods that could choke small children such as hot dogs, whole grapes, larger pieces of meat?
- Have you coached your child to "be a tree" when accosted by a dog? Stand still with feet together and fists folded under their neck with arms and



## 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



### 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).

elbows against their chest. If knocked down act like a log-face down with fists folded behind neck and forearms covering ears; feet and legs together. Teach your child to keep his/her face away from a dog. That is where most bites occur.

- Don't eat RAW oysters this year. The CDC says some are contaminated with a virus.

### Inspections for 1998

Sit-down Restaurants .....	7
Take-out .....	6
Bakery .....	1
Farm Store .....	1
Craft Fair Vendors .....	20
Bed & Breakfast .....	4
Cumberland Fair Vendors .....	64
Complaints .....	2
Inquiries .....	8
Rabid animal follow-up and consultation .....	2
Restaurants follow-up on water test failure .....	2

The Greely Pool is inspected monthly for water quality and record keeping. Once per year it undergoes relicensing examination. The new pool at Chebeague was examined and licensed. It is checked monthly when in operation, May-October.

Report of the

## RECYCLING COMMITTEE

*Jo Anne Babcock, Chair*

Just like the Energizer Bunny, the benefits of recycling keep on going and going. While the formula is complex, our recycling efforts in past years saved Cumberland money then and will also result in a \$22,000 savings in 1999's Solid Waste budget. Thank you to everyone who participated. If you aren't already recycling, now is a good time to start. Recycling is easy! Just put your recyclables in your recycling bin rather than in your trash. Either way, you carry them to the curb.

In 1998, Cumberland residents increased the amount of recyclables picked up at curbside by 14%. Thus, a total of 928,000 pounds of trash will be reprocessed into new items.

There are other ways that residents can help decrease the tonnage of trash sent to the incinerator. One is to compost kitchen and garden wastes. Another is to make sure that their trash is either covered or placed in sealed trash bags on rainy or snowy days.

For the last several years, members of the recycling committee have been at Town Hall on Election Day to demonstrate different aspects of recycling, and to answer any questions that residents might have about the program. Last November we focused on

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 Drowne 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).**

household batteries. Don't forget that while household batteries aren't included in the curbside program, there is a collection area for them inside the Public Works Garage on Drowne Road.

**For details on recycling in Cumberland, please refer to the quick guide on the inside back cover - or you may call Town Hall (829-5559) with any questions you might have.**

Thanks for recycling!

Report of the

## Portland Water District Trustees

*Eileen Wyatt and Bill Lunt, III*

We would like to take this opportunity to review the year 1998 at the Portland Water District, as it relates to water and sewer users in Cumberland.

Once again the General Manager, working with his able staff, presented a 1999 budget of one half million dollars less than 1998. This enables the District to stay on track with our plan to control operational costs while maintaining the quality and service you deserve. While the year 1998 saw us lose some great employees here at the District, we have also been fortunate to find new talent to continue quality service for our customers.

The problems gasoline cause, as they relate to water quality, are being addressed by the District's action to remove the boat ramp from the lower bay near the raw water intakes. Our Capital program also will allow the removal of the now unused water tank in the Center.

The Board of Trustees will continue to meet on the second and fourth Mondays of each month and urge all interested people to attend. Our work is made easier if rate payers contact us when you have input for the District. Mrs. Wyatt and I always look forward to hearing from you about the District.



Report of the

# PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

*Adam J. Odgen, Director  
Steven Googins, General Foreman*

The year of 1998 will be remembered by the two natural disasters that hit Cumberland and Chebeague Island. The first disaster was the Ice Storm. The second disaster was the October Flood. Both of these events qualified for federal emergency aid after the Governor of Maine declared a state of emergency, requested federal assistance and the President declared them as major disasters. Even with these two major disasters the Department completed several major projects as well as providing general maintenance of the town's infrastructure.

The Public Works Department maintains a total of 87.84 miles of roads. The mainland roads comprise 48.61 miles and the island roads 10.13 miles. During the winter the town maintains additional state roads which comprise 18.97 miles of roadway. The department has nine fulltime personnel (Director, Foreman, Island Foreman, 5 Equipment Operators and 1 Mechanic) and three part-time personnel. The department also oversees the solidwaste collection and recycling program on the mainland and the island transfer station.

The Public Works Department completed the following major projects during 1998:

✓ **Municipal Building**

- The New Municipal Offices on Tuttle Road (sitework, parking, drainage, paving)
- Drowne Road School Reconstruction (sitework, parking, drainage, paving)
- Drowne Road Reconstruction (1000 L.F.)
- Pine Lane Storm Drain Project (1200 L.F. of PVC pipe, manholes and catchbasins)

✓ **Drowne Road School**

- ✓ **Subdivision Roads:** The Public Works Department in cooperation with the Planning Department oversaw the construction of three new subdivision roads:

- Idlewood Drive 2650 L.F. for a 20 Lot Subdivision

- Rock Ridge Road 2500 L.F. for a 15 Lot Subdivision
- Homestead Lane 600 L.F. for a 13 Lot Subdivision

## Ice Storm of '98

The beginning of 1998 was marked by the *Ice Storm of '98*. During the ice storm, many of the Town's roads on the mainland and Chebeague Island were closed due to fallen trees and downed power lines, other town property, including Val Halla Golf Course and town cemeteries were damaged from ice storm debris.

The cost of damage to the town's infrastructure totaled over \$300,000. The Department worked 24 hours a day during the five-day storm to provide emergency access on the mainland and the island.

Hazardous trees and limbs had to be removed. During the Ice Storm the department put out over 400 tons of salt and over 2000 cubic yards of sand. During a normal winter the department puts out this amount over a six-month period. The debris pile from trees was stockpiled at the



*Cumberland's new Municipal Building.*



*Drowne School Renovation*

towns garages.

The debris pile at Drowne Road totaled over 16,000 cubic yards. The debris was processed through a tub grinder. Debris collection and tree work lasted until July. Residents and the department used the mulch for landscaping, road side erosion control and walking trails.

√ **The town reconstructed and paved the following roads on the Mainland during the 1998 season:**

- Pine Lane (1385 L.F. of reclaimed pavement, grading and base pavement)
- Orchard Road from the Town Line to Whitney Road (reclaimed pavement, calcium chloride, compaction , grading and base pavement)
- Drowne Road (1040 L.F.)

√ **The town surface paved the following roads:**

- Middle Road from Tuttle towards Falmouth (2640 L.F.)

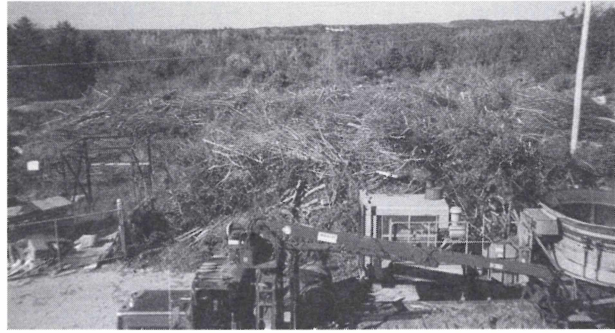
√ **The town surface paved with cold mix the following roads on the Island during the 1998 season:**

- Firehouse Road from South Road (1000 L.F.)
- John Small Road from North Road (2450 L.F.)
- South Road from Littlefield Road (3090 L.F.)

The Public Works Department worked on various drainage projects. Ditching and culvert replacements were done on Range Road, Powell Road, Greely Road Extension, Middle Road, Blanchard Road. Ditching and culvert replacement was done on various Island roads as well. The department paved the Stone Wharf and installed painted parking striping and walkways on Chebeague Island.

The October Storm occurred during a four-day period from the 8<sup>th</sup> to the 11<sup>th</sup>. The town's roads and drainage structures received damages as a result of sever storms, heavy winds, inland and costal flooding, and erosion. The cost of the damages was over \$70,000. The following mainland roads were affected Ledge Road, Pine Lane, Town Landing Road, Range Road, Greely Road, Harris Road, Powell Road, Middle Road, and Greely Road Ext.

The following roads on Chebeague Island were damaged during the storm: John Small Road, North Road, South Shore Drive, Central Landing, South Road, and Leroy Hill Road.



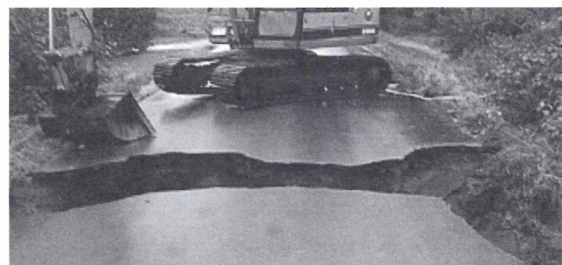
*Debris Pile at Drowne Road Garage.*



*Processing the Ice Storm Debris.*



*Wood Chip Mulch.*



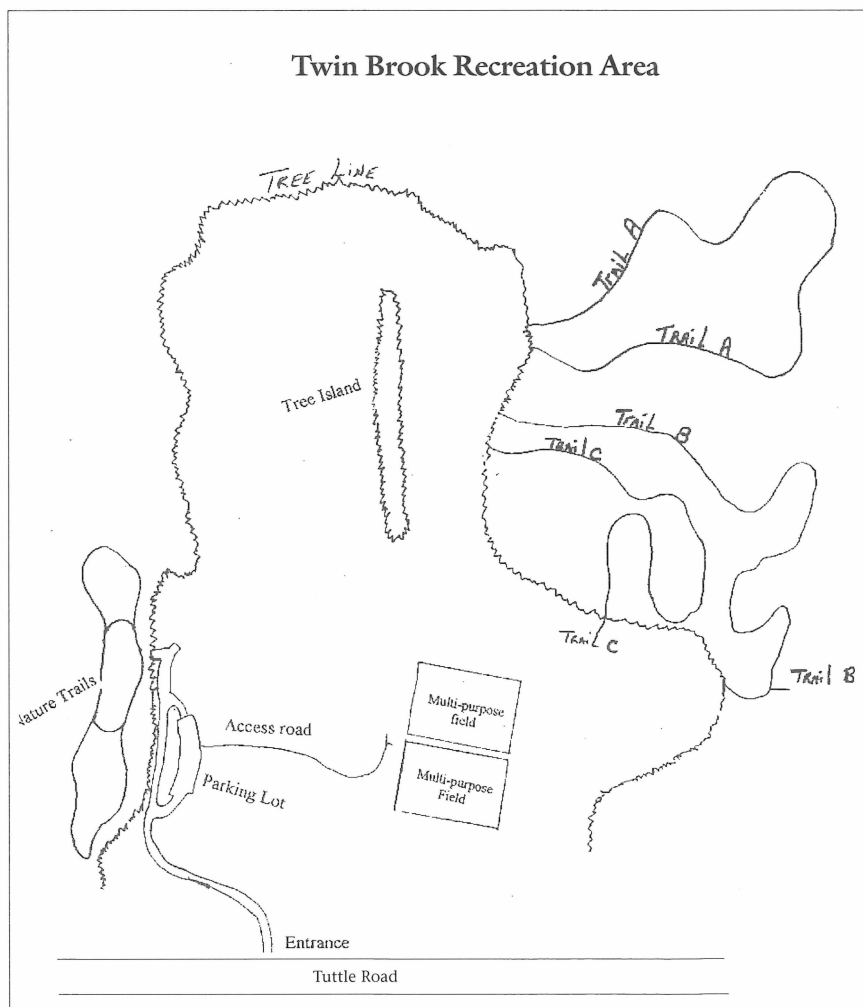
**Examples of the October Storms and the damage caused:**  
Powell Road Culvert and Harris Road Washout



# EDUCATION and COMMUNITY SERVICES

## Reports from:

- Chebeague Island Historical Society
- Chebeague Island Library
- Community Education and Recreation
- Conservation Commission
- Cumberland Farmers' Club
- Cumberland Historical Society
- Cumberland Lands Committee
- General Assistance
- Mainland and Islands Trust, Inc.
- SAD #51, Schools
- Prince Memorial Library
- Val Halla Golf and Recreation Center



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# Town of Cumberland Honors Grace Burnell Hutchinson

—by Glen Hutchins

**Grace Burnell Hutchinson** was born on February 5, 1922 in the house at 53 Blanchard Road in Cumberland. She was the fourth child of Ernest and Jennie Burnell. Both of her parents also grew up in Cumberland and her father was a farmer. Grace had two sisters, Amy and Ruth, and an older brother, Guy. Ruth spent her entire life in Cumberland and taught four generations of Cumberland youth. Guy also lived in Cumberland where he was constable and animal control officer for many years.

Grace attended Cumberland schools and graduated from (Greely Institute in 1939. She went to the University of Maine at Orono and earned a degree in English in 1943. She was also elected to Phi Beta Kappa. She met Lewis Hutchinson at college and the two were married in Cumberland In September 1943, just before he left for Europe to serve in the Army during WWII. From 1943 to 1946, Grace taught English and Biology at Norway High School. She must have been a popular teacher because she was always invited to class reunions for the next 50 years.

When Lewis returned from the service, he and Grace settled in Cumberland Center. They bought a small two bedroom Cape Cod house at 19 Farwell Avenue This was the first development in Cumberland at the time, and their house was the last one on the road. This is the home where Grace would spend her entire life and raise her family.

From 1948 to 1957, Grace and Lewis had four sons: Lloyd, Brian, Ralph, and Glenn. The four boys all attended Cumberland schools and were familiar to most residents of Cumberland since the boys handled the newspaper route in town. For many years, Grace made



sure they were awake before dawn so they could ride their bikes to pick-up, fold, and deliver the newspapers. Being a mother was the role that she was most proud of, and many of her activities over the years would be directly related to raising her boys and helping to make Cumberland a wonderful place for them to grow.

From 1955-1968, Grace was active in Cub Scouts. She was a den-mother and every week for 13 years Grace had a group of eight to ten boys over to her house for Cub Scout meetings. They worked on crafts, skits, and other various projects and she provided them with snacks. All of the Cub Scouts in Cumberland will especially remember the special "circuses" that she and the other den mothers helped them put on for the entire town each year. These memorable events in which the Cub Scouts played circus animals and entertainers, helped raise money for the Scouting programs in Cumberland. Her husband, Lewis, was also the Cubmaster of Cumberland Pack #13 during these years. The Hutchinson family was voted as Maine Scouting Family of the Year in 1965, and was

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## Gazebo Dedication *continued*

awarded with a visit to meet the Maine governor, Governor Reed.

In 1963, Grace was hired by the Portland Newspapers as a reporter and photographer. She reported on community affairs for the town of Cumberland for the next twenty years, and eventually added these same duties for the towns of North Yarmouth, Gray, New Gloucester, and Pownal.

Grace attended every Town meeting, Selectmen's meeting, Town Council meeting, School Board meeting, etc., working 3-4 nights per week, faithfully recording local news. She covered the events and contests at the Cumberland fair, as well as human interest stories and all other notable events in the towns she covered. Grace was well respected in Cumberland and her reporting was considered by all to be fair and objective. All parties involved knew they could trust her to give the facts objectively, no matter how controversial the subject. In 1968, Grace was awarded the Gold Press Card by the newspaper for best coverage and a certificate of appreciation at her retirement in 1983.

Mrs. Hutchinson was also active as co-founder with Glen Hutchins, and treasurer of the Cumberland Recreation Program.

Grace helped form the Band Boosters in Cumberland. This group helped to raise money for the music and band program before there was money budgeted for this purpose. She was responsible for helping to obtain the first set of band uniforms at Greely. The Band Boosters also raised money to send students to the state "music camp". Her own son, Brian, benefited from this program, and as a direct result of music camp, he went on to make music his life work as band director of the Winslow school system.

As chairman of the Greely High School Scholarship Fund for over 20 years, Grace was responsible for gathering the members of the committee each spring. They would meet at her house and determine which worthy students would receive scholarships from the Fund. She enjoyed being able to help students continue their education.

Later in life, Grace joined the Cumberland Historical Society. She and other lifelong Cumberland residents took part in a program presenting an overview of the town as they were growing up. She was also invited to take part in a project recording an oral history of Cumberland. (Grace was honored to be asked to participate and she recorded two sessions for the oral history project.

Grace Hutchinson gave so much to the Town of Cumberland. She was never one to desire recognition. Yet the residents of Cumberland have felt her quiet influence in many ways over the years: when they were reading the local news, signing up children for summer recreation programs, joining Cub Scouts or the school band, or applying for an educational scholarship. She would be pleased to be a part of the town gazebo, a place for families to gather on holidays or special occasions to share in the community spirit of Cumberland.



*Dedication Ceremony, December 5, 1998*

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## Mabel I. Wilson (1905 - 1998)

When Mabel Wilson died in April, at age 93, she left behind a legacy of dedication and selfless, insightful work on behalf of public education in Cumberland. In exchange, she will be forever remembered by a most appropriate memorial, the Mabel I. Wilson Elementary School, which was named in her honor in 1968 and then expanded and rededicated in 1994.

A snapshot of her work for the school system is impressive. Over the span of more than four decades, she served for nine years on the town's school committee, 12 years on the budget committee, served on several budget committees, was a prime mover to build a public swimming pool at Greely High School, pitched in as a substitute teacher for many years, and also was a full-time teacher for four years, finally retiring at age 68. All this, amazingly, while managing the hatchery business of one of the biggest poultry farms in Maine.

But to paint an even more impressive portrait of Mabel Wilson, consider some of her many other accomplishments. In the 1920s, the native Iowan graduated with high honors from the University of Dubuque. She then attended Yale Medical School for one year, studying chemistry and biology. There she met her future husband, Melville Morrison Wilson. Her education at Yale, however, was cut short by the Depression.

"It was financially impossible (for her to continue)," said her son, Michael, owner of Wilsondale Farms in Gray.

So Mel and Mabel Wilson moved to Maine and started a farming career, founding the Wilson Poultry Farm and Chicken Hatchery on Mill Road in Cumberland. By the 1940s, it was one of the biggest

in the state with Mabel in full charge of the hatchery business.

By the 1940s, Mabel had begun her work on behalf of Cumberland schools, including the drive to consolidate more than a half-dozen one-room school houses into a central location. According to her son, Mabel realized that a single, larger school would improve education because the students could then be divided up by age groups, and thus taught more specifically.

And it was that kind of insight that earned her nearly universal praise for the next half-century.

"Her opinions were very well-respected," said Reggie Dews, who served as the first principal of what is now the Mabel I. Wilson Elementary School. "She would sit at school board meetings very quietly, listening while others discussed, and then all of a sudden she would have the solution to a problem."

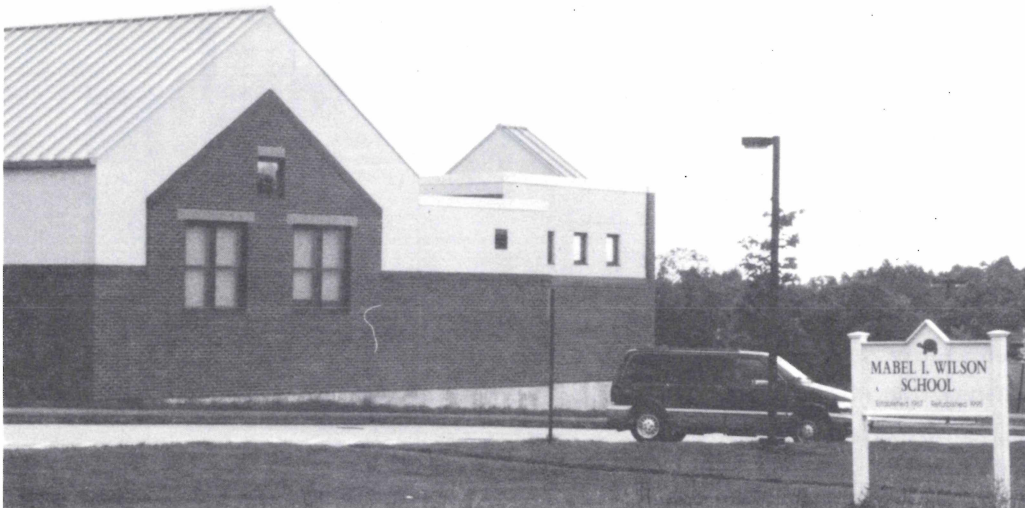
William 'Bill' Farwell, who was also a principal at the school, said Mabel "was a pillar of education in the community. People sought out her opinion, she was a sounding board ... very quiet, but she had a wealth of common sense and wisdom. She knew how to give the right advice at the right time."

"When Mabel talked, people listened," said Stanley Blanchard, school board member in the late 1940s and 50s. "She just had a good way of thinking things out."

Reggie Dews pointed out that another of Mabel's insights on education was her belief that all students deserved a good education, "not just the academic (students)." Her son Michael, echoed that sentiment. One of her criticisms of old-fashioned

schooling, he said, was that "they tried to mold everyone into the middle. But she thought everyone deserved an equal chance in education ... so that everyone in the world could be useful."

Even though she was a product of an earlier era, Mabel I. Wilson "was a woman of the 1990s," said her granddaughter Sheryl Wilson-Davis, of Gray.





# SCHOOLS: M.S.A.D #51

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

It is my pleasure to submit the M.S.A.D. #51 Cumberland/N. Yarmouth annual report to you the citizens of Cumberland. This academic year, 1998-99, has been a productive and challenging year for the school district.

The District's focus continues to improve learning for all students. This includes ongoing work in curriculum and instruction with a special concentration this year on assessment. The district is involved in developing a comprehensive assessment system through its work with the other Casco Bay Education Association districts (Gorham, Falmouth, Freeport, Pownal and Yarmouth).

A large amount of time and effort was spent this year planning for future space needs in M.S.A.D. #51. Copies of the Long Range Planning committee reports and other supporting data are available through the Superintendent's Office (please call 829-4800). It should be recognized that many Cumberland residents contributed their time and expertise to help solve the complex problems associated with increased enrollments and for that I am grateful.

Our students continue to excel academically, athletically and through community service. Many individuals and teams of students have received special recognition. Please look for the May 1999, *Forum 51* publication to find out more about these special people.

I will also take this opportunity to thank Bob Benson, Town Manager, the Town Council Members and the extensive number of Cumberland residents who continue to support the students and staff of M.S.A.D. #51. This support takes many different forms and continues to make the district the success that it is and continues to strive to become. There are many challenges facing us as we enter the next century. I hope that we will continue to collaborate and cooperate to find common ground and solve the problems facing us.

As always, please contact me at the superintendent's office at 829-4800 with your ideas or concerns.

## District Phone Numbers

Superintendent of Schools .....	829-4800
Greely High School .....	829-4805
Greely Jr. High School .....	829-4815
Mabel I. Wilson School .....	829-4825
No. Yarmouth Memorial School .....	829-5555
Drowne Road School .....	829-2250
Special Education .....	829-4835
Transportation .....	829-4837

*Listen to local radio stations for Storm Day reports regarding school cancellations.*

## Memorial to Mabel I. Wilson *continued from the previous page*

According to Wilson-Davis, one of Mabel's favorite phrases was, "Do something, amount to something."

"She was never intimidated by anything including computers," said Michael Wilson. "Anything with a lot of technology she wanted to understand. She would always say, 'There's going to be changes, and you'd better be ready to adapt to 'em.'" "In many ways," he said, "she was the most intelligent person I ever talked to."

For example," he said, "mother learned how to do the tax work for the farm business, earned her real estate broker's license when she was 70 years old, and in her late 60s, taught math at Greely High School."

"She was taking classes at the University of Southern Maine when she was in her 80s," he said. "I found some of her report cards — a 4.0 average."

At the same time, she matched her intelligence with drive, determination, and an old-fashioned work ethic. "She was all business, all the time," said her son.

"If there was work to be done, you just did it," said her granddaughter.

"She was a worker — a business lady and a doer," said Eleanor Copp, a former neighbor in Cumberland. She was never pretentious or misleading, and she had an ever-present quest for learning."

*by Roger McCord*

# CHEBEAGUE ISLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

David R. Hill, *President*

With the acquisition of the former East End, District 9, Chebeague Island High School House given to the Historical Society by the Town of Cumberland in December of 1997, the Chebeague Island Historical Society has accomplished much towards our purpose—

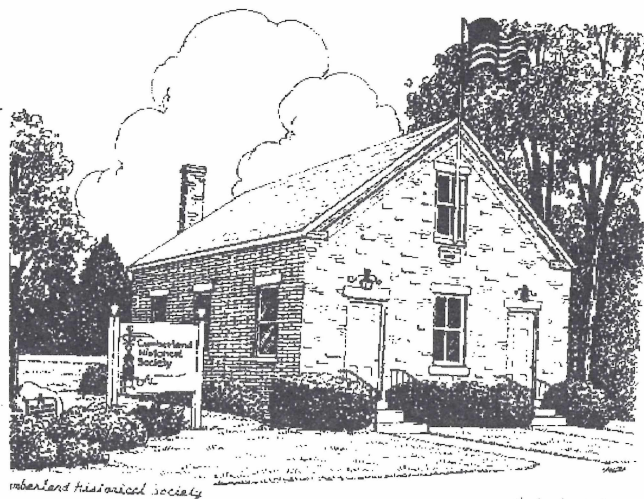
- To discover, collect and preserve material culture which will help to establish and illustrate the history of Chebeague Island.
- To research and record the history of individuals and families identified with Chebeague Island.
- To develop suitable programs and exhibitions of general interest to the Island residents and those visiting the Island.
- To provide for the preservation of Chebeague material culture and for its accessibility, as far as may be feasible, to all who wish to examine or study it.
- To cooperate with other historical organizations where such activity will contribute to the goals of the Society.
- To cultivate an awareness that today is living history; current records should be checked for accuracy and preserved for the future.

In 1998 the building was named the Museum of Chebeague History. We made the building "tight to the weather" by putting on a new roof, fixing broken windows, and regrading the site. A grant was received from USDA, Rural Development which was used towards this project. Architect Nancy Barba is drawing up plans for conversion to a museum and as storage for our collection. A welcoming center and public rest room will be part of the plan.

Historical Society Board Members Vail Traina and Suhail Bisharat planned an "Insider's trip to Egypt" in 1999 as a fund raiser.

In July, the Program Committee offered a cruise on the Islander. Over 50 people enjoyed the trip around Cliff Island, with commentary and a bag lunch provided.

The first edition of *The Sloop's Log*, a biannual newsletter of the Society, was published in November. After the first two editions, only Society members will receive copies.



Report of the

## CUMBERLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Hope Foster, *President*

The Society doors are open to all interested persons on Wednesday's from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. The Collection Committee is on hand to accept, classify, catalog and display items, which are then made available to researchers of all ages.

### Activities of the Cumberland Historical Society:

- The Historical Society annually awards two college scholarships to Greely High School students. The two recipients for 1998 were *Susan Argereow* and *Christopher Towle*.
- The 1998 Memorial Day Parade was organized by *Morgan Knight*.
- Nine third grade classes from M.S.A.D. 51 came to visit the Historical Society Museum. They learned a lot and came prepared to learn..
- Some of our programs included: "Civil War Letters," "Maine Island Trails," "Pearl Harbor Remembered," "Old Time Skiing," "History of Merrill Co.," "Portland Room Library," "Plans for Prince Memorial Future," and "Scouting."

The Cumberland Historical Society would like to invite all of the residents of Cumberland to visit our museum and archives, either on Wednesday afternoons or by appointment (call 829-5423)

**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 Historical building at 6 Blanchard Road.**



# PRINCE MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Thomas C. Bennett, *Library Director*

In 1922, Prince Memorial Library was constructed, on donated land, for a total cost of \$15,577.48. The library opened in January 1923, making 1998 its 75th year of operation.

During the past year, Prince Memorial Library spent \$26,272 — nearly 70% more than the cost of the original building — on upgrading its computer network and installing on-line public access catalogs and Internet access computers. The installation of new computers and a new operating system, in conjunction with an upgraded version of the library's circulation and catalog software, will enable Prince Memorial Library to better serve its patrons in the coming years. Public access to the Internet and the use of an electronic card catalog will help provide the community with the tools necessary to successfully take part in the new information age. Patron response to both the electronic card catalog and access to the Internet has been positive.

There were a number of personnel changes at the library during 1998. *Thomas Bennett* was hired as Library Director in April. In May, Reference Librarian *Jeff Christiansen* resigned his position to become Assistant Director of Goodall Library in Sanford. *Mary Riel* was hired as Reference Librarian in August, and has contributed greatly to operations at Prince Memorial Library.

The library started the year with 6,252 patrons, and added an additional 560 patrons, for a total of 6,812, an increase of 9%. Cumberland residents with library cards number 4,852, accounting for 71% of the total, while North Yarmouth residents with cards number 1,693, or 25 % of the total. Eighty percent of Cumberland residents hold library cards, as do 57% of North Yarmouth residents.

Total circulation for the year was 80,285, a decrease of 2% from 1997. Cumberland residents circulated 56,289 materials, or 70% of total circulation, while North Yarmouth residents circulated 17,616 materials, or 22% of the total. July was the month with the highest circulation number, followed by June, October and March. December and November had the lowest circulation totals for the year. The highest circulating material categories included picture books for young readers, juvenile fiction, adult fiction, and juvenile and adult videos.

## Cyberspace Moves Inside

Prince Memorial Library was first computerized in January 1991, when the circulation and catalog functions were automated. Last year, an upgrade to the library's computer network allowed a migration

from a system using both LANtastic and Windows NT to a strictly NT environment. The upgrade involved the purchase of a Compaq server computer that has centralized file storage and automated the tape backup of data.

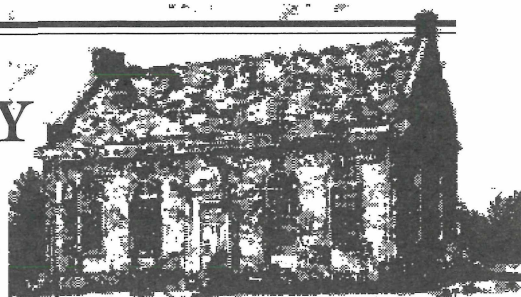
The new client-server system has enabled the library to make its electronic catalog accessible to patrons. Three dedicated computers, Dells purchased in May 1997, allow patrons to search the catalog by author, title, subject and/or keyword. Electronic searching makes the catalog more efficient and accessible, and library users seem to appreciate the improvements. The library's card catalog, which is no longer being updated, will be removed after an adequate transition period.

This past year also witnessed the installation of five computers that offer Time Warner's RoadRunner Internet service. Three new and powerful Gateway computers, one Dell and an older nonbrand model provide rapid access to the World Wide Web via a high-speed cable connection. Internet access allows Prince Memorial Library to offer resources that would be unattainable based on current funding, and greatly increases the amount of material available for the educational, research and entertainment needs of the library's patrons.

Reference Librarian *Mary Riel* has begun offering two Internet classes per week to the public, allowing patrons with no Internet experience to make use of this valuable new resource.

Children's Librarian *Jan Hamilton* had a number of successful programs throughout the year. Almost 300 children participated in the Summer Reading program, while there were more than 1,000 visits to the weekly Storytime, Toddler Time, Mother Goose and nursery school programs. Some of the special monthly programs that drew people included a visit by illustrator *Cathryn Falwell* in February, the "Where's Waldo?" event in April, the "Warm-Up" event in June, the "Cream of the Crop" program in September, and the St. Lucia celebration in December.

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Jan also conducted library orientations for students of the new Drowne Road School, who are now depending on Prince Memorial Library to function as their library and reference center. The library hosts five regularly scheduled classes of Drowne Road School students each week, and students, their teachers and library staff agree that the situation is working well.

### **Friends Offer Invaluable Benefits**

The Friends of Prince Memorial Library continue to provide an invaluable service to the library and the community. During 1998, the Friends purchased computer stands, a television and VCR, children's toys and an encyclopedia set for the library and its patrons. The Friends also provide the library with memberships to the Portland Museum of Art and the Children's Museum of Maine, making day passes available to area families and individuals. The Friends sponsor the annual holiday party and sleigh ride, and

contribute to children's programs and the annual summer reading program. Library staff would like to thank the Friends of Prince Memorial Library for their assistance in offering services to the residents of Cumberland and North Yarmouth.

Prince Memorial Library serves as the community library for the residents of Cumberland and North Yarmouth, and as the school library for students attending the Drowne Road School. The continuing efforts to automate library functions and increase public access to the expanding Internet enhance and improve the library's ability to serve its patrons.

**The staff of Prince Memorial Library**, including Circulation Librarian *Sandy McGowan*, Children's Librarian *Jan Hamilton*, Technical Services Librarian *Carol Gagnon*, and Circulation Assistants *Ann Edwards*, *Arabella Eldredge*, *Frank Barbieri*, *Betsy Perry*, *Greg Cary* and *Tanya Hamilton*, look forward to continuing to serve the populations of Cumberland and North Yarmouth.

Report of the

## **CHEBEAGUE ISLAND LIBRARY** Martha O. Hamilton, Librarian

Our computerized log shows that 11,355 persons visited our library in 1998. In circulation figures, 4411 adult books, 4780 children's books, plus 4829 combined children's and adults videos and 2050 periodicals and audio tapes combine for a total circulation of 16,070 materials in the 249 days we were open.

We had a wonderful Summer Reading program with over 50 children participating. Local businesses contributed prize incentives for a 'round the island treasure hunt ending in a cruise up the bay on the "Marie L." enjoyed by 11 children who completed the whole reading adventure. Plans are in the works for another program in 1999.

Our **Friends** group under *Beth Howe* produced the ever popular and necessary biennial *Island Directory*. This time all Town departments received their own copies as well as all the advertisers whose fees covered the cost of publication. It is a major two year fund raiser that supports our library operating expenses.

We were pleased to receive funds from the Town, over and above the budget allotment to allow us to purchase a new computer for public access, Internet use for students, etc. We are still in the process of making rules and regulations for use, but meanwhile we are having some tutoring on it for the library staff, and watching our Island Web page daily.

*Thomas Bennett* from Prince Memorial has visited us and we have conferred on ways and means to make

the most of each other's collections. A video loan policy has long been in place and we hope to expand into audio tapes and Large Print books soon. We also expect to take advantage of some computer instructions.

One of our Library Trustees, *Margery Howard*, resigned this past year after 33 years on the Library Board. Needless to say, we will miss her on the Board...but happily, she is a hard-working volunteer that we will continue to see her several times a week in the stacks during the summer months! We had a "Tea" and presented her with a framed *Certificate of Thanks* last fall.

Speaking of Tea...we started a new program in the fall, "Tea and Talk" on Sunday afternoon once a month with *Debbie Bowman* as instigator, moderator, etc. We have had from 8 to 12 participants and hope to continue our lively discussions throughout the year. A different author or subject is chosen each month by those present.

Plans for the summer of '99 will include some sort of social event and possibly an Art Auction. Watch for announcements or a report next year. Trustees: *Al Traina*, Chair, *Beth Howe*, Vice-Chair, *Elizabeth Middleton*, Rec. Sec., *Cheryl Stevens*, Treas., *Allyson Smith*, Corres. Sec., *Willoughby Sharp*, *Robert White*, *Bill Armstrong*, *Herb Maine*, *Joe Partlow*, *Geraldine Ross*, *Donna Miller Damon*, *Jean Whitaker*, *Nancy Chamberlin* and *Will Vaughan*.



## Mainland and Islands Trust, Inc.

Robert S. Craig, Jr., President



The Trust continues to receive strong and growing support from the members of our community. In 1998 we saw the value of our land holdings double from year-end 1997 values, due to newly contributed properties, including a 39-acre wooded parcel on the Harris Road. The Trust now has a total of nearly 300 acres of "protected" land under its ownership or under conservation easement. We also have been able to retain in interest-bearing investment accounts all of our membership contributions – funds which we are building to help facilitate future conservation opportunities as they arise as well as support our ongoing conservation oriented stewardship, education, and tax savings programs.

Completed conservation efforts in 1998 include the receipt of an extensive conservation easement over the 100-acre Payson Estate on Cumberland Foreside, located between Town Landing Road and Wildwood.

The Trust anticipates receiving title to a 2-acre parcel located on Range Road (which includes a large portion of a pond visible from Range Road as well as wetlands surrounding the pond). Thus we have already begun measurement of the quality of the water in the pond through and following construction of the development to help assure that the aquatically rich habitat is not impaired. The property will be granted to the Trust in conjunction with the creation of the Idlewood Development, which is currently underway.

Sadly, the town lost conservationist **Richard Knight** this year. Mr. Knight has for the past 60 years been preserving in a most remarkable fashion the regions of the town known as Knight's Pond and Blueberry Hill. These areas are usually cited at the top of the list of the most scenic areas in the mainland of the town. They would have been developed long ago were it not for Mr. Knight's tireless effort to keep the spirit of Maine's North Woods alive and protected. His daughter and Trust member **Rebecca Leyland** was extremely kind in requesting that the Trust be the recipient of gifts in conjunction with his memorial services. We believe that this is the first time in the history of the Trust that such an act of this kind has been made and the Trust is most grateful.

### BATES CONSERVATION AWARD

In 1996 the Trust announced the establishment of the BATES CONSERVATION AWARD to be given annually to the individual, organization, or business that contributed to the cause of conservation within the town of Cumberland. The 1998 award was presented to **Robert Wood** for his outstanding commitment to natural resource projects in the town of Cumberland over the past decade.

### MEMBERSHIP

The Trust is a publicly supported, private, non-profit organization and is a qualified charitable organization under section 501-3C of the Internal Revenue Code. Its programs and funding are solely dependent upon the volunteer efforts and membership contributions of the public. We are pleased in 1998 to see our membership grow to 200 families, representing approximately 10% of the households in the town. We are well on our way toward our goal of 25% of the families in the town by 2005.

### NEWSLETTER

The Trust continues to publish a semi-annual newsletter (Spring and Fall) about trust programs and has made it available to other town organizations that wish to include information pertaining to conservation efforts.

### 1998

Strong interest continues to develop in the services we can provide to landowners and conservationists in Cumberland. We are particularly excited about unprecedented funding opportunities now available through sister organizations such as the Maine Coast Heritage Trust. We are in a stronger position than ever to raise capital and human resources to help us protect areas of natural beauty for our future generations. If you wish to help with our programs or to stay abreast of current developments, please contact any members of the Board of Directors at any time.

### Board of Directors 1998-1999

Susan Burgess	George Hyde
Robert Craig	Jennifer McAdoo
Donna Miller Damon	Stephen Moriarity ( <i>emeritus</i> )
Paul Ganas	Michael Porter
Kathleen Hoffner	Margaret Vaughn

Report of the

## CUMBERLAND FARMERS' CLUB

*One Hundred, Twenty-seven  
Years in the Making!*

—by Carolyn Small

1998 saw several improvements and additions to the fairgrounds for the Cumberland Farmers' Club. The main offices were moved from the second floor of the Grandstand to the one-story restaurant across the main drive from the Grandstand. This change made the offices and the officers much more accessible to the general public. A receptionist in the building to answer the phone, direct calls, and supply information was a great enhancement.

An addition was built on to the Farm Museum and to the restaurant beside it. The Museum continues to be a big attraction at the Fair, as is the blacksmith shop. A new Horticulture Building, dedicated to the late *Maurice W. Small*, a local greenhouse owner and former president of the Farmers' Club, was finished just in time for the Fair. It proved to be very popular. The maintenance crew built a storage shed for their equipment and supplies. Finally, simulcasting via satellite appeared for the first time at Cumberland Fair this year to better facilitate those

who enjoy horse racing.

Several other groups and organizations use the fairgrounds for their events as well. There was a rabbit show in May. In June, there was the 4-H June Jambo-ree, the International Ox Pull Try-Outs, the International Rugby Games and the Greyhound Placement. A Dog Show and the Carriage Show were both in July.

August 4 through 10 was the ever-increasing and ever-popular United Maine Craftsmen Show. Also in August, the Downeast Street Rod Club had their annual three-day event on the grounds, and then the Farmers' Club members enjoyed their third annual picnic before having to get very busy for the upcoming Cumberland Fair. Other events included the Chuck Homier's tool sales, a cattle sale, frisbee games, and polo games. There are, indeed, many and diverse groups that use the grounds.

**Any group or organization that is interested in renting all or part of the facility for an event, please contact Francis Small at 829-5531.**

Report of the

## Cumberland Lands Committee

*John Eldredge, Chairman*

Through the first nine months of 1998, the Lands Committee continued to meet regularly and continued to work with Town employees and volunteers to plan and implement enhancements to the Twin Brook Recreation Area. The committee developed and presented a list of near-term priorities to the Town Council. These included:

Project	Status
• Resurface the practice fields .....	In process-to be completed spring 1999
• Establish additional trails on former Fowler property .....	In process-to be completed summer 1999
• Finish the nature trail .....	In process-Final paving scheduled for spring 1999
• Begin initial site work on multipurpose field .....	Dependent on Maine National Guard schedule

One enjoyable opportunity for hands-on work involved June planting and landscape work in collaboration with the Garden Club. At the request of the Town Council, the committee became inactive in the late fall of 1998 while waiting for the recreational needs of SAD 51 to be determined.



Report of the

## DEPARTMENT of COMMUNITY EDUCATION and RECREATION

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

The beginning of 1998 will forever be remembered for the "Ice Storm." This event was significant for the Community Education / Recreation Department because it was also the year without snow. The alpine ski programs were only able to finish the season thanks to the snow-making capabilities of the specific ski areas. Our efforts at cross-country ski programs and groomed trails were a battle with mother nature. We had plenty of slush and ice but very little snow. The best quality of the winter of 98 was that it was extremely short, spring was here in force — 90 degrees on March 31.

April of '98 provided, "room to breathe and space to grow into," — comments from staff and public with respect to the new office space for the department. The completion of the new Town Office building provided the Community Education / Recreation Department great space to handle customers as well as office space for the staff. The move was done without any interruption to program participants.

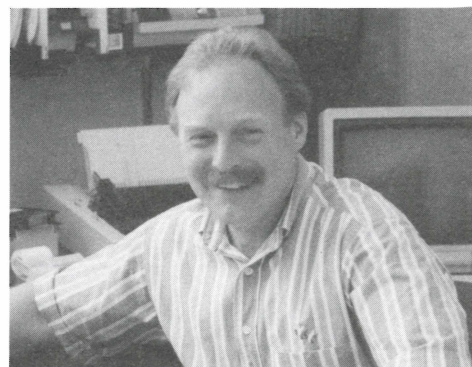
### New Staff and Sub-Department for 1998

Early in '98, the Community Education / Recreation Department hired *Patti Sieders* as the Aquatics Director. She is also employed by the MSAD 51 school system as pool operator and administrator of swimming programs. This position will provide greater quality to the aquatic programming as well as improved scheduling. Patti will also be the head coach for the Seacoast Swim Club.

*Phil Wentworth* moved from the Director of Public Works to the Parks Department, where he will primarily be working with the Twinbrook Recreation Area, but will also maintain all parks or town properties used by the Community Education / Recreation Department. Phil's knowledge of the town and skill in operating equipment make him a valuable resource for the department.

### New Structures / Properties

The *Grace Hutchinson Gazebo* was dedicated in 1998. The gazebo graces the center of the



**Bill Landis**, *Community Education  
& Recreation Director*

Cumberland Commons. Special thanks goes to the *Greely Industrial Arts Department* directed by *Kelvin Hasch* for the construction of the gazebo. *Glenn Hutchins* is also recognized for his efforts in raising private funding for the gazebo. The Community Education / Recreation Department is planning to provide a free Memorial Day and Christmas Holiday concert for the community.

Plans are set for ball fields on the Fowler side of the Twinbrook Recreation Area. Late in 1998, the town and Suburban Little League decided on proposing a combination of baseball, softball and multi-purpose fields for the specific area to the Cumberland Planning Board. The funding for some of the fields would be provided by Suburban Little League. This proposed plan will probably not provide any new ball fields because it is thought by the time the fields would be completed, the current fields used for softball and baseball at the Greely Junior High will be lost to portable classrooms.

### Programming

The department provided a number of new programs for 1998, some of the more successful programs were:

- AYSO (American Youth Soccer Org.) fundamental in small-sided soccer games, everyone plays equally, emphasis on sportsmanship and fun.
- Star Science — *Lucy Vaughan* taught a program titled "Crime Lab" which was very popular with the students at the Drowne Road school.
- Wednesday Early Release Art Classes — great program for youth, students could stay at school on Wed. early release days and develop their artistic talents.
- Early Release Enrichment — *Allison Fluet* provided great enrichment activities for youth after school on Wednesday.

Report of

## GENERAL ASSISTANCE

Klara M. Norton *Welfare Director*

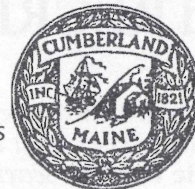
The Town of Cumberland provides a General Assistance Program that is regulated by ordinance guidelines adopted by the Town Council. This program provides emergency financial assistance for basic needs such as housing, utilities, food and medications.

Historically, the Town of Cumberland has always provided for its poor. Prior to 1989, this assistance was funded totally by local property taxes. On July 1, 1989, legislation went into effect that required the state to reimburse municipalities a portion of their net general assistance costs. Cumberland currently receives a 50% reimbursement.

The Town of Cumberland is a very caring and giving community. Especially during the holidays, its various organizations, church's and private citizens come forward to provide meals and generous and helpful gifts for many in the community. Also, the Cumberland Congregational Church provides a year round food pantry.

### Some History of Note

Old term for General Assistance was  
"Overseer's of the Poor"



Excerpts from the May 13, 1833 Town warrant:

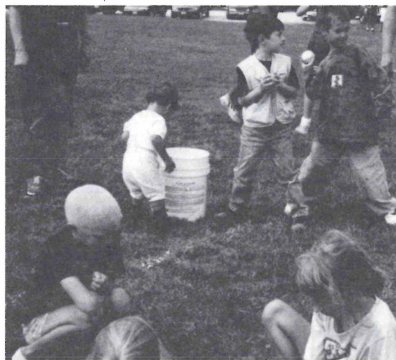
"Townspeople voted that all the paupers belonging to this Town be put up at auction together to the lowest bidder for the year, board & clothing included, the person that bids them off is to give bonds to the Overseers for the faithful performance of the contract. Also voted that if any of the Paupers should be removed by death or otherwise, the amount of the price for said pauper or paupers board shall stop at the time they shall so be taken away. Then it was voted to raise the sum of six hundred and fifty dollars for the support of the poor the present year."

## Community Education and Recreation

*continued*

### Looking Forward to 1999

As the numbers of youth continue to increase within the community, the ever-growing challenge is to provide programming space. Ninety-nine percent



of all indoor Community Education / Recreation Department programs use MSAD 51 facilities. The major space or general areas (i.e. gyms, cafeterias, etc) of the schools have not changed within the past number of

years. Thus, the scheduling for recreation in large space areas has become a bit of a challenge.

This appears to be the greatest challenge to the department in the future years — providing indoor recreation space with a growing population.

Report of the

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

John Eldridge, *Chairman*

In 1998, the Conservation Commission continued with its regular monthly meetings and periodic field work. The commission actively worked on projects that included trail easements in scenic frequently used areas, a tree ordinance for the Town of Cumberland, and behind the scenes work on the conservation of high value open space.

The commission also actively participated in workshops and public hearings on the important issue of growth management.

**The Conservation Commission has capacity for several more members and we encourage anyone with interest, ideas and energy to apply.**



# SHELLFISH COMMISSION

**Ted Curtis, Administrative Support**

We would like to recognize the efforts of the Cumberland Police Department for their enforcement efforts and the water sampling volunteers for their continuing dedicated service collecting water samples.

The activities of the Shellfish Conservation Commission for the 1998 calendar year included formal and informal field surveys of our shellfish resources, shoreline surveys, and planning meetings coordinated with the Department of Marine Resources (DMR) biologists. Their activities are summarized below:

## **Enforcement:**

The Cumberland Police Department, including the assigned Chebeague Officer, in coordination with the Harbor Master, continued to provide effective enforcement of our Shellfish Ordinance. Their activities included led to the issuance of six warnings, forty summons and the seizure of a boat and motor.

## **Field Surveys:**

Commission members and the Harbor Master conducted approximately twelve informal, non-quantitative surveys on Great Chebeague/ Little Chebeague Island, three on Sturdivant Island, and twenty on the mainland from April through October. A quantitative survey were conducted at the Great Chebeague Island Bar this last year.

## **Planning Meetings:**

The Commissions held three meetings during the

course of the year. The following issues were discussed:

1. Management goals for shellfish resources.
2. Continuing the volunteer water quality sampling program.
3. Scheduling the shoreline surveys as required by DMR.
4. Maintaining effective enforcement of the shellfish ordinance.
5. Expanding the shellfish license program.
6. Continuation of an active volunteer program to assist the shellfish conservation program.

## **Coordination with Maine Department of Marine Resources:**

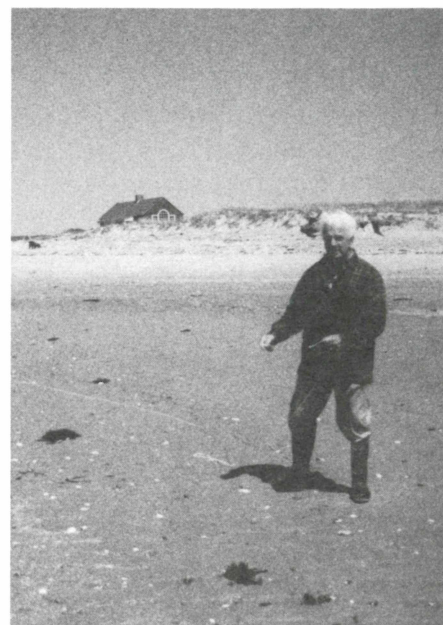
The Commission met with Biologist, Don Card, to get assistance on shellfish surveying and support on determining the number of shellfish licenses to issue.

## **Water Quality Sampling Program:**

As a result of a close working relationship between the Shellfish Commission and Maine Department of Marine resources (DMR), specifically, Biologist *Laura Livingston*, and the availability of able volunteers, the Town of Cumberland provided the state with six sets of water samples last year. The collection of monthly water samples is a state mandated program. This activity permits Cumberland to keep their shellfish areas open for safe harvesting.

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

The water collection volunteers include: *Dick Peterson and Gail Worthen-Todd*, and *Ted Curtis*. The water samples were collected along the mainland shore, Sturdivant Island, and Chebeague Island. All the water samples are delivered to the Department of Marine Resources (DMR) in Boothbay for timely scientific analysis.



# VAL HALLA RECREATION CENTER

Eric A. Moynihan, General Manager

While success can be a relative term, it's a reasonable assumption that Val Halla Golf, Recreation, and Banquet Center had a successful 1998 year by anyone's standards.

Val Halla played host to several significant events that help frame my definition of success by opening the facility to an increasing number of Cumberland groups and families. Val Halla has certainly established itself as a multi-purpose facility that the entire community can be proud of. Some of the highlights of the year include:

- Boy Scout Troop 58 Court of Honor for two Eagle Scouts
- A benefit golf tournament for our own Coach K with support from every town department as well as SAD 51
- A celebration for the 1998 Class B Boys State Championship basketball team
- A celebration for the 1998 Class B Girls Western Maine Championship basketball team
- A celebration for the 1998 Class A Boys State Championship soccer team
- A celebration for the 1998 Class B Girls State Championship swim team
- The annual Cumberland-No. Yarmouth Lions Club golf tournament
- Greely High School class reunions for 1978 and 1988
- The annual Audubon cribbage tournament
- 22 wedding receptions with the majority being our own Cumberland sons and daughters
- The very impressive Greely High School's Senior Master Work Presentation

- The Festival 51 golf tournament banquet benefiting Greely Jr. High School
- Two celebrations of life events honoring popular longtime Cumberland resident *Mary Wiles* and Yarmouth's legendary *Denny "Big Daddy" Landry*

The Golf course had 450 members with The Val Halla Golf Association providing an impressive schedule of tournaments and activities. Men's Club Champion was *K. C. Hughes*; Women's Club Champion was *Kris Hughes*; Junior Club Champions were *Owen Lennon* and *Peter Crommett*.

Revenues in all areas — golf memberships, greens fees, cart rentals, driving range and outside golf tournaments — surpassed 1997 figures. The most significant increase however was revenues generated in the clubhouse including hall rental, soda, liquor and food sales. These figures showed a substantial increase over 1997.

In closing, I would like to thank those responsible for making my first year as General Manager an enjoyable one — the continuous support from Town Manager *Bob Benson*; The Val Halla Board of Trustees, *Bob Leighton* and *Bob Darling* for valuable advice based on 35 years of experience; the Val Halla Golf Association for their substantial efforts; and *Jim Hodge*, Course Superintendent, whose teamwork and expertise has made the course itself the premier municipal golf course in the state, rivaling some of the finer private courses anywhere in Maine

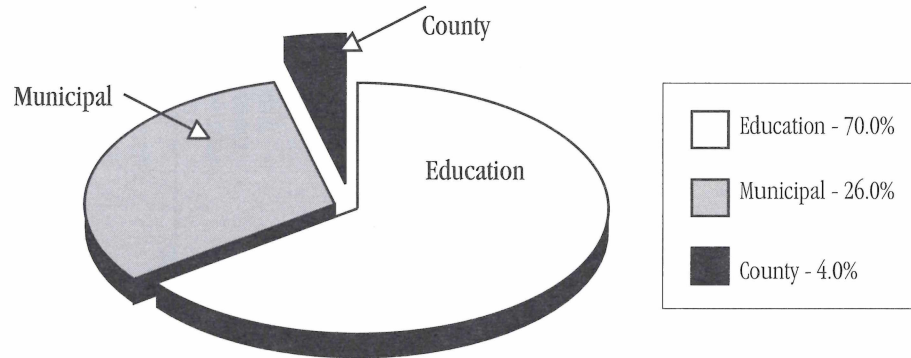




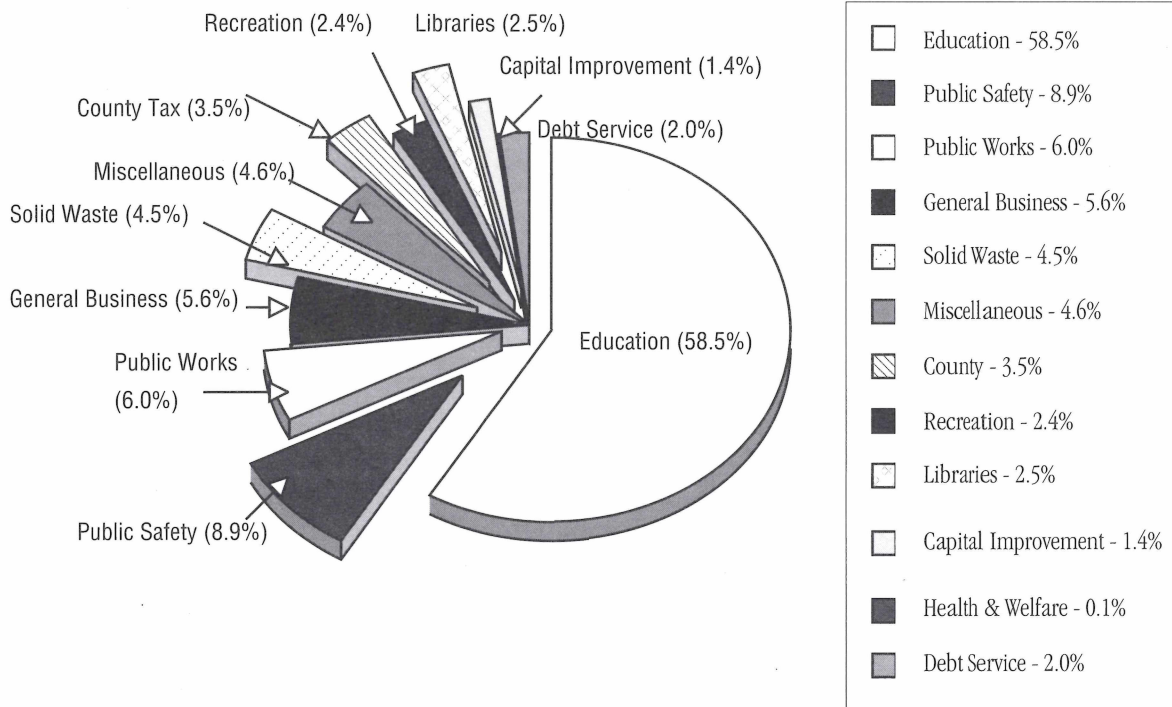
**CUMBERLAND CEMETERY ASSOCIATION**  
Allocation of Revenue and Expenditures to Funds  
1998

<b>Funds:</b>	<b>General</b>	<b>McCall</b>	<b>St. Clair</b>	<b>Congre- gational</b>	<b>Methodist</b>	<b>Universa- list</b>	<b>Subtotals</b>	<b>Perpetual Care</b>	<b>Grand Totals</b>
<b>Balances 12/31/97:</b>	48,934.25	18,759.45	23,397.03	894.03	5,217.96	1,819.38	99,022.10	144,673.43	243,695.53
<b>Revenue:</b>									
Interest and Dividend Income	3,370.91	1,292.27	1,611.74	61.59	359.45	125.33	6,821.29		6,821.29
Donations	0.00						0.00	0.00	0.00
Town appropriation	8,000.00						8,000.00		8,000.00
Sale of lots	700.00	1,225.00	350.00				2,275.00		2,275.00
PC income from town							0.00	504.00	504.00
PC Fund interest income							0.00	7,678.01	7,678.01
Gains & Losses (Unrealized)	-70.91	-27.19	-33.91	-1.30	-7.56	-2.64	-143.50	-526.26	-669.76
<b>Total revenue</b>	12,000.00	2,490.09	1,927.83	60.29	351.89	122.69	16,952.79	7,655.75	24,608.54
<b>Expenditures:</b>									
Officers' salaries	1,500.00						1,500.00		1,500.00
Superintendents' salaries/fees		200.00					200.00		200.00
Maintenance salaries/fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
Payroll taxes							0.00		0.00
Repairs & equipment purchases	915.13						915.13		915.13
Insurance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
Conferences, dues, public.							0.00		0.00
Office expenses	378.07						378.07		378.07
Cemetery maintenance	9,675.57	2,184.43	2,036.19	4,072.39	3,393.66	3,619.90	24,982.14		24,982.14
Miscellaneous	0.00						0.00		0.00
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	12,468.77	2,384.43	2,036.19	4,072.39	3,393.66	3,619.90	27,975.34		27,975.34
<b>Inter Fund Transfers</b>									
Half of lot sales proceeds to PCF	-350.00	-612.50	-175.00		0.00	0.00	-1,137.50	1,137.50	0.00
All of 1998 PCF int., div. & gain/loss inc. reallocated	3,575.88	1,787.94	1,787.94				7,151.75	-7,151.75	0.00
1998 Town of Cumberland PCF interest reallocated	252.00	126.00	126.00				504.00	-504.00	0.00
Half of 1998 investment income reallocated	273.18			-30.79	-179.72	-62.67	0.00		0.00
Half of lot sales proceeds to General Fund	787.50	-612.50	-175.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
Expenses charged to general fund	-4,889.35			3,148.86	0.00	1,740.49	0.00		0.00
<b>Total Transfers</b>	-350.79	688.94	1,563.94	3,118.07	-179.72	1,677.82	6,518.25	-6,518.25	0.00
<b>Balances 12/31/98</b>	48,114.68	19,554.05	24,852.61	0.00	1,996.46	0.00	94,517.80	145,810.93	240,328.73
<b>Ratios of Funds Other Than Perpetual Care Fund:</b>									
Dec. 31, 1997	49.42%	18.94%	23.63%	0.90%	5.27%	1.84%	100.00%		
Dec. 31, 1998	50.91%	20.69%	26.29%	0.00%	2.11%	0.00%	100.00%		

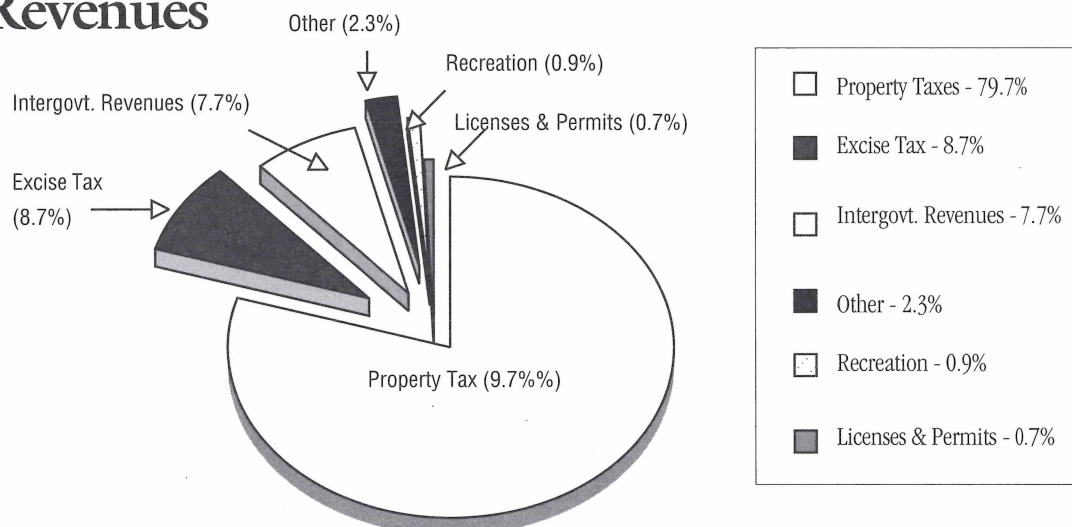
# Your Property Dollars at Work



## Expenditures

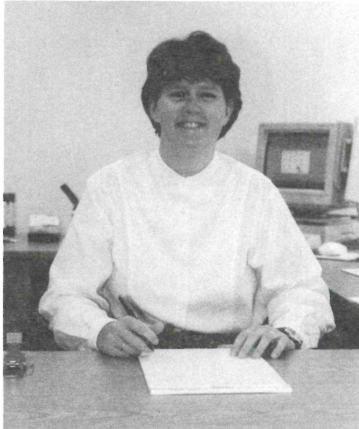


## Revenues





# FINANCE DEPARTMENT



**Melody Main,**  
*Finance Director*


## Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting

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President

  
Executive Director

**The following exhibits have been extracted from the 1998 financial statements, a complete copy of which is available for inspection at the Town Office. The schedules included herein are:**

- Exhibit 1 — Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Groups
- Exhibit 2 — Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - All Governmental Fund Types and Expendable Trust Funds
- Exhibit 3 — Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - All Budgeted Governmental Fund Types - General Fund
- Exhibit 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, 1998  
(with comparative totals for December 31, 1997)

(When comparative figures for December 31, 2007)														
	Governmental Fund Types					Proprietary Fund Type			Fiduciary	Account Groups			Totals	
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	General	Fixed Assets	Enterprise	Trust	General	Long-term debt				1998	1997
ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS														
Assets:														
Cash	\$ 515,488	-	-	74,405	250,372	185,763	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,026,028	2,125,427
Investments	212,309	-	-	-	173,013	228,914	-	-	-	-	-	-	614,236	2,355,832
Receivables:														
Accounts	1,488	-	-	197,945	55,568	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	255,001	281,053
Intergovernmental	14,564	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14,564	16,973
Taxes receivable--prior years	27,459	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	27,459	5,072
Taxes receivable--current year	456,585	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	456,585	495,126
Tax liens	190,513	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	190,513	218,106
Notes	14,014	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14,014	75,457
Interfund loans receivable	212,939	18,778	-	243,410	118,603	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	593,730	791,441
Interfund advance	40,244	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	40,244	36,310
Inventory	-	-	-	-	5,768	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,768	2,042
Prepaid items	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18,077
Property, plant and equipment	-	-	-	-	6,445,584	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18,213,664	15,624,094
Less accumulated depreciation	-	-	-	-	(1,617,191)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1,617,191)	(1,408,540)
Other debits:														
Amount to be provided for landfill postclosure costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	865,200	899,700
Amount to be provided for retirement of general long-term debt	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,121,395	430,041
Total assets and other debits	\$ 1,685,603	18,778	515,760	5,431,717	11,768,080	3,986,595	23,821,210	21,966,211						
LIABILITIES, EQUITY AND OTHER CREDITS														
Liabilities:														
Accounts payable	150,923	-	-	-	8,363	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	159,286	480,714
Compensated absences payable	58,068	-	-	-	3,075	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	61,143	72,281
Interfund loans payable	-	5,561	332,966	244,528	-	10,675	-	-	-	-	-	-	593,730	791,441
Interfund advance	-	40,244	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	40,244	36,310
Deferred revenues	23,852	-	-	197,945	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	221,797	245,933
Deferred tax revenues	516,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	516,000	569,000
Landfill postclosure costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	865,200	899,700
Security deposit	-	675	-	-	18,903	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19,578	19,687
Obligations under capital lease agreements	-	-	-	-	122,729	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	171,557	3,403
Bonds and notes payable	-	-	-	-	2,709,474	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,782,041	6,662,844
Total liabilities	748,843	46,480	530,911	3,107,072	10,675	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8,430,576	9,781,313
Equity and other credits:														
Contributed capital	-	-	-	2,023,626	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,023,626	2,023,746
Investment in general fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11,768,080	9,398,490
Retained earnings:														
Unreserved	-	-	-	301,019	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	301,019	279,412
Fund balances:														
Reserved for long-term receivables	53,058	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	53,058	110,567
Unreserved:														
Designated for subsequent years' expenditures	1,250	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,250	43,270
Unreserved, undesignated	882,452	(27,702)	(15,151)	-	-	404,002	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,243,601	329,413
Total equity (deficit) and other credits	936,760	(27,702)	(15,151)	2,324,645	404,002	11,768,080	15,390,634	12,184,898						
Total liabilities, equity and other credits	\$ 1,685,603	18,778	515,760	5,431,717	11,768,080	3,986,595	23,821,210	21,966,211						



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, 1998  
(with comparative totals for the year ended December 31, 1997)

	Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary Fund Type		Totals		
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Expendable Trust	(Memorandum Only)	1998	1997	
<b>Revenues:</b>								
Taxes	\$ 10,443,386	-	-	-	-	10,443,386	9,934,098	
Licenses and permits	87,309	-	-	-	-	87,309	67,391	
Intergovernmental	909,896	-	-	-	-	909,896	572,662	
Charges for services	123,577	-	15,400	-	-	138,977	188,083	
Other	254,192	252,014	248,902	34,802	-	789,910	598,833	
Total revenues	11,818,360	252,014	264,302	34,802	-	12,369,478	11,361,067	
<b>Expenditures:</b>								
Current:								
General government	629,725	-	-	-	-	629,725	526,820	
Public safety	1,001,567	-	-	-	-	1,001,567	936,342	
Public works	677,634	-	-	-	-	677,634	599,417	
Health, sanitation and welfare	526,457	-	-	-	-	526,457	562,217	
Recreation	275,314	-	-	-	-	275,314	217,501	
Education and libraries	6,866,369	-	-	-	-	6,866,369	6,193,084	
Unclassified	880,962	256,168	47,345	8,821	-	1,193,296	1,183,968	
Capital outlay	208,331	-	2,447,325	-	-	2,655,656	2,115,885	
Debt service	230,467	-	257,455	-	-	487,922	227,182	
Total expenditures	11,296,826	256,168	2,752,125	8,821	-	14,313,940	12,562,416	
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	521,534	(4,154)	(2,487,823)	25,981	-	(1,944,462)	(1,201,349)	
<b>Other financing sources (uses):</b>								
Capital leases	49,121	-	-	-	-	49,121	-	
General obligation bond proceeds	-	-	2,700,000	-	-	2,700,000	-	
Operating transfers from other funds	15,610	-	172,500	4,774	-	192,884	555,176	
Operating transfers to other funds	(172,500)	-	-	(10,384)	-	(182,884)	(545,176)	
Total other financing sources (uses)	(107,769)	-	2,872,500	(5,610)	-	2,759,121	10,000	
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other financing sources over (under) expenditures and other financing uses	413,765	(4,154)	384,677	20,371	-	814,659	(1,191,349)	
Fund balances (deficit), beginning of year	1,130,820	(17,534)	(1,013,667)	383,631	-	483,250	1,674,599	
Residual equity transfers in (out)	(607,825)	(6,014)	613,839	-	-	-	-	
Fund balances (deficit), end of year	\$ 936,760	(27,702)	(15,151)	404,002	-	1,297,909	483,250	

**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, 1998**

	Budget	Actual	Variance favorable (unfavorable)
Revenues:			
Taxes	\$ 10,266,293	10,443,386	177,093
Licenses and permits	59,000	87,309	28,309
Intergovernmental	849,633	909,896	60,263
Charges for services	124,500	123,577	(923)
Other	63,900	254,192	190,292
Total revenues	11,363,326	11,818,360	455,034
Expenditures:			
Current:			
General government	617,687	629,725	(12,038)
Public safety	1,009,428	1,001,567	7,861
Public works	686,520	677,634	8,886
Health, sanitation and welfare	548,153	526,457	21,696
Recreation programs	276,539	275,314	1,225
Education and libraries	6,865,242	6,866,369	(1,127)
Unclassified	998,308	880,962	117,346
Capital outlay	150,000	208,331	(58,331)
Debt service	53,949	230,467	(176,518)
Total expenditures	11,205,826	11,296,826	(91,000)
Excess of revenues over expenditures	157,500	521,534	364,034
Other financing sources (uses):			
Capital leases	-	49,121	49,121
Operating transfers from other funds	15,000	15,610	610
Operating transfers to other funds	(172,500)	(172,500)	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	(157,500)	(107,769)	49,731
Excess of revenues and other financing sources over expenditures and other financing uses	-	413,765	413,765
Fund balance, beginning of year		1,130,820	
Residual equity transfer		(607,825)	
Fund balance, end of year	\$	936,760	



**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, 1998**  
**(with comparative figures for the year ended December 31, 1997)**

	1998	1997
Operating revenues:		
Rental income	\$ 244,397	225,990
Golf memberships	219,207	206,137
Greens fees	187,684	183,530
Golf cart rentals	106,000	89,843
Sewer assessments	309,077	318,946
User fees	27,401	28,631
Food and beverage sales	130,392	104,639
Other	6,198	8,143
Total operating revenues	1,230,356	1,165,859
Operating expenses:		
Cost of sales and supplies	90,168	83,465
Wages	286,702	259,936
Utilities	44,816	40,852
Maintenance	46,958	58,114
Gas and oil	14,564	20,820
Wastewater assessment	315,800	315,800
Engineering	13,181	5,484
Other	85,276	71,237
Depreciation	208,650	194,305
Total operating expenses	1,106,115	1,050,013
Operating income	124,241	115,846
Nonoperating revenue (expense):		
Investment income	21,902	19,305
Interest expense	(162,572)	(166,310)
Gain (loss) on disposition of fixed assets	-	17,415
Total nonoperating revenue (expense)	(140,670)	(129,590)
Net operating loss before operating transfers	(16,429)	(13,744)
Operating transfers:		
Transfer to General Fund	(10,000)	(10,000)
Net loss	(26,429)	(23,744)
Add depreciation on fixed assets acquired by contributed capital	48,037	47,558
Total increase in equity	21,608	23,814
Retained earnings, beginning of year	279,411	255,597
Retained earnings, end of year	\$ 301,019	279,411

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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, ATVs, 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 9,000 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, ATVs and boats.

### IF YOU'RE FROM AWAY...

- 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, and proof of insurance.
- Individuals MOVING to Cumberland from WITHIN THE STATE, must within 10 DAYS, come to the Town office and have an address change done on their vehicle registration (no charge), and have their Driver's License address changed at a local Maine Department of Motor Vehicle office.

- 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. If it is a brand new vehicle, the law requires the Window Sticker be presented at time of registration. Please be aware that State of Maine does not notify you when your vehicle is due to be re-registered, so put it on your calendar.

### 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 held on the 2nd TUESDAY in JUNE. The STATE/FEDERAL GENERAL ELECTION is held on the 1st TUESDAY of NOVEMBER.
- Elections are held in the Council Chambers at Town Hall at 290 Tuttle Road on the mainland, and the Chebeague Island Hall Community Center on Chebeague Island.
- Polls open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. On the mainland, 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. On the Island, one may register to vote at the Chebeague Library.



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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.
- A Special Exception Permit may be required by the Board of Adjustment and Appeals, and a Site Plan Review may be required by the Planning Board prior to the issuance of a Building Permit.
- A Shoreline Zoning Permit is required if construction takes place within the shoreland area. All construction must meet the 1993 BOCA National Building Code.

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## VETERANS PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION

- State law provides for property tax exemption for veterans, their widows, minor children and certain widowed mothers of veterans.
- 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) EXEMPTION 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 recyclables are picked up curbside weekly by Pine Tree Waste (773-1122). A temporary transfer station located on Drowne Road accepts white goods (appliances), metals, brush, yard waste and used motor oil. (Hours: Tuesdays: 12 noon - 4:00 pm and Saturdays: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm)
- 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, brush, yard waste and construction and demolition debris.
- Additional information regarding these solid waste programs - such as disposal fees, routes, 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 (1891 - 1965), an artisan and forester of varied interests and talents. He served the town in many capacities, including Selectman from 1932 through 1947. He also was in charge of the town's forests.



## 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, 290 Tuttle Rd., Cumberland, ME 04021

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## Cumberland's Curbside Collection Guide



### GLASS:

- all glass bottles, jars (colored & clear), and window glass
- labels OK; discard lids
- wash out and rinse
- no light bulbs or mirrors



### PLASTIC:

- only 100% #2 plastic
- no PVC pipe or biodegradable plastic
- no plastic film food wrap
- labels OK



### MAGAZINES & PHONE BOOKS:

- keep clean & dry
- deposit loose



### CANS:

- all metal food & drink cans, metal lids
- wash out and rinse and remove labels
- no metal lids with inner rubber rings
- empty aerosol cans with caps removed
- please crush to save space



### PAPERS, NEWSPAPERS, KRAFT BAGS:

- newspapers, junk mail, greeting cards, calendars, canceled checks, computer paper, paper bags, flyers, inserts
- leave them loose or in paper bags — do NOT tie them with string
- no plastic or other paper wrap



### PAPERBOARD:

- dry & clean paperboard (cereal, rice, cake, cracker mix boxes, etc.) FOLDED FLAT with NO inside packaging can be deposited in its own compartment

## WASTE COLLECTION HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

### Observed Holidays

July 4, Thanksgiving Day, Dec. 25 (Christmas Day), , Jan. 1 (New Year's Day)

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

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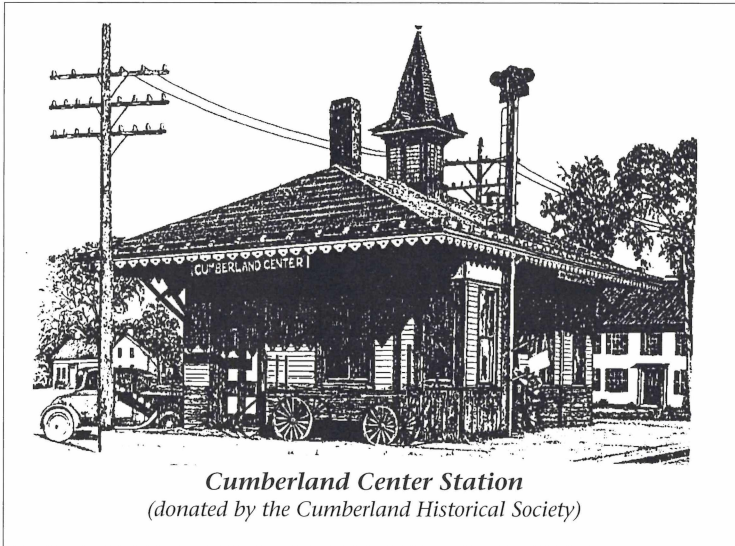
QUESTIONS ? Please call Pine Tree Waste at 773-1122 or the Town office at 829-5559 .

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.

Items not taken curbside may be taken to the Windham Recycling Center, call 773-112 or, for a fee, to Riverside Street Landfill in Portland, call 797-6200.

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# Town of Cumberland Community Profile



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 127th 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 6,800, 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.



# MUNICIPAL DIRECTORY

**Town Office: 829-5559 FAX: 829-2214**

<b>Town Manager</b>	
Robert B. Benson .....	829-2205
<b>Assistant Town Manager</b>	
Carla Nixon .....	829-2205
<b>Town Clerk</b>	
Klara M. Norton .....	829-5559
<b>Animal Control Office</b>	
Stan Page .....	829-6391
<b>Assessor</b>	
Paula Jansmann .....	829-2204
<b>Building Inspector</b>	
Robert Littlefield .....	829-2207
<b>Chebeague Island</b>	
Public Safety Building .....	829-5407
Transfer Station .....	846-4509
<b>Code Enforcement Officer/Town Planner</b>	
Donna Larson .....	829-2206
<b>Community Services Director</b>	
William Landis .....	829-2208
<b>Deputy Tax Collector</b>	
Charlene Doyle .....	829-5559
<b>Electrical Inspector</b>	
Stan Brown .....	829-4246
<b>Fire Chief</b>	
William Fischer .....	829-3283
<b>Finance Director</b>	
Melody Main .....	829-5559
<b>Harbor Master</b>	
Ted Curtis .....	846-4613
<b>Health Officer</b>	
Eileen Wyatt .....	829-5238
<b>Librarian</b>	
Thomas Bennett (Prince Memorial) .....	829-2215
	FAX: 829-2221
Martha Hamilton (Chebeague) .....	846-4351
	FAX: 846-4358
<b>Motor Vehicle Agent</b>	
Debbie Flanigan .....	829-5559
<b>Plumbing Inspector</b>	
Richard Peterson .....	829-5448
<b>Police Chief</b>	
Joseph J. Charron .....	829-6391
<b>Public Works</b> .....	829-2220
Adam Odgen, Director .....	829-2220
Chebeague Island Garage .....	846-4635
<b>Waste Transfer Station</b> .....	846-4509
<b>Rescue Chief</b>	
Christopher Bolduc .....	829-2213
<b>Shellfish Warden</b> .....	829-6391
<b>Welfare Director</b>	
Klara M. Norton .....	829-5559
<b>West Cumberland Rec. Hall</b> .....	829-5464
<b>Val Halla Golf &amp; Recreation Center</b>	
Eric Moynihan, Manager .....	829-2226
Pro Shop .....	829-2225
<b>Portland Water District</b> .....	761-8310

## EMERGENCY NUMBERS

**FIRE & RESCUE: 829-5211**

**POLICE: 829-3120**

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

**Chebeague Island**

**Non-Emergency: 829-5421**

**Poison Control: 871-4720**

### Cumberland Cemeteries

Don Stilkey, Superintendent .....	865-6007
Town Clerk .....	829-5559

### 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
Drowne Road School .....	829-2250
North Yarmouth Memorial .....	829-5555
Special Education Department .....	829-4835
Bus Garage .....	829-4837

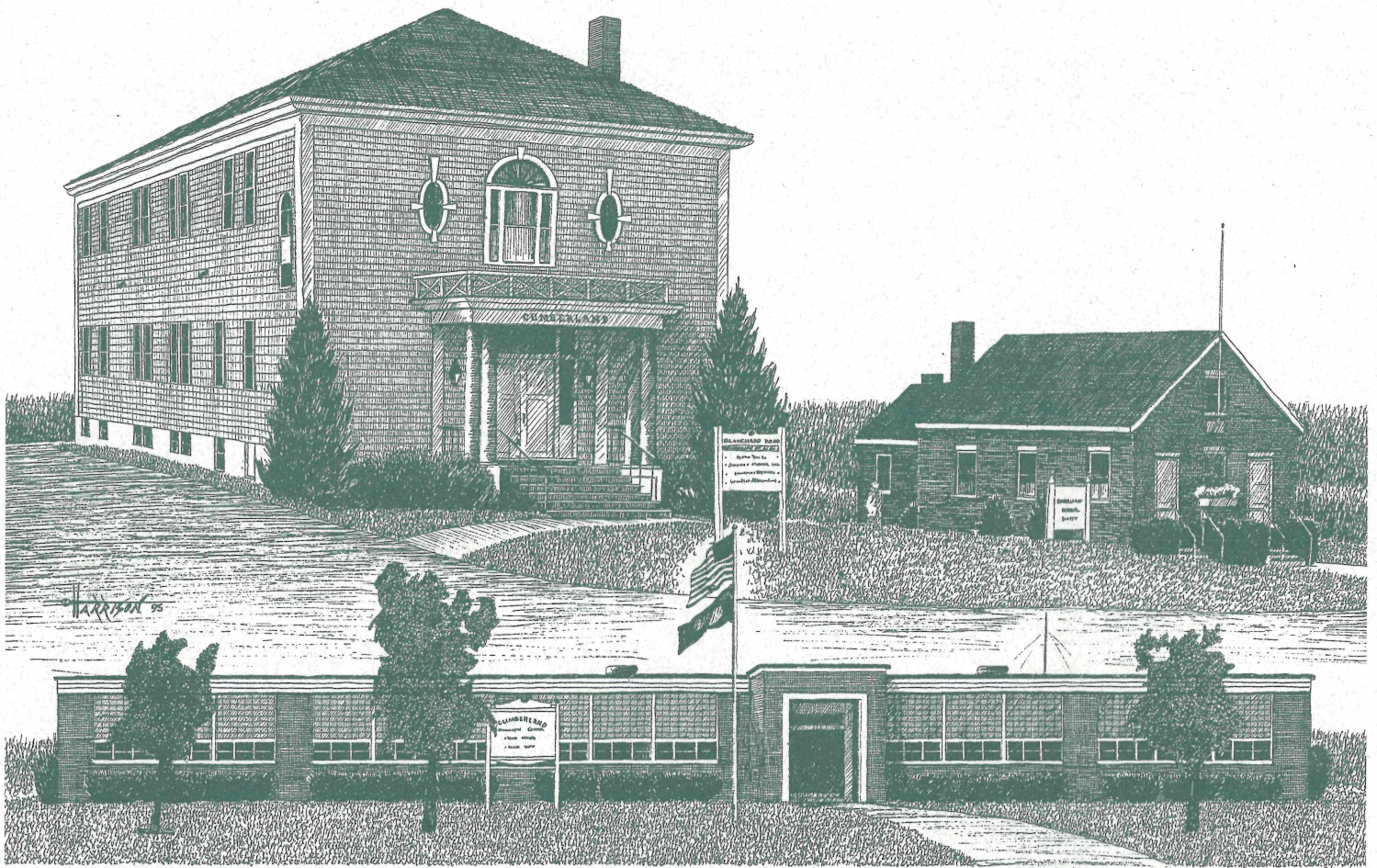
### Miscellaneous

Cumberland Post Office .....	829-3661
Chebeague Island Post Office .....	846-5820
Chebeague Transportation .....	846-3700

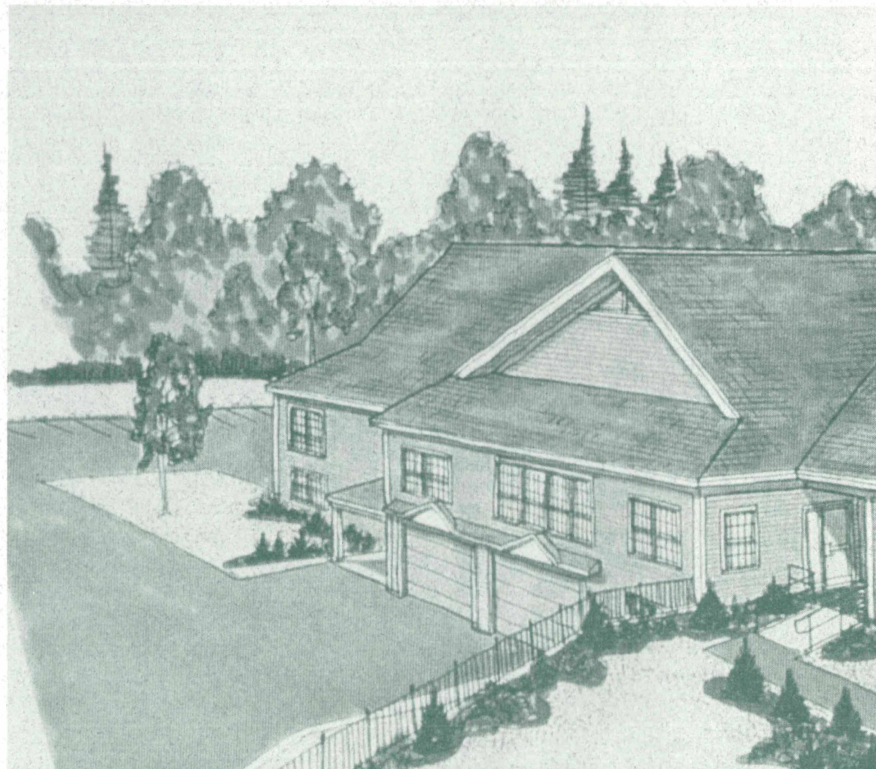
### LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES (1998-99)

- **MAINE HOUSE**, #2 State House Station,  
Augusta, Maine 04333-0002  
web site: <http://www.state.me.us/legis>  
1-800-423-2900, TDD: (207) 287-4469  
Voice: (207) 287-1400  
District 40 Gerald M. Davis  
15 Hamlin Road, Falmouth 04105, 797-5309 (H)  
District 42 Terrence P. McKenney  
14 Crystal Lane, Cumberland 04021, 829-5472 (H)
- **MAINE SENATE**, #3 State House Station,  
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003  
web site: <http://www.state.me.us/senate>  
1-800-423-6900, Voice: (207) 287-1515  
District 26 Carol Kontos  
P.O. Box 1785, Windham 04062, 892-3474(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, ME 04101  
Olympia Snowe 1-800-432-1599  
P.O. Box 188DTS, 151 Forest Avenue,  
Portland, ME 04112-0188





*The illustration above, by William C. Harrison, presents some of the various buildings utilized by the Town of Cumberland for its Town Hall. Red Men's Hall is represented in the upper left followed by the Cumberland Center Red Brick School Building which now serves the Historical Society. The building at the bottom is the Drowne School. On the front cover, top right, is the Cumberland Congregational Church, which served as the community's first Town Meeting House, and the bottom drawing represents Cumberland's new Town Hall.*



## TOWN OF CUMBERLAND, MAINE

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