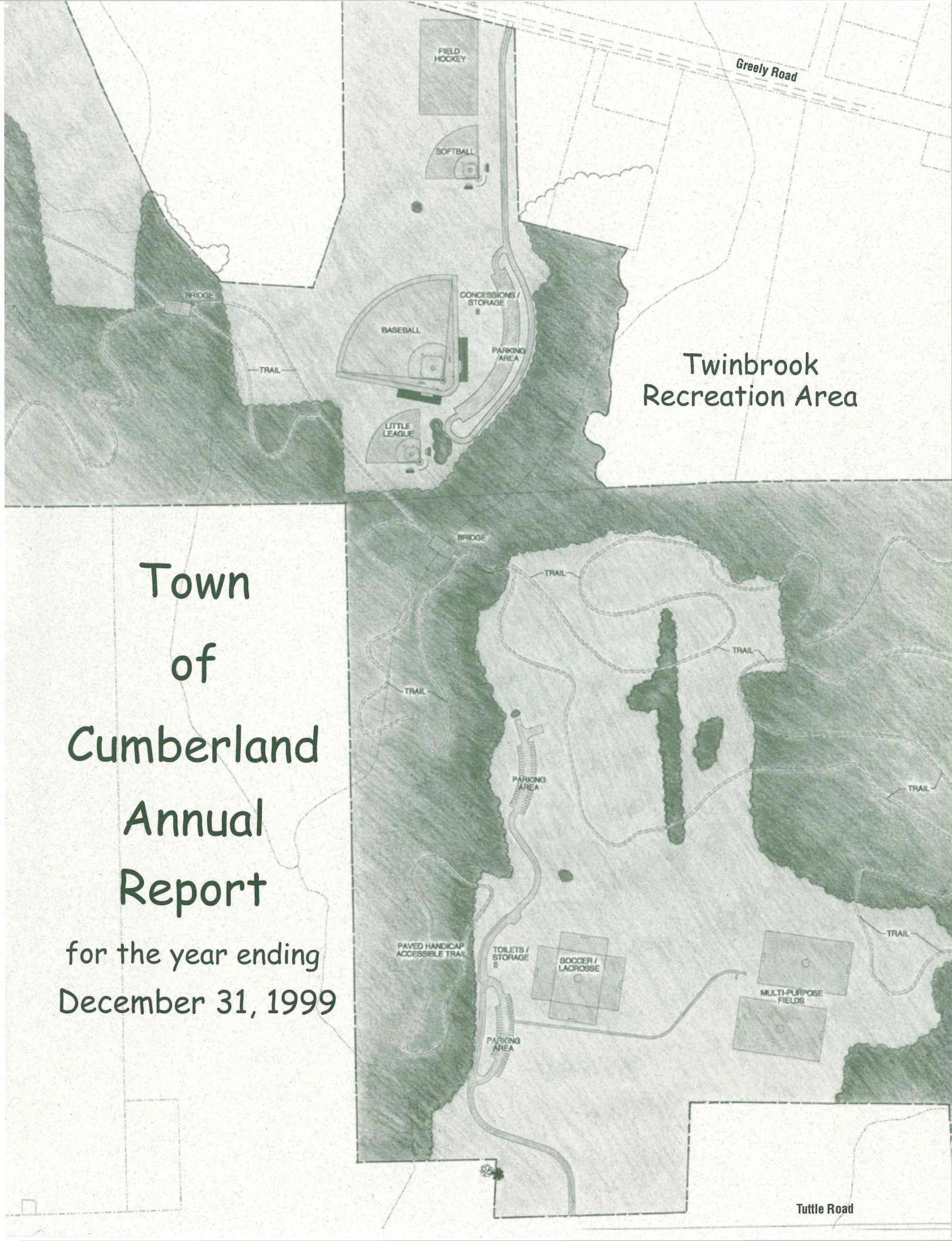

Town of Cumberland Annual Report

for the year ending December 31, 1999

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 128th 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.

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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 1999.

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 1999.

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***

Our cover this year is a landscape architect's rendering of the

Twin Brook Recreation Area

located between Tuttle and Greely Roads.
This area encompasses 250 acres in the heart of town that will be preserved as open space and recreation fields and trails for future generations to enjoy.
In addition to the natural hiking trails, there is a new, paved handicap accessible trail available.
This trails are converted into cross-country ski trails in the winter, so if you find the summer has passed and you have not yet explored this wonderful area, give it a try on skis this winter!

CUMBERLAND TOWN COUNCIL

Town Council (lt-rt, front row): Mark Kuntz, Peter Bingham (Chair), John Lambert, Harland Storey; (lt-rt, back row) Stephen Moriarty (Vice Chair), Jeffrey Porter, James Phipps.

The Council continued to confront several ongoing issues in 1999.

The Chebeague transportation situation was clarified somewhat with the State of Maine purchasing the Blanchard Lot on Cousins Island and leasing it to the Town of Cumberland. In addition, the offsite parking issue was resolved with the state making land on Route 1 near the Yarmouth town line available and the town constructing a parking lot, which was sub-leased to Chebeague Island Transportation (CIT).

The town will be working with the state and CIT to secure pollution-free buses and improvements to both the Blanchard Lot and the wharf. As this was written, there were unresolved issues regarding the wharf agreement and litigation relative to the state's acquisition of the Blanchard lot. A great deal of personal time and effort was spent by Councilors *Jim Phipps, Steven Moriarty* and *John Lambert* in resolving the CIT transportation issues, and I would like to publicly thank them.

The other main area of focus was the study of growth-related issues. Former Councilor Phil Gleason is chairing a committee that will issue reports in early 2000 dealing with these matters. It is hoped by midyear that the Council will develop further programs and ordinances dealing with the issues. A great deal of effort has gone into working with farmers and large landowners to help pursue as much open land as possible.

During 1999, the town began converting to a June 30 fiscal year-end. This involved creating a six-month budget for January-June 2000 and adjusting tax collections. Cumberland was one of the last Greater Portland towns to retain a January fiscal year end. The town will now be on the same schedule as the SAD #51 fiscal year and taxes will be payable in six-month installments rather than once per year.

The town was also able to assist SAD #51 when the Greely High School pool was closed due to sever structural problems with the roof.

One focus area was the study of growth-related issues.

Cumberland approved the repair funds to SAD #51 and the repairs were completed in time for the summer vacation programs. We have also indicated a willingness to assist the school district as they begin to plan for future construction and renovations. Given the significant impact on taxes, it is important to the taxpayers of Cumberland for the town to closely monitor the situation.

Phil Gleason completed his second term (six years) on the Council. Thanks are due for his tireless efforts, especially on the town's wharf. *Jeffrey Porter* replaced Phil in June 1999.

In closing, I would like to thank all of our town employees for another year of service. I would also like to thank our many volunteers that serve the fire, rescue, police teams, and those who serve on the various boards and commissions. Over the past half-century, we have been well-served by individuals who have made decisions with future generations in mind rather than short-term gratification. I continue to feel that I made one of the best decisions of my life when I chose to settle in Cumberland nearly 30 years ago.

Respectfully Submitted,

Peter Bingham,
Town Council Chairman

Report of the

ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

Carla A. Nixon, *Assistant Town Manager*
Kathleen Babeu, *Administrative Assistant*

In addition to the regular administrative work associated with handling personnel matters and resident concerns, this department coordinated several large projects in 1999. They included:

• Changing the Town's Fiscal Year Period

When IRS rules changed, the Town could no longer afford to collect taxes 10 months into its fiscal year. By changing the fiscal year period, the Town will now collect tax payments twice a year which will enable a positive cash flow throughout the year and will reduce, if not eliminate entirely, the need to pay interest on borrowed funds. This project required a great deal of communication to ensure that taxpayers understood the proposed change and its potential impact.

• Brown Tail Moth Spraying

This was the second year that the town funded an aerial spray project to control the Brown Tail Moth. As predicted, the area that needed spraying this year was approximately half of that sprayed last year, and early indications from the Maine Forest Service are that spraying may not be required this coming year (2000).

• New Fire Chief

With the retirement of Chief *William Fischer* in July, a committee was appointed to assist in the selection of a new chief. After conducting interviews with five candidates, the committee selected *Daniel Small*, a captain within the department, to be its new chief.

• Website Launch

On September 1, the Town went on-line with its new website (www.cumberlandmaine.com). Recreation Director and MIS Coordinator *Bill Landis* along with New Media, Inc. led this successful effort.

• New Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector

The Town also hired a new Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector to replace the retiring *Robert Littlefield*. *Barbara McPheters* was appointed in June to this position, bringing with her more than 15 years experience in municipal code inspection, including plumbing and electrical inspection.

Carla Nixon,
Assistant Town Manager

• Y2K Planning

A Y2K Committee was created consisting of the public safety department heads and our MIS Coordinator, *Bill Landis*. The Committee met regularly throughout the year and prepared a contingency plan to be utilized in the event of an emergency. Although the night of December 31 fortunately proved to be uneventful, the planning work conducted as part of this process will be useful in assessing and preparing for any future public safety emergency.

• Personnel Work

Further work was done this past year in the development of policies, job descriptions and in employee selection, evaluation, and development. The renegotiation of the Public Works contract began in the fall, and a complete salary study was conducted as part of that process.

• Ensuring compliance with state and federal employment-related laws is an important responsibility of this position. This requires on-going training to ensure that supervisors understand the implications of the various laws relating to employee safety and employee rights.

Report of the

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Melody Main,
Finance Director

Anne Brushwein,
Payroll/Accounts Payable Clerk

Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting

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Town of Cumberland, Maine

For its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1998

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President

Executive Director

The following exhibits have been extracted from the 1999 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

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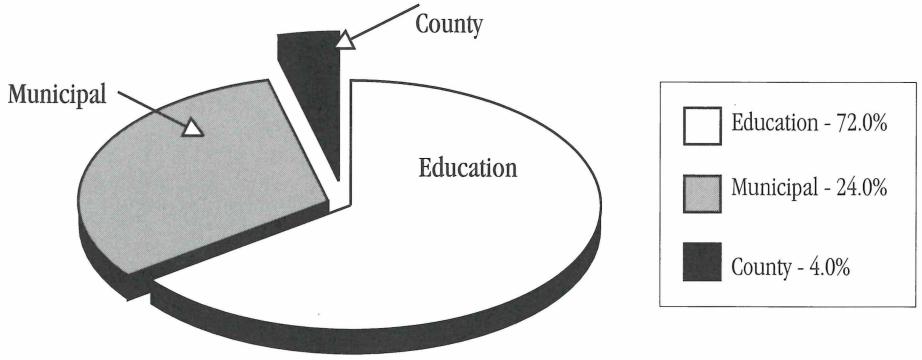
Melody Main

Finance Director

Your 1999 Property Dollars at Work



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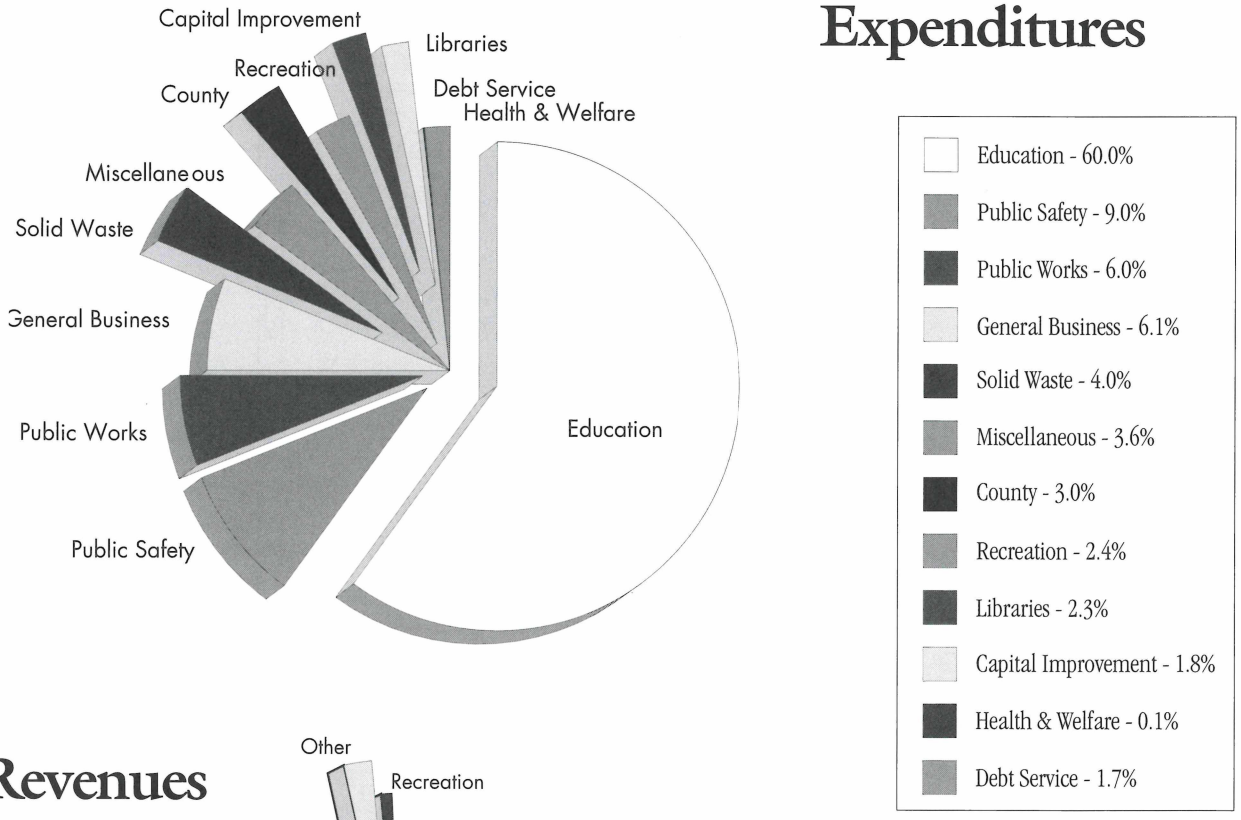

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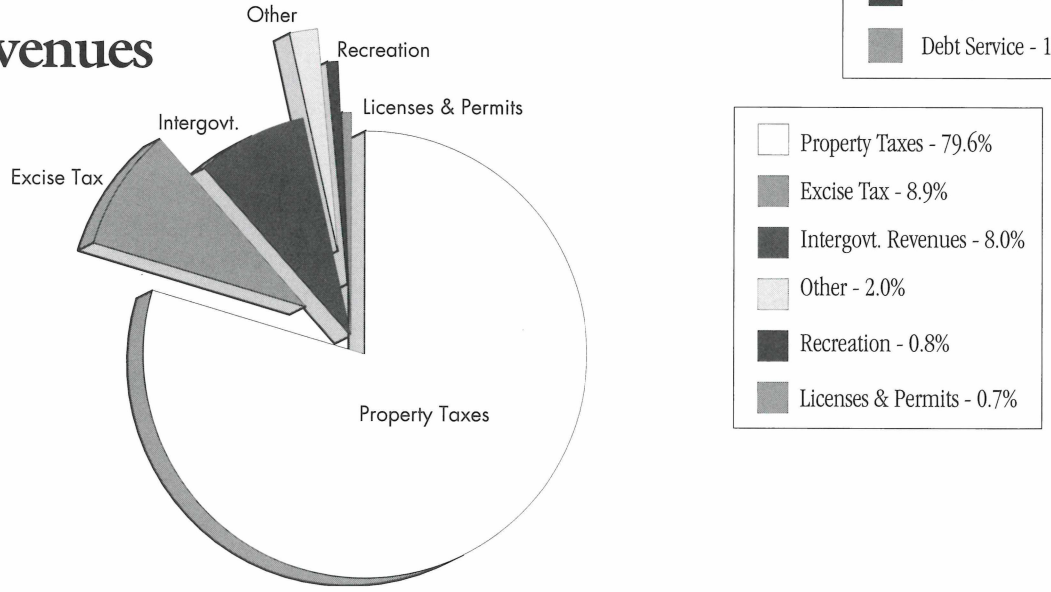


Exhibit 1

TOWN OF CUMBERLAND, MAINE
Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Groups
December 31, 1999
(with comparative totals for December 31, 1998)

	Governmental Fund Types			Proprietary Fund Type	Fiduciary Fund Type	Account Groups		Totals (Memorandum Only)	
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Enterprise	Trust	General fixed assets	General long-term debt	1999	1998
ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS									
Assets:									
Cash	$ 466,062	-	537,302	338,066	38,404	-	-	1,379,834	1,026,028
Investments	193,947	-	-	174,000	365,047	-	-	732,994	614,236
Receivables:									
Accounts	11,439	-	50,520	44,996	-	-	-	106,955	255,001
Intergovernmental	26,627	-	-	-	-	-	-	26,627	14,564
Taxes receivable--prior years	37,033	-	-	-	-	-	-	37,033	27,459
Taxes receivable--current year	516,711	-	-	-	-	-	-	516,711	456,585
Tax liens	148,939	-	-	-	-	-	-	148,939	190,513
Notes	318,365	-	-	-	-	-	-	318,365	14,014
Interfund loans receivable	439,302	16,268	303,672	95,223	-	-	-	854,465	593,730
Interfund advance	34,709	-	-	-	-	-	-	34,709	40,244
Inventory	-	-	-	5,768	-	-	-	5,768	5,768
Property, plant and equipment	-	-	-	6,650,083	-	11,834,996	-	18,485,079	18,213,664
Less accumulated depreciation	-	-	-	(1,814,183)	-	-	-	(1,814,183)	(1,617,191)
Other debits:									
Amount to be provided for landfill postclosure costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	830,700	830,700	865,200
Amount to be provided for retirement of general long-term debt	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,430,380	3,430,380	3,121,395
Total assets and other debits	**$ 2,193,134**	**16,268**	**891,494**	**5,493,953**	**403,451**	**11,834,996**	**4,261,080**	**25,094,376**	**23,821,210**
LIABILITIES, EQUITY AND OTHER CREDITS									
Liabilities:									
Accounts payable	160,981	-	195,594	2,041	-	-	-	358,616	159,286
Compensated absences payable	106,219	-	-	10,586	-	-	-	116,805	61,143
Interfund loans payable	-	14,631	591,685	245,724	2,425	-	-	854,465	593,730
Interfund advance	-	34,709	-	-	-	-	-	34,709	40,244
Deferred revenues	16,130	-	-	-	-	-	-	16,130	221,797
Deferred tax revenues	516,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	516,000	516,000
Landfill postclosure costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	830,700	830,700	865,200
Security deposit	-	700	-	19,669	-	-	-	20,369	19,578
Obligations under capital lease agreements	-	-	-	103,910	-	-	48,979	152,889	171,557
Bonds and notes payable	-	-	-	2,626,290	-	-	3,381,401	6,007,691	5,782,041
Total liabilities	799,330	50,040	787,279	3,008,220	2,425	-	4,261,080	8,908,374	8,430,576
Equity and other credits:									
Contributed capital	-	-	-	2,145,077	-	-	-	2,145,077	2,023,626
Investment in general fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-	11,834,996	-	11,834,996	11,768,080
Retained earnings:									
Unreserved	-	-	-	340,656	-	-	-	340,656	301,019
Fund balances:									
Reserved for long-term receivables	278,074	-	-	-	-	-	-	278,074	53,058
Unreserved:									
Designated for subsequent years' expenditures	1,250	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,250	1,250
Unreserved, undesignated	1,114,480	(33,772)	104,215	-	401,026	-	-	1,585,949	1,243,601
Total equity (deficit) and other credits	1,393,804	(33,772)	104,215	2,485,733	401,026	11,834,996	-	16,186,002	15,390,634
Total liabilities, equity and other credits	**$ 2,193,134**	**16,268**	**891,494**	**5,493,953**	**403,451**	**11,834,996**	**4,261,080**	**25,094,376**	**23,821,210**

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Exhibit 2

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, 1999
(with comparative totals for the year ended December 31, 1998)

		Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary Fund Type	Totals (Memorandum Only)	
		General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Expendable Trust	1999	1998
Revenues:							
Taxes	$	11,394,186	-	-	-	11,394,186	10,443,386
Licenses and permits		93,602	-	-	-	93,602	87,309
Intergovernmental		1,033,272	-	-	-	1,033,272	909,896
Charges for services		151,142	-	50,287	-	201,429	138,977
Other		210,184	8,313	352,279	21,891	592,667	789,910
Total revenues		12,882,386	8,313	402,566	21,891	13,315,156	12,369,478
Expenditures:							
Current:							
General government		754,191	-	-	-	754,191	629,725
Public safety		1,099,322	-	-	-	1,099,322	1,001,567
Public works		735,000	-	-	-	735,000	677,634
Health, sanitation and welfare		510,485	-	-	-	510,485	526,457
Recreation		288,350	-	-	-	288,350	275,314
Education and libraries		7,639,099	-	-	-	7,639,099	6,866,369
Unclassified		811,217	14,383	283,585	14,303	1,123,488	1,193,296
Capital outlay		225,427	-	515,275	-	740,702	2,655,656
Debt service		201,810	-	164,302	-	366,112	487,922
Total expenditures		12,264,901	14,383	963,162	14,303	13,256,749	14,313,940
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures		617,485	(6,070)	(560,596)	7,588	58,407	(1,944,462)
Other financing sources (uses):							
Capital leases		20,397	-	-	-	20,397	49,121
General obligation bond proceeds		-	-	478,560	-	478,560	2,700,000
Operating transfers from other funds		37,521	-	201,402	3,384	242,307	192,884
Operating transfers to other funds		(218,359)	-	-	(13,948)	(232,307)	(182,884)
Total other financing sources (uses)		(160,441)	-	679,962	(10,564)	508,957	2,759,121
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other financing sources over (under) expenditures and other financing uses		457,044	(6,070)	119,366	(2,976)	567,364	814,659
Fund balances (deficit), beginning of year		936,760	(27,702)	(15,151)	404,002	1,297,909	483,250
Fund balances (deficit), end of year	**$**	**1,393,804**	**(33,772)**	**104,215**	**401,026**	**1,865,273**	**1,297,909**

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Exhibit 3

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, 1999

		Budget	Actual	Variance favorable (unfavorable)
Revenues:				
Taxes	$	11,236,066	11,394,186	158,120
Licenses and permits		67,800	93,602	25,802
Intergovernmental		918,446	1,033,272	114,826
Charges for services		170,000	151,142	(18,858)
Other		72,400	82,058	9,658
Total revenues		12,464,712	12,754,260	289,548
Expenditures:				
Current:				
General government		688,009	754,191	(66,182)
Public safety		1,090,408	1,099,322	(8,914)
Public works		708,231	735,000	(26,769)
Health, sanitation and welfare		527,447	510,485	16,962
Recreation programs		288,423	288,350	73
Education and libraries		7,641,127	7,639,099	2,028
Unclassified		1,059,166	811,217	247,949
Capital outlay		206,686	205,030	1,656
Debt service		51,856	73,684	(21,828)
Total expenditures		12,261,353	12,116,378	144,975
Excess of revenues over expenditures		203,359	637,882	434,523
Other financing sources (uses):				
Operating transfers from other funds		15,000	37,521	22,521
Operating transfers to other funds		(218,359)	(218,359)	-
Total other financing sources (uses)		(203,359)	(180,838)	22,521
Excess of revenues and other financing sources over expenditures and other financing uses		-	457,044	457,044
Fund balance, beginning of year			936,760	
Fund balance, end of year	**$**		**1,393,804**	

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Exhibit 4

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, 1999
(with comparative figures for the year ended December 31, 1998)

		1999	1998
Operating revenues:			
Rental income	$	254,049	244,397
Golf memberships		219,721	219,207
Greens fees		198,344	187,684
Golf cart rentals		118,277	106,000
Sewer assessments		323,449	309,077
User fees		31,156	27,401
Food and beverage sales		134,117	130,392
Other		11,400	6,198
Total operating revenues		1,290,513	1,230,356
Operating expenses:			
Cost of sales and supplies		92,264	90,168
Wages		320,758	286,702
Utilities		53,303	44,816
Maintenance		60,364	46,958
Gas and oil		13,223	14,564
Wastewater assessment		315,792	315,800
Engineering		-	13,181
Other		93,142	85,276
Depreciation		203,794	208,650
Total operating expenses		1,152,640	1,106,115
Operating income		137,873	124,241
Nonoperating revenue (expense):			
Investment income		24,953	21,902
Interest expense		(163,422)	(162,572)
Total nonoperating revenue (expense)		(138,469)	(140,670)
Net operating loss before operating transfers		(596)	(16,429)
Operating transfers:			
Transfer from other funds		56,346	52,824
Transfer to General Fund		(66,346)	(62,824)
Total operating transfers		(10,000)	(10,000)
Net loss		(10,596)	(26,429)
Add depreciation on fixed assets acquired by contributed capital		50,233	48,037
Total increase in equity		39,637	21,608
Retained earnings, beginning of year		301,019	279,411
Retained earnings, end of year	**$**	**340,656**	**301,019**

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Report of the

TOWN CLERK/GENERAL ASSSISTANCE ADMINISTRATOR

Klara M. Norton,
Town Clerk

Statistics for the Year Ending December 31, 1999

- **COUNCIL MEETINGS:**
  Regular - 22, Special - 8
- **ELECTIONS:** Two were held in 1999

June 8 — Municipal and Primary Election
(2) Town Councilors
(2) S.A.D. 51 School Board Directors
(1,164 voted out of 4,647 registered voters)

November 2 — State Referendum Election
(3,023 voted out of 4,661 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 municipal, held within the community; records and issues marriage, hunting, fishing, dog, victualers licenses, cemetery deeds and burial permits; and issues certified copies of marriage, birth and death records.

Vital Statistics

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Births	80	65	91	73	90
Deaths	44	38	39	48	42
Marriages	65	71	64	61	61

Licenses

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Dogs	847	974	976	1,040	1,123
Fish & Game	1,015	957	951	873	877

General Assistance

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.

Cumberland Cemeteries

Cumberland cemeteries are managed by the Cumberland Cemetery Association.

The Board of Trustees members are: *Robert Storey,* President (829-3951), *Mark Brainard, Dianne Calder, Peter McKenney, Herb Foster, Bud Stratton, Carolyn Small.* There are six cemeteries in Cumberland and one on Chebeague Island.

To purchase a lot, contact *Don Stilkey,* Superintendent of Cemeteries at 657-6007. For general information, contact Klara Norton, Cumberland Town Clerk.

CUMBERLAND CEMETERY ASSOCIATION
Allocation of Revenue and Expenditures to Funds
1999

Funds:	General	McCall	St. Clair	Methodist	Subtotals	Perpetual Care	Grand Totals
Balances 12/31/98:	48,114.68	19,554.05	24,852.61	1,996.46	94,517.80	145,810.93	240,328.73
Revenue:							
Interest and Dividend Income	2,218.66	901.67	1,146.00	92.06	4,358.39		4,358.39
Donations	0.00				0.00	0.00	0.00
Town appropriation	6,000.00				6,000.00		6,000.00
Sale of lots	3,100.00	4,800.00	800.00		8,700.00		8,700.00
PC income from town					0.00	1,348.12	1,348.12
PC Fund interest income					0.00	8,688.68	8,688.68
PCF Gains/(Losses)(Realized & Unrealized)						10,128.43	10,128.43
Gains & Losses (Unrealized)	-434.45	-176.56	-224.40	-18.03	-853.44		-853.44
Total revenue	10,884.21	5,525.11	1,721.60	74.03	18,204.95	20,165.23	38,370.18
Expenditures:							
Officers' stipends	1,500.00				1,500.00		1,500.00
Superintendents' salaries/fees		200.00			200.00		200.00
Insurance	-638.00				-638.00		-638.00
Repairs & equipment purchases	0.00				0.00		0.00
Office expenses	317.79				317.79		317.79
Cemetery maintenance	17,338.67	1,912.97	1,710.00	2,850.00	23,811.64		23,811.64
Miscellaneous	6.21				6.21		6.21
Total Expenditures	18,524.67	2,112.97	1,710.00	2,850.00	25,197.64		25,197.64
Inter Fund Transfers							
Half of lot sales proceeds to PCF	-1,550.00	-2,400.00	-400.00	0.00	-4,350.00	4,350.00	0.00
Portion of 1999 PCF int., div. & gain/loss inc. reallocated	4,430.00				4,430.00	-4,430.00	0.00
1999 Town of Cumberland PCF interest reallocated	1,348.12				1,348.12	-1,348.12	0.00
Half of 1999 investment income reallocated	46.03			-46.03	0.00		0.00
Half of lot sales proceeds to General Fund	2,800.00	-2,400.00	-400.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
Expenses charged to general fund	-825.54			825.54	0.00		0.00
Total Transfers	6,248.61	-4,800.00	-800.00	779.51	1,428.12	-1,428.12	0.00
Balances 12/31/99	46,722.83	18,166.19	24,064.21	0.00	88,953.23	164,548.04	253,501.27
Ratios of Funds Other Than Perpetual Care Fund:							
Dec. 31, 1998	50.91%	20.69%	26.29%	2.11%	100.00%		
Dec. 31, 1999	52.53%	20.42%	27.05%	0.00%	100.00%		

Report of the

ASSESSOR

Paula M. Jansmann, *CMA, Assessor*

STATISTICS FROM APRIL, 1998 TO APRIL, 1999

Total Land Valuation	$206,987,700.00
Total Building Value	292,188,500.00
Total Real Estate Valuation (3,590 parcels)	499,176,200.00
Total Personal Property Valuation (312 accounts)	2,994,510.00
Veteran Exemptions (177)	885,000.00
Blind Exemptions (4)	24,000.00
Parsonage Exemptions (2)	40,000.00
Homestead Exemptions (1,947)	13,629,000.00
Property Exemptions (109)	36,013,900.00
Tree Growth Classification (54 parcels-1,868 acres)	361,300.00
Farmland Classification (18 parcels-450 acres)	134,700.00
Open Space Classification (10 parcels-109 acres)	148,100.00

	1998	1999	%Increase and/or Decrease
TAX LEVY	**$9,291,284**	**$10,194,065**	**9.0%**
ASSESSMENT	**$487,731,460**	**$502,170,710**	**3.0%**
TAX RATE	**$19.05/$1,000**	**$20.30/$1,000**	**6.0%**

1999 TAX YEAR
(Town Fiscal Year 1/99 to 12/99)

April 1, 1999	**Ownership & Assessment of Property Fixed** (State Taxation Law Title 36 §502)
September 8, 1999	**Tax Roll "committed" to Tax Collector** (determined by Assessor)
November 1, 1999	**Payment Due Date** (determined by Council)
November 2, 1999	**Interest begins 10.50% annually**
March 11, 2000	**Deadline for filing assessment appeals** (185 days after committment Title 36 §841)

The Town Assessors Office is responsible for discovering, listing, equalizing and valuing all taxable property, real and personal, within the Town of Cumberland for the purpose of taxation. These duties and responsibilities are completed annually and must comply with Maine Taxation Statues. Discovery is accomplished by reviewing deeds, surveys, subdivision plans, mailing of taxpayer list declaration forms, building permits, etc.

Site inspections for new permits and verification of current data are important to the determination of value. Data entry of all property changes of ownership and/or value is required for the preparation of the tax roll. The tax roll is then committed to the Tax Collector for collection of taxes to raise funds for the budgets approved by the School Board and Town Council.

As a result of these responsibilities, the Assessors Office is a clearinghouse of information for property owners, title companies, real estate brokers, attorneys and appraisers, as well as other Town departments. It maintains historical and current data on each property, such as ownership, parcel boundaries, land and structure inventories, property characteristics and exemptions for institutions and individuals such as veterans, blind and homestead.

Report of

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Donna Larson, *Town Planner*

The Planning Department assists the Planning Board with the review of residential and commercial development proposals, and makes recommendations to the Town Council with amendments to the Zoning and Subdivision Ordinances. Technical assistance is also given to the Town Council on matters regarding the growth and development of the community.

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 issues or 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 requires no tax dollars. The one story layout and the attached garages are the features most often cited by the tenants as good design. The Housing Authority maintains a waiting list for apartments in the project.

If you are interested in being put on the waiting list, call the Town Planner at 829-2206.

Report of the

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER/BUILDING INSPECTOR

Barbara McPheters, *Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector*
Stanford Brown, *Electrical Inspector*
Richard Peterson, *Plumbing Inspector*

Code Enforcement Staff: Richard Peterson, Plumbing Inspector with his dog Beau; Barbara McPheters and Stanford Brown, Electrical Inspector.

1999 was a year of change in this department due to *Bob Littlefield's* retirement, after many years of service. The department was restructured by combining the code enforcement and building inspection duties. In June, *Barbara McPheters* began work in this role.

During the transition, *Dan Small* capably covered the building inspection duties and assisted in the changeover to the new Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector.

With the assistance of *Donna Larson,* Alternate Code Enforcement Officer, *Dan Small,* Alternate Building Inspector and *Bill Chipman,* Alternate Plumbing Inspector, our team protects the health, safety and general welfare of the citizens of Cumberland through enforcement of building, plumbing, electrical, and land use regulations.

The department is responsible for processing building, electrical, floodplain and zoning permits. Inspections are conducted for new construction, renovations, junkyards, victualers, complaints and violations on all properties in the Town of Cumberland.

In addition to our regular duties, the department provides staffing to the Board of Adjustment and Appeals by assisting residents in completing their applications, explaining the Board's procedures, researching the history of the properties, visiting proposed work sites, developing and distributing agenda materials, attending the monthly meetings and providing secretarial services.

The following information was compiled for the 1999 inspection year

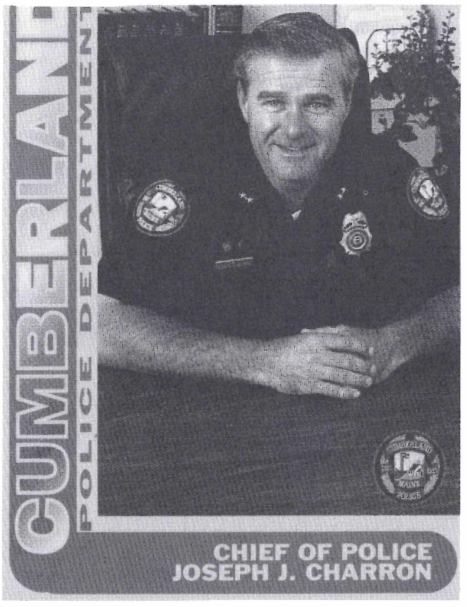
Type of Construction	No. of Permits	Construction Costs	Permit Costs
Access. Structure	33	$255,803.48	$1,572.30
Additions	26	979,700.00	2,511.31
Alterations	12	167,385.00	511.70
Barn	2	15,000.00	166.80
Commercial	3	233,000.00	1079.60
Conversion-Duplex	1	225,000.00	372.95
Deck	13	22,507.50	200.00
Demolition	7	63,800.00	60.00
Foundations	5	42,200.00	256.05
Garages	16	343,880.00	1,283.30
Foundations	2	800.00	333.60
New Houses	38	6,660,000.00	18,066.30
Miscellaneous	2	0	0
Pier	3	175,000.00	0
Pool	12	221,000.00	765.06
Porch	5	14,000.00	90.00
Portable Comm.	2	388,000.00	0
Renovation	28	731,170.00	1,361.60
Shed	13	21,477.00	218.65
Temporary Structure	3	600.00	105.60
Tennis Court	1	10,000.00	360.00
Totals:	**225**	**$10,569,522.98**	**$28,981.22**

Electrical Permits: 185 — Permit costs: $2,805.00
Plumbing Permits: 173 — Permit costs: $14,106.00

Report of the

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Joseph J. Charron, *Chief of Police*



During 1999, the Cumberland Police Department continued its programs within the S.A.D. 51 school system. While continuing these programs, we began moving forward with plans to provide a School Resource Officer (SRO) to the High School and Middle School beginning in January 2000. We were successful in applying for and being awarded a $125,000 Department of Justice grant funding this new position for a three-year period. *Officer Dalbec,* who had been delivering the D.A.R.E. program during the last six years, assumed the SRO position in January, 2000.

D.A.R.E.

We were again able to send four local students to Camp P.O.S.T.C.A.R.D. This is a week-long camp run by police officers from across the state and is attended by approximately 175 children from fifth and sixth grades.

During 1999, *Justice,* the department's K-9 (canine) and his handler *Officer Wetherbee,* responded to 17 calls for service (ten tracks, one building search, two evidence searches, one officer backup, two narcotics searches, and one lost-person search). Justice has an overall 67% success rate, which is higher than the state average. Officer Wetherbee and Justice have contributed greatly to the department as well as to our neighboring departments, which made up slightly more than half the calls for service in 1999.

During 1999, there were eight reported burglaries as compared to 24 during 1998. However, the number of assaults rose from nine in 1998 to 14 in 1999. Assists to other departments rose drastically during 1999 — up from 166 the previous year to 543. Assists to other departments include such things as call backup, covering calls, etc. The total clearance rate for part one reportable crimes is 34%. This figure is well above the state average and reflects directly on the quality of officers employed by the department.

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 your 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.

Sgt. Mark Austin and *Paula Jansmann,* Cumberland's tax assessor, completed their work on the E-911 mapping and addressing. Through a multi-faceted system of addressing and technical enhancement, every resident and business within the town will have its own unique location and phone number. Once complete, the system will identify the location of anyone dialing 911.

Residents of Cumberland and Chebeague Island dialing 911 will automatically be routed to the Cumberland Public Safety Dispatch Center. The caller's exact location will automatically appear on our computer screens. This ensures that in the event the caller hangs up or cannot speak, the dispatch center can send the appropriate response automatically. The latest from the state E-911 in regards to installation and activation of the 911 system in the town is late summer/early fall, 2000

The department continues to do all it can to provide highly trained officers capable of responding to all types of calls for service. Out main mission is to do all we can to make Cumberland and the local schools the safest in the state. During 1999, all officers received specialized training in responding to various

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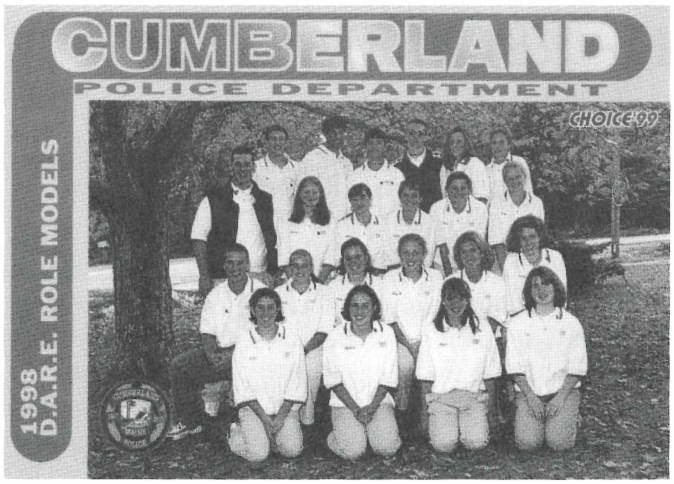
Police Department continued

crisis situations with emphasis on local school responses. That training will continue during 2000.

One component of responding to situations is equipment. The Cumberland Rescue has donated a retired ambulance to the department. We have entered into agreement with the Falmouth Police Department to retrofit the vehicle as a Special Response Vehicle. The vehicle will be equipped with various report forms from both departments as well as diagrams of important buildings. In addition to these, the vehicle will also be equipped with specialized equipment. The cost of the retrofit is being shared by both Cumberland and Falmouth, and will be absorbed within our existing budgets.



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 & Agenda's	381
Property Checks	7,062
Summons/Warnings	1,695
Total Licensed Burglar Alarms	301

The Famiy Crisis Shelter
Domestic Violence Services

For Help,
Call the Hotline at 874-1973
9 am - 5 pm, Mondays - Fridays
or
774-HELP, 1-800-537-6066,
24 hours, 7 days a week
or
Visit an Outreach Office
in Portland at
Police Headquarters,
109 Middle Street, 874-8512

Maine's Child Safety Seat Law

Birth to 4 Years
All children from birth to 4 years must ride in a federally approved child safety seat. The driver is responsible and can be fined $62.00, which includes a $2.00 court fee.

Federally Approved Safety Seats
An approved child safety sear has a label which says: "This child restraint system conforms to applicable Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards." The label is usually on the back of the seat.

Even the safest seat may not protect your child if it is not used right. Follow the directions carefully. Never place a rear-facing child safety seat where there is an air bag. Children 12 and under should ride buckled up in the back seat.

Before using a second-hand safety seat, call the Auto Safety Hotline, 1-800-424-9393, to find out if it has been recalled.

Loan Programs
For information, call 1-800-698-3624.

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 more than 480. 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 Chandlers' 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.

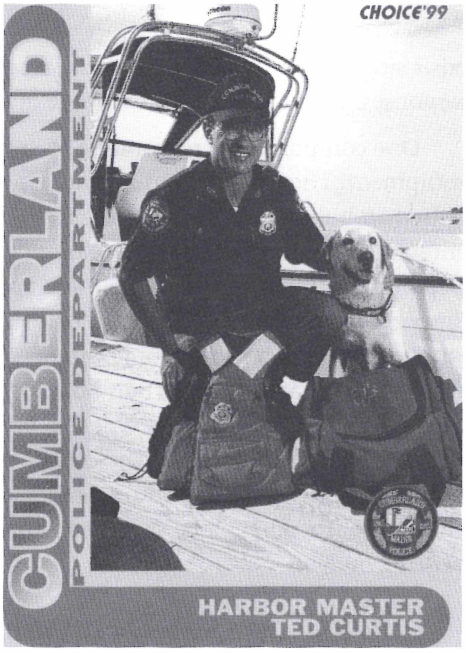
Additional activities included working with the Chebeague Island and Mainland Rescue, checking the shellfish flats in the capacity of a Shellfish Warden, and working with the *Friends of Casco Bay* Citizens Water Monitoring Program. I will continue to be responsible for sampling the water at the Stone 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, 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 close support and corporation greatly assisted me in carrying out my assigned duties as Harbor Master and Shellfish Warden.

Let's continue to work together and make 2000 another prosperous and safe boating year.

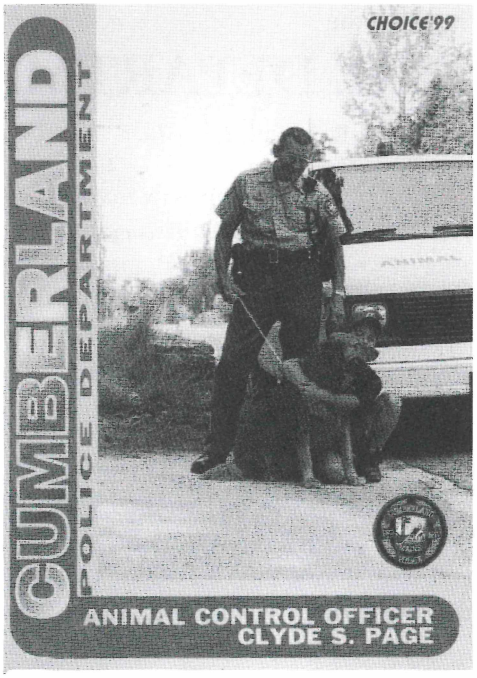
Cumberland Mooring Fees

	1st. Mooring	2nd.	3rd.	Each Additional
Riparian	$10	$5	$5	N/C
Commercial	$10	$5	$5	$5
Resident	$20	$20		$20
Non-Resident	$20	$20		$20

Report of the

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Clyde S. Page, *Animal Control Officer*



DOG LICENSING

- Dog licensing is a **STATE LAW.**
- The Cumberland Police and Animal Control responded to 180 calls for service relating to dogs, cats and wild animals during 1999.
- **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.**

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 **829-6391**

Report of the

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Daniel R. Small, *Fire Chief*

The Fire Department saw many changes for the year 1999. Chief *William Fischer* decided in May that after 32 years of service to the town, the last seven as Chief, it was time to enjoy retirement. Chief Fischer was honored at a retirement party at Val Halla with many of his friends in attendance. He was presented with gifts from the firefighters, the Town Council, the New England Chiefs' Association and the Maine Chiefs' Association. To Chief Fischer's credit are a new 1997 fire engine for the West Cumberland Station, a tank truck which served initially in West Cumberland and was relocated to Chebeague Island, a used squad truck for Central Fire Station, a used fire engine for Chebeague Island, improved pumping capabilities on Chebeague Island, the approval for the purchase of a new ladder truck, upgraded breathing air devices for the mainland, and many other accomplishments.

In Chief Fischer's absence, Deputy Chief *Craig Weeman* ensured the efficient operation of the department. This was a role that Craig handled very well. During Acting Chief Weeman's tenure, the department continued its trend towards an increase of emergency incidents. Two of the incidents were two structure fires, one on Shady Run Land and the other on Forest Lake Road. Both of these fires were caused by lightning strikes and no injuries occurred.

On August 9, the Town Council approved *Dan Small* as the town's new Chief. Small had been with the department for 14 years and is a third generation Fire Chief for the town, following in the footsteps of his grandfather, Maurice, and his father George.

The volume of responses for the department increased dramatically. The past two years have seen an 89% average increase. This increase in response volume puts a tremendous strain on the all-volunteer department. Currently, the 80 firefighters are adequately meeting the needs of the department; however, we are anticipating the need for full-time or part-time firefighters within approximately the next five years. These firefighters will not replace the volunteers. They will only supplement the current force. We are continuing to increase our mutual aid with our surrounding communities. Currently, we have automatic mutual aid response agreements with Falmouth, Yarmouth, Gray and Windham. We also respond several times a year to other surrounding towns such as North Yarmouth and Freeport. We will continue to work together so that we may maintain our volunteer status as long as possible.

Daniel R. Small, *Fire Chief*

New department initiatives are as follows:

- Computerizing and networking all three fire stations together. With the required documentation, establishing electronic data is extremely pertinent so that the volunteers' efforts can be focused on training and responding to emergency incidents.
- The delivery of four improved fire engines is anticipated for the year 2000. The first will be a 75-foot ladder truck that is capable of pumping 1,500 gallons of water per minute. This vehicle will be housed at Central Station and will be able to respond both as a pumper and/or as a ladder truck.

The second will be a combination pumper and tank truck. The current ladder truck will be retrofitted to a tanker/pumper. Stationed in West Cumberland, this vehicle will be able to transport five firefighters, contain 2,000 gallons of water, carry 1,000 feet of 4-inch hose, and pump 1,000 gallons of water per minute.

Another vehicle improvement will be utilized for storm disasters and brush fires. Retrofitted from a military tank truck on loan from the forest service, this vehicle is capable of driving through high storm waters and off-road terrain. The conversion will be paid for through a grant from the state.

Firefighters douse automobile fire.

Fire Department continued

Engine 2, to be stationed on Chebeague Island, will be improved to carry 1,000 gallons of water, 1,000 feet of 4-inch hose, and have the ability to pump 1,000 gallons of water per minute.

- Several firefighters have taken Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) classes and have received their state licenses. The department will have more than 15 firefighters with EMT cross-training to better assist the Rescue Department. The department is proud to have firefighter/EMTs at all three fire stations.

1999 Cumberland Fire Department Fire Academy: front Row (L-R): Matt Magill, Brian Noke, Mike Swindler, Joe Copp, Mike Lambert, Shawn Bassett; back row (L-R): Abby Harmon, Steve Sloan, Matt Harmon, Matt McCollom, Adam Dews, Chris Burgess, Sam Robinson, John Andreasen, Seth Robinson.

- In August, 1999, the second annual Cumberland Fire Academy was held. The Academy is comprised of five days of training. The participating firefighters spend 24 hours a day at the station. Their roles include purchasing and preparing meals, cleaning the station, maintaining the fire trucks, classroom and field training, physical fitness, and responding to emergency incidents. This is an intensive five days that provides the town with a full-time fire department during that week.

Citizens are reminded that a burning permit is required for all outside burning at any time of the year. Information can be obtained by calling 829-5421. Burning without a permit is illegal and may result in a summons and fine.

We encourage all town citizens to visit your fire stations. We are proud of the equipment we now have and are always willing to show taxpayers where their money is spent. Throughout the year we hold open houses to improve community education on fire safety. **If you are interested in volunteering for the town or would be willing to participate in a community safety coalition, please call us at 829-5421.**

The volunteer firefighters of the town are your neighbors and their hard efforts could someday save your life or someone you may know. When you see a firefighter, please thank him or her for the thousands of hours per year donated to the safety of our community.

Fire Incident Statistics

Number of Runs Assigned per Company

	1996	1997	1998	1999
Engine 1 (Central)	101	97	155	185
Engine 2 (West)	36	25	84	103
Engine 3 (Central)	103	86	148	140
Engine 4 (Chebeague)	8	16	52	32
Engine 5 (West)	89	86	112	102
Engine 6 (Chebeague)	4	12	11	14
Engine 8 (Chebeague)	3	14	34	14
Engine 9 (Chebeague)	3	11	11	13
Engine 17 (Fair Response Vehicle)	-	-	-	23
Ladder 7 (Central)	55	54	74	91
Squad 1 (Central)	104	116	168	178
Tank 1 (Chebeague)	03	10	10	13
Tank 2 (West)	14	11	21	19

Type of Incidents Reported	1996	1997	1998	1999
Structure Fire/Smoke in Building	24	21	25	35
Chimney Fire	9	12	6	10
Vehicle Accident	37	37	53	65
Vehicle Fire	18	12	9	9
Mutual Aid	20	17	40	40
Fire Alarm Activation	23	27	37	45
Grass/Brush/Woods Fire	22	23	28	60
Emergency Medical Response	6	21	17	45
Water Rescue	1	0	6	1
Carbon Monoxide Investigation	8	18	27	9
Water Problem in Building	11	3	57	11
Outside Electrical Problem	32	19	111	20
Public Assistance	-	-	15	3
Other	14	11	21	31
TOTALS	**225**	**221**	**452***	**384**

**Figures include ICE STORM '98 responses (125+ responses in the 1 week period)*

Report of

RESCUE DEPARTMENT

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

1999 was a very busy year for the Rescue Department. With the continuous growth of Cumberland, Rescue realized a 25% increase in call volume over 1998. This type of growth has proven to be very challenging for a primarily volunteer service. To meet this challenge we hired more part-time paramedics to assist the volunteers, and we are currently attempting to provide paramedic coverage 24 hours per day, 365 days per year. This new staffing has helped us combat our growing demand for service, but feel that the year 2000 will bring an even greater demand for rescue service and more of a need for around the clock full-time staffing. This is especially true on Chebeague Island where population is growing, calls for service are increasing and volunteerism is slowly shrinking. Staffing on Chebeague Island will be a top priority in 2000.

The cost of providing emergency medical care in Maine is growing rapidly. As demand increases so does the cost. Cumberland is attempting to combat this cost by billing for services, using part-time personnel rather than full-time personnel and utilizing existing resources such as the Police Department. Currently the Cumberland Police Officers are trained in a wide range of emergency medical care. Each Police cruiser is equipped with life saving defibrillators, oxygen and medical supplies. Their assistance in providing emergency medical services in Cumberland has been extraordinary and very cost effective. When the ambulance is understaffed, the officers step in and fill the void. This is a great asset to the residents of Cumberland and we are looking to expand this program in 2000.

In 1999 the Rescue Department had some productive new changes. The Town purchased a new AEV Trauma Hawk ambulance in August. This new ambulance was placed into service as Rescue 1 and the old Rescue 1 was moved to the West Cumberland Station to cover that end of town for another five years. The Town of Cumberland purchases a new ambulance every five to six years in order to keep up with the changes in technology that develop every year in these mini intensive care units on wheels. We keep each ambulance for 10 to 11 years, but the second part of the ambulance life is as a back up unit. In addition, we purchased a new 12-lead monitor defibrillator. This piece of equipment will greatly assist the paramedics in diagnosing acute heart attacks in the patients with sudden on set of chest pain. This tool also helps the emergency room quickly diagnose patients so there won't be any time delay in receiving much needed drug therapy.

Christopher Bolduc, *Rescue Chief*

With the continuous growth in Cumberland, Rescue realized a 25% increase in service over 1998.

The Cumberland Rescue training center was very active this year in providing first aid and CPR classes to the community. Cumberland Rescue is the only Town in this area that provides a fully operational training center sponsored by the American Heart Association. We are very proud of the training center accomplishments, and look forward to its growth in 2000.

With all the great accomplishments of the Cumberland Rescue and the medics, I was hoping 1999 would end a positive note. But in October we all learned that a friend and a fellow medic on the Cumberland Rescue had fallen ill. Gordon "Judd" Evans was diagnosed with cancer in November of 1999 and passed away January 17, 2000 after a brief but courageous battle. Judd was a great asset to the Cumberland Rescue Organization, he was and still is an inspiration to us all, he will be sadly missed and thought of often.

Report of the

PUBLIC HEALTH

Eileen Wyatt, *Health Officer*

In our Governor's recent State of the State address, he called domestic violence "Maine's public health issue number one." Certainly it deserves the attention of all Maine residents. We need to support efforts of law enforcement to prevent abusers from continuing their harassment of family members and terrorizing of young children. Whether it comes about because of alcoholism, drug use, inappropriate anger control, or other reason, a person should be safe from attack, either verbal or physical especially within their home environment. Speak or write to your legislators and let them know it has to stop!

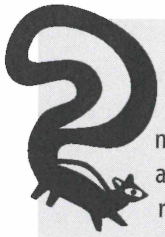
Our State Health Lab is on the cutting edge of new technology to identify bacteria which cause food poisoning. *Pulsenet* is the network of public health labs that perform DNA "fingerprinting" on bacteria that may be foodborne. The network permits rapid comparison of the "fingerprint" patterns through an electronic database at the Centers for Disease Control. This technology was developed after the outbreak of Ecoli 0157:H7. Tracking of other foodborne diseases as *Listeria* (found last year in hot dogs and prepared sandwich meats) and *Salmonella* will be future developments using this technology. Listeria is particularly dangerous for pregnant women. We can be proud of our progressive state laboratory.

A Word of Caution for those with toddlers:

- Those 5-gallon buckets we use to wash cars can be real hazards to youngsters who peer into, but can't back out and, often, drown. Do not leave children unattended and empty those buskets immediately after use.
- 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).
- Keep dangling cords from window blinds out of reach of children.
- Cut up foods that could choke small children such as hot dogs, whole grapes, larger pieces of meat.

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).

- Coach 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 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.

Inspections for 1999

Sit-down Restaurants	7
Take-out	5
Bakery	2
Bed & Breakfast	3
Craft Fair Vendors	
Stands	18
restaurants	1
Cumberland Fair	
vendors	59
restaurants	2
Complaints	3
Inquiries	5

The Greely Pool and Chebeague Recreational Pool are inspected monthly for water quality and record keeping. Relicensing examinations occur yearly.

Report of the

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Adam J. Odgen, Director
Steven Googins, General Foreman

Adam J. Odgen, Director of Cumberland's Public Works

The year of 1999 will be remembered by six extensive construction projects, Middle Road Drainage Improvements, Twin Brook Recreation Area Parking and Road, a 300 car satellite Parking Lot for Chebeague, the Pleasant Valley Road Bridge Replacement, the Pine Ridge Road Reconstruction and the Tuttle Road sewer project.

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 ten fulltime personnel (Director, Foreman, Island Foreman, 5 Equipment Operators, 1 Mechanic/Operator and 1 Mechanic) and two 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 1999:

- The parking lot and road extension at Twin Brook on Tuttle Road (sitework, parking, drainage)
- Pine Ridge Road sewer, storm drain (1350 l.f. each) and road reconstruction and base paving
- Pleasant Valley Road Bridge on Princess Brook
- Middle Road surface paving and drainage improvements
- Tuttle Road sewer project
- Route 1 satellite parking lot for Chebeague (300 car with bus dropoff)

The town paved the following roads during the 1999 season:

- Pine Lane from Concord Circle to Ocean Ave (surface pavement)
- Middle Road from the town line to s-curve (shim and surface pavement)
- Orchard Road from Whitney Road to the North Yarmouth Town Line (surface pavement)
- Goose Pond Road from Blakstrap to the Windham Town Line (surface pavement)
- Town Landing Road from Rt 88 to the ocean (shim and overlay)
- Pine Ridge Road (base pavement)

The Town accepted the following roads in 1999:

- Merewind Road 3000 l.f.
- Aspen Crest Road 700 l.f.

The Public Works Department in cooperation with the Planning Department oversaw the construction of three new subdivision roads:

- Stonegate Estates 2300 L.F. for a 14 lot subdivision
- Thomas Drive 1100 L.F. for a 78 unit rental subdivision and 1100 l.f. of new 8-inch sanitary sewer

The new Pleasant Valley Road Bridge

The Public Works Department worked on various drainage projects. Ditching and culvert replacements were done on Middle Road, Ledge Road Road, Hillside Ave, Greely Road and Farwell Ave. Ditching and culvert replacement was done on various Island roads as well. The department built two new punt floats for the Stone Wharf on Chebeague Island. The Town was awarded the "Ditch of the Year Award" by the Maine DOT and MDEP for the work on Middle Road. The department was awarded a grant to improve drainage and runoff in to the stream on Greely Road by the US Soil Conservation Service near Val Halla Road.

Twin Brook Recreation Area

Report of the

Portland Water District Trustees

Eileen Wyatt** and **Bill Lunt, III

We would like to take this opportunity to review the year 1999 at the Portland Water District:

- The Trustees filed with the Public Utilities Commission for a water rate reduction of 9% overall for the District and voted to also have just one water rate for all District members, resulted in a reduction of 17% for the member towns.
- The law court ruled in favor of the District in a suit with the Town of Standish over tax assessment. The Town is required to return to the District a sum of nearly 1.2 million dollars which, hopefully, will result in a credit to all members of approximately 6% for the previous year.
- North Windham connected to the Sebago treatment plant, thus discontinuing the use of the Chaffin Pond well system. Efforts are in process to allow public use of the 120 acres owned by the District at Chaffin Pond.
- Data samples around the boat ramp in Standish resulted in a decision not to move the ramp. Additionally, the "No Trespassing" zone will now be measured from the actual end of the District's intake pipe in that area.
- Set policy for indenture agreements related to right of ways.
- Subcommittee formed for long-range planning.
- District properties considered surplus may be made available to towns for purchase.
- Trustee Wyatt was recognized for her perfect attendance during the past three years.

Report of the

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/North Yarmouth annual report to you the citizens of Cumberland. 1999-2000 has been a year filled with learning and opportunities.

The District's mission is to guide all students as they acquire enthusiasm for learning, assume responsibility for their education, achieve academic excellence, and discover and attain their personal bests.

To accomplish this mission, the MSAD #51 community will collaborate to:

- Use effective instructional practices and provide professional development to assure that all students meet or exceed the district's benchmarks and outcomes;
- Ensure a safe and respectful environment where all feel a sense of belonging; and
- Promote parental participation as fundamental to each student's success.

We continue to focus on the development of a comprehensive assessment system.

The District's immediate challenges include enrollment increases, space needs and the ongoing challenge of focusing on learning and teaching.

I take this opportunity annually to thank *Bob Benson,* the 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 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.

Report of the

PRINCE MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Thomas C. Bennett, *Library Director*

Prince Memorial Library ended the year with 6,702 patrons, seemingly a decrease from the 6,812 registered patrons at the beginning of the year. In fact, library staff did a major housecleaning during the year, removing from the rolls 416 individuals whose records showed no activity for at least two years. Accounting for the individuals removed from the patron database results in a 4.4% increase in the number of patrons over the year. Cumberland residents account for 72% of cardholders, while North Yarmouth residents comprise 25% of the total. Employees of the towns of Cumberland and North Yarmouth, individuals working in the two towns and non-resident borrowers account for the remaining three percent of registered patrons.

Total circulation for the year was 80,752, an increase of 467 over 1998. Cumberland residents circulated 59,318 materials, or 76 percent of total materials circulated, while North Yarmouth residents circulated 16,862 materials, or 22 percent of the total. August was the month with the highest total circulation, followed by October, March and September. January and December 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. The circulation of paperback adult fiction is no longer reflected in the overall circulation statistics, since the vast majority of such materials was removed from the library catalog and converted to a "paperback exchange" system. Paperback adult fiction is now lent on the honor system, with no fixed due date.

Library events for adults in 1999 included lectures by historian *Joe Conforti* and archaeologist *Nathan Hamilton*, both of the University of Southern Maine, and forums for the candidates for Cumberland Town Council and the M.S.A.D. #51 Board of Directors. The *Friends of Prince Memorial Library* sponsored the lectures, and have pledged their support to sponsor the library's lecture series in coming years.

Children's Librarian *Jan Hamilton* had a number of successful programs throughout the year. A total of 240 children participated in the Summer Reading program, including 67 pre-readers and 23 pre-teens. Three special events during the Summer Reading program were attended by a total of 473 kids. One lasting remnant of the Summer Reading program is "Twigs," a deer sculpture by Scarborough sculptor Nantz Comyns-Toohey. Comyns-Toohey and members of the library community constructed Twigs during the program kick-off celebration in June, and Twigs now resides permanently in the library's Memorial Garden. During the year, there more than 1,150 visits to the weekly Story Time, Toddler Time, Mother Goose and nursery school programs, and assorted special programs.

Cumberland's Prince Memorial Library Staff (rear, lt. to rt .): Thomas Bennett, Director; Sandy McGowan, Carol Gagnon; (front, lt. to rt.): Elizabeth Tarasevich, Ann Edwards and Betsy Perry; missing from the photo: Jan Hamilton and Arabella Eldridge.

Electronic searching makes the catalog more efficient and accessible, and library users seem to appreciate the improvements.

Some of the special monthly programs that attracted people included a Valentine's Day program, a "Read Across America" event in March, a concert and signing by children's musician Rick Charette in July, and the St. Lucia celebration in December. Jan also conducted library orientations for students of Drowne Road School, who continue to depend 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.

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The Friends of Prince Memorial Library continue to provide an invaluable service to the library and the community. During 1999, the Friends joined with the library to purchase the impressive new sign fronting Main Street, providing higher visibility and allowing the library to better publicize events. 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 financially to children's programs and the annual summer reading program. Library staff would like to thank the Friends of Prince Memorial Library for their generous 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 computer programs and the expanding Internet enhance and improve the library's ability to serve its patrons. The staff of Prince Memorial Library, including Children's Librarian *Jan Hamilton,* Circulation Librarian *Sandy McGowan,* Reference Librarian *Mary Wood,* Circulation Aides *Ann Edwards, Arabella Eldredge* and *Carol Gagnon,* and pages *Frank Barbieri, Betsy Perry, Greg Cary* and *Sophie Northway,* look forward to serving the populations of Cumberland and North Yarmouth during the coming year.

Report of the

CHEBEAGUE ISLAND LIBRARY

Martha O. Hamilton, *Librarian*

Our computerized log shows that 11,146 persons visited our library in 1999. More than half of these visitations were in the summer months. The average daily attendance in June was 45, with 96 daily in July and 116 daily in August for a total of 5,612 in those three months.

Use for the year (books, periodicals, audio and video tapes and miscellaneous puzzles, games, etc.) was 15,802. Included in this figure are the block loans of videos to Prince Memorial Library. This year we were able to initiate a reciprocal program which we hope will continue as there is an increasing demand for these tapes.

A Dell Dimension Computer with a Windows NT operating system and color printer began serving as a multimedia PC available to all patrons early in the year. Only 74 patrons made use of it last summer, which may indicate that our patrons have their own computers, or, as the weather was particularly good, most of them were spending more time on the golf course, sailing or at the beach with a good book!

We repeated the popular Reading Program initiated in 1998, which is open to children of all ages, either readers or those read-to. After completing a book, each participant is rewarded a coupon redeemable at various places on the island. Once they complete the "Island Tour," they are eligible for a free evening cruise on the Marie L. Needless to say, readers and parents enjoyed the program.

Our Story Hour at the library had a special guest in July. Daisy, the potbellied pig and her owner Paul Minor came and entertained a fascinated group of all ages. Daisy is well known in her Connecticut hometown where she presides over various events.

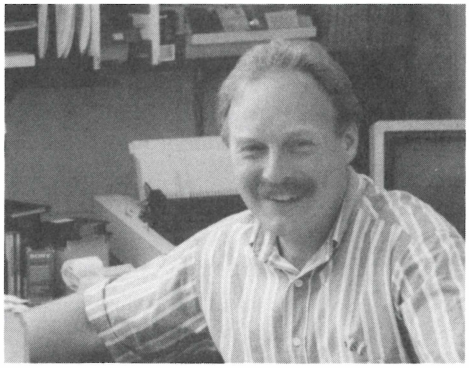
A seasonal resident artist, *BJ Abrahamson,* has been setting up exhibits in the library of the bronze sculptures he produces in Mexico during the winter. Another island artist, *Gail Miller* of Miller Designs has fashioned a library logo seagull into a very attractive ornament as a fundraiser for the library.

Our ongoing three-day book sales in July and August are also popular events. The Library sponsored a summer dance with live musicians — a successful and fun family social event. The pass program to the Boston Museum of Science was discontinued; however, thanks to the Island Recompense Foundation, we do have passes to the Boston Museum of Fine Arts and the Children's Museum in Portland.

The year 2000 will be the 35th anniversary of the library and the 10th year in our new building. It will also be my last year as librarian. Since I was one of the original founders in 1965, I can truly say we've come a long way — from the one room we occupied in the Island School. I can't really express all that it means to me, but I can and do sincerely thank everyone who has had a part in making it happen.

Report of the

DEPARTMENT of COMMUNITY EDUCATION and RECREATION



Bill Landis, *Community Education & Recreation Director*

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

Y2K was the theme of 1999! Would we be able to continue our programming in the new millennium or would programming come to a chaotic halt? Significant time was given to prepare for this event.

Some major programs in question of continuation were the skiing programs at Shawnee Peak, Mt. Abram and Lost Valley. As with the year before the major story around the skiing season was "the snow," or "lack of snow," to be specific. Hopefully for the winter enthusiast the trend of unseasonably warm winter weather is going to change. We were barely able to complete the ski season by the first week in March. However, this early spring was great for the ever-growing lacrosse program. Numbers of boys and girls in the instructional lacrosse program topped 75 participants.

Approval for New Athletic Fields!

This was the great news of 1999 for the department. Approval from the Town Council, Appeals Board and Planning Board gave hope for staying ahead of the growing youth sport facility needs within the community. Approval was given for the construction of a Baseball Field (H.S. size), Softball Field (H.S. size), Little League field, and a Field Hockey Field. The remaining challenge to this good news was "who will build them?"

Other great facility news was "New and Improved" tennis courts at Val Halla. The Town Council granted approval for re-construction of the current courts. The plan is that during the summer of 2000 the existing four courts will be completely re-constructed with new and improved lighting.

Programming

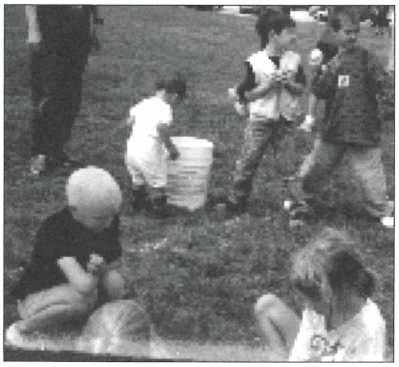
The department provided a number of new programs for 1999, some of the more successful programs were:

- AYSO (American Youth Soccer Organization.) fundamental philosophy in small sided soccer games, everyone plays equally, emphasis on sportsmanship and fun.
- Community Basketball League — competitive, structured league for grades 3 to 6. This program provided youth fun games to demonstrate their skills and understanding of the game of basketball.
- Wednesday Early Release Art Classes — great program for youth. Students could stay at school on Wednesday early release days and develop their artistic talents.

Looking forward to 2000:

The new millennium will continue to provide the challenges of limited facilities in an ever-growing youth population. Another challenge will be scheduling the facilities. A growing trend in youth sports is for year round specific sports. We have already seen the sport of soccer develop into a four season sport, what sport will be next?

Thanks for your community support in 1999!



Report of the

VAL HALLA RECREATION CENTER

Eric A. Moynihan, *General Manager*
James Hodge, *Golf Course Superintendent*

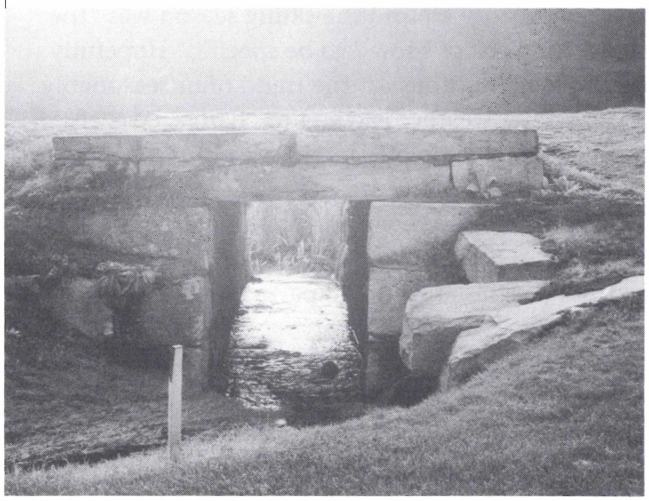
1999, the 34th year of operation at Val Halla Golf, Recreation and Banquet Center was exciting and profitable with almost perfect weather conditions for outside activities. Nearly 450 members joined the Golf Club as the "Tiger Woods phenomenon" continues to increase the popularity of the sport worldwide. Junior clinics at Val Halla saw enormous increases in attendance, as people young and old are enjoying the game.

Our own Golf Pro *Jim Nickerson*, an Augusta native, had a spectacular year as a competitor. In addition to consistently winning the weekly Pro-Am tournaments held throughout Maine, he captured the Maine Chapter of the new England PGA Championship at the Sugarloaf Golf Club. Jim's assistant, *Mike Adamson* added the New Hampshire Open to his win list. Both pros are very popular and offer lessons at Val Halla.

The Val Halla Banquet Center is also enormously successful as groups are utilizing the wonderful room with increasing regularity. In addition to the numerous wedding receptions, class reunions, senior proms and golf banquets, the Cumberland townspeople have a wonderful facility to house their special events. The local groups who regularly utilize the Center are: Greely Junior and Senior High School Athletic Teams, the Cumberland-North Yarmouth Lions Club, Boy Scout Troop #58, Greely High School's Senior Masterwork Program, the D.A.R.E. Program, the Tuttle Road Methodist Church, SAD 51 and the Republican and Democratic parties. The magnificent Banquet Center is offered to Cumberland residents at a reduced rate so all can take advantage of this wonderful Town of Cumberland asset.

Exciting things are planned for 2000: In addition to four completely renovated tennis courts. Plans for a privately-funded group, working in conjunction with Val Halla, to lease a portable snowmaking machine are underway. This will allow cross-country skiing and sledding at the Golf Course regardless of natural snowfall.

1999 Golf Champions — Club: *Barbara Kennedy* and *Len Hachborn;* President's Cup: *Connie Hay* and *Rick Doane*; Junior Champion: *Miles Hunt.*



Bridge Crossing at Val Halla

Val Halla putting green.

BOARDS and COMMITTEES

Town Council

Meets 2nd and 4th Monday of every month

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

Mark Kuntz, *Vice Chair (Term to 6/03)* 829-6482
66 Blackstrap Rd., Cumberland, ME 04021

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

Jeff Porter *((Term to 6/02)* 829-4129
37 Crossing Brook Rd, Cumberland, ME 04121

John Lambert *((Term to 6/03)* 781-5282
7 Ocean Terrace, Cumb. F'side, ME 04110

Peter Bingham *((Term to 6/02)* 829-5713
19 Brook Rd., Cumberland, ME 04021

Harland Storey *(Term to 6/03)* 829-3939
45 Middle Rd., Cumberland, ME 04021

Planning Board

Meets 3rd Tuesday of every month

Philip Hunt *(Chair)*	12/02	829-6267
Elizabeth Howe	12/00	846-7829
Martha Porch	12/00	829-3694
Terrance Turner	12/01	781-3327
Tom Powers	12/01	829-5320
Stephen Sloan, Sr.	12/01	829-5889
Jeff Daigle	12/02	829-4502
Peter Bingham *(Council)*		829-5713

Board of Adjustment and Appeals

Meets 2nd Thursday of every month

George Turner *(Chair)*	12/02	781-3063
Michael Martin	12/00	829-9115
Scott Wyman	12/00	829-3164
Gordon Mason	12/01	829-6649
Adrian Kendall	12/01	829-2769
Matthew Manahan	12/01	829-5909
Ronald Copp	12/02	829-3966
Harland Storey *(Council)*		829-3939

Board of Assessment Review

Stan Furlow	12/00	829-4024
Field Griffith	12/01	846-0056
Kenneth Charest	12/02	829-3361
Mark Stevens *(Alt)*	12/01	781-3494
Robert Crawford *(Alt)*	12/01	774-1200

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

Meets 1st and 3rd Mondays

Jeanne Chadbourne	2001	829-5166
Mary L. Schendel	2001	781-3787
Henry Kennedy	2001	829-6979
Mary Ellen Fitzpatrick	2002	
Robert Vail	2002	829-5393
Kim True	2002	829-3209
John Aromando	2003	829-6861
Audrey Lones	2003	829-4171

Board of Sewer Appeals

Mark Benton	12/01	829-6921
Gregory Geier	12/01	829-5361
Michael Holmes	12/01	829-5127
Donald H. McKenna, Jr.	12/01	829-5154
Ralph Oulton	12/01	829-5764

Cable TV Regulatory Board

Cecil Ryder	6/97	846-4955
Stanley Milton	6/98	846-4780
Wayne Buhelt	6/01	829-6654
Susan Kneeland	6/01	829-9983
Ted Chadbourne	6/01	829-6384

Coastal Waters Commission

Richard Boscherini *(Chair)*	12/01	829-3249
Lewis Incze	12/01	781-4980
Kenneth Hamilton	12/02	846-4161
Hartley Brewer	12/02	846-9944
John Williams	12/00	

Conservation Commission

John Eldredge *(Chair)*	12/01	829-4540
F. Robert Heyner	12/00	829-6757
Robert S. Craig, Jr.	12/01	829-6534
Paul Gianas	12/02	829-4039
Ellen Hoffman	12/02	
Roger Monthey	12/02	781-3045

Cumberland Housing Authority

Richard Foote	12/00	829-6241
John A. Hay	12/00	829-6198
William Stiles	12/00	829-6679
Sandra Storey Carlson	12/01	846-1156
W. Scott Fox	12/01	829-6178
Sandra Doughty	12/02	829-5738
Joyce Frost	12/02	829-6175

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)*	12/00	846-3145
Marjorie Munroe	12/00	846-4183
Donna Damon	12/01	846-5140
Jim Higgins	12/02	829-3513
Milton Calder	12/02	829-6185
Robert White	12/00	846-4113
Linden Smith	12/00	846-4081
J. Samuel Hunter, II	12/02	846-6065

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Greely Scholarship Committee

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

Greenbelt Committee

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

Growth Management Committee

Robert Arsenault
Jeffrey Daigle
Elizabeth DellaValle
Charles Googins
Field Griffith
Beth Howe
Philip Hunt
Peter Maher
George Turner
Philip Gleason *(Council)*

Lands Committee

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

Long Range Planning Committee

Phil Allen, Council
Phil Hunt, Planning Board
Robert Hasson, Superintendent, SAD 51

Personnel Appeals Board

Bill Shane	12/00	829-3664
Virgil E. Bean	12/00	829-5342
Terry N. Snow	12/01	829-6689
Chuck Piacentini	12/02	781-2069
Matthew Ward	12/02	829-5242
David White *(Alt.)*	12/00	829-6405
Kenneth Snitger *(Alt.)*	12/01	829-3466

Portland Water District Local Representative

William Lunt, III	6/01	781-3514
Eileen Wyatt	6/02	829-5238

Prince Memorial Library Advisory Board (4 year terms)

Carolyn Sloat	12/01	829-5772
Carl McPherson	12/02	829-3769
Brian Walsh	12/00	829-5973
Linda Putnam	12/00	829-3140
Leslie McKennney	12/01	829-8030
Anne Dixon	12/01	829-3121
Elizabeth Ventre	12/02	781-5259
Stephen Moriarty *(Council)*	829-5095	

Recreation/Community Education Advisory Board

James Googins	12/99	829-6939
Callie Chase	12/00	829-3650
Connie Sweetser	12/00	829-3074
Barbara Hauke	12/02	829-4108
Matthew Gilbert	12/02	829-4556
George Collins	12/01	829-5779
Robert Vail	12/02	829-5393

Recycling Committee

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

Regional Waste Systems Board of Directors

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

Shellfish Conservation Commission

James Higgins *(Chair)*	12/00	829-3513
Tom Peterson	12/00	829-5406
Charles Adams	12/01	781-2167
Cecil A. Doughty	12/02	846-3128
Richard Peterson	12/01	829-5448

Town Forest Board

Meets 1st Thursday of every month

Sally Stockwell *(Chair)*	12/02	829-3201
George M. Hyde	12/00	781-2368
Elizabeth Surgi	12/00	829-5983
Anne Maher	12/01	829-4683
Jennifer West	12/02	829-3994

Val Halla Golf & Recreation Center Board of Trustees

Meets 1st Monday of every month

Brian Walsh	12/00	829-5973
Margaret Kuss	12/00	829-6400
Judith Greene	12/01	829-5890
Kevin Hughes	12/01	829-6743
Lloyd Doughty	12/02	829-5738
William Hansen	12/02	829-4765
Frederick Bonville	12/02	829-6169
Mark Kuntz *(Council)*		829-6482

If you are a citizen of Cumberland, Maine interested in serving on a board or committee, please contact the Administration Department at 829-2205.

Report of the

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT AND APPEALS

Board of Appeals: (L-R) Gordon Mason, Scott Wyman, Matthew Manahan, and Michael Martin. Absent from photo: George Turner (Chair), Ronald Copp, James Fortin, Adrian Kendall.

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 1999:

Interpretations	3
Variances	25
Special Exceptions	15
Applications Withdrawn	1
Reconsiderations	2
Renovation & Abandonment	1

The Board also held 2 site walks to review conditions at applicant's property.

The Board of Adjustment and Appeals is comprised of seven members appointed by the Town Council as volunteers to serve for a term of three years as amended in 1999.

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 and State Statute. 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 1999 Board were *George Turner, Chair; Scott Wyman, Vice-Chair; Ronald Copp, James Fortin, Adrian Kendall, Matthew Manahan* and *Gordon Mason.*

Report of the

CUMBERLAND FARMERS' CLUB

—by Carolyn Small

1999 was another year of improvements and events for Cumberland Farmers' Club. The move in 1998 of the main offices to the old restaurant and the addition of a receptionist were both changes that met with great favor. This change made the offices and the officers much more accessible to the general public.

The carriage shed addition to the Farm Museum had a new floor poured. The Museum continues to be a big attraction to the Fair, as does the blacksmith shop. There was also a new floor poured in the Maurice W. Small Horticultural Building. An addition built, a new roof put in place, and a new floor poured were all upgrades made to the ox barns. A new water line was added to accomodate the water truck for the race track and the fire hydrant.

Several other groups and organizations use the fairgrounds for their events as well. After the cars, trucks, boats, and other vehicles are moved out of the buildings from winter storage, the events begin. The first was a shepherd school in May. In June there was the 4-H June Jamboree, the International Ox Pull Try-Outs, the International Rugby Games and the Greyhound Placement. A horse show in July, and August 9th through 15th was the United Maine Craftsmen Show, which just gets bigger and better every year with many people attending in spite of the blistering heat. Also in August, the Downeast Street Rod Club had their annual event on the grounds. All summer long there were Frisbee games and polo games held. One other event was the 5-day Chuck Homiers tool sales.

The Farmers' Club members enjoyed the Fairgrounds themselves with their fourth annual picnic before having to " hunker down " and get very busy for the 127th Cumberland Fair.

The Fairgrounds is a busy place almost all year long. **Any group or organization interested in renting all or part of the facility for an event, please contact Francis Small at 829-5531.**

Report of the

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

John Eldridge, *Chairman*

1999 was a year for initiating long-term projects intended to provide Cumberland residents with several key benefits: expanded conservation of valuable land on the mainland and Chebeague Island, improved public access to open space, and education of the public regarding natural resources. For example, the Commission continued to progress toward a stated goal of having Cumberland designated as a Tree City, USA.

The Commission also entered into a collaborative effort with the Cumberland Mainland & Islands Trust to publish a comprehensive guide to public trails throughout the town. The Trail Guide is expected to be published in late-summer 2000. In August of 1999, the Commission sponsored scholarships to the Maine Conservation School for three Cumberland students, aged 10-13. To qualify for scholarships, the students wrote thoughtful essays on why conservation is important to them.

Report of the

CUMBERLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Hope Foster, *President*

The Society doors are open to all interested persons on Wednesdays 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 1999 were ***Brooke Brewer*** and ***Robert McCullum.***
- The 1999 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.
- NIne third grade classes from MSAD #51 visited the Historical Museum — one class at a time. They came prepared to learn, had wonderful comments and very intelligent questions.
- Some of our programs incuded: "Preserving a Garden and Horticultural Gem" (McLauglin Foundation), "Anchors Aweigh," "One Room Schoolhouse," "How's the Weather Up There?" (Mt. Washington Weather), "My Old Valentine," "The Shakers," "Smiling Hill Farm," and a combined meeting with *Friends of the Library* with speaker *Thomas Bennett,* Prince Memorial Library Director.

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.

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 1999 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.

Pine Ridge Sewer Trench to HSE #14

Report of the Cumberland

Mainland and Islands Trust, Inc.

Robert S. Craig, Jr., *President*

"Man is Born to Die, His Works are Short-lived, Buildings Crumble, Monuments Decay, Wealth Vanishes. But Katahdin in All its Glory Forever Shall Remain the Mountain of the People of Maine."

— Governor Percival Baxter, 1941

Percy Baxter in 1930 recognized that he was in a unique position to preserve as "forever wild" one of the most spectacular land tracts in North America. The 5,760 acre summit tract he initially sought to protect was purchased by Percy for $25,000 from Great Northern Paper after his earlier efforts as Governor to convince the Maine legislature to do the same were unsuccessful. From this remarkable beginning the park has grown to over 200,000 acres with a stewardship trust exceeding $51,000,000. While few if any inhabitants of the islands and mainland of Cumberland are in the position to put a parcel of this size and quality into "forever wild" protection, there are a growing number of us who wish we could, either individually or collectively.

As the urbanization of Greater Boston continues north we have a chance to create some local "Katahdins" our own neighborhoods. Building a high quality of life is a key ingredient in building a successful local economy.

The Trust continues to receive strong and growing support from the members of our community. In 1999 we added two additions to our conservation portfolio of parcels and conservation easements. The Trust now has ten properties totaling nearly 300 acres of "protected" land under its ownership or under conservation easement. We also have been able to invest 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. With the 1999 passage of the $50 million Land For Maine's Future Program, 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. To help with our programs or to stay abreast of current developments, please contact any members of the Board of Directors at any time.

Bates Conservation Award

The 1999 Bates Conservation Award was presented to the Indian Island Company for granting a conservation easement on 25 acres of exquisitely beautiful ocean frontage on Chebeague Island.

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 1999 to see our membership grow to 240 families, representing approximately 12% 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.

Publications and Presentations

The Trust continues to publish a semi-annual newsletter (Spring and Fall) about Trust programs. We also publish a 12-page booklet, *Protected Properties*, describing the properties under CMIT management.

Our annual meeting included a captivating slide and oral presentation by Professor Nathan Hamilton, Department of Geography-Anthropology, University of Southern Maine, on the subject of preservation of ancient settlements in Casco Bay. The Trust will be working with Professor Hamilton toward identification and preservation of these important sites.

CMIT is working jointly with the Conservation Commission of the Town of Cumberland to develop a trail guide for CMIT and Town properties having public access.

Our Summer Casco Bay Cruise aboard the 42-foot Arctic Seal was a quick sellout this year. We are planning to offer a cruise again this coming summer.

Board of Directors 1999-2000

Susan Burgess
Robert Craig
Donna Miller Damon
Paul Gianas
Ann Maher
Jennifer McAdoo
Michael Porter
Margaret Vaughn

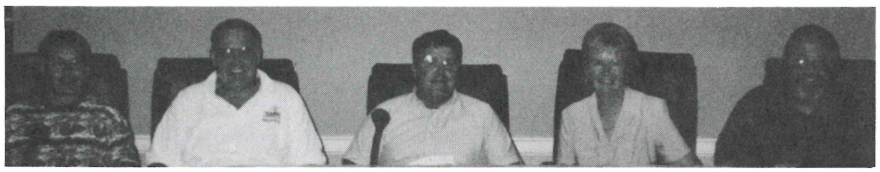
Stephen Moriarity (*emeritus*)

Report of the

PLANNING BOARD

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

Meeting notices and agendas are posted in the Town Offices and on the town's website at www.cumberlandmaine.com. Public hearings are advertised in the *Portland Press Herald.*



Planning Board: (L-R): Jeff Daigle, Tom Powers, Philip Hunt, Martha Porch, and Terry Turner.

The 1999 Planning Board was comprised of Board Chair *Phil Hunt*, Vice Chair *Jeff Daigle*, and members *Tom Powers, Beth Howe*, and *Martha Porch*. *Robert Vail* resigned from the Board in June after he was elected to serve on the MSAD #51 School Board. *Steve Sloan* joined the Board in September.

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 amendments to the Zoning and Subdivision Ordinances, and periodically updates the Comprehensive Plan. The Board held 12 regular meetings in 1999.

Subdivision applications were considered for True Spring Farm, 20 units of condominiums off U.S. Route One (final approval granted), and Stonegate Estates Subdivision, 14 lots for single family residences off Blanchard Road ext. (final approval granted). At the end of 1999, the Board was reviewing the Flintlock Ridge Subdivision off Tuttle Road.

Site Plan Reviews were conducted for the new athletic fields at the Twin Brook Recreation Area, the Chebeague Island satellite parking lot , a garage and office for Storey Bothers Construction, and three portable classrooms for M.S.A.D. #51. Other smaller projects included a gift shop on Chebeague Island, and a dog day care in West Cumberland.

In 1999, the Board also held public hearings on several technical revisions to the Zoning Ordinance, most arising out of recommendations of the Comprehensive Planning Committee. The Planning Board's responsibility in these cases is to make recommendations to the Town Council. The final decision regarding ordinance amendments lies with the Town Council.

The density allowed for duplexes and multiplexes in the OC district was adjusted to encourage senior housing, lots in the Rural Residential district were offered reductions in lot size if some land was protected from development, limits were put on the number of children allowed in day care centers and nursery schools, standards for residential care facilities were added, and the formula for calculating net residential density was amended.

Standards for the construction of telecommunications facilities were recommended to the Town Council as an addition to the Zoning Ordinance, and the Site Plan Review section of the ordinance was updated. In 1999, the Board recommended a revised Official Zoning Map to the Town Council for consideration, which was later adopted by the Town Council.

Several amendments were also made to the Subdivision Ordinance which relate to how a development is designed. Subdivisions in the Rural Residential districts previously were required to "cluster" (allowing smaller lots in return for maintaining some of the land in open space). The standards have been changed so that developments are clustered only if the preserved land meets certain criteria.

The Planning Board continues to make recommendations to the Town Council regarding the growth and development of Cumberland. The Board always welcomes comments from the public on any proposal being considered. For more information on meetings contact the Town Planner at 829-2206.

Report of the

RECYCLING COMMITTEE

Jo Anne Babcock, Chair

During 1999 Cumberland residents recycled 481 tons of the 3122 tons of trash which was sent to Regional Waste Systems. This represented 15.4% of all of the trash left at curbside and at the transfer station on Chebeague Island. If you don't recycle, try starting with paper — junk mail, magazines, newspapers, or catalogues. It's easy and you can wait for nice weather to dispose of it. Recycling is also an excellent way to reduce the cost of trash disposal, i.e. your taxes.

On the mainland in addition to the curbside recycling, 303 tons of brush, and 150 tons of grass and leaves were collected at Drowne Road. Some of the brush, including over 500 hundred Christmas trees, was chipped for use as mulch and is currently available to residents, free of charge. The hours at the Drowne Road Yard Waste facility were extended to 4:00pm on Saturdays during May and October. These hours proved to be very popular with home gardeners and continue in 2000.

In May a master composter, Dick Brozowski, from the Cumberland County Extension Service demonstrated how easy it is to compost at home. He showed over 30 residents how their yard waste, and vegetable and fruit parings could easily be turned into a valuable soil conditioner. Information about home composting is available at Town Hall.

Approximately 350 tons of cardboard was collected for recycling. Collapsed cardboard may be taken to the containers located at Public Works on Drowne Rd., the West Cumberland Fire Station, and the Chebeague Island Transfer Station.

Regional Waste Systems sponsored a household hazardous waste collection day in October. Many residents took advantage of this opportunity to rid their garages and basements of old lead-based paints, pesticides, fertilizers, and other potentially dangerous chemicals.

For details about recycling opportunities in Cumberland, please call Town Hall (829-5559) with any questions.

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, clear and colored (HDPE #1 and #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).

Avoid Pay-Per-Bag — Recycle Often !

The **Cumberland Recycling Committee included:** *Jo Anne Babcock, chair; Hope Foster, Helen Gianas, Janet Hotham, Jake Jacobson, Jennifer McAdoo, Susan Kneeland, Susan McGinty, Janice Tooker,* and *Jeff Porter, Council liason*

Report of the

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 1999 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 led to the issuance of six warnings, 40 summons and the seizure of a boat and motor.

Field Surveys:

Commission members and the Harbor Master conducted 12 informal, non-quantitative surveys on Great Chebeague/ Little Chebeague Island, two on Sturdivant Island, and 20 on the mainland from April through October. Quantitiative surveys were conducted on the western shore of Great Chebeague Island Bar and the mainland from the Falmouth line to Cumberland Town Landing this past 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. volunteer water quality sampling program.
3. Scheduling 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:

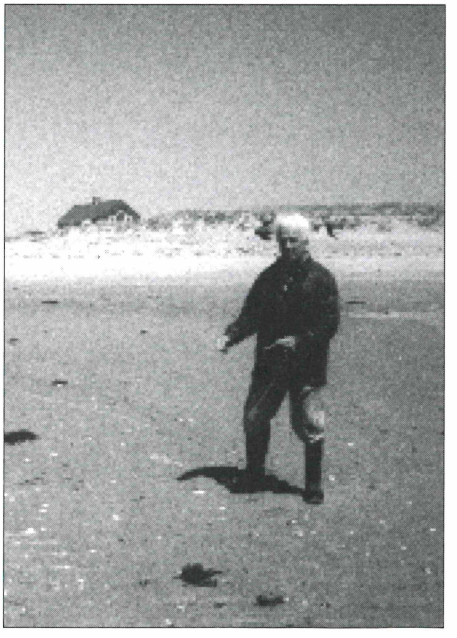
The Commission met with Biologist, Don Card, to get assistance on shellfish surveying and support on determining the number of shellfish licenses to issue.

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.



Dick Peterson volunteers to onduct water sampling.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

website URL: www.cumberlandmaine.com

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.

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.

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 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.

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**.

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.*

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.

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.

MUNICIPAL DIRECTORY

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Electrical Inspector
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Fire Chief
Daniel Small 829-3283
Finance Director
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POLICE: 829-3120
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Chebeague Island
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Twinbrook Recreation Area

In 1995 and 1996 the Town Council voted to acquire the Dillenbach and Blanchard/Fowler properties, located between Tuttle and Greeley Roads, for the purpose of establishing the Twinbrook Recreation Area.

This was accomplished through a combination of purchase and donation from the two long-standing Cumberland families. Over the last several years work has been ongoing to prepare the land for recreational use. Through the combined efforts of Town staff and the Maine Army National Guard, the fields are nearing completion. We hope you enjoy this fine recreational area for many years to come.

- Number of Acres: 250
- Miles of Trails: 5+
- Number of Athletic Fields: 7

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