Cumberland, Maine

ANNUAL REPORT — FY2018-2019



ABOUT THE PHOTOS IN THIS REPORT...

A few years ago, we put out a call for photos to Cumberland residents. We wanted to see Cumberland through the eye's of our residents. In these pages, you'll find beautiful shots taken in all seasons by people who live in this small town. We hope you enjoy the photography as much as we do!

Please consider sending us your photos. All photos must be photographed in Cumberland or must feature a Cumberland resident participating in a Cumberland event. Photos used will include a photo credit. Submitting photos gives the Town of Cumberland permission to use or publish the photographs in a Town exhibit, in the Town's Annual Report, on the Town website, in social media pages, and in program brochures. Please send your photo submissions to **eporter@cumberlandmaine.com**.

Front Cover by Emilie Sommer (The Community Band Summer Concert)

Back Cover by Catherine Del Vecchio Fitz (Cross Country Skiing at Twin Brook)

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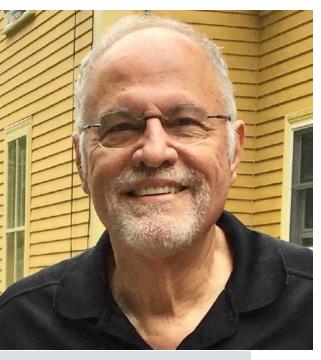
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IN DEDICATION TO

Dale Denno



This spring, Cumberland lost a dedicated public servant, community member, and friend after a courageous battle with cancer.

Dale was born on May 1, 1950 and grew up in both California and New York. He met his wife, Diane Dahlke, at Syracuse University where he graduated magna cum laude. He then went on to receive his Juris Doctor degree from Cornell Law School. After receiving his degree, they moved to Connecticut where Dale worked in a private law firm and then at Cigna.

A vacation in Maine changed their lives. Dale and Diane decided that this was where they wanted to live. They moved to Maine in 1984 when Dale was hired at UNUM, where he became a Vice President and Associate General Counsel.

Dale and Diane settled in Cumberland Center in a charming older home near the main intersection of town where they raised their two sons, Jesse and Evan. This was a perfect location for someone who loved to be involved and enjoyed helping others. Over the

years, Dale was actively involved in the local church, the School Board, the Aging in Place Committee, the town Democratic Committee and the Lions Club.

Dale served six years on the School Board, including one term as chairman, in the 90's. Dale was committed to bringing the best practices to the district. He helped initiate district-wide parent, teacher, and student surveys to get better information on policy and teaching. Alongside the superintendent, Dale, designed the first set of performance indicators the district ever had on the back of a napkin, really ground-breaking stuff for a Maine school district. Through it all, Dale was a leader with great energy along with a great sense of fun.

Dale was instrumental in establishing the Town's Aging in Place Committee, a group dedicated to helping the seniors in our community stay in their homes as they grow older. Through his untiring drive and effective communication skills, Dale was responsible for the advancement of the program.

After his retirement from the Department of Health and Human Services at the end of 2013, Dale jumped into elective politics. His involvement began at the 2014 Democratic Caucus when he had a chance encounter with Steve Moriarty, who was then serving as Cumberland's representative to the Maine House of Representatives, but had determined that he could not seek a second term due to the demands of his job. He shared this information with Dale and asked if he would ever consider running for the position. Dale promised to think it over. A few moments later he

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Dale with his two granddaughters

approached the registration table, quickly picked up a few pieces of literature, and stuffed them in his pocket as he walked away. Within a few days, Dale decided to take on the challenge. Although he lost narrowly in 2014, Dale won the seat in 2016 and was re-elected in 2018.

Dale helped to secure prominent Mainers to participate in the Cumberland Municipal Democratic Committee's "Join The Conversation" events at Town Hall. As many as sixty people would attend Sunday afternoon presentations throughout the fall and winter months. It could often be wondered if the secret draw to these events were the plates of homemade chocolate chip macadamia nut and oatmeal raisin cookies that were featured near the registration table courtesy of "Dale the Baker". Dale loved to bake cookies and was overly generous providing treats for family, friends, neighbors, and people attending programs with the Cumberland Democratic Committee and Aging in Place events. Nothing like a warm cookie to show the softer, gentle side of man we frequently saw full of energy, purpose and passion as he provided service to his community.

Dale's presence was felt by many and spread far beyond town lines. He was motivated by a passion for justice and sense of fairness. His infectious smile, big heart and brilliant mind were a gift to all of us in Cumberland. His legacy of compassion, community service, and respect will continue to live on. To our dear friend Dale, we miss you and will always remember your substantial contributions to our community.

Contributions by Linda Draper, Tom Foley, Steve Moriarty, Ron Bancroft, and Tom Gruber

TOWN

COUNCIL



Back Row (**L-R**): George Turner, William Stiles, Thomas Gruber, and Peter Bingham Sr. **Front Row** (**L-R**): Michael Edes, Ronald Copp, and Shirley Storey-King

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

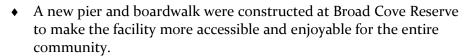
Ronald Copp, Chair	West— 2021	rcopp@cumberlandmaine.com	829-4191
Shirley Storey-King, Vice-Chair	At-Large — 2021	sstorey-king@cumberlandmaine.com	829-5006
Peter Bingham Sr.	At-Large — 2019	pbingham@cumberlandmaine.com	829-5713
Michael Edes	At-Large — 2022	medes@cumberlandmaine.com	831-5197
Thomas Gruber	At-Large — 2020	tgruber@cumberlandmaine.com	781-4613
William Stiles	Center — 2020	wstiles@cumberlandmaine.com	829-6679
George Turner	Foreside — 2021	gturner@cumberlandmaine.com	329-4495

CHAIRMAN'S

REPORT

I want to thank my fellow councilors for allowing me to be Chairman of the Town Council for the fiscal year 2019. There have been several controversial issues in the past year that we have worked very hard to resolve. The Council places a great deal of importance on listening to the entire community to make Cumberland a wonderful place to live. We are extremely fortunate to have the quality Town Manager we have.

Over the past year, we have accomplished a great deal in Cumberland.





Ronald Copp Jr. Town Council Chair

- The Town was able to purchase the remainder of the Rines Forest with help from the Chebeague and Cumberland Land Trust.
- Construction began on a new solar farm on Drowne Road. Once completed, it will supply enough energy to all town owned facilities and will save the town \$80,000 annually.
- A conservation easement was established for Greely Woods to connect many of our walking trails.
- The New Resident Orientations have become a huge success in our community, allowing the new members of our community to become familiar with town officials and processes.
- The Memorial Day Parade has become the largest gathering for all of our residents and truly makes you proud to live in Cumberland.
- The Cumberland Police Department has done an outstanding job making our town the safest town to live in Maine.
- The Community Food Pantry continues to grow every year. I want to thank all of the volunteers that dedicate their time to make this such a huge success!

I would like to thank all of the citizens of Cumberland that work diligently behind the scenes and sometimes do not get recognized. Your efforts on our boards and committees are very much appreciated.

It is with great sadness that we lost our State Representative, Dale Denno to cancer this past year. Dale was a great man who was an asset to our community.

It has been my pleasure to be on the Town Council for the past 13 years. This has been something that I'm very proud of. I want to thank everyone in Cumberland for allowing me to work and live in the best community in the State of Maine!

BOARDS AND

COMMITTEES

The Town of Cumberland would like to thank the board and committee members who so generously give their time to maintaining the character and beauty of our community. Council and Board appointments expire as of Dec. 31 of the designated year. Terms are for three years. Town Council elections are held in June, and positions are three-year terms.

TOWN COUNCIL

Peter Bingham, Sr. Ronald Copp, Jr. Michael Edes Thomas Gruber William Stiles Shirley Storey-King George Turner

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS AND APPEALS

Andrew Black Ronald Copp, Sr. Christian Lewis Matthew Manahan Michael Martin Sally Pierce George Turner* Amanda Vigue R. Scott Wyman

AGING IN PLACE COMMITTEE

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

BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

Nicole Boudle
Baily Douglass
Tig Filson
Linda Fulda
Emily Gray
Rhonda Grigg
Dale Hahn
Allyson Knowles
Christina Mitchell
Megan Pelsinski
Sally Pierce

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW

Jerome Gamache Peter Garsoe Scott Lalumiere Mark Stevens James Thomas Robert Vail

BOARD OF SEWER APPEALS

Paul Chesley Doug Pride Ralph Oulton Steve Sloan Rhonda Grigg

COASTAL WATERS COMMISSION

David Carlson Thomas Gruber* Ivy Frignoca Robert Johnson Hugh Judge Mike Schwindt Richard Thompson George Turner* Robert Vail David Witherill

CONSERVATION SUBDIVISION COMMITTEE

Paul Auclair Alan Blanchard Meg Coon Thomas Gruber* Mike Schwindt Peter Sherr Sally Stockwell R. Samuel York

HOUSING AUTHORITY

Connie Bingham James Clifford Janene Gorham Thomas Gruber* Bill Hansen Norman Maze, Jr. Sally Pierce William Stiles*

HISTORICAL SOCIETY BUILDING COMMITTEE

David Echeverria Linda Fulda Thomas Gruber* Eli Rivers Carolyn Small William Stiles*

LANDS & CONSERVATION COMMISSION

COMMISSION
Rachael Becker
McEntee
Peter Bingham*
Ted Chadbourne
Melissa Cott
Stephen Fitzgerald

Denison Gallaudet Peter Garsoe **Iennifer Grasso** Rhonda Grigg Thomas Gruber* Ellen Hoffman John Jensenius Steven Knowles Matthew Leclair Gordon Lichter Shawn McBreairty Linda Putnam Timothy Schneider Mike Schwindt Sally Stockwell Don Stowell Jennifer Taylor R. Samuel York David Young

OCEAN ACCESS COMMITTEE

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

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

Amy Amico Melissa Cott Chris Fitzpatrick

^{*} Denotes Town Council liaison

PLANNING BOARD

Paul Auclair Peter Bingham* Thomas Gruber* Bill Kenny Steve Moriarty Jason Record Joshua Saunders Ann Sawchuck Peter Sherr

PRINCE MEMORIAL LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

Jerry Benezra Linda Draper David Echeverria Thomas Foley Mark Lapping Jill O'Connor Eli Rivers William Stiles*

SHELLFISH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Charles Adams Michael Brown Peter Garsoe Thomas Gruber* Robert Maloney Ralph Oulton Harland Storey



TOWN

MANAGER

To the Honorable Town Council & Citizens of the Town of Cumberland: fiscal year July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 was another busy year. The opening of the new pier at Broad Cove Reserve and the building of the beautiful board walk and railing system to the water by the Parks & Highway Department, highlighted the spring of 2019. Broad Cove Reserve now has over 7,000 visits each summer and a full mooring area. While we do not have a boat launch facility and the mooring is a challenging 1,500 feet from the pier, it certainly is a marked improvement over past years and our access to the water is now highlighted with nearly 2,000 feet of water frontage. Our Coastal Waters Commission will be the oversight committee for this wonderful Town asset.

Our future solar array broke ground this spring and will be generating electricity by September of 2019. The energy generated from this project is enough to support all Town facilities and the 30 units of senior housing at Hawthorne Court. In 6 years the Town will have the option to purchase the solar array for 60% of its initial cost. When owned by the Town, we will save over \$80,000 in electricity costs each year and generate our power from a more environmentally friendly source, saving thousands of trees and tons of harmful gases from the atmosphere.

Road construction this spring & summer have been challenging, but the now completed sidewalk section along Main Street has created a 2-mile walking loop around the center of Town. If you park at Town Hall or the Library, you can use the sidewalk and you have a safe, 2-mile path from Main Street to Tuttle Road to Drowne Road and Wyman Way all on well-built sidewalks! The Town was also successful in acquiring another \$300,000 in state funding to complete the sidewalk down Tuttle Road to Twin Brook. That project is expected to begin in the summer of 2020.

If you have a concern or request for a project in your area, please contact me so we can discuss the project and bring it to the Town Council for consideration in our Capital Plan.

In closing, I'd like to thank our dedicated Cumberland Team, including full-time and part-time employees and all the volunteers who make this the best Town in Maine. None of the good things in Town that happen each year can occur without all of us working together.



William R. Shane, P.E.

Town Manager

wshane@cumberlandmaine.com



HUMAN

RESOURCES

2018 Employee of the Year



At our Employee Appreciation Day in December 2018, our Recreation Superintendent (now Recreation Director), Pete Bingham, was awarded the honor of Employee of the Year! Pete was nominated by his coworkers who described him as a leader who goes above and beyond to support the community and his staff members. He always has the best interest of the community in mind when it comes to programming. You can often find him working behind the scenes to make sure events go smoothly and participants are enjoying themselves. His positive attitude and work ethic is a true asset to the Town of Cumberland; we are so grateful to have him on our team! Pete is a lifelong Cumberland resident and a 1990 graduate of Greely High School.

NEW EMPLOYEES

Town Hall Staff:

Helene DiBartolomeo, *Finance Director* Whitney Miller, *Assistant Town Clerk* Susan Miller, *Election Clerk*

Library:

Madison Horn

Cumberland Fire Department:

Dana Harris, Michael Layton, Sophie Gustafson, Benjamin Storey, Eric Beaulieu

Recreation:

Kyle Nadeau, Jill Cass, Parker Stair, Kristen Kellner, Mia Raley, Jessica Windsor, Jennifer Pincus, Michael Leonard, Ainsley Crimmin, Carolyn Todd, Matthew Todd, Bella Stewart, Blake Wescott, Savannah Lemieux, Kelsey Currier, Madison Scott, Leah Andreotti, Kathryn Begos, Daniela Tetreau, Eliza McCauley

Public Works & Parks:

Richard Vogel

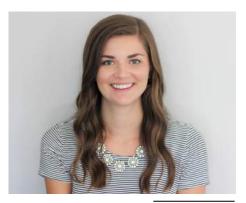
Val Halla Golf Course:

Cole Hartford, Simon Bourgeois, Nancy Storey, Clinton Goodwin, Donald Walsh, Barbara Deschenes, Alexander Schlinsner, Devin Dubois Gifford, Kyle Nadeau

COMMUNICATIONS

Stay in the loop about all things Cumberland by connecting with all of our communication channels! We are continuously working hard to communicate effectively and efficiently with all of the residents in our community.

◆ Our weekly newsletter *The Cumberland Crier*, reached 2,775 subscribers! The Cumberland Crier is a newsletter that is sent out by the town to community members. The newsletter goes out every Thursday and has information about what is going on in Cumberland, such as road construction, waste & recycling pick-up alerts, recreation registration, community events, council meetings and agendas, election notices, and more. Sign up by visiting: https://www.cumberlandmaine.com/cumberlandcrier



Eliza Porter Director of Communications

◆ The Town of Cumberland joined Instagram! Give our page a follow and use the hashtag #LifeInCumberland to share your best shots around town. Did you know we are also on Facebook and Twitter? Connect with all of our social media pages for quick and easy reminders from Town Hall!



www.facebook.com/ CumberlandME



www.instagram.com/ CumberlandMaine



www.twitter.com/ CumberlandMaine

- Our Facebook page has reached over 2,560 likes, an increase of 340 since this time last year.
- On May 7th the Town held its 3rd New Resident Orientation, where we welcomed over 50 new residents to Cumberland! This open house forum is held once a year and allows residents to stop by Town Hall to meet with representatives from town departments and elected officials. It's a wonderful night meeting new faces, making new connections, and most importantly making our newest community members feel at home.
- Our Website Email alerts have gained more popularity this year, with over 900 subscribers. Sign up to receive these email alerts when a notice has been posted to the Town Website:
 https://www.cumberlandmaine.com/subscribe

It's my continued hope to unite the members of our community through communication and to make our small town feel even more connected!

ASSESSING

The 2019 assessed valuation of \$1,397,026,600 resulted in a tax rate of \$19.85 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for the 2020 fiscal year. The 15 cent increase represented a .76% increase over the 2018-2019 rate. The \$39,295,000 increase was due to the changes made as a result of the Property Inventory Update, new construction, land divisions, and new personal property.

3 YEAR VALUATION COMPARISON

	2017	2018	2019
Land	\$562,794,900	\$552,737,600	\$557,104,500
Buildings	\$755,049,700	\$790,629,700	\$825,518,100
Personal Property	\$13,298,600	\$14,364,300	\$14,404,000
Total	\$1,331,143,200	\$1,357,731,600	\$1,397,026,600

The Property Inventory Update that was conducted last summer resulted in numerous changes due to additions, decks, patios, story height errors, finished basement areas, and finished bonus rooms above garages that were either omitted and/or removed. Approximately 2300 properties experienced some change which represents 82% of the total number of improved properties. 15% of the changes resulted in negative amounts, 73% were less than \$20,000, and 12% were over \$20,000. The total valuation change for the Town was approximately \$21,205,000 which is 1.5% of the total taxable value of the Town. (\$1,397,026,600). The corrections that were made will allow the assessor's office to keep up with future changes through the use of quarterly reviews. Another positive aspect of the review was to notify taxpayers that were not taking advantage of the Homestead Exemption. The Assessor's office issued two hundred and forty new Homestead Exemptions in 2019.

The Homestead exemption is available for resident homeowners that have owned the homestead property for twelve months prior to the date of application. The homestead exemption was a reduction of the assessed value in the amount of \$20,000 for 2019. The legislature has approved an increase to

\$25,000 beginning in 2020. There is also a Veteran's and Veteran's widow/widower exemption available for veteran's that are residents of the State of Maine that have reached the age of 62, or are 100% disabled, that served during a federally recognized war period. The veteran's exemption is a \$6,000 reduction in the assessment. Lastly, there is a \$4,000.00 exemption for resident property owners that are legally blind. All exemption applications must be filed prior to April 1st and are available through the Assessor's office.

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



John Brushwein Assessor

INFORMATION

TECHNOLOGY



Michael A. Crosby I.T. Director

The Department of Information Technology is the custodian of the Town of Cumberland's computer network. The Director of Information Technology is assisted by Systems Engineering of Portland, Maine and together they maintain the Town's computer network security and infrastructure.

During the past year the Town replaced or added 24 computers. At the Town Office, 15 computers were replaced and 1 was added. In the Police Department 1 laptop was procured with a new cruiser, 1 for Police Academy training and a 3rd to allow for the programming of police department radios. At the Fire Department, the Town replaced 3 laptops and added one workstation and at Val Halla, 3 workstations were replaced. We now have 89 computers in the system.

The Town Office now has a very secure wireless network to conduct its business as well as very secure public wireless internet access. Last year, the Town added two Meraki wireless access points to enhance our wireless presence and security. These units allow for hundreds of simultaneous connections and now the public can securely connect to the internet while at the Town Office.

In 2018, Cumberland Channel TV2 became Channel TV1301 since Spectrum moved all of its small municipal broadcasters to the 1300 channel range. This move has energized many communities to band together in an attempt to get this ruling reversed and restore public access channels to their original locations. Stay tuned...

Cumberland TV1301 produced and uploaded 47 videos to the VIMEO website for public viewing on demand. Last year roughly 2000 replays of meetings were realized on the platform.

The future is the cloud. In the next 5 years the Town will be working to move the entire server infrastructure to internet based network operation centers. This move will enhance our ability to access any town server from any town location, providing high availability, security and speedy recovery of the servers in the event of a disaster.

CLERK

The Town Clerk is the keeper of the public record and the major reference resource for the past as well as the present. The Town Clerks Office is responsible for all elections, both State and local, held within the community; records and issues marriage, hunting, fishing, dog, Non-Profit Temporary Victular's licenses, cemetery deeds and burial permits; and issues certified copies of marriage, birth, and death records. Vital Records are now controlled by the State of Maine's Electronic Birth, Death, and Marriage Systems. The Town Clerk's office also registers all motor vehicles for the residents of our town, and processes all tax payments and tax lien processing. We continue to try to make the registration process more convenient by offering as many online services as possible.



Tammy O'Donnell Town Clerk/Deputy Tax Collector

The Town of Cumberland is a very caring, and generous community, the Community Food Pantry has now been in operation for several years and continues to grow to serve our community and surrounding towns. The Community Food Pantry is located at Town Hall in the back of the building. We are so thankful to have so many kind volunteers who truly care about our community members. The Town of Cumberland contracts with Opportunity Alliance for our General Assistance program. A representative is here in the Town Office every Wednesday, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

The Town Clerk's Office had some personnel changes this year with the addition of a wonderful new employee to our team! Whitney Miller, joined our office this past April. Whitney is a Cumberland resident and is the perfect addition to our office. Please welcome Whitney, when you stop by Town Hall. We are also fortunate to have Ms. Anne Brushwein, who has been with the Town for 22 years, and Ms. Abbey Lombard, who has been with us for 1 ½ years now. Ms. Eliza Porter is our Deputy Town Clerk/Communications Director, and does a tremendous job keeping us all informed and organized.

VITAL RECORDS:

LICENSES: Births —

Deaths — 67 Marriages —

Hunting & Fishing Licenses **Boat Registrations —** 512 Snowmobile Registrations -173**ATV** Registrations **—** 86 Dog Licenses — 1,267



Eliza Porter Deputy Town Clerk



Anne Brushwein Motor Vehicle Agent/ Assistant Clerk



Abbey Lombard Assistant Clerk



Whitney Miller Assistant Clerk

ELECTIONS

Elections are a very big part of the Town Clerk's office. Maintaining the transparency and integrity of our elections is of the utmost importance. We are very fortunate to have a wonderful group of volunteers to work during our elections. The volunteers go through training prior to every election. They are very eager to assist all of our voters in any way necessary. If you have any interest in being involved in the election process, please contact my office at 829-5559. The election results for the fiscal year 2019, are as follows:

SKIP THE LINES OTE ABSENTEE Town Hall Mon-Thurs: 8 am 2 5 pm

State of Maine General Election, November 6, 2018

Question One-Citizen Initiative

"Do you want to to create the Universal Home Care Program to provide home-based assistance to people with disabilities and senior citizens, regardless of income, funded by a new 3.8% tax on individuals and families with Maine wage and adjusted gross income above the amount subject to Social Security taxes, which is \$128,400 in 2018?

Question Two-Bond Issue

"Do you favor a \$30,000,000.00 bond issue to improve water quality, support the planning and construction of wastewater treatment facilities and assist homeowners whose homes are served by substandard or malfunctioning wastewater treatment systems? Total estimated life time cost is \$38,250,000 representing \$30,000,000 in principal and \$8,250,000 in interest (assuming interest at 5% over 10 years).

Question Three-Bond Issue

"Do you favor a \$106,000,000 bond issue, including \$101,000,000 for construction, reconstruction and rehabilitation of highways and bridgs and for facilities and equipment related to ports, piers, harbors, marine transportation, freight and passenger railroads, aviation, transit and bicycle and pedestrian trails, to be used to match an estimated \$137,000,000 in federal and other funds, and \$5,000,000 for the upgrade of municipal culverts at stream crossings? Total estimated life time cost is \$135,150,000 representing \$106,000,000 in principal and \$29,150,000 in interest (assuming interest at 5% over 10 years).

Question Four-Bond Issue

"Do you favor a \$49,000,000 bond issue to be matched by at least \$49,000,000 in private and public funds to modernize and improve the facilities and infrastructure of Maine's public universities in order to expand workforce development capacity and to attract and retain students to strengthen Maine's economy and future workforce? Total estimated life time cost is \$62,475,000 representing \$49,000,000



in principal and \$13,475,000 in interest (assuming interest at 5% over 10 years).

Yes — 3,044 No — 2,024 Blank — 106

Question Five-Bond Issue

"Do you favor a \$15,000,000 bond issue to improve educational programs by upgrading facilities at all 7 of Maine's community colleges in order to provide Maine people with access to high-skill, low-cost technical and career education? Total estimated life time cost is \$19,125,000 representing \$15,000,000 in principal and \$4,125,000 in interest (assuming interest at 5% over 10 years).

Yes — 3,486 No — 1,630 Blank — 58

State of Maine General Election November 6, 2018

Governor

Caron, Alan-	419
Hayes, Theresa M	205
Mills, Janet T	2,967
Moody, Shawn H	1,909
Capron, Kenneth A. (Declared write-in)-	О
Jenkins, John T. (Declared write-in)-	2
Tracy, Malon A. (Declared write-in)-	О
Vachon, J. Martin (Declared write-in)-	О
Blank -	96

U.S. Senator (Vote for One)

Brakey, Eric L	1,426
King, Angus S. Jr	3,288
Ringelstein, Zak-	409
Riley, James N. Jr. (Declared write-in)-	0
Blank-	56

Representative to Congress (Vote for One District 1)

Grohman, Martin J	419
Holbrook, Mark I	1,665
Pingree, Chellie-	3,011
Blank-	169

State Senator (Vote for One District 25)

Breen, Catherine E	3,105
Nichols, Cathleen M	1,955
Blank-	119

Representative To The Legislature (Vote for One District 45)

Denno, Dale -	3,355
Thomas, Tamsin M	1,709
Blank-	115

TOWN

CLERK

District Attorney (Vote for One District 2)

Bates, Randall J	O
Gale, Jon C	0
Sahrbeck, Jonathan T	1,380
Blank-	3,799

Judge of Probate (Vote for One)-

Aranson, Paul-	4,076
Blank-	1,103

Sheriff (Vote for One Cumberland County)

Joyce, Kevin J. — 4,120 Blank — 1,059

County Commissioner (District 3

Gorden, Stephen F. — 4,111 Blank — 1,068

June 11, 2019 M.S.A.D. #51 Budget Validation Referendum Election

Question One: "Do you favor approving the Maine School Administrative District No. 51 budget for the upcoming school year that was adopted at the latest District Budget Meeting?"

Yes — 1339 No — 522 Blank — 66

Question Two: "Do you wish to continue the budget validation referendum process in Maine School Administrative District No. 51 for an additional three years? Informational Note on

Article 2: A "YES" vote will require Maine School Administrative District No. 51 to continue to conduct a referendum to validate its annual school budget for the next three years. A "NO" vote will discontinue the budget validation referendum for at least three years and provide instead that the annual school budget shall be finally adopted at a meeting of the voters of Maine School Administrative District No. 1.

Yes — 1,386 No — 457 Blank — 84

June 11, 2019 Municipal Election

Town Councilor-At Large (3 Year Term-Vote for 2)

Cashin, Brian M.	_	674
Edes, Michael T.	_	991
Michalak, Geoffrey-	_	722
Vail, Robert	_	827
Blank	_	738

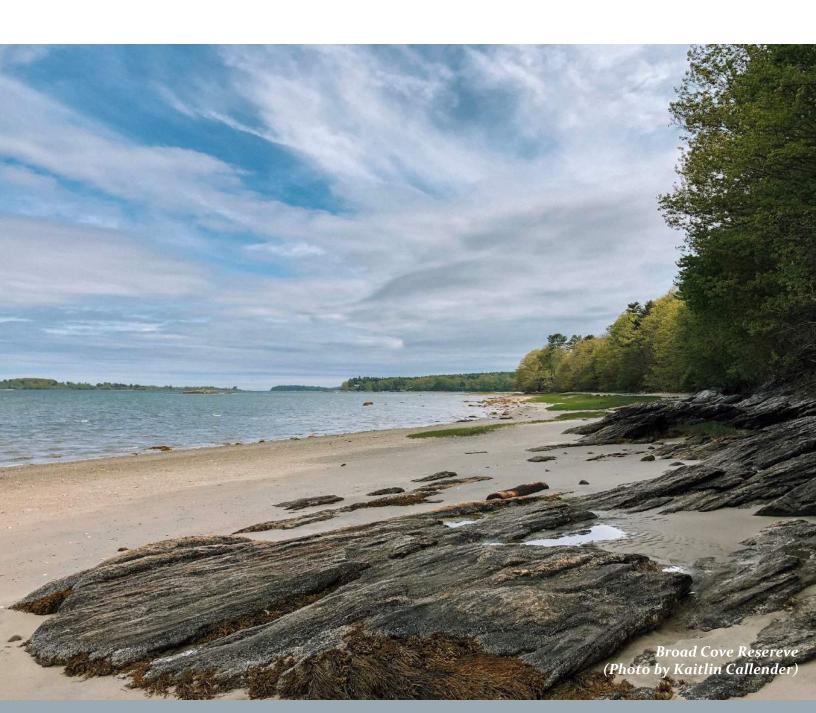
M.S.A.D. #51 Board of Directors (3 Year Term-Vote for 2)

Bingham, Peter K. — 1,071 Brown, Michael W. — 991 Stewart, Jennifer M. — 1,084 Blank — 866

June 11, 2019 State of Maine Special Election

Representative to the Legislature (District 45-Vote for 1)

Hughes, Kevin C. (R) — 757 Moriarty, Stephen W. (D) — 1,221 Blank — 4



HEALTH

OFFICER

Health issues today include being careful to avoid being bitten by a tick. Female deer ticks can carry Lyme disease, Anaplasmosis, Babesiosis, and Powassan Encephalitis, which can be very serious.

Diligently using personal repellants, or essential oils such as eucalyptus, or peppermint oil, as well as other oils have proven to be effective. Tall grass and dead leaves enable ticks to hide and thrive. Keeping grass mowed is very helpful to keep their population low.

Brown tail moth continues to be a problem here on the coast. Although the hairs are difficult to see, they can cause severe rashes to people who come in contact with them. Any webs on trees and



Anita L. Anderson Local Health Officer

shrubs should be removed, placed in a plastic bag and disposed of in the trash or burned. Do not dispose in the woods. Web worms are not as bothersome to humans, but they can defoliate and kill trees and shrubs.

Mold is another issue that continues to be a problem to those of us who live in New England. When mold appears, the cause must be found and eliminated, and the area cleaned with a good detergent. Most mold is not harmful to most individuals, unless they have an allergy to mold.

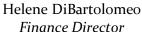
Several cases of rabies here in Southern Maine have been reported in the state, and in this county. Wildlife biologists strongly urge the public not to feed, touch, or allow any wildlife in their home. If a wild animal appears to be ill, report it to the Dept. of Inland Fisheries and Game. The local animal control officer does not address wildlife.

There have been several instances of bedbugs. They can be found in beds, under furniture, and behind frames, and furniture. Although they do not normally carry disease, they are a nuisance. They do not necessarily indicate sanitary problems. They can travel on clothes and luggage. Additionally, they can stay hidden for several weeks before looking for another meal. It is advisable to check luggage when returning from a trip to assure they have not tagged along for a "free ride".

We are always willing to help those in need. Please contact the Town Hall for concerns regarding public health and safety to be referred to the appropriate department. Thank you again for allowing me to serve as your Local Health Officer.









Deanna Dyer Senior Accountant



Jessica Dwyer Accounting Clerk

The Finance Department is responsible for processing and reporting all financial transactions for the Town of Cumberland: revenue collections, payroll, vendor payments, and other disbursements. Finance estimates future cash flow requirements; works closely with all Departments in preparation of annual budgets; manages investments, insurances, debt and bond issuances; and works closely with Human Resources to administer employee benefits. The Finance Department is subject to an annual audit, and prepares the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR), which has received the Government Finance Officers Association award for Excellence in Financial Reporting for all full fiscal years from 1993 through 2017.

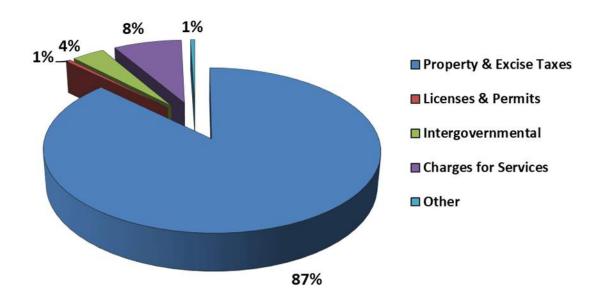
The following information is related to the audited financial results for fiscal year ended June 30, 2018 (FY2018). For additional financial information about the Town of Cumberland, please visit online at https://www.cumberlandmaine.com/finance.

Fiscal Year 2018 Financial Overview

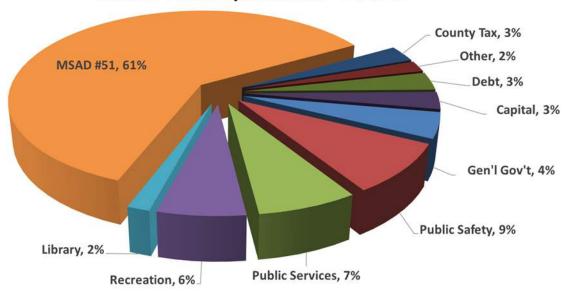
Following the trend of the past few years, the Town received significantly higher than budgeted revenues, and incurred higher than budgeted expenses. The excess revenues more than offset the expenses, resulting in an unbudgeted surplus for FY2018. This unbudgeted surplus was used to reduce the FY2019 budget and tax rate. Programs funded from the surplus include: maintenance of local roads, senior property tax assistance, equipment for the Police and Fire Departments, and the Assessing property audit.

		Results for FY Ended June 30, 2018					
					Ov	er (Under)	
Description	F	FY18 Budget		FY18 Actual		Budget	
Revenues	\$	28,150,989	\$	28,800,124	\$	649,135	
General Fund Expenditures		10,690,575	 	11,034,070		343,495	
MSAD #51 Assessment		17,208,107		17,208,107		=	
General Fund Unbudgeted Surplus	\$	252,307	\$	557,947	\$	305,640	

General Fund Revenues - FY2018



General Fund Expenditures - FY2018



Most expenditure areas have increased gradually over the past several years. Recreation expenditures increased significantly in FY2016, when Val Halla Golf Center was incorporated into the General Fund. The largest town expenditure continues to be the annual assessment from MSAD #51.

FINANCE

Revenues by Function:

		Revenues for FY Ended June 30, 2018					
					O,	ver (Under)	
Description	F	Y18 Budget		FY18 Actual		Budget	
Tax Revenues	\$	24,754,476	\$	25,132,283	\$	377,807	
Licenses & Permits		143,615		151,495		7,880	
Intergovernmental Revenues		1,082,150		1,088,681		6,531	
Other Revenues		128,600		147,211		18,611	
Police Department		75,600		90,812		15,212	
Fire Department		190,600		194,381		3,781	
Public Services		270,500		334,398		63,898	
Val Halla		683,832		650,562		(33,270)	
Recreation		818,116		1,005,733		187,617	
Library		3,500		4,568		1,068	
Total Revenues	\$	28,150,989	\$	28,800,124	\$	649,135	

Expenditures by Function:

	Expenditu	Expenditures for FY Ended June 30, 2018					
	FY18 Budget	FY18 Actual	Over (Under) Budget				
General Administration	\$ 1,168,362	\$ 1,278,306	\$ 109,944				
Public Safety	2,413,478	2,457,733	44,255				
Public Services	1,901,644	1,987,784	86,140				
Val Halla	735,188	743,354	8,166				
Recreation	920,638	996,563	75,925				
Library	437,550	450,254	12,704				
Other Expenses	304,984	331,744	26,760				
Controllable Expenses	7,881,844	8,245,738	363,894				
Debt Service	970,000	962,673	(7,327)				
Insurance	331,827	318,755	(13,072)				
County Tax	813,904	813,904	-				
Capital Imp. Plan	693,000	693,000	-				
Fixed Expenses	2,808,731	2,788,332	(20,399)				
TOWN BUDGET	10,690,575	11,034,070	343,495				
MSAD #51 Assessment	17,208,107	17,208,107	-				
Total Expenses	\$ 27,898,682	\$ 28,242,177	\$ 343,495				

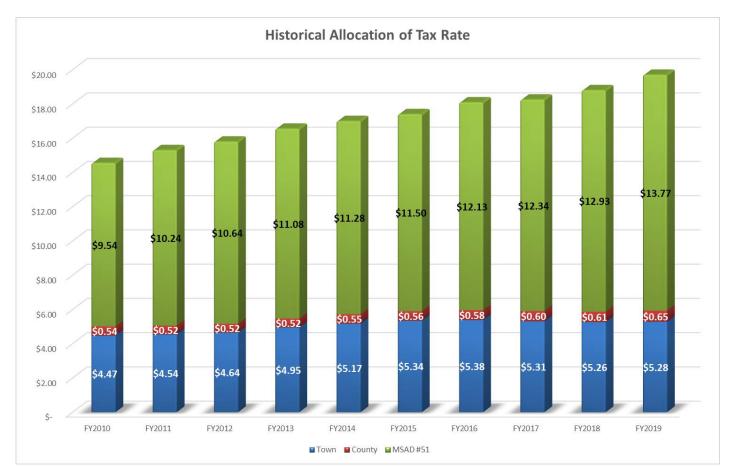
Property Taxes

Property Valuations:

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

Property Tax Rate Distribution:

	FY2018	FY2019	1 Year Change	10 Year Change	
Town	\$5.26	\$5.28	\$0.02 0%	\$0.81 18%	
County	0.61	0.65	0.04 7%	0.11 20%	
MSAD #51	12.93	13.77	0.84 7%	4.23 44%	
Total Tax Rate	\$18.80	\$19.70	\$0.90 5%	\$5.15 35%	



If you have any questions or need additional financial information, we would be happy to assist you. You can contact the Finance Department at 207-829-2205, or via email at financeoffice@cumberlandmaine.com.

CODE

ENFORCEMENT

This past year was another busy year for the Codes/ Building Department. Many new subdivisions were approved during the last ten years or so and those lots are now being purchased and built upon. Over the past year ending June 30, 2019, 28 new single family residential units were permitted and many of those are now finished. Along with the new single family residential construction the Town has experienced a number of new commercial projects. The residential and commercial building permits and fees have increased as well as the issuance of plumbing and electric permits.

The Town uses Richard Wentworth of Yarmouth for Electrical inspections and we are lucky to have his knowledge and experience in that position.

William Longley
Code Enforcement Officer/

Building & Plumbing Inspector

Christina Silberman-Staff to CEO, a Cumberland native who has filled the position previously held by Pam who left several of years ago, was named "Employee of the Year" in 2018 and she is doing a great job.

Because of the increase in demand for services in February of 2017, the Town ended the 13 years of regional agreement with Yarmouth and hired me on a full time basis. As a fulltime employee I'm now available Monday thru Thursday for questions, issuance of permits or most inspections. Electric inspections and final CO inspections are currently done on Tuesday or Thursday based on Richard's availability.

Permits: The owner or agent must complete and submit an application for a building permit to the Building Inspector. If plumbing is required, you must obtain appropriate permits from the licensed Plumbing Inspector. A separate electrical permit must be obtained by a licensed electrician or by the owner if work is done by the owner. Applications for building permits are available at the Building Inspector's office and on-line. For building permits, a full set of construction plans showing elevations, section drawings, and/or floor plans may be required. A site plan must be submitted. All construction must meet the 2015 International Residential Code (IRC) and the 2009 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) as adopted by Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code (MUBEC). A Site Plan Review by the Planning Board may be required prior to the issuance of a non-residential building permit; non-residential building plans must meet the 2015 International Building Code (IBC). A Special Exception may be required by the Board of Adjustment and Appeals prior to the issuance of a Building Permit. A Shoreland Zoning Permit is required if construction takes place within the shoreland area.



Type of Construction	# of Permits	Construction Costs		Permit Costs	
Access. Structure	2	\$	138,000.00	\$	284.85
ADU	1	\$	250,000.00	\$	327.60
Addition	63	\$	4,168,352.77	\$	17,849.45
Barn / Storage	3	\$	14,800.00	\$	225.60
Commercial	16	\$	3,662,380.00	\$	8,032.60
Conversion - Duplex	3	\$	50,000.00	\$	568.80
Deck	34	\$	146,110.00	\$	1,251.00
Demolition	5	\$	-	\$	125.00
Duplex	3	\$	650,000.00	\$	1,944.35
Fence	2	\$	61,476.00	\$	50.00
Foundation	1	\$	56,875.00	\$	193.80
Garage	9	\$	303,000.00	\$	1,421.60
House	28	\$	12,377,808.00	\$	23,871.34
House- Condo	4	\$	440,000.00	\$	1,579.83
Miscellaneous	2	\$	7,000.00	\$	125.00
Pier	3	\$	655,000.00	\$	166.00
Pool	9	\$	419,667.00	\$	900.00
Porches	1	\$	10,000.00	\$	50.00
Renovation	78	\$	1,867,824.68	\$	12,891.12
Shed	44	\$	243,355.00	\$	1,241.00
Shoreland	6	\$	40,000.00	\$	1,050.00
Solar arays	24	\$	1,620,728.00	\$	1,200.00
Temp. Structures	2	\$	1,000.00	\$	100.00
TOTALS	343	\$	27,183,376.45	\$	75,448.94

Type of Permit	# of Permits	Permit Costs			
Electrical Permits	303	\$ 22,067.30			
Plumbing Permits	184	\$ 20,447.50			
Total Fees		\$ 117,963.74			

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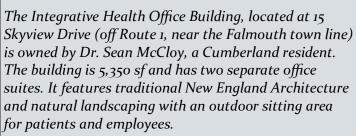
C umberland is currently served by a part-time planning director and a part-time administrative assistant. This department is responsible for the following:

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

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

Carla Nixon Town Planner







On the site of the former Allen's Farm store on Route 100 is a new, state of the art, office building owned by Casco Systems. This fast-growing company (which started out on Longwoods Road) uses the application of technology to protect, control, automate and integrate power systems for utility, power generation and industrial clients throughout North America.



BOARD OF

ADJUSTMENT AND APPEALS

The Board held two meetings during the fiscal year 2019.

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

The meeting held in October was continued in November to allow the Board to make findings of fact in the case that was since appealed to the courts.

R. Scott Wyman *Chair*



HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Cumberland Housing Authority is governed by a seven member Board of Directors. The Board is appointed by the Town Council. The main responsibility of the Board of Directors is to oversee the management of the 30 age-restricted (55+) rental units at Cumberland Meadows Senior Housing which are located adjacent to the MSAD #51 Middle School.

The units are a mix of one and two bedrooms, and they feature an attractive, one-story floor plan with attached garages. The Housing Authority offers several subsidized units to those who meet eligibility requirements. Since their development in 1992, the units have been at full occupancy. The Housing Authority maintains several waiting lists and encourages interested individuals to apply. If you would like more information on Cumberland Meadows Senior Housing, please call 829-2206.

The Housing Authority meets several times throughout the year. Current Housing Authority members are: Bill Hansen, James Clifford, Norman Maze, Connie Bingham, Sally Pierce, Meredith Burgess and Janene Gorham. William Stiles serves as the Town Council Liaison.

Jonathan Carpenter, who provides maintenance for all the town buildings, also takes excellent care of the units and the Cumberland Meadows residents. We are fortunate to have such a talented, kind and dedicated employee in this important role.

Christina Silberman serves as the Administrative Assistant to several departments, including Senior Housing. Christina does a great job in a very challenging role. In addition to supporting the Town Planner and Code Enforcement Officer, Christina is also the point person for our senior housing program. She provides information to callers requesting information on Cumberland Meadows and she handles the many day to day calls for service, the processing of rent and utility checks, and maintenance of the waiting lists.

Carla Nixon Executive Director

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BOARD



Back Row (L-R): Peter Sherr, Josh Saunders, Paul Auclair, Jason Record Front Row (L-R): Bill Kenny, Steve Moriarty, Ann Sawchuck.

From July 2018 through June 2019 the Town of Cumberland Planning Board considered many proposals including amendments to previously approved plans and developmental applications that resulted in issuing more than thirty Notices of Decision. A summary of some of these are highlighted below by Topic, but all can be found on the town website under Planning Board Minutes).

Renewable Energy: In July 2018, approval was granted for a 474.8-kilowatt solar array at 26 Drowne Road. The array will include 1,376 solar panels arranged in seven rows on the central and eastern portion of the existing landfill. Important to the decision were the future value to the town of the significant generation of renewable energy, and that this relatively large landfill could not accommodate other projects.

Senior Housing: In August of 2018 final approval was granted for the OceanView at Cumberland development (Phase 1), known as *Cumberland Crossing*, to include 52 dwelling units plus one community building. As previously reported, this senior housing project is located on property opposite the Town Hall on Tuttle Road. The site will have trails open to the public. Several homes are currently under construction. Later, in December, the Zoning Ordinance Chapter 315, Section 28.4B - Senior Housing Community (SHC) Overlay District was amended to include a lot located at 228 Greely Road and is proposed to facilitate Phase 2 of the project. The amendment included a right of way portion over the Val Halla Golf Course to connect to the Phase 1 parcel. Additional submissions will be forthcoming for deliberation.

Residential: In August an amendment was approved to add 4 single family lots in the Village Green subdivision located at 50 Amanda's Way. In February, preliminary approval was given for a 20-lot subdivision to be known as Christmas Creek located on Tuttle Road.

Commercial: In February, an amendment was approved for changes to parking, additional curb cuts and revisions to the landscaping and equipment storage areas for 199 Middle Road. This was proposed

to enhance traffic flow and safer access to and from Middle Road. Additionally, construction of an 11,900 sf building (also 199 Middle Road LLC) that will be used for boat storage was approved for this location.

In September 2018, site plan approval was granted for Belted Cow Realty, LLC, to construct a 15,970 sf building on Lot #5 at Cumberland Foreside Village, Route 1. Activities proposed included packaging goods, employees engaged in administrative procedures and possibly an area dedicated for a personal fitness trainer. In December this was changed in an amendment that reduced the size of the building footprint from 15,970 sf to 14,150 sf and eliminated a truck turn around area and loading dock.

In April 2019, an amendment to an approved Site Plan for Friends School was approved for a 3,950 sf addition, expansion of on-site parking, and other minor changes. Reapproval was granted for the 3,500 sf Community Hall and 28,000 sf Play Area 3 east of the existing building located at 11 US Route One The changes are proposed to result in an increase of 25 students and 5 faculty members for a total of 150 students and 30 faculty members.

School and Zoning Issues: In August, there was agreement to approve four portable buildings containing 8 classrooms that had been located at the Mable I. Wilson School site on Tuttle Rd. Additionally, the Board voted to recommend that storage units not be allowed in the applicable ordinance for the Village Center Commercial (VCC) Zoning District. In November an issue focused on locations that could allow availability of medical marijuana. A decision was reached to recommend to the Town Council that they approve an area designated as the Medical Caregiver Overlay District in portions of the Highway Commercial, Office Commercial South and the Village Center Commercial Districts on the official Zoning Map of the Town of Cumberland.

In February, after much discussion at earlier meetings, the Board recommended to the Town Council to repeal and replace Chapter 250 – Subdivision Ordinance and, most notably, include a Conservation Subdivision option in the two zones that contain most of the land remaining for residential development. The Conservation Subdivision Committee led by Michael Schwindt had worked on this for about two and one-half years and deserves much credit. The ordinance mandates that a greater portion of property than was previously required remain as "open space" which will preserve this acreage in its natural state in perpetuity. This also resulted in a recommendation to the Town Council to strike Section 315-43 (Clustered, dispersed and traditional residential developments) from the Zoning Ordinance.

Personnel Changes: Following the June 2018, meeting, Gerry Boivin resigned, due to business conflicts, after serving of the Board for many years. Jeff Davis' term expired in December 2018 after multiple years of service. Our sincere thanks and appreciation to both for their valuable contributions to the Board and to the Town. Gerry was replaced in August by Ann Sawchuck. Jeff was replaced by Jason Record in January. In January, Paul Auclair was elected Chairman and Bill Kenny was elected Vice Chairman. Current members include Paul Auclair, Bill Kenny, Steve Moriarty, Jason Record, Joshua Saunders, Ann Sawchuck and Peter Sherr.

Appreciation: Many thanks to Town Planner, Carla Nixon and Town Manager, Bill Shane for supporting us with their extensive knowledge, experience, and dedication to making Cumberland a better place for today and tomorrow. Also, much appreciation to Christina Silberman, Administrative Assistant, who keeps the paper and emails getting to us on time. We also wish to give sincere thanks to the many Cumberland residents that take the time to give us their insight and suggestions that often result in a better decision.

Paul Auclair, Chair Cumberland Planning Board

LANDS & CONSERVATION

COMMISSION

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

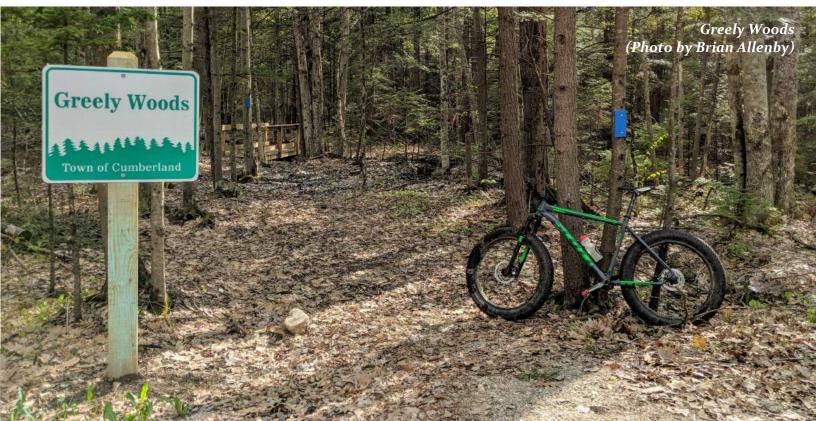
Among its duties, the Commission periodically reports to the Town Council on the condition, status, or current use of any land owned by the Town as well as any land where the Town has less than ownership interest. In June, the Commission reported on its recent activities as part of a workshop with the Town Council.

Additionally, the Commission coordinates the efforts of the four subcommittees to assure the assigned duties and responsibilities are addressed as well as the consistency of recommendations to the Town Council.

The **Recreational Trails** subcommittee makes recommendations to the Commission on all matters pertaining to the use, preservation, management, construction and maintenance of the town trails and bridges. Included is responsibility to develop and maintain plans for and governing the use of all town trails including trail easements on private lands. This year the subcommittee continued to mark and maintain trails throughout the town and continued to work with the Planning Board and with subdivision developers on the preservation of old trails and the development of new trails through their properties.

The subcommittee also worked with the Chebeague and Cumberland Land Trust to improve trails and bridges in both Rines Forest and Greely Woods (see photo below). In addition, when feasible, the subcommittee continues to work with residents to obtain permission to mark connecting trails through private properties.

The **Invasives** subcommittee is responsible for developing and coordinating efforts to manage invasive flora within town lands as well as working with private landowners on the issue. A portion of its efforts



was directed at site selection for spraying knotweed along roadsides and on other town properties with heavy infestations. Additionally, they supported Emma Fitzpatrick's senior project to identify ways of knotweed control.

The **Land Identification** subcommittee developed an assessment tool, using Town-owned land, to determine what criteria would be useful for assessing lands with significant conservation value.

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

Over the past year, the Forestry subcommittee of the Cumberland Lands and Conservation Commission has made strides on several fronts. Highlights include:

- Finalized the Guiding Principles for Forest Management on Town of Cumberland Forest Lands.
- Organized and hosted an open house for forest landowners in late January 2019 to update landowners about the town's management of its forest lands and to provide background information about how to enroll in the Tree Growth or Open Space Programs, how to request a visit from a District Forester, how to work with a consulting forester to draft a management plan tailored to the specific property and landowner goals, and how to manage in a way that benefits birds and other wildlife. A video of the night's talks is available on the town's website.
- The Town's Forester, Jeremy Stultz, worked with the manager of the Twin Brook farm and forest, Jeff Storey, on making sure the harvest planned for the north side of the property was done in accordance with our new Guiding Principles. However, for a number of reasons, the harvest never happened this past winter. Maybe next year.
- Recommended and received an allocation of funding from the Town Council to conduct a forest inventory of the new Knight's Pond property.
- The subcommittee actively endorsed moving forward with the right of first refusal to purchase of the final 53-acres of the Rines Forest from the Rines Family, and worked along with the Cheabegue and Cumberland Land Trust to secure a combination of private and public funding for the project, including a \$125,000 grant from the US Forest Service Community Forests Program.
- Reviewed and commented on the draft conservation easement for the Greely Woods.
- Explored numerous options for controlling glossy buckthorn in the Rines Forest, gleaned from both the internet and Maine's resident invasives expert, Nancy Olmstead, who came to town and walked the site with us and wrote up some recommendations for us to consider. This will be a big job for us over the next year and beyond.

Commission members have also actively worked on conservation projects. In addition to continuing to tend the butterfly garden and the nature trail, many of the trees and flowers along the nature trail have been marked to help walkers better know the diversity of plants. Also, a platform was installed to enable viewers to better see the activity in the vernal pool.

We also were pleased to accept the generous offer by the Foreside Garden Club for two benches and a number of bird houses to be placed within the Town Forest.

Mike Schwindt, *Chairman*

POLICE



It is a pleasure to submit this report to the residents of Cumberland and to provide the community with an update on the operation of the Police Department. Since our last report, we experienced ZERO turnover, which is excellent news for the stability and operation of our agency. For those who may not be familiar, an awful lot goes into the hiring of a new police officer:

- Written test and essay test
- * Interview panel
- * Physical fitness test
- * Background investigation
- * Medical evaluation
- * Polygraph test
- * Psychological evaluation

After all those steps are successfully completed, we can hire an officer – and then the hard work begins! The officer has to work with a Field Training Officer to learn the ropes in our community and if the new employee hasn't attended the Maine Criminal Justice Academy, he or she will go there for 18 weeks prior to graduating and being able to hit the road on their own. From start to finish with an inexperienced officer, this process can take about 1 year!

Recently, 7 members of CPD participated in a workshop to develop our mission statement, vision statement, and agency values. I was very proud that during the day everyone was engaged, passionate, collaborative and worked hard to come up with our finished product:

Mission Statement: To serve as law enforcement professionals while enhancing quality of life and strengthening community relationships.

Vision Statement: To be the premier law enforcement agency protecting America's safest town.

Values:

Dedication: We are committed to protecting our Town, its residents and visitors

Respect: We act with due regard for the rights and concerns of others **Integrity:** Our actions are totally consistent with our values and principles

Vigilance: We keep careful watch over our Town, and quard against complacency

Excellence: We strive for mastery of our profession and of ourselves

Nobility: Our work is difficult and requires bravery, decency and selflessness



Jean Duchesneau, the Cumberland Police Department's Administrative Assistant, celebrated her 25th anniversary as a Town employee on Monday, June 24th. Jean originally began her employment with the PD as a dispatcher when the department had a full-service communications center. When the communications center closed down, Jean transitioned to her current role as Administrative Assistant, where she has a tremendous amount of responsibility for the processing, maintenance and release of department records, permits, and so much more. Jean is indispensable in helping the department manage our payroll and our 1.4 million dollar budget – honestly, we don't know what we'd do if we didn't have Jean to help manage the day-to-day functions of CPD!

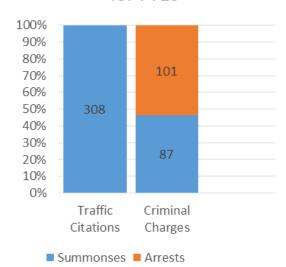
"Hey, how's Tom?" "Is Sergeant Burgess working today?" It's hard to go anywhere in Cumberland wearing a police uniform and not have someone ask you how Tom Burgess is doing. We frequently think of him as the Mayor of Cumberland, and his knowledge of the community, its homes and residents is legendary. As a police officer, he's the kind of backup you want at a tough call, and if you're someone in need of help, you are sure to appreciate his arrival on scene. We are all lucky to have Sergeant Burgess on our team. Sarge celebrated his 30th anniversary with the Town on April 9, 2019. When you see him out and about, please offer your congratulations!



According to the 2017 data on crime in Maine, Cumberland was ranked as the 3rd safest community in the state with a crime rate of 3.02 Index Offenses per 1000 residents. We were behind Winter Harbor (crime rate of zero) and Washburn (crime rate of 1.28). Although we fell in the rankings from #2 to #3, we actually had one less Index Offense in 2017 than 2016. The take away message: Cumberland is an extraordinarily safe community, and we are hard at work to help keep it that way!

Summonses and Arrests for FY19

Charles Rumsey Chief of Police

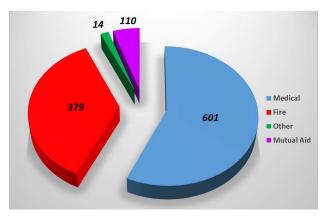


FY19 Calls For Service	
Traffic Issues	3501
Property Checks	2725
All Other	1726
Criminal Investigations	614
Assist Other Agencies	462
Animal Problems	310
Alarms	213
TOTAL	9551

FIRE & EMERGENCY

MANAGEMENT

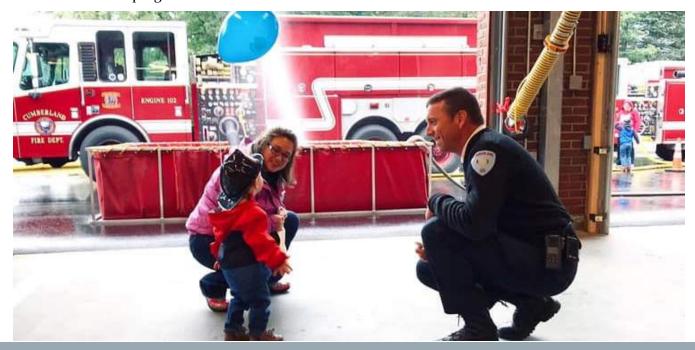
I am pleased to submit the annual report for the Cumberland Fire Department for the fiscal period of July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019. The members of the department have once again shown a high level of professionalism to our community. Their sustained commitment to training and responding to emergencies at all hours of the day offers our town a tremendous level of comfort and protection. It is with great pride that I have had the opportunity to serve for 20 years as the Chief of such a fine organization.



For the period included in this report, the fire department provided service at 1,104 incidents. In addition to our emergency responses, the department also provided fire and medical coverage at several events over the course of the year. These activities include football games, running events, and multiple athletic events at Twin Brook Recreation Facility as well as several mass gathering events at the Cumberland Fairgrounds. The department has had mutual aid agreements with our neighboring communities for over 40 years, and those agreements have never proven more necessary than they do now. With the increase of

emergency responses, we work frequently to assist each other with both fire and medical related emergencies. During the period of this report, we worked with our mutual aid partners 110 times.

The department offers a student live-in program for five students. This program includes housing to students enrolled in either fire science or paramedicine at Southern Maine Community College by living at one of our two fire stations. This program provides the students with real life emergency fire and medical experiences by assisting our on-duty firefighter/paramedics, as well as our on-call members, during training and emergency responses. We will have three new students entering the program in August of 2019, and two of our prior students will be staying in the department to begin the second year of the fire science program.





In conjunction with the Boy Scouts of America, we have an Explorer Post that includes ten kids between the ages of 13 and 18 who are involved in age-specific tasks. A fire academy was held in June where five of the Explorers participated for six days. The academy was 24 hours per day and the students stayed in bunk rooms at central station. The academy included hands-on training of basic firefighting skills, toured the Cumberland County Regional dispatch center and participated in a Mass Casualty Incident training in North Yarmouth.

The fire department has a strong commitment to ensuring our preparedness to deal with differing emergencies that could happen on our school campus. Several active trainings were conducted both inside the high school as well as campus wide. These trainings were performed in unison with the police and school departments to ensure that we have a strong working relationship should an actual emergency occur.

It was with deep sadness that two public safety officers were killed in the line of duty this past year. A firefighter in Berwick was killed inside a burning structure while searching for reported occupants being trapped and a State Trooper was killed on Interstate 95 while assisting a motorist. We have taken efforts to learn how to minimize the threat of similar tragedies. Whereas our staffing is limited, especially during the daytime, we have added mutual aid resources to respond specifically as a firefighter rescue team that focuses specifically on effecting rescues of trapped firefighters. With the ever increasing motor vehicle traffic on both Interstate 295 and the Maine Turnpike we are very susceptible to emergencies on these highways. We work with our mutual departments to assist with rapid and effective accident mitigations so we can clear these highways as soon as possible.

A full-time firefighter/paramedic position was added to the staffing in June. This position has been added to replace one of our per-diem positions to provide a more consistent scheduling of our 24 hour shifts.

Members of the department attended State of Maine license or certification classes over the past year. Three people obtained their basic EMT license, three people obtained their paramedic license and five completed Firefighter 1 & 2 classes.

We have continued to work with the State of Maine on obtaining authorization to provide nonemergent medical evaluation and care at Central Station. There is a specific room at the station that is designed to allow for this added level of medical assistance that is presently not permitted by our State EMS operating license. We have spent a tremendous amount of time working with outside agencies to make this added service a reality. It is our expectation that this will become effective by October of 2019. Central Station has a multi-purpose room that is being utilized by non-fire department groups. Birthday parties, historical society presentations, MSAD 51 committees and several other groups are strongly encouraged to use this room. We want this space to be a part of the community so please contact our department if you would like to host a meeting or an event.

In closing, I would like to remind the citizens of the Town of Cumberland that we are always looking for people to join our department. From assisting with traffic control, to driving fire trucks or ambulances, to wearing air packs, to becoming an EMT, it is likely that we have a job for you. We truly need to build our base of volunteers, and it starts with you. To learn more about the rewarding skills and benefits of firefighting and emergency medical services, please contact the department at 829-5421.

Daniel R. Small Fire Chief



Public Works



Public Works is an integral part of the many services that are provided to the Town residents. Whether it is the actual maintenance of the infrastructure of our roads, completing projects in our parks or maintaining the many vehicles and equipment utilized by Police & Fire services or even assisting with the buildings that Town employees come to work in every day, Public Works strives to do its best. We achieve this through the labor and commitment that our highly skilled employees put into their jobs every day. They are the reason the Towns services stand above the rest. The Public Works Department also serves as a support for all other town departments and is the home of the Town's Brush Dump and composting facility.

Spring of 2019 saw the completion of the sidewalk project in the center of Town, connecting the sidewalk from the Library to the sidewalk system in the Wyman Way neighborhood. The sidewalk system from Town Hall was also extended further east down Tuttle Rd with the goal of eventually continuing to Twin Brook. Public Works also monitors the more than 76 miles of pavement and works with Town Management to keep the towns' infrastructure solid. Between pavings, the crew will make temporary fixes with cold patch, clean out ditches and catch basins, mow tall grass at many intersections and try to trouble shoot many resident's concerns.

During the winter months, the Public Works Department will plow and maintain these same roads as well as providing support to the MSAD 51 school department with plowing and sweeping and grounds maintenance when asked.

Services provided by Public Works:

- **Road Maintenance**: Snow Removal for Roads, Sidewalk Clearing, Street Sweeping, Maintaining culverts and drainage, Patching and Repair, Brushing and Ditching, and Road Signage.
- *Interdepartmental Services*: Fire & Police Vehicle Maintenance, Heavy Equipment support for Val Halla improvements, Project Support at Twin Brook, and grading roads.
- ◆ Trash Removal: Curbside waste removal, Curbside Recycling, E Waste Collection, Brush Dump, Bulky Item Pickup, and Confidential Shredding.
- ♦ *Environmental*: Composting Facility, Waste Oil Recycling (Residents may bring their used oil to the Public Works Garage during Brush Dump hours), Storm Drain Inspections and Maintenance, and Street Sweeping & Catch Basin Maintenance

Parks Department

The Parks Department maintains five different parks with combined trails that extend over 10 miles. The Department also maintains the grounds at the Prince Memorial Library, Town Monuments, Cumberland Commons, and West Cumberland Recreation fields, Town Hall, Drowne Road Fields and the Fire Stations. Combining this with the over 60 acres of park area means our large 12-foot mowers can be seen operating almost daily around Town. And our newest additions to the Department are Knights Pond and the Broad Cove Reserve.



Broad Cove Reserve is a 22 acre property that's tucked off of Route 88 with nearly 11 acres along the shoreline. Stop by Broad Cove Reserve this weekend to check out the beautiful new pier! Our Public Works crew has done an amazing job these past few weeks to get the park ready for its busy season, adding kayak racks and a boardwalk as we continue to strive to make the property more functional for the residents. There is a drop off available at the beach for the public, two handicap spaces and 5 resident spaces (must have a sticker to use). All other parking is limited the parking lot near Route 88. Broad Cove is open to the public from sunrise to sunset 7 days a week.

Knight Pond Preserve is a 215 acre preserve consisting of a 46 acre pond, 169 acres of forest land and a network of trails and a critical wildlife habitat. Knight's Pond & Blueberry Hill Preserve is the largest undeveloped property in Cumberland and contains many natural resource values important to the region, including a 46 acre pond, forested uplands, and a ridgeline with views of Casco Bay. There is also a network of connecting trails and critical wildlife habitat. The Preserve is accessible from Greely Road Ext. and now there is a picnic table where you can relax by the pond and enjoy your lunch. Carry in/Carry out.





Twin Brook Recreation Area continues to be a hub for the community. There are over 22 acres of mixed athletic fields, baseball and softball fields, and soccer fields that are maintained by the Department. In the winter months, the staff will groom many of the Twin Brook trails for cross country skiing, assist with repairs around town and support the Public Works department in plowing the town's roads and clearing the sidewalks; all of which demonstrate that this is a flexible and well trained group of employees.

Please see the Departments page on the Town's website (https://www.cumberlandmaine.com/parks) for more information on the Town Parks.

Waste & Recycling

Recycling saves money, energy and water, lowers pollution and greenhouse gas emissions, improves air and water quality, preserves landfill space and conserves natural resources. Cumberland participates in Single Sort Recycling. This means you do not have to separate your recyclables; however, your recycling will not be collected if it contains materials such as plastic bags, Styrofoam and Polystyrene – as these materials are not recyclable and could prevent your recycling from being collected – they should be placed in a PAYT bag with the rest of your household trash.

Pay As You Throw (PAYT)

The Town of Cumberland utilizes a PAYT program with curbside collection for both household trash and recyclables. The purchase and use of the Cumberland Trash Bags subsidizes this program.

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

Universal Waste Collection Event

Fall of 2018 saw the Town's 7th Annual Universal Collection event. This year we collected 23,000 pounds of universal waste for proper disposal and recycling. Universal Waste, also known as Ewaste, is comprised of computers, monitors, printers and other electronic devices. This event is open to the town residents for no additional fee. The department hopes to plan this event each fall in conjunction with Bulky Item Pickup Week, as the cost to the Town is minimal yet the benefits are great.

Confidential Shredding

This past year, Cumberland hosted its 7th annual Confidential Shredding event. Over 8,000 tons of materials were brought to the Public Works Garage for disposal. The event was free to residents. The cost to the town was small, but the benefits were huge. We'll do our best to organize this event each fall in October. Please check the Town's website for details.

Bulky Item Pickup Week

This event is held one week in May and one week in October. Bulky Item Pickup Week was designed to assist the Residents of Cumberland in the disposal of large, oversized items that cannot fit into the Town's PAYT bags in the weekly trash or be recycled in regular curbside recycling. This program is not designed to be a free trash disposal week. Please do NOT put out piles of trash – piles of smaller items will not be collected. If an item, or group of items, fits in a large Town of Cumberland PAYT bag, the material is not bulky waste and will not be picked up unless it is in a Town of Cumberland PAYT bag. A more detailed list of do's and don'ts is available on the Town's Website.

Community Recreation



(L-R): Rob Hale, Sarah Davis, Cindy Molleur, Peter Bingham, Nick Plummer, Jen Gifford, and Devon Galvan

Cumberland-North Yarmouth Community Recreation had a very busy and successful year. Brian Bickford stepped down as the Director of Val Halla and Community Recreation in March of 2019 to take a new position at the Maine State Golf Association. We welcomed Nick Plummer as the new Val Halla Head Pro/Recreation Program Coordinator and are excited to have him as a member of the team.

With continued growth in many of our popular existing programs and many new offerings, Community Recreation is always looking to meet the needs of Cumberland/North Yarmouth residents. We strongly encourage resident feedback and any program or activity suggestions.

Some of the 2017-18 highlights include:

- Overall FY19 program revenue increased by 7% over the previous fiscal year (\$436,000 increase over prior four fiscal years)
- ♦ Increased Aftercare enrollment by 15%
- 5th Annual Daddy/Daughter Dance in March with over 300 daddy's & daughters
- Continued Positive feedback on increased offerings for senior programs, particularly art, craft, cooking and fitness classes Senior trips and excursions including the "Hobo Turkey Train" trip, the "Gardens Aglow" at Boothbay Botanical Gardens, "Tour of Shaker Village", "Cellardoor Winery Tour" and the Cumberland Historical Bus Tours.
- Inaugural Mother/Son Night with the Maine Mariners was a big hit and we look forward to this becoming an annual tradition
- ♦ Highest overall Summer Program Participation rate since we began tracking enrollment through Activenet software in 2011 (11% increase from 2017 to 2018)

As was the case in 2017 the department continues to see an increase in youth sports & enrichment programs, the Before/After School Care Program, senior activities and adult/senior fitness offerings.

Peter C. Bingham Recreation Director



Val Halla Pro

The Val Halla Pro Shop had a down year due to one of the wettest 12 months on record in the state of Maine. Because of that, greens fees and cart rentals were both well below what we were hoping for in FY19. With the worst of the weather hopefully behind us, we are hoping to turn the corner and have a great start to FY20 with increased play at the golf course.

Weather aside, FY19 was another strong year for junior golf programs at Val Halla. In total, we had close to 400 kids participate in our programs and we aim to build on that next year. We pride ourselves on creating a welcoming family atmosphere for our residents and their kids and are open to any feedback or suggestions you might have to help make Val Halla the best it can be. I have listed some of the main highlights and figures from this year, below:



Nick Plummer Head Golf Professional

- In March 2019, Nick Plummer took over for Brian Bickford as the Head Golf Professional of Val Halla Golf Course.
- ◆ After a strong July-September of 2018, the weather from October 2018 early June 2019 was not favorable for golfing conditions. With large scale winter damage to start the 2019 golf season, greens fees and cart rentals took a large hit (down roughly \$27,000 from FY18).
- When golf course conditions take a hit, usually course memberships follow suit. However, we were only short roughly \$5,000 from FY18. That amounts to roughly 5 memberships.
- ♦ Val Halla Program Revenue came in \$20,000 below Program Revenues from FY18, however this difference can be explained in the dropping of Wine & Nine in 2019. Wine & Nine attributed to close to \$25,000 annually.

Although we have struggled because of conditions, which are out of our control, our hope is to bounce back in FY20 and have a very strong season. It is also my hope to expand on our junior golf programs to get as many kids in our community active on the golf course.

Val Halla Grounds

This past fiscal year was quite possibly the most difficult season we've experienced in some time. We started with a warm, abnormally dry spring but things quickly changed to brutally hot and extremely humid once summer hit. In August alone, the lowest day time temperature we recorded was 78° with a recorded high of 103° all while the dew point remained above 70° for 23 days. The heat index was greater than 85° for 27 days; 11 over 85°, 8 over 95° and 8 over 100° maxing out at 125°. On top of the heat and humidity, we received significantly more rain than normal during the summer months; 15.75" as compared to 9.13" in 2017.

We ended the year with one of the wettest falls on record and the precipitation continued throughout winter. Every time it snowed, we were always in the belt of warmer temperatures where we



Toby Young Val Halla Grounds Superintendent

received either freezing rain or rain with all but a handful of storms. Unfortunately, the excessive moisture and ground saturation took its toll on the golf course and we experienced more damage to the golf course this spring than any year prior. We lost almost 14 greens entirely as well as substantial turf loss on the tees and fairways.

The staff has worked incredibly hard over the past few months to get the golf course back in shape. An astronomical amount of man hours and input has gone into getting conditions back and in some of the worst weather. This spring, we experienced cooler than normal temperatures and received some form of precipitation 49 out of 79 days; with 2 days being our longest interval in between rain events. Besides the overwhelming amount of damage to the turf, the extreme frost this past winter left us with over 60 irrigation breaks that needed to be repaired as well as 75 irrigation heads that needed to be dug up and leveled. While we still have a ways to go, we have made great progress towards recovery and the entire staff should feel extremely proud of what has been accomplished given the difficult circumstances.



Aging in Place

A ging in Place Cumberland is now a part of the town's Community Recreation Department. Sue Gold stepped down in December, 2018 after several years serving as the AIP Coordinator. Longtime Town of Cumberland Adult Education and Recreation Staff member Sarah Davis assumed the role January 1st.



The primary mission of AIP is to help our older residents stay in their homes as long as possible as they age. Cumberland is fortunate to have 90+ volunteers serving in a variety of activities to support our older residents. Our community partners, including Cumberland churches, Prince Memorial Library, Cumberland Fire Department, Public safety and schools, help to create diverse programs in a variety of spaces.

Cumberland Area Rides (CAR) has about 22 active volunteer drivers who provided 400+ rides this year for 22 riders. Drivers use their own cars to transport residents to medical appointments and other errands. This valuable service by the Aging in Place program is a partnership with the town and the Cumberland Congregational Church.

Friendly Visitors: We had several trained volunteers serve as companions to older residents in their homes.

Handyman Helpers: These volunteers helped residents with a variety of home projects such as changing smoke detector batteries, putting up grab bars, and more. We also held two Big Project Days – Fall and Spring- to help with a variety of home projects.

Morning with Friends: This monthly program on the third Wednesday morning of the month offered gatherings with topics such as the Portland Trolley System, Guiding Eyes for the Blind, Squirrel Tales and more!

Classes: AIP (free) classes were held on topics such as Medicare, Scams Affecting Older Persons, Balance and other important topics for our residents.

Durable Medical Goods: Cumberland residents borrowed a variety of durable medical equipment for the CFD.

Annual Forum: This past year's Forum held in November focused on housing options. There were about 80 people in attendance.

Cumberland Fire Dept. Call-in Program: The CFD provides daily reassurance calls to those requesting this service.



Indoor Walking Program: Walking indoors in the winter months was sponsored by Friend in-Home care. An average of 5-14 walkers each week took advantage of this program held at Greely High School. (*See photo above.*)

Senior Property Tax Assistance: This town program provided tax relief for residents 70 and older who meet the specified criteria.

For more information on Aging in Place Cumberland, call 829-2208 or visit the Aging in Place website at www.AIPCumberland.org

PRINCE MEMORIAL

LIBRARY



Prince Memorial Library offers programs for all ages and interests. In addition to the programs listed below, the library provides meeting space for a number of community groups. The library is host to weekly Dominoes and Scrabble games, knitting groups, Daisy Troop, and 4H club meetings and a monthly writers' group. During the year the library has hosted 222 programs attended by a total of 2,443 people.

AUTHOR TALKS feature local authors discussing their craft, inspirations, and more. This year's author talks began and ended with two special evenings sponsored by the Friends of PML, featuring Monica Wood (*Ernie's Ark*, *One in a Million Boy, When We Were the Kennedys*, etc.) in October, and Amy Bass (*One Goal: A Coach, a Team, and the Game That Brought a Divided Town Together*) in May. Other authors included:

Scott Douglas: Running is My Therapy Jennifer Hazard: The Maine Play Book Mitch Sturgeon: Enjoying the Ride Lois Stailing: Nearway Places Lisa Steele-Maley: Without a Map

BOOK GROUPS

Prince Memorial Library hosts two book groups on the last Thursday (unless otherwise noted) of the month. The afternoon group meets at 3:00 pm and the evening at 6:30 pm. Each group chooses a series of title for our Fall and Spring lineups. In the summer months we choose a classic and embark on a slower, guided reading. Last summer the afternoon group chose George Elliot's *Middlemarch* and the evening group chose Daphne Du Mauier's *Rebecca*. New readers are always welcome.

MUSIC & MUFFINS, the popular monthly concert series, ran September through April and featured performances by:

Anni Clark
Curlew
Music's Quill
Carolyn Currie
Three Point Jazz (see photo to right)
DaPonte String Quartet
Hanz Akari



T A GLANCE

LECTURE SERIES brings in local speakers to discuss current issues. Featured speakers included:

Paige Evans: "Tennis without Borders"

Diane Dahlke: "Waking Up Your Eyes: the Process of

Painting"

Steve Moriarty: "Cumberland Planning Board" Peter Bingham: "Trek to Everest Base Camp"

Ed Rice: "Louis Sockalexis"

Bill Shane: "Future of the Town of Cumberland" Wendy Thompson: "How Do Colleges Really Choose

Students?"

YOUTH PROGRAMMING

Youth services at PML are offered to children from birth through grade 12. Our goal is to invite children and teens into the library to explore the world through reading and with programs that encourage inquiry and exploration.

In FY2018–19, we focused on STEM programming, with a light-up greeting card workshop, an engineering challenge series for middle schoolers, and a "Robopots" workshop with Maine State Library's STEM librarian Chris Dorman. In addition, through the generous support of the Friends, we hosted Kallee Gallant, a ballet dancer

Overall Circulation

Number of patrons: 4,877

Number of Visits: 54,151

Total number of books, videos & audiotapes: 54,964

Circulation of PML Materials: 102,253 *

This figure represents a:

- This figure represents a 9.5% increase from the previous year's circulation of 93,364
- Circulation of digital audiobooks and e-books through Maine Infonet Download Library increased 9.1% from 4,605 to 5,025. Total circulation, including digital, was 107,278
- * In addition to cataloged materials, the library loans paperback books and school summer reading list books, but does not maintain statistics on their use.



Prince Memorial Library Scrabble Club Players

from Maine State Ballet, as well as Joshua Sparks of Sparks Ark, and Storyteller Antonio Rocha. A popular, monthly Touch-a-Truck event brought a police car, snow plow (see photo to right), garbage truck, fire truck, ambulance, and spring cleanup trucks to the library for children to explore and touch.

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



Photo by Christina Burr

The Summer Library Program continues to thrive. Summer 2018 kicked off with a performance of Magic the Steelgraves. Midsummer brought the Children's Museum of New Hampshire with a hands-on geology presentation, called "Mind-Blowing Matter Rocks." The finale bubble and ice cream party was a hit with kids. M&M Entertainment provided music, entertainment and bubbles.

FY2018-19 Youth Programs by the Numbers

Number of Programs Offered: 255 Number of Program Attendees: 4,686 Students Reached via School Visits: 1,790

2018 Summer Reading Program Registrations: 231 Children; 37 Teens

STAFF

Thomas Bennett is the library director. Elizabeth Manning is Reference Librarian, and Kelly Greenlee is Youth Service Librarian. Arabella Eldredge is head of Circulation, and Pam Copenhagen is head of Technical Services. Jennifer Benham, Carolyn Currie, and Sally Somes are Circulation aides.

Library staff would like to thank the Friends of Prince Memorial for their generous support of library programs and events that serve the people of Cumberland and North Yarmouth. They wish also to thank the Library Advisory Board for their guidance and leadership. In addition, thanks to all the people who donate gifts of time, money, and books.

Thomas C. Bennett Library Director



SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT



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Dear Citizens of Cumberland,

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

Our second three-year Strategic Plan commenced in July 2018 with a roadmap for moving our schools to the next level of excellence in four major priority areas:

- ♦ Wellness: Foundation for Teaching & Learning
- Early Childhood Education, The Critical Building Block
- Every Student College & Career Ready
- Skills for the 21st Century. Skills for Life.

Additional information, including a full profile of the 2018-21 Strategic Plan, can be located on our website at www.msad51.org.

Below you will find representative highlights from the 2018-19 school year. Though not an exhaustive list, it provides a snapshot of the remarkable people and events happening in your school district.

DISTRICT

- ◆ The Grand Opening for the Greely Center for the Arts (GCA)was held in January 2019. There was overwhelming attendance and support at this event and we couldn't be more grateful to the community.
- As of July 15, 2019, over \$75,000 has been raised for the GCA through the *Leave Your Legacy* Brick & Seat Campaign. Bricks & Seats can still be purchased online (www.msad51.org/donate), mail in order, or by stopping into the district office.
- The district's safety committee, in cooperation with the Cumberland



police and fire departments, held an all-staff emergency preparedness drill as part of the emergency plan. The committee also entered into a partnership with the U.S. Homeland Security Department to conduct a full safety assessment of the schools.

- The "Board Goes to School" program was an opportunity for MSAD #51 Board of Directors to see schools and programs in action, including the highlights and challenges that are brought to the Board for consideration and approval.
- Partnerships with the Greely PTO and Foundation 51 proved fruitful towards the digital citizenship objective in the Strategic Plan. A viewing of the documentary "Like" was followed by a Q&A with students and administrators. In addition, the PTO partnered with Greely Middle School 4-8 for Bytes & Bites: A Community Media Dinner.
- The Environmental Stewardship Committee partnered with each school's green team to plant three dogwood trees around the GCA in honor of Arbor Day. Thank you to Anderson Landscaping for donating the trees.
- ♦ The Board of Directors launched an elementary facilities task force for the purpose of planning for extensive growth in student enrollment. At Mabel I. Wilson School alone, the student enrollment has increased more than 100 students over the last four years, necessitating the addition of six modular classrooms to be placed on school grounds. The task force is expected to make a recommendation to the Board in the winter of 2020, with a potential referendum item to address enrollment on the November 2020 ballot for voter consideration.
- A joint workshop of the MSAD #51 Board of Directors, Cumberland Town Council, and North Yarmouth Select Board yielded renewed efforts for collaboration amongst the three organizations.

ACADEMIC & EXTRACURRICULAR

- A comprehensive Wellness initiative began a year ago as part of the Strategic Plan, which is focused on mental health, homework, fitness, nutrition, digital citizenship, and substance use prevention. Over 50 stakeholders have actively participated in this initiative to help our students be healthy through a well-rounded approach to education.
- The K-12 district literacy leadership team completed a complete audit of the district's curriculum in order to continue the process of providing the highest quality literacy instruction for students from primary school to high school.
- Another successful First Responders event was held, thanks to participation from the Cumberland Police and Fire Departments, North Yarmouth Fire Department, and State Police who visited with special needs students. These first responders provided the students with a behind-the-scenes look at emergency vehicles and equipment in a relaxed and fun-filled environment. (photo to right).
- Mrs. Russell's 3rd graders participated in "Bring Your Legislator to School Day" with state Senator Cathy Breen, even getting a studentled tour of MIW. Mrs. Kearins' 3rd graders were treated to a surprise visit at the State House by Gov. Janet Mills, who graciously answered questions and helped students understand the role of state government.
- GMS 4-5 students walked and raised \$7,475 in funds to support Habitat for Humanity.



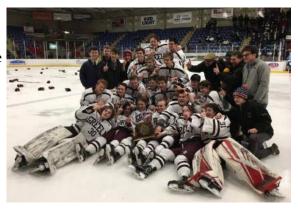
- ◆ The GMS 4-5 Civil Rights team organized Unity Day, while MIW hosted a kindness assembly. Members of the 5th grade Civil Rights team marched to Prince Memorial Library to deliver handmade bookmarks in celebration of Black History Month. Our community showed support with horns honking, church bells ringing, and spectators high fiving the kids as they marched.
- Ten GMS students who won first or second place at the state competition were invited to the National Competition for National History Day in Washington, DC.
- Thirty-four GMS 6-8 students from the Outing Club, Civil Rights Team, Student Council and Green Team volunteered at Scatter Good Farm in Brunswick. Scatter Good is a volunteer-based farm that grows organic fruits and vegetables, & donates it all to food banks/pantries.
- Students at GHS were able to witness 54 candidates from 26 countries, become U.S. Citizens. The Naturalization Ceremony was held at the Greely Center for the Arts. This ceremony was particularly special due to the keynotespeaker, GHS senior Ibrahim Saleh, who spoke about his family's journey to the United States.
- GHS students competed in the Maine State Science Fair and took away 2nd place in biological sciences and engineering and 3rd place in environmental sciences, among others.
- GHS Trivia Team took home the Maine State Trivia Championship (photo to right).
- ♦ Thanks to GHS student volunteers, Officer Kirk Mazuzan, Casco Bay CAN, Foodstop, North Yarmouth Variety and J Brothers' Variety who participated in "Project Sticker Shock," raising awareness about the risks of providing alcohol to minors.
- ♦ GHS Drama performed "West Side Story" in the new Arts Center. All four shows sold out with over 2,000 seats filled.



- Many of our GMS and GHS students participated in various choral groups, including All Eastern Honors Music Festival, District 2 Honors Chorus, and All National Honors Choir.
- GHS Jazz Band took home the gold in Division II Big Jazz Band competition and silver in Division I Jazz Combo at the State Jazz Fest.
- Student exchanges and homestays with Namioka, Japan and Barr, France as well as Chile helped our students experience global connections.

ATHLETICS

- It was frigid on the mountain, but the winter Special Olympic games went on! Isabella Yates: Silver, Bronze and 4th in Alpine. Scotty Wentzell: Silver and 5th in the Alpine; Adam Jacobson: Gold and Silver in Snowshoe.
- GHS girls & boys basketball teams brought home the State Championship titles for the 2nd year in a row.
- Greely Boys Hockey beat out defending state champs Old Town to secure the 2019 Class B State Championship.
- Senior Rachel Smith was the girls golf state champion.



- Sophomore Elizabeth Hanson won the Western Maine Conference slalom race.
- 100 multi-sport athletes at GHS were recognized with the "Iron Ranger" Award

STAFF

- Staff focused their professional development time analyzing student writing, reflecting on instructional strategies, and studying research-based high-impact strategies for teaching & learning.
- ♦ The 4th Annual MSAD #51 "Employee of the Year" recognition honor was bestowed to GHS educational technician Eliza Miller (photo to right). Kudos to these finalists: special education teacher Donna Hobbins; instructional strategist Kristen Marks; library media specialist Heather Perkinson; and art teacher James Treadwell.
- Additionally, these staff members were honored with special awards this past year:



- -Health teacher Denise Allen was named 2018 Health Teacher of the Year by The Maine Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.
- -PE teacher Becki Belmore was named 2018 Adapted PE Teacher of the Year by MAHPERD.
- -Social studies teacher Jason Curry was awarded the Maine Forensic Association's Coach of the Year.

NEWSWORTHY

- Voters approved the FY 20 budget in June 2019 with 73% support, and taxpayers will see no increase to their school taxes in 2019-20.
- 2019 US News & World Report ranked GHS #5 in Maine and 1,136 in the nation out of 17,000 high schools studied, an improvement over 2018.
- Niche.com once again named MSAD #51 as the 5th best school district in Maine.
- The "Challenge Day" program continued at Greely High School for the sophomore class in order to promote and sustain a positive school culture. Special thanks to the 50 adult volunteers who participated to make this day possible.
- The fourth annual "senior walk" brought back memories for the GHS Class of 2019, which proudly graduated 184 students in June.

I wish to thank all the students, staff, parents, and community members for their support and commitment to the ideals of our high-performing school district. I look forward to the promises of the 2019-2020 year.

Respectfully,

Jeffrey J. Porter

Superintendent of Schools

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GOVENOR

Dear Friends:

It was the highest honor of my life to take the oath of office to become Maine's 75th governor. Over the next four years, I will do everything in my power to make Maine the safe, beautiful, prosperous state we all want for our children and grandchildren.

That is why on my first day in office I directed the Maine Department of Health and Human Services to implement Medicaid expansion as quickly and efficiently as possible. My Administration will ensure that it is paid for sustainably; that the cost of health insurance is controlled; and that the cost of prescription drugs is reined in. In addition to



creating a Director of Opiate Response to marshal the collective power and resources of state government to stem the tide of the opioid epidemic, we will make Narcan widely available, increase access to medication assisted treatment and recovery coaches, and expand drug courts.

We also need a healthy environment. My Administration will embrace clean energy; change our modes of transportation; weatherize homes and businesses; and reach a goal of 50 percent of our energy coming from Maine renewable resources. By reducing the impacts of climate change, we will create good-paying jobs, preserve our environment, and protect our state's farming, fishing, and forestry industries.

We will also develop a world-class workforce starting with Pre-K for every 4-year-old in Maine and more post-high school options that result in a valued credential. Attracting talented young people to move here and make Maine their home will be top priorities of my Administration.

Maine communities, especially rural communities, are confronting a severe workforce shortage and an aging and declining population. It is time for bold, dynamic ideas that will change Maine for the better. That is why I, along with people ranging from small business owners, innovators and entrepreneurs, to economists and every day, hard-working Mainers, developed an economic plan designed to make it easier for small businesses to grow, for people to come and stay, and for Maine to thrive.

I welcome your ideas. We are all in this together. We all want Maine to have a beautiful environment, happy people, and prosperous communities.

Thank you,

Janet T. Mills

Governor

UNITED STATES

SENATE

Dear Friends,

It is an honor to represent Maine in the United States Senate. I am grateful for the trust the people of our state have placed in me and welcome this opportunity to share some key accomplishments from this past year.

As Chairman of the Senate Aging Committee, I worked to help ensure the well-being of our seniors. The *Senior*€afe Act I authored became law last year and is empowering banks, credit unions, and other financial institutions to better protect seniors from financial fraud.



Following extensive committee investigations of prescription drug pricing, additional legislation I crafted became law, ending the egregious practice of pharmacy "gag clauses" that prevented pharmacists from informing patients on how to pay the lowest possible price.

This year, I was also successful in securing an extra \$425 million for Alzheimer's research—the largest funding increase ever—bringing the total to \$2.34 billion. Additionally, the bipartisan *BOLD Act* I authored will create public health infrastructure to combat Alzheimer's by promoting education, early diagnosis, and improved care management.

More than 40 million Americans—including 178,000 Mainers—are caregivers for parents, spouses, children, and other loved ones with disabilities or illnesses, such as Alzheimer's. The *RAISE Family Caregivers Act* I authored was signed into law last year, giving caregivers more resources and training to better balance the full-time job of caregiving. Another law I wrote will help grandparents who are raising grandchildren, largely due to the opioid addiction crisis.

In addition to helping seniors, a major accomplishment over the past year is the increased federal investment in biomedical research that is leading to progress in the fight against numerous devastating diseases. Congress has boosted funding for the National Institutes of Health by \$7 billion in just the last three years, bringing total funding to more than \$39 billion.

One of my highest priorities as Chairman of the Transportation Appropriations Subcommittee is to improve our nation's crumbling infrastructure and ensure that Maine's needs are addressed. Since the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Transportation Grants program, formerly known as TIGER, was established in 2009, I have secured \$160 million for vital transportation projects throughout Maine.

Congress also delivered a Farm Bill last year, which includes many important provisions that will help the agriculture industry in Maine and across the country. Specifically, I secured provisions that will strengthen support for young farmers, improve local farm-to-market efforts, and increase funding for organic research.

Congress took decisive action to address the opioid addiction epidemic. In addition to appropriating \$8.5 billion in federal funding last year, Congress enacted the *SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act*, a comprehensive package that embraces the multipronged approach I have long advocated for this epidemic: prevention, treatment, recovery, and enforcement to stop drug trafficking.

Maine plays a key role in ensuring a strong national defense. In 2018, Congress provided funding for five ships to be built at Bath Iron Works, which will help to keep our nation safe and provide our skilled shipbuilders a steady job. I also secured more than \$162 million for infrastructure projects at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard to support their important work to overhaul Navy submarines.

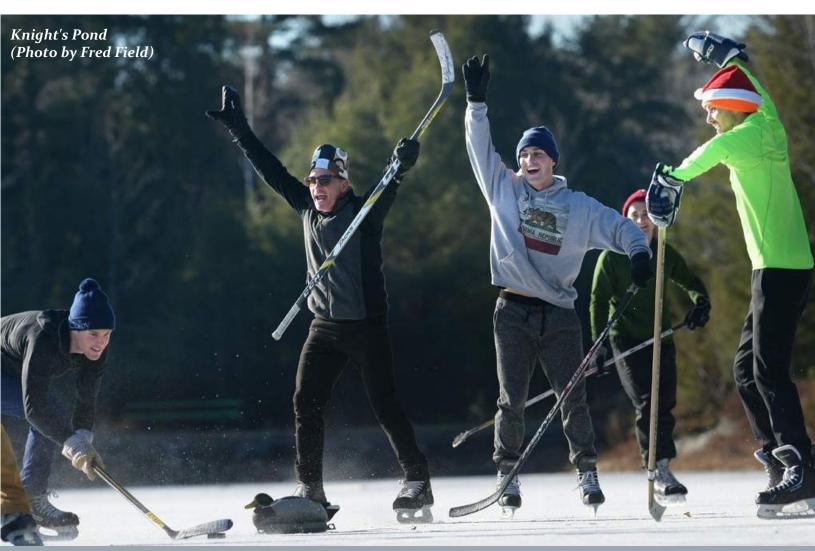
A Maine value that always guides me is our unsurpassed work ethic. In December 2018, I cast my 6,834th consecutive vote, continuing my record of never missing a roll-call vote since my Senate service began in 1997.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve Maine in the United States Senate. If ever I can be of assistance to you, please contact one of my state offices or visit my website at www.collins.senate.gov. May 2019 be a good year for you, your family, your community, and our state.

Sincerely,

Susan M Collins

Susan M. Collins United States Senator

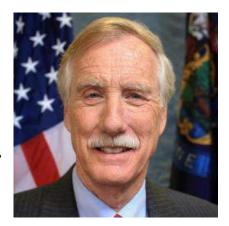


UNITED STATES

SENATE

Dear Friends,

As I travel Maine, I hear from people who live in every corner of our state. I hear about their achievements, their successes, their work to improve their communities - I hear about the hope they have for our state. I also hear about our challenges, and all the work we have left to do. As I see it, that's my job: to listen to you, act where I can to build on what's good, and work on the tough parts. As 2019 comes to a close, I wanted to take a moment to share an update on some of the work we're doing in Washington to lift up the accomplishments of Maine people and make progress on the challenges they face.



From Portland to Presque Isle, from Milo to Camden, I hear about the pain that the opioid epidemic is inflicting on Maine communities. I've met with Maine people in recovery, family members of those struggling with substance use disorders, treatment providers, and law enforcement officials to learn about their experiences with this terrible disease, and everyone agrees that in order to fully respond to these problems, we need a stronger federal effort to end the opioid epidemic. Fortunately, some help is on the way- in October, we overwhelmingly passed a sweeping, bipartisan opioids bill. I've pushed hard for this type of legislation and was proud to have provisions I've advocated for included in the bill. These priorities have been guided by the voices of Maine people, and we'll keep working to confront this tragic problem.

I've also worked to strengthen the future of our forest economy. Maine's forests have powered our state's economy for generations, especially in our rural communities. So, when rapid shifts in the market led to the closure of many pulp and paper mills and biomass power plants, it required a collaborative approach to support future growth in this important industry. That's why, together with the other members of the state's Congressional delegation, I pushed to establish the Economic Development Assessment Team (EDA T). This integrated, multiagency effort aims to foster innovation and commercialization in Maine's forest economy, and we're already seeing the benefits: in recent months, several forest industry businesses have announced significant investments into Maine operations, and in September 2018, the Forest Opportunity Roadmap (FOR)/Maine released an action plan to make sure this industry, and the rural communities it supports, can continue to thrive for generations to come.

As I close this letter, please allow me to express my gratitude to each of you - for your dedication to our state, and to one another. It's often said that Maine is like a big small town (with very long streets)-that's because at our heart, we're one big community. It's not only a pleasure to serve you- it's a pleasure to know you. Thank you for being the reason Maine is so special. Mary and I hope that 2019 will be a good year for you, your family, your community, and our great State.

Best,

Angus King
United States Senator

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CONGRESS OF THE

UNITED STATES

Dear Friends,

I hope this message finds you well. I am honored to represent you and your family and am grateful for the chance to offer both an update from Congress and my thoughts on the year ahead.

In Maine, we care less about political parties than about getting the job done. That's why I'm happy to report several recent victories I had reaching across the aisle to address issues important to our state.



Signed into law after months of deadlock, the 2018 Farm Bill contained several provisions I introduced. We were able to boost local food investment and organic research programs that are important to the Maine farmers driving a resurgence in our agricultural economy. The bill also created a pilot program to help doctors write prescriptions and offer vouchers to patients who need to change their diet but can't afford fresh food. Finally, the legislation included several steps I introduced to reduce food waste, a national problem that is not only costly to the environment and economy, but a missed opportunity to help millions of Americans who don't have enough to eat.

At the end of 2018, the President signed into law legislative language I introduced to assist veterans who had been blindsided by debt with the Department of Veterans Affairs. After hearing from several veterans who did not receive mailings about their debt until it was too late to take action, I introduced a bill to require the VA to improve its notification system. The final legislation requires that veterans have the option of getting electronic notifications and that the VA report on the underlying issues.

And on the House Appropriations Committee, I worked to protect programs that our state relies on, such as small business grants, rural broadband investment, effective responses to the opioid epidemic, shipbuilding at Bath Iron Works, and more.

As a new Congress gets underway, I will keep working with Republicans to make progress on key issues like these. But with Democrats now in the majority, I look forward to having an open debate on problems that have been ignored for too long. This includes the gun violence plaguing our nation, the dangers climate change presents to our country, crushing student loan debt, the influence of big money in politics, and the need for all Americans to access affordable health care and prescriptions.

In Washington and Maine, my offices stand ready to answer your questions, listen to feedback, and assist with federal issues and agencies. My hard-working staff helps many hundreds of constituents every year and I welcome the chance to serve you.

Best Wishes,

Chellie Pingree *Member of Congress*

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SENATE OF

MAINE

Dear Residents of Cumberland,

Thank you for the opportunity to represent Cumberland in the Maine Senate. It is an enormous honor to serve this great community in Augusta, and I look forward to hearing from you as the 129th Legislature progresses.

As Chair of the Appropriations and Financial Affairs Committee, I can report that we produced a sensible and fair biennial budget that addresses many of our top priorities. I am proud that we provided much -needed property tax relief in the forms of an expanded homestead exemption, a more inclusive Property Tax Fairness Credit and an increase in municipal revenue sharing.



Additionally, we increased education funding to support our youngest students all the way up to our college students and adult learners, made vital investments in services for seniors, children and Mainers living with disabilities, enacted new environmental protections and set aside savings for the future by putting money in the Rainy Day Fund. This work was done on time and in a civil, respectful manner, with over 99 per cent of the initiatives receiving unanimous votes.

As always, I like to use this space to remind folks about unclaimed property, or money owed to Maine people by third parties, such as former employers, banks or utility companies. It could be from a forgotten account or uncollected wages, and could be unclaimed as a result of a change in name, addresses or bank account. Go to www.maine.gov/unclaimed or call 1-888-283-2808 to see if the state is holding any unclaimed property for you.

Finally, if you know of any students who have an interest in experiencing the legislative process first-hand, consider referring them to the Senate Page Program. Pages assist legislators by handing out documents during the session, passing messages between senators, and performing other important tasks. Families can make a day of it by touring the State House and other nearby attractions. Please contact my office and I will arrange a visit for when the Legislature reconvenes in January of 2020.

I am always glad to hear from people and businesses whom I represent. I encourage you to reach out; please email me at Cathy.Breen@legislature.maine.gov or call (207)287-1515 to share any thoughts or concerns you may have.

Sincerely,

Cathy Breen
Senate District 25

HOUSE OF

REPRESENTATIVES

Dear Friends and Neighbors in Cumberland,

Maine House District 45 consist of Cumberland and the southern portion of Gray. Tragically, in April we lost our State Representative, Dale Denno, following a valiant battle with cancer. First elected in 2016, Dale was an exceptional public servant and will be greatly missed.

A special election to fill the vacant seat took place on June 11th. I was honored to have been chosen by the voters to take Dale's place as your Representative, and am grateful for the opportunity to serve you.



The election took place late in the first session and the Legislature adjourned in July. Among the major accomplishments of the session were funding an expansion of MaineCare to cover low income Mainers that have been approved by Maine voters, increasing public school funding towards the goal of 55%, increasing the Homestead Exemption and Property Tax Fairness Program to provide relief for property taxpayers and passing a number of measures to safeguard Maine's environment. Our new state budget was enacted with broad bipartisan support.

The second session of the 129th Legislature will begin in January 2020. The intense partisanship of recent years has diminished, resulting in greater collaboration and cooperation in addressing the challenging issues we face. I value your input—please contact me at Stephen.Moriarty@legislature.maine.gov as we seek solutions that will benefit our district and the entire state.

Stephen Moriarty

Representative District 45

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