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IN DEDICATION & MEMORY OF

Charles “Bill” Louis Kenny Jr.



This year, Cumberland lost a dedicated friend and community member, Major Charles “Bill” Kenny.

Bill was born on November 29, 1947, a son of Charles Kenny, Sr. and Marian Tewksbury Kenny in Old Town, Maine.

Bill earned his associate degree in Human Services from the Community College of the Air Force, a baccalaureate degree in Management from Western New England College, Springfield, Massachusetts and his Master’s in Public Administration in Urban Management from the University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma. He also obtained a Certificate in Management from the International City Managers Association and was Level III certified in Program Management and Acquisition Logistics.

Bill was fortunate to have two careers. His first one being a military career in the United States Air Force. The first part of his career was spent as enlisted, and the second part was spent as an officer. His many jobs included being a Logistic War Planner, a joint Special Operations Commander, an Intelligence Officer and a Gulf War and Korean Combat Veteran, all of which earned him many awards.

“Bill was a member of the Town of Cumberland’s Planning Board, the Cumberland Historical Society and founder and member of the Cumberland Curmudgeon Club.

Bill brought joy and caring to the world and will be sorely missed by all who knew him.”

His second career was as an Adjunct University Professor with numerous universities throughout the U.S., including Thomas Edison in New Jersey, Buena Vista University in Storm Lake, Iowa, Devry University in Chicago, and Southern New Hampshire University. Bill taught at the college and university level for more than 25 years. He started teaching as a full-time instructor in the U.S. Air Force Professional Military Education Program. He taught International Economics, Public Affairs and Organizational Leadership.

Retiring last year, Bill decided to become a published author and wrote ‘The History of Maine Railroads’ and ‘Historic Taverns and Tea Rooms of Maine’. He was also an avid New England Patriots and Red Sox fan who could be found with his numerous friends on the golf course where he achieved a hole-in-one in the summer of 2017, to his delight.



Bill also enjoyed membership in various organizations including MOAA, the Military Officers Associations, the Association of Former Intelligence Officers, the Retired Air Force Officers Association, the Bedford Minutemen Company, past President of the Woodford's Club (2006-2007), a member of the Woodford's Golf Team, the Maine Historical Society, Treasurer of the Cumberland Historical Society, founder and member of the Cumberland Curmudgeon Club and member of the Town of Cumberland's Planning Board.

During his busy life, he was accompanied by his wife of 55 years, Kathy, who shared this life full of love, laughter, and adventure. Bill's most precious and meaningful moments to him were those shared with his family, especially his granddaughter, Maddie. Some of the most joyful moments of his life were those spent sharing laughter and conversations with all his many friends. He brought joy and caring to the world and will be sorely missed by all who knew him.

Bill is missed around the Town of Cumberland by staff, committee members and residents alike. We thank his wife, Kathy, his son Tim, his daughter-in-law Kimberly and his granddaughter Madelyn, his sunshine girl, for sharing him with us.

His passing is a great loss to all who knew him and to the community he served.



TOWN COUNCIL



Cumberland is governed by a seven-member, elected Town Council who meet the 2nd and 4th Monday of every month to conduct town business. The Council delegates responsibility in carrying out its mission to the Town Manager and his staff. To contact the Town Council, please email towncouncil@cumberlandmaine.com. The following residents served on the FY2021—2022 Town Council.

Robert Vail, Chair	<i>At-Large — 2022</i>	rvail@cumberlandmaine.com	838-4753
Allison Foster, Vice Chair	<i>Center — 2023</i>	afoster@cumberlandmaine.com	
Ronald Copp	<i>West — 2024</i>	rcopp@cumberlandmaine.com	829-4191
Michael Edes	<i>At-Large — 2022</i>	medes@cumberlandmaine.com	831-5197
Thomas Gruber	<i>At-Large — 2023</i>	tgruber@cumberlandmaine.com	
Shirley Storey-King	<i>At-Large — 2024</i>	sstorey-king@cumberlandmaine.com	415-1128
Mark Segrist	<i>Foreside — 2024</i>	msegrist@cumberlandmaine.com	

TOWN COUNCIL

Robert Vail
Town Council Chair



Back Row (L-R): Shirley Storey- King , Ronald Copp, Thomas Gruber and Michael Edes
Front Row (L-R): Allison Foster, Robert Vail and Mark Segrist



TOWN MANAGER

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

The fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2021, and ending on June 30, 2022, began to bring some normalcy back to our operations.

The make-up of our town council changed with the retirement of Tom Gruber a dedicated and compassionate councilor who championed the many programs we now have offered for seniors the biggest of which is our annual tax senior tax rebate program. Our Town Council continued to hold in-person meetings and continued working through these challenging times which now has almost become the new normal for operations.

- John Jensenius continues to build and develop new trail systems throughout our Town with the help of many dedicated volunteers.
- The Climate Action Plan (from the LCC) began to evolve with the directive from the Town Council and the MSAD 51 School Board to work toward the development of a second solar complex for the school's campus.
- Affordable and senior housing also began to rise to the top of the Council's work plan and a task force was charged to return with a report by the end of 2022.
- Our aggressive and important street paving and drainage programs continue to move forward with the majority of work this summer being scheduled along the foreshore.
- The possible development of a traffic roundabout on Route 100 near Blackstrap Road began to move forward. This important project for economic development along Route 100 we will hopefully see more progress in the coming year partnering with MDOT.
- Our public services crew was busy this year assisting on school projects around the playground expand and drainage repairs.
- We also worked diligently on pedestrian safety improvements near the school's campus including planned improvements along Main Street, Tuttle Rd and Blanchard Road scheduled for the summer of 2023.

In closing, I would like to thank you all for your patience and courteous attitudes through a difficult few years. There will be many challenges ahead of us, but I am confident we will tackle them if we all work together to continue you to make this an amazing community. There are many imitators, but few duplicators when it comes to this Town. I am enormously proud that we are and strive to be the best community in the State of Maine!

Respectfully Submitted,



William R. Shane, P.E.
Town Manager

wshane@cumberlandmaine.com

Photo by Whitney Miller



TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

The Town Clerk is the keeper of the public record and the major reference resource for the past as well as the present. The Town Clerk's Office has a very important role in the history of the Town. The Clerk's Office works every year on restoring at least one volume of the Town's historical records with a professional records restoration company, so that the Town will have these vitally important documents preserved for years to come.

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 as well as tax lien processing. We continue to try to make the registration process more convenient by offering as many online services as possible.

The Town of Cumberland is a compassionate and caring community, our residents continue to show their compassion by reaching out to help during the communities most difficult and trying times. The Community Food Pantry has now been in operation for many 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 has a new General Assistance Director, Deputy Town Clerk, Abbey Lombard has taken on this important role for our town. The General Assistant Director's hours will continue to be on Wednesday, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

The Town Clerk's Office staff is such a wonderful, entertaining group of ladies to work with, they are dedicated and thorough, and I feel very fortunate to have them for employees. The office runs very smoothly because of these ladies. Our staff consists of Deputy Clerk, Ms. Abbey Lombard, who has been with us for 4 ½ years, as well as Ms. Angela Appleton, who has been with us for one year, Mrs. Jennifer McNeil who has also been with us for one year, and Ms. Barbara Wanberg, who has just joined us and recently worked for the City of Portland. Join us in welcoming Barbara!



Tammy O'Donnell
Town Clerk/Deputy Tax
Collector



Abbey Lombard
Deputy Town Clerk



Angela Appleton
Assistant Clerk/
Motor Vehicle Agent

VITAL RECORDS:

Births	-	84
Deaths	-	64
Marriages	-	56

LICENSES:

Hunting & Fishing Licenses	-	668
Boat Registrations	-	529
Snowmobile Registrations	-	197
ATV Registrations	-	197
Dog Licenses	-	1,527

ELECTIONS

Elections are a very big part of the Town Clerk's office. Maintaining the transparency and integrity of our elections continues to be of the utmost importance. With the political environment that our country is in, it is important to remember that not everything you read or hear is true. We encourage you to contact us if you have questions regarding your voter registration status or any other voter issue. We are happy to answer any questions you may have. We are very fortunate to have a wonderful group of volunteers to work during our elections and we encourage anyone who is interested in working during our elections, to contact the Town Clerk's office at 829-5559. This year, with the General Election in November of 2021, we moved back to the Cumberland Town Hall as our polling location after having used the Greely High School Gymnasium due to the Covid pandemic. The Town Council Chambers has been expanded to allow more room for elections and it is working very well. Our election staff are the best, they go through training prior to every election and are so helpful. Our Election Workers are very eager to assist all our voters in any way necessary. The election results for the fiscal year 2021, are as follows:



Jennifer McNeil
Assistant Clerk



Barbara Wanberg
Assistant Clerk

General Election, November 2, 2021

Question 1: Citizen Initiative:

Do you want to ban the construction of high-impact electric transmission lines in the Upper Kennebec Region and to require the Legislature to approve all other such projects anywhere in Maine, both retroactively to 2020, and to require the Legislature, retroactively to 2014, to approve by a two-thirds vote such projects using public land?

“yes” vote is to enact the initiated bill in its entirety.

“no” vote is opposes the initiated bill in its entirety.

Yes -	1,684
No -	1,045
Blank-	15

Question 2: Bond Issue:

Do you favor a \$100,000,000.00 bond issue to build or improve roads, bridges, railroads, airports, transit facilities and ports and make other transportation investments, to be used to leverage an estimated \$253,000,000 in federal and other funds?

Total estimated life time cost is \$127,500,000 representing \$100,000,000 in principal and \$27,500,000 in interest (assuming interest at 5% over 10 years).

A “Yes” vote approves the issuance of up to \$100,000,000 in general obligation bonds to finance transportation-related activities.

A “No” vote opposes the bond issue in its entirety.

Yes	-	2,612
No	-	704
Blank	-	28

Question 3: Constitutional Amendment:

Do you favor amending the Constitution of Maine to declare that all individuals have a natural, inherent and unalienable right to grow, raise, harvest, produce and consume the food of their own choosing for their own nourishment, sustenance, bodily health and well-being?

A “Yes” vote would amend the Maine Constitution to add a right to food.

A “No” vote opposes adoption of the constitutional amendment.

Yes	-	1,578
No	-	1,711
Blank	-	55

**Municipal & M.S.A.D.#51 Budget Validation Referendum Election and State
Primary Elections-June 14, 2022**

Cumberland Town Councilor At-Large (Vote for Two)-

Edes, Michael-	997
Kilgallen, Brian-	877
Vail, Robert-	1,161
Blank-	319

M.S.A.D. #51 Board of Directors (Vote for Two)-

Barry, Hannah-	592
Danbrie, Nicholas-	478
Deckelmann, Dwight-	650
Mitchell, Christina-	757
Vine, Kimberly-	681
Blanks-	319

M.S.A.D. #51 Budget Validation Referendum

Question 1: 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- 1,285
No- 464
Blank- 20

Question 2: 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 QUESTION 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. 51.

Yes- 1,290
No- 451
Blank- 28

Maine School Administrative District No. 51 District Referendum

Do you favor authorizing the School Board of Maine School Administrative District No. 51 (the District) to issue bonds and other evidences of indebtedness in the name of the District in an amount not to exceed \$1,522,515 through the State of Maine’s zero interest rate/loan forgiveness School Revolving Renovation Fund Program for Priority 1 Health, Safety and Compliance renovations, repairs, and improvements to Mabel I. Wilson Elementary School, including windows, a curtain wall, the HVAC distribution system, and security door access (the “Project”)?

Zero Interest/Loan Forgiveness Program: The Maine Department of Education has approved the District for loans in the amount of \$1,522,515 through the State’s zero interest rate/loan forgiveness School Revolving Renovation Fund Program for the Project.

Loan Forgiveness: The Maine Department of Education will forgive 50.58% (up to an estimated \$770,088) of the total approved loan amount.

Interest Free Loan: The District will be obligated to repay approximately 49.42% (up to an estimated \$752,427) of the total approved loan amount over a ten-year term. The State of Maine has agreed to lend these funds and to permit repayment at zero interest.

Yes- 1,478
No- 279
Blank- 13

State of Maine Primary Election, June 14, 2022

Republican Primary

Governor-(Vote for One)-

Lepage, Paul R.	-	410
Blank-		100

State Senator (District 25 Vote for One)-

Pierce, Teresa S.	-	831
Blank	-	107

Representative to Congress (District 1 Vote for One)-

Thelander, Edwin	-	405
Blank-		105

Rep. to the Legislature (District 110 Vote for One)-

Moriarty, Stephen W.	-	894
Blank	-	44

State Senator (District 25 Vote for One)-

White, Jennifer-	-	412
Blank	-	98

Judge of Probate (Vote for One)-

Aranson, Paul	-	783
Blank	-	155

Rep. to the Legislature (District 110 Vote for One)-

Jordan, Scott-	-	422
Blank	-	88

Sheriff (Vote for One)-

Joyce, Kevin Jay	-	784
Blank	-	154

Democratic Primary

Governor-(Vote for One)-

Mills, Janet T.	-	901
Blanks	-	37

District Attorney (Vote for One)-

Sahrbeck, Jonathan T.	-	283
Sartoris, Jacqueline Anne-		591
Blank	-	64

Representative to Congress (District 1 Vote for One)-

Pingree, Chellie M.	-	892
Blank	-	46

County Commissioner (Vote for One)-

Gorden, Stephen F.	-	774
Blank	-	164

FINANCE



Helen Dibartolomeo
Finance Director



Beth Lougee
Senior Accountant



Jessica Dwyer
Accounting Clerk

The Finance Department is responsible for administering and reporting financial information for the Town of Cumberland. Finance also analyzes and manages the Town's cash flow needs and investments. We work in partnership with departments to prepare the annual budget, manage insurance, debt and bond issuances, and collaborate with Human Resources to administer employee benefits. The Town's financials are audited annually by an independent CPA firm and a Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) is prepared, which has received the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) award for Excellence in Financial Reporting for fiscal years 1993 through 2021.

The following information is presented as it relates to the audited financial results for fiscal year ended June 30, 2021 (FY2021). For additional financial information about the Town of Cumberland, please visit us online at <https://www.cumberlandmaine.com/finance>.

Fiscal Year 2021 Financial Overview

The General Fund is the chief operating fund of the Town. The General Fund had an increase in fund balance of \$0.8 million, primarily due to excess budgetary allocations in revenue. Total fund balance is \$4 million, of which \$3.6 million is unassigned. Unassigned fund balance represents 11.1 percent of total General Fund operating revenues. The Town has a plan in place to reach a 12 percent unassigned fund balance by the end of fiscal year 2023.

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.

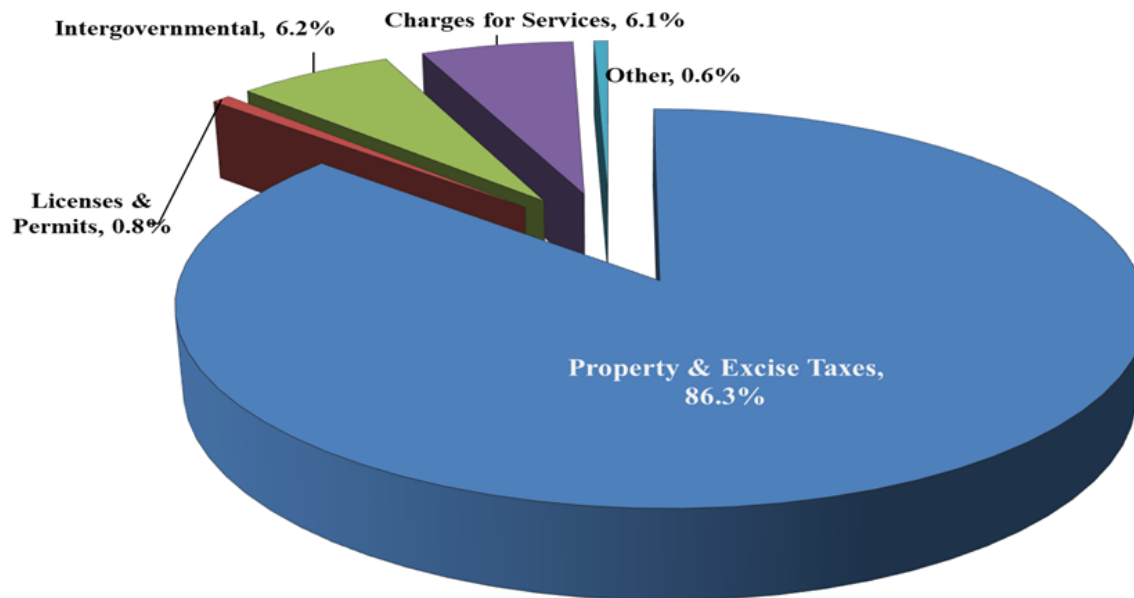
	<i>Results for FY Ended June 30, 2021</i>		
	Budget	Actual	Over (Under) Budget
Revenues	\$ 31,974,230	\$ 33,357,172	\$ 1,382,942
General Fund Expenditures	10,645,907	10,290,567	(355,340)
County Tax	938,569	938,569	-
MSAD #51 Assessment	20,104,804	20,104,804	-
General Fund Unbudgeted Surplus	\$ 284,950	\$ 2,023,232	\$ 1,738,282

Revenues

For the 2021 fiscal year, actual revenues exceeded budgeted amounts by \$1.3 million as motor vehicle excise taxes, State Revenue Sharing, and licenses and permits exceeded expectations. The Recreation programs was \$0.4 million under budget. This shortfall was due to the department closing services due to the COVID pandemic. The closing affected the two most popular programs in the recreation department, the After-school Program and Summer Camp. Overall, total revenue collections were 104 percent of budget and 6.2 percent higher than prior year's collection.

	<i>Revenues for FY Ended June 30, 2021</i>		
	Budget	Actual	Over (Under) Budget
Tax Revenues	\$ 28,086,000	\$ 28,792,887	\$ 706,887
Licenses & Permits	154,974	250,491	95,517
Intergovernmental Revenues	1,512,696	2,081,881	569,185
Police Department	29,246	11,612	(17,634)
Fire Department	178,000	160,175	(17,825)
Public Services	328,884	469,562	140,678
ValHalla	617,745	883,991	266,246
Recreation	929,770	516,559	(413,211)
Library	4,500	1,480	(3,020)
Other Revenues	132,415	188,534	56,119
Total Revenues	\$ 31,974,230	\$ 33,357,172	\$ 1,382,942

FY2021 Revenues by percentage



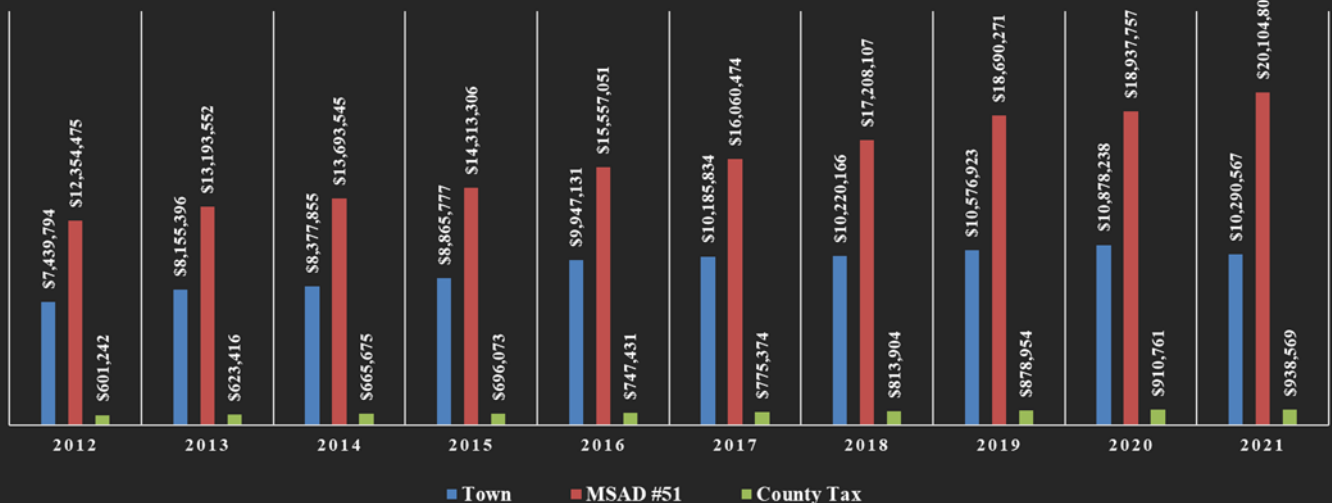
FINANCE

Expenses

Expenditures were \$0.3 million under budget. The primary areas that contributed to meeting budget were public safety, public services, recreation, and health and public assistance. Because the financial impact from the pandemic was not measurable, the Town Council implemented a hiring freeze when positions went vacant, as well as, reduced services by the Recreation program.

<i>Expenditures for FY Ended June 30, 2021</i>			
	Budget	Actual	Over (Under) Budget
General Administration	\$ 1,351,297	\$ 1,375,229	\$ 23,932
Public Safety	2,766,465	2,546,376	(220,089)
Public Services	2,185,032	2,052,636	(132,396)
Val Halla	760,025	791,263	31,238
Recreation	903,618	796,935	(106,683)
Library	508,800	502,901	(5,899)
Health & Public assistance	68,980	58,248	(10,732)
Other Expenses	301,547	293,810	(7,737)
Controllable Expenses	8,845,764	8,417,398	(428,366)
Debt Service	1,367,320	1,366,097	(1,223)
Insurance	252,823	327,072	74,249
Capital Imp. Plan	180,000	180,000	-
Fixed Expenses	1,800,143	1,873,169	73,026
TOWN BUDGET	10,645,907	10,290,567	(355,340)
MSAD #51 Assessment	20,104,804	20,104,804	-
County Tax	938,569	938,569	-
Total Expenses	\$ 31,689,280	\$ 31,333,940	\$ (355,340)

HISTORICAL EXPENSES BY AGENCY



Property Taxes

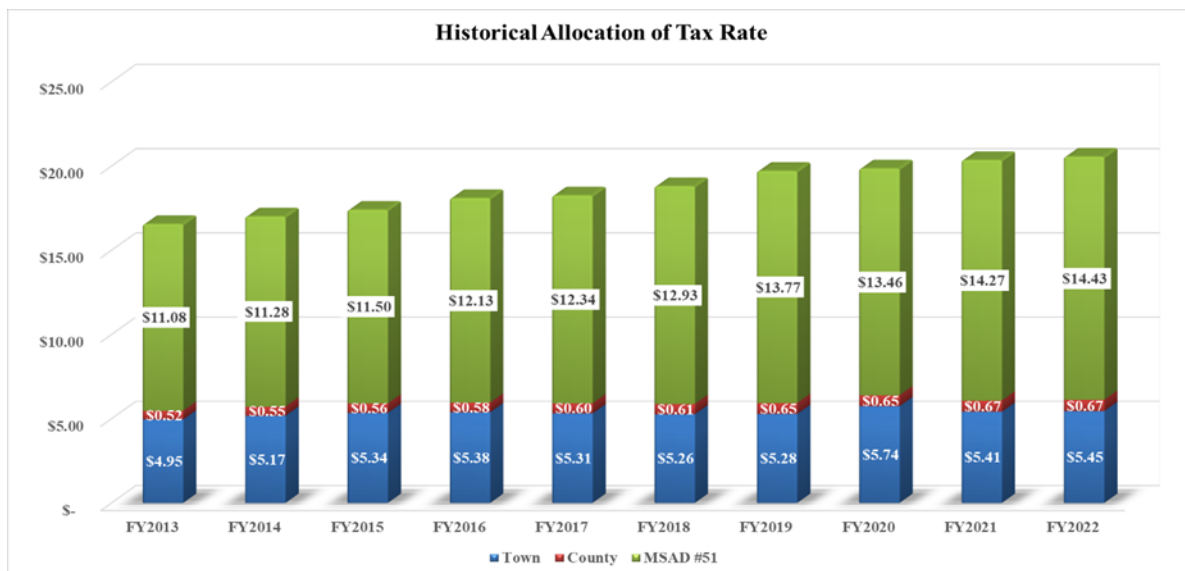
Local property taxes are the Town's primary source of revenue. The total tax rate for 2021-22 fiscal year is \$20.55, an increase of \$0.20 or one percent. General Fund revenues are projected to be at \$33.4 million and expenditures are expected to be \$33.3 million. The Town's portion of the tax rate will decrease 0.7 percent or \$0.04 per \$1,000 of property value for fiscal year 2022.

Property Valuations:

	FY2021	FY2022	Annual Change		10 Year Change	
Taxable Real Estate	\$1,397,764,200	\$1,420,764,200	\$23,000,000		\$274,089,200	
Personal Property	14,404,000	14,404,000	\$0		\$1,650,000	
Total Taxable Property	\$1,412,168,200	\$1,435,168,200	\$23,000,000	1.6%	\$275,739,200	23.8%

Property Tax Rate Distribution:

	FY2021	%	FY2022	%	Annual Change		10 Year Change	
Town	\$5.41	27%	\$5.45	27%	\$0.04	0.7%	\$0.81	17.5%
County	0.67	3%	0.67	3%	0.00	0.0%	0.15	28.8%
MSAD #51	14.27	70%	14.43	71%	0.16	1.1%	3.79	35.6%
Total Tax Rate	\$20.35		\$20.55		\$0.20	1.0%	\$4.75	30.1%



Additional information can be found in the Town's audited Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR), which is available at <https://www.cumberlandmaine.com/finance/pages/financial-reports>. You may also contact the Finance Department at 207-829-2205, or via email at finan-

3 YEAR VALUATION COMPARISON

	2020	2021	2022
Land	\$ 561,815,300	\$ 566,025,800	\$ 569,869,100
Buildings	\$ 836,174,900	\$ 860,317,450	\$ 890,188,080
Personal Property	\$ 14,631,100	\$ 14,454,600	\$ 14,570,700
Total	\$1,412,621,300	\$1,440,797,850	\$1,474,627,880

The 2022 assessed valuation of \$1,474,627,880.00 resulted in a tax rate of \$21.20 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for the 2023 fiscal year. The 65-cent increase represented a 3.16% increase over the fiscal year 2022 rate. The \$33,830,030.00 increase was the result of land divisions, new construction, additions and new personal property. The appropriation amount to be raised through taxation is \$31,262,111.44. The County tax is \$1,009,811.00; MSAD 51 is \$21,851,719.00; and the Municipal appropriation is \$8,400,581.44.

REVALUATION

The Town will be conducting a revaluation of all real property beginning in October of 2022 with an implementation date of April 1, 2024. The goal of the revaluation will be to bring all assessments to between 95% and 100% of fair market value. Although all property values will increase the tax rate will decrease. The revaluation is not a means of increasing revenue. The purpose of the revaluation is to ensure that all properties are being treated equitably. An informational brochure will be mailed to all property owners in September of 2022 and the Town website will have additional information pertinent to the revaluation posted as the process moves forward.

PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS

The Homestead exemption is a \$25,000 reduction in assessed value available for resident homeowners that have owned the homestead property for twelve months prior to the date of application. The Veteran's and Veteran's widow/widower exemption is available for veteran's that are residents of the State of Maine that have reached the age of 62, or are 100% disabled, that served during a federally recognized war period. The veteran's exemption is a \$6,000 reduction in the assessed value. Lastly, there is a \$4,000.00 exemption for resident property owners that are legally blind. Exemptions are required by law to be adjusted by the certified assessment ratio. The Fiscal Year 2023 exemption amounts are:

Homestead Exemption	-	\$23,250.00
Veterans Exemption	-	\$ 5,340.00
Blind Exemption	-	\$ 3,560.00

All exemption applications must be filed prior to April 1st and are available through the Assessor's office or from the Town website at www.cumberlandmaine.com. or the State of Maine website at www.maine.gov/revenue/forms/property/appsformspubs.htm.

PROPERTY TAX STABILIZATION FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

The State Legislature approved legislation known as LD 290 that became effective August 8, 2022 that provides property tax relief for senior citizens. The program allows certain senior citizens to stabilize, or freeze, the property taxes on their homestead. Eligible applicants will have the 2022 tax amount frozen beginning with the 2023 tax year. The requirements are that the property owner must be at least 65 years old; be a permanent resident of Maine; have owned a Maine homestead for at least ten years; and be eligible for a homestead exemption on the property they are placing in the program. The eligibility requirements must be met as of April 1st of the property tax year for which they are requesting stabilization. (so for applications due December 1, 2022, qualifications must be met as of April 1, 2023). The application for the Tax Stabilization Program must be file with the Town by December 1st and a new application must be filed annually to continue in the Tax Stabilization Program. Applications and additional information regarding the Program are available at the Municipal building and are also available on the Town's website at cumberlandmaine.com/exemptionsandrelief.

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

Respectfully,

John E. Brushwein

John E. Brushwein, CMA

Tax Assessor



John Brushwein, CMA
Tax Assessor

CODE

ENFORCEMENT

The Code Enforcement department had another record setting year for the number of permits and inspections completed. I want to thank all those who worked extra hard during these strange and unusual times we worked in a second full year of COVID-19. Special thanks to Christina who during this past year completed her sixth year Anniversary with the Town of Cumberland congratulations! We also need to acknowledge the extra efforts of Richard Wentworth- Electrical Compliance Inspector he shares his inspection time with both Cumberland and Yarmouth. We are lucky to have his years of experience.



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

Reminder items many items require an electrical permit such as: the installation of a heat pump, generator, solar panels, car chargers etc. The responsible Master Electrician must by law obtain the permit for work done at a residence or business. The homeowner can only obtain a permit for work they do at their permanent legal residence.

Please feel free to contact this office with any questions about zoning, building, electrical, plumbing, shoreland zoning, flood plain, or any other question that you might have.

We currently administer the State of Maine adopted Building code IRC-2015 edition, and all the MUBEC approved codes. In the future these will all change to a newer version such as the recent adoption for July 2021 of the International Energy Code – IECC 2015 edition and the July 2021 adoption of the National Electric Code NEC-2020. These new codes all have new requirements that will cost more for new construction.

The Board of Adjustments and Appeals meets as needed and hears requests for Variances, Special Exceptions, and Interpretations of decisions of the Building Inspector or others per the Town of Cumberland Zoning Ordinance.

Respectfully submitted,

William "Bill" Longley

Code Enforcement Officer/ Building Inspector

Plumbing Inspector

Office # 207-829-2207

Cell # 207-751-7420 or by email: wlongley@cumberlandmaine.com

Type of Construction	Number of Permits	Construction Costs	Permit Costs
Acecc. Struct.	2	\$ 1,145,655.00	\$ 963.60
Addition	46	\$ 2,897,104.00	\$ 12,799.80
Barn	3	\$ 674,000.00	\$ 2,475.20
Chicken Coop	1	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 25.00
Commercial	15	\$ 6,734,789.00	\$ 25,932.00
Deck	29	\$ 291,935.00	\$ 840.40
Demolition	10	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 500.00
Duplex	3	\$ 706,666.67	\$ 2,629.80
Fence	3	\$ 38,182.00	\$ 100.00
Foundation	6	\$ 470,000.00	\$ 1,669.00
Garage	12	\$ 598,000.00	\$ 2,186.20
House	46	\$ 25,502,088.33	\$ 65,425.60
Pier	1	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 289.60
Pool	11	\$ 468,720.00	\$ 1,100.00
Porches	4	\$ 52,000.00	\$ 225.00
Renovation	67	\$ 2,383,650.00	\$ 36,209.56
Roof	1	\$ 8,991.92	\$ 50.00
Shed	41	\$ 449,400.19	\$ 1,125.00
Shoreland	9	\$ 1,103,000.00	\$ 1,350.00
Solar arrays	60	\$ 1,460,732.00	\$ 20,450.37
TOTALS	370	\$ 45,049,414.11	\$ 176,345.93
Electrical Permits 462			\$ 36,928.34
Plumbing Permits 214			\$ 34,525.00
Total Fees			\$ 247,799.27

PLANNING

Cumberland is currently served by a part-time planning director and a part-time administrative assistant. The Planning 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 me at 829-2206 or email to cnixon@cumberlandmaine.com.



Carla Nixon
Town Planner

PLANNING BOARD



***Top Row:** Paul Auclair, Amanda Berticelli, and Jason Record
Bottom Row: Josh Saunders, Lorraine Rardin, Bill Kenny, and Ann Sawchuck*

The Planning Board reviews projects related to land use with the goal of ensuring adherence to ordinances, state and federal regulations, and the Town's Comprehensive Plan. It also makes recommendations to the Town /Council on policy decisions and capital improvements.

Members of the Planning Board are appointed by the Town Council for 3-year terms. Members who served from July 1, 2021, to December 31, 2021 were Paul Auclair; Chair, Jason Record, Vice-Chair, Josh Saunders, Ann Sawchuck, Amanda Berticelli, Lorraine Rardin, and Bill Kenny.

Members who served from January 1, 2022, to June 30, 2022, were; Jason Record, Chair, Bill Kenny, Vice-Chair, Lorraine Rardin, Josh Saunders, Ann Sawchuck, Amanda Berticelli, and Paul Auclair. We were greatly saddened that Bill Kenny passed away in February. He was a valuable Member of the Board and served the town in many other ways such as greeting voters at many of our elections. Amanda Berticelli had to step down for personal reasons. In March we welcomed two new Members, Bridget Perry, and Peter Bingham, who was elected Vice-Chair.

PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board conducted ten regular meetings and one Workshop from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 and considered the following projects:

- Major Subdivision Review for 50-unit Broad Cove Ridge Apartments (later named The Mark) at Cumberland Foreside
- Site Plan Review for 5 portable classrooms for MSAD #51 with two located at Mabel I Wilson school, and three at Greeley Middle School
- Amendment to Site Plan for Storey Time Learning Center to increase the number of children from 20 to 32
- Recommendation to Town Council for amendments to several sections of Subdivision Ordinance Chapter 250 involving use and management of common open space
- Recommendation to Town Council for amendment to Site Plan Ordinance Ch. 55 regarding number of paper copies to submit
- Workshop: Joint review with Town Council regarding Contract Zone Agreement for property at 76 Longwoods Road (Grange Hall Pub on Longwoods Rd.)
- Discussion with Town Council regarding growth and development
- Final Major Subdivision Review of 3-lot parcel (Ross Estates) on Blanchard Road Extension
- Recommendation to Town Council regarding zone change at 10 Old Gray Road as suggested by the Ordinance Committee from Village Office Commercial to Village Medium Density Residential
- Site plan review for 10-space parking lot for Rines Forest on Range Road
- Site plan review for gravel storage pad on land leased to the Town by Yarmouth Water District at 226 Greely Rd.
- Adoption of remote/hybrid meeting policy
- Site plan review of Storey Brothers annual renewable special permit for pit at 48 Goose Pond Rd.
- Recommendation to Town Council for amendments to Subdivision Ordinance Ch. 250 Section 37 A (7) and (8) to clarify classification levels
- Recommendation to Town Council for zone map amendment to eliminate Medical Caregiver overlay from Village Center Commercial (along Route 100)
- Major Subdivision Sketch Plan Review for 10-unit condominium on 246 Gray Road (Evergreen Estates)
- Recommendation to Town Council for Contract Zone Agreement with Synergosity, LLC, for The Grange at Longwoods at 76 Longwoods Road
- Recommendation to Town Council for amendments to Shoreland Zoning Chapter 226 to align with State requirements
- Recommendation to Town Council for FY22-27 capital improvement plan
- Received a growth management report from Bill Shane per Growth Management Ordinance Chapter 118-9
- Reviewed amendment for The Mark at Cumberland Foreside to change the number of units from fifty (50) to forty-two(42) and other changes

- Reviewed amendment for approved plan at 199 Middle Road, LLC, for expansion of existing yard area
- Reviewed Subdivision amendment for OceanView at Cumberland to change a culvert and associated road profile
- Reviewed a proposed Sketch Plan Review of a 7-lot subdivision on Tuttle Road
- Reviewed Preliminary Major Subdivision for Evergreen Estates on Old Gray Road
- Preapplication review of The Grange Hall Pub at Longwoods Preserve
- Received a stormwater program report

I thank all Planning Board members for their diligence in trying to consistently interpret and apply our Ordinances fairly to all, and in the best interest of the Town of Cumberland. Our work is enthusiastically supported and improved by Christina Silberman, Administrative Assistant to the Planner and Code Officer and Assessor, and Carla Nixon, the Town Planner. I give them both my sincerest thanks. I also thank the input of the Town Manager, Bill Shane, and to many of the department heads who provide valuable guidance concerning public safety and infrastructure.

Paul Auclair, Chair
Cumberland Planning Board



Peter Bingham



Bridget Perry

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT AND APPEALS

The Board held zero meetings during the fiscal year 2022.

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

Matthew Manahan
Chair



Photo by William Longley

HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Cumberland Housing Authority is governed by an eight-member Board of Directors that are 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. The units are located adjacent to the MSAD #51 Middle School in the Town center. The Board meets each spring to review and approve the Cumberland Meadows Senior Housing operating budget to set rental rates. The Board also sets policies relating to tenants' rights and responsibilities.

The Cumberland Meadows senior housing units are one story with an attached garage. There are 30 units: 12 two-bedroom and 18 one-bedroom units. Currently, the Housing Authority offers three 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.

This past year the Board authorized a major capital improvement project that involves the complete renovation of bathrooms and kitchens and new flooring throughout the units.

Current Housing Authority members are Bill Hansen, Chairman; Norman Maze, Connie Bingham, Meredith Burgess, Cara Biddings, Janene Gorham, Sally Pierce and William Stiles. Robert Vail serves as the Town Council Liaison.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Carla A. Nixon
Executive Director
Cumberland Housing Authority

POLICE

Thank you for taking the time to review this annual report. It's an important opportunity for the town to highlight the accomplishments of our dedicated team, to update you on the work we are doing to enhance the lives of our residents, and to express our appreciation to you for your support and to our staff for the excellent work they do on your behalf.



Recently, we honored the career of Sergeant Thomas "Tom" Burgess, who retired in May after more than 33 years of faithful service to Cumberland. Before "community policing" were buzzwords, Tom had mastered the art of knowing his neighborhoods and his people, and he used that knowledge to both solve problems, and to keep problems from recurring. Along the way, he gained the respect of a great many residents. Tom worked hard to pass this community-centric model of policing along to those he supervised, and his contributions to our department and profession will certainly resonate for many years to come. In recognition of one noteworthy effort, the Maine Chiefs of Police Association awarded Sergeant Burgess with the Humanitarian Award in 2018 for care and assistance he provided to a resident in great need. Luckily for all of us, Sarge hasn't gone far – he accepted a part-time position with the town's Department of Public Works! Congratulations, Tom, and thank you!

Your Police Department has been working hard, with the support of the Council and Town Manager, to acquire and implement new technology. Each member of CPD is now equipped with an Axon body-worn camera (pictured here). We contracted with Axon for this service because their system provides for unlimited cloud storage of video, as well as integration with other issued equipment. If an officer draws their firearm or activates their TASER, the officer's camera is automatically activated – as is every other camera within 50 feet. In the fall, we will be installing Axon cameras in all of the police cruisers as well. This integrated system is an important tool for maintenance of the high levels of trust we share with the community, and is also a resource for officer accountability if our performance ever falls below the high expectations we set for ourselves.



If you don't spend much time on our coast, you might not know that two members of our team (Detective Ben Burnes, left, and Officer Matt Merriman, right) serve as town Harbormasters and Shellfish Wardens, in addition to their regular duties. In these roles, Ben and Matt are responsible for managing the approximately 120 moorings which are located in both the town's mooring field and along our coast. Moorings must be registered, inspected, properly placed and checked for safety. Also, Ben and Matt keep an eye on our mud flats and when necessary, check diggers and coordinate with the Maine Marine Patrol to ensure

we are doing a good job protecting this important resource.

During FY 21/22, our officers responded to approximately 8,000 calls for service. The distribution of call types is displayed in the chart below. As you can see, we spend most of our time engaging in what can be called the “community caretaking function,” rather than the response to crime and disorder that characterizes the average day of officers in many other jurisdictions. We realize how lucky we are to serve in Cumberland, which is routinely ranked as one of the safest towns in Maine. And since Maine is one of the safety states in the nation... we are doing well!



Although we work in a very safe town, our officers are committed to acquiring and maintaining the knowledge and skills necessary to respond and competently manage any situation that arises on their watch. I am very proud of them, and I know they are **DRIVEN** to succeed:

Dedication - Respect- Integrity - Vigilance - Excellence - Nobility

Charles Rumsey
Chief of Police



FIRE & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

I am pleased to submit the annual report for the Cumberland Fire Department for the fiscal year of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022. Over this period of time we responded to 1,191 incidents. The call-company, high school Explorers, college fire/EMS live-in students, per-diems and full-time members of the department have worked tirelessly to serve our community and our mutual aid departments. Our commitment to training and responding to emergencies at all hours of the day offers our town a tremendous level of protection. It is with great pride that I have had the opportunity to serve for 23 years as the Chief of Department.

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 98 times.

The department offers a student live-in program for five students. This program includes housing 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 one new student entering the program in August of 2022, and three of our prior students will be returning to the department to begin the second year of the fire science program.



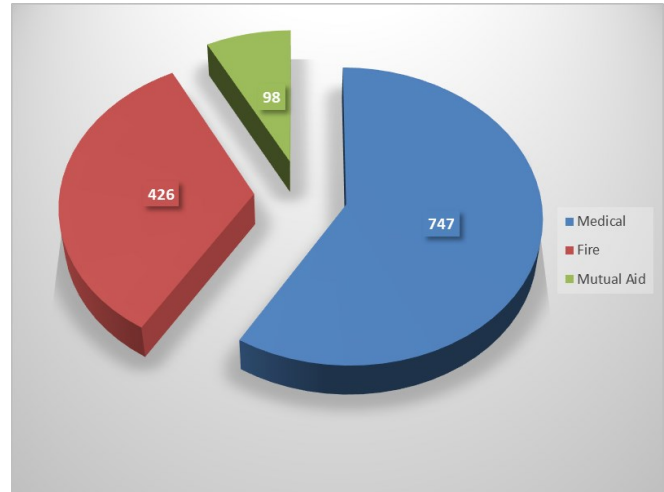
In conjunction with the Boy Scouts of America, we have an Explorer Post that includes ten kids between the ages of 13 and 18 who are involved in age-specific tasks. A fire academy was held in June where five of the Explorers participated for six days. The academy was 24 hours per day and the students 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.

Everyone has continued to perform with a strong commitment to provide emergency responses in regards to COVID-19, both to the citizens as well as to ourselves and co-workers. Mitigating Fire and EMS emergencies has not been diminished because our personnel follow all safety measures and never hesitate to provide necessary care.

With all of the advanced care and protection our department provides, the Town of Cumberland needs citizens to join our department. There are several differing roles that you can provide, such as: assisting with traffic control, driving fire trucks or ambulances, wearing air packs, or becoming an EMT, it is likely that we have a job for you. We truly need to build our base of volunteers, and it starts with you. There are hours of mandatory training to become a call-company member “volunteer” but it’s truly rewarding to help others. To learn more about the skills and benefits of firefighting and emergency medical services, please view our web site or contact the department at 829-5421.

Yours for a safer community,

Daniel R. Small, EFO



Daniel R. Small, EFO
Chief of Department



PUBLIC SERVICES

Public Works

Steve Googins
Public Works Foreman

In the first full year with the new garage up and running, the Public Works Division of the Cumberland Public Services settled right down for business. The mechanics from both Public Works and MSAD#51 Bus Garage have moved in and are right up to speed. The garage is a full-service equipment maintenance and storage facility, working on all Town owned vehicles. The MSAD 51 mechanic is now housed in the new building and the two maintenance groups work well together, sharing knowledge and helping each other work efficiently.

The Public Works Department processed over 300 work orders this past year in a professional and timely manner. The Department is a small team comprised of a Foreman, a mechanic, four equipment operators who are talented and skilled professionals that are dedicated to ensuring the safety of our residents and visitors – Small team for a big job!

The old salt shed that was located on Drowne Road by the Garage, has been moved to the Town's Composting Facility on Styles Way and we have cleared that area to comply with DEP requirements and make the area more enjoyable for residents. The new facility on Styles way is up and running smoothly. The larger size and new layout of the Compost Facility and Winter materials storage, makes working with the materials much more efficient. By keeping all material undercover, even when we are working with it in the middle of the winter, we are protecting the environment from the possibility of contamination as well as providing a safer work environment for our employees.

In addition to maintaining the road and drainage systems for the town, the Public Works Department serves as a support for Twin Brook Recreation Area, Val Halla Golf Facility, Police and Fire and Rescue. The Department also provides support to MSAD 51 with plowing and sweeping operations.



Services Provided by Public Works

Trash Removal:

Curbside waste removal

Curbside Recycling
Catch Basin Maintenance
Brush Dump
Bulky Item Pickup
Special Waste Events
Inspections

Road Maintenance:

Snow Removal for Roads
Sidewalk Clearing
Street Sweeping
Maintaining culverts and drainage
Patching and Repair
Brushing and Ditching
Road signage
Sweeping

Environmental:

Composting Facility

Street Sweeping &

Waste Oil Recycling
Storm Drain Maintenance

Storm Water Outfall



Christopher Bolduc,
Assistant Town Manager
Director of Public Services

Interdepartmental Services:

North Yarmouth Sidewalk Plowing
Fire & Police Vehicle Maintenance
Heavy Equipment support at Val Halla
Installation of drainage at Val Halla
Development of Cart Parking at Val Halla
Project Support for the Parks Department
Plowing Twin Brooks

Waste and Recycling - Please see the Town's website for more information.

Cumberland provides weekly, curbside collection of household solid waste and recyclables. The Town also provides curbside collection of large household items twice annually (spring and fall) as well as providing additional waste collection and special events throughout the year. Cumberland is continually working to educate and encourage the community to recycle. Recycling benefits the community not only because it is good for the environment, but also because it saves tax dollars that would otherwise be used for disposal of materials. To make it easier for everyone, Cumberland now participates in Single Sort Recycling. This means you do not have to separate out your recyclables, however, your recyclables should remain clean and well contained for pickup.

Recycling Plastics All #1 - #7 plastics are now accepted.

How to Prepare Materials- Make *clean* enough for storage in your home. You do not have to rinse containers, but remove any leftover food. Crushing flat and leaving labels on is okay.

What to Exclude: **NO** containers with something in them, especially those containing flammable liquids such as paint thinner or gasoline.

PUBLIC SERVICES

Public Works

Recycling Paper

What Can Be Recycled- We can recycle most paper. Specifically, mixed papers & old mail, newspapers, magazines, phone books, catalogs, paperback & hard bound books with covers torn off, and paper bags.

How to Prepare Materials- Keep clean and dry. Remove any product samples and plastic cards from mail. Deposit loose or in brown paper bags. Books should have all covers removed, including paperback books. What to Exclude: **NO** carbon paper, **NO** photographs, **NO** foil paper, **NO** paper contaminated with food, and **NO** tissue paper.

Recycling Paperboard and Cardboard

What Can Be Recycled- Specifically, clean food boxes with all metal and plastic removed. Acceptable materials include cereal, rice, & cake mix boxes, salt boxes, plastic wrap boxes (not the plastic wrap itself) medicine, toiletry, aspirin, Band-Aid & shirt boxes. Toilet paper & paper towel tubes, writing pad backs, poster board, egg cartons and clean corrugated cardboard boxes.

How to Prepare Materials- Discard paper, foil and plastic liners. Discard metal spouts and cutting strips as on salt and plastic wrap boxes. Use caution to prevent injury. Keep all materials clean and dry. Fold flat and deposit loose or in brown paper bags.

What to Exclude: **NO** waxed paper or waxed cardboard, i.e.: vegetables and meats are shipped in, **NO** plastic liners.

Recycling Glass

What Can Be Recycled- Clear and colored glass bottles and jars

How to Prepare Materials- Make clean enough for storage in your home. You do not have to rinse containers. You do not need to crush the glass and leaving labels on is okay.

What to Exclude: **NO** auto glass, such as windshields, **NO** safety glass with a plastic or metal inner membrane, **NO** ceramic or mirror glass.

Recycling Cans and Aluminum

What Can Be Recycled- Metal food and beverage cans, aluminum foil, aluminum trays and pans, empty aerosol cans.

How to Prepare Materials- Make clean enough for storage in your home. You do not have to rinse containers. Crush flat and leaving labels on is okay.

What to Exclude: **NO** propane tanks or bottles.

Bulky Item Pickup Week

This event is held one week in May and one week in October. A 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. Smaller items that could fit into a PAYT bag should be disposed of with your weekly trash.

For more information, please visit the Public Service page at www.cumberlandmaine.com

Items Accepted

- Bicycles
- 2 Tires (if rims have been removed)
- Washers & Dryers
- Rolled carpet - fastened
- Chairs
- Couches
- Tables and other indoor Furniture
- Large Exercise Equipment
- Paint Cans (only if OPEN and DRY)

Items NOT Accepted

- Raw Wood – pallets, fencing, picnic tables
- Gas and Gasoline Containers
- Any Hazardous Waste
- Bags of Trash
- Cardboard or Glass
- Bags or Boxes of smaller items
- Bags or Boxes of Clothing or Textiles
- Yard or Tree Waste
- Construction Material
- TV's and computers
- Appliances containing Freon



Photo by Cumberland Public Services

PUBLIC SERVICES

Parks Department

The Parks Department is responsible for maintaining over 500 Acres of Town owned property that includes 22 acres of mixed athletic fields, 3 little league fields, a baseball and a softball field and practice fields galore. The Department maintains the grounds at Broad Cove Reserve, the Library, Monuments, Cumberland Commons, Twin Brook, Rines Forest, Town Hall, Drowne Road and the Fire Stations. All the athletic fields at Twin Brook and the West Cumberland facility are mowed 3 times a week during the growing season. This combined with the over 60 acres of park area means our large 12-foot mowers can be seen operating almost daily around Town.



The Parks Department also maintains over 4 miles of walking trails through the Rines Forest where we are currently working on expanding the trail system, 1.5 of trails through the woods at the Town Office and over 4 miles of wooded walking trails at Twin Brook. The Parks Department now offers a comprehensive trail system for its residents.

A good portion of the Staffs time is dedicated to the maintenance of the Twin Brook Facility. The Twin Brook Recreation Facility is a four-season park that has grown in use and amenities over the years and now covers over 250 acres. There are over 22 acres of mixed athletic fields, baseball and softball fields, soccer fields, restroom facilities and more than 4 miles of wooded walking trails. In the winter months, many trails are groomed for cross country skiing. Twin Brook is in use from sunup to sun down by a wide age range of people doing anything from walking their dogs, flying kites, playing soccer to eating their lunch. Twin Brook is home to a 9-hole Disc Golf Course. Please see Recreation website for more details www.cumberlandmaine.com. Twin Brook hosts multiple local and regional events and activities. During the fall, numerous cross-country running events are held at the facility. Of course, it would not be fall without the annual Labor Day Soccer tournament bringing over 3000 people to watch and play.

Broad Cove Reserve allows residents access to a beautiful 23-acre property that has a beach, pier, and walking trails along the perimeter. It also includes a bath house with a portable restroom. Visitors can enjoy swimming, paddle boarding/kayaking, fishing, picnicking, or relaxing by the water. There are two walking trails: the Stonewall Trail is a 0.6-mile wooded path that extends both north and south of Beach Drive running parallel to ME-88. The Broad Cove Access Trail is a 0.5-mile trail from the parking lot to the beach. There are some steep sections as you make your way down to the shore, but overall, an easy, enjoyable walk. Broad Cove is open to the public from sunrise to sunset 7 days a week. During the summer months, June-August, a park ranger will be onsite every day, from 10am-6pm, overseeing the activities on the property. Dogs are allowed on leash from Route 88 to Town Pier. Dogs are not allowed on the beach. Come to the beach and enjoy the summer!

Theo Bosarge
Parks Superintendent

Val Halla Pro

Over the past 12 months, Val Halla has been busier than ever before, with total golf course revenues up over 18% from the year prior. At the end of 2021, we added over 50 members from other courses in the area, getting our total membership count to 400 by mid-March, 2022. Once we hit 400, we made the difficult decision to not accept additional members, except for Cumberland residents and juniors under 18. This decision was made to ensure that the members that had joined, were able to get adequate value for their membership.

In addition to memberships hitting record highs, we have continued to see a steady increase in Greens Fees, both in rounds played and total revenue. We had over 25,000 rounds in FY22, a significant increase from our pre-pandemic totals and we ended FY22 \$90,000 over budgeted revenues and a 12.5% increase from FY21 revenues. Our cart rentals followed a similar increase, ending the fiscal year \$55,000 over budgeted revenues and 10% higher than FY21.

In 2021, we made the decision to part ways with the PGA Junior Golf Camps, a national organization that used the PGA brand to help facilitate junior golf programs across the country. In May of 2020, a month before our camps were set to start, there was doubt as to whether the PGA Camps would allow us to operate due to California Covid-19 restrictions limiting their ability to assist us. We felt confident that running our own camps, with registrations through the Recreation department, would be better for the course and our community. With registrations run through the Town, we were able to lower the price of camp, while still seeing a 23% increase in revenues. In 2021, we sold out all 7 weeks of camp in less than a month and for the summer of 2022, we filled every spot in less than two weeks. Junior golf continues to be a focal point of our operation, as it builds the next generation of our members and guests. Additionally, it provides kids in our community access to a sport and facility that many other communities across the state and across the country don't have affordable access to.

Although we had record numbers in FY22, it didn't come without its challenges. Our biggest issue over the past year, and really since the beginning of the pandemic, has been part time staff. With restaurants, national chains, and other small businesses able to offer significantly higher part time pay to high school and early college aged kids, we have struggled to find sufficient help for the spring and fall months. This has forced us to become more flexible and creative when scheduling and has also put more on the plates of full-time employees to cover open or missed shifts. I foresee this continuing to be a difficulty for us in the coming years, but I feel confident that we can adapt and can continue providing great service to our customers and community.

Looking ahead, I feel great about the direction Val Halla is heading. Our biggest challenges in the next few years will be to meet the demand of golfers, as I don't see this wave of new golfers going anywhere soon. Our mission has always been to offer affordable rates for golfers to learn and be able to play the lifelong sport we all love and I feel like we are right on track to continue doing that, while also seeing continued success.

Sincerely,

Nick Plummer, Head Golf Professional



Nick Plummer
Head Golf Professional

Val Halla Grounds

The golf course wintered well again this year but only due to the hard work and dedication of my staff. Mother Nature threw us the same weather patterns as 2019 when we lost 14 greens, however the work we have put into the course over the past few years (tree removal, drainage, covers, etc.) is paying huge dividends. We are continually adding covers for the greens and added another snowblower to expedite the snow removal process after storms. Even still, we reached a point this winter where we were forced to use a chainsaw to remove ice from a couple of the greens. All things considered, we came out relatively unscathed and that would not have been the case if it weren't for my staff.

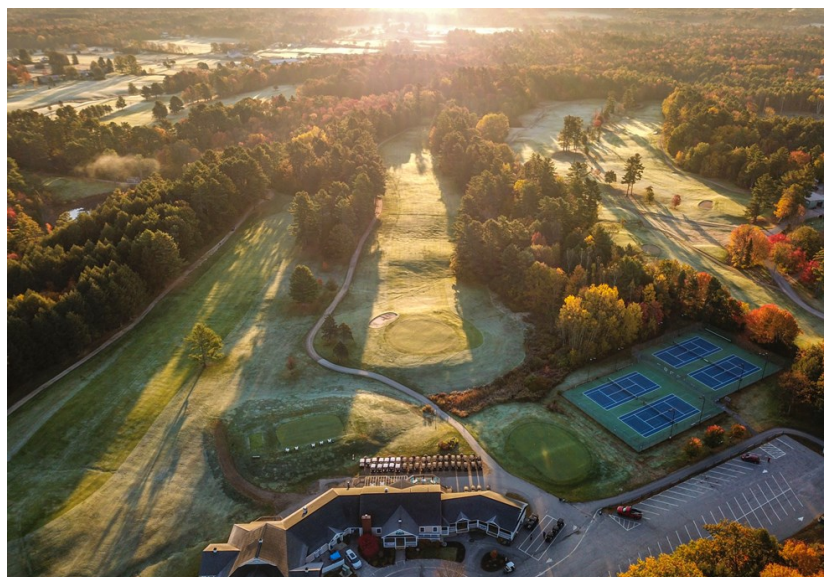


Toby Young
Val Halla Grounds Superintendent

The past few years have been quite challenging; only instead of covid, the labor shortage proved to be our biggest hurdle this past year. With over 500 labor hours per week required to maintain the golf course, we rely heavily on seasonal staff during the golfing season. Last year, we had one position that was never filled and this season started off the same. We were down 6 employees for the first couple months and it wasn't until late June that we finally reached full staff.

The golf course is a living entity and there are numerous, agronomic tasks (on top of general mowing) that need to be completed daily - regardless of staffing levels. Spring is our busiest time agronomically, as we're trying to get the golf course up and running from winter. Covers need to be removed, course supplies need to be brought out, everything needs to be aerated, overseeded and fertilized, the irrigation system needs to be dewatered and repaired - the list is long. My full time staff and I adjusted schedules, prioritized tasks and streamlined our operations to ensure nothing was missed. Ian Doumas, Sr. Assistant Superintendent; Jason Lewis, Assistant Superintendent and Wade Wescott, Equipment Technician put in long days to ensure neither the golf course or our reputation suffered. As a result of their efforts and adaptability, we had another fantastic spring and FY22 ended as our best year to date.

FY22 was also just as busy as the prior two years. The increase in play that we saw during the pandemic continued and with increased traffic comes increased maintenance and complications. My staff did a tremendous job keeping the golf course healthy and completing tasks efficiently and courteously amongst our patrons. We also completed numerous, on-course projects. We continued with tree removal and thinning of understory to improve sunlight and airflow, added sand to all of our bunkers, installed drainage and constructed and grew in 3 new tees. The new tees were needed in order to shorten the 5th hole par-5 to a par-4 and lengthen the 9th hole par-4 into a par-5.



PUBLIC SERVICES

Community Recreation

Fiscal year 2022 will go down as the “*Year of the Covid Rebound.*” for the **Cumberland Community Recreation Department**. While we still struggled with the effects of Covid-19 on a nearly daily basis, I felt our department, the community and society in general learned to respect and manage the virus. It is hard to envision a point when we will not have it as part of our lives, however I am proud of how our staff and the community at large worked together



Peter Bingham
Recreation Director

in being patient. We slowly brought back events, programs and activities that we had been unable to offer since March of 2020. Participation numbers reflect our community's eagerness to find some semblance of normalcy.

As with many other agencies and the private sector, recruiting staff members has been one of our biggest challenges and in many cases has been the primary reason for capping enrollment in specific programs. For Summer Camp 2022 there are many weeks where we have wait lists of 40-50 children each week. We have the physical space to enroll them, however lack of seasonal staff has been the sole barrier. We have worked with the School Department along with other area agencies and groups, in an effort to recruit staff and I am hopeful this issue will be short term.

In addition to the return of events and programs, we have seen tremendous growth in our summer offerings, often exceeding pre-pandemic enrollment figures. Below I will identify some data that stands out.

Some of the 2021-22 highlights include:

- 21-22 school year Aftercare Program enrollment/revenue increased by 15% over the 20-21 school year
- Summer Camp revenues increased from \$72,000 in 2020 to \$211,000 in Summer 2021
- Return of Indoor Youth Sports and swimming lessons
- Daddy Daughter Dance was held for first time since 2019 with over 350 in attendance at the North Yarmouth Community Center this past March
- Kids Triathlon, Memorial Day 5k Race, Fun Run and Parade was back after a 3-year hiatus
- Return of the popular Fall and Spring Running Club Program
- Multiple traditional enrichment programs started back up in the summer of 2021
- Return of adult enrichment and other Aging in Place based programs
- Overall Recreation revenues increased by over \$500,000 from the previous year

As we look to the 2023 fiscal year, there are still many uncertainties, however trends and enrollment show that we continue to head in a positive direction. In addition to bringing more enrichment and outdoor based programs available, one of our other primary focuses 2022-23 will be adult and senior related programs, activities, and events.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter C. Bingham, Community Recreation Director
Chris Fitzpatrick, Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Chair

PRINCE MEMORIAL LIBRARY

In years past, we have described ourselves as a “bustling” public library, and while that descriptor still holds true, it may not fully reflect all that we are and all that we do.

We are socially engaged and responsive.

In November, we launched an impressive, ongoing educational series that we call the ChangeMaker Series. It features interviews with people in Maine who are making a profound impact on our community. We launched the series in November with Maulian Dana, legislative ambassador for the Penobscot Nation, followed in December by an interview with Dustin Ward, president and founder of It Is Time, a local racial equity non-profit, and Barry Dana, Native activist and former Chief of the Penobscot Nation in April. The series has drawn attention, not only from our local community of Cumberland and North Yarmouth but from people across Maine, New England and beyond. We will continue the series in the coming year.

Climate Change and sustainability are top of mind. In March, we teamed up with York Public Library and Scarborough Public Library to offer a Mental Health and Climate Change workshop with Dr. Anne Hallward, a nationally recognized psychiatrist based in Portland, ME. Partnerships like this allow us to bring big ideas to our community, and we hope to do more programming like this in the future.

We inspire and engage.

Once again, we were a participating library in the Camden Conference, with timely lectures on the geopolitics of Europe. This spring, we offered a two-part series on the archaeology of Casco Bay that raised awareness of the cultural importance of shell middens and their utility in deciphering historical context and the environmental impact of climate change in the area. The presentations led to support from landowners in Cumberland and Chebeague Island who have identified middens on their properties in the hopes that they will be evaluated for their historical and environmental importance. Further local archaeological study is currently being done in Cumberland, Chebeague, and other locations nearby.

A presentation about invasive plants led to the formation of a local work group that will help battle the growing problem of invasive plants in our area. A new weekly walking group continues to bring people together every week to walk and talk and form new bonds of friendship around a healthy activity and common interest. PML hosts two book groups, a knitter's group, and a read-aloud group for adults.

We support our youth and teens.

Our children's and teen programming is stronger than ever, with new offerings for preschoolers, kids and teens through grade 12. In the fall, storytimes resumed after a long COVID-19 hiatus and are now held outside. In a partnership with Chebeague and Cumberland Land Trust, we took kids to local trails and examined nature up close with six workshops with Karen Bruder, a Maine Master Naturalist. Take-n-Make crafts continued to be popular, particularly while we were still unable to gather children indoors because of COVID restrictions. We distributed 676 craft bags throughout the year. When our doors did finally open to indoor programming again, we came out with a bang, with a popular chess club for kids, a weekly Lego club, teen Dungeons & Dragons, a new teen leadership council, illustration workshops for kids and teens, a slime-making event, an LGBTQIA+ bi-weekly hangout, zine workshops, and a very popular teen book subscription service that we call Lit Loot. We hosted Maine children's author and illustrator Kevin Hawkes as he shared his love of books and illustration at an event at the MSAD51 amphitheater, and we teamed up with the Cumberland Police Department and the Bicycle Coalition of Maine to offer our first family bike safety event, held in the Greely Middle School parking lot.

We bring people together.

Libraries are the hub of community activity. We bring people of all ages together. While we offer many programs for adults and for children and for teens, our favorite programs are the multigenerational offerings that bring people of all ages together. Our annual Star Party has become a stellar end-of-summer event at Twin Brook Recreation Area, where the Southern Maine Astronomers and Edward Gleason of the Southworth Planetarium bring us on a tour of the night sky. Our new Chefs Challenge virtual cooking competitions are also a great opportunity for young families, retired people, and everyone in between to come together around a shared passion: cooking. A Fix-a-Bike workshop proved a great place for teens and adults of every age to bond over bicycling and bike repair. Our Summer Reading 2022 Kickoff event in June brought together more than 200 families for music, ice cream and games on our back lawn. The energy was palpable, and it was so exciting to gather to celebrate as a community.

We love what we do.

Thomas Bennett is Library Director and Elizabeth Manning is Assistant Director. Restructuring our staff has allowed us to offer programming that meets the needs and interests of people in our community.

Kelly Greenlee took on the role of Community Outreach Librarian, and Jennifer Benham took on the role of Youth Services and Teen Librarian. Diana Fowski, Michael Lewis, Lea Raven and Rachel St. Pierre joined Pam Copenhagen, Arabella Eldredge, and Sally Somes on the circulation team. Arabella Eldredge is head of Circulation, and Pam Copenhagen is head of Technical Services.

A heartfelt thank you to the Friends of Prince Memorial Library for their generous support of all that we do here at PML, including funding many of our adult and children's programs, the museum and state park passes, and more. We also thank our Library Advisory Board for their guidance, leadership and unwavering support.

We are always grateful for our library patrons who make our days brighter without fail. We are so lucky to serve you.



Participants in the Fix-a-Bike Workshop learn routine maintenance and roadside repair skills for their bikes. The program was led by Dan Bassett from The Bicycle Coalition of Maine.

FY2021–22 Circulation at a Glance

Circulation of PML Materials: 104,048

Digital circulation of ebooks and audiobooks is up 24 percent. The number of active digital (Cloud Library) users doubled in the past year, and we add an average of 15 users each month.

Patrons: 5,583

Cumberland Residents: 3,866

No. Yarmouth Residents: 1,494

Elsewhere: 223

Items at PML: 55,692

In-person Visits: 39,261

Passports Processed: 644

Museum Passes Distributed: 179

FY2021–22 Adult Programs by the Numbers

Total Number of Programs Offered: 103 (63 in-person and 40 virtual)

Number of Adult Attendees: 1,546 (69% attended virtually)

Number of Multigenerational Program Attendees: 750

FY2021–22 Youth Programs by the Numbers

Number of Programs Offered: 186

Number of Children's Program Attendees: 3,019

Number of Teen Program Attendees: 302

Number of Teen Volunteer Hours: 70.5

2021 Summer Reading Program Participants: 356 Children; 99 Teens



Jay Fulton tutors some young chess players on the finer points of the game.



Photo by Ellen Hoffman

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

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

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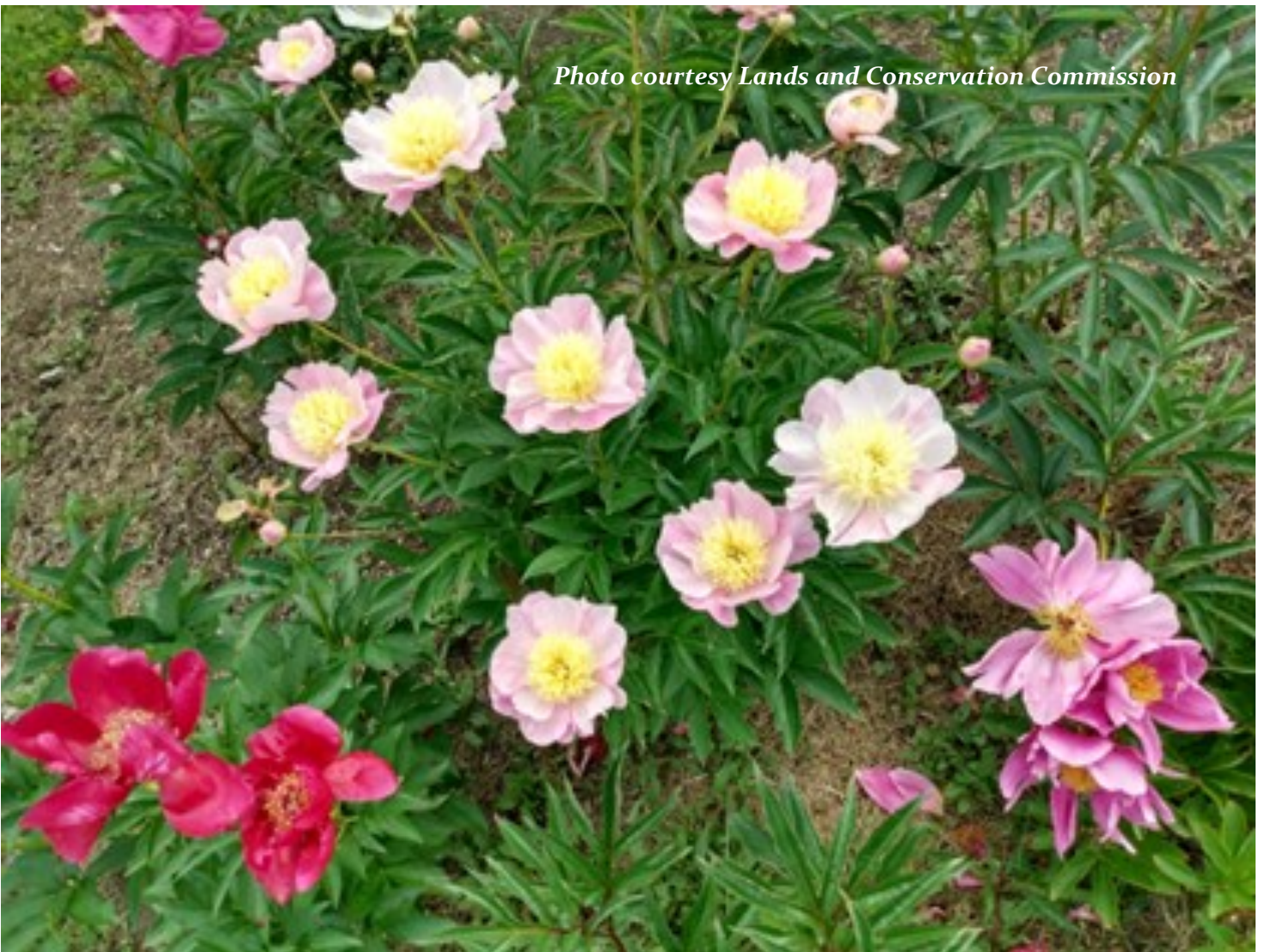
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Photo courtesy Lands and Conservation Commission



LANDS & CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The **Lands and Conservation Commission (LCC)** and its subcommittees continue to evolve by broadening their efforts to help manage the Town's lands, forests, trails, environment and natural resources. As with most, the pandemic impacted how and what we were able to accomplish. As with last year, our meetings have continued via Zoom with the agenda and linkage posted on our web page.

This is the first year the peonies in the garden next to the butterfly garden bloomed—seen here!



We also received a \$200 gift from the Foreside Garden Club in support of these gardens, which was greatly appreciated. The pollinator garden at Val Halla also had another good year.

Five hundred feet of trees were planted along I-295 north just past Tuttle Road, by DOT to replace the trees that had been cut for the pull-out installed a couple of years ago. This process took a while to coordinate and complete and should abate traffic noises well into the future.

Our web page continues to evolve as we add more information and strive to make it more accessible. This is also the first year we developed a LCC budget for the Town that we could use to implement our work plans for Fiscal Year 2023.

Invasive plants within the Town continue to spread and proliferate. We see some success in the Town Forest, but much remains to be done to contain them.

We are nearing completion of work needed to put the Nature Trail and Story Walk online. Once done, the identified plants will be easily located by trail marker and identity confirmed by photo.

FY 2022 was an eventful one for the **Forestry and Natural Resources Subcommittee (FS)** despite the lingering effects of the pandemic. Last year we won a \$6,000 grant from Project Canopy to complete forest management plans for Knight's Pond and Rines Addition. Both plans were updated and submitted to Project Canopy for verification.

We also recognized an opportunity to expand the “reserve area” at Rines Forest. The Rines management plan states that the Town will “Identify and protect reserve areas as forest stands or compartments which express the following attributes: large blocks of forest, older forest, unusual natural areas (e.g., streams, wetlands, riparian areas, rare natural communities), presence of legacy trees, and topographically or geologically diverse or interesting areas.” After walking the property with our Town Forester, Paul Larrivee, we were able to greatly expand the reserve area by identifying additional land along streams, near wetlands, and steep slopes that fit these criteria. Setting this area aside will allow the forest to continue to mature while also helping meet a Climate Action Plan Subcommittee goal of preserving no less than 250 acres of town-owned land for carbon sequestration.

The FS also made its first foray into grassland management, partnering with Ag Allies to survey some of the town's grassland ecosystems for ground-nesting birds. Ag Allies is a state-funded organization that has worked with local landowners and land trusts across Maine to increase the nesting success of grassland birds through on-farm incentive payments, technical assistance, outreach and education. FS visited Twin Brook and the meadow along the east side of Stiles Way, as these sites are large enough to attract and support the birds.

Ag Allies identified two pairs of Bobolinks at Stiles Way and at least four pairs of Bobolinks and 3-4 pairs of Savannah Sparrows at Twin Brook. Per the American Bird Conservancy, Bobolinks, along with other grassland species, have suffered the steepest declines of North American birds in recent decades, dropping 53% between 1970 and 2019. Understanding how important it is to support these shrinking populations, everyone was very excited to see them thriving in Cumberland! The FS shared these findings with the Town Manager and requested that these fields not undergo haying until the conclusion of the breeding season (usually around July 15). The FS plans to work with Ag Allies in the fall/winter of 2022 to create a Grasslands Management Plan that the Town can use to guide its stewardship of the grassland ecosystems.

Also at Twin Brook, the FS initiated the creation of a new management plan for the forest, as the existing plan was completed prior to the adoption of the Guiding Principles that form the foundation of our efforts. As part of the process, the FS submitted a memo to the Town Council requesting the suspension of any future harvesting at Twin Brook until the new management plan is complete and the recommendations therein can be considered.

Other FS activities during the year include:

- Applying for three grants to create invasive management plans for Town Forest, Twin Brook and Rines Forest. Once plans are created, the FS will submit applications for additional grants to offset the cost of completing the invasive remediation outlined in the plans.
 - Collaborating with the Trails Subcommittee on the movement of the White Trail at Knight's Pond away from the water's edge, which will reduce the amount of erosion and runoff from foot and bicycle traffic and hopefully increase the use of the shoreline habitat by wildlife.
 - Conducting periodic "Invasives parties" where the FS members and the public pull and cut invasive species at Town properties to slow the spread of non-native plants.
- Opened conversations with Public Works about the chronic erosion of the hill and trail at the end of Greely Road Extension that causes regular flooding. We hope to devise a solution that controls the flow of runoff during heavy rains and allows for the eventual return of the forest to that area.

The FS volunteers love our town forests and serving the Cumberland community. We hope to continue preserving and enhancing our natural areas for future generations (human and wildlife alike!) to enjoy the same way we do today.

The **Recreational Trails Subcommittee** continued its efforts to monitor, maintain, and improve Cumberland's Town-owned trails. During the year, the subcommittee constructed several bridges and walkways in Rines Forest and Knight's Pond, and hardened hundreds of feet of soft, wet, or rooty sections of trail. In addition, the subcommittee worked to improve the trail marking system on Town-owned properties and continued to work with developers and property owners in an effort to retain existing trails and/or to develop new trails.

In Rines Forest, the Town's Public Works Department constructed a new parking lot. In conjunction with the parking lot, the Trails subcommittee constructed a 105-ft walkway across a wet area and a new trail connecting the parking lot to the Snowmobile Trail. This new trail allows visitors to connect to the Snowmobile Trail from the parking lot without walking along Range Road. In addition, many of the trail markers in Rines Forest and surrounding trails were changed to provide consistent "through trail" colors for Town trails. Currently the Red Trail extends from the Idlewood Subdivision to Knight's Pond with a small section of unmarked trail on private property. The Blue Trail extends from Rines Forest

through Greely Woods.

For Knight's Pond, Cumberland's Trail Construction and Maintenance Standards were adopted by the Cumberland/North Yarmouth Joint Standing Committee which allowed work to begin on several projects. On the southeast side of the pond, a 26-ft walkway was constructed over a seasonally wet section of trail. On the northwest side of the pond, work began on rerouting the White Trail farther away from the water, as recommended by the Town Forester and the LCC's Forestry and Natural Resources subcommittee. The project includes a 22-ft walkway across a wet area and about one-quarter mile of new trail. The trail is expected to be completed in August 2022.

In addition to Rines Forest and Knight's Pond, the subcommittee continued to maintain trails on other properties. At the Town Forest, the old trail between the salt shed and the Blue Trail was reconstructed with gravel. In Greely Woods gravel was used to harden soft, muddy, or rooty sections of trail. At the Middle School, gravel was added to harden the pathway around the retention pond. At Broad Cove, the subcommittee established a marked trail connection to the Spears Hill Trail.

Finally, the Trails Subcommittee continued an ongoing effort to establish online maps of all the public trails in Town as well as updated kiosks and maps at several trailheads.

The Cumberland Lands and Conservation Commission in 2022 formed a **Sustainability Subcommittee** ("SSC") to continue and expand upon the work of the Climate Action Plan Subcommittee (CAPS). The CAPS had been formed in 2019 for a two-year term to create a Climate Action Plan for Cumberland with a goal of reducing greenhouse gas emission by 2050 by 100% from a 2015 baseline. That work has now been completed and the CAPS Phase 2 Report was delivered. The [charter of the SSC](#) requires it to monitor and support the implementation of the Climate Action Plan. In addition, it will promote a Sustainable Cumberland including energy conservation, environmental stewardship, food security and community resilience. The SSC should consist of at least 6 members appointed as needed by the LCC. It delivered the second phase CAP at the end of January 2022. It was approved by the Town Council in a unanimous vote.

The Phase 1 report is provided on the Town website at: https://www.cumberlandmaine.com/sites/g/files/vyhlf446/f/uploads/cap_final.pdf.

Phase 2 addressed the role of residential greenhouse gas emissions and the dovetailing of same with actions taken by the Town and MSAD 51 and is presented on the town website at: https://www.cumberlandmaine.com/sites/g/files/vyhlf446/f/uploads/cap_ii_recommendations_for_lcc_010222_draft_2.3_mar_28_2022.pdf.

For Phase II, the CAPS proposed, [and the Town accepted](#), the following Goals:

- further promote actions to promote the brand of Sustainable Cumberland. Create a permanent Sustainability Committee for the Town, coordinated by a fulltime new Town Sustainability Coordinator.

- 50% Greenhouse Gas (GHG) reduction of Cumberland residential footprint by 2030; climate neutral by 2050. Aspire to be climate positive by 2050.

To achieve the second Goal of Phase II, the CAPS recommended the following actions or targets for approval by the Town Council. We believe that these are all actionable and achievable. Moreover, we believe that, if implemented, they have the potential for Cumberland to achieve its aspirational goal of becoming "net positive", i.e., avoiding more GHG than we emit. The targets are presented below in rank



Photo by Janene Gorham

order, ranking highest those actions we estimate have greater potential to avoid greenhouse gases (measured in metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalents [MT CO₂e]).

Phase II Recommended Actions		MT CO ₂ e Avoided
1	Reduce GHG emissions from home energy use – promote heat pump use	24,000
2	Reduce GHG from transport	18,000
3	Adopt ecologically productive, low carbon/ low water landscaping practices	10,000
4	Support 30X30 goal of conserving 30% Cumberland’s lands by 2030	4,000
5	Purchase low-cost carbon offsets from Town owned forest lands	3,000
6	Install low-cost solar panels	1,600
7	Decrease food waste through composting	1,000
8	Adopt the 2021 IECC “stretch” energy efficiency goal for new construction	800
9	Buy more locally grown food.	Not yet calculated
10	Ensure the integrity of water quality in Broad Cove.	Not yet calculated

The CAPS further recommended that the Town consider another phase of climate action planning, to make the Town resilient to the impacts of climate change. A complete Climate Action Plan must contemplate actions to reduce the causes of climate change and to build resilience to the inevitable consequences of climate change. The CAPS work to date has focused largely on what Cumberland can do to reduce the causes of climate change. We recommend that the Town next undertake resilience planning to complete its Climate Action Plan.

While doing their research, the SCC learned that some potential actions had higher substantial climate change benefits than we expected.

One of most impactful resilience and adaptation recommendations of Phase II CAP for residents is to practice Sustainable Landscaping. We ask that our residents consider reducing the size of their mown lawns in favor of a natural landscape based on native trees, shrubs and ground cover. This approach benefits pollinators, birds and other wildlife. It also sequesters more greenhouse gas emissions.

Another example of such action is to reduce or eliminate food waste. Some 30-40% of our waste is food waste. This costs the Town money to dispose of and generates significant GHG emissions. Food waste should be eliminated at source with prudent consumption patterns. It can also be collected by residents for their own food waste composting, or sent for composting with Garbage to Garden. The Town is also considering how to support this goal.

Most excitingly, Cumberland’s Climate Action Plan for its residents shows practical, measurable steps to achieve carbon neutrality and even become climate positive. The SSC is actively engaged in actions to help operationalize the recommendations of both CAPs.

These efforts are a great start on all the things needing doing. There is much more to be accomplished to make the best use of the lands and other natural resources our Town has at its disposal. We welcome your advice, counsel and volunteer time in moving to the future.

Mike Schwindt,
Chairman

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dear Citizens of Cumberland,

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

Below you will find representative highlights from the 2021-22 school year. Though not an exhaustive list, it provides a snapshot of the remarkable people and events happening in your school district over the last year.

ACADEMICS

- US News and World Report ranked Greely High School #1 in Maine for the third year in a row. Congrats to students, staff, and families for making our high school the best in the state.



- Greely Middle School was named the #1 Middle School in Maine for a second year in a row by US News and World Report.



- Niche.com recognized MSAD #51 as one of the best school districts in the United States in 2022.
- 2021-22 saw 2,102 students return to school for in-person learning after a year of hybrid (in-person and remote) due the global pandemic.
- The district hired about 48 new staff, including 10 teachers for one year only.
- MSAD #51 is once again honored to report that we had two GHS students named semifinalists for the National Merit Scholarship recognition: Lev Giffune and Matthew Gilbert.
- We were very fortunate to have access to so many outdoor learning



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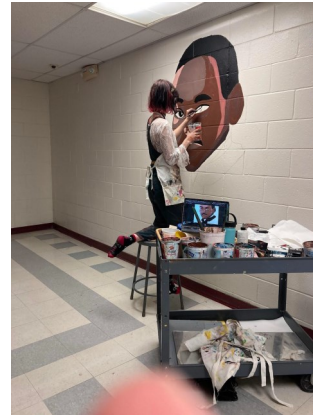


spaces, including an amphitheater, pavilion, park benches, tents, regular picnic tables, and custom-made picnic tables (made by Eagle Scout Avery Olsen) .



- GHS seniors Liam Gardner, Aric Lyden, and Nick Fallon participated in SMCC's 'Spring Ahead' dual enrollment program.
- Congrats to the 44 new members of the National Honor Society who were inducted into the Greely chapter at the GCA in May
- GHS student Devin Gifford published her own book, *The Unraveling*, which won the Silver Key & Scholastic Art & Writing Awards. Devin published her book in connection with the Telling Room.
- Nine GHS students who were recognized as 2022 American Choral Directors' Association (ACDA)
- All-Eastern Singers. These students submitted applications and competed against singers in 11 states to attain status as All-Eastern singers.
- Robin Tiller's GMS science classes have been working with the Boothbay Sea and Science Center to foster sugar kelp seedlings. For over a month they maintained the seedlings while they grew large enough to be put out to sea.
- GHS junior Adele Weaver worked with rapper Spose, one of Maine's most successful music artists, through a Pathways SILO project. Adele attended audio production at the Studio in Portland, helping Spose mix & record a new single. Her project focused on careers in the music industry.
- Great recitations of poetry from GHS students Jack Arey, Charlotte Libby, Alina Schueman, and Chloe Schueman during the 2021 Poetry Out Loud school contest, the first since 2020. Congrats to runner-up Charlotte Libby and contest winner Chloe Schueman. Chloe went on to represent GHS in subsequent poetry contests at the regional and/or state levels.
- Owen Kany was recognized as a recipient of the National Hispanic Recognition Award.
- Maine State/Regional champion of the virtual stock market game this year is GHS senior Tucker Norwood. Tucker made \$21,000 (virtually) in just 2 months after learning about stock market investments in social studies teacher Derek Soule's personal finance course at GHS.
- The GMS library has a new collection honoring Daphne Sprague, a longtime MSAD 51 staff member.

- GHS senior Quincy Segal, whose work "Hotel Sevilla, Spain" on copper was selected to be exhibited in the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth College of Visual & Performing Arts' Emerging Young Artists 2022 Juried Exhibition.
- The GHS Civil Rights Team celebrated Black History Month in February by starting a mural of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. This is the first of several installments to this mural and has already shaped up to be a great addition to the high school.



- 5th grader Jimmy Boston's block print "Maine Agriculture", created in Lynda McCann-Olson's art class, was included in the Youth Art Month Exhibit at the Portland Museum of Art.
- 8th graders in Peter Gillingham & Shannon Montgomery's social studies classes have been learning about government and had a live video meeting with Gov. Janet Mills on Wednesday. Gov. Mills answered student questions about state government & her own path to the Blaine House.
- GMS 6-8 math students recited digits of the number Pi & received a ticket to a Sea Dogs game. The overall school winner is Kyra Vanni for reciting 128 digits of Pi. She received 4 tickets to an upcoming game & will be recognized at the start of the game.
- 5th Graders at GMS 4-5 re-enacted the Boston Tea Party as part of their study of the American Revolution and later traveled to Boston to visit the Freedom Trail.
- K-3 artists created block prints with visual art instructor Lynda McCann-Olson. A number of block prints were sent to Aomori, Japan as part of Hashi, the student print exchange between Maine and Aomori.
- Congrats GHS student Teddy Conway for winning Maine Law Day award in response to question "What role does the Constitution play in times of change?"
- Congrats Charlotte Taylor, one of 240 finalists out of 16,664 submissions to the New York Times Student Editorial Contest.
- 8th grade science classes studied Earth's place in the Universe & made a scaled distance model where 1 foot=3,145,265 miles. The model started in the GMS lobby & winds around outside towards Tuttle Road to show approx. scale of objects from the Sun. Many classes in the district explored the model.
- Congratulations to physical education teachers Heather Geoghan and Becki Belmore for recognition by the Maine Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation & Dance.

- Congrats Greely Class of 2022! During the festivities in June 2022, which included the second-ever outdoor graduation ceremony at the campus amphitheater and a “senior walk” around the schools. The Class of 1972 was recognized on the occasion of their 50th graduation anniversary.

ATHLETICS & CO-CURRICULAR

- Students asked for a homecoming dance and one was delivered. A beautiful event was held in mid-October in a rented dance hall tent complete with a wooden dance floor. About 300 students enjoyed the festivities and music for this special homecoming dance. Many thanks to Don Gray, Jim Hand, Katie Dexter, Don Foster, Joanna Foster, and all those who helped to set up and make this event one to remember.
- In-person choral and band concerts resumed at the Greely Center for the Arts after almost two years due to the pandemic.
- GHS student Charlie Moore and his band presented a benefit concert in the GCA. The concert was free, but over \$800 in donations was collected to go to the music and the sports boosters.
- "Midsummer Night's Dream" was on stage in January at the GCA, the first in-person theater production in two years. The GHS drama club welcomed audience members in-person for several showings.
- GMS Drama Club presented “Sally Cotter and the Censored Stone,” a Harry Potter parody, at the GCA.
- Greely Debate won four of the top six places in Congressional Debate and won the State Championship with 34 points, defeating Yarmouth with 21 points and Kennebunk with 10 points. Of the four qualifying spots Maine received for the NCFL Finals in May in Washington DC, Greely won three. Meredith Brubaker, Mia Netland, and Ruth Weeks will all be going to the National Final. Coach Jason Curry was voted Debate Coach of the Year.
- The Girls Track & Field team are the 2022 Class B State Champs!
- Longtime GHS volleyball coach Kelvin Hasch retired this year from the volleyball program & was recognized during a Board meeting by state Rep. Steve Moriarty with a Legislative Sentiment.
- Greely Girls Basketball were runners-up for State Class A title & Class A South Regional Winners!



- The Girls Nordic Ski team won the Western Maine Conference two-day Pursuit Race, led by individual medal winners Alex Collins and Sylvia Harvey.
- Nordic Boys and Girls teams were both awarded the Good Sportsmanship award this week at States by votes from all of the teams participating.
- The Girls Swim team won Southwesterns.
- Greely Girls Hockey was named MPA Sportsmanship Winners.
- Greely Girls Lacrosse team wins their 1st state title, beating York 13-7. Class B State Champs 2022 in the history books!
- The Jazz Band received the highest score in the state and our Combo had the second highest score in our division. Additionally Nathan Howell (drums) and Cam Anderson (Tenor Sax) received two of the five Outstanding Musicianship awards in the combo division. Cam Anderson received an Outstanding Musicianship award in the Big Band division. Nathan Howell was also honored with the "Dale Huff" award given to the most outstanding musician in the Big Band division.
- After a hiatus, the GHS Outing Club returned, thanks to a state grant of \$1500 that supports programs that connect teenagers with the outdoors around them.
- The Unified Basketball team played to large crowds.
- Greely hosted a multi-district regional middle school outdoor track meet in May.



- Congrats GHS student Riley Wells for winning D2 Summit National Championship for Cheerleading! Riley traveled to ESPN Wide World of Sports @ Walt Disney World® to compete & her team, Cairo Crew/Port City Athletics, earned 1st place in senior coed division.
- The MSAD #51 Board of Directors voted to re-sanction Greely football after 25 students petitioned the Board for the program's return.

DISTRICT & COMMUNITY

- 2021-22 marked the return of many of the traditional events, pro-



grams, and assemblies after a hiatus due to the pandemic. Below is an assembly held at MIW and ACES day at GMS 4-5



- The return of Spirit Week at GHS also was a welcome return to normalcy
- Several members of the MSAD #51 school community were featured on a recent News 8 WMTW segment about mental health and schools. The district's commitment to mental health over the last couple of years has been recognized as a model. Many thanks to GHS student Avery Olsen, GHS teachers Lori Gunn and Maureen Holland, GMS 6-8 Principal Mar-E Trebilcock, and GHS social worker Peter Scott for their roles in the segment.
- In April, Greely PTO and MSAD 51 mental health specialist Eric Brown teamed up to present Angst: Raising Awareness Around Anxiety, to provide more information to students and parents about anxiety.
- A “Day of Welcome” was held at GMS and GHS with staff, administrators, Board members, police, fire/EMT, and local pastors welcoming students as they arrived at school.



- Nora Dexter, Class of 2022, helped the North Yarmouth Historical Society with a project to highlight the Old Town House, built in 1853 in an isolated location at 470 Memorial Highway.
- The MSAD #51 Board of Directors hired Lawrence Alexander of Carney-Sandoe Associates to help facilitate and consult on equity work over the next year. Two public events on equity were held
- For decades, the MSAD #51 transportation department, with a fleet of 25 school buses and 5 vans, operated out of a one-bay facility built a half-century ago. Today, in a joint effort with the Town of

Cumberland, a new transportation facility has been built that is shared by both MSAD #51 and the Cumberland public works department.

- Greely grad Mark Jensenius is working on NASA's DART mission to deflect potential future asteroids away from Earth, gives credit to Greely teachers for preparing him for this work in this WMTW (Channel 8) feature: <https://www.wmtw.com/article/maine-engineer-nasa-dart-mission-asteroid/38333323#>. Later in the year, Mark came and visited a couple of classrooms to discuss this mission with students.
- Greely alumni Anna Braley, Caleb Thurston & Stephanie Tilotson played in the UMaine Symphonic Band that performed for grades 4-12 band students.
- GHS students from the community service club helped shovel out senior citizens in need after snow storms this past winter.
- In April, the first international exchange in 3 years took place, beginning with a 10-day visit of 20 students from Barr, France to Greely. 20 GHS students went to France for the second half of the exchange.
- Greely 4-5 students held a read-a-thon, raising \$45,000 to benefit Ukrainian Refugee Relief.
- Maine award-winning children's author Cynthia Lord visited with 4th and 5th graders the GCA, talking about her latest book Rules and answering lots of great questions from students.
- The greenhouse below was funded by a grant from Foundation 51 and built by GHS students Adam Jacobson, Madison Dalton & Elizabeth Chmielewski & GHS staff member Jeff Brookes. A great outdoor, hands on, inclusive learning space on the campus.
- Congratulations to the finalists for MSAD #51 Employee of Year: Catherine Adolphson, Beth Fenwick, Rich Taylor & Lindsey Horowitz. Congrats to GHS Math Teacher Doug Pride, selected as 2022 Employee of Year from over 40 nominations.
- Erin Santana, Greely alum who works for the Chicago White Sox, visited Spanish 2 students at GHS. She spoke about her career path, work she does to support baseball players in White Sox organization & obstacles athletes from other countries face when coming to the U.S.
- In June 2022, we said goodbye to several long-time staff members who retired from MSAD #51: GHS math teachers Doug Pride and Esther Coyle, grade 5 teacher Vance Benoit, GHS physical education teacher Bob Anthoine, educational technicians Edie Taylor (GHS) and Lauri Chapman (GMS), gifted/talented educator Kathi Kearney, GMS secretary Kathy Allen, GMS special educators Donna Hobbins and Ann Beatty-Rose, and MIW Principal Sally Loughlin.

- The Board of Directors entered into an option agreement for 76 acres of land on Gray Road, North Yarmouth, for use as a potential new primary school.
- The district completed several capital improvement projects, including installing new bathrooms in the field house, renovating the weight room in the field house, adding bathrooms to two additional modular units at MIW, fixing drainage on the MIW campus, and upgrading several safety features such as enhanced door security, reconfigured office at MIW, and security bollards, among others.
- Voters approved the district's annual operating budget in June 2022 with 72% support.
- Voters accepted \$1.5 million in state funding through the Revolving Renovation program for door and window replacement and HVAC system upgrades at MIW.
- The district welcomed three new administrators in 2022: GHS Principal Karl Francis, GHS Assistant Principal Jackie Hayes, and MIW Assistant Principal Mallory Orzechowski. MIW administrator Cory Munsey was appointed the new MIW principal.

To learn more about MSAD #51, I encourage you to visit our website at www.msad51.org and the [MSAD #51 2021 Annual Report](#) for complete information about the district.

I wish to thank all the students, staff, parents, and community members for their continued support and commitment to the ideals of our high-performing school district. Collectively, we are all Rangers and, indeed, We Lead The Way.

Respectfully,



Jeffrey J. Porter
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