

MINUTES

Cumberland Town Council Meeting Town Council Chambers **MONDAY, March 9, 2015**

6:00 P.M. Workshop with the Finance Committee re: FY2016 Budget

7:00 P.M. Call to Order

Present: Councilors Gruber, Bingham, Stiles, Copp, Edes, and Storey-King

Excused: Councilor Turner



I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Councilor Bingham, seconded by Councilor Stiles, to accept the February 23, 2015 meeting minutes as presented.

VOTE: 5-0-1 (Councilor Copp abstained, absent from meeting) MOTION PASSES

II. MANAGER'S REPORT

Town Manager Shane presented the following rebuttal to the Forecaster headline "Early Cumberland budget proposes 10.6% hike":



Town of Cumberland
Municipal Budget
Proposal FY 2016
Presentation #2

William R. Shane
Town Manager
March 9, 2015

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Early Cumberland budget proposes 10.6% hike

Alex Lear
Tuesday, March 3, 2015 at 8:40 am

CUMBERLAND — A draft of the town's fiscal 2016 general fund budget shows a 10.6 percent increase over current spending.

Can this be True?

Early Cumberland budget would keep tax-rate growth almost flat

Alex Lear
Monday, March 9, 2015 at 4:00 pm

CUMBERLAND — A preliminary version of the next municipal budget would add 2 cents to the tax rate, an increase of less than 1 percent, Town Manager Bill Shane said last week.

Is this More Accurate?

Start-up		Annual Operations	
Park Rangers - 26 weeks	\$19,633	Park Rangers - 26 weeks	\$19,633
Maintenance & Utilities	\$3,860	Maintenance & Utilities	\$3,860
Start-up Costs	\$66,000	Start-up Costs	\$0
Cap Reserves	\$10,000	Cap Reserves	\$10,000
	\$99,493		\$33,493

Avg House Value in Cumberland = \$350,000

Increase in Taxes due to Operations & Capital

Year 1 = \$99,493 = .0800 x \$350k Avg Home = \$28.00
Year 2 = \$33,493 = .0269 x \$350 K Avg Home = \$ 9.42

Total Tax Impacts on a \$350,000 Home

Bond + Start-up = \$29 + \$28 = \$57

Bond + Annual Operations = \$29 + \$10 = \$39 per year

\$00.11 on Mil Rate - PAYSON

Budget Proposal FY 2016
Preliminary Tax Rate Impact

Municipal
\$950,652 Expenses - \$772,147 Rev Incr **\$178,495**
Val Halla + Adult Ed (Exp.) – VH +AE (Rev)

County Tax Increase **\$ 51,358**

Tax Base Growth FY 16 vs FY 15 **\$ 532,500**
\$302,647

If the MSAD 51 Assessment increase less than \$716,000 or 5%
Mil Rate for FY 2016 = \$ 17.75 or less 2% increase over FY 2015

Budget Proposal FY 2016
Preliminary Tax Rate Impact

Town of Cumberland
200 Tully Road
Cumberland, ME 04021
(207) 829-2200

PROPERTY TAX BILL
For the Fiscal Year of 7/1/2014 to 6/30/2015
Bill Number: 20152731

Current Billing Distribution

MAP	LOT	DAS	SUB	TYPE	DOB	School	County	Municipal	Total
11019303						11.70	0.57	5.13	17.40
						67.24	3.28	29.48	100.00

Current Billing Information

Land Value	Building Value	Personal Property	Homestead Ex.	Exemption	Exemption	Exemption	Exemption	Exemption	Exemption
\$100,000.00	\$240,000.00	\$240,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00

Due Date 3/16/2015 **Amount** \$2,925.81

PLEASE REMIT THIS PORTION WITH YOUR PAYMENT

DUE DATE 3/16/2015 **AMOUNT DUE** \$2,925.81

AMOUNT PAID \$

REMITTANCE INSTRUCTIONS
Please make check or money order payable to Town of Cumberland and mail to:
Town of Cumberland, 200 Tully Road, Cumberland, ME 04021
If a receipt is desired, please send a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Budget Proposal FY 2016
Revenues

Current Billing Distribution

	RATE	%
School	11.70	67.24
County	0.57	3.28
Municipal	5.13	29.48
Total	17.40	100.00

New Revenues for FY 2016 \$ 522,000 from \$30 M of New properties prior to April 1

\$532,500

$\times 67.24\% = \$358,053$ **School**
 $\times 3.28\% = \$ 17,466$ **County**
 $\times 29.48\% = \$156,981$ **Town**
\$532,500

Budget Proposal FY 2016
Revenues

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New Revenues Town & County for FY 2016 \$ 532,500 from \$30 M of New properties

% Revenue Expense Increase To Taxes

3.28% \$ 17,466 **County - \$ 51,358 Increase = \$ 33,892**
29.48% \$156,981 **Town - \$178,495 Increase = \$ 21,514**

County (\$00.03) or .17% + Town (\$00.02) or .11% = .28%

Budget Proposal FY 2016
Revenues

Current Billing Distribution

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School	11.70	67.24
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Total	17.40	100.00

Mil Rate Pre School Assessment:

School \$11.70 + TBD
County \$0.57 + \$ 0.03 = \$0.60
Town \$5.13 + \$ 0.02 = \$5.15

Total \$17.40 + .05 = \$17.45 + School Increase

III. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

None

IV. LEGISLATION AND POLICY

15 – 024 To hold a Public Hearing to consider and act on a Class I Liquor License, Special Amusement Permit, and Auxiliary Mobile Golf Cart License, for Rachel's on The Green at Val Halla, for the period of April 2015 – April 2016.

Town Manager Shane said that the Smith's have done an outstanding job with Rachel's On the Green, filling a big hole that was in our community for many years. They are great members of our community. All the paperwork is in order and staff is recommending approval.

Motion by Councilor Bingham, seconded by Councilor Storey-King, to approve the Class I Liquor License, Special Amusement Permit, and Auxiliary Mobile Golf Cart License, for Rachel's on The Green at Val Halla, for the period of April 2015 – April 2016.

VOTE: 6-0 UNANIMOUS

15 – 025 To hear a report from the Ordinance Committee re: amendments to Chapter 96 (Fire and Fire Protection) of the Cumberland Code with regard to sprinkler systems for commercial buildings, and to consider and act on sending to the Planning Board for a Public Hearing and recommendation.

Councilor Storey-King explained that the Ordinance Committee met to discuss this issue. The Ordinance Committee is recommending that a commercial building, that is not accessible to the public, can have the sprinkler requirement waived or modified (i.e. metal, storage type buildings).

Motion by Councilor Bingham, seconded by Councilor Copp, to send Chapter 96 (Fire and Fire Protection), Article II (Fire Protection), Section 96-14 (Fire Protection Requirements) of the Cumberland Code, to the Planning Board for a Public Hearing and recommendation on amending the requirement for sprinkler systems in new commercial buildings.

VOTE: 6-0 UNANIMOUS

15 – 026 To hear a report from the Town Manager re: Portland Water District, Falmouth Mill Creek Pump Station Replacement.

Town Manager Shane explained that this has been in the works for about 10 years. The Mill Creek Pump Station is located on Route 88 in Falmouth, and all the waste water that is generated in Cumberland goes through that pump station. We have been limited in our capacity and our future capacity by the size of the current station and its need to be increased. The cost of the new station is close to 6 million dollars and we will be responsible for almost half because we push 48% of the waste water through that pump station. The impact to our residents who are on the sewer system will be approximately a 28% increase to our present assessment. We have been planning on this for 3-4 years and have built up our sewer fund to prepare for this. Town Manager Shane said that he anticipates a 5-7% increase over several years instead of a 10-15% increase in year one.

15 – 027 To set a Public Hearing date (March 23rd) to consider and act on a Class III Vinous & Malt Liquor License for Doc's Café, for the period of May 2015 – May 2016.

Motion by Councilor Stiles, seconded by Councilor Bingham, to set a Public Hearing date of March 23rd to consider and act on a Class III Vinous & Malt Liquor License for Doc's Café, for the period of May 2015 – May 2016.

VOTE: 6-0 UNANIMOUS

15 – 028 To authorize the Town Manager to accept an anonymous donation of \$20,000.00 to be used for food and fuel assistance.

Town Manager Shane said that this is an amazing gift and he hopes that someday this family will allow him to thank them publically because they have done so much to help the residents in need in our community. Half the money will go to the Food Pantry and half to the heating assistance fund. Many families have benefited from their gift in the past and will continue to benefit from their great generosity.

Motion by Councilor Copp, seconded by Councilor Stiles, to authorize the Town Manager to accept an anonymous donation of \$20,000.00 to be used for food and fuel assistance.

VOTE: 6-0 UNANIMOUS

V. NEW BUSINESS

Councilor Copp – he apologized for missing the last 2 meetings due to weather.

Condolences to the Butterworth family on the recent passing of Dale Butterworth. Dale was a great man who loved to tell stories. Dale and his wife were married for 72 years and his wife still lives in the community.

Councilor Edes – There was a meeting in Gray with representatives from Maine Municipal Association discussing the Governor's Budget proposal. 6 out of 7 Cumberland Town Councilors were present at that meeting in order to get more information and have their questions answered. He thought it important for the public to be aware that Councilors don't just attend 2 meetings a month. They all do a lot to try to do what is best for the community.

Councilor Storey-King – Thank you to the Finance Committee and the Town Manager for budget transparency.

She also sent condolences to the Butterworth family. They are neighbors of hers and Dale was a longtime educator who taught shop in the Westbrook School system.

There was a parade for the Greely Girls Basketball team who won the State Championship. The turnout was amazing.

She reminded everyone please be careful of deer while driving at night. They seem to be coming out of the woods and hanging out on the roads.

Councilor Bingham – The Comprehensive Plan Update Committee continues to meet and is making some progress. It has been a slow process, but everyone has stuck it out and they will be done eventually.

He called and left a message for the principal at Presque Isle High School because he thought that the student body and towns people that attended the championship basketball game behaved in a very classy manner considering the time that they spend travelling down here for the game. It was also very classy of the Greely fans to give Presque Isle a standing ovation when they received their trophy.

Chairman Gruber – The Aging in Place Committee continues to meet on the second Wednesday of each month. The Community Forum on Aging in Place in Cumberland will take place on April 18th at Greely Middle School from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Invitations will be mailed to every household in Cumberland. This is an important issue and he hopes a lot of residents of every age will attend.

The Ocean Access Committee also meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. This is a very engaging committee who is doing great work.

The Food Pantry continues with high demand serving 50 families per week. Thank you to everyone who volunteers at the food pantry and to those who donate.

He asked Isabelle Porter to come to the podium. Isabelle is a shooting forward on the Greely Girls basketball team and he wanted to congratulate her on the State Championship.

Councilor Stiles – he asked Councilor Bingham, as Finance Committee Chair, to report on meeting with the Auditors recently.

Councilor Bingham explained that every year, the Finance Committee is required to meet with the auditors to review the financial statements and all the procedures and controls that are in place. Once again this year, we have come through the audit with flying colors.

Town Manager Shane – Nomination papers are available on March 16th. There are 3 Council positions and 2 School Board positions that are up this year.

The Assessor will be at the March 23rd Council meeting to give an update on sales and the state of assessing in Cumberland.

We will be discussing two new TIF Districts in the coming weeks. The new districts will cover the gas mains going through Town.

The manager said that he would reach out to the Town Manager of Windham to set up a joint meeting with the Windham Town Council to discuss the poor road conditions around Forest Lake that we are subjecting our emergency vehicles to.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilor Copp, seconded by Councilor Edes, to adjourn.

VOTE: 6-0

TIME: 7:58 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by,

Brenda L. Moore
Council Secretary