

MINUTES

Cumberland Town Council Meeting
Town Council Chambers

MONDAY, January 28, 2019

7:00 P.M. Call to Order

Present: Councilors Bingham, Copp, Edes, Stiles, and Turner

Excused: Councilors Gruber and Storey-King

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Councilor Bingham, seconded by Councilor Stiles, to accept the January 14, 2019 meeting minutes as presented.

VOTE: 5-0 UNANIMOUS

II. MANAGER'S REPORT

Chairman Copp explained that Town Manager Shane and Councilor Storey-King are attending a Windham Planning Board meeting this evening where they are discussing the adoption of a gravel extraction ordinance. This could have impacts on Cumberland's aquifer as well as Forest Lake.

Councilor Gruber is also absent because he had knee surgery last week.

Assistant Town Manager Bolduc explained that so far, this has been a difficult winter for Public Works due to all the different types of weather we have been experiencing (ice, snow, warmer temperatures causing melting, rain and cold temperatures). He realizes that this is frustrating and Public Works is doing the very best they can.

Work has started on the new pier at Broad Cove Reserve. The piling work will begin soon and unfortunately, this will require constant pounding to install them. This will be a Monday through Friday operation.

III. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

David Goldman of 15 Bradbury Way (Village Green neighborhood) is here this evening as a board member of the Village Green Homeowners Association. As the Council knows, the Village Green neighborhood contains more than 60 homes and it is one of the largest single sources of property tax revenues for the Town. The neighborhood has followed along closely with the developments related to the potential relocation of the Town garage. The neighborhood has become increasingly disappointed as the process has gone along, and from the outside, it seems that each time new information is released, it inevitably works to the detriment of the Village Green neighborhood. At the start, there were assurances from everyone involved that the Town garage would be moved and it was only a matter of where and when. Now it appears that there is no longer any intention to move the garage and at most, the salt shed and compost pile might be moved at some point in the future. The reason given for the change was the discovery of significant elevated levels of methane gas in the area around the Town garage. This came as a shock to the neighborhood as they did not even realize that this was a possibility. Their concern with the methane gas issue goes beyond its impact on the relocation of the Town garage. Many homes in their neighborhood are located extremely close to the garage and since methane gas is obviously a combustible gas, the uses of propane, gasoline and diesel fuel at the garage, as well as the presence of the compost pile, which is a heat source, the potential danger is very concerning. At the last Town Council meeting there were assurances given that there should be no concerns to the neighbors, but they are concerned with the

issues involving the Town garage and its relocation, as well as the methane gas situation and how these issues have played out. However, they do not want to suggest solutions based on incomplete information, and they feel that the Village Green Homeowners Association should understand what information the Town Council is relying on in making decisions with respect to the relocation of the Town garage and the methane gas issue, because it has direct impact on them and everyone who lives in Cumberland Center. They plan on filing a Freedom of Access Act request for records related to the Town's consideration of the relocation of the Town garage and the methane gas issue. Once they have had an opportunity to review the records, they feel they will be in a better position to discuss these issues in a more productive way. They are hopeful that we will all be able to work together.

IV. LEGISLATION AND POLICY

19 – 012 To hear a report from the Finance Director re: 2nd Quarter Financials.

Finance Director, Heather Perreault, presented the following:



Town of Cumberland FY2019 Q2 Results

General Fund FY2019 Q2 Overview

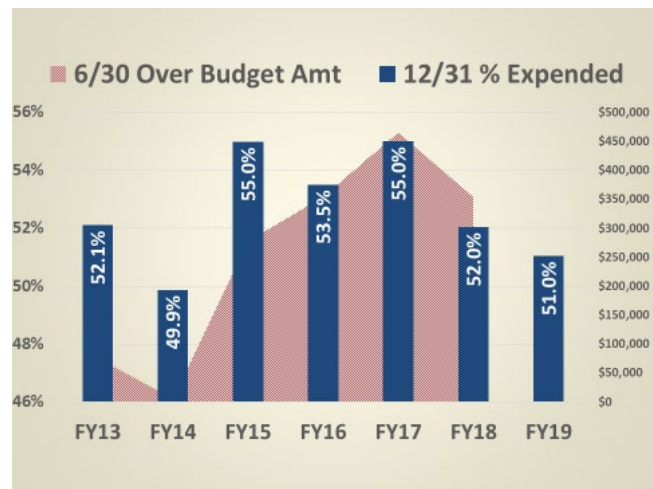
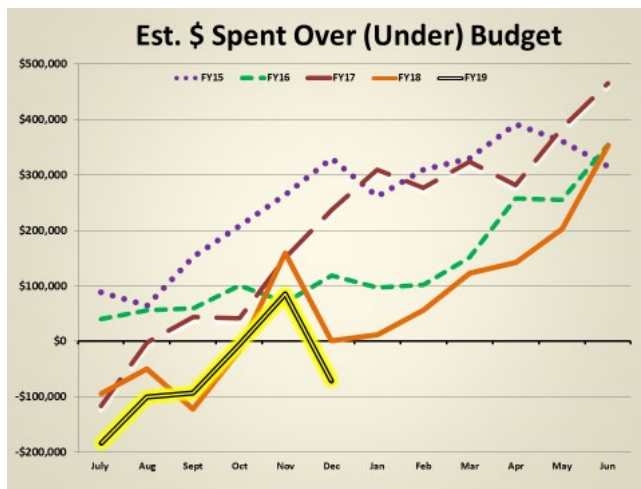
	FY19 Budget	FY19 Actual	FY19 %	FY18 %
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 5,030,358	\$ 2,786,832	55.4%	58.3%
Controllable Expenses	\$ 8,382,295	\$ 4,278,310	51.0%	52.0%
Fixed Expenses	\$ 1,955,854	\$ 1,456,404	74.5%	77.3%
Assessments	\$ 19,569,225	\$ 10,224,089	52.2%	57.1%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$29,907,374	\$15,958,803	53.4%	54.0%

General Fund FY2019 Q2 Selected Revenues

	FY19 Budget	FY19 Actual	FY19 %	FY18 %
Excise Tax	\$ 1,950,000	\$ 1,111,318	57.0%	65.2%
State Revenue Sharing	\$ 453,207	\$ 231,569	51.1%	49.5%
Permits & Impact Fees	\$ 177,423	\$ 110,979	62.6%	61.4%
EMS Billing	\$ 172,000	\$ 70,127	40.8%	45.7%
Recreation - After School	\$ 214,836	\$ 135,893	63.3%	66.0%
Recreation - All Other	\$ 603,280	\$ 310,676	51.5%	46.9%
Val Halla - Golf Revenues	\$ 572,921	\$ 373,019	65.1%	50.9%

General Fund FY2019 Q2 Selected Expenses

	FY19 Budget	FY19 Actual	FY19 %	FY18 %
Police	\$ 1,378,565	\$ 631,273	45.8%	50.3%
Fire	\$ 968,342	\$ 453,927	46.9%	52.4%
Public Services	\$ 1,983,742	\$ 946,902	47.7%	45.7%
Val Halla Golf Club	\$ 759,782	\$ 504,655	66.4%	61.9%
Recreation	\$ 993,045	\$ 557,362	56.1%	55.6%



- 19 – 013 To hear a report from the Finance Committee Chairman re: joint Finance Committee meeting with M.S.A.D. 51.**
 Councilor Stiles explained that on January 15th, the Town Council Finance Committee met with the M.S.A.D. 51 Finance Committee. It was a very productive and encouraging meeting looking at both entities long-term plan and budgets. It appears that the Town and School will continue working together on our budgets and he is hopeful that we will continue these types of meetings that will work in all of our favor.
- 19 – 014 To hold a Public Hearing to consider and act on amendments to Chapter 250 (Subdivision of Land) to include a Conservation Subdivision option, as recommended by the Planning Board.**
 Motion by Councilor Stiles, seconded by Councilor Bingham, to table to February 25th.
 VOTE: 5-0 UNANIMOUS
- 19 – 015 To appoint members to the Lands & Conservation Commission Trails Subcommittee and the Coastal Waters Commission.**
 Motion by Councilor Bingham, seconded by Councilor Stiles, to appoint Don Stowell to the Lands & Conservation Commission Trails Subcommittee and Robert Johnson to the Coastal Waters Commission.
 VOTE: 5-0 UNANIMOUS
- 19 – 016 To set a Public Hearing date of February 11th to consider and act on amendments to Chapter 48 (Coastal Waters) of the Cumberland Code, as recommended by the Coastal Waters Commission.**
 Motion by Councilor Bingham, seconded by Councilor Edes, to set a Public Hearing date of February 11th to consider and act on amendments to Chapter 48 (Coastal Waters) of the Cumberland Code, as recommended by the Coastal Waters Commission.
 VOTE: 5-0 UNANIMOUS
- 19 – 017 To set a Public Hearing date of February 11th to consider and act on amendments to Chapter 84 (Fees and Fines), Section 12 (Moorings) of the Cumberland Code, as recommended by the Coastal Waters Commission.**

Motion by Councilor Stiles, seconded by Councilor Bingham, to set a Public Hearing date of February 11th to consider and act on amendments to Chapter 84 (Fees and Fines), Section 12 (Moorings) of the Cumberland Code, as recommended by the Coastal Waters Commission.

VOTE: 5-0 UNANIMOUS

V. NEW BUSINESS

Councilor Bingham – he attended the ribbon cutting ceremony this evening for the performing arts center. This is a beautiful, new community facility that will host a lot of high school drama productions as well as events for some external organizations. This facility is for everyone in Cumberland and North Yarmouth to enjoy.

Councilor Edes – none

Chairman Copp – he reminded everyone of the upcoming budget workshop schedule, which anyone from the public is welcome and encouraged to attend:

- February 25th at 5:30 p.m.
- March 4th at 5:30 p.m.
- March 11th at 5:30 p.m.
- Saturday, March 16th 8:00 a.m. to noon
- March 25th or April 8th Town Council budget adoption

Councilor Stiles – he added to Chairman Copp’s comments that the time of the budget workshops are subject to change if the Town Council has matters to be discussed in workshop or executive session. The budget meeting times may have to be adjusted if this happens.

Councilor Turner – none

VI. ADJOURNMENT

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

VOTE: 5-0 UNANIMOUS

TIME: 7:28 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by,

Brenda L. Moore
Council Secretary