

# MINUTES

Cumberland Town Council Meeting

Town Council Chambers

**MONDAY, June 28, 2021**

**5:30 P.M. Recognition Ceremony for George Turner**

## **7:00 P.M. Call to Order**

Present: Councilors Copp, Edes, Foster, Gruber, Segrist, Storey-King and Vail

### **I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Councilor Gruber, seconded by Councilor Copp, to accept the June 14, 2021 meeting minutes as presented.

VOTE: 7-0 UNANIMOUS

### **II. MANAGER'S REPORT**

Paving for this year has begun. The west side of Town is complete and additional paving will continue on the Foreside in a few weeks. We will be paving on Main Street & Greely Road Extension perhaps as soon as July 19<sup>th</sup>.

Please comply with our Fireworks Ordinances and use extra caution with the dry conditions we are experiencing. Details on the discharge of fireworks are on our website and on the Town Crier.

Construction on Longwoods Road to Turkey Lane (Rt 9) will begin the week of July 26<sup>th</sup> and should wrap up mid-September.

We closed out the fiscal year in great shape, as you will hear shortly from our Finance Director. I am proud of all our staff who have been here since last June (13 months) providing services to all our residents through some difficult times.

We are expecting a less than 1% increase in the tax rate for FY'22. Tax Assessor, John Brushwein will be here on July 26<sup>th</sup> to review the tax rate. As of right now, we are expecting about a 30-cent increase.

### **III. PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

None

### **IV. LEGISLATION AND POLICY**

#### **21 – 066 To consider and act on a Mass Gathering Permit for the Maine Celebration of Lights to be held from November 26<sup>th</sup> through January 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Cumberland Fairgrounds.**

Eugene Dean of Fiesta Shows, explained that this is a 1-mile, lit path of LED lights, some animated, with holiday music played through an FM transmitter, directly played in attendee's vehicles. There is no exterior sound generated. The speed limit is 5 to 10 mph. There will be a drive-through food booth. It is a very family friendly event with 2 segments of time that they operate, 5-7 p.m. and 7 – 9 p.m.

Councilor Segrist asked the Town Manager if someone has looked at this from a safety standpoint.

Town Manager Shane said that the Town Clerk met with the event coordinators and the Public Safety Chief's, who have approved the layout.

Councilor Storey-King said that she has a lot of concerns about traffic and asked Mr. Dean if Fiesta Shows is a for-profit organization. The same event held at the Botanical Gardens in Boothbay is a little different because they are a non-profit organization.

Mr. Dean said that they are a for-profit company.

Councilor Foster asked how this event would coincide with the harness racing and how the traffic compares to the fair.

President of the Cumberland Farmer's Club, Lyle Merriweather, said that there will be some overlap with harness racing, but some of the racing may be winding down by then, depending on weather conditions. Vehicle traffic backing up is not a concern. They have determined that they have room to stage 125 cars on the fairgrounds property without having them in the road.

Chairman Vail said that this may be a for-profit enterprise, but he is assuming that there is some remuneration to the Farmer's Club.

Mr. Merriweather said that there absolutely is. They are also a non-profit, but the past year has been very difficult, and they have a lot of costs to cover in order to keep their heads above water.

Chairman Vail asked for any public comment.

Bruce Sherwin of Blanchard Road asked if there would be police, fire or EMS coverage at this event and will there be any cost to the Town.

Town Manager Shane said that there will be no cost to the Town. Any public safety coverage cost incurred will be reimbursed at a detail rate.

Councilor Edes said that after the year we have had with COVID, to get people out to enjoy the holidays is a good thing. This has his full support.

Councilor Copp agreed. There is no noise, people stay in their vehicles, and it helps the fairgrounds. He will support this.

Councilor Segrist said that he agrees with Councilor's Edes and Copp. He will likely take his family to this event. He will support it.

Councilor Storey-King said that she is concerned for the neighbors with 1,200 cars per evening going through the fairgrounds, and this is not an agricultural use.

Councilor Foster said that this is a wonderful event, but it is a lot of traffic. She is recalled the discussions about the harness racing and the feedback that we got from the neighbors. This is a lot of impact on one neighborhood with traffic.

Chairman Vail said that the burden is on the applicant to make this work for the neighborhood. If it doesn't, they won't have to worry about coming back next year.

Motion by Councilor Copp, seconded by Councilor Gruber, to approve the Mass Gathering Permit for the Maine Celebration of Lights to be held from November 26<sup>th</sup> through January 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Cumberland Fairgrounds.

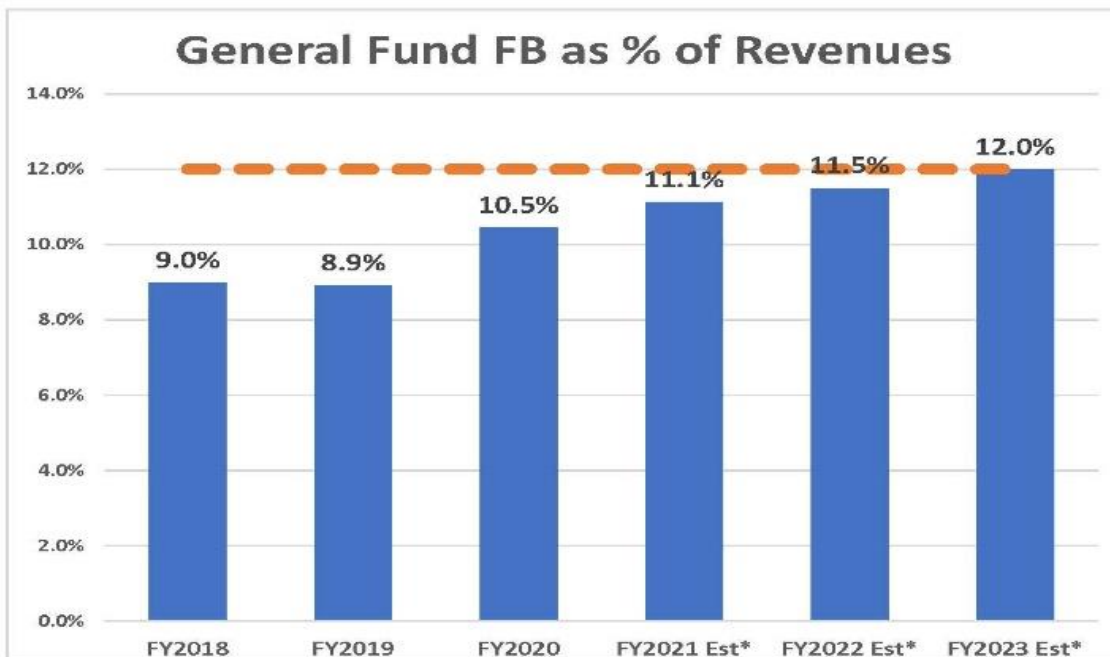
VOTE: 6-1 (Storey-King opposed) MOTION PASSES

**21 – 067 To hear a report from the Finance Director re: preliminary end of year financials.**

Finance Director, Helene DiBartolomeo, presented the following:

**TOWN OF CUMBERLAND  
FUND BALANCE HISTORICAL FUTURE EXPECTATIONS**

	<b>GF Revenues</b>	<b>GF EOY FB</b>	<b>Actual:</b>	<b>Goal:</b>	<b>Amount Needed</b>	<b>Goal</b>
<b>FY2014</b>	23,806,938	1,668,540	7.0%	12.0%	1,188,293	2,856,833
<b>FY2015</b>	25,207,688	2,066,785	8.2%	12.0%	958,138	3,024,923
<b>FY2016</b>	27,235,216	2,511,108	9.2%	12.0%	757,118	3,268,226
<b>FY2017</b>	27,874,301	2,436,028	8.7%	12.0%	908,888	3,344,916
<b>FY2018</b>	28,800,124	2,590,074	9.0%	12.0%	865,941	3,456,015
<b>FY2019</b>	30,580,973	2,729,270	8.9%	12.0%	940,447	3,669,717
<b>FY2020</b>	31,405,601	3,282,135	10.5%	12.0%	486,537	3,768,672
<b>FY2021 Est*</b>	32,801,828	3,650,537	11.1%	12.0%	285,682	3,936,219
<b>FY2022 Est*</b>	33,785,883	3,885,377	11.5%	12.0%	168,929	4,054,306
<b>FY2023 Est*</b>	34,799,459	4,175,935	12.0%	12.0%	-	4,175,935



\*Town Policy for fund balance is 12% - Above is the established plan to get to 12%.

TOWN OF CUMBERLAND  
ESTIMATED GENERAL FUND YEAR END EXPENSES  
JUNE 30, 2021

Dept Name	Dept#	2021 Budget	2021 Actual	Est PR	Adjustmt	Net Avail	Notes
Admin	130 Total	616,244.00	535,355.60	30,883.10	3,000.00	47,005.30	Postage
Assessor	140 Total	112,471.00	103,211.65	7,922.88		1,336.47	
Clerk	150 Total	275,187.00	223,133.16	17,200.90		34,852.94	
IT	160 Total	212,517.00	314,961.39	96.88	(21,096.00)	(81,445.27)	Adj for 12 mo Library; Adj for 12 mo Rec; June Expense for IT Contact Svc
Elections	165 Total	14,741.00	11,859.92		994.36	1,386.72	Est for election workers
Planning	170 Total	73,137.00	56,790.57	4,938.94		11,407.49	
Legal	190 Total	47,500.00	54,680.73		12,000.00	(19,180.73)	Legal fees for May & June est at \$6k/mo
Police	210 Total	1,477,754.00	1,302,085.47	83,554.10	5,000.00	82,114.43	Fuel, telephone and cont svc
Fire	220 Total	1,070,962.00	934,473.25	71,530.92	37,000.00	27,957.83	Requested purchases
CEO	240 Total	143,113.00	141,706.85	10,794.50		(9,388.35)	
Harbor Master	250 Total	25,226.00	16,933.73			8,292.27	
Animal Control	260 Total	35,412.00	22,258.33	4,494.36	500.00	8,159.31	
Public Works	310 Total	1,269,713.00	1,079,388.61	52,398.40	10,000.00	127,925.99	
Waste Disposal	320 Total	592,696.00	552,239.35	311.00	50,546.42	(10,400.77)	WM June; North Coast Svcs; Sevee & Maher Landfill monitoring; Ecomaine June
VH - Club	350 Total	27,231.00	24,666.87			2,564.13	
VH - Course	360 Total	515,427.00	535,981.64	26,042.60	10,000.00	(56,597.24)	
VH - Club House	370 Total	238,467.00	198,102.55	14,680.02	10,000.00	15,684.43	
Recreation	410 Total	914,018.00	693,639.93	43,236.80	12,824.00	164,317.27	IT Costs
AIP	420 Total	85,105.00	67,124.43	1,275.66		16,704.91	
Parks	430 Total	318,355.00	300,628.66	16,828.80	5,000.00	(4,102.46)	Water/sewer costs
W Cumberland	440 Total	8,204.00	4,859.52			3,344.48	
Library	450 Total	516,000.00	476,804.80	28,721.80	18,272.00	(7,798.60)	IT Costs
HS Bldg	470 Total	8,964.00	204.00			8,760.00	
General Asst	580 Total	35,000.00	21,545.75		5,000.00	8,454.25	
Health Svc	590 Total	3,875.00	1,043.35	298.10	2,533.00	0.55	
Cem Assoc	620 Total	26,700.00	27,575.00			(875.00)	
Conservation	630 Total	13,000.00	9,917.43			3,082.57	
Debt Svc	650 Total	1,157,320.00	1,156,096.72			1,223.28	
Insurance	750 Total	277,823.00	334,193.23			(56,370.23)	WC Mod increased to 0.98 from 0.62
Fire Hydrants	800 Total	81,686.00	77,091.12		7,000.00	(2,405.12)	
Street Lights	810 Total	45,000.00	45,000.00			-	
Contingency	830 Total	190,000.00	59,298.49			40,701.51	
Muni Bldg	840 Total	105,160.00	98,585.12	1,283.06		5,291.82	
Abatement	850 Total	1.00	10,555.87			(10,554.87)	Poverty abatement
MSAD	860 Total	20,104,804.00	20,104,803.77			0.23	
County	890 Total	938,569.00	938,569.00			-	
Capital	910 Total	180,000.00	180,000.00			-	
Grand Total		\$ 31,661,882.00	\$ 30,715,365.86	\$ 416,492.82	\$ 170,573.78	\$ 359,449.54	
TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES (ACTUAL + EST PR + YE ADJ)					\$ 31,302,432.46		
KEY:							
(0.01) = BUDGET OVERAGE							

**Town of Cumberland  
Sources and Uses of GF Surplus  
Fiscal Year Ending 6/30/2021**

		\$	%
<b>FY2020 Ending GF Fund Balance</b>		<b>\$ 3,282,135</b>	<b>10.5%</b>
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GF Revenues	Budgeted	Actuals	
	\$31,903,287	\$32,801,828	32,801,828
GF Expenses	\$31,661,882	\$31,302,432	(31,302,432)
<b>Estimated End of Year funds available:</b>			<b>1,499,395</b>
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<b>Less transfers for:</b>			<b>REF</b>
GF Reserve -Assessing: Revaluation		(170,000)	A
GF Reserve- HR: Professional Training		(20,000)	B
Bond Fund - Public Works Garage		(200,000)	C
Debt Service Reserves		(100,000)	D
CIP Roads: Quiet RR Zone		(300,000)	E
CIP Equipment: SCBA equipment (8 sets)		(56,000)	F
CIP Equipment: Turnout Gear (7 sets)		(21,000)	F
CIP Equipment: Ambulance vehicle		(125,000)	F
CIP Solar Field: Solar Field - fund 1/6th (6 years to fund)		(116,667)	G
		(1,108,667)	H
<b>Net change in GF reserve accounts</b>		(22,327)	
<b>FY2021 GF Ending Fund Balance*</b>		<b>\$ 3,650,537</b>	<b>11.1%</b>
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<b>*Any excess above 11.1% to CIP Buildings</b>			
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Historical Society Project - CIP Buildings:			
FY2021 Expenses	\$ 262,776		
Swan Contract (Approved in March 2021)	260,000		
Mason	40,000		
Landscaping	25,000		
Remaining for Historical Society Project	587,776		
Training/Admin Facility - CIP Buildings	363,698		
<b>Transfer from Land Acq to CIP Buildings</b>	<b>\$ 951,474</b>	<b>I</b>	

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TOWN OF CUMBERLAND  
FY2021 Q4 FUND BALANCE

As of: 6/22/2021

Fund	Beg Fund Balance	FY 2021 Actual				REF	End Fund Balance	Fund Name	Fund Balance	PY Fund Bal
		Transfer in (out)	Revenues	(Expenses)	FY21 Trf					
001	3,076,468	(155,154)	32,801,828	(31,147,278)	(1,108,667)	H	3,467,197	General Fund	10.6%	9.8%
100	-	-	-	-	170,000	A	170,000	GF Resrv - Assessing		
106	63,634	55,000	-	(62,531)	-		56,103	GF Resrv - Circuit B		
208	74,195	25,000	-	(31,030)	20,000	B	88,165	GF Resrv - HR Resrv		
255	67,838	-	99,176	(107,942)	-		59,072	GF Resrv - Fuel Fund		
<b>GF &amp; Resv</b>	<b>3,282,135</b>	<b>(75,154)</b>	<b>32,901,004</b>	<b>(31,348,781)</b>	<b>(918,667)</b>		<b>3,840,537</b>	<b>Total GF &amp; Resrv</b>	<b>11.7%</b>	<b>10.5%</b>
213	5,602,772	-	-	(5,072,470)	200,000	C	730,302	Bond Fund		
216	(1,372,740)	(200,000)	2,482,224	(1,802,096)	-		(892,612)	TIF Fund		
244	697,791	(210,000)	-	(330,000)	100,000	D	257,791	Debt Service Reserve		
204	598,858	-	518,795	(166,179)	(951,474)	I	0	Land Acquisition		
238	4,553	10,000	-	(1,476)	-		13,077	Tennis Court		
240	20,258	-	-	-	-		20,258	Rial Parking Reserve		
252	(452,234)	348,000	217,000	(44,700)	300,000	F	368,063	CIP Roads		
254	452,892	32,000	146,801	(289,125)	202,000	F	534,070	CIP Equipment		
259	51,417	-	7,579	(298,199)	951,474	I	712,271	CIP Buildings		
261	(33,247)	87,600	38,543	(103,761)	116,667	G	105,802	CIP Solar Field (New FUND FY20)		Purchase in 2027 @ \$700k
265	(42,306)	7,554	8,938	(166,547)	-		(192,361)	Street Light Upgrades (New FUND FY20)		
<b>Capital</b>	<b>599,692</b>	<b>485,154</b>	<b>937,636</b>	<b>(1,079,988)</b>	<b>618,667</b>		<b>1,561,181</b>	<b>Total Capital</b>		
108	62,221	-	25,050	(18,978)	-		68,293	Fuel Assist		
200	3,674	-	-	-	-		3,674	TB Nordic		
201	28,017	-	-	-	-		28,017	Misc Restr		
237	-	-	155,000	(155,000)	-		-	Elections Grant		
248	(3,650)	-	15,918	(11,528)	-		740	Fire Fund		
253	24,423	-	1,749	(6,695)	-		19,477	PD Community		
600	52,471	-	15,005	(16,100)	-		49,374	Lib Fund		
<b>Spec Rev</b>	<b>167,156</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>210,720</b>	<b>(208,301)</b>	<b>-</b>		<b>169,575</b>	<b>Total Special Revenue</b>		
410	461,940	-	1,072,539	(1,029,606)	-		504,673	Sewer Fund (Unrestricted)		
420	66,060	-	339,175	(305,268)	-		99,967	Senior House (Unrestricted)		
<b>Enterprise</b>	<b>528,001</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,411,514</b>	<b>(1,334,874)</b>	<b>-</b>		<b>604,641</b>	<b>Total Enterprise</b>		
107	185,601	-	186,167	(102,003)	-		269,765	Food Pantry		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 9,690,407</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 38,129,285</b>	<b>\$ (41,278,513)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>		<b>\$ 6,541,179</b>	<b>Total</b>		

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Chairman Vail asked for any public comment.  
No public comment.

Motion by Councilor Gruber, seconded by Councilor Segrist, to accept the finance report and year end transfers as presented by the Finance Committee.  
VOTE: 7-0 UNANIMOUS

## 21 – 068 To consider and act on starting the Contract Zone Agreement process pursuant to the CZA flow chart.

Town Manager Shane explained that this project would require a change in our zoning with a Contract Zone Agreement, and this is the first step in that process. Alex Timpson is here this evening to describe the project and to answer questions.

Mr. Timpson said that this is 60 acres at 76 Longwoods Road. He is proposing that 52 of those acres be put into permanent conservation. This project will have a working farm, 3 miles of walking trails with a sculpture garden, and a grange hall (under 4,000 sf) with a small farm to table, family style restaurant. Think about a working farm, feeding people, people enjoying nature, people enjoying art and acoustic music inside, these things all go together. It will be a cultural grange hall and park for the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Town Manager Shane said that this is only one step in a multiple step process. There will be neighborhood meetings, and meetings with the Planning Board and Town Council.

Councilor Segrist asked where the parking would be and how many cars will the parking lot hold.

Mr. Timpson said that he wants to keep the disturbed acreage under one acre. 37 to 50 cars would fit on that one-acre parking lot. You will not be able to see the parking lot from Longwoods Road.

Chairman Vail said that this is a great project that has a lot of potential.

Chairman Vail asked for any public comment.

Bill Perkins said that this concept is quite impressive but would like to make sure it won't be a new source of noise for the neighborhood. He is encouraged that the neighbors will be invited to meetings as this moves forward.

Councilor Storey-King responded that the interesting thing about a Contract Zone Agreement is that we can be intensely specific with what is allowed and not allowed, and she encouraged Mr. Perkins to participate in the neighborhood meetings.

Motion by Councilor Storey-King, seconded by Councilor Gruber, to accept the application from The Grange at Longwoods for a Contract Zone Agreement and allow them to continue through CZA the process.

VOTE: 7-0                      UNANIMOUS

**21 – 069    To award the contract for railroad crossing barriers at Greely Road, Tuttle Road and Longwoods Road, to Storey Brothers.**

Chairman Vail explained that this has been a multi-year process and construction costs have gone through the roof. We received 2 bids and Storey Brothers was the low bidder at \$277,050.00.

Councilor Foster said that even though the price is \$100,000 more than we anticipated, if we wait, the cost could go up even more due to raising costs of materials and the potential of the requirements changing with the sale of Pan Am Railways. This is for 3 crossings (not including the Muirfield crossing). We are hopeful that we will be able to work through the process and do something at the Muirfield crossing, but are not anticipating having to spend another \$100,000 for that crossing. The safety systems that are in place at the Muirfield crossing will most likely meet the requirements and only minimal enhancements may be needed there.

Chairman Vail asked for any public comment.

Bruce Sherwin of Blanchard Road asked what would happen if the contractor got his bid wrong and his costs go over.

Town Manager Shane said that with any project that is over \$100,000, the State of Maine requires that a performance and payment bond be issued. This is basically an insurance policy.

Motion by Councilor Edes, seconded by Councilor Gruber, to award the contract for railroad crossing barriers at Greely Road, Tuttle Road and Longwoods Road to Storey Brothers, as recommended by the Finance Committee.

VOTE: 6-0-1 (Storey-King abstained)                      MOTION PASSES

Sally Brown thanked the Town Council. She and her husband have the misfortune of having the railroad tracks next to their house. Thank you sounds inadequate, but she sincerely thanked everybody involved in making this happen.



**21 – 070 To order the abatement of a malfunctioning wastewater system at property identified as Map R03/Lot 38, and to authorize the Town Manager or Code Enforcement Officer to abate the same, if necessary, as authorized by 30-A M.R.S. § 3248.**

Town Manager Shane explained the Town will assist in fixing a malfunctioning septic system and placing a lien on the property. The Town will be repaid upon the sale or transfer of the property. Because it is a health issue, our Code Enforcement Officer is involved. It is an area of Town where there is no public water.

Chairman Vail asked for any public comment.

No public comment.

Motion by Councilor Copp, seconded by Councilor Gruber, to order the abatement of a malfunctioning wastewater system at property identified as Map R03/Lot 38, and to authorize the Town Manager or Code Enforcement Officer to abate the same, if necessary, as authorized by 30-A M.R.S. § 3248.

VOTE: 7-0 UNANIMOUS

**21 – 071 To hold a Public Hearing to consider and act on a liquor license application for Cumberland House of Pizza.**

Chairman Vail explained that this is a renewal due to a pause in business during COVID last year.

Chairman Vail opened the Public Hearing.

No public comment.

Chairman Vail closed the Public Hearing.

Motion by Councilor Edes, seconded by Councilor Gruber, to approve the liquor license application for Cumberland House of Pizza for the period of June 8, 2021 through January 17, 2022.

VOTE: 6-0-1 (Copp abstained) MOTION PASSES

**21 – 072 To hold a Public Hearing to consider and act on amendments to the Cumberland Zoning Ordinance, Section 315-6 (Rural Residential Districts); Section 315-7 (Low Density Residential District); Section 315-8 (Medium Density Residential District); 315-9 (Village Medium-Density Residential District); and 315-21 Town Center District) to increase the maximum number of children allowed in Daycare Centers and nursery schools from 20 to a maximum of 50, subject to site plan review and Section 315-47, as recommended by the Planning Board.**

Town Manager Shane explained that daycares would have to reapply to the Planning Board in order to increase the number of children allowed. This will allow the abutters an opportunity to be heard. The only fee that will be applied to the daycare is to reimburse the Town for mailing abutter notices and public notice charge.

Councilor Segrist said that if a daycare increased the number of children from 15 to 50, and wanted to expand the footprint of their facility, they would have to go back to the Planning Board for approval of the expansion.

Chairman Vail opened the Public Hearing.

Jaime Storey-Kiesow, owner of Storey Time Learning Center and Aftercare on Middle Road, said that she approached the Town Manager to inquire where the number of 20 children came from. Nobody seems to know, but it is assumed that it came from previous number of licenses. Since COVID, 173 programs in the state have closed, which includes 4 programs in Cumberland, North Yarmouth and Falmouth. This affects

over 100 local families. Her current state license, based on the current building footprint, allows for 32 children but the Town allows for 20 children. She does not expect a large change in traffic flow because so many of their families are siblings. They will be able to offer preschool to the same family that needs aftercare, so they would be dropping off and picking up at the same time. Because the Town aftercare program has a waiting list, these families have no place to send their kids in the fall. She wants to be able to meet the needs of their current families. Increasing the number will allow this to happen.

Chairman Vail closed the Public Hearing.

Councilor Storey-King said that she will be voting on this even though Jaime is her cousin and Donna is her sister. This affects every daycare in Town. She sees this as a significant need in our community.

Motion by Councilor Copp, seconded by Councilor Gruber, to amend the Cumberland Zoning Ordinance, Section 315-6 (Rural Residential Districts); Section 315-7 (Low Density Residential District); Section 315-8 (Medium Density Residential District); 315-9 (Village Medium-Density Residential District); and 315-21 (Town Center District) to increase the maximum number of children allowed in Daycare Centers and Nursery Schools from 20 to a maximum of 50, subject to site plan review and Section 315-47, and to collect a fee to cover abutter notice mailings, as recommended by the Planning Board.

VOTE: 7-0 UNANIMOUS

**21 – 073 To hold a Public Hearing to consider and act on approval of annual Victualer’s Licenses for non-profit organizations for the period of July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022.**

Chairman Vail opened the Public Hearing.

No public comment.

Chairman Vail closed the Public Hearing.

Motion by Councilor Copp, seconded by Councilor Gruber, to approve the annual Victualer’s Licenses for non-profit organizations for the period of July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022.

VOTE: 7-0 UNANIMOUS

**21 – 074 Town Council Committee assignments.**

Councilor Copp read the 2021-22 Town Council Committee Assignments:

**AD HOC COMMITTEES:**

Aging In Place Committee	<u>Councilors Foster and Gruber</u>
Board of Appeals	<u>Councilor Foster</u>
Coastal Waters Commission	<u>Councilors Gruber, Segrist and Vail</u>
Historical Society Building Committee	<u>Councilors Gruber and Vail</u>
Housing Authority	<u>Councilor Gruber and Vail</u>
Lands & Conservation Commission	<u>Councilors Foster, Gruber and Segrist</u>
Planning Board	<u>Councilor Gruber and Vail</u>
Prince Memorial Library Advisory Board	<u>Councilor Storey-King</u>
Recreation/Community Education Advisory Board	<u>Councilor Storey-King</u>
Shellfish Conservation Commission	<u>Councilor Gruber</u>



## **COUNCIL COMMITTEES:**

Board/Committee Nominating Committee  
Senior Property Tax Committee  
Cumberland/No. Yarmouth Joint Standing Comm.  
Falmouth/Cumberland Chamber of Commerce  
Finance Committee  
Ordinance Committee  
TIF Committee  
ECOMAINE (RWS)  
ECOMAINE – Alternate  
Greater Portland Council of Government  
PACTS Policy Committee  
PACTS Policy Committee – Alternate

Councilor Copp, Gruber, and Segrist  
Councilors Copp, Foster and Storey-King  
Councilors Edes, Foster and Storey-King  
Councilor Vail, Alternate, Councilor Segrist  
Councilors Foster, Gruber, Segrist and Vail  
Councilors Edes, Storey-King, and Vail  
Councilors Copp, Gruber, Segrist  
Manager Shane  
Assistant Manager Bolduc  
Councilor Storey-King and Vail  
Manager Shane  
Councilor Gruber

Motion by Councilor Foster, seconded by Councilor Storey-King, to approve the FY'22 Town Council Committee Assignments as presented.

VOTE: 7-0                      UNANIMOUS

### **V. NEW BUSINESS**

**Councilor Segrist** – no new business.

**Councilor Storey-King** – The fireworks ordinance allows the following times for Independence Day fireworks: July 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m., July 4<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 12:30 a.m., and July 5<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. She hopes that people are respectful of their neighbors and if you know that you have a neighbor that has difficulty with fireworks, you might want to notify them if you intend to use fireworks. She wished everyone a happy and safe Independence Day.

She was the lone Councilor at the Farmer's Market on Saturday. She brought her dog along and enjoyed spending her time with Carolyn Small, who was there selling all things bicentennial.

**Councilor Gruber** – The food pantry served 55 customers last week. Thank you to all the volunteers who work at the food pantry.

The Coastal Waters Commission and the Finance Committee met last week. He appreciates all the work these committees do.

**Chairman Vail** – He and Councilor Foster met with the Town Manager to discuss Town Council goal setting for the next year. He is excited about the next year and getting to work. Some items that will be discussed are property revaluation, begin the update to the comprehensive plan, building a relationship with the school board, improving our relationship with North Yarmouth, exploring shared services opportunities with surrounding Towns, building community support networks, mental wellness support, climate change, farmlands, and natural resources.

Last Friday, he met with the School Board Chair, Brian Sites and Jim Moulton (North Yarmouth Select Board members). It was a very productive meeting and there was a mutual understanding that the three entities must get together and start talking about shared services, combined efforts, and an understanding that the school cannot continue to be a mechanism to take taxpayers dollars without an

explanation of the cost. More meetings will take place with all the members of the 3 boards. He feels that we can make some great accomplishments.

**Councilor Foster** – She extended an invitation to our entire community, as well as our neighbors in North Yarmouth, to an event on Wednesday, June 30th from 6:00-8:00 pm at Skyline Farm in North Yarmouth. The Cumberland, North Yarmouth, MSAD 51 Mental Health Committee will be holding a “Growing Gratitude” conversation with MSAD 51’s Risk Assessment/Mental Health Specialist, Eric Brown. This is a family friendly event with activities for children while the adults attend the session.

**Councilor Edes** – We had a gathering earlier this evening for George Turner. He thanked George for everything he has done for our Town. He thanked Councilor Segrist for his comments to George this evening and thanked Councilor Foster for her kind words to Bill Stiles last year. Their actions show the quality of our newest Town Councilors.

**Councilor Copp** – We received an email from a resident regarding medical marijuana facilities in the west end of Town. Some residents of the west end think that we have turned our back on this problem, which we absolutely have not. The State of Maine put us between a rock and a hard place two years ago and made us choose where we wanted these facilities to be allowed in Town. As a Council, we looked at our zoning and decided where we thought it would be best to allow these facilities. This was forced on us, and we gave it a considerable amount of thought and consideration.

## **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

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

VOTE: 7-0

TIME: 9:03 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by,

Brenda L. Moore  
Council Secretary