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Annual Report
FY2015 – 16



Front cover: *A kayaker enjoys the splendor of Knight's Pond.*

Back cover: *Knight's Pond and Blueberry Hill Preserve is the largest undeveloped property in Cumberland. In addition to Knight's Pond, the property includes 169 acres of forestland and a network of trails and critical wildlife habitat. It can be access from Greely Road Extension.*

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In dedication...

When it comes to land preservation and securing public access to hundreds of acres of undeveloped property, no local organization can surpass the achievements of the Chebeague & Cumberland Land Trust. Originally founded in 1987 (and then known as the Cumberland Mainland & Islands Trust), the CCLT either owns or holds conservation easements on many properties in Cumberland, on Chebeague Island, and in Casco Bay. Among the larger protected parcels are the Broad Cove Reserve, off Route 88; the Rines Forest, off Range Road; and the Farwell Forest, off Blanchard Road.



Penny Asherman assumed the duties of President in 2009 and has advanced the mission of the Trust with vigor and perseverance. Her greatest challenge came in 2015, when a long and carefully developed plan to acquire Knight's Pond and Blueberry Hill was nearly undone at the last minute.

For decades the public was welcome to use these areas for recreational activities such as skating, hiking, snowmobiling, and cross-country skiing by the kindness of the owners, Richard and Helen Knight. In more recent years, their daughter, Rebecca Leland Swigget, continued the tradition. With the possibility of development looming as a threat, Penny and the CCLT began to take action. Acting together with the Towns of Cumberland and North Yarmouth, as well as with the Trust for Public Land and the

Royal River Conservation Trust — and with significant financial support from the public — Penny developed a proposal to acquire the 215-acre property. A key source of funding was to have been a grant from the Land for Maine's Future program, through a bond measure approved by the voters.

When the Governor refused to issue the bonds on the eve of closing, the entire project was suddenly in jeopardy.

Penny took the lead in keeping the plans alive, and additional financial support from the CCLT and the Royal River Conservation Trust made the dreams a reality. Ownership was transferred in the autumn of 2015, and a celebration took place at the shore of the pond on October 24.

Penny's leadership has created a lasting legacy for the people of the area, and a uniquely beautiful property has been preserved for recreation and wildlife habitat for generations to come.

Steve Moriarty, Member
Chebeague & Cumberland Land Trust

With gratitude for her vision,
commitment, and tenacity, this year's Annual
Report is proudly dedicated to Penny Asherman.

Tranquility on Knight's Pond



**Photo by Kevin Brusie Photography
Provided by the Chebeague & Cumberland Land Trust**

Chairman's Report

As in prior years, FY2016 saw its share of accomplishments and challenges. Among the accomplishments:



*Peter Bingham
Chairman*

- The completion of the Knights Pond purchase and financing. This project was one of the high-priority goals in several of the past comprehensive plans. Thanks to the efforts of Penny Asherman and the Mainland and Island Land Trust the property, which includes Blueberry Hill, is now open to the public for generations to come. Also, after some challenges from the legislative and executive branches in Augusta, the funding from the Lands for Maine Future was finally secured.
- Through the efforts of the Ocean Access and Coastal Waters Committees and the Land Trust, improvements to the Broad Cove Reserve have continued, and the public was able to fully utilize the property during this past summer. Final additions and improvements still await the outcome of several lawsuits filed by the previous owners that are now before the Maine Supreme Court.
- The town continues to execute its long-term capital improvement. Work was begun on plans for the reconstruction of Middle Road and improvements to the Central Fire Station. Over \$1 million was spent in repaving the town roads. The Council has continued to put a high priority on the maintenance of the town's infrastructure. The failure to do so is quite evident in what is happening to our infrastructure nationally.
- The work of the Land Use Update Committee was completed. New growth areas were established, along with minor updates to the comprehensive plan. Minimum lot sizes in the rural residential areas were basically unchanged. A committee was established to review information of conservation subdivisions.
- Our police chief Joe Charron retired after over 30 years of service, and Charles Rumery, the Deputy Chief of the Waterville Police Chief, was hired as his replacement.
- We established one of the first municipal senior property tax circuit breaker programs in Maine. Over 180 of our senior taxpayers were able to take advantage of this program, which offered up to \$750 of reductions based on income taxation levels.

The biggest challenge that the Council has is to balance the public's desire for adequate services and infrastructure with the need to keep the tax rate low enough for citizens to afford to continue to live in Cumberland. In FY2016 the tax rate increased by less than one percent and residents with a homestead exemption and who had valuations of less than \$600,000 actually saw their tax rate decrease.

In addition we have the challenge to try to decrease the reliance of tax revenue on our residential tax base. We have been cited by the state as a “Business Friendly” Community, and continue to pursue commercial opportunities.

Finally, as most of you may be aware, many of our ordinances, projects and long-term planning efforts are developed through the work of our town committees. The Council has gone to great effort over the years to balance the membership with a mix of newer residents and long-term community members. This provides an infusion of new ideas along with institutional memory. I believe the results speak for themselves.

I want to thank the public for allowing me to serve on the council. When Connie and I decided to make Cumberland our home in October of 1970, it turned out to be one of our better decisions.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Bingham, Chair
Cumberland Town Council

Town Council

July 1, 2016 — June 30, 2017



Back Row (l-r): Ronald Copp, William Stiles, Shirley Storey-King, Peter Bingham

Front Row (l-r): Thomas Gruber, George Turner, Michael Edes

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Boards & Committees

Town Council & SAD Board of Directors elections are held in June and positions are three-year terms, unless otherwise noted. Committee and board appointments expire as of December 31 of the designated year.

TOWN COUNCIL

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

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS AND APPEALS

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

AGING IN PLACE COMMITTEE

Barbara Berkovich
John Berrett
Cathy Campbell
Karen Campbell
Pat Carroll
Lisa Crowley
Dale Denno
Rita Farry
Jennifer Freeman
Sue Gold
Deborah Gray
Teri Maloney-Kelly
Suzie McCormack
Sandra Parker
Kendall Putnam
Cicely Russell
Sally Semmes Pierce
Paula Slipp
Maryellen Wilson
Eileen Wyatt

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW

Robert Crawford
Jeff Daigle
Jerome Gamache
Mark Stevens
James Thomas

BOARD OF SEWER APPEALS

Paul Chesley
Doug Pride
Ralph Oulton
Steve Sloan
Eileen Wyatt

CENTRAL FIRE STATION BUILDING COMMITTEE

Brian Cashin
Linda Fulda
John Hankinson
Adrian Kendall
Bert Kendall
James Orser
George Small
Harland Storey
Dave Swan

COASTAL WATERS COMMISSION

David Carlson
Lewis Incze
Hugh Judge
Mike Schwindt
Brent Sullivan
Richard Thompson
Bob Vail
David Witherill

CONSERVATION SUBDIVISION COMMITTEE

William Moulton
Mike Schwindt
Peter Sherr
Robert Waterhouse
Sam York

HOUSING AUTHORITY

Connie Bingham
James Clifford
Joyce Frost
Bill Hansen
Norman Maze, Jr.
Sally Pierce
Eileen Wyatt



Aging in Place Committee members Sally Semmes Pierce, left, and Maryellen Wilson, right, show off a flyer for an event at the Congregational Church in Cumberland. AIP collaborates with local churches, the library, the town recreation department, and other institutions to present programs that will appeal to seniors. Local events are posted on a community calendar on AIP's website, www.AIPCumberland.org.

**LANDS &
CONSERVATION
COMMISSION**

Ted Chadbourne
Ellen Hoffman
Shawn McBreairty
Susan Nolde
Sally Pierce
Mike Schwindt
Paul Weiss
R. Samuel York
David Young

**OCEAN ACCESS
COMMITTEE**

Charles Adams
Penny Asherman
Lew Incze
Maureen Ann Connolly
Sandra Gousch-Plummer
Joshua Ottow
C. Ingrid Parkin
Stephen Thomas

PLANNING BOARD

John Berrett
Gerry Boivin
Jeffrey Davis
Teri Maloney-Kelly
Steve Moriarty
Chris Neagle
Joshua Saunders
Peter Sherr

**PERSONNEL
APPEALS BOARD**

Kenneth Blanchard
Katherine Brooks
James Clifford
Mary Porter
Doug Pride
Eileen Wyatt

**PRINCE MEMORIAL
LIBRARY ADVISORY
BOARD**

Trudy Dibner
David Echeverria
Thomas Foley
Mark Lapping
Susan Nolde
Sara Perfetti
Kendra Rafford
Eli Rivers
Jennifer West

**RECREATION/
COMMUNITY
EDUCATION
ADVISORY BOARD**

Robert Baldacci
Chris Fitzpatrick
Melissa Fowler
Bill Green
Johanna Mulligan
Patty Normandeau
Jeff Porter
Matthew Soule
Nancy Storey

**RINES PROPERTY
CITIZENS'
ADVISORY
COMMITTEE**

Warren Graumann
Brian McAllister
Greg McCarthy
Henry Milburn
Sally Pierce
Sally Stockwell
Ben Waterhouse
Robert Waterhouse
Bruce Wildes

**SHELLFISH
CONSERVATION
COMMISSION**

Charles Adams
John Berrett
Michael Brown
Jessica Joyce
Robert Maloney
Ralph Oulton
John Ryder
Harland Storey

**TWIN BROOK
FACILITY
ADVISORY
COMMITTEE**

Michael Cooney
Kay Fowler
John Leavitt
Joseph Loring
Jacqueline Stowell
Iwona Tarling
Anne Witte

**VAL HALLA GOLF &
RECREATION
CENTER BOARD OF
TRUSTEES**

Dale Bouton
Bill Hansen
Tim Moody
Jeff Porter
Nancy Storey
Deb Towle
John Zappia

The Town of Cumberland would like to thank the many board and committee members who so generously give their time and effort to assist in maintaining the character and beauty of our great community.

Thank you!

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Manager's Letter

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



The Town Forest trails behind Town Hall

Cumberland continues to be a best community to live in and raise a family in 2015-16. Our Town was once again recognized as one of the safest and most desirable communities in Maine. For the first time, Cumberland ranked nationally as the smartest community in the state!

I am proudest of this town because of the way we take care of our most vulnerable and sometimes invisible population — the people “in need.” There are many, many volunteers who donate their time, money and help to support our families struggling with food insecurity. You are the “Hunger Fighters” and represent everything that is good in our community.

Tom Gruber and our Town Council have led the state in developing and recognizing the need for senior advocacy. Tom has spoken at multiple forums in Maine and New England and has become the “voice” of our senior population in Cumberland. This Town Council developed the only real tax break program for seniors in Maine. The program allowed for 180 senior families to receive some form of tax break this past year.

Property taxes will continue to be a struggle in our community. Currently, 93 percent of property taxes are derived from residential homes. Our commercial tax base has increased from 2 percent to 7 percent over the past decade. The struggle to deliver increasingly more services while not taxing people out of their homes continues to be our primary focus.

We are finding ways to pay and plan for fire station improvements, road repairs and day-to-day operations by building reserve accounts and using real Capital Planning that takes a look forward five to 10 years to develop strategies that

the Town Council can employ to properly maintain current assets and make municipal improvements when it makes the most sense fiscally. The budget work by the Town Council and the increased homestead exemption this year allowed for a minimal tax increase for most and a zero-percent increase for homes under \$600,000 in value.

This year saw the opening of Broad Cove Reserve. Nearly 6,000 visitors came to the Reserve this year to enjoy walks along the



Broad Cove Reserve off Rte. 88

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shore or down the pier. This year also marked the collaborative efforts of the Chebeague & Cumberland Land Trust's successful purchase of Knight's Pond Preserve. This wonderful property includes trails, hills and a scenic 40-acre pond. A parking area is planned for this fall, and we hope everyone has the opportunity to visit this wonderful piece of open space near the end of Greely Road Extension.

Respectfully submitted,



William R. Shane, P.E.
Town Manager
wshane@cumberlandmaine.com



**Photo by Kevin Brusie Photography
Provided by the Chebeague & Cumberland Land Trust**

Bicyclists enjoy the trails at Knight's Pond Preserve.

Town Clerk

The Town Clerk is the keeper of the public record and the major reference resource for the past as well as the present. The Town Clerk 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. The Town Clerk's office also registers all motor vehicles for the residents of our town, and processes all tax payments and tax lien processing. We continue to try to make the registration process more convenient by offering as many online services as possible.

The Town of Cumberland is a very caring and generous community. The Community Food Pantry has now been in operation for several years and continues to grow to serve our community and surrounding towns. The Community Food Pantry is located at Town Hall in the back of the building. We are so fortunate to have so many volunteers who truly care about our community members.

The Town of Cumberland contracts with Opportunity Alliance for our General Assistance program. A representative is here in the Town Office every Wednesday, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

The staff of the Town Clerk's office consists of Eliza Porter, Deputy Town Clerk/Communications Director; Anne Brushwein, who has served our town for 19 years; and Debbie Flanigan, who has served our town for 30 years!

STATISTICS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2016

VITAL RECORDS:

Births	—	75
Deaths	—	49
Marriages	—	36

LICENSES:

Hunting & Fishing Licenses	—	278
Boat Registrations	—	571
Snowmobile Registrations	—	149
ATV Registrations	—	97
Dog Licenses	—	1,350

Elections are a big part of the Town Clerk's office. Maintaining the transparency and integrity of our elections is of the utmost importance. We are very fortunate to have a wonderful group of volunteers to work during our elections. The volunteers go through training prior to every election. They are eager to assist all of our voters in any way necessary. If you are interested in being involved in the election process, please contact the Town Clerk's office at 829-5559. The election results for FY2015–16 are as follows:

NOVEMBER 11, 2015 STATE REFERENDUM ELECTION

1,429 out of 6,171 registered voters
23% turnout

Question One: Citizen Initiative

"Do you want to change Maine law to allow publicly financed state candidates to qualify for additional funds under certain limits and rules in the Maine Clean Election Act, to improve the disclosure of who pays for political ads, and to increase penalties for violations of campaign finance law?"

Yes	—	846
No	—	574
Blank	—	9

Question Two: Bond Issue

"Do you favor a \$15,000,000 bond issue for the construction of new energy-efficient affordable homes for low-income seniors, the adaptive reuse of structures for homes for low-income seniors and the repair and weatherization of existing homes for low-income seniors, which will create jobs and will be matched by an estimated \$22,600,000.00 in private and other funds?"

Total estimated lifetime cost is \$19,125,000 representing \$15,000,000 in principal and \$4,125,000 in interest (assuming interest at 5% over 10 years).

Yes	—	1010
No	—	417
Blank	—	2

Question Three: Bond Issue

"Do you favor an \$85,000,000.00 bond issue for construction, reconstruction and rehabilitation of highways and bridges and for facilities and equipment related to ports, harbors, marine transportation, freight and passenger railroads, aviation, transit and bicycle and pedestrian trails, to be used to match an estimated \$121,500,000.00 in federal and other funds?"

Total estimated lifetime cost is \$108,375,000 representing \$85,000,000 in principal and \$23,375,000 in interest (assuming interest at 5% over 10 years).

Yes	—	1087
No	—	338
Blank	—	4

JUNE 14, 2016 PRIMARY, MUNICIPAL AND MSAD51 BUDGET VALIDATION REFERENDUM ELEC- TION

773 voters out of 6,235 registered voters
12% turnout

DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY BALLOT

Representative to Congress, District 1

Pingree, Chellie	—	336
Blank	—	27

State Senator, District 25

Breen, Catherine E.	—	339
Blank	—	24

Representative to the Legislature, Dist. 45

Denno, Dale J.	—	344
Blank	—	19

Register of Probate

Daniels, Nadeen M.	—	169
Joseph, Jessica L.	—	110
Blank	—	84

REPUBLICAN PRIMARY BALLOT

Representative to Congress, District 1

Holbrook, Mark I.	—	62
Smith, Ande Allen	—	330
Blank	—	18

State Senator, District 25

Ladd, C. Barton	—	336
Blank	—	74

Representative to the Legislature, District 45

Timmons, Michael J.	—	362
Blank	—	48

Register of Probate

Hughes, James	—	326
Blank	—	84

Green Independent

No Candidates

MUNICIPAL BALLOT

Town Councilor at Large

Bingham, Peter Sr.	—	700
Edes, Michael	—	644
Blank	—	576

MSAD 51 Board of Directors (3 Year, 2 Seats)

Brown, Michael	—	659
Sanchez, Geraldine	—	586
Blank	—	675

MSAD 51 Board of Directors (1 Year, 1 Seat)-

Michael Perfetti	—	523
Pete Wilson	—	322
Blank	—	115

MSAD 51 BUDGET VALIDATION REFERENDUM

Article 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	—	620
No	—	327
Blank	—	14

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy O'Donnell
Town Clerk/Deputy Tax Collector
Town of Cumberland

Finance

The Finance Department is responsible for processing and reporting all financial transactions for the Town of Cumberland, as well as estimating future revenues, expenditures, and cash flow requirements. In addition, the Finance Department assists all departments in the preparation of annual budgets.

**Heather L'Hommedieu
Perreault, CPA**
Director

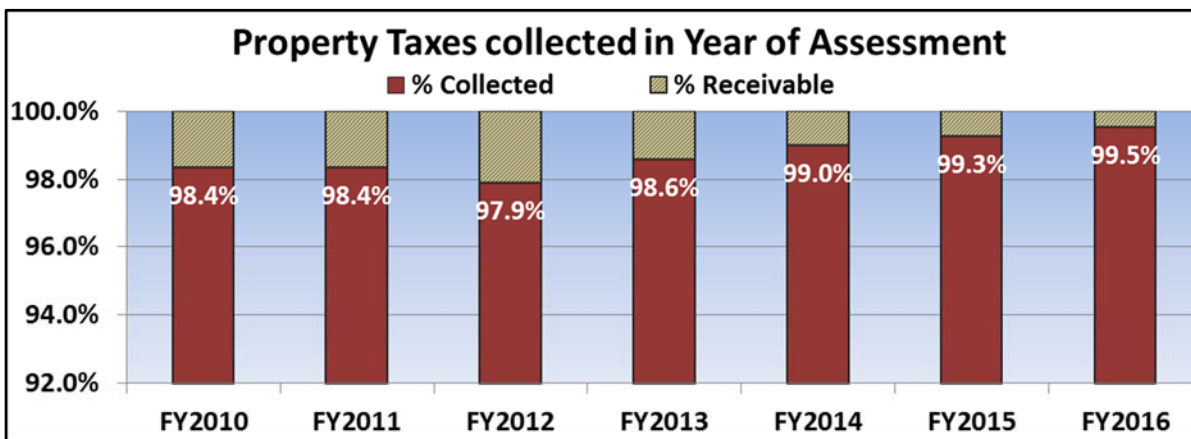
Deanna Dyer
Staff Accountant

Once again, the Finance Department received the prestigious Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association for the audited financial statements of the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015. This national award recognizes the highest standards of preparation for state and local government financial reports and is awarded after intensive review by national technical and peer review teams.

The following discussion relates to the unaudited financial results for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016 (FY2016). The most recent audited financial statements available are for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015. To obtain a copy of the audited financial statements, please contact the Finance Department and request a copy of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

FY2016 FINANCIAL OVERVIEW AND ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

As a result of continuing development, especially of higher valued real estate, the Town again experienced robust growth in the total assessed value of real estate and business' personal property (machinery and equipment) for the FY2016 tax year. The overall increase of \$45 million was split between land, buildings, and personal property in the amounts of \$14 million, \$22 million, and \$9 million respectively. Residential real estate continues to be the largest category of property within the Town, making up 88 percent of total assessed valuations in FY2016. Increases in taxable assessed value directly increase the amount of property tax that the Town is able to collect, and thus reduce the effect of budget increases on future years' tax rates.



Collection rates on assessed property taxes continue to improve. The percentage of taxes collected in the year they were assessed dipped after the recession, and have been gradually improving over the past few years. With a tax

commitment of around \$23 million, each half-percentage difference is equivalent to over \$100,000 of additional cash in the bank. The collection rate for FY2016 was 1.6 percent higher than the low point in FY2012, resulting in an increase of almost \$350,000 of available cash over that period. This increase contributes to the Town's improved cash position and decreasing reliance on short-term borrow-

ing to bridge cash shortfalls between property tax due dates in March and September each year.

Overall, the Town's General Fund activities for FY2016 allowed the Town to continue its policy of gradually improving the General Fund fund balance, in order to meet lenders' and market expectations. General Fund expenses in FY2016 were over budget by 1.5 percent; fortunately this was more than offset by much higher than anticipated collections of automobile excise taxes. See discussion below for further information.

Some of the most significant revenue and expenditure variances include:

- Automobile excise tax was about \$360,000 over budget for the year. The budget for this line was again raised for fiscal year 2016, but actual receipts continue to outpace projections. Economic reports are forecasting that this line will begin to slow over the next year or two.

Description	Revenues for FY Ended June 30, 2016 (unaudited)		
	FY16 Budget	FY16 Actual	Over (Under) Budget
Tax Revenues	\$ 1,553,793	\$ 1,976,712	\$ 422,919
Licenses & Permits	\$ 146,665	\$ 168,173	\$ 21,508
Intergovernmental Revenues	\$ 802,122	\$ 860,347	\$ 58,225
Other Revenues	\$ 274,200	\$ 363,085	\$ 88,885
Police Department	\$ 70,700	\$ 63,582	\$ (7,118)
Fire Department	\$ 218,200	\$ 256,351	\$ 38,151
Public Services	\$ 283,000	\$ 312,708	\$ 29,708
Val Halla	\$ 674,500	\$ 682,977	\$ 8,477
Recreation	\$ 715,468	\$ 779,334	\$ 63,866
Library	\$ 3,700	\$ 6,393	\$ 2,693
Total Revenues	\$ 4,742,348	\$ 5,469,662	\$ 727,314

- Also included in Tax Revenues were supplemental property tax billings of about \$50,000, for properties that were converted from exempt tree growth land to taxable residential land/buildings.
- The Town received \$43,000 more in State Revenue Sharing than was anticipated for the fiscal year. Although we anticipate receiving a similar amount in FY2017, there continues to be substantial uncertainty around this revenue line for future years.
- Impact fees from new property development during FY2016 brought in a total of \$113,000, which was \$63,000 more than was budgeted.
- Significant staff turnover in the Police Department resulted in that department spending almost \$95,000 more than budgeted. The overage is a combination of vacation and other payments to departing officers and the retiring Chief of Police; pro-rated payments of Maine Criminal Justice Academy costs

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for the new officers who were recruited; as well as other expenses such as new uniform and equipment purchases that are required to outfit new officers.

- The General Administration area was over budget in excess of \$100,000. Additional staff turnover occurred in the Finance, Administration, and Planning areas, with several administrative support staff leaving. Recruitment of new staff, termination payments to departing staff, and training costs contributed to this overage. Also contributing was the need

	<i>Expenditures for FY Ended June 30, 2016 (unaudited)</i>		
	FY16 Budget	FY16 Actual	Over (Under) Budget
General Administration	\$ 1,134,089	\$ 1,237,588	\$ 103,499
Public Safety	\$ 2,264,294	\$ 2,385,487	\$ 121,193
Public Services	\$ 1,776,253	\$ 1,742,631	\$ (33,622)
Val Halla	\$ 703,356	\$ 730,473	\$ 27,117
Recreation	\$ 783,686	\$ 867,137	\$ 83,451
Library	\$ 411,267	\$ 415,406	\$ 4,139
Other Expenses	\$ 308,704	\$ 356,819	\$ 48,115
Controllable Expenses	\$ 7,381,649	\$ 7,735,541	\$ 353,892
Debt Service	\$ 825,000	\$ 835,126	\$ 10,126
Insurance	\$ 219,499	\$ 232,492	\$ 12,993
MSAD #51	\$ 15,557,051	\$ 15,557,051	\$ -
County Tax	\$ 747,431	\$ 747,431	\$ -
Capital Imp. Plan	\$ 1,181,500	\$ 1,181,500	\$ -
Fixed Expenses	\$ 18,530,481	\$ 18,553,600	\$ 23,119
Total Expenses	\$ 25,912,130	\$ 26,289,141	\$ 377,011

to terminate the Town's assessing contract with Cumberland County, and replace it with a shared services agreement with the Town of Gray.

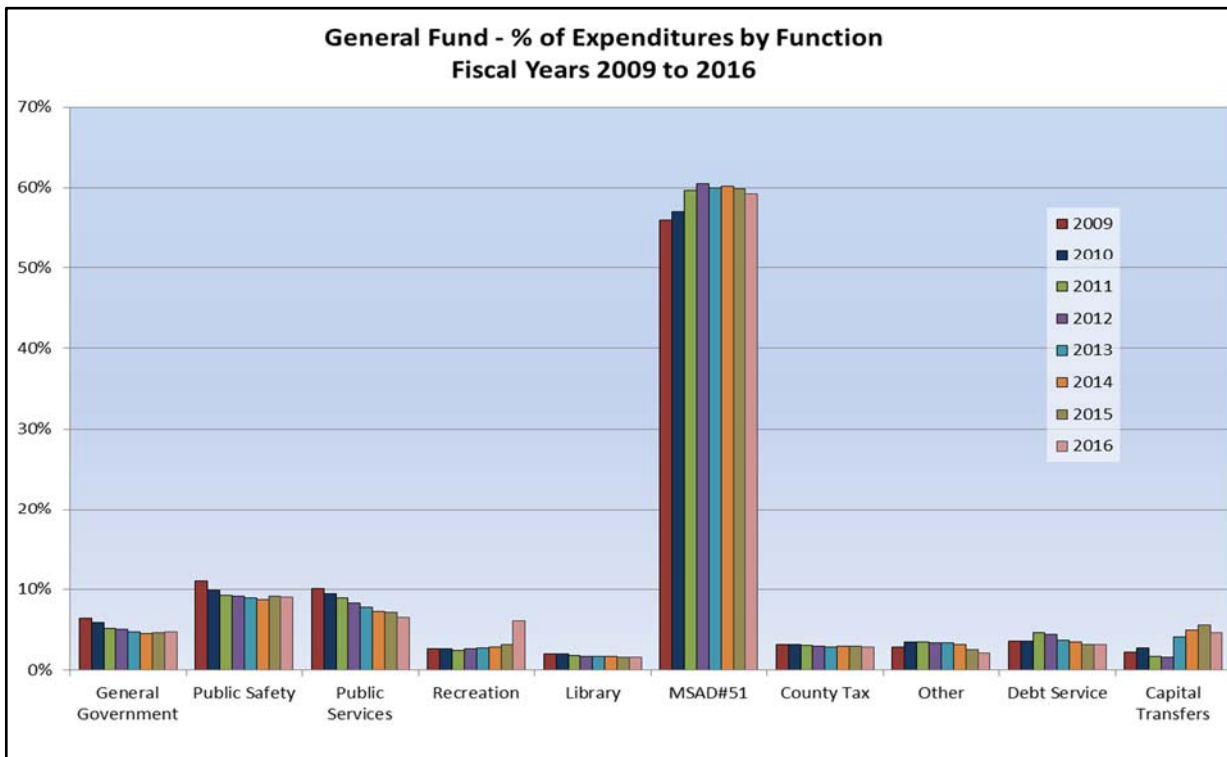
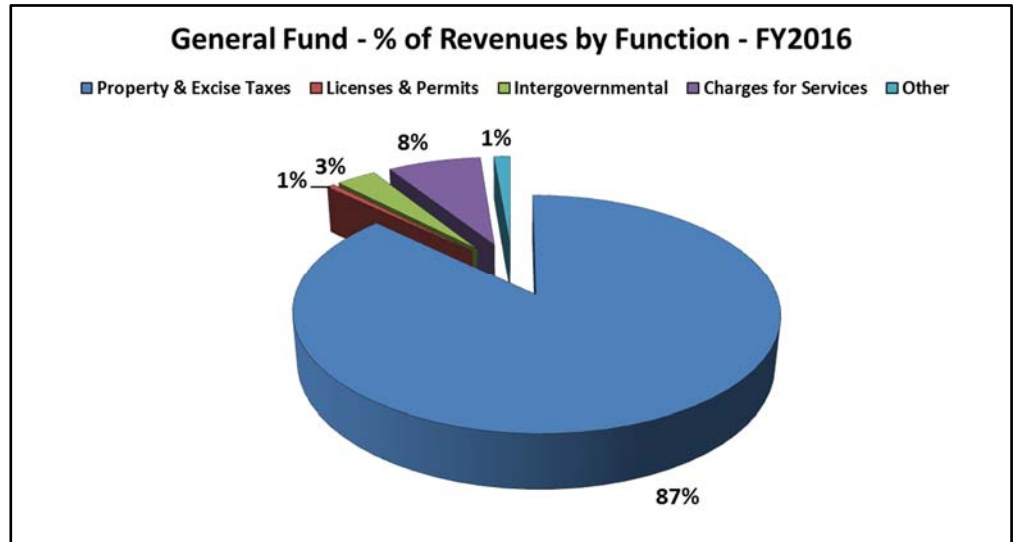
- Expenditures in the Recreation Department were about \$83,000 over budget. Most of this overage is in costs for program expenses, which are offset by increased revenues. Approximately \$20,000 is from credit card processing/software licensing fees, primarily as a result of beginning to accept credit cards as a form of payment for the After-School Program.
- As a result of the mild 2015-2016 winter, Public Works spent \$33,000 less than budgeted. The savings were realized due to decreased costs for overtime, road salt, vehicle maintenance, and contracted snow plow routes, among other things.

The majority of the Town's revenues are generated by property taxes. In FY2016, 87 percent of revenues were from taxes: real estate taxes, property taxes on commercial equipment, and boat and vehicle excise taxes. Intergovernmental revenues include State Revenue Sharing, Homestead exemption reimbursements, and assessments

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paid by North Yarmouth for Library and Recreation services. The largest items in Charges for Services are resident and non-resident payments for programs run by the Recreation Department, and revenues from Val Halla Golf Center. This category also includes amounts paid for emergency medical and ambulance services, pay-as-you-throw trash bags, and Fire and Police services for large events held within the Town, such as the Cumberland

Fair and sports tournaments at Twin Brooks park. The distribution of revenues has remained fairly consistent for the past several years.



The largest expenditure for the Town General Fund is the annual assessment received from the MSAD51 school district. In FY2016, this assessment totaled \$15.6 million. Most areas of spending have been decreasing as a percentage of total expenditure over the past eight years. The increase in the Recreation budget from 2009 to 2015 was due to the continuing expansion of its programs (with corresponding increases in revenues); and in 2016, revenues and expenses for the

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Val Halla Golf Center were transferred to the General Fund. The amount budgeted for Capital Transfers, which was reduced during the recession, has been gradually increasing in order to re-establish sustainable road maintenance throughout the Town.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Cash: Improving the overall cash position of the Town continues to be a top priority. The amount of General Fund balance that has been restricted because of deficits in other funds was completely eliminated as of the end of FY2016. Correspondingly, the General Fund balance available and unencumbered also increased. Due to this focus, for the third year in a row, the Town did not have to take out any short-term borrowing in the form of Tax Anticipation Notes in order to cover current expenditures throughout the year.

Fund Balances: The Town's goal is to achieve a minimum unrestricted/unassigned General Fund balance of 16.67 percent of total revenues; this is equivalent to approximately two months' worth of expenditures. At the end of FY2012, the unassigned fund balance in the General Fund was \$617,000, or 3 percent of revenues. The fund balance that is unassigned at the end of FY2016 is \$2.1 million, or almost 8 percent of revenues.

Debt Administration: The Town currently has an AA+ rating from Standard & Poor's, and an AA3 rating from Moody's. Growth and increasing diversity in tax base, as well as financial management and performance, have contributed to the Town maintaining these ratings.

Generally accepted best practice is that expenditures for annual debt service be less than 12 percent of the General Fund budget. The Town has a history of remaining well below 12 percent, and will continue to do so even with anticipated borrowing for improvements to Middle Road and expansion of the Tuttle Road Fire Station.

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

Information & Technology

Another busy and productive year was realized by the Information Technology Department during 2015–16. The past year began with the addition or replacement of 20 computers. At the Town Office, 11 workstations were replaced and five laptops were added. In the Police Department two Police cruiser computers were replaced and at the Fire Department, one workstation was replaced with a laptop utilizing an ergonomic workstation setup purchased with grant monies. We also replaced two Fire Engine computers. Computers in patrol cars and fire apparatus are used primarily for computer-aided dispatch as they communicate directly with Cumberland County Regional Communications Center.

The Town of Cumberland replaced its last, stand-alone server by virtualizing the domain controller used at the Town Office for computer login security. We now run five virtual servers on two physical pieces of hardware.

In the fall of 2015, we obtained a large-format scanner/plotter, to be able to scan the Town's large-format, 24"x 36" and larger, maps and plans. During the spring/summer of 2016, an intern continued scanning the large format plans at the Town Office. Thomas Bennet, our library director, has made arrangements with the State of Maine to host the plans online via the Maine State Library network, allowing public searching and viewing of the plans through the Prince Memorial Library's online search engine.

Cumberland TV2 also had a very busy year. During the past year, TV2 produced and uploaded 41 videos of Town meetings to the VIMEO platform for on-demand, online viewing.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael A. Crosby
I.T. Director

Human Resources

RETIREMENTS



Pam Bosarge

Pam Bosarge

Pam Bosarge, Administrative Assistant to the Planning, Code Enforcement and Assessing Departments retired in February after 18 years with the Town. Pam and her husband have decided to become snowbirds and spend the winters in Florida...along with Town Dog, Crispin, who retired along with them.



Crispin Bosarge



*Police Chief
Joe Charron*

Police Chief Joe Charron

Chief Charron retired in April after serving the town for over 33 years. He did great things for our community during his tenure. Among his many notable achievements: he was the town's first DARE officer. He will be missed. Enjoy your well-deserved retirement, Chief!

NEW EMPLOYEES

Cumberland Fire Department:

Natalie Muldoon, Matthew Dobson, Eric Dunn, James Frank, Michaela Finnegan, Jonathan Eddy, Ian Bussiere-Nichols, and Kaitlin Callender.

Cumberland Police Department:

Charles "Chip" Rumsey, Police Chief
Benjamin Burnes, Patrol Officer
Joseph Burke, Patrol Officer
Scott Hendee, Patrol Officer
Matthew Merriman, Patrol Officer

Town Hall Staff:

John Brushwein, Assessor
Barbara Brewer, Assessing Assistant
Eliza Porter, Deputy Town Clerk/Communications Director
Christina Silberman, Administrative Assistant,
Planning & Code Enforcement
Deanna Dyer, Staff Accountant

Dawn at Twin Brook



Photo by Fred J. Field

Code Enforcement

The last year was another busy year for the Codes/ Building Department. Many new subdivisions were approved during the last 10 years, and those lots are now being purchased and built upon. Over the past year ending June 30, 46 new residential units were permitted, and many of those are now finished. Along with the new residential construction, the Town has experienced a number of new commercial projects. The increased residential and commercial building permits and fees have increased as well as the issuance of plumbing permits.

The Town uses Richard Wentworth of Yarmouth for electrical inspections, and we are lucky to have his knowledge and experience in that position. Also this past year brought the early retirement of Pam Bosarge who, for nearly 20 years, helped this office run smoothly and efficiently. The Town owes a lot of thanks to Pam for her tireless dedication and strong work ethic.

We welcome the arrival of Christina Silberman, a Cumberland native, who filled in after Pam left, and she is doing a great job. Thanks to my staff — without them I could not continue as a shared employee. With the new proposed developments over the next year, this position may need to go back to a full-time employee and no longer work as a shared regional employee since the economy has picked up and the demands are greater every day.

Permits: The owner or agent must submit an application for a building permit to the building inspector. If plumbing is required, appropriate permits must be obtained from the licensed plumbing inspector. A separate electrical permit must be obtained by a licensed electrician or by the owner if work is done by the owner.

Applications for building permits are available at the building inspector's office and online. For building permits, a full set of construction plans showing elevations, section drawings, and/or floor plans may be required. A site plan must be submitted. All construction must meet the 2009 International Residential Code (IRC) and the 2009 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) as adopted by the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code (MUBEC). A Site Plan Review by the Planning Board may be required prior to the issuance of a non-residential building permit; non-residential building plans must meet the 2009 International Building Code (IBC). A Special Exception may be required by the Board of Adjustment and Appeals prior to the issuance of a building permit. A zoning permit is required if construction takes place within the shoreland area. Inspections associated with permits issued are normally done on Tuesday or Thursday, unless they fall on a holiday, training day, or vacation day for the inspector.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Longley
Code Enforcement Officer/ Building Inspector
Telephone # 207-829-2207 or
Email: wlongley@cumberlandmaine.com

Type of Construction	Number of Permits	Construction Costs	Permit Costs
Access. Structure	1	\$37,500.00	\$216.00
Addition	24	\$866,400.00	\$6,098.50
Antenna	3	\$195,000.00	\$300.00
Barn / Storage	2	\$147,000.00	\$1,578.00
Commercial	7	\$2,071,900.00	\$3,480.00
Conversion - Duplex	0	\$-	\$-
Deck	38	\$204,150.00	\$1,374.80
Demolition	5	\$9,500.00	\$75.00
Fence	0	\$-	\$-
Foundation	2	\$209,000.00	\$938.20
Garage	11	\$846,200.00	\$2,796.20
Garage - Addition	2	\$70,000.00	\$315.00
House	46	\$15,696,300.00	\$39,507.70
Miscellaneous	4	\$5,507.00	\$200.00
Pier	1	\$30,000.00	\$194.00
Pool	10	\$498,000.00	\$1,000.00
Porches	5	\$86,250.00	\$475.00
Renovation	89	\$3,471,321.55	\$34,349.07
Shed	35	\$151,668.00	\$962.00
Shoreland	8	\$262,000.00	\$1,200.00
Temp. Structure	3	\$36,000.00	\$150.00
TOTALS	296	\$24,893,696.55	\$95,209.47
Electrical Permits	197		\$18,199.06
Plumbing Permits	202		\$21,965.00
		Total Fees	\$135,373.53

Board of Adjustment & Appeals

The Board held five meetings during the fiscal year 2016.

Variance	0
Special Exceptions	2
Back Lot Reduction	0
Special Permits	0
Expansion of Non-Conforming Use	0
Interpretation Appeal	2
Reconsideration of Interpretation Appeal	1

Respectfully submitted,

R. Scott Wyman, Chair

Housing Authority

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

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

The Housing Authority meets several times throughout the year. Current Housing Authority members are Joyce Frost, Bill Hansen, James Clifford, Norman Maze, Eileen Wyatt, Connie Bingham, and Sally Pierce. William Stiles serves as the Town Council liaison.

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

Lastly, Pam Bosarge, who provided outstanding customer service to our residents for more than 18 years, retired in January. She will be greatly missed by all the residents who came to know her and rely on her for assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

Carla A. Nixon
Executive Director
Cumberland Housing Authority

Planning Board

The period from July 2015 through June 2016 was a busy time for the Planning Board, which met monthly and also conducted workshops and site walks. Before reviewing the Board's accomplishments, it is important to note several personnel changes that took place in January.

At the end of the year, Chris Neagle stepped down after having served 12 consecutive years as a member and as Board Chair from 2008–2015. We are grateful to Chris for his leadership and dedication to the residents of the Town.

Steve Moriarty was elected as chairman and Gerry Boivin as vice-chair.

John Berrett was appointed to the Board, joining fellow members Jeff Davis, Josh Saunders, Teri Maloney-Kelly, and Peter Sherr.



New homes in Cumberland Foreside Village, a mixed commercial and residential subdivision located along Rte. 1.

Finally, in January, Pam Bosarge retired from her position as administrative assistant to the Planning, Codes, and Assessing Departments after 18 years of service to the Town. Pam's warm personality and skills were exceptional, and she will be sorely missed. Christina Silberman has now taken over her duties.

The most significant of the Board's activities during this year can be summarized in the five following categories.

Residential: Forty-five single-family house lots were approved for Cumberland Foreside Village, a mixed commercial

and residential subdivision located along Route 1, and by mid-summer a number of new homes were completed and occupied. In Cumberland Center, four additional house lots were added to the Village Green subdivision accessed by Wyman Way and Drowne Road. Finally, the Board recommended the creation of an overlay district for multiplex housing (a building which contains three or more dwelling units) for parcels greater than five acres in size in the Village Center Commercial Zone, located in the area where Skillin Road and Blackstrap Road intersect Route 100.

Commercial: Manufacturing is on track to return to Cumberland following the Board's granting of a site plan approval for a proposed shoe manufacturing building on Route 100 which may create up to 75 new jobs in town. This lot is a portion of a

larger parcel which is currently under consideration for additional commercial and residential uses.

Subdivision approval was granted for the former Hazelton's property on Middle Road in which the existing structure will be improved to house three separate businesses. In addition, a new boat storage building will be constructed on the abutting parcel.

Site plan approval was granted for Cumberland Memory Care, a 12-bedroom assisted living facility for people with memory loss located on Route 1 adjacent to Norton Financial Services.

Finally, the Board approved a single-story building in Cumberland Foreside Village as the new location of a medical practice which will employ six people.

Agriculture: Approval was granted to Replenova Farms, LLC for the construction of three high-tunnel greenhouses for the growing of organic cherry tomatoes on a small parcel of land off Winn Road. The tomatoes will be marketed directly to local organic food outlets. The greenhouses can be seen close by the old brick schoolhouse near the intersection of Winn Road and Range Road. Preservation of agricultural uses is a major goal of the Town's Comprehensive Plan.

Public Facilities: A small parking lot will be built to provide public access to the Town's newly-acquired property surrounding Knight's Pond off Greely Road Extension. In April, the Board approved a permit for the Town to continue its ongoing operation of a gravel pit by Goose Pond Road.

Long-Term Planning: From May 2014 through the spring of 2015, a Town Council-appointed group of residents known as the Land Use Advisory Committee met to consider a number of long-range planning and land-use issues facing the Town. The Committee presented a list of 13 recommendations including defining growth areas within the Town and supporting retention of existing minimum lot sizes in the rural zones. The Board endorsed the recommendations of the Committee and ultimately the Council adopted them in either original or modified form.

Many thanks to Cumberland Town Planner Carla Nixon for her expertise and professionalism in serving the Town and the Board. We also thank the public for attending and participating in our meetings and offering valuable insight in the review and decision-making process. We appreciate the opportunity to serve you.

Steve Moriarty
Planning Board Chair



Three high-tunnel greenhouses are home to Replenova Farms' organic cherry tomatoes. The greenhouses are located off Winn Road.

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

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Lands & Conservation Commission

The Commission was established by the Town Council for three main purposes:

- Promote conservation of natural resources
- Encourage the conservation of land and open space in Cumberland
- Develop educational programs to advance public awareness and need for land conservation within the town.

Other programs and policies may be implemented to encourage conservation of natural resources and land for open space and recreation. Further duties include reporting on current status and use of town properties and those of partial ownership being considered for acquisition, as well as developing recommendations to the Town Council for use of properties, their development for recreational use or other purposes. Finally, develop strategies for coordinating with other conservation groups within the Town.

For the 2015–2016 annual period, the CLCC was very active in all of the prescribed areas of responsibility as well as venturing into new areas of particular interest to the members, the Town Council to whom it reports, or the Town Manager. The following projects were the most intensive while other projects, although important to the Town, go unmentioned for lack of space.

Education: Emphasis on education is embedded in all of the Commission activities; but some are specifically focused. One of these is the annual tree presentation to Grades 4 and 5 on Earth Day for learning about trees and their importance to the community and the world. Each student is presented with a fir tree to plant and nurture, thus, gaining even more knowledge of the growing process.

Review of property development applications: The Commission reviewed property development plans and advised the Cumberland Planning Board on the potential impacts for the environment, recreational land use and trails of the proposed plan.

Town Forest: After several years of planning and hard work, the opening of the complete re-vamp of the Forest was celebrated on October 24, 2015. To satisfy the objectives of the project, the number of trails was expanded; the trails were made accessible to all from the young and older, from the physically vigorous to those who might require some level of assistance in any season; and finally, to display nature – all within easy distance from the town center. Safety, in all forms, was of primary importance as well.

Benches were generously donated by the Yarmouth Rotary Club as a sign of goodwill and support to the community. These were a much-appreciated addition to the project, providing ease and comfort to Town Forest visitors.

While the Town Forest was designed for people (and pets) of all ages and abilities to use the trails, in return for full grooming and conditioning of the trails, the local snowmobile club was given permission to use a portion of a trail to get from their clubhouse at the Town Garage to the trails to Val Halla and Route 9.

New signage is being installed to provide trail guidance and information and educational awareness in keeping with the goals of the original Town Forest. Trees, plants, and other natural items of interest are being identified and posted for all to view. Identification and control measures of invasive plants are both an educational and necessary function to provide long-term Town Forest use and community support for invasive issues in other parts of the Town. The

on-going activity of GPS-locating of our trails both within the Town Forest and those in the rest of the town will provide ease of use, navigation and safety.

All this activity has spawned an interest in other trail projects which, in turn, has given rise to a new, exciting logo produced by one of our new members representing our nascent trail system.

Greely Woods: A plan is in place to utilize some unused town property off Greely Road Extension (GRE) to cut an access trail to stranded trails between GRE and Blanchard Road and beyond. This activity, to occur in 2016-2017, will provide opportunities for Scout involvement in bringing the project to fruition and gaining experience in the process.

Range Way properties: Planning is in process to link new trails on these properties with the Rock Ridge trail, the result to be included in the plan for an area-wide linked trail system connecting surrounding towns and cities.

Future CLCC Activities

- Update Maine Trail Finders Guide and other on-line sites.
- Put digital version of trails on our website.
- Promote and coordinate updates in all town trail systems and those of the Chebeague and Cumberland Land Trust.
- Develop strategies for coordinating activities of other conservation organizations within the town.
- Integrate donated field property adjacent to the Town Forest into town conservation and recreational space.
- Extend educational programs to include other positive and negative components of the environment – e.g. bats, browntail moths, use of trees and plants to improve the environment.
- Add more invasives control projects.
- Provide townwide trails system to Planning Board to ensure consideration during reviews of development plans.

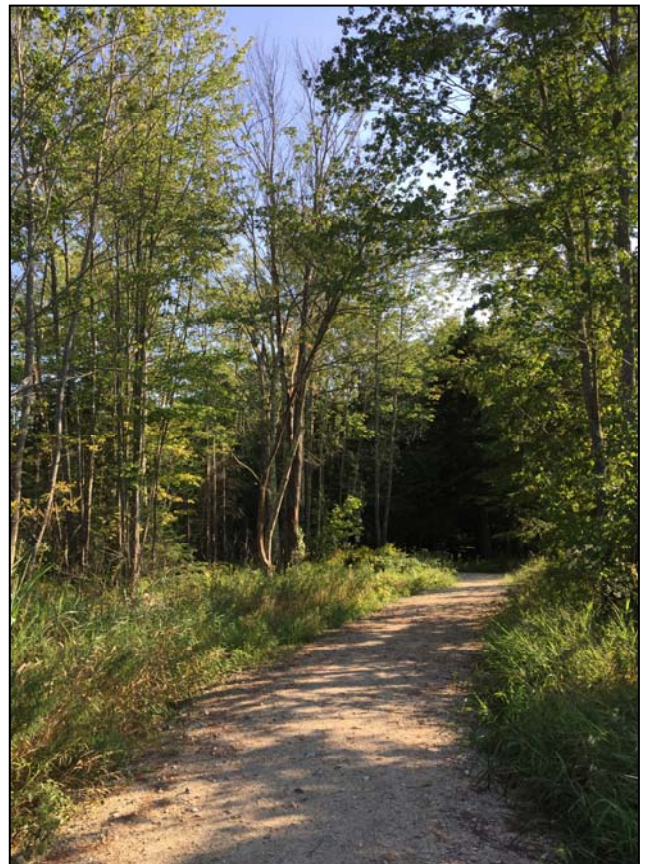
Appeal for new members

We need new and returning members! There are more ideas than there are members. More members mean more accomplishments for the greater benefit to the town.

One call to the Town Manager's office, to the Commission chair or secretary or town councilor, is all it takes to find out more and to sign up!

Respectfully submitted,

Sam York, Chair



Town trails were expanded and made accessible to people of all ages and abilities, from the physically vigorous to those who might require some level of assistance in any season.

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Ocean Access Committee

Cumberland's Broad Cove Reserve is one of the most spectacular public places on Casco Bay, and the Ocean Access Committee (OAC) is responsible for advising the Town on how to best use this beachfront and wooded gem.

The Town of Cumberland purchased this extraordinary site in 2014, following a referendum vote. Broad Cove Reserve consists of 11 acres along Casco Bay, with 2,200 feet of shorefront and a pier. Another nine acres, primarily woods with trails, are adjacent to Route 88/Foreside Road.

The Town created the OAC to recommend recreational uses and to develop a management plan for protecting the natural habitats and scenic beauty of the site. The Chebeague and Cumberland Land Trust (CCLT) holds a conservation easement on the property.

Broad Cove Reserve features a sandy beach with extensive tidal mudflats, open space, and diverse wooded areas. Broad Cove is open to the general public year-round, from dawn to dusk, for beach-going, kayaking, walking, hiking, picnicking, bird-watching, educational activities, and other passive recreation.

The OAC has initiated and advised the Town on improvements to Broad Cove Reserve, including signs depicting the site's natural features and history, developed in collaboration with CCLT. The OAC has played a key role on operating procedures such as seasonal staffing, parking, access for individuals with disabilities, pier use, and rest room facilities. The OAC helped the Town develop a way for users to easily drop off small boats or gear close to the beach. Future plans include a parking lot off Route 88/Foreside Road, improvements to the pier, and installation of bicycle racks.

In addition to public members, the OAC includes representatives of CCLT, the Coastal Waters Commission, and the Shellfish Commission. Two members of the Town Council serve as liaisons to the OAC. The OAC meets every other month, on the second Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m. The OAC encourages public comment at its meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Ann Connolly, Chair
Ocean Access Committee



Sunrise at Broad Cove Reserve

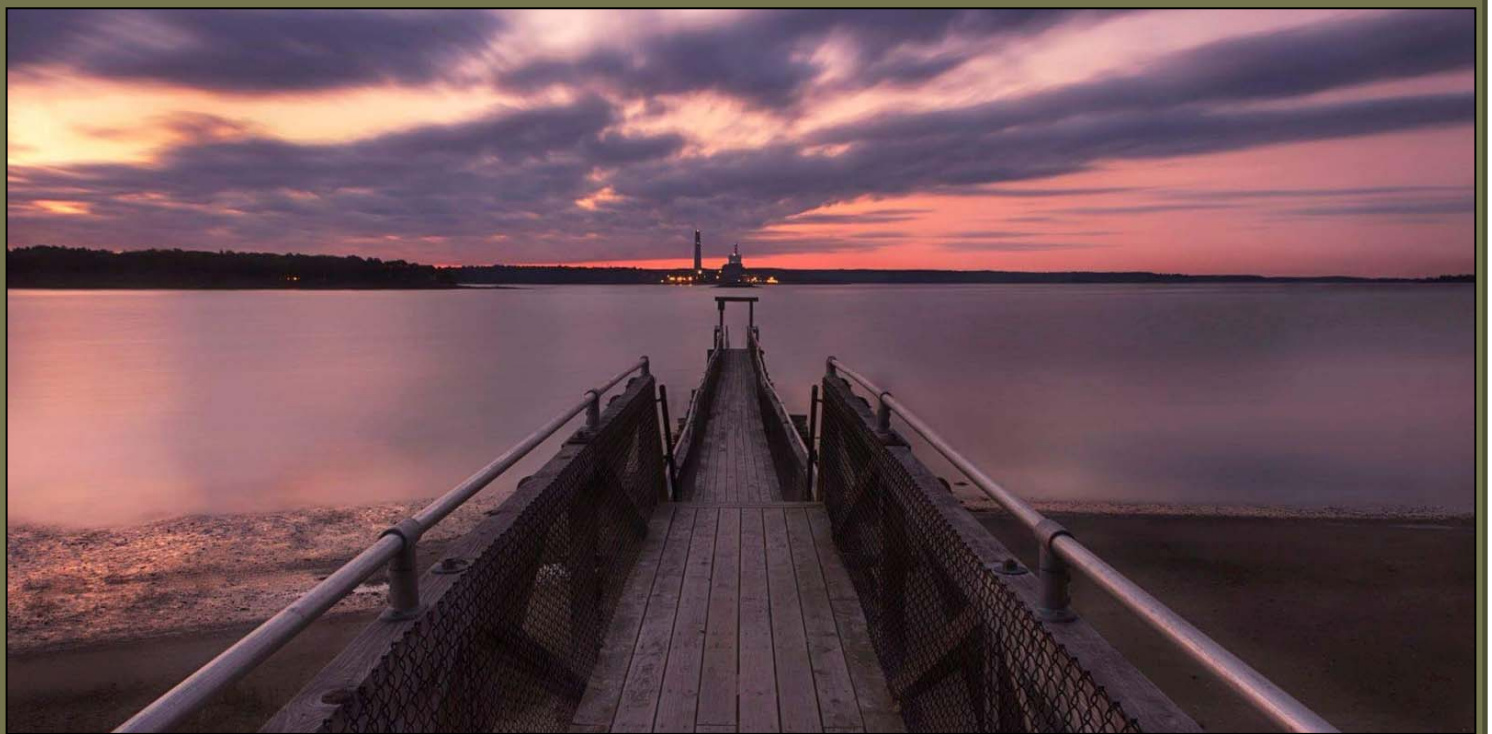


Photo by Susan Downing

Police Department

The past year has been one of change for the men and women of the Cumberland Police Department. After 34 years of dedicated service, Chief Joseph Charron retired in April. In addition to Chief Charron's departure, we also lost several other members who either left police work for opportunities in other professions or who moved on to serve in other departments. Over the last 12 months, the Town has welcomed five new officers:

Officer Benjamin Burnes (11/10/15)
Officer Matthew Merriman (12/16/15)
Officer Scott Hendee (02/10/16)
Officer Joseph Burke (02/29/16)
Chief Charles Rumsey (06/06/16)

These latest additions to the proud tradition of policing in Cumberland have been ably assisted with their transition by a core of eight experienced sworn and civilian staff members whose years of service total 133! That is an incredible amount of institutional knowledge about the people and places that make Cumberland the unique and special town that it is.

The good news: Cumberland continues to be a safe place to live, work and recreate. According to 2014 statewide crime statistics, our community is one of the safest in Maine, with a crime rate per 1,000 residents of 4.03! Maine's average crime rate is 21.04 per 1,000. Our clearance rate of 36.7% is higher than the state average of 34.8% (much higher than the national average, too).

The sobering news: no community — even one as safe as Cumberland — is immune to property crime, traffic crimes such as OUI, drug-related crime, and crimes of violence (including domestic violence). During the last year, officers from your department engaged in daily preventative patrol, covered 160 traffic crashes, and made over 2,000 motor vehicle stops in order to promote safe driving on our roads.

Type of Law violations:	FY2015	FY 2016
Arrests	54	94
Traffic Violations	218	194
Parking Violations	4	0
Calls For Service	8216	6944

In addition to the 94 arrests made during the year, we handled over 850 property checks, responded to almost 300 alarms, and checked out about 200 cases of suspicious activity. A safe town does not mean you've got idle officers!

We are continuing our efforts to train police personnel as Emergency Medical Technicians in order to help provide assistance until our partners at the Cumberland Fire Department arrive on scene. In addition, this past year has seen an increase in opiate overdose calls. We've recognized the need for enhanced police response to these calls, and soon we will be equipping our officers with naloxone, a drug that can block the effects of opiates in overdose situations.

Whether it's our response to a crime in progress, our work to solve a traffic-related problem, or recognizing and responding to a neighbor in distress, we can't do it alone. Officers routinely hear people tell them, "I know I should have called sooner, but I didn't want to bother you." Please understand — you are never bothering us! We are here to listen, and to help if we can. A man once shared

his basic principles for successful policing. Here are a few of his assertions:

- To secure and maintain the respect and approval of the public means also the securing of the willing cooperation of the public in the task of securing observance of laws; and,
- To maintain at all times a relationship with the public that gives reality to the historic tradition that the police are the public and the public are the police, the police being only members of the public who are paid to give full-time attention to duties which are incumbent on every citizen in the interest of community welfare and existence.

What does all that mean? Simply that we seek voluntary compliance with the law, and that we can't be effective without your help. If you see something suspicious, if you are worried about your neighbor, if you have a question about the legality of something you've seen, please call us!

Together, it's our job to keep Cumberland safe. Those basic principles are so valid today, it is tempting to believe they were recently written by a modern police scholar — not 187 years ago by Sir Robert Peel of the London Metropolitan Police!

During the next year, we pledge ourselves to enhancing our abilities to respond effectively to medical emergencies, overdoses, crimes against our elders, and complex criminal investigations. We dedicate our efforts to the preservation of the precious way of life enjoyed by Cumberland and her residents.

If you have ideas about how we can do better, please reach out and share your thoughts. During these times of strife and difficulty in our nation, please consider expressing your appreciation of the brave officers of the Cumberland Police. A simple "thanks for what you do" will go a long way and will help me to care for the well-being of your guardians.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Rumsey, Police Chief



Police Chief Charles Rumsey and the Cumberland Police Officers

Fire & Emergency Management

The members of the department have once again shown a high level of professionalism to our community. Their sustained commitment to training and responding to emergencies at all hours of the day offers our town a tremendous level of comfort and protection. It is with great pride that I have had the opportunity to serve for 15 years as the Chief of such a fine organization.

Every year we continue to experience an increase in our responses. For the period included in this report the fire department responded to 1,241 medical and fire incidents with about 2/3 of those occurring during the daytime hours. Our three most active responses are medical emergencies, fire alarm activations and fires in buildings. In addition to our emergency responses, the department also



Firefighters respond to a house fire that was caused by fireworks.

provides fire and medical safety coverage at several events over the course of the year. These activities include football games, running events, multiple athletic events at Twin Brook Recreation Facility and several events at the Cumberland Fairgrounds.

The department offers a student live-in program for five students. This program offers housing to students enrolled in either fire science or paramedicine at Southern Maine Community College by living at one of our two fire stations. These students live at our stations free of charge while in return providing the community with emergency responses while they are at the station. The students must fulfill predetermined minimum shift coverage at both stations, with no compensation, in return for the housing agreement.

This program provides the students with real-life emergency fire and medical experiences by assisting our on-duty firefighter/paramedics, as well as our other on-call members, during training and emergency responses. All five of our students graduated from SMCC and another group of five have been chosen to start the two-year program for this coming fall semester.

The department continues to provide great medical services:

- Three of our paramedics have completed a year-long intensive training on "Community Paramedicine." This new program will provide certain medical evaluations and care within a person's residence instead of at a medical facility. Although this service will be billed to the person's insurance, it is a planned part of a nationwide program to reduce Medicare and other insurance costs. The savings will be realized, because it will cost less than fees incurred at a medical facility. This is in the incipient stage, as our department was one of only eight departments in Maine to complete this training. We will be continuing to work with the Metro Chiefs Group as well as Maine Emergency Medical Services to identify the parameters of this service.
- A Non-Emergency Transportation (NET) program has been developed by the department to provide a service to citizens who are not able to drive and/or ride in a passenger vehicle to medi-

cal treatment programs. One example of our NET program has been to transport a fellow citizen to and from dialysis treatment three days a week. Our staff performs this service with one of our ambulances and provides the citizen with the highest level of care and compassion.

- Our medical equipment loaner program has been an increasingly utilized benefit to the community. There is almost a daily request for equipment to help people in their homes with making their mobility safer by helping to prevent fall or slip hazards.



- A few of the department's members are certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians. Scheduled appointments can be made with our staff to assist with ensuring that a child safety seat is installed appropriately. This program works hand in hand with local law enforcement agencies who ensure that safe transportation occurs for our children.
- The department is an American Heart Association-affiliated Training Center. We offer CPR, AED and first-aid training every month as well as regular training for fire, EMS and law enforcement professionals. Over the past year the Cumberland Fire Department's certified instructors have trained more than 300 people in our training center. This low-cost training is offered to any citizens or businesses, and we truly hope you will take advantage of this service. It could save a loved one's life.



Fire prevention also continues to provide exceptional services:

- Businesses are inspected on an annual basis for fire and life safety measures for not only the public but also for the employees. Information gathered from these inspections is also entered into our response programs to educate our emergency responders on the layout and building construction features of the building.
- Safety training has taken place with some businesses in town. This training includes exiting procedures as well as using a fire extinguisher to learn when and how to effectively use them.
- Our education programs in the schools teach the children how and when to call 911, how to escape a fire in their home safely and how to extinguish a fire on a person's clothing.

Top: A fuel oil delivery truck overturns in icy conditions.

Bottom: Mutual aid training in conjunction with Yarmouth Fire Department.

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Fire & Emergency Management

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The year 2015 marked the 100th anniversary of the Cumberland Fire Department. Past and present members, along with the Cumberland Historical Society, performed countless hours of research to reflect upon the changes and improvements that have occurred with our department since 1915. During the fall months there were presentations that identified our state-of-the-art training and equipment to articulate the outstanding services that are provided to the citizens, businesses, mobile and fixed infrastructures that are within the Town of Cumberland. Books were made that show the changes of dispatching, staffing, equipment and services provided. These books are free at fire headquarters for anyone interested.

In the fall, communications began regarding replacing our 50-year-old central fire station. A renovation committee was established, and their recommendations will be provided to the town council in the fall of 2016. The committee has devoted many hours researching the staffing, vehicle, equipment and service needs of the facility for not only the present time but also for at least the next 25 years.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel R. Small, Chief
Fire Department & Emergency Management

*M*orning at Val Halla



Photo by Toby Young

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Public Services

It's my pleasure to submit the 2015–16 annual report on behalf of the Public Services Department. As the Assistant Town Manager, I have the honor of overseeing and working directly with all three Public Services departments on a daily basis. These three departments are staffed by a team of dedicated employees that maintains our roadway infrastructure and ensures they are clear and safe during all storm events; makes sure our parks and athletic fields are in excellent condition for our residents and visitors; and

maintains our municipal golf course for year-round recreational enjoyment.

In 2016-2017 we are looking forward to the challenge of opening two new parks for Cumberland residents to enjoy. Broad Cove Reserve opened this spring with the addition of bathroom facilities and a park ranger who acts as a caretaker for the park, as well as a shuttle service moving visitors to and from the beach. This fall construction of a new 20-space

parking area will begin, and in the spring, construction will start on a new pier and float system. Knights Pond Reserve opened last fall and was the go-to place for skating this past winter and hiking in the spring and summer. In the fall of 2016, the Towns of Cumberland and North Yarmouth will be joining forces to construct a parking area to help make the facility more accessible and provide a safer parking option. Both facilities are great assets to the town, and we are looking forward to seeing them evolve in popularity in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher Bolduc, Assistant Town Manager &
Director of Public Services

The Public Works Department is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life in our community through the operation, maintenance/preservation and construction of a safe and effective network of roads, walkways and parks as well as supporting the daily business and activities of the Town. In addition to maintaining the roads, drainage systems and stormwater systems for the town, the Public Works Department serves as a support for all other town departments and is the home of the Town's brush dump and composting facility. During the winter months, the Public Works department plows and maintains these roads as well as providing support to the MSAD 51 school department with plowing, sweeping and grounds maintenance when asked.



An audience gathers for a Summer Concert Series performance featuring local musicians.

Services provided by Public Works:

Road Maintenance: Snow removal for roads, sidewalk clearing, street sweeping, maintaining culverts and drainage, patching and repair, brushing and ditching, and road signage.

Interdepartmental Services: North Yarmouth sidewalk plowing, fire and police vehicle maintenance, heavy equipment support for Val Halla improvements including path revitalization, project support at Twin Brook, and grading roads.

Trash Removal: Curbside waste removal, curbside recycling, eWaste collection, brush dump, bulky item pickup, and confidential shredding.

Environmental: Composting facility, waste oil recycling (residents may bring their used oil to the Public Works Garage during Brush Dump hours), storm drain inspections and maintenance, street sweeping and catch basin maintenance.

The Town of Cumberland is subject to the General Permit for the Discharge of Stormwater from Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems which is issued by the MDEP. Cumberland Public Works strive to reduce runoff and improve water quality by implementing stormwater management “Best Management Practices” at all of its facilities and throughout the town. This spring, the Town was audited by the DEP. Although there are areas where we can continue to develop, the overall results showed the success the Department and the town has achieved in its work to fulfill all the goals of our permit and protect the water of the United States.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Googins, Public Works Foreman

The Parks Department maintains Twin Brook, Town Forest, and Rines Forest with combined trails that extend over 10 miles. The Department also maintains the grounds at the Prince Memorial Library, Town Monuments, Cumberland Commons, and West Cumberland Recreation fields, Town Hall, Drowne Road Fields and the Fire Stations. New to the Department’s responsibilities are Knights Pond and the Broad Cove Reserve.

Broad Cove Reserve is a 20-acre property that’s tucked off of Route 88 with nearly 11 acres along the shoreline. The reserve is an ideal site for walking/hiking, swimming, fishing, participating in educational activities, picnicking, kayaking, and relaxing by the ocean. Broad Cove is open to the public from sunrise to sunset seven days a week. From June-August, a park ranger will be onsite every day, from 10 a.m.-6 p.m., overseeing activities on the property.

Another new addition to the Parks Department is the Knight’s Pond Preserve. The 215-acre preserve consists of a 46-acre pond, 169 acres of forestland and a network of trails and critical wildlife habitat. Knight’s Pond & Blueberry Hill Preserve is the largest undeveloped

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property in Cumberland and contains many natural resource values important to the region, including the pond, forested uplands, and a ridgeline with views of Casco Bay. The Preserve is accessible from Greely Road Extension.



Knight's Pond and Blueberry Hill Preserve is the largest undeveloped property in Cumberland.

**Photo by Kevin Brusie Photography
Provided by the Chebeague & Cumberland Land Trust**

In addition to the newer preserve areas, there are also over 22 acres of mixed athletic fields, baseball and softball fields, and soccer fields that are maintained by the Department. All athletic fields at Twin Brook and the West Cumberland facility are mowed three 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. In the winter months, the staff will groom many of the Twin Brook trails for cross-country skiing, assist with repairs around town and support the Public Works department in plowing roads and clearing sidewalks, which demonstrates that this is a flexible, well-trained group of employees.

Respectfully submitted,

Theo Bosarge, II, Parks Foreman

Val Halla Grounds and Maintenance

After a very long winter of prepping the mowers and equipment, the Val Halla crew, along with the team from Public Works, worked on the drainage crossing on the second hole, which was moved forward and to the left, to keep it out of play. While they were working there, Public Works took the opportunity to rebuild the walkway. A new forward tee was constructed on the eighth hole. This will allow for more teeing area and flexibility in the hole yardage.

One of the next items on the agenda this year was building a washpad for cleaning the equipment. The new washpad is tied into the irrigation system. Instead of using town water as we have been doing, the water will now come from the pond by hole 11, which will be a savings for the Town. It will also run at a higher pressure and volume than the town water so water usage will be less overall. We will be installing a roof over the pad to minimize debris in the drains which will allow for an easier filtration of the water before it is pumped back out to the course to irrigate a native area.

Val Halla teamed up with Audubon International and has become a member of the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program for golf courses. We're on our way to becoming certified as an Audubon Sanctuary.

Respectfully submitted,

Toby Young, Val Halla Grounds Superintendent

Community Recreation

Cumberland-North Yarmouth Community Recreation had a productive year. With growth in many of the existing programs and a slate of new programs, Community Recreation is always looking to meet the needs of Cumberland/North Yarmouth residents. We encourage resident feedback and program or activity suggestions.

Some of the new programs and highlights:

- FY2015–16 program revenue increased by \$142,000 over the previous fiscal year.
- Second Annual Daddy/Daughter Dance in March with more than 300 fathers and daughters.
- Expanded “Friday Night Family” Activity series.
- Successful inaugural Summer Concert Series Program.
- Added middle and high school Ultimate Frisbee spring programs with more than 130 participants.
- Positive feedback on increased offerings for senior programs and excursions.
- Continued growth in the Summer Community Theatre Program.
- More than 130 children now enrolled in the School-Age After Care Program for 2016–17 school year.
- Highest overall summer program participation rate since we began tracking enrollment through Activenet in 2011.
- Largest swim lesson enrollment in past 10 years.
- Use of North Yarmouth Memorial School Gym to expand program offerings for adult, seniors and children.
- Implementation of an acquired retired mini school bus from MSAD51 which was used for a variety of programs, including day camps and senior programs.



More than 130 middle and high schoolers play Ultimate Frisbee in the town's spring program.

As was the case in 2015, the department continues to see an increase in youth enrichment programs, the After-School Care Program, senior activities and adult/senior fitness offerings.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter C. Bingham, Recreation Superintendent
Chris Fitzpatrick, Recreation Advisory Board Chair

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Waste and Recycling

Larger recycling bins are available at Town Hall for \$10.

Recycling saves money, energy and water, lowers pollution and greenhouse gas emissions, improves air and water quality, preserves landfill space and conserves natural resources. In order to make it easier for our residents to recycle, Cumberland 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. In an effort to encourage residents to recycle, Cumberland has made available larger recycling bins for \$10 each, available at Town Hall.

This past year, the Town of Cumberland hosted several events in the month of October:

Hazardous Household Waste Collection Event

This event is only scheduled occasionally due to the expense. It was not held this past year but will be held again in October 2016. See the Town website for details.

Universal Waste Collection Event

Fall of 2015 saw the Town's fourth-annual universal collection event. This year we collected 21,000 pounds of universal waste for proper disposal and recycling. Universal Waste, also known as Ewaste, is comprised of computers, monitors, printers and other electronic devices. This event is open to the town residents for no additional fee. The department will look forward to planning this event each fall in conjunction with bulky item pickup week, as the cost to the Town is minimal, yet the benefits are great.

Confidential Shredding

This past year, Cumberland hosted its third-annual confidential shredding event. More than 8,000 tons of materials were brought to the Public Works garage for disposal. The event was free to residents. The cost to the town was small, but the benefits were huge. We'll do our best to organize this event each fall. Check the Town website for further information.

BULKY ITEM PICKUP WEEK

This event is held one week in May and one week in October.

If an item can fit in a trash bag, it should go in a Town trash bag.

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. If an item, or group of items, fits in a Town of Cumberland PAYT bag, the material is not bulky waste and will not be picked up unless it is in a Town of Cumberland PAYT bag.

ITEMS ACCEPTED:

Bicycles
2 Tires (rims removed)
Washers & Dryers
Rolled carpet
Chairs
Couches
Tables and other furniture
Large exercise equipment
Paint cans (if open and dry)

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED:

Gas & gasoline containers
Any hazardous waste
Plastic bags of trash
Cardboard or glass
Small items in bags/boxes
Clothing/textiles
Yard or tree waste
Construction material
Wood debris
TVs & computers
Appliances containing Freon

WHAT CAN BE RECYCLED?

Plastic:

What Can Be Recycled? #1-#7 rigid plastic containers. To help you determine if the plastic item can be recycled here at ecomaine, we suggest applying these three tests:

1. Is it marked with the chasing-arrow triangle with a number from 1-7?
2. Is it rigid, or does it have a hard form?
3. Is it a container?

If a plastic item passes all three tests, we can recycle it.

But wait...there are exceptions to every rule:

1. **No form of foam (Styrofoam) is recyclable at ecomaine**, so even if it passes all three tests, it is still not recyclable because ecomaine can't find a factory that will buy it.
2. **Plastic shopping sacks are recycled at ecomaine**, even though it fails Test #2.

Paper:

Recycle it: most paper, even paperback and hard-bound books with covers torn off.

Paperboard and Cardboard:

Recycle it: clean food boxes with all metal and plastic removed, salt boxes, plastic wrap boxes (not the plastic wrap itself), medicine, toiletry, aspirin, Band-Aid & shirt boxes.

Glass:

Recycle it: clear and colored glass bottles and jars.

Cans and Aluminum:

Recycle it: metal food and beverage and aerosol cans, aluminum foil, aluminum trays and pans.

Prince Memorial Library

Our small, bustling library serves as the community library for the residents of Cumberland and North Yarmouth. Services include the lending of library materials, programs for both children and adults, use of computers and access to the Internet, and providing community meeting space.

Final touches are being put on a yearlong endeavor to create a new website at princememorial.org. Patrons will find increased access to our services and programs, as well as links to reading resources and recommendations. Of course, the catalog can also be accessed via the website.



Prince Memorial Library
CUMBERLAND, MAINE

ADULT PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Prince Memorial Library offers programs on a wide range of topics for all ages and interests. In addition to the programs listed below, the library provides community meeting space for a wide range of groups, including the Cumberland Historical Society, MSAD 51, senior citizen groups and more. The library is host to weekly games of Scrabble, a senior Dominoes group, two knitting groups, Daisy Troop meetings, and more.

Music & Muffins, the popular monthly concert series, featured performances by:

- Jud Caswell (Singer/Songwriter, Folk Music)
- Twisted Strings (Acoustic Duo on Fiddle and Guitar)
- Gregoire Pearce (Flemenco and Classic Guitar)
- Rob Duquette (Percussionist, Singer/Songwriter)
- Shannon Heaton (Irish flute, Tin Whistle, Vocals)
- Heather Hardy (Singer-Songwriter, Guitar, Ukulele)
- Three Point Jazz (Jazz Duet on Bass and Guitar)

Author Talks are a great way to hear from and talk to local authors about their craft and their inspiration. Authors included:

- Matthew Layton Cost, *Joshua Chamberlain and the Civil War: At Every Hazard*
- Kate Christensen, *How to Cook a Moose*
- Genevieve Morgan, *The Five Stones Trilogy*
- Christopher W. Morin, *A Tale of Life & War*
- Lea Wait, *Thread and Gone*
- Nick Buck, contributor to *The Oregon Trail* by Rinker Buck
- Anne Britting Oleson, *The Book of the Mandolin Player*

The Lecture Series brings in local speakers to discuss current issues. Featured speakers included:

- Margie Hansel: Everything to Know About Apples
- Adam J. Ogden: A Veteran's Pinhole Photography Project
- Bill Green: Vacation Savings Time for Maine
- Wendy Thompson: How Do Colleges Really Choose Students?
- Jason Perkins, Brewmaster: Craft Beer and Maine Agriculture
- Clark Whittier, Master Gardener: Successful Seed Starting

Book Groups are held monthly, both in the afternoon and evening. Books are chosen by the group, and selections change monthly. New members are always welcome. Contact Reference Li-

20 years of Circulation

2016	91,141
2015	85,561
2014	81,962
2013	82,963
2012	81,598
2011	81,915
2010	81,480
2009	77,997
2008	71,514
2007	70,853
2006	74,835
2005	73,916
2004	82,731
2003	85,324
2002	83,090
2001	87,512
2000	82,557
1999	80,752
1998	80,285
1997	82,003

brarian Elizabeth Tarasevich at 829-2215 for more information.

Passport Services are offered by staff members Carolyn Currie, Pam Copenhagen, Arabella Eldredge, Kelly Greenlee and Andrea Peabbles, certified passport agents, who process passport applications for the U.S. Department of State. The library processed a total of 657 passport applications during FY2015-16, an increase of 104 applications over the previous year, resulting in \$16,806 in revenue and \$2,300 in expenses, for a net gain of \$14,506.

YOUTH PROGRAMMING

Throughout the year, 3,766 children and young adults visited the library for storytimes, therapy dog visits, Minecraft Club, Lego Club, Maine Student Book Award Book Group, monthly crafts, Lego contest, PuppeTree puppet show, kids' yoga, Teen Advisory Board and teen costume contest. Youth Services Librarian Lauren Isele visited with a total of 2,073 students from the local schools as well as the Friends School, Tender Years and Children's Cooperative Nursery School to offer storytimes and book groups, among other activities, as well as to promote the library's annual Children's Program Guide and the Summer Reading Program, which continues to be a success with 317 children and young adults registered.

FRIENDS OF PRINCE MEMORIAL LIBRARY

The Friends of Prince Memorial Library provide an important service to the library and the community. The Friends supply the library with memberships to the Portland Museum of Art, the Children's Museum of Maine, Maine Maritime Museum and the Maine Wildlife Park, making discounted passes available to families and individuals. The Friends also manage the annual book sale in the fall, support the children's book sale and craft session in February, and contribute financially to children's programs and other library needs.

Library staff would like to thank the Friends of Prince Memorial Library for their generous assistance in offering services to the residents of Cumberland and North Yarmouth, and to members of the Prince Memorial Library Advisory Board for their guidance. Thanks go out to all the groups and individuals who donated money and books to the library.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas C. Bennett, Library Director

A T A GLANCE

Number of patrons: 5,251

Number of Visits: 52,670

Total number of books, videos and audiotapes: 52,862.

Circulation : 91,141 *

This figure represents a:

- **4.39% increase** from the previous year's circulation of 81,962.
- **4.9% increase** in circulation of catalogued library materials
- **3.42% decrease** in digital usage.

* In addition to cataloged materials, the library loans paperback books and school summer reading list books, but does not maintain statistics on usage.

Cemetery Association

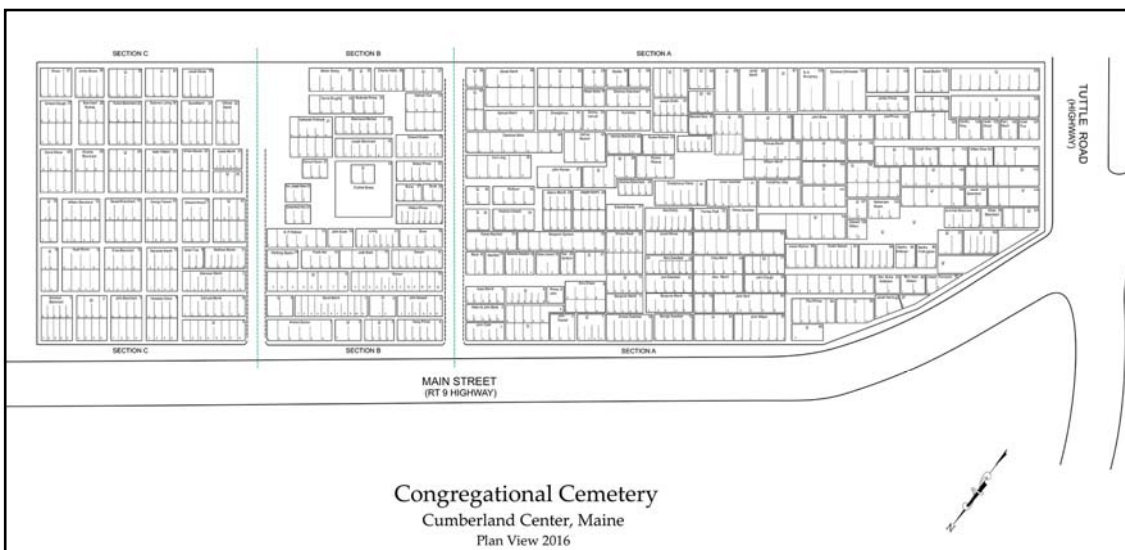
The Cumberland Cemetery Association was formed in 1937 to manage and maintain the six municipal cemeteries.

Trustees:

Robert Storey Sr., President
Peter McKenney, Treasurer and Secretary
Carolyn Small, Vice President
Ann Eisenhart, Treasurer in Training
Herb Foster
Lad Taylor
Lenny Taylor
Brian Jensen
Nancy Critchley Mason
Jeff Frost
Tatjana Cotta

We welcome Ann Eisenhart and Tatjana Cotta as new trustees of the Association. Peter McKenney will step down in 2017 from his position as treasurer and secretary, as well as trustee. He has served as treasurer since David Moody stepped down in the early 1990s. Peter anticipates relocating to Florida. In addition to his treasurer and secretary duties, Peter has contributed much time and energy moving the Association from a membership organization to a perpetuating board, rewriting the Rules and Regulations, writing the investment policy, assisting in the computerization of

cemetery records, and preparing numerous other forms. These contributions and his many others will be appreciated for many years to come. Peter has agreed to remain a resource for the Association. He has been training Ann Eisenhart to assume the treasurer's posi-



*A plot map for
Congregational Cemetery
in Cumberland Center.*

tion.

The Association remains in good financial position. The Association receives its operating revenue from several sources:

- Interest and Dividend Income (3 percent of the average value of the perpetual care fund over the previous three years)
- Burial administration fees and other fees
- Town appropriation
- Sale of rights of interment (currently \$600 per space)

Typically the annual operating cost of the Town's six cemeteries is about \$41,000. Actual expenditure for year ending Dec. 31, 2015,* was \$40,449.

On June 30 the Association had \$273,961 in the Perpetual Care Fund and \$11,469.88 in the operating account.

By law, at least 30 percent of the proceeds from sale of Rights of Interment must go into a perpetual care fund. We choose to put 50 percent into perpetual care. The fund balance must never drop below the level of contributions.

The cemeteries remain in a safe and attractive manner. D.C. Stilkey and Son holds the maintenance contract as well as the superintendant role. Work outside of this contract is typically performed by Town crews or funded from "special projects." Among the "special projects" was the installation of fences at Congregational and Universalist cemeteries. Due to safety and aesthetic concerns the hearse house at Congregational Cemetery was removed.

We continue to work to get all mapping and records into electronic format. The final maps were drawn by Bob Perry of Topographix. The cemetery management program was purchased from Pontem Software Company.

Moss Side, Foreside, Farris, Universalist, and Methodist cemeteries are still open for burials. Congregational Cemetery no longer allows burials. At the current rate of burials, there are sufficient burial spaces available in the five active cemeteries to meet demand for several hundred more years.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Storey, Sr., President



New fences were installed at Congregational (top) and Universalist cemeteries (bottom). The Congregational Cemetery Hearse House, the small red building pictured at the back of the top photo, was removed due to safety concerns.

*NOTE: The Association's budget year ends on Dec. 31 each year.

Aging in Place Committee

The AIP Committee had a breakout year! All of the research, community surveys, planning and collaborating that the group invested in has paid off handsomely. With the generous and enthusiastic support of the Town Council (especially our liaisons, Tom Gruber and Peter Bingham) as well as Bill Shane and his team, we have taken great strides in making Cumberland a town where our seniors can stay safely and comfortably in their homes and community as long as possible.

The most important development in the evolution of our program was bringing on Susan Gold of Southern Maine Agency on Aging to support Cumberland's effort on a part-time basis. Sue has been a godsend, keeping everything moving and bringing all her contacts and expertise to bear. We are lucky to have her on board.

We know that seniors face many challenges in remaining in their homes. Property taxes can be a particular hardship for seniors on a fixed income. Social isolation is a reality for many seniors, especially if they don't drive. Decisions around medical care and housing options are often confusing. Practical issues of daily living can become overwhelming. The AIP group, working with the churches, the Library, Public Safety, the Rec Department and MSAD 51, has been looking at solutions for as many of these problems as possible, at the lowest (or no) cost. Some of the actions we have undertaken this past year:

Property Tax Assistance Program: We heard loud and clear from our surveys that property taxes were a significant worry for our seniors. The Town Council initiated a Property Tax Assistance program, providing financial breaks to qualifying seniors. As the state has scaled back its circuit breaker support, this is an innovative step by the Council to address the concerns we heard.

Cumberland Area Rides (CAR): When the town ran into a challenge in securing insurance coverage for our rides program, the Congregational Church in Cumberland stepped in to help us get protection under their insurance umbrella. Together, we now operate a volunteer rides program for our residents, and it has given many seniors a new sense of mobility and freedom.

Friendly Visitors: We have launched our Friendly Visitors program to provide visitation and companionship to seniors who are socially isolated. Fourteen volunteers attended the training and are ready to visit homebound seniors in need of a friend.

Activities and Events: In collaboration with the churches, the Library, the Rec program, the Historical Society and other community organizations, we now offer a series of social/educational events to provide information to seniors while providing an enjoyable socialization opportunity.

Health and Welfare: In concert with our partner com-



Judy Hathaway, left, shows photos of her family to Heidi Kleban, a volunteer in Cumberland's Aging in Place Friendly Visitor program. The two get together at least twice a month to visit, play cards, and enjoy each other's company.

munity organizations, we are offering programs such as “A Matter of Balance” and Medicare information sessions to seniors. Cumberland Fire Department operates a daily call-in program to check on the wellbeing of residents who register for the program.

Vendor Listing: We have provided, both on our website and in paper form, a listing of service providers who are willing to work with our seniors and have agreed to meet certain conditions (including a written estimate if requested).

Handyman Help: We are in the beginning stages of a program to provide simple household help to residents who are unable to provide the services for themselves.

Durable Medical Equipment Loaner Program: Through the energy and persistence of Evariste Bernier, we now have an active medical equipment loaner program at the Cumberland Fire Department, which saves seniors from having to buy new equipment.

Resource Guide: We have created a guide to available local and regional resources. It’s published on paper and on the AIP website.

Emergency Pet Care: We have volunteers able to help care for residents’ pets during short hospitalizations and emergencies.

USM Collaboration: We partnered with a team of USM students, Prince Memorial Library and Carolyn Small and the Cumberland Historical Society to produce videos, written interviews and photographs of Cumberland seniors, for future display in the community.

AIP Forum: We held our first annual AIP Forum on Halloween 2015 and had an excellent program of educational and social activities. We will be hosting an even better Forum on October 29 of this year, and hope for an even bigger turnout.

We have been blessed with a supportive Council and town staff, wonderful volunteers, and gracious and energetic community partners. Everything we have accomplished has been the result of collaboration and community spirit. We are proud of and grateful for the chance to make Cumberland a community where we have each other’s back, and where we show our support for seniors by our actions. We already have in mind the seeds of additional activities. Know that you live in a town that is a leader in Maine in making it more pleasant and more practical to “age in place.”

Please check out our kiosk in Town Hall as well as our website: AIPCumberland.org. You can learn about the available services as well as how you can become involved as a volunteer.

Dale Denno, Chair

To volunteer as a Friendly Visitor, handyman helper, or emergency pet caretaker or to apply for any of the Aging in Place services, please call 207-245-8033 or email AIP@cumberlandmaine.com.

For rides with Cumberland Area Rides, please call 207-829-3367 or email cumberlandrides@gmail.com.

To sign up for the call-in program or for durable medical goods, please call 207-829-5421 or email eberner@cumberlandmaine.com.

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Director of Instructional Support
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Resources & Operations*
Sally Loughlin
*Director of Curriculum, Assessment,
Instruction & Professional Development*

Maine School Administrative District #51

August 8, 2016

Dear Citizens of Cumberland,

The 2015-16 school year is now only a memory, but it proved to be another successful and vibrant experience for our students, staff, and entire school community.

Though certainly by no means exhaustive, here are some representative highlights from the 2015-16 school year:

- The Strategic Plan was implemented beginning in July 2015, with an ambitious set of 23 action steps to be accomplished by June 2018, adopting the tagline "Engage. Empower. Inspire."
- The Facilities committee completed a long-range plan, including moving forward with initial plans for a Performing Arts Center, pending Board and voter approval.
- Due to enrollment increases at the K-3 level, Capital renovations at Mabel I. Wilson were completed to add a kindergarten classroom, small group space, additional offices, and enhanced security in the main office.
- The inaugural year of the new Pathways Program was a success, helping several students to find success in school and achieve graduation through alternative mechanisms for gaining academic credit.
- Sizeable reduction of course failures at Greely High School occurred, down 35% in 2015-16 and 50% over the last two years, largely due to increased interventions, credit recovery, and reduction of course leveling.
- Continued move toward placing more certified educators in front of students with special needs, including completion of an instructional strategist model, in line with the Opuda Report's recommendations.
- Physical Education classes in grades 4-5 participated in a bike safety program with the help of Maine Winter Sports, Bike Coalition of Maine, and Greely PTO, allowing students to ride through the Cumberland Town Forest with teacher Becki Belmore.



- Greely High School student Matthew Pisini was named a Presidential scholar award winner, one of only 160 students in the nation and only two students in Maine to achieve this high honor.
- Greely High School moved to a more equitable model of recognizing seniors - now the top 10% high-performing seniors in each class annually instead of the top 10 students, as was past practice.
- 30+ students were honored at the State Capitol by First Lady Ann LePage for their talents in the visual and performing arts.
- The inaugural MSAD #51 "Employee of the Year" recognition held, with Greely High School social worker Peter Scott named the first honoree. Many kudos to finalists Grade 4 teacher Carrie Begley, Mabel I. Wilson School kitchen manager Leanne Brainard, Grade 4 teacher Sallie Hunter, and Greely Middle School 4-5 educational technician Daphne Sprague.

Engage • Empower • Inspire

- Additionally, several staff members were honored with special awards this past year:
 - Spanish teacher Margaret Corral and School Counselor Dawn Lane recognized as “Inspiring Educators” by WCSH 6.
 - Mabel I. Wilson School teacher Mary Train flown to California by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to receive an award for her work involving STEM education.
 - GHS math teacher Doug Pride named a 2016 distinguished teacher through the U.S. Presidential Scholars program.
 - Gifted/Talented educator Kathi Kearney honored as a Patricia Behring Teacher of the Year by the National History Day organization.
 - Greely Middle School Special Education Technician Karen Hutchinson was awarded the district’s long-standing Glendine Bunker Award which is awarded annually to an outstanding support staff member.
- A year-long new staff orientation series debuted to help all new teachers transition more effectively to the district.
- Stakeholder surveys for students, staff, and parents completed, which provides the district with valuable feedback as to its practices and procedures.
- 20 middle school students participated in Tech Day as part of a new UNUM partnership focused on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math).
- An inaugural “Virtual Coffee Talk” conducted with the topic of the FY 17 budget.
- The district launched a Facebook page: check it out at <https://www.facebook.com/msad51/>
- Energy project approved for Mabel I. Wilson School to help regulate heating and cooling issues.
- Google Expeditions was pioneered at GMS 6-8 to take students on virtual field trips around the world.
- Enhanced K-12 structures for Section 504 and Response To Intervention (RTI).
- The “Challenge Day” program was brought to Greely High School for the sophomore class in order to promote and sustain a positive school culture.
- Susie Robbins has been appointed as the Mabel I. Wilson School principal and Cory Munsey was hired as the new assistant principal after extensive searches.
- The Board of Directors approved the revision of Policy IKF, Graduation Requirements, moving our district towards a proficiency-based system, which will be effective with the current eighth-grade class, Class of 2021.
- The district’s teacher and principal evaluation steering committee completed its year-long work, providing an effective system for measuring educator quality and performance.
- The Greely girls basketball team now has an honorary team member, six-year-old Kinzey Frey, who is battling childhood cancer, adopted by the team as part of the Friends of Jaclyn Foundation.
- Athletic state titles for girls soccer and girls swimming were won by Greely teams.
- Niche.com again ranked all district schools as top-notch in the state. MSAD #51 was ranked the fourth best district in Maine, with an overall grade of A, #558 in the United States.
- WMTW had a live broadcast from Greely Middle School to spotlight the PTO’s “Fill a Bus, Fill a Belly” campaign and meteorologist Mallory Brooke visited 7th Grade students to talk about weather.
- An 18-member committee studied the concept of adjusting start times for students in line with current research on adolescent sleep time and made recommendations that were accepted by the Board of Directors to alter the start time beginning in the 2016-17 school year.
- Staff dialogue sessions were initiated with the board chair, Martha Leggat, and myself in order to connect all of our staff members to the district’s Strategic Plan.
- For over a year, Greely High School studied the concept of block schedules and has moved forward with plans to implement this new instructional model in the 2016-17 school year.
- The \$34,959,382 FY17 fiscal budget was approved by voters with 69% support, calling for a 3.5% increase and a modest 1.1% tax impact in both towns.
- Foundation 51 funded resource kits for the K-5 STEM Program in addition to the 4-5 STEM curriculum.
- Mabel I. Wilson School created and sang their first school song, “Rollin’ Down Tuttle Road”.
- The environmental stewardship committee was formed and went forward with plans to bring composting to the district’s schools.
- GHS theatrical productions “Into the Woods” and “Learned Ladies” were enjoyed by many, along with “WGMS - On the Air!” at GMS.
- Various musical performances graced the ears of our school community over the year, with students receiving accolades at regional and state music events, including the All-Eastern Music Festival.

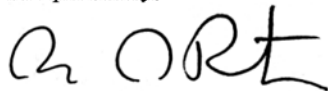
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- Individual student honors earned in many areas including the National History Day Competition and Greely High School Math Team.
- Student exchanges and homestays with Namioka, Japan and Barr, France as well as Chile helped our students experience global connections.
- A new fitness/weight room was built in the field house, along with remodeling of the snack shack.
- The district partnered with the Cumberland Climate Action Team to invest in renewable energy credits and charging stations for electric and hybrid vehicles at each school.
- All 16 International Baccalaureate (IB) diploma candidate students passed their national tests to receive their IB diplomas.
- The Class of 2016 graduated 174 students in June and was the first ever class to do a “senior walk” through the halls of Greely Middle School and Mabel I. Wilson School, reconnecting with staff and getting high-fives from younger students.



I wish to thank all students, staff, parents, and community members for their support and commitment to the ideals of our high-performing school district. I look forward to the promises of the 2016-17 year.

Respectfully,



Jeffrey J. Porter
Superintendent of Schools



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Paul R. LePage

GOVERNOR

Dear Citizens of Cumberland Center:

Maine has a long tradition of civil participation in both state and local government, and I thank you for being informed and involved citizens.

My vision for Maine is prosperity, not poverty. For this reason, one of my top priorities is the reduction and eventual elimination of the income tax. Some are pushing to raise the minimum wage, but I want Mainers to earn a maximum wage. Reducing the income tax is the biggest and most immediate pay raise for all hard-working Mainers.

Not only does an income tax cut put more money back in your pockets, but it will also attract businesses that can offer good-paying careers to keep our young people here in Maine. It shows the nation that we are serious about wanting people and businesses to come—and stay—in Maine.

Another of my priorities is to lower the cost of student debt in Maine. If young people are struggling with too much student debt, they are unable to afford homes or vehicles. We are now offering programs to help them lower their debt, stay in Maine, begin their careers and start families.

To provide good-paying jobs for our young people, we must also work hard to reduce our energy costs. High energy costs are a major factor in driving out manufacturers, mills and other businesses that need low-cost electricity. I am committed to lowering the cost of energy, not only to attract job creators, but also to allow Maine people to heat and power their homes affordably and effectively.

And finally, we are making progress to address the drug pandemic in our state. It is my most important duty to keep the Maine people safe. While education, treatment and prevention efforts are important, we must get the dealers off the streets. I am pleased the Legislature has finally agreed to fund my proposal for more drug agents to stem the supply of deadly opiates flowing into our communities, but our law enforcement agencies are still understaffed. We must do more.

It is a pleasure serving as your Governor. If ever I can be of assistance to you or if you have any questions or suggestions, I encourage you to contact my office by calling 287-3531 or by visiting our website at www.maine.gov/governor.

Sincerely,

Paul R. LePage
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Dear Friends:

It is an honor to represent Maine in the United States Senate. I am grateful for the trust the people of our State have placed in me and welcome this opportunity to share some key accomplishments from 2015.

Growing the economy by encouraging job creation was and remains my top priority. The tax-relief bill signed into law at the close of last year contains three key provisions I authored to help foster job creation and provide small businesses with the certainty they need to invest, grow, and, most important, hire new workers. Another provision I authored that became law last year gives a boost to both Maine's economy and traffic safety. This provision permanently changed the federal law that previously had forced the heaviest trucks onto our country roads and downtown streets, rather than allowing them to use Maine's federal Interstates. In addition, I was glad to help secure another significant award for the University of Maine's deepwater offshore wind initiative, which has the potential to advance an emerging industry and create thousands of good jobs in our state.

Maine's historic contributions to our nation's defense must continue. In 2015, I secured funding toward a much-needed additional Navy destroyer, likely to be built at Bath Iron Works. Modernization projects at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard that I have long advocated for were also completed, as were projects for the Maine National Guard.

I was also deeply involved in crafting the new education reform law to better empower states and communities in setting educational policy for their students. The law also extends a program I co-authored that provides additional assistance to rural schools, which has greatly benefitted our state. A \$250 tax deduction I authored in 2002 for teachers who spend their own money on classroom supplies was also made permanent last year.

As a result of a scientific evaluation of the nutritional value of potatoes required by a law that I wrote, the wholesome fresh potato finally was included in the federal WIC nutrition program. I also worked on other issues important to Maine's farmers and growers, including research on wild blueberries and pollinating bees.

As Chairman of the Housing Appropriations Subcommittee, I have made combating veterans' homelessness a priority. This year's housing funding law includes \$60 million for 8,000 new supportive housing vouchers for homeless veterans. Since this program began in 2008, the number of homeless veterans nationwide has dropped by one third. Maine has received nearly 200 vouchers to support homeless veterans.

Last year, I became Chairman of the Senate Aging Committee. My top three priorities for the committee are retirement security, investing more in biomedical research, and fighting fraud and financial abuses targeting our nation's seniors. I advocated for the \$2 billion increase in funding for the National Institutes of Health to advance research on such diseases as diabetes and Alzheimer's. The Senate also unanimously passed my bill to support family caregivers. The Aging Committee's toll-free hotline (1-855-303-9470) makes it easier for senior citizens to report suspected fraud and receive assistance and has already received more than 1,000 calls.

A Maine value that always guides me is our unsurpassed work ethic. As 2015 ended, I cast my 6,072nd consecutive vote, continuing my record of never missing a roll-call vote since my Senate service began in 1997.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve Cumberland and Maine in the United States Senate. If ever I can be of assistance to you, please contact my Portland Office, 207-780-3575, or visit my website at www.collins.senate.gov. May 2016 be a good year for you, your family, your community, and our state.

Sincerely,



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Dear Friends of Cumberland:

It has been a privilege to serve the State of Maine since being sworn into the U.S. Senate.

Much of my time in Washington this past year has been devoted to the Senate Armed Services Committee and the Select Committee on Intelligence. Protecting our homeland and the people of Maine from terrorism and violence remains one of my top priorities. Through my work on the Armed Services Committee, I was able to secure several provisions in the 2016 National Defense Authorization Act that benefit Maine. The legislation authorizes the construction of an additional DDG-51 Arleigh Burke Class Destroyer that could be built at Bath Iron Works and expands the HUBZone program to stimulate economic growth at former military installations like the former Brunswick Naval Air Station.

Returning control to teachers, school districts, and states has also been a primary concern of mine. I am encouraged that the Every Student Succeeds Act has become law. It eliminates the burdensome requirements of the No Child Left Behind Act and ensures access to a quality education for all students. A provision I helped author in the bill will give states the opportunity to pilot the use of their own proficiency-based assessments in lieu of federally-mandated standardized tests. Also included in the bill are several measures I secured to promote local input, fund education technology initiatives, and explore new strategies to increase student access to the internet outside of school.

Communities across Maine have taken bold action to improve their broadband connectivity, and I have been proud to foster federal support for these types of projects. My amendments to the Every Student Succeeds Act will promote the type of work already occurring in Washington County, where students who lack broadband access are able to check out mobile hotspots from their local libraries. Additionally, a bill I co-sponsored, the Community Broadband Act, helped pave the way for the FCC to enact rules protecting the ability of municipalities to invest in better broadband. I am excited by Maine's leadership on this important economic development issue and will continue to support local efforts in this area.

After extensive negotiations, the Senate passed a five-year transportation bill that will increase highway and transit funding in Maine and provide stability to improve our transportation infrastructure. The legislation contains provisions I cosponsored to cut red tape and improve predictability and timeliness by streamlining the federal permitting process for large infrastructure projects. Also incorporated in this bill are my provisions to relieve financial regulations on Maine's community banks and credit unions and to reauthorize the Export-Import Bank, a critical tool that supports communities and small business across the state.

Following my inquiries in the Energy and Natural Resources Committee, the National Park Service has announced they will begin exploring strategies to allow park visitors to purchase electronic passes online and will pilot the program at Acadia National Park. These passes would improve access to our nation's most treasured landscapes and would generate resources for years to come. I remain deeply engaged in preserving Maine's natural beauty and strengthening our outdoor recreation economy.

It is with solemn responsibility that I have focused my energy addressing the opioid epidemic in Maine. This work includes convening roundtables with a wide-range of health care and law enforcement professionals to combat addiction; introducing a proposal to safely dispose of excess prescription drugs; cosponsoring a

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Senate-passed bill that addresses mothers struggling with addiction and the alarming effect it has on newborns; cosponsoring the TREAT Act, which expands the ability of medical specialists to provide life-saving medication-assisted therapies for patients battling heroin and prescription drug addiction; and calling on the Commander of U.S. Southern Command to increase efforts to stop the flow of heroin at our southern border.

I like to think of Maine as a big small town – and in a small town, the leaders are accessible and eager to listen. In that spirit, I've made it a priority to stay connected with people from all over Maine who e-mail, write, and call with suggestions or questions. If I can ever assist in your interaction with a federal agency, or you have thoughts, concerns, or personal input on a matter that is currently before Congress I hope you will contact me, let me know where you stand, and engage in this critical part of democracy. Please call my toll-free line at **1-800-432-1599** or one of my offices: Augusta (207) 622-8292, Presque Isle (207) 764-5124, Scarborough (207) 883-1588, or Washington, D.C. (202) 224-5344. You can also write me on our website at www.king.senate.gov/contact.

As always, I am honored to represent the people of Maine and look forward to working with you for the betterment of our great state.

Sincerely,



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Dear Friend,

I hope this letter finds you and your family well. I appreciate the opportunity to give you an update on my work in Maine and Washington. It continues to be a great honor to serve the people of Maine's 1st District in Congress.

Over the last year, I have introduced a number of bills to address the problems my constituents face. One of the most concerning issues is hunger. Nearly 50 million Americans don't have reliable access to enough food. At the same time, 40 percent of the food produced in the country goes to waste. That is why I introduced the Food Recovery Act, comprehensive legislation to cut food waste while providing more food to the people who need it.

The Safe and Affordable Drugs from Canada Act takes on another serious concern for Maine families—the high cost of prescription drugs. Just over the border in Canada, the same medications are available at half the price on average. My bill would lift a ban that prohibits consumers from importing those medications. Other bills I introduced touch on a number of issues, from helping veterans secure benefits to protecting our coastal economies. For more information on all my legislation, go to www.pingree.house.gov.

My seat on the House Appropriations Committee—which has a powerful role in setting federal funding levels—has also put me in a position to influence policies and programs that affect Mainers. A couple of examples from the last year include pushing to make Lyme disease a higher federal priority and working to protect funding for a program that has extended preschool to hundreds of Maine children.

But not all my work takes place at the Capitol. Here at home, I had the chance to visit many communities to help celebrate their victories and discuss their concerns—critical feedback to take to Washington. And over the last year, my hard-working staff has helped hundreds of constituents on their issues with federal programs and agencies.

I hope the last year has been a good one for you and your family. As we head into another year of challenges and opportunities for our nation, I promise that your interests will continue to guide my work. Please contact my office if there's ever anything I can do for you.

Best wishes,

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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

It is an honor to serve you as your State Representative for House District 45. After a challenging first session in 2015, the second session came to an end in April.

Throughout my first term in the Legislature, I served on the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee. On this panel, the other members and I oversaw issues regarding the Department of Public Safety, the Department of Corrections, the Maine Emergency Management Agency and more. Issues currently facing our state and community include a worsening drug epidemic and the underfunding of our county jails. As a member of the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee, I worked as a vocal advocate for Cumberland County in order to help my constituents receive the help they need.

Although the Legislature will not return to State House until December, there is still much to be done, and I remain available to assist you with any state related matters. Please call me anytime at **653-9783** or email me at Michael.Timmons@legislature.maine.gov to keep me updated on your opinions and concerns. If you would like to be added to my weekly newsletter distribution list, you can do so by emailing me directly with your request.

Thank you again for giving me the honor of serving you in Augusta!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Timmons". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Michael J. Timmons
State Representative

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