

# KENNEBUNKPORT Town Review

A newsletter for the residents of Kennebunkport

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Summer 2002

## ATTENTION VOTERS OF KENNEBUNKPORT

Voting location is  
changed.

On July 23, 2002,  
you will cast your  
ballot for MSAD #71  
Referendum at

**VILLAGE  
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Maine

The polls will be open  
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8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

If you have any  
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967-4243 ext 110.

## Kennebunkport Board of Selectmen

Susan M. Graham	967-3045
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Karen A. Schlegel	967-8927
Vice Chair	
Donald Fiske, Sr.	967-5058
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P.O. Box 566  
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Selectmen meetings are open to  
the public and held at 7 p.m.,  
on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays  
of each month, at the Village  
Fire Station, 32 North Street,  
Kennebunkport, Maine.

## Town Office Renovations Near Completion – Open House Scheduled For July 24th

By Nathan Poore,  
Town Manager

The Town Office renovations are  
near completion and the transition  
went smoothly thanks to all who  
volunteered their services. I would  
like to thank all Town employees  
for their hard work and positive  
attitude while putting up with the  
inconvenience, disruptions, and  
noise during the renovations.  
Employees had to relocate worksta-  
tions to office trailers and then  
back to the renovated offices.

My appreciation is also extended to  
the Highway Department. We  
could not have moved without

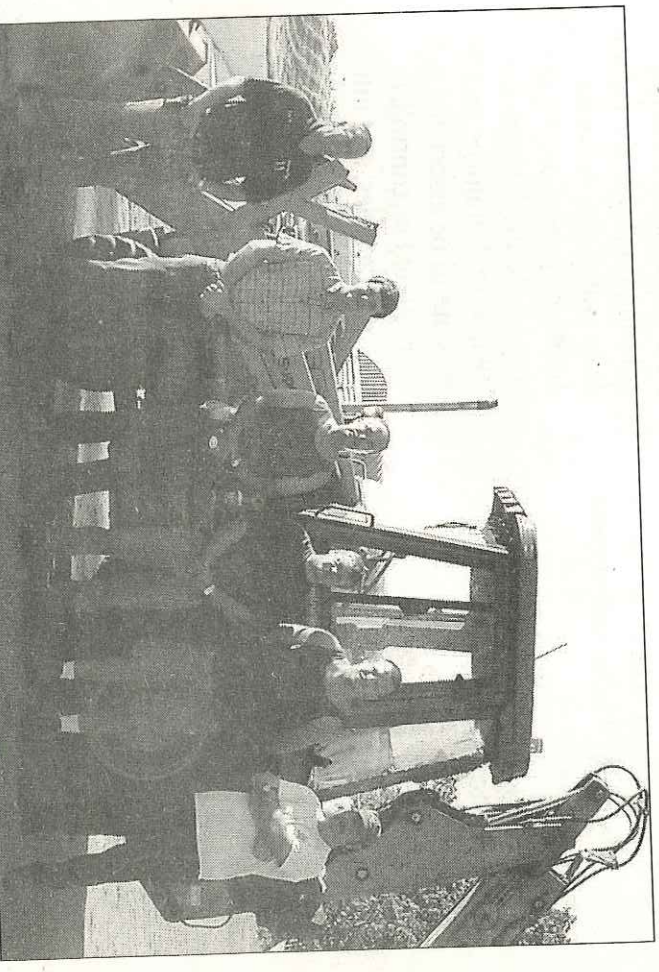
## Joseph Bruini Appointed Police Chief

By Nathan Poore,  
Town Manager

After serving five months as the  
acting or interim Police Chief,  
Joseph Bruini has been appointed  
the permanent position of Police  
Chief. The Board of Selectmen  
unanimously confirmed my  
appointment of Joseph Bruini on  
June 27th. A committee consist-  
ing of two Kennebunkport citi-  
zens, Town Moderator Christian  
Barner, and Cape Porpoise Fire  
Chief Dan Beard, along with  
Kennebunk Town Manager Barry  
Tibbets and York Police Chief  
Douglas Bracy, assisted with the  
process to select a permanent  
replacement. Chief Bruini was the  
unanimous selection from the  
committee.

I have had the opportunity to  
work with Chief Bruini for 1 1/2

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*Pictured from left to right: John Hirst, Eric Smith, Rick Merrill, Bill Kenney, Ray Leskowsky, and Scott Lantagne.*

them. They moved heavy office fur-  
niture, equipment, and supplies  
without complaint.

I would also like to thank the  
community for their patience and  
understanding during the renova-  
tions. The project is expected to be

within budget and completed on  
time. The finished product has  
exceeded our expectations.

We plan to have an informal open  
house all day on July 24, and every-  
one is invited. Please stop in and  
take a look.

## Police Chief Robert Sullivan Retired in February

By Nathan Poore, Town Manager

Police Chief Robert Sullivan retired  
this past February. He served as  
the Chief of Police from 1993 to  
January 31, 2002. Before serving as  
Chief, he held the positions of  
Patrolman, Sergeant, and  
Lieutenant, all in Kennebunkport  
from 1972 to 1993.

Chief Sullivan is a true public ser-  
vant. He could have certainly used  
his public safety and management  
expertise in any arena, yet he chose  
to serve the community of  
Kennebunkport, for it was this

place that meant everything to  
him.

From handling complaints about  
loose dogs to assisting the Secret  
Service with Presidential protec-  
tion details, Chief Sullivan handled  
himself with a high degree of pro-  
fessionalism and integrity.

Chief Sullivan delivered on all occa-  
sions. When there was a need, he  
came through. When the unex-  
pected occurred he was prepared.

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# Special Town Meeting Scheduled for July 25th

By Nathan Poore, Town Manager

At its meeting on June 27, 2002, the Board of Selectmen voted to have a special town meeting on July 25, 2002. The meeting will be held at the Consolidated School at 7 p.m. The following articles will appear on the warrant:

**Article 1.** To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

**Article 2.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to apply for, accept, and expend Federal and State grant funds through June 30, 2003.

**Article 3.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate revenue which has been or will be generated by the 350th Anniversary Committee, including but not limited to revenue from the sale of items related to the Town's 350th anniversary and admission fees charged for its events, for the use of the 350th Anniversary Committee in planning, producing, selling, or conducting additional 350th anniversary items and events. This appropriation is in addition to the \$25,000 appropriated for the use of the Committee at the 2002 annual town meeting. The Committee's authority to incur expenses based on these appropriations shall continue until June 30, 2004, unless extended by town meeting vote. Unexpended anniversary celebration revenues and any balance from the annual town meeting appropriation shall lapse to undesignated fund balance on June 30, 2004, except to pay bills incurred for anniversary expenses before June 30, 2004 which are not due or received until after June 30, 2004.

**Article 4.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to use outside funding sources and if necessary an amount not to exceed \$50,000 from undesignated fund balance and to authorize the Selectmen to use said funds for local matching funds associated with a grant received from the Maine Department of Transportation "SHIPS" program, which funds shall be used to make improvements to the Cape Porpoise Pier facility.

**Article 5.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to accept easement deeds on behalf of the Town granting the Town the right to drain water and maintain drainage systems on private property located within the Town, if said drainage and systems are to be associated with Town owned or controlled property, facilities, and infrastructure.

**Article 6.** To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to enter into a Transportation Enhancement Project Agreement on behalf of the Town with the Maine Department of Transportation, as well as a funding administration agreement with the Seashore Trolley Museum, both in connection with the Museum's proposed restoration of the 1906 Atlantic Shore Line Railway locomotive.

The first article is self explanatory. Article 2 was something that was discussed but not voted on at the June town meeting. This article will allow the Town to accept and expend money received through grants. Voting yes on this article will not commit the Town to raise any additional funds through property taxes. If voters agree, this may become a standard "housekeeping" article that is voted on at each annual town meeting.

The third article will essentially permit the 350th Anniversary Committee to act, under the authority of the Board of Selectmen, as an enterprise, meaning that the Committee will be allowed to expend funds as funds are received from non-property tax resources. Expenditures will not be allowed to exceed revenues by more than the \$25,000 raised at the annual town meeting in June. The total amount raised by property taxes and voted on in June will not change.

Article 4 is associated with a project to make improvements to the Cape Porpoise Pier facility. The project will include: rebuilding the pier where the Cape Pier Chowder House is located, adding a cooling system to the bait shed, roof repairs, and improvements to the harbor masters office. Recently, the

Town received word that it has been approved to receive funds through a grant administered by the Department of Transportation. The grant is \$94,000 and requires a local match of the same amount for a total project amount of approximately \$188,000. Part of the local match will come from the Piers Rivers and Harbors reserve account. The reserve account is funded by boat excise tax revenues. Each year, the Town appropriates approximately \$10,000 to \$13,000 to this account. The balance of the account is approaching \$100,000. Selectmen intend to use up to half of this account, which will still leave a healthy balance for future projects at the Pier, Government Wharf or other related waterfront projects. The remaining local match is being requested in Article 4 from undesignated fund balance. The Budget Board will likely meet before July 25th and may have a recommendation to report on the town meeting floor as to whether they believe this article should pass or fail.

Article 5 will permit the Selectmen to accept drainage easements in situations where there is road work being performed and an easement to place roadway drainage is desired. In some cases, throughout any given year, there are situations when formerly acceptable drainage patterns are changed and there could be a need to acquire an easement. If voters agree, this may become a standard "housekeeping" article that is voted on at each annual town meeting.

Article 6 may look familiar to voters. In March of 2000, voters were asked and approved this same question in a referendum election. Since that vote, the original fund/grant application was not awarded; however, the application is being resubmitted this year and the chance of being awarded the funds is a strong possibility. Approval of this article will allow the Seashore Trolley Museum to accept the funds through the Town, essentially acting as a conduit. There will be no local match required from the taxpayers. The Seashore Trolley Museum will be entirely responsible for any matching funds.

If anyone has any questions, please let us know. We will be happy to provide additional information.

## Voters Approve 44 Articles at Town Meeting

By Nathan Poore, Town Manager

The annual Town Meeting was held on June 15th. Although this was a change from having Town Meeting in March, the cold, rainy and windy weather made it feel as though nothing had changed. Approximately 250 to 300 people attended the meeting and voted to approve all articles, most as written and a few with amendments.

Voters added \$7,500 to Article 22, which will provide the opportunity to accept and expend federal grant money associated with Fire Services. An amendment to Article 36 added \$2,900 for electrical work associated with the monument at Dock Square.

There was an amendment to add \$21,000 to Article 38, in order to follow the customary purchase schedule of allowing the Police Department to acquire two new police cruisers, rather than only one that was requested, for reasons of safety and maintenance.

On Tuesday June 11th, voters approved several referendum questions and voted for local and state elected offices. The results of that election are reported elsewhere in this newsletter.

Two of the referendum questions involved raising funds. Voters approved question 7 and 8 that will add \$13,000 to the total amount raised at Town Meeting on June 15th.

In the end, voters approved a total of \$4,434,361 for expenses in the next fiscal year, agreed to appropriate \$1,761,339 in non-property tax revenues, and use \$50,000 from undesignated fund balance to reduce the total tax commitment.

## CHIEF

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When the system started to falter, he picked up the pieces.

Chief Sullivan's effort is widely appreciated both here and beyond our Town's borders. I know I speak for many in wishing Chief Sullivan a very well deserved retirement.



# Comprehensive Plan

By Growth Planning Committee

The Comprehensive Plan is a policy document expressing long-term goals and policies for Kennebunkport that will be used to guide the decisions of our town officials and committees. In effect, it is the long term "game plan" for the community.

The Growth Planning Committee is charged with accumulating and analyzing public opinion on important town issues and updating the Plan to reflect the opinions of the majority.

The GPC has recently completed the bulk of the data collection phase required for updating the Plan. Most of the data and statistics are derived from census information, the results of our town

opinion survey distributed last summer, and the summary of the highlights of the visioning sessions last fall.

This newsletter contains summarized survey and visioning results in raw and unabridged form. The results are essentially a direct compilation of the responses of those who answered the survey questionnaire and those who attended the visioning sessions; they do not necessarily reflect the views of the Growth Planning Committee.

The survey conveys the thoughts of approximately 900 households in Kennebunkport covering about 40 issues, and as such we believe it represents an important and valid poll of the taxpayers' sentiment.

About 100 citizens attended the visioning sessions. The primary purpose of these sessions was to draw out public opinion regarding what is special about Kennebunkport and must be preserved, as well as those features we believe need to be created and/or improved in the future. The results corroborate and reinforce the survey; however, some of the long-term visions may be difficult to attain in a realistic fashion.

It now becomes the job of the GPC to interpret and make practical judgments related to the data. This should lead to the development of meaningful policies and strategies for their implementation that reflect the will of the majority of

the public.

In this respect, the GPC is planning a series of three initial public meetings to discuss our preliminary conclusions. These meetings will be organized in small group format in order to obtain maximum citizen participation. The general subjects of these meetings are: (1) land use patterns, (2) town character, and (3) the town economy.

After receiving citizen input from these sessions, the GPC will incorporate them into a draft version of the CP. This draft will reflect the results of the initial meetings. The draft will be reviewed in three or more public meetings. The final version of the Plan will be submitted to the electorate for approval.

## Highlights Of The Kennebunkport Visioning Process

The following excerpts are based on the opinions of those citizens attending the town visioning sessions on October 19 and 20, 2001, as compiled by Planning Decisions, Inc.

### Character of the Community

Kennebunkport has a small-town charm derived from the distinct areas that comprise the Town as a whole: Cape Porpoise, Dock Square, Goose Rocks, Turbats Creek, Cape Arundel, the Village, Wildes District, and Town House. Each area evokes a distinct feeling. Yet each also shares a common Kennebunkport heritage of historic New England colonial and shingle-style homes, sidewalks and shade trees, views of the shore and the forest, working waterfronts and farms, proud churches and locally-owned stores.

The Town is peaceful and safe, with excellent municipal services. Kennebunkport is a good place to raise children. Its people are friendly, caring, and involved in community life.

Kennebunkport also has a lively cultural life. From its diverse and talented citizens, Kennebunkport has created good schools, fine libraries, a historical society, conservation groups, service clubs, and an array of interesting art galleries, restaurants, and stores.

When people need more, they can

take an easy drive from Kennebunkport to Portland or Portsmouth, or to Boston, or to several major airports for points further away.

### Distinctive Features

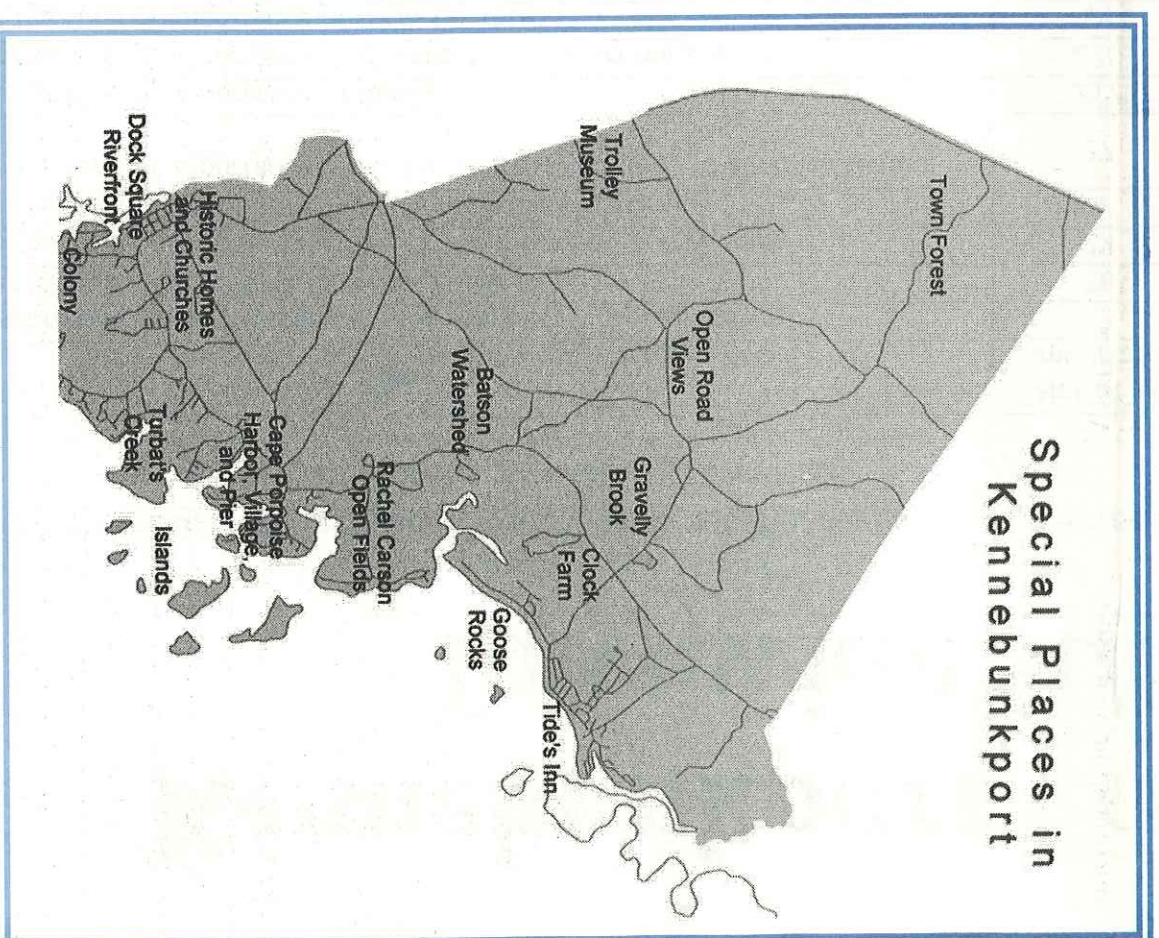
The identity of Kennebunkport is captured in its well-known places such as the historic homes in the Village, Dock Square, and the village at Cape Porpoise. But there are many other smaller places that are also special to Kennebunkport's identity.

### Villages and Areas

Here is the vision that emerged from the participants at the visioning process for how Kennebunkport's distinctive villages and areas might look several years in the future.

**Cape Porpoise** will remain an unpretentious, livable community. Its homes will reflect its diverse year-round population - including fishermen - and will be modest in scale and affordable. The harbor will be home for fishing and lobster boats as well as pleasure craft. The village stores will be oriented towards basic goods, such as groceries and hardware.

The village itself will be walkable, with maintained and extended sidewalks. For those seeking a longer walk, there will be bike paths and walking paths. Streets will



remain narrow, and automobile traffic will be minimized. The area's 19 Century feel will be preserved.

**Goose Rocks Beach** will retain its flavor as a family-oriented village with cottage-style houses. The beach will remain uncrowded and walkable,

with public bathrooms and public access. The beach patrol will manage boat and jet-ski use, and dogs will be controlled. Wildlife areas and the piping plover will be actively protected; more land will be



# Kennebunkport Community Survey

## Townwide Survey Results

Note: Data shown below includes all taxpayer's responses to questionnaires. More detailed information breaks this group into a number of categories (e.g. voter, non-resident, etc.) and is available at Town Hall.

Question		Not at all important	Not important	Somewhat important	Important	Very important	Total Response	Mean Response
Q1a.	Please rate the level of importance of the attractiveness of the town.	17	17	85	247	524	890	4.40
Q1b.	Please rate the level of importance of a low crime rate.	16	22	110	204	527	879	4.37
Q1c.	Please rate the level of importance of character of housing and villages.	27	18	118	248	465	876	4.26
Q1d.	Please rate the level of importance of proximity to employment.	341	119	202	84	103	849	2.40
Q1e.	Please rate the level of importance of access to the coast and recreational/cultural opportunities.	27	20	116	220	502	885	4.30
Q1f.	Please rate the level of importance of family.	217	71	141	127	299	855	3.26
Q1g.	Please rate the level of importance of the quality of the school system.	270	95	135	143	208	851	2.91
Q1h.	Please rate the level of importance of a low tax rate.	56	49	240	196	295	836	3.75
Q1i.	Please rate the level of importance of a sense of community in town.	56	33	209	232	317	847	3.85

\* Rating System: (1) not at all important, (2) not important, (3) somewhat important, (4) important, (5) very important

Question		Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Response	Mean Response
Q2.	Important open space and natural areas have been lost to development.	88	92	204	193	284	861	3.57
Q3.	There is a lack of affordable housing.	52	76	164	160	303	755	3.78
Q4.	The traditional character of the town and the villages are being threatened by new development.	88	115	157	184	347	891	3.66
Q5.	The current rate of residential growth is too high.	92	110	221	164	286	873	3.51
Q6.	The town's ability to pay for needed capital improvements in the next 5-10 years (such as roads, sewers, schools) is an issue of concern.	42	56	178	205	375	856	3.95
Q7.	Increased traffic is one of the most important issues facing the town today.	75	67	134	167	467	910	3.97
Q9.	The town should concentrate growth in areas with public water and sewer that are adjacent to the village centers.	91	90	161	226	229	797	3.52
Q10.	The preferable land use pattern is higher density development near and adjacent to villages and lower density development in rural areas.	90	84	147	239	235	795	3.56
Q12.	The town should consider limiting the # of annual residential building permits.	147	75	130	161	378	891	3.62
Q14.	The municipality should institute a system of impact fees on new development to help pay for needed public infrastructure (roads, recreation/open space, parking, etc)	68	33	99	176	513	889	4.16
Q15.	The municipality should expand the use of user fees (building permits, beach stickers, parking fees) to cover the cost of additional services and facilities.	149	101	146	190	299	885	3.44
Q16.	The town should encourage a broad mix and diversity of housing types, including multi-family and affordable housing.	179	110	169	158	237	853	3.19
Q17.	The town should allow more flexible development standards to enhance diversity and affordability.	206	133	163	151	202	855	3.01
Q18.	The town should work with the Kennebunkport Conservation Trust to ensure that	33	17	60	88	711	909	4.57



Q19.	The town should play a more active role in guiding development away from sensitive environmental areas and preventing sprawl by purchasing property in the rural parts of town.	99	68	105	145	473	890	3.93
Q20.	I would be willing to support a town land acquisition program using town tax dollars (such as an annual set aside of 3% or approximately \$300,000) to purchase areas of critical environmental importance as well as public access to water bodies and other natural features.	116	52	94	160	464	886	3.91
Q21.	The municipality is doing an adequate job of protecting its wetlands, waterways and other areas of environmental significance.	70	82	257	217	154	780	3.39
Q22a.	The town should develop a system of bikeways, trails and pedestrian paths.	86	49	120	177	454	886	3.98
Q22b.	The town should improve and construct new sidewalks.	100	90	190	170	312	862	3.58
Q22c.	The town should provide for public access to the water for small recreational water craft.	170	109	165	155	257	856	3.26
Q23.	The town should work more actively to encourage small home based businesses and home occupations in the town.	85	78	224	211	215	813	3.48
Q24.	The town should seek to diversify the tax base by encouraging more commercial and industrial growth.	287	174	191	115	121	888	2.56
Q25.	The town should work to explore regional transportation alternatives during high traffic months (such as coordinated trolley systems similar to Ogunquit and Wells).	53	47	103	278	412	893	4.06
Q26.	The town should continue to support and preserve the fishing and lobstering industries within the town.	6	6	35	126	745	918	4.74
Q27.	A zone should be established which encourages the development of essential services such as small hardware stores, grocery stores, and professional offices.	100	82	153	210	324	869	3.66
Q28.	It is important to support town efforts to preserve our community's historical character.	21	11	62	139	678	911	4.58
Q29.	It is important to maintain and preserve a K-6 school in Kennebunkport.	30	23	103	133	508	797	4.34
Q30.	A K-6 school should be within walking distance of the library and other cultural features.	77	58	191	137	309	772	3.70

^ Rating System: (1) strongly disagree, (2) disagree, (3) neutral, (4) agree, (5) strongly agree

		30 homes each with a 3 acre lot	30 homes on 60 acres w/ the remaining 30 acres preserved as open space	30 homes on 30 acres with the remaining 60 acres preserved as open space	Uncertain
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Q11.	Assume that a developer has purchased a 90+ acre parcel of land in an undeveloped portion of Kennebunkport where there is a 3 acre minimum lot size requirement. The developer plans to build single-family houses on the site. Which of the following development patterns would you prefer to see?	123	304	389	65
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		Strongly Disagree	Disagree	So-so	Agree	Strongly Agree	No Response	Total Response	Mean Response
Q13.	The town should require that new residential developments be clustered where appropriate (as described in Q-11, options 2 and 3 above) so a part of the site remains open space.	57	42	92	232	451	34	874	4.12

		Subdivisions dispersed throughout town	Neighborhoods with a mix of housing sizes	Small village and community centers with a mix of housing and commercial businesses	Developments on large 2-3 acre lots spread throughout town
Q8.	Please check the one description that best describes your preference for future residential development in Kennebunkport.	76	143	267	223



## HIGHLIGHTS

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in conservation easements.

New houses and stores will be in scale with the buildings already there. The Route 9 area is one where new village-scale residential development may be considered for the future. If more parking is needed, it will be away from the beach and village area.

**Dock Square** will remain primarily a retail center. Its stores will include day-to-day convenience items as well as high quality, locally owned galleries and shops. The historic architecture of the area will be strictly maintained, and buildings will stay in scale with the surrounding Town.

The commercial area will cover the same area it does now - it will not expand. The appearance of Dock Square will be improved by burying utility lines and screening dumpsters. Parking will be provided off-site, with connecting shuttles. There will be public rest rooms.

**The Main Street/Village Residential area** will remain the center for municipal services in town - with the Town Hall, fire station, and library. Improved sidewalks and bike paths will make it easier to get around. The tree canopy overhead will be encouraged and maintained. Historic homes and structures will be maintained; none will be torn down. Traffic will flow smoothly

and all-day parking restricted. Bed and breakfast establishments will be encouraged in historic buildings.

**The Farm/forest area** will have an expanded Town forest, continuing farmland uses, free-range and domestic animals, hiking trails and picnic/recreation areas, wildlife refuges, watershed protection areas, and wilderness and open space. The character of the area will remain rural, with few public improvements. (Note: This is an area needing intensive planning attention in the immediate future).

**Cape Arundel** will retain its nineteenth century resort character, with the Colony Hotel, the Cape Arundel Inn, Walker's Point, St. Anne's, and the shingle-style houses. Parson's Way will remain open, the Colony Beach Road will remain unpaved, Wandby Beach will remain public.

Better ways of moving tourists and visitors through the area will be found. New homes, as well as the reconstruction and modification of existing homes, will be in the same scale and style, and use the same materials as the older homes.

**The Riverfront area** will have a town dock and public access to the water. There will be visitor slips for those who want to come to Kennebunkport by boat. An improved sidewalk system will make walking in the area more convenient and safer. Government Wharf and fishing activities, as well

as other marinas and yacht clubs, will be maintained.

Buildings will be mixed in their use, and small in scale, as now. The river will be kept clean from pollution and protected from degradation. A maritime museum will be a place for teaching about the town's long maritime history.

**The Town House area** will develop as a small village, with a neighborhood of affordable housing and small convenience stores nearby. Since much of this area is in Arundel, the area's future will be cooperatively planned with the Town of Arundel.

Farms will remain in the area. This may be a location for parking for a shuttle or trolley to Dock Square. There will be converted hiking and biking trails.

### Principles for Managing Future Growth

The Town of Kennebunkport will need to accommodate more residents and visitors in its future. The goal is to do so in ways consistent with the character of the Town, in ways that preserve the distinctive landmarks of the Town, and in ways that enhance the villages and areas of the Town. With this in mind, here are some key principles to guide future growth.

**1. Preserve existing village identities.** Kennebunkport's unique villages and districts are part of its identity. New development should take place in a way that respects and even enhances the differences among the various areas, rather than homogenizing the Town and blurring differences.

At the same time, new development within the villages should maintain the character of that area and be compatible with the existing scale and style of construction.

**2. Encourage new housing growth in new village centers.** In the visioning sessions, citizens suggested that, as the population increases, the Town consider new village centers at Town House and in the Route 9 area of Goose Rocks Beach. The area between North Street and School Street will absorb the expanding village residential growth.

The wisdom of these alternatives require technical study from the Growth Planning Committee, since any new village center will require innovative zoning policies and utility expansions. In general, new housing clustered in village centers is the preferred pattern of development.

**3. Encourage alternative means of transportation.** Preserving the character of the Town and its villages will require reducing both the volume of automobile traffic and the need for on-site automobile parking.

Affordable alternative transportation, a network of bike trails, sidewalks, and walking trails throughout the town for year-round residents, and a strategy for tourist/visitor management involving off-site parking lots and shuttles or trolleys, are all essential for the future quality of life in Kennebunkport. The Town should require new development to address alternative transportation issues.

**4. Maintain the diversity of the population.** Part of the quality of the community in Kennebunkport is its diversity, the fact that it includes young as well as old, fishermen as well as software consultants, old-timers as well as newcomers, and all income groups.

To maintain a diversity of people, a diversity of housing types and costs must be maintained as well. This goal was strongly endorsed by participants in the visioning session.

**5. Maintain good communications.** Kennebunkport is distinguished by its friendly atmosphere and extensive participation by volunteers in community and civic functions. The way to keep involvement high, and to avoid "us vs. them" confrontations, is to maintain good communications through meetings, newsletters, web sites, and the like.

**6. Keep the local elementary school.** This is part of the small scale and personal feel of Kennebunkport and should be maintained.

**7. Promote the performing arts.** Culture and the arts are important components of the quality of life in Kennebunkport and the community needs to find ways to foster them.

**8. Protect natural and scenic resources.** The most frequently mentioned special places from the visioning session include beach and coastal areas, islands, brooks and rivers, open fields, and forests. These are important habitats for wildlife and plants as well as being valued by residents for their natural and scenic qualities. They are part of the essential and enduring character of Kennebunkport, and they must not be compromised by future development.

# Walk., the Road to Better Health

The Kennebunkport Parks & Recreation Department is pleased to announce the receipt of a \$746 grant from the Coastal Healthy Communities Coalition to offer two new fitness programs. The adult fitness program is detailed below, while the program for youth will run as an after-school activity in the fall. The funds originated from the tobacco settlement through the Healthy Maine Partnerships.

A new adult fitness program, "Get Fit for Life" will focus on proper nutrition and walking, aimed primarily at physically inactive adults interested in starting on the road to better health.

The benefits of a healthy diet coupled with 30 minutes of walking 2 to 3 times per week are well documented. It is a

goal of our department to help instill in our community a lifelong commitment to healthy living through regular exercise.

"Get Fit For Life" is scheduled from June 27 through August 15 and will meet at Consolidated School on Tuesdays and Thursdays (time to be determined by interest of the participants). Participants can get involved at any time, so call for information even if you miss the start date.

There is no cost for this program due to the grant from the Coastal Healthy Communities Coalition. Any potential participant questioning their physical ability to be involved in a program of this nature should consult their physician before enrolling. Please call 967-4304 for details and registration information.



# Local Election Results

## By April Dufoe, Town Clerk

On June 11, 2002, 1426 ballots were cast either in person or by absentee ballot. On the Municipal ballot, we were electing one Selectman to serve a term of 3 years, two School Directors of MSAD #71 to serve terms of 3 years each, and we were voting on 8 referendum questions. The results are as follows:

For Selectman: 1-Three Year Term

Michael J. Brown 645 Votes  
Timothy C. Spang 692 Votes (Elected)  
Write-Ins 0 Votes

For Director of M.S.A.D. #71: 2-Three Year Terms

Maureen King 772 Votes (Elected)  
Mark S. Sutton 806 Votes (Elected)  
Write-Ins 16 Votes

QUESTION 1: YES 1,047 NO 307 (Shoreland Zoning)  
QUESTION 2: YES 921 NO 420 (Lot Merger)  
QUESTION 3: YES 807 NO 518 (Riverfront & Dock Square Zones - C.E.)  
QUESTION 4: YES 965 NO 378 (Demolition of Historic Buildings)  
QUESTION 5: YES 1,148 NO 235 (Town Forest)  
QUESTION 6: YES 893 NO 450 (Piers, Docks & Wharfs)  
QUESTION 7: YES 812 NO 539 (\$8,000. - Preservation Planner)  
QUESTION 8: YES 743 NO 644 (\$5,900. - Buses)

On June 11, 2002, we also voted for the second time on the M.S.A.D. #71 District Budget. These were the seven articles that failed at the May 14, 2002, vote. The results are as follows:

ARTICLE 2: YES 747 NO 648  
ARTICLE 3: YES 532 NO 848 Failed (Administration)  
ARTICLE 4: YES 723 NO 647  
ARTICLE 5: YES 771 NO 596  
ARTICLE 6: YES 623 NO 717 Failed (Local Share)  
ARTICLE 7: YES 746 NO 590  
ARTICLE 8: YES 632 NO 712 Failed (Total Budget)

The same 3 articles failed with the Kennebunk voters also.

With some revised numbers, we will have another M.S.A.D. #71 referendum vote on the three failed articles on Tuesday, July 23, 2002.

# KENNEBUNKPORT PUBLIC HEALTH

By Judith Barrett Worthen, R.N., B.S. and Helene Dicesare Hamel, R.N., B.S.N.

## Hepatitis C

The Kennebunkport Public Health Department was selected to participate in a Hepatitis C trial-testing program sponsored by the Center of Disease Control and the State of Maine Bureau of Health. This program ran from May 1 to July 31, 2002. The results of this testing program will help guide national Hepatitis C testing program policies.

Hepatitis C is a liver disease caused by the Hepatitis C virus. The Hepatitis C virus is found in blood and certain body fluids. Persons suffering from Hepatitis C experience jaundice, fever, loss of appetite, fatigue, dark urine, joint pain, abdominal pain, diarrhea, nausea and vomiting.

You should request a hepatitis C blood test from your doctor if you experience these symptoms or if:

- You EVER injected street drugs, even if you experi-

mented a few times many years ago.

- You were treated for clotting problems with a blood product made before 1987.

- You received a blood transfusion or solid organ transplant (e.g. kidney, liver, heart) before July 1992, or you were notified that you received blood that possibly contained HCV.

- You were ever on long-term dialysis.

Please contact us at 967-4401 if you have any questions concerning Hepatitis A, B or C. We will be able to assist with information, referrals and family support.

## Disposal of Diabetic Supplies

We would like to remind residents that needles, syringes, lancets and diabetic testing strips should not be disposed in household trash. Please store these supplies in a heavy-duty

# Out-of-Door Burning Statutes

By James Burrows, Fire Administrator

(Summary of memo by: Andrew Mendes, Regional Forest Ranger)

Throughout southern Maine, there have been Town Warden Meetings discussing upcoming legislative changes to a statute that was implemented last September to better control out-of-door fire permits. The new statute, LD 1964, is intended to correct and improve upon the language found in last September's legislation referred to as LD 1543.

The highlights of this new legislation include:

1. A clearer definition of what can be burned out of doors by defining lumber and wood wastes. In general, materials that are made up of wood and are free of metal, plastics, coatings and chemical treatments, and are not mixed with other solid or liquid wastes, may be disposed of through open burning.
2. The open burning of paper and cardboard is still prohibited with the exception of empty containers, including fiberboard and paper bags previously containing explosives and being disposed of under the control of the State Fire Marshal's Office.
3. Incinerator inspections have been discontinued. Whatever can be burned on the open ground is the same that can be burned within an incinerator. All open burning is considered the same when fire permits are issued.
4. There are some allowances for the burning of demolition debris on site and at solid waste facilities.

Questions may arise from this new legislation. We are reviewing it and will do our best to provide you with answers to your questions. Please feel free to communicate with your local Forest Rangers Mathew Bennett and Claudette Desautels, at 324-6633.

sealed container (e.g. used laundry detergent container) and bring them to the Public Health Office. This helps to prevent accidental needle sticks for family members and the trash collectors.

## Protection Outdoors

Summertime in Kennebunkport is a busy season for our residents and guests. Remember to use sunscreen whenever you go outdoors. If you are exploring the woods and fields, wear long pants and long sleeved shirts as well as a hat to help avoid ticks. To prevent dehydration, drink plenty of water. Do not forget your pets also need relief from the heat and to drink extra water. For information concerning skin cancer, Lyme Disease, hydration and any other health issues please contact our office at 967-4401.

## Senior Meal Site

The Kennebunkport Public Health Department sponsors a senior

meal site at the First Congregational Church on North Street the first and third Monday of the month. For additional information please contact our office.

## Fall Clinics

No dates have been set for our fall clinics. These include a free Hearing Clinic, as well as the yearly Flu and Pneumonia Clinic.

## Public Health Office Location

Remember we are now located at 101 Main Street in the Police, Communications and Health Departments complex. Our office hours are 8:30-9:30 a.m. & 1-2 Monday -Friday. We are making home nursing visits the remainder of the day. Please leave your name and phone number on our answering machine at 967-4401. We will return your call shortly. We do make home nursing visits as well as respond to messages left on our machine weekends and holidays.





*Pictured from left to right: Nathan Poore, Town Manager and Acting Tree Warden; Shade Tree Committee Members: Marilyn Champagne, Ki Leffler, Jill Nesher, Frank Duley, and State District Forester Dennis Brennan.*

# To Homeowners With Tagged Trees

## By Shade Tree Committee

Four years ago, the Shade Tree Committee, along with the Tree Warden and a consulting arborist, updated the inventory of trees that impact the public rights of way and the majority of our elm trees. You may have noticed the silver colored circular numbered tags at eye level on some of the trees in your yard. This inventory has recently been computerized in order to better manage the care of the town's canopy of trees.

Our monitoring and aggressive treatment of the elms has earned us the honor of being the community with the largest elm pop-

ulation in our state. We are very proud of this fact and of all our many magnificent old trees that grace our streets and yards.

We have a shared interest with you for the care and maintenance of these trees. As we all make changes to our homes and our yards, these trees could be impacted. We would appreciate having the opportunity to work with you on any changes that might affect your tagged trees. Please contact the Tree Warden through the Town Office at 967-4243.

Thank you for your part in the stewardship of our living legends.

# Kennebunkport Receives Award

## By Shade Tree Committee

Kennebunkport has been named a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation. It is the 25th year that Kennebunkport has received this national recognition. Ron Lavaglio, Commissioner, Department of Conservation, presented the award on May 22, 2002, at a ceremony in Augusta. Accepting the award for Kennebunkport were members of the Shade Tree Committee, Frank Duley and Jill Nesher.

In order to qualify as a Tree City, a town must meet four standards: have a tree board or department, a tree care ordinance, a comprehensive community forestry program with a monetary commitment,

and an Arbor Day observance.

This year's Arbor Day observance was held at Consolidated School, District Forester Dennis Brennan of the State Department of Conservation publicly presented the Tree City Award to members of the Shade Tree Committee and Nathan Poore, our acting Tree Warden. Mrs. Hoff's 4th grade class presented a clever and informative original play about the history of Dutch Elm disease in our town.

Look for the Tree City flag flying around town this summer and don't miss the majesty of our town's beautiful trees.

## BRUNI

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years. He is certainly a highly competent professional with a strong desire to serve in the public and police department's best interest. Chief Bruni started his career in Kennebunkport as a reserve officer in 1980. He was quickly hired on as a permanent patrolman in September of 1991. In 1992, he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant, and in 1997 he was pro-

moted to the second highest ranking position on the department as Lieutenant.

Many letters of support have been submitted on behalf of Chief Bruni. I am confident that his experience, interpersonal skills, proven leadership and dedication will serve the Town well. We wish Chief Bruni great success in his new position and look forward to working with him.

# Solid Waste Re-Run

## By Solid Waste Committee

One might ask, "Why is the Solid Waste Committee trying again to get support for a Pay As You Throw (PAYT) program here in Kennebunkport?" It's a good question and we'll try to answer it with this column.

There seemed to be some misunderstanding of the program as we presented it last year. We hope this will help clear up those concerns.

There are three fundamental reasons for considering PAYT:

- Reduces the tax burden on the homeowners.
- A more equitable way of paying for the solid waste.
- Increased recycling.

## TAX BURDEN

The cost for disposing of solid waste adds approximately \$400,000 to the budget each year. By initiating a PAYT program where each resident places their waste in a bag purchased for about \$1.25, that amount can be reduced to

\$200,000 or less (depending upon the cost of each bag).

## MORE EQUITABLE

Presently, homeowners pay for solid waste depending upon the value of their home, regardless of the amount of waste disposed of by that family. With a PAYT program, the tax burden is reduced and one pays only for the bags used in the course of the year. With less waste, fewer bags are used. Each family is responsible for the cost of their own trash.

## INCREASED RECYCLING

Since we can now recycle virtually every kind of recyclable material (newspapers, cans, bottles, plastics one-seven, pressboard, junk mail and cardboard) at our curbside, placing only solid waste in the purchased bag and recycling the rest of one's trash makes sense.

This practice is likely to mean that the waste stream for which we pay more than \$60 per ton will be reduced (even lowering our tax bur-

den) and the amount of materials recycled will increase. Although it is convenient and more efficient to sort plastic, cans, and bottles before placing them out for pickup, it is not necessary to do so.

Finally, it seems clear that this is the most responsible and cost effective way for us to handle our waste. Our "tipping fees" (the cost per ton for disposing of solid waste) are constantly increasing. Communities across the country have used this approach successfully. Our neighbors, Kennebunk, started it a year or so ago and found it to be very satisfactory. We hope you will agree to give it a try.

The Solid Waste Committee will be working through the summer to develop a referendum question that will hopefully be placed on the November ballot. If you have any questions or comments, please call any member of the Solid Waste Committee.

## Solid Waste Committee Members

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