



KENNEBUNKPORT Town Review

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Winter Storms to Remember

While winter storms are nothing new in Maine, this winter we were hit by two for the history books. The first came two days before Christmas on December 23rd bringing high winds, coastal flooding, and freezing temperatures. Streets were flooded across town, but it was especially noticeable at Dock Square, Dyke Road, Ocean Avenue, and Pier Road. As the result of heavy rain and a King Tide event, it didn't last too long and, for many, the biggest problems were able to be resolved by Christmas.

A month later, on January 23rd, we were hit once again. The addition of snow and a wintry mix piled snow high and weighed down powerlines. The roads became incredibly dangerous between the ice and downed lines and many lost power. Throughout the state of Maine, there were more than 26,000 people without power, and more than 25,700 of those outages were in York County. Almost everyone in town lost power at some point during the storm, many for several days.

A warming shelter quickly opened at Kennebunk High School with cots, power, and heat. Additionally, the Kennebunkport Police Department, Graves Library, and Cape Porpoise Library, among others, offered spaces to gather, stay warm, charge phones, and even enjoy some coffee and donuts.

Although we had to close town offices on Monday due to power failure, our Public Works crews, firefighters, police officers, dispatchers, and line crews were



Flooding on Ocean Avenue by The Yachtsman during the December 23, 2022 storm.

working around the clock to manage the effects of the storm and keep citizens safe. Public Works crews worked over 28 hours on Monday, and the Fire Department received 20% of the calls that they typically receive in a year, over the days of the storm. The storm passed by Tuesday morning, and while the resulting fresh, white snow was beautiful, it wasn't the only thing left from the storm. Heavy, wet snow weighed down powerlines and branches. Tree limbs and branches littered streets and lawns and dangled from trees and lines. In addition to our own crews, Central Maine Power sent out more than 217 storm response crews in York County to address the power outages and replaced over 55 broken poles across the area.

Winter storms are nothing new for Maine and many Mainers can tell stories of far worse storms, including the Ice Storm of '98. However, some of the most memorable moments of these storms are not the inches of snow and rain or number of power outages, but the ways members of our communities work together to keep people safe and find ways to show kindness.



A fallen tree on power lines on Gravelly Brook Road after the January 23rd storm.



Public Works crews clearing fallen tree limbs on Mills Road after the January storm.

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STAY SAFE IN STORMS

One of the responsibilities of the Kennebunkport Public Health Department is to be part of the town's emergency preparedness team. Our focus is to ensure that residents' and guests' medical and basic needs are met, whether you are in your home or a shelter facility. As we saw during the storms on December 23rd and January 23rd, extreme weather events can be difficult on all community members,

but especially those without additional supports. If you have difficulty getting out of your home, are on oxygen or any medical equipment requiring electricity, please **contact the Public Health Office at (207) 967-4401**. We will add you to our confidential call of concern list. In the event of a severe storm, lengthy power outage or an actual disaster this information will help us to help you!!

TOWN OF KENNEBUNKPORT

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

June 13, 2023

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

To the voters of Kennebunkport: You are hereby notified that the Annual Town Meeting of this municipality will be held at the **Village Fire Station, 32 North Street, on Tuesday, June 13, 2023, at 8:00 a.m.** for the purpose of acting on Articles numbered 1 and 1a (Election of Officers) as set forth in the Town Warrant.

The polls for voting shall be opened immediately after the election of the Moderator at 8:00 a.m. on June 13, 2023, and shall close at 8:00 p.m.

The continuation of said meeting will be held at the **Consolidated School, 25 School Street, on Saturday, June 17, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.** for the purposes of acting on the Articles (Funding and Non-Funding Articles), as set out in the Warrant.

The Registrar of Voters will hold office hours at the polls to correct a name or address on the voting list, to accept the registration of any person eligible to vote and to accept new enrollments.

Attested copies of the Town Warrant as well as Sample Ballots are posted at the Town Offices, 6 Elm Street.

Copies of the Warrant can be viewed on the Town's website at <https://www.kennebunkportme.gov/town-clerk/pages/elections-and-voting>.

A copy of the Town Report will be available by the first week of June and may be picked up at the Town Offices, 6 Elm Street; Bradbury Brothers Market, Main Street, Cape Porpoise; and Graves Memorial Library, 18 Maine Street.

Tracey O'Roak
Town Clerk

Friendly Competition for a Good Cause

Help us fill the Parks and Rec bus with non-perishable food and household /personal supplies on Election Day, June 13th. Our goal is to stock the Community Outreach Services Pantry shelves, so no resident goes hungry. Also, we will have a donation jar present to accept cash or checks. Please make out your checks to Community Outreach Services. These funds are used to purchase food from the Good Shepherd Food bank.

The November 2022 Community

Outreach Services Election Day Food Drive was a smashing success! Kennebunkport collected 1,341 lbs. of food donations and \$4,408 in cash donations, taking the bragging rights for most food donated while Kennebunk earned bragging rights for most cash donated. The friendly competition between the three towns adds a touch of fun to a great way to support our community members in need. We can't wait to see you June 13th!



The Stuff the Bus Food Drive on Election Day.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS for June 13, 2023, Annual Town Meeting

By Tracey O'Roak, Town Clerk

QUESTION 1 on the ballot seeks to make an amendment to the Administrative Code regarding the Cape Porpoise Pier Committee. It revises the composition of the committee membership from 75% of registered voters to 75% commercial fishermen. It also adds a definition of commercial fisherman.

QUESTION 2 on the ballot proposes an amendment to the Administrative Code that will move the Annual Town Meeting from the Saturday following the June election to Wednesday evening following the June election.

QUESTION 3 on the ballot proposes an amendment to the Land Use Ordinance regarding Accessory Apartments. A copy of the proposed amendment is available in the Town Clerk's Office or online at <https://www.kennebunkportme.gov/town-clerk/pages/elections-and-voting>.

QUESTION 4 on the ballot proposes an amendment to the Land Use Ordinance regarding private road construction. A copy of the proposed amendment is available in the Town Clerk's Office or online at <https://www.kennebunkportme.gov/town-clerk/pages/elections-and-voting>.

LAST DAY TO REQUEST AN ABSENTEE BALLOT

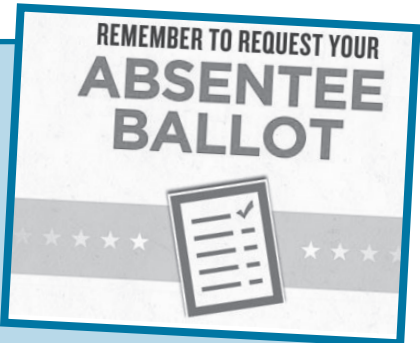
Remember to request an absentee ballot for
the upcoming June 13th election by:

June 8, 2023, at 4:30 p.m.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS NOW AVAILABLE

Absentee ballots are now available at the Kennebunkport Town Clerk's Office for the upcoming Annual Town Meeting Election and the R.S.U. #21 Budget Validation and Referendum Election to be held on Tuesday, June 13, 2023, at the Village Fire Station, 32 North Street in Kennebunkport. **PLEASE NOTE:** the last day to obtain an absentee ballot for this election is Thursday, June 8, 2023.

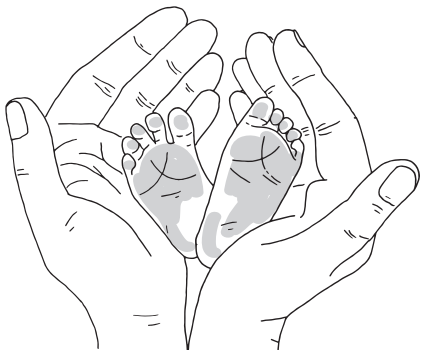
If you have any questions about absentee voting or to request absentee ballots, please call Tracey O'Roak, Town Clerk, at 967-1610.



Seeking Donations for Welcome Baby Program

Welcome babies of Kennebunkport! All new babies born in Kennebunkport will receive a welcome baby backpack/diaper bag. This bag comes with resources on safe sleeping practices for babies, local resources for families, books, and handmade gifts. The health council is accepting monetary donations to keep this program going. Checks can be made out to the Kennebunkport Health Council and mailed to

the Kennebunkport Public Health Department at 101A Main Street, Kennebunkport 04046. Thank You!



JUNE ELECTION QUESTIONS

◆ QUESTION 1

AMENDMENT TO CAPE PORPOISE PIER COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The Town has seen shifts in commercial fishermen who reside in town and those who reside outside of town. The proposed adjustment to the committee composition would allow the Town to seek input from those that use the pier, even if they do not reside in town.

◆ QUESTION 2

MOVING TOWN MEETING FROM THE SATURDAY FOLLOWING THE JUNE ELECTION TO THE WEDNESDAY FOLLOWING THE JUNE ELECTION

Currently, the Annual Town Meeting is held on the Saturday following the June election on the second Tuesday of June. The Annual Town Meeting is an open town meeting to consider all business not voted on in the election and an opportunity for all residents to have a voice. Some citizens brought to the attention of the Board of Selectmen that during the summer, Saturdays may be busy for some and they may not be able to attend. A change to a weekday evening was suggested in an effort to make access to the Town Meeting fair and equitable to all.

◆ QUESTION 3

AMENDMENT TO LAND USE ORDINANCE REGARDING ACCESSORY APARTMENTS

In response to the recent state statute modifications surrounding housing (Known as LD 2003) planning staff have been working on language updates for Accessory Apartments. Accessory Apartments or Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) are one of the elements that LD 2003 requires communities to address. Other housing related amendments will likely be presented in the future as they will require greater effort and possible outside assistance. Key elements include language confirming that: ADU's are recognized as permitted uses, are intended as primary residences, are not eligible for short term rental licenses, meet certain minimum square footage requirements, and are generally exempt from being required to have any additional parking as required in LD 2003.

◆ QUESTION 4

AMENDMENT TO LAND USE ORDINANCE REGARDING PRIVATE ROAD CONSTRUCTION

In the not-too-distant future the Fire Department will be taking delivery of a new Ladder Truck that will be with us for many years. In preparation for that, the Planning Department in cooperation with the Fire Department and our consulting engineers from Acorn Engineering worked to develop standards for truck turn around and access that will provide guidance for new or expanded private road construction that service 3 or more homes. These private roads are subject to a Planning Board site plan review and typically require input from the Fire Department regarding access. The proposed ordinance revisions now have a table to better clarify the dimensional requirements as well as exhibits for 16' and 20' wide fire apparatus turn around options.

◆ QUESTION 5

AUTHORIZE EASEMENT DEED FOR ST. ANN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

St. Anne's Church, along Ocean Avenue, constructed a masonry seawall in the early 1900's. The wall has functioned well; however, after the January 23, 2023 storm engineers determined it is at the end its useful life and that it does not have the structural strength to withstand the increased intensity of storms which are jeopardizing St. Ann's historic chapel as well as associated columbarium and rectory. Therefore, St. Ann's Episcopal Church is planning to replace the existing wall with one that is structurally designed to withstand the ocean's wave action and better protect the property. A boundary survey was completed as part of the design process and the church discovered that the existing sea wall extends off the church property onto land that is owned by Town of Kennebunkport. St Ann's Church has historically maintained the entire wall, including the portion on Town land. St. Ann's Episcopal Church is requesting a construction access and maintenance easement on the Town property in order to allow for the wall's reconstruction and continued maintenance. The Board of Selectmen met with representatives from the church and are recommending approval of this action.

◆ QUESTION 6

AUTHORIZE PURCHASE & SALE AGREEMENT TO PURCHASE LAND ON LANGSFORD ROAD FOR BOAT ACCESS

A public boat launch was identified as a need in the community in the 2012 comprehensive plan and is also listed as an objective in the 2022 Comprehensive Plan. In order to move this goal forward, the Board of Selectmen established an ad-hoc committee in October 2022, with the purpose of developing recommendations on potential access sites for residents and mooring holders and report back to the Board.

The committee began their work in earnest, examining 17 potential sites, some Town owned and others on private property. They identified 12 sites in Cape Porpoise and 5 sites along the Kennebunk River. Each site was ranked for access, ownership, environmental conditions, and ease of development. The Langsford Road site rated the highest due to ease of access, Cape Porpoise proximity and current use. The Board of Selectmen entered negotiations with the owners, Harold and Louise Mooney, and were able to secure a purchase and sale agreement to bring to the voters for consideration. The price is \$275,000, which will be expended from the Capital Reserve account, which will not increase the tax rate.

Climate Action Planning Survey Results

A Task Force of volunteers has started creating a Climate Action Plan for the community. This plan will help protect our vulnerable areas and contribute to slowing the rise in temperature and sea level, making our town more resilient in adapting to climate change.

Implementing the Plan will require action and investment on the part of the Town and its residents to protect our waterfront, infrastructure, and more. A big part of creating a plan is understanding to what degree residents and property owners are concerned for the future and what actions they would like to support.

The Task Force started this conversation with a survey that began on March 27 and ended April 22. Almost 350 people participated. Here is a summary:

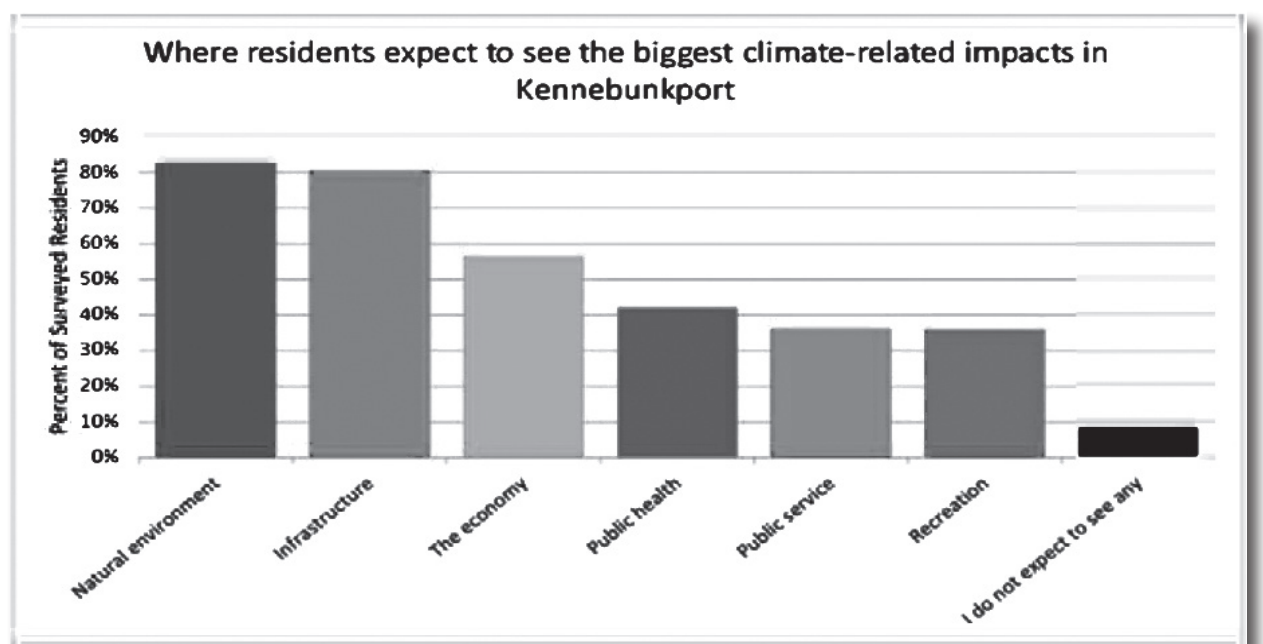
- When asked to indicate *to what degree they were concerned* that climate change would affect Kennebunkport over the coming decades (with 0 being not at all concerned, 50 being somewhat concerned and 100 being extremely concerned), the average response was 77, or **very concerned**.
- Top four categories where respondents expected to see the *biggest climate-related* impacts in Kennebunkport are the **Natural Environment and Infrastructure** (both at over 80%), the **Economy** (at 55%) and **Public Health** (at 42%). Only 8% of respondents expected no climate-related impacts to the town.
- Asked about areas of *most* concern in more detail, respondents were very/extremely concerned about **flooding and erosion of beaches and shoreline**. Not far behind were concerns about **changes in the natural environment** and **reduction of fish and lobster**

stocks. Risks to infrastructure such as roads and utilities was also high.

- Areas of *lowest* concern are **risks to local businesses and tourism** and **loss of property value and tax base**, although over half also listed these two as areas of major concern.
- When asked what climate action areas respondents were most interested in *learning more about*, the most popular were **finding a community solar vendor** (48%), **adding solar panels** (42%), **weatherizing homes** (39%), **transitioning to heat pumps** (33%), and **purchasing electric vehicles** (31%). Access to carpools and rideshares ranked lowest at 10%.

- Respondents' most popular ways to *learn more* about climate action are via **emails and town newsletters** (tied at 58%), **talks from experts** (49%), **websites** (44%), and **neighborhood gatherings** (34%). Only 4% did not want to learn more about climate action in any way.
- A quarter of respondents are interested in being actively involved in climate action as part of a Community Sounding Board and almost 70% want to receive ongoing information.

Go to the [Climate Action Task Force web page at https://www.kennebunkportme.gov/climate-action-plan-task-force](https://www.kennebunkportme.gov/climate-action-plan-task-force) for more information on climate action.



Bar graph depicting results of the Climate Action Planning Survey.

UMaine Capstone Project

Five senior engineering students from the University of Maine selected sea level rise in Kennebunkport as the subject of their senior capstone project. The project was no small undertaking as it required developing a short- and long-term solution to rising sea levels in the Kennebunk River in relation to the Dock Square and Lower Village areas.

As part of their project, they developed a design proposal, evaluated permitting requirements, created concept designs, and estimated projects costs. Their short-term solution evaluated doors and barriers with various designs.

Their long-term solution was to evaluate the effects of four feet of sea level rise and estimate costs of raising roads, buildings and utilities in the area. Additionally, they also evaluated the feasibility of developing a tide gate solution which would allow boats to pass up and down the river.

In April of this year, the students presented their ideas and answered questions from a panel of engineers and members of the public. It was a great opportunity for students to exercise their knowledge in a real life scenario. Their thoughts will enter into our continued development of solutions.



Flooding in Dock Square during the December 23, 2022 storm.

Cape Porpoise Causeway

On July 19th, 2022 the Town of Kennebunkport was awarded funding in the amount of \$2.585 million. The grants were awarded by the Maine Department of Transportation through the Maine Infrastructure Adaptation Fund. The Fund, **first announced by Governor Mills in December 2021**, was a recommendation of the state's climate action plan, **Maine Won't Wait**, to support community efforts to build climate resilience in Maine. Maine Infrastructure Adaptation Fund recipients will use the funds for projects to address flooding along the ocean and riverfronts, protect stormwater and wastewater systems, install culverts to reduce flooding; and ensure energy availability during extreme storms. It is our current intention to raise the causeway 4'9" on av-



Flooding on Pier Road during the December 23, 2022 storm.

erage to maintain access to Bickford Island. This project is currently in the final design and permitting phase which is expected to be completed the end of June. The project will then be placed out to bid early this summer. A contract award will follow with construction starting this fall. There will be substantial completion in 2024.

Cape Porpoise Pier

On April 26th, 2022 the Town of Kennebunkport was awarded funding in the amount of \$2,704,359, which shall be 100% funded by a federal Economic Development Administration (EDA) grant of \$2,163,482 and a Maine Small Harbor Improvement Program (SHIP) grant of \$540,877. The scope of this project is to reconstruct the Cape Porpoise commercial pier to include widening of portions of the pier, replacement of the bait building with sewer service, installation of 8 floats and gangways, upgrades to electrical service, lighting, and commu-

nications, installation of solar panels, replacement and relocation of fuel tanks, and parking improvements. We are currently working out the last few design details regarding this project and working through the permitting process with Maine Department of Environmental Protection and the Army Corps of Engineers. The project will be placed out to bid following the permitting process. A contract award will follow this summer. Construction is expected to begin sometime during November with substantial completion by July of 2024.

LET'S GET KENNEBUNKPORT ON THE POLLINATOR PATHWAY

Our pollinators are under threat and their numbers are shrinking. There are a number of contributing factors to this problem including climate change, leading to a lack of hosts for larvae of pollinators, the use of pesticides on lawns, landscaped planting areas, public spaces and food crops, and ever-increasing habitat loss as more of our natural environment becomes developed.

Fortunately there is much we can do to help the pollinators, and subsequently our vital food crops to survive and thrive, by committing to adopting safe and healthy habits for your lawn and garden now. These practices adopted by each of us on a



small scale at home can have an enormous positive impact on the health of our local ecosystem!

What is a pollinator pathway, anyway?

It is defined as a wildlife corridor providing nutrition and habitat safety for pollinators, and includes both healthy yards and public spaces. There are already over 250 towns in the Northeast on the Pollinator Pathway, all connected to one another. Our goal is to help create an ever larger corridor, connecting more and more communities, by beginning right here in Kennebunkport.

Who are the pollinators?

They include any animals that move pollen from one plant to another, allowing the reproduction and growth of new plants. Over 35% of our food grows as a result of the work pollinators do, making them crucial to our future well-being. Pollinators include birds, bees, butterflies and other insects, as well as some mammals, and amphibians.

Here's how you can join in:

Sign the Pollinator Pledge (see the link to the right to download the Pledge), and if you choose, donate either \$10 or \$20 to receive a metal sign to post in your yard designating your property as on the Pollinator Pathway. Share the information posted here and encourage friends and neighbors to take the Pollinator Pathway Pledge to build our local corridor more quickly.

Three of the most impactful changes you can make at home when you sign the pledge to become a Pollinator Pathway member are;

1. **Plant native plants!** Trees, shrubs and wildflowers that are native to our area provide food and shelter for pollinators. At the same time, remove any non-native invasive plants that have been planted inadvertently or spread into your lawn or garden.
2. **Go pesticide free!** Your lawn will also become healthy for children and pets. Reduce tick habitat through specific plantings. Consider organic alternatives to harmful chemicals found in pesticides.
3. **Rethink your lawn!** Consider converting part of your lawn to native plantings. Mow less frequently and leave the clippings on your lawn in place of adding fertilizers. Leave some leaves in your beds and leave some or all of the plants standing as shelter during the winter for over-wintering insects and other species. Plant white clover in with your grass. It too, is food for pollinators. It's attractive and soft on bare feet. In addition, clover fixes nitrogen taken from the air, making your grass greener without the addition of fertilizer.

You will find helpful links on the Kennebunkport Conservation Commission's website to assist you in learning what to plant to "go native", as well as identifying the non-native invasives to remove. You'll also find tips on pest control, and where to find wild seeds or plant seedlings that have not been sprayed with pesticides during the growing process.

Visit the Conservation Commission webpage at:

<https://www.kennebunkportme.gov/conservation-commission-0>

Sign the Pollinator Pledge at:

<https://www.pollinator-pathway.org/>

Updates from the Shade Tree Committee

As the Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry describes it, "Project Canopy is Maine's urban and community forestry program. Our Mission: Create and maintain healthy urban and community forests for economic, ecological, and quality of life benefits for Mainers." You may know that in 2022 the Shade Tree Committee (STC) applied for one of Project Canopy's competitive grants and received \$6000 to plant trees in Kennebunkport. With this grant STC and the Town planted 13 trees, among them maples, a hawthorn, a honey locust and elms. Due to the loss of so many trees in the ice and snow storms this winter, we hope to plant additional trees in town in the summer and fall.

Last fall we updated the Kennebunkport Tree Tour, a half-hour walking tour in the village. On one side of the brochure is a map designating the location of 16 trees: Union Street, Elm Street, Village Green, Pleasant Street and Pearl Street. The back side provides information on each tree. Ten distinct species of trees are included in the tour. STC members distributed 100 brochures to hotels and stores. The new walking tour brochures may

also be found on the brochure board at the entrance to the Town Office.

For the 46th consecutive year Kennebunkport has been awarded the distinction of Tree City USA. Along with Farmington and Westbrook, Kennebunkport is the oldest Tree City USA in Maine. The flag flies on the flag pole at the Town Office. The Town also issues an Arbor Day proclamation each year (Arbor Day is April 28th this year).

We are presently developing a tree list to guide the Town and its residents in selecting new trees for planting. We are exploring marking the trees in the village walking tour with posts holding plaques with QR codes to provide further information on each tree.

We treat a number of ash trees around town to protect the trees from the emerald ash borer (EAB). Residents should be aware that the EAB is infecting ash trees in Maine. Tens of millions of ash trees have been destroyed by EAB in U.S. eastern forests. To learn more about the EAB visit this link to a brief article by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources: <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/foresthhealth/emerald-dashborer/lifecycle#>

Of course we also oversee the inoculation of one-third of the town's iconic elms each year in a continuous three-year cycle. We will be updating the Conservation Shade Tree Program – Tree Removal, Maintenance and Planting Policy. We are examining tree ordinances in other Maine towns to potentially strengthen the conservation of the town's trees and canopy. The Town's Elm Watch plays a critical role in conserving our elm trees. The team resumes its monitoring of elms in June through August. Any resident interested in volunteering for the Elm

Watch, please contact the town's tree warden John Ripton at jripton@kennebunkportme.gov

The Kennebunkport STC continues its participation with the Maine Chapter of the American Chestnut Foundation to restore the chestnut population. A sapling inventory is expected in late April or early May. USDA regulatory approvals are expected in August but could come sooner. The project has a target of over 10,000 transgenic trees this year for planting across the devastated areas in the eastern forests primarily.

Best Practices for Healthy Lawns

Now that winter is over and we are busy fertilizing lawns and gardens, spraying for ants, ticks, slugs and bugs, remember all chemicals used leach into the soil. They can affect your or your neighbor's well water supply and eventually end up in lakes, rivers, and the ocean. Discuss options with your yard maintenance or garden center staff. Contact the Kennebunkport Conservation Commission for more information or check them out on the town website. www.kennebunkportme.gov/conservation-commission-0



Discussion Comes Alive at Death Cafés

It all started with a community education event in October, Communication and Action: Empowerment for End-of-Life Preparation, presented by Dr. Marilyn R. Gugliucci. The Kennebunkport Public Health Department partnered with the Louis T. Graves Memorial Library to host Dr. Gugliucci for a lecture on death, dying, and end-of-life preparations. The event was very well attended and produced great conversations. It was clear that there was a group of local people interested in discussing the topics presented. So much so that Dr. Gugliucci approached Alison Kenneway, Director of Public Health, after the event and asked, “what do you think of a Death Café?”

The Death Café model was developed by Jon Underwood and Sue Barsky Reid, based on the ideas of Bernard Crettaz. Since the introduction of Death Cafés in September 2011, over 15,000 Death Cafés have been offered in 83 countries. As their website states, “at a Death Café people, often strangers, gather to eat cake, drink tea, and discuss death.” Death Cafés are not bereavement groups or grief support groups, though the topics do come up. As one participant noted, death, dying, and grief are intertwined, and although grief is not the focus of the discussion, it is almost impossible to discuss one without the other.

The first Death Café in Kennebunkport was hosted on Wednesday, November 30th, 2022, and was met with enthusiasm and positive reviews. After the success of the first Death Café, it was clear that there was interest to continue and the second followed a little more than two months later on Wednesday, February 15th, 2023 and a third on Tuesday, April 11th, 2023. The Kennebunkport Death Café has been officially registered.

Though the idea may seem grim or intimidating, the room was full of honesty, compassion, and, at times, laughter. The discussion is confidential, nothing said leaves the room, which allows participants to open up and discuss sensitive topics. To start the third session, everyone went around the room and introduced themselves and shared what they believe happens after you die. The thought of such conversation with neighbors or strangers



From left to right : Graves Library Director Mary-Lou Boucuvalas, Town Nurse Kim Noble, Director of Public Health Alison Kenneway, and Dr. Marilyn Gugliucci at the April 11th Death Café.

may seem daunting, and some were concerned about presenting views that might conflict with others’ religions. However, everyone was able to share their thoughts and beliefs without attack or criticism. In a world that can seem, at many times, divided, it was refreshing to be a part of an open, honest conversation about a deep topic.

The success of the conversation is due not only to the engaged and compassionate participants, but also in large part to the facilitator, Dr. Marilyn Gugliucci, or as she is known to many participants, Marilyn. She described the role of the facilitator as someone who is “enthusiastic about death.” She laughs a little after sharing that piece, knowing how odd it might sound out of context. Dr. Marilyn R. Gugliucci, M.A., Ph.D., AGHEF, GSAF, AGSF, NAOMEF, is a Professor and the Director for Geriatrics Research at the University of New England, as well as the Director of U-Ex-CEL (UNE Exercise and Conditioning for Easier Living) Fitness/Wellness Program for older adults. When describing her background and current

work, she says, “I am not an M.D. or a D.O., but I do teach them.” She is widely published, has presented nationally and internationally, and has a passion for working with older adults and their care partners.

Her list of accomplishments is long, but perhaps one of the most important is the way she makes death approachable. She is knowledgeable and curious, but more importantly she is compassionate and a fantastic listener. She hears everyone’s stories and beliefs and asks insightful questions, making sure to be respectful of personal boundaries and histories.

The plan moving forward is to host 3-4 Death Cafés throughout the year, hosted jointly by the Kennebunkport Public Health Department and the Louis T. Graves Memorial Public Library, and facilitated by Dr. Gugliucci. The next Death Café will be held on June 7th at 9:00am at Graves Memorial Library. Space is limited to no more than 20 participants, so if you’re interested make sure to sign up early.

CHEERS TO 25 YEARS!



Mary-Lou Boucuvalas, Director of the Louis T. Graves Memorial Library.

In the very heart of Kennebunkport is the Louis T. Graves Memorial Library. And at the very heart of this community gem is Mary-Lou Boucuvalas who has been its driving force for 25 years. Just ask anyone.

Mary-Lou’s daily duties extend far beyond book selection. Yes, name an author and she can rattle off his or her titles, even take you right to the correct shelf. New and soon to be released books, yes, she has them already on order. But what distinguishes Mary-Lou’s role as director is her vision, not only for what builds the core of the library, but also for programs that will support, inspire and enlighten this community she so loves. If it is entertainment you are looking for, Mary-Lou (along with a host of volunteers) schedules outdoor concerts in the summer, monthly films, and various small group gatherings for art or craft activity.

Mary-Lou is aware that today’s libraries must do more than lend books, they must be a community resource that addresses critical issues of our time. That is why every month the library sponsors programs on climate action, energy resources, aging adult concerns, and so many programs from the town’s health department. In addition, she has established an archive of interviews with Kennebunkport residents addressing their lives and the community of Kennebunkport, uniquely contributing to our understanding of the immediate world around us.

Recognizing the need for additional space, Mary-Lou, along with devoted board members and trustees, launched a capital campaign for the Mother’s Wing. This expansion provided a business center, a spacious and inviting community space and a treasured Book Cellar for new and gently used books for sale. On any giv-

en day, you will find a yoga group, an author event, or a gathering of excited children for stories, music and crafts.

No matter where Mary-Lou happens to be, her hometown of Saco or NYC, her eyes and ears are alert for potential library events. People are drawn to her genuine spirit and commitment and readily “sign up” to come to the library. During the pandemic Mary-Lou rallied the staff to remain engaged in library related zoom talks and instituted a way for patrons to order books for pick up on the porch. She frequently delivered books to patrons who were unable to get out, a practice that she continues even now.

The cultural, intellectual and practical lives of Kennebunkport residents and visitors as well, are enhanced, even thriving under Mary-Lou’s leadership. And for the past 25 years and those still to come, we offer our sincerest support and gratitude.

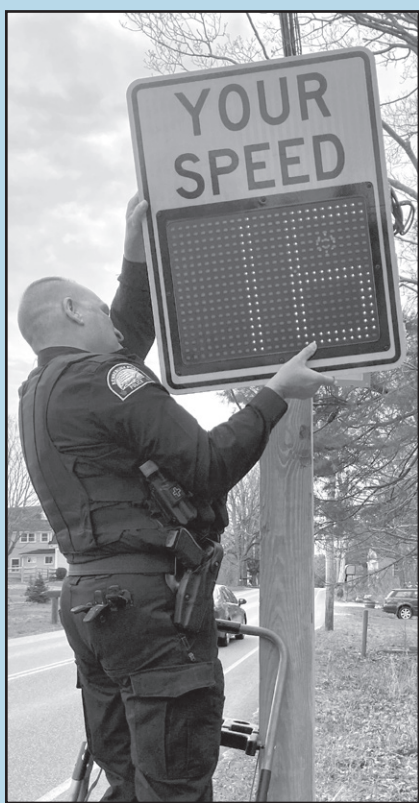


NO NEED TO SPEED!

Driving on the roads in Kennebunkport this spring and summer, you will surely notice new bright yellow signs along the road showing “your speed.” These battery and solar-powered digital signs are an expansion of our ongoing traffic enforcement efforts and will be placed in areas where high speeds are often an issue. The new signs will also collect speed and traffic data, allowing us to measure their effectiveness and enhance our overall speed control efforts.

Craig Sanford, Chief of Police, shared his goals for the campaign, “We hope to continue to see voluntary compliance with speed and road laws, especially during our busier summer months.”

Although our rates of speeding are no higher than any other local community, we take the safety of our community seriously and we are always looking for ways to



Police Chief Craig Sanford installing one of the new speeding signs on North Street.

add to our enforcement toolbelt. The signs are part of a larger campaign effort to promote safe driving in Kennebunkport, **No Need to Speed!**

To help spread the word we will have lawn signs available with three designs. The first signs will become available at the Public Works Open House on May 20th. Signs will then become available to pick up (one per household) at Town Hall or the Police Station.

No Need to Speed!



No Need to Speed!



No Need to Speed!

Keep Kennebunkport Safe



Save the Date for Chalk the ‘Port 2023! CHALK THE ‘PORT IS BACK FOR ITS 5TH YEAR ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH!

We are so excited to bring back Chalk the ‘Port for the 5th year! This great community event brings together incredible featured and local artists who turn the Recreation Department parking lot into a colorful canvas full of chalk masterpieces.

This year, in addition to the beautiful art, live music, food, beer garden, and the Carnival of Color, we’ll be bringing the fun of our beloved Prelude Craft Fair to Chalk the ‘Port. During the day artists and crafters from Maine and New England will be selling one of a kind items on the lawn in front of the Rec Building.

If you are interested in supporting this event as a sponsor or are interested in participating as an artist or crafter please contact Stephanie Simp-

son at (207) 967-4304 or by email at ssimpson@kennebunkportme.gov.

Join us on September 9th for a day full of creativity and fun!



JOIN A COMMITTEE

Let your voice be heard, and make a difference in your community!

All committees serve as advisory bodies for the Town.

To be a member of a committee, you must be a registered voter in the Town of Kennebunkport.

Fill out an application online or call Tracey O’Roak at 207-967-1610 for more information.

OPENINGS AVAILABLE:

- Administrative Code Committee
2 vacancies - 1 year term
- Board of Assessment Review
2 alternate vacancies - 3 year term
- Kennebunk River Committee
1 vacancy - 3 year term
- Recreation Committee
2 vacancies - 3 year term
- Shade Tree Committee
2 vacancies - 1 year term
- Shellfish Conservation Committee
1 vacancy - 3 year term
- Solid Waste Committee
1 vacancy - 3 year term
- Zoning Board of Appeals
1 vacancy - 3 year term

50th Anniversary of Wastewater Treatment Plant

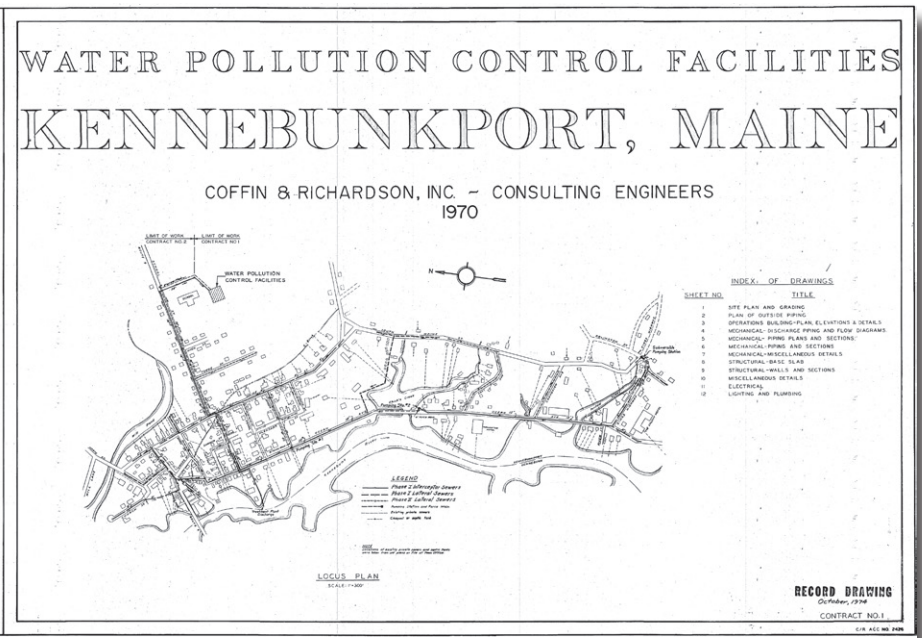
This year we are celebrating the 50th anniversary of our Wastewater Treatment Facility!

While many wastewater treatment plants across the country were built after the passing of the Clean Water Act in 1972, discussion of water-quality improvement began decades earlier in Maine. As early as the 1940s the Maine legislature was taking action to ensure water quality for generations to come. As a matter of fact, the Clean Water Act came from the Subcommittee on Air and Water Pollution, chaired by Maine senator Edmund Muskie.

The Kennebunkport Wastewater Treatment Facility was one of the earliest secondary wastewater treatment facilities in Maine. In 1959, the State of

Maine mandated the Town of Kennebunkport build a sewer system due to the Kennebunk River's low water quality and new state regulations. Surveys and engineering studies began in 1960 and continued throughout the 1960s. In the meantime, practices of raw sewage draining into Cape Porpoise Cove and septic tank waste being dumped in the woods, continued to plague the Town and our local environment.

By the time the Clean Water Act was passed in 1972, construction of a sewer in the Town of Kennebunkport was well underway. The project reached completion and began operations in the summer of 1973 at its location off School Street. Join us in celebrating at the 2nd Annual Public Works Open House on May 20th!



Plans for the Kennebunkport Wastewater Treatment Facility, completed in 1973.

Paving and Shoulder Work

As we maintain and pave roads, the elevation of the roads leave a low shoulder on the edge of the pavement. This can be dangerous if a vehicle tire accidentally drives off the pavement and can be difficult to steer back onto the pavement. Kennebunkport Public Works worked with Kennebunk Public Services crew and equipment to complete the work together. The work required a unique type of equipment which Kennebunk owned. They were gracious to provide not

only the equipment, but also operators with experience using the machine. Utilizing recycled asphalt gravel stored stockpiled at our facility, the outcome was a well-constructed safer roadway. The collaboration saved the Town tens of thousands of dollars. One company provided a quote of \$60,000 for the same work that we were able to complete for a few thousand dollars. We hope to continue to collaborate with fellow communities in the future.



Shoulder work being completed with the use of the CAT Road Widener.

Wildes District Road Update

Wildes District Road: (Wildes District Fire to Main Street Cape Porpoise) Maintenance and updates of Wildes District Road have been on the list for several years. We received funding and started the project with outreach to the community, especially neighbors on Wildes District Road. After two public meetings and several individual neighborhood meetings, it was decided that we would not add a sidewalk and provide minimal

widening in areas that made sense. Due to the large investment needed to accomplish this project, we have proposed a three-year project to spread the cost out over three fiscal years. For FY24, we would complete drainage and widening improvements. For FY25, we will reclaim and base pave the road. For FY26, we will complete the project with a finish coat of paving. These phases will be dependent on funding approval.

Pump Station Update

The voters approved funding in 2021 to update the pump stations at Wildes District, Paddy Creek, and Cape Porpoise as part of our larger efforts to complete necessary maintenance and upgrades to our wastewater infrastructure. Excavation work began this spring, starting with the Wildes District pump station. Installation of the pump sta-

tion at this location began in early May and will be followed by excavation at the Cape Porpoise and Paddy Creek pump stations. At this time, the Wildes District and Paddy Creek pump stations are expected to be completed by the end of the year with the Cape Porpoise pump station following shortly after in the beginning of 2024.



Work in progress at the Wildes District Pump Station.

WATER TESTING

We are once again teaming up with Nelson Analytical to offer Kennebunkport residents reduced cost well-water testing. Residents can pick up a free testing kit at the Public Health Office starting Friday, May 5th. After collecting your samples, kits can be dropped off at Nelson Analytical in Kennebunk from June 1st through the 15th to receive reduced pricing on testing. All results are kept confidential between the resident and the lab.

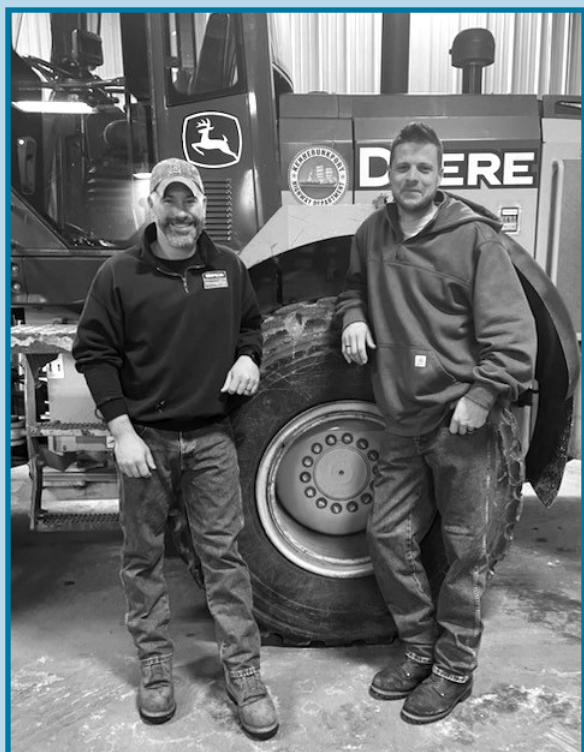
Over 1,000 Kennebunkport households rely on a well for their water supply. The Department of Health and Human Services strongly recommends testing your water supply for bacteria, radon, arsenic, copper, and lead on a periodic basis. Suggested testing for dug wells is every year, and every three years for artisan wells.

If you have any questions please call the Public Health department at (207) 967-4401.

Welcome to the Team!

Over the past year, the Town has welcomed many new employees on board. Between retirements, promotions, structural reorganization, and one new position, we hired 16 permanent employees. The recruitment and hiring process has changed dramatically from years past. The impacts from COVID and a labor market crisis have required adjustments from all employers. To combat the competitive labor market, we had to be creative in our recruiting. Using flexible schedules, remote work, and hiring bonuses we were able to remain competitive and attract the right people for the jobs. After many searches, ads, and posts, we welcomed a number of new employees to our team.

We had three retirements at the Police Department, two officers and one in dispatch, allowing us to bring Daniel Garcia, Randy Charland, and Melissa Kercado to the team. Dan moved with his girlfriend to Maine from New York where they had both served with the NYPD. Melissa has a similar story: she moved with



Jason Tracy and Jared Rist, our two new Equipment Operators at Public Works.

her family to Kennebunkport from Maryland because it was a great opportunity for her kids. Randy Charland joined us in April. He previously worked for the City of Biddeford, but as a Kennebunkport resident, wanted to serve the community he lives in. Just like Kristen Garvin, who joined the Kennebunkport Health Department in May of 2022. She was born and raised in South Portland, but she now lives in Kennebunkport with her husband and children. Kristen traveled to many different countries with Peace Corps while being a volunteer nurse. After she came back, got her MS in healthcare and practiced more in a field, she decided to work for Kennebunkport.

After Scott Lantagne retired from Public Works and Richard Merrill was promoted to Operations Manager after 20 years of with the Town, there were two openings in the department. Jared Rist and Jason Tracy came on board to fill these roles. Both men are wonderful Equipment Operators, responsible workers, and licensed CDL drivers. There

We are proud of the crew we have and the work they are all doing. We hope the community appreciates their talents and drive and partners with the staff to bring forward a better future.

has been a shortage of CDL drivers not only in Maine but across the country, so we were lucky to find two licensed candidates. Public Works saw another addition to the crew with a new Buildings and Grounds Maintenance Worker. The much needed position is responsible for maintenance at all town buildings, and was approved by the Town in 2022. We were thrilled to find the perfect fit in Jeffrey Carter. Jeff comes to us from Natick, Massachusetts, where he worked for many years and served as the Head Custodian. On the Wastewater side of Public Works, we welcomed a new Wastewater Operator and another Jeff, Jeff O'Roak. Jeff previously worked for the Town of Falmouth but was delighted to return to Kennebunkport, having worked with the Police Department as a Community Safety Officer.

More employees came to the Town after some internal reorganization. Due to the labor market shortage, some long standing vacancies provided the opportunity to reexamine some of our existing positions and adjust to better fit our current and future needs. Two positions we have long needed are a Communications Specialist and a Technology Specialist. With the fast and constant changes of the technological world, we found that we needed more than the contracted technology assistance we had, we needed that expertise directly on our team. We found the perfect candidate close to home in Dave Powell. Dave is a resident of Kennebunkport, has been in the technology field for over three decades, and has worked with us part-time providing AV/TV support for meetings for over 15 years. He works closely with Hope Mowry-Wall, our new Communications Specialist. You may know her from her position as a Programmer in the Parks and Recreation Department. After Hope's relocation and a vacancy in the other Programmer position, we found ourselves looking for two Programmers. A thorough search process identified two candidates for the department, Brighton Bischofberger and Andrew Caswell. Brighton had previously worked as an Operations Assistant for the town of Hampton, New Hampshire Recreation Department and has a passion for baseball and community engagement. Andrew most recently worked as an elementary school music teacher, but also has extensive experience with outdoor education. As Hope is still with the Town, she has been able to assist with the transition and provide additional support

as needed.

Hope and Dave were not the only additions in Town Hall, there were four more new faces: Patricia Saunders, Nadia Crockett-Current, Michelle Radley, and David Gilchrest. Tricia and Nadia both took positions at the Finance Department, filling the part-time roles of AP/AR Clerk and Payroll Clerk, respectively. Both are very familiar with Kennebunkport. Nadia interned with the Town in the summer of 2021, working mostly with the Planning and Development and Parks and Recreation Departments. Tricia moved to Kennebunkport 25 years ago and has worked part-time for our Planning and Development Department, taking minutes for several committees.

On the other side of the building, we welcomed Michelle Radley and David Gilchrest as the Town Planner and Deputy Code Enforcement Officer, respectively. Michelle came to us from ecomaine and brings expertise in sustainability and development. Dave was previously employed with the City of Portsmouth. Both were attracted to Kennebunkport because of the small, passionate community.

A similar mindset brought in Frank Orr, our new Harbormaster/Pier Manager in Cape Porpoise. Frank served seasonally as the Assistant Harbormaster in Freeport for 16 years before joining us in Kennebunkport. After visiting many times and loving the community and the coast he applied for the position in town.

Here, in Kennebunkport, we are very lucky to have knowledgeable and professional staff. Every person on board brings a unique perspective to any project, goal, or vision. Even after COVID and the challenges with the labor market, we never settled on a person because they 'just applied': some searches took longer because we were searching for a perfect fit for the position and the Town. We are proud of the crew we have and the work they are all doing. We hope the community appreciates their talents and drive and partners with the staff to bring forward a better future.



Brighton Bischofberger and Andy Caswell, our two new Parks & Recreation Programmers.

FAQs/Important Things to Remember About Your Short-Term Rental

Q. Do I need to renew my short-term rental each year?

Yes. Short Term Rental Licenses must be renewed annually prior to the deadline. Failure to renew the license prior to the deadline will result in the license being issued to the next person on the waiting list.

Q. Will I receive a renewal reminder?

The Town makes every effort available to it to send out reminders via email, quarterly newsletters, mailings, posting reminders on the Town website, posting on Facebook as well as posting notices on the Town Hall Bulletin Board.

NOTE: If we do not have your correct/updated contact information notifications and reminders may be delayed or returned as undeliverable.

Q. How do I update my contact information?

To help us provide you with the best service possible, please be sure to keep your contact information up to date!!!!

Any changes in reference to your Short-Term Rental license only can be emailed directly to:

afortier@kennebunkportme.gov

NOTE: Any other change of information not related to short-term rentals, please refer to the Town's website, select "change of address" on the home page or contact the Assessor at 207-967-1603.

Q. Is my Short-Term Rental License transferable?

Short-term rental licenses issued shall not be transferable to a new owner or location. Any change of ownership shall require a new license, except transfers of the real estate and related license in a permitted transfer.

Q. Will my rental unit need to be inspected?

Yes. The Code Enforcement Officer shall inspect the licensed premises once every five years, to determine compliance with the short-term standards. A representative from Code Enforcement will contact you directly regarding inspection.



REMINDERS FOR LICENSE HOLDERS

- Short Term Rentals Licenses must be displayed in the rental along with the Good Neighbor Guide.
- Any form of communication for marketing that is used to encourage renters must include your Short-Term Rental License number.
- The Board of Selectmen shall establish fees for the licensure of short-term rentals. Licensing fees for short-term rentals shall be assessed based upon the following criteria:

- (a) Tier I: Short-term rentals with zero to three bedrooms
(b) Tier II: Short-term rentals with four or more bedrooms

Kennebunk Savings Summer Concert Series

Hosted by the Kennebunkport Parks & Recreation Department

Celebrate summer with live music, food trucks, a bounce house, and face painting! Join us for our summer concert series, Concerts in the Park, at Parson's Field at 25 School Street on three Thursdays, June 29th, July 20th, and August 24th. Beverages will be provided by Batson River Brewing & Distillery and Band-ed Brewing. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets and join us for a great time!



**JUNE 29
RADIO REVIVAL
6:00PM-8:00PM**

This band plays a wide range of musical styles and songs from all decades, appealing to people of all ages and backgrounds. 70's, 80's, 90's and beyond!



**JULY 20
THE DOCK SQUARES
6:00PM-8:00PM**

With a Kennebunkport base, this band plays Rock'n'roll, Pop, Jazz, and Lounge. They certainly bring the fun!



**AUGUST 24
FOG AVE.
6:00PM-8:00PM**

Fog Ave plays a variety of great music they love, and they hope you do too!

Kennebunkport Heritage Housing Trust Update

Thank you to the more than 100 donors who helped make our 2022 annual appeal an incredible success! Because of your generosity we raised \$46,500 in our fall fundraising campaign - money that helped us start this year in a strong position as we get started on our next neighborhood. Thank you also to all of the businesses that have supported us through event sponsorship, raffle and auction item donations, and financial contributions - without your support our work wouldn't be possible. Kennebunkport is an amazing community that we are proud to be part of!

We are excited to host our 1st Annual Pickleball Classic at the end of June at Rotary Park. We've never hosted a sporting event but we are looking forward to two days of tournament play with men's, women's, and mixed doubles play. Thank you to Bangor Savings Bank, Kennebunk Outfitters, Coldwell Banker Realty, Cole Harrison Insurance, and Hodsdon & Ayer for sponsoring this event!

In August we will partner with the amazing team at Kennebunkport

Parks & Recreation for our annual Scoop-Off ice cream party with live music and fantastic local ice cream to try. And save the date, Saturday, September 16, for a night of music, dancing, and casino games to finish off our summer fundraising efforts. For more information about our upcoming events please visit our website at khht.org or add us on Facebook or Instagram.

Behind the scenes we are beginning engineering and design work on our next neighborhood on Beachwood Ave. We hope to complete this new project and welcome our new homeowners by early 2025 and will be sharing our progress on our website, khht.org, and on our Facebook and Instagram sites. The first few months of a project can seem slow with little to show, nothing like the exciting months of watching walls go up. But these early months are where some of the most important work takes place. A careful plan, good design, and thoughtful partnerships will make sure that our Heritage homes are safe, efficient, well-built houses for working families and seniors for generations to come.

Let's Go to the Beach!

GOOSE ROCKS BEACH FAQ



◆ **When are parking stickers required?**

Parking stickers are required from the beginning of Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day during the hours of 8 AM. and 6 PM.

◆ **Do I still need a sticker if I live in Kennebunkport?**

Any vehicle that parks in the marked spaces along the beach require a sticker.

Times	6am	7am	8am	9am	10am	11am	Noon	1pm	2pm	3pm	4pm	5pm	6pm	7pm	8pm
April 1 through June 14	Dogs must be leashed														
June 15 through Labor Day	Dogs must be leashed				No dogs allowed on the beach						Dogs must be leashed				
Labor Day+1 through September 15	Dogs must be leashed														
September 16 through March 31	Dogs may be unleashed, if under voice control (VC)						Dogs must be leashed					Dogs may be unleashed if under VC			
Times	6am	7am	8am	9am	10am	11am	Noon	1pm	2pm	3pm	4pm	5pm	6pm	7pm	8pm

◆ **Can I purchase stickers for my out-of-town guests?**

You may purchase non-residents stickers for guests' vehicles. Or you can let them use your vehicle with the resident sticker already affixed.

◆ **Do I have to purchase a sticker for the whole season?**

You may purchase daily or weekly stickers at kiosks located at the beach.

◆ **Where can I buy parking stickers?**

Seasonal beach stickers may be purchased at Kennebunkport Town Hall. Weekly and daily stickers can be purchased at one of the two kiosks located at the Goose Rocks General Store or on the corner of Kings Highway and Proctor Avenue.

◆ **Can I walk my dog on Goose Rocks Beach?**

Dogs are allowed at certain times of the day, depending on the time of year. Please refer to the schedule at the left or visit our website for more information about dogs on Goose Rocks Beach.

To find further information about visiting Goose Rocks Beach visit www.kennebunkportme.gov/GRB or scan the QR code to the right.



Dune Restoration, Invasives Control Underway at Goose Rocks Beach

People who regularly took the footpath at the end of Dyke Road to Goose Rocks Beach last summer saw signs indicating that an "Invasive Species Eradication Project" was underway – and many commented on how much better the pathway looked. Members of the Kennebunkport Conservation Commission and other volunteers worked many hours to clear invasive plants such as asian bittersweet, asian bush honeysuckle, and multiflora rose from the site. The bittersweet was particularly rampant and had almost choked out what used to be a magnificent stand of lilacs.

We've received many compliments on the pathway, the lilacs are coming back, and the work of clearing invasives continues. A second piece of the project is replanting dune grass to stem erosion; the importance of this was underscored this winter as significant erosion occurred all along the beach dunes during the December 23, 2022 storm.

Helping with both dune restoration and invasives management is a Maine Community Foundation grant of \$26,000 awarded to the Town in January 2023 to purchase dune grass and create a dune restoration/invasives education program.

The grant funded an intern to help with the education effort and the Town is partnering with KCT to expand the hours to full time. Ainsley Morrison, a Kennebunk resident and sophomore at Bowdoin, will be working with KCT's Isaac Schuchat and the Kennebunkport Parks & Recreation Department this summer to create educational materials and handouts on the importance of dune preservation in adapting to cli-

mate change, and how to identify and eradicate invasive plants early in their life cycle.

The dune grass is being planted along the pathway and will also be used to fill in other eroded areas along Goose Rocks Beach. The Conservation Commission worked with the Goose Rocks Beach Advisory Committee and the Kennebunkport Conservation Trust (KCT) in April and May to create volunteer events to get this project completed during the spring planting season.

Those who are interested in learning more about invasive plants sooner can go the Conservation Commission's web page on the Town website (www.kennebunkportme.gov/conservation-commission-0) and click on *Controlling Invasive Plants*.



The footpath to Goose Rocks Beach at the end of Dyke Road.

Maine Healthy Beach Program:

Kennebunkport Public Health Department and Maine Healthy Beaches program will be monitoring our beaches again this summer season from Memorial Day through Labor Day. Maine Healthy Beaches is a statewide effort to monitor water quality and protect public health on Maine's coastal marine beaches. Participating beaches are monitored for the fecal indicator bacteria Enterococci which indicates fecal contamination and the possible presence of disease-causing microorganisms. Water samples will be collected biweekly on Monday and Wednesdays. Results of these tests will be found on the Kennebunkport Public Health Department website, along with Maine Healthy Beaches website. Advisories will be posted

as a safety precaution for elevated bacteria levels over 104 MPN (most probable number) of enterococci per 100 milliliters of sample water set by the EPA. Advisories are a recommendation to the public to avoid water contact activities. Advisory signs are posted at the entrances to the beach on our town signs. Rainfall advisories are also posted when we receive 1" or more of rain within 24 hours as this can cause increased bacteria from runoff from the land into our rivers and beaches. For more information, please visit Maine Healthy Beaches website: <https://www.maine.gov/dep/water/beaches/index.html> You will also find helpful links on Kennebunkport Public Health Department website under Maine Healthy Beaches And Water Quality.

Goose Rocks Beach Trash and Recycling Pickup

In the summer, the trash and recycling collection schedule on Goose Rocks Beach changes from Fridays to Saturdays.

SUMMER 2023 COLLECTION DAYS:
SATURDAY, JUNE 3, 2023
THROUGH
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2023

The regular trash and recycling collection schedule will resume on Friday, September 8, 2023. Hours of collection start at 6:30 a.m.



KENNEBUNKPORT SUMMER CALENDAR

MAY

MAY 29TH

◆ MEMORIAL DAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST WITH KENNEBUNKPORT FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Kennebunkport Fire Department will be hosting its Memorial Day pancake breakfast on May 29, 2023 from 7:30am to 10:00am, at 32 North Street in Kennebunkport. This annual event is funded by the Port Village Fire Company and all donations received go to the Town of Kennebunkport public assistance fund.

◆ MEMORIAL DAY PARADE ◆ 9:30 AM

JUNE

JUNE 1ST-15TH

◆ WELL WATER TESTING KITS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT NELSON ANALYTICAL

For more information, see page 8.

JUNE 7TH

◆ DEATH CAFE

9am at Graves Library, pre-registration required.
See page 6 for additional information.

JUNE 13TH

◆ ELECTION DAY

Polls are open 8:00am to 8:00pm at the Village Fire Station at 32 North Street. See pages 2-3 for additional election and voting information.

JUNE 15TH

◆ NO DOGS ALLOWED ON THE BEACH FROM 9AM-5PM

must be on leash at all other times

JUNE 17TH

◆ ANNUAL OPEN TOWN MEETING

9:00am at Kennebunkport Consolidated School at 25 School Street. For further information see page 2.

JUNE 24TH AND JUNE 25TH

◆ KENNEBUNKPORT HERITAGE HOUSING TRUST'S 1ST ANNUAL PICKLEBALL CLASSIC

105 Beachwood Avenue; Registration closes May 31st at 8:00pm

JUNE 29TH

◆ CONCERT IN THE PARK – RADIO REVIVAL

6:00pm – 8:00pm; 20 Recreation Way (next to consolidated school) For more information please see page 10

JULY

JULY 4TH

◆ JULY 4TH FIREWORKS

JULY 20TH

◆ CONCERT IN THE PARK – THE DOCK SQUARES

6:00pm – 8:00pm; 20 Recreation Way (next to consolidated school) For more information please see page 10



AUGUST

AUGUST 2ND

◆ ICE CREAM NIGHT AT SEASHORE TROLLEY MUSEUM

benefiting Kennebunkport Parks & Recreation
5:30-7:30pm; 195 Log Cabin Road, Kennebunkport

AUGUST 12TH

◆ ROTARY DUCK RACE

AUGUST 24TH

◆ CONCERT IN THE PARK – FOG AVE.

And Heritage Housing Trust Scoop Off. 6:00pm – 8:00pm; 20 Recreation Way (next to consolidated school)
For more information please see page 10



SEPTEMBER

SEPTEMBER 5TH

◆ DOGS ALLOWED ON BEACH AT ALL TIMES OF DAY

must be leashed

SEPTEMBER 9TH

◆ CHALK THE 'PORT

Join us for the 5th annual Chalk the 'Port! For additional information see page 7.

SEPTEMBER 15TH

◆ DOGS MUST BE LEASHED FROM NOON TO 6PM

may be unleashed at other times if under voice control

SEPTEMBER 30TH

◆ RESIDENTIAL HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY

8:00am – 1:00pm at 36 Sea Road in Kennebunk



Foot Clinics

Take advantage of monthly Foot Care Clinics offered by the Kennebunkport Public Health Department. Alison Kenneway, our Director of Public Health, is a certified foot care nurse and has received specialized training in the care and treatment of "routine" foot care problems. Clinics are by appointment from 9:30am to 3:00pm on the days listed below. The cost is \$35, payable in cash or check to the Town of Kennebunkport. **Schedule an appointment by calling: (207) 967-4401**

**JUNE 6TH AND 7TH
JULY 12TH AND 13TH
AUGUST 2ND AND 3RD
SEPTEMBER 6TH AND 7TH**