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The Kennebunkport 2030 Comprehensive Plan

What is the Comprehensive Plan? The 10-year vision of the community is outlined in the Comprehensive Plan to guide the development of ordinances, land use planning, and services. While it is not regulation itself, it allows for future ordinances to be crafted and voted on by the town. It is created by the hard work of the citizens on the Growth Planning Committee, 12 community surveys and events, and the diligent work of our planning consultant team. This Comprehensive Plan integrates climate across all planning sectors and explores climate change, impacts, and opportunities to increase resilience. Alignment with the Maine Climate Council's recommended sea level rise planning scenarios makes the plan particularly

relevant. The Plan continues to highlight the Consolidated School, natural resources, a livable and walkable environment, and a vibrant year-round community.

Why it Matters? In November, Town residents will be given an opportunity to vote on this Comprehensive Plan update. The Growth Planning Committee has been reviewing the feedback from community members and organizations since the fall of 2019 to ensure that the Plan holistically includes the voice of the community and accurately plans for the future of Kennebunkport. We want to thank all those who have participated in the bi-weekly committee meetings, events, and surveys and we look forward to seeing you at the polls in November!



Market Valuation Adjustment Update

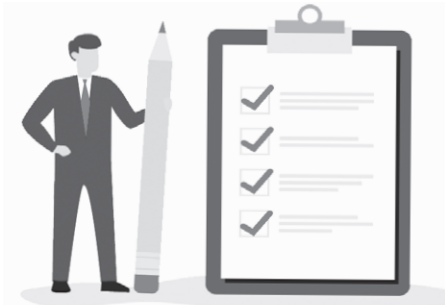
By Becky Nolette, Tax Assessor

A market adjustment is an important process where real estate values are adjusted to ensure the equitable distribution of property taxes. When homes are overvalued, the owners end up paying more than their fair share, and the opposite is true for people whose homes are undervalued. The adjustment will redistrib-

ute the towns valuation according to current market values. The last time Kennebunkport made any adjustments to values was in 2009. Our market adjustment project is progressing smoothly and on schedule. The data collection process has been ongoing since November 2021 and is expected to

be completed by the end of May 2022. During the data collection phase, cost and land tables are being updated, along with the analyzing of the data continues behind the scenes. In early-mid June, property owners can expect to receive a notice of new value, along with times to schedule an informal meeting to discuss your value.

When reviewing your new value, there is a simple test to see if our numbers are accurate; look at your new value and ask yourself, "would my property sell for the amount noted, plus or minus 10%" if the answer is yes, then you will know your property is assessed fairly. If the answer is no, I urge you to take the opportunity to discuss your property's value during an informal meeting with the Vision's appraisal staff.



As always, I welcome residents to visit the Assessing Department page on our website for updates. You can also stop by the office or call with any questions you may have regarding assessments, and the market adjustment process.

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Climate PACT: Planning for Change Together

It's been a very busy few months in the Planning Department as we seek to better understand and forecast Kennebunkport's unique vulnerability to sea-level rise and climate change. At the time of this writing, the Municipal & Community-Wide Greenhouse Gas Inventory is nearing completion. This report will outline the sources and estimated quantities of greenhouse gas emissions both from municipal operations, such as winter plowing and wastewater processing, as well as community emissions from sources such as commuting, home heating, and hospitality. With these important metrics, Kennebunkport will be able to create emission reduction goals and map our future path to meet these goals all while enjoying cleaner air and a cleaner environment for residents and all biodiversity to flourish.

In addition to the Greenhouse Gas Inventory, the Planning Department will be engaging with an engineering team to help provide technical expertise on different solutions to road flooding in three of our most commonly flooded areas. This summer, we'll be hosting communi-



ty conversations in each of these areas, equipped with the engineering study outcomes, to constructively envision the future of these areas in the face of the rising sea level with

property owners, recreators, neighbors, and all community members who are vital stakeholders. Just as the town today was envisioned by the townspeople of the past, the town of the future must be envisioned by the community today. Although this is true everywhere, this is especially crucial in areas vulnerable to the increasing threat of sea-level rise.

These projects and others are a part of the larger Climate Action Plan the planning department will be developing over the next year. With funding from a new state grant program and technical assistance from our regional planning agency, Southern Maine Planning and Development Corporation (SMPDC), the town will develop and implement a comprehensive plan for climate and community resilience to ensure Kennebunkport is prepared for a future to thrive. This new planning initiative will be specific to Kennebunkport but will be developed as a part of a new cohort SMPDC has formed with a few of our neighboring communities, so we'll know that our neighboring towns are each similarly moving forward with climate goals of their own.



Protection of Dune Paths

By Werner Gilliam

The Nor'easters of March 2018 were a storm season to remember. Not only did we experience increased flooding along our roadways, we experienced significant temporary erosion of the sand dunes at Goose Rocks Beach. That particular year, the town had not placed the typical temporary boulders at the numerous public entrances to the beach. What we experienced as a result was a significant amount of sand that worked its way up onto Kings Highway and other areas.

The dunes at Goose Rocks beach have since recovered. An assessment by staff from Maine Geological Survey determined that the sand lost would return over the next few years, primarily due to the unique geology directly offshore from the beach which kept the sand close.

The concerns with sand coming out onto Kings Highway remained a concern. In collaboration with staff from DEP, Maine Geological Survey and members of the beach

community, the town added some additional temporary erosion control measures in the form of large hay bales as a test experiment to see whether we could further limit the impact of winter storms.

The effectiveness of the bales was somewhat inconclusive. We only had one significant storm which cause one of the hay bales to move and have to be reset. Otherwise,

the sand in the area remained stable. We were fortunate to not have had any significant coastal storms during that March period when the dunes are particularly vulnerable.

Staff documented the installation and the removal of the bales and did not note any significant sand accumulation (or loss) during the time that they were in place.



GOOSE ROCKS BEACH FAQ



When are parking stickers required?

Parking stickers are required from the beginning of Memorial 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.

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 the kiosk at the Goose Rocks General Store.

Can I walk my dog on Goose Rocks Beach?

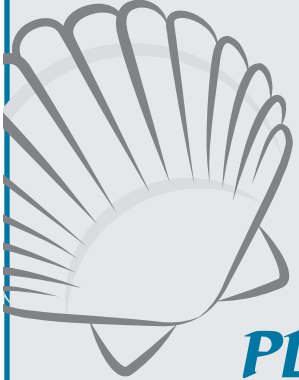
Dogs are allowed at certain times of the day, depending on the time of year. The following is a breakdown of the summer rules:

April 1-June 14

6:00 a.m. – 7:30 a.m. –
Leashed or under voice/sight control
After 7:30 a.m. – LEASH REQUIRED

June 15-September 30

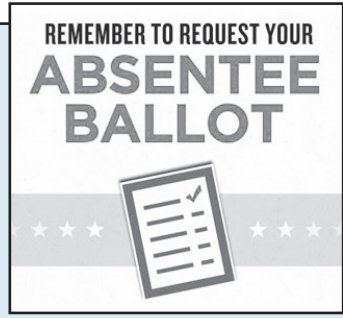
6:00 a.m. – 7:30 a.m. –
Leashed or under voice/sight control
7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. & after 6 p.m. – LEASH REQUIRED
8:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. – NO DOGS ON BEACH



PLEASE NOTE;

April 1 – September 30 Must use LEASH in West End Plover Protection Area and any other designated Limited Dog Access Areas. **No dogs within 200 feet of any marked Nesting Area.**

Absentee Ballots are now available



Absentee ballots are now available at the Kennebunkport Town Clerk's Office for the upcoming State Primary Election, Annual Town Meeting Election and the R.S.U. #21 Budget Validation and Referendum Election to be held on Tuesday, June 14, 2022, at the Village Fire Station, 21 North Street in Kennebunkport.

PLEASE NOTE: the last day to obtain an absentee ballot for this election is Thursday, June 9, 2022. Remember to request an absentee ballot for the upcoming June 14th election by Thursday, June 9, 2022, at 4:30 p.m.

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

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS TO HOLD EVENING HOURS

The Kennebunkport Town Clerk/Registrar of Voters will hold evening hours at the Kennebunkport Town Hall on **Thursday, June 9th until 7:00 PM.** in order to conduct absentee voting, to register any person eligible to vote and to accept any enrollment/address changes for the upcoming June 14, 2022, State Primary Election, Annual Town Meeting Election and RSU #21 Budget Validation and Referendum Election.

STR Update

In June of 2021, Kennebunkport voters passed a Short Term Rental (STR) Ordinance which requires all property owners who engage in short-term rentals (defined as less than 30 days) to obtain an annual permit. The planning department would like to thank the community for everyone's cooperation and smooth implementation of the licensing program from the new ordinance. Just over 400 licenses have been issued for the 2022 calendar year generating approximately \$175K in licensing revenue. There are 388 unique license holders, of which about 27% are town residents. Property owners who operate an STR without a license can face fines and risk the denial of future license applications. Please reach out to the code office if you have any questions about your specific situation.

As to the question on everyone's mind: Will there be a limitation on the number of licenses issued for 2023? At the time of this writing, there has not yet been any determination on this matter. However, any limitation that may be established will not apply to the Goose Rocks Beach Neighborhood as outlined in the ordinance.

For license holders: Code enforcement will contact property owners and property managers to schedule rental unit inspections. The ordinance requires inspections every 5 years, therefore not every unit will be inspected every year. A list of licensed properties is available on the website: www.kennebunkportme.gov

For Neighbors: The Good Neighbor Guidelines outline an agreement STR operators have accepted to obtain an annual permit and can be found on our website. To report a suspected violation of a short-term rental property you may call 24/7: (207) 204-3980. Or, to register a complaint online visit secure.hostcompliance.com/kennebunkportme/complaints/type

If it is unknown whether the property in question is an STR, residents are welcome to call the non-emergency police number at (207) 967-2454 to report a complaint.

Town of Kennebunkport Annual Town Meeting June 14, 2022

– 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**, in said Town on **Tuesday, the 14th day of June, AD 2022, at 8:00 AM.** 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 14, 2022, and shall close at 8:00 p.m.

The continuation of said meeting will be held at the **Consolidated School, 25 School Street**, in said Town on **Saturday, the 18th day of June AD 2022, at 9:00 AM.** 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 while the polls are open to correct any error in or change 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

Proposed Ordinance Amendments for June 14, 2022 Annual Town Meeting

By Tracey O'Roak, Town Clerk

Question #1 on the ballot seeks to make amendments to the current Kennebunk River Ordinance and Interlocal Agreement to bring them consistent with the Town of Kennebunk.

Question #2 on the ballot proposes an amendment to the Harbor and Waterfront Ordinance that corrects an inadvertent omission of Goose Rocks Beach from the Definitions.

Question #3 on the ballot proposes to an amendment to revise the Town's permanent and temporary sign regulations to bring them in compliance with a Supreme Court Decision regarding content.

Question #4 on the ballot proposes an amendment that clarifies allowing temporary signage within the public right-of-way for election and public notices, etc. to be consistent with State Statute.

Question #5 on the ballot would allow the Town to place internally lit signs on Town owned property.

Update to Town Sign Regulations

By Werner Gilliam

From time-to-time municipal ordinances and their application are challenged and make it all the way to the Supreme Court. Such was the case in Reed vs the Town of Gilbert where the United States Supreme Court clarified when municipalities can regulate signage based on its content. As once can imagine this was an interesting exercise in the review of the First Amendment right to the freedom of speech. Essentially it was found that sign ordinances that impose content-based restrictions can be

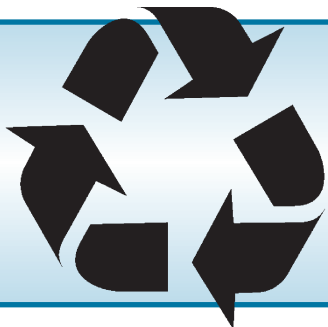
seen as a violation of the First Amendment. Based on subsequent legal advice communities have been urged to ensure that content-based restrictions are removed in order that all elements of free speech are respected. The ordinance amendments keep the allowances related to size location and placement similar to what they have always been. There is clarifying language put in place allowing an allowance for signage on nonresidential property to address private 1st Amendment rights.

Municipal Message Boards

By Werner Gilliam

Town staff are always looking for more ways to communicate things like special events, public meetings, etc. to local residents. Currently the

town's sign ordinance does not allow for internally lit signs that accomplish this function. This ordinance amendment would allow for a narrow exemption that would permit the town to install signage such as an electronic message board on town property for the explicit purpose of notifying the public of opportunities such as elections, special meetings, gatherings etc.



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What is a Silver Jacket?

By Werner Gilliam

If you do not know, you are not alone! I had to look it up myself when I was first introduced to this well-kept secret. Silver Jackets is an interagency group organized by the Army Corp of Engineers. They are a group of dedicated professionals who bring technical expertise regarding the mitigation of flood risk. They represent over a half a dozen state and federal agencies that come together to learn from one another and apply their knowledge to reduce the risk of flooding and other natural disasters in the United States and enhance response and recovery efforts when such events do occur.

In March 2021, in collaboration with Southern Maine Planning and Development Commission, the Towns of Kennebunkport and Kennebunk joined together in a request to the Silver Jackets Program to ask for assistance in receiving a nonstructural flood mitigation assessment of various historic buildings and infrastructure in the Lower Village and Dock Square area. This area is iconic of Kennebunk and Kennebunkport and is a significant economic driver for both communi-

ties. Many of the buildings are on timber pier foundations extending over the Kennebunk River and are becoming more and more vulnerable to the effects of coastal storms and sea level rise.

The USACE National Nonstructural Committee, along with support from the Historical Structures CoP, with collaboration with FEMA, NOAA OCM, Maine DEP approved our application, and agreed to work with the two towns to provide input regarding nonstructural measures that can mitigate the tidal flooding and make the community more resilient to high tides and SLR.

This project will provide enhanced floodplain management performance standards for development and redevelopment in the area, that the Towns could put before the voters to include in the floodplain management ordinance. The Towns will also be able to use the assessment results to provide recommendations and guidance about what building owners can do to reduce flood risk and protect their structures.

In early March 2022, the team assembled and spent two days checking out the area and reviewing historical information. A special

thanks to Sharon Cummings from the Kennebunkport Historical Society who provided valuable historical perspective on the development of the area. We look forward to the final assessment which will be available sometime in September 2022.



Town-Wide Radio System Update

In 2019, there were discussions between the departments that use the radio system (Police, Fire, EMS, Highway and Wastewater) regarding operational problems with the current system. The present system, and most of its components, were approaching twenty years of service. Problems with radio coverage and getting components fixed was becoming problematic, as the manufacturer no longer supported the 20-year-old radios we use in the field any longer. Another issue of the system signal has been tree growth over the last 20 years.

The departments started meeting in early 2019 to discuss problems and needs. The vendor that the Town uses for maintenance of the system was asked to look over our entire system and offer solutions. The group decided that the best approach was to replace the aging components and expand the receive and transmit capabilities.

The budgetary numbers for this project came in at \$1.4 million dollars. In FY21, the Town started budgeting funds in the Capital Reserves to replace the aging radio system. That year, \$250,000 was put into a Capital Reserve Account. Our plan at that time was to put that amount in each year until the project could be purchased. During FY22's budget



process, it was discovered that price increases during the last year eroded about half of the original \$250,000 that had been budgeted.

It was decided that we would not be able to fund the project at that pace. FY22's budget had another \$250,000 installment to the Capital Reserve Account, bringing that to \$500,000. Agreeing that funding the rest of the project needed to be secured more quickly, we asked to bond the remaining one million dollars. The bonding question was approved by the voters at Town Meeting in June 2021.

Presently, we are working with Motorola and 2-Way Communications on a few facets of the

project before any noticeable work gets started. On April 6th, we had our comprehensive design review meeting. This meeting finalizes all aspects of the system, all components, software and hardware and sets the timeline, with benchmarks along the way, for completion. Representatives from the Town, Motorola and 2-Way were all present at this meeting.

The engineers for the tower manufacturer have submitted their stamped drawings for the foundation of the towers. Stamped drawings have been signed off by a PE, Professional Engineer. With these documents, we can move forward with hiring local concrete contractors. This task is part of 2-Way Communications' proposal that includes supplying the towers. We anticipate a start date in June. The towers (metal sections) were ordered on March 28th. The tower manufacturer has given us a delivery date of June 6th. The towers need to be onsite when the concrete is poured so the anchors can be placed properly. The Town's Highway Department will be doing the site preparation for the towers.

With all the difficulties with supply chains and contractors, we are anticipating the start of erecting the towers during the summer of 2022 at Goose Rocks Beach Fire Station, and at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

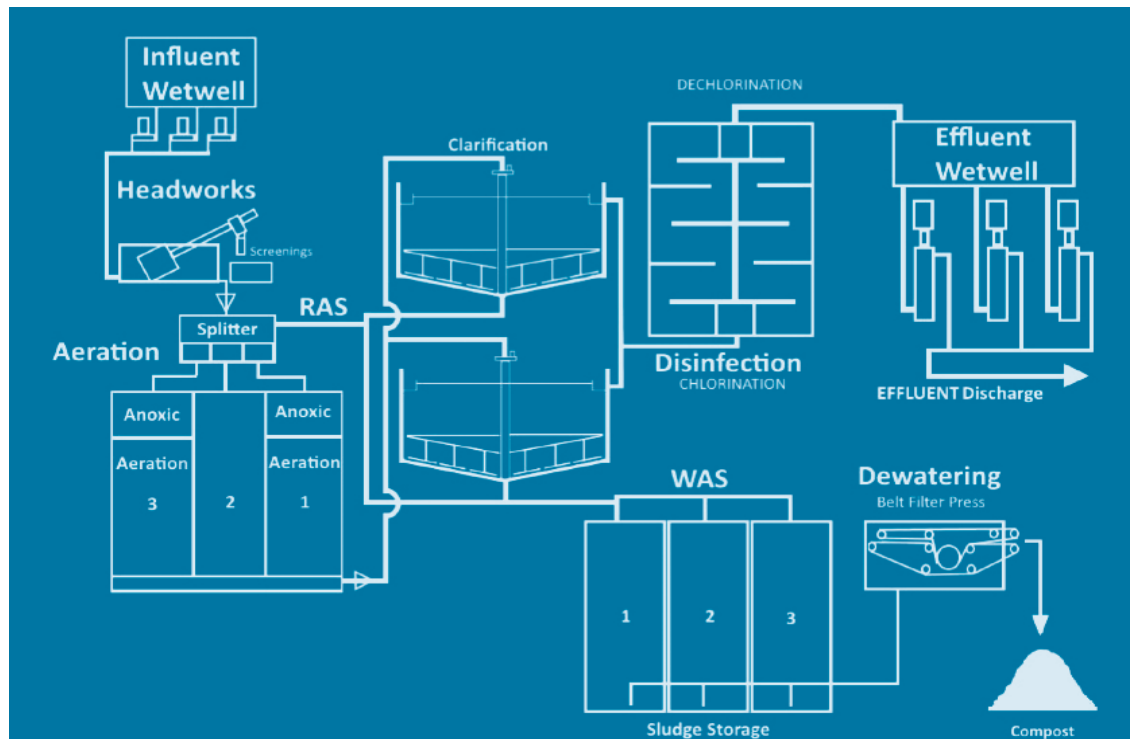
Wastewater Construction Updates

In June of 2021, Kennebunkport residents authorized the upgrades to the Town's wastewater treatment plant and collection system. Three projects were authorized, the reconstruction of the treatment plants clarifiers, biosolids dewatering equipment, and three pump stations.

The plant was constructed in the 1970s and has had several upgrades to meet the regulatory discharge requirements.

The plant is designed to remove organics and disinfect for pathogens. The purpose is also to reduce toxicity to aquatic life prior to being discharged.

A diagram of our process is shown at right:

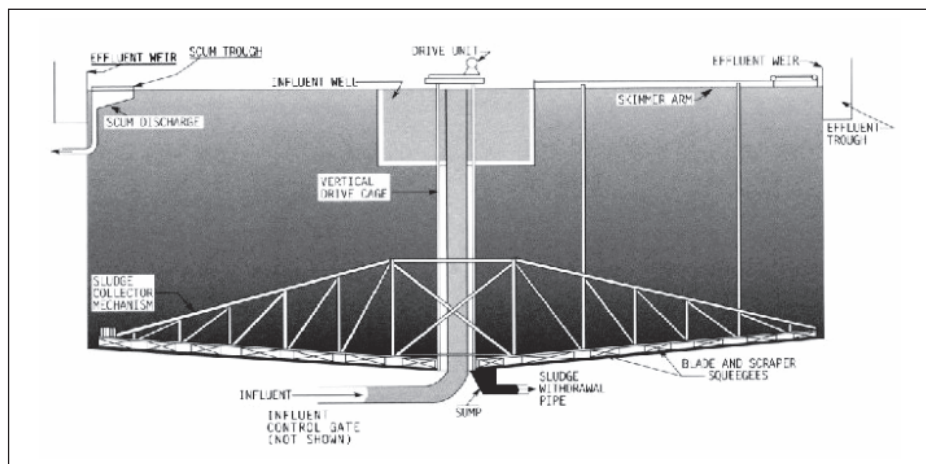


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CLARIFIERS

The clarifiers are key to our removal of the organics from the waste stream prior to discharging to the receiving waters.

The treatment plant primary role is to grow microorganisms which feeds on organics which float in the waste stream we receive. Once having arrived at the treatment plant we recycle the flow to feed the organisms so they can grow. As the organisms mature and grow, we capture collect them and process them to be dewatered and composted for beneficial reuse.



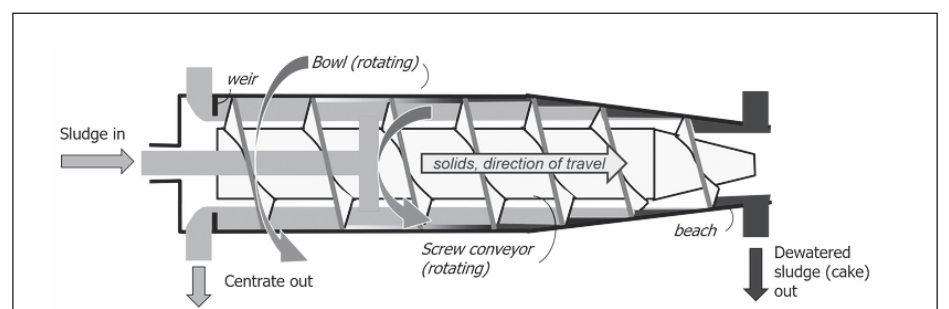
The way we capture the organics is by having them settle in our clarifiers. Clarifiers are large circular basins that allows the heavier organics to settle to the bottom. As the solids settle to the bottom 90 percent is sent back as food in our aeration basin, where we grow the organisms, and 10 percent is processed to become a compost.



The clarifier upgrades are currently 50% complete and is expected to be completed by the end of May.

BIOSOLIDS DEWATERING

The organics that are removed from the sewage and gathered from the clarifiers are still in liquid form and must be dewatered. Our current technology installed in the 1970s allowed us to produce an organic product dry enough to compost at the treatment facility. However, new regulatory limits on Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS), we will have to be transporting to further process and possibly landfilling.



Transporting and landfilling requires us to develop a dryer biomass. Last summer we pilot tested multiple technologies. It was determined that centrifuge dewatering would be the only type of technology which would meet our objectives.

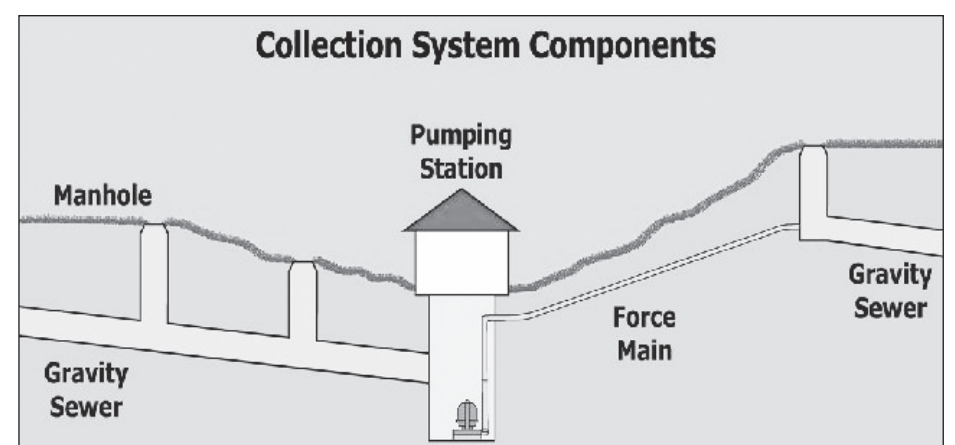


We have since further refined our selection process by conducting a life cycle analysis on several types of centrifuges. We are proceeding with purchasing equipment and will begin designing the building modifications to install them.

PUMP STATIONS

We are finalizing design of three of our major pump stations, Cape Porpoise, Wildes District and Turbats Creek. Pump stations are instrumental. These are three pump station installed in the 1970's and have begun wear failures. While the expected design life is approximately 30 years, these pump stations are approaching 45 years. They have served us well.

Curious or have questions, please contact us or better yet schedule a plant visit. Call us at 967-2245.



– KENNEBUNKPORT PUBLIC HEALTH –

By Alison Kenneway R.N., B.S.N.

Kennebunkport Public Health provides skilled nursing care, general assistance and social service needs for our town residents and guests. For more information call 967-4401 or visit the Public Health Department's web page through the town's website. There is a lot of information regarding support services, events, and activities throughout our community, and local vicinity. We have a FREE durable medical equipment closet (LOAN CLOSET) filled with crutches, walkers, commodes, and shower chairs supported by the health council available to town residents and guests. Check with us before you buy! If you have any suggestions on other ways we can help, please let us know. Kennebunkport Public Health is a department of the Town of Kennebunkport. Our services are funded by tax dollars and private donations.



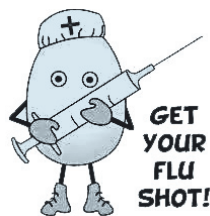
This year we are celebrating the 75-year anniversary of Kennebunkport's town nurse. Please join us as we celebrate throughout the year offering educational lectures, and events. Find out what is going on by checking out our website or subscribe and receive email alerts when we have an event! Come join in on the fun! <https://www.kennebunkportme.gov/public-health-department>.

Covid 19 update:

This past year's pandemic has been a challenge for all. The Public Health department has been an important resource to the community. Point of care rapid molecular COVID 19 testing began in October 2020. We continue providing COVID testing to first responders, town employees, town businesses and town residents for a \$25.00 fee. Testing is for those who are experiencing symptoms or have had an exposure to a covid positive case. We are not testing for travel or events. For the most up to date information on COVID 19, follow this link- Maine CDC: <https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/>

Flu Clinic news:

Kennebunkport Public Health teamed up with Walgreens pharmacy to provide a community-wide flu clinic at the Village Fire Station last October. It was a huge success! We plan to work with Walgreens again this fall to provide this service to you! A big **THANK YOU** to the Walgreens team!!! See you next fall!



Kennebunkport Emergency Preparedness Program:

One of the responsibilities of the Kennebunkport Public Health Department is to be part of the Town's disaster 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. 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 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!!

Maine Healthy Beach Program:

Kennebunkport and Healthy Maine Beach Program will be monitoring Goose Rocks and Colony beaches again this summer. Weekly from Memorial Day –Labor Day, trained volunteers and town staff will be collecting water samples, testing for enterococci bacteria and site-specific data making sure the water is safe for contact. There has been no change in the EPA exceedance level of 104 enterococci (an indicator of fecal contamination) before an Advisory is posted. Again this year, a Precautionary Rainfall Advisory will be posted after an inch of rainfall within 24 hours. The posting will be in place for 24 hours after the rainfall ceases. This will allow two tidal cycles to flush out the contaminants. The mouths of the Batson and Little Rivers periodically experience elevated bacteria levels, especially during and after rainfall. It is advised to swim on the ocean side of Goose Rocks Beach and avoid water contact in the rivers for 24-48 hours following rainfall. Advisories will be posted at the beach, on the Public Health website, Maine healthy Beach website, and town office where beach stickers are sold. Kennebunkport residents and guests are also reminded to please pick up after your dogs at the beach, at your homes and along the roadways to help prevent pet waste from making its way to the rivers, streams, and storm drains that feed the beach. Homeowners are also reminded to maintain their septic systems to protect their home, health, and the environment. Please follow this link for more information: www.epa.gov/septicmart. Kennebunkport is included in the 5-mile restricted area for boat pump outs. Please visit the Public Health website and click on **Maine Healthy Beaches and Water Quality** tab scroll down to additional information to link to our new story book map- "A Tale of Tide and

Turf". It is an educational map explaining all about our Goose Rocks Beach watershed.

–SAVE THE DATES– Well Water Testing June 1st-June 15th

Drop off your kit at Nelson Analytical during these dates at your convenience!

WATER TESTING

Over 1,000 Kennebunkport households rely on a well for their water supply. It is strongly recommended by the Department of Health & Human Services Well Water Division that you have your water supply tested periodically for bacteria, radon, arsenic, copper, and lead. The suggested test schedule is dug wells every year and artesian wells every three years. This year, we are teaming up with Nelson Analytical to offer town residents well water testing for not only 1 day, but a 2-week span during which you can pick up your free kit at the public health office, collect your samples and then deliver your kit directly to Nelson Analytical in Kennebunk between June 1-15 to receive the reduced prices on testing. All results are confidential between you and the lab. This simple step can have a huge impact on the health of your family. Payment is expected at drop off in cash or check made out to Nelson Analytical and should be in your box with the water sample. NOTE: credit/debit cards will not be accepted. Please contact the public health office with any questions! 967-4401



Lawns for Lobster:

Winter is over! As we fertilize lawns and gardens or spray 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

Stuff The Bus:

Help us fill the Parks and Rec bus with nonperishable food and household /personal supplies on Election DAY, June 14th. 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. **THANK YOU!!!!**

Drugs and sharps disposal:

The Kennebunkport Police Department accepts prescription, over the counter, and pet medications year-round. Please bring these items to Kennebunkport's secured collection green box located in the Police Department's lobby. Do not dispose of them in your trash. Medications flushed down your toilet or sink can have an adverse effect on a septic or sewer system as well as leach into our rivers and streams. Please deliver your sharps to the Public Health Department for safe disposal. The police and dispatchers are not allowed to accept the sharps. Sharps must be in a red plastic Haz-Mat box or a plastic container such as a milk jug, juice or laundry container with covers in place! Help us avoid accidental sticks. For more information on medication disposal: medreturn.com or <https://www.maine.gov/dep/waste/biomedical/sharps.html> are great resources.



Baby Backpack 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. Mail them to Kennebunkport Public Health, 101A Main Street, Kennebunkport 04046. **Thank You!**

NEW: Monthly Foot Care Clinics:

The Public Health Department is offering a new service- Foot Care! Foot care is provided by a certified foot care nurse. Foot care services include filing nails, trimming nails, reducing the thickness of nails if needed, addressing callouses and corns, evaluating foot health, circulation, skin care issues, and footwear. Call the public health office to schedule an appointment at the clinic. 967-4401

Upcoming Parks and Recreation Events

CONCERTS IN THE PARK June 16th & August 25th

Join us as we celebrate summer!

The Parks & Recreation Department has scheduled two concerts to celebrate summer. Come on down to the Parson's Field at 25 School St. on June 16 and August 25 for some great music and celebrate summer! Concerts held from 7:00pm – 9:00pm. Concessions and adult beverages will be available. The June 16 concert will also feature an extra special celebration as the Town of Kennebunkport celebrates the 75th anniversary of the Town Nurse. There is sure to be an added treat for everyone at this concert!



The Dock Squares

- June 16** **The Dock Squares** - With a Kennebunkport base, this band plays Rock'n'roll, Pop, Jazz and Lounge. They certainly bring the fun!
- August 25** **Band TBA**

CHALK THE PORT '22 Sept. 16th & 17th

Save the Date

After three years we are excited to bring back this colorful community event! Event will be held at the Recreation Building at 25 School St. in Kennebunkport on September 16 & 17. Please watch the Town and Recreation Department websites (kennebunkportme.gov kennebunkportrec.com) for more information and schedules, as they become available. We are currently looking for local artists to be a part of this event. Artist applications can be found on our websites.



BEACH WHEELCHAIR

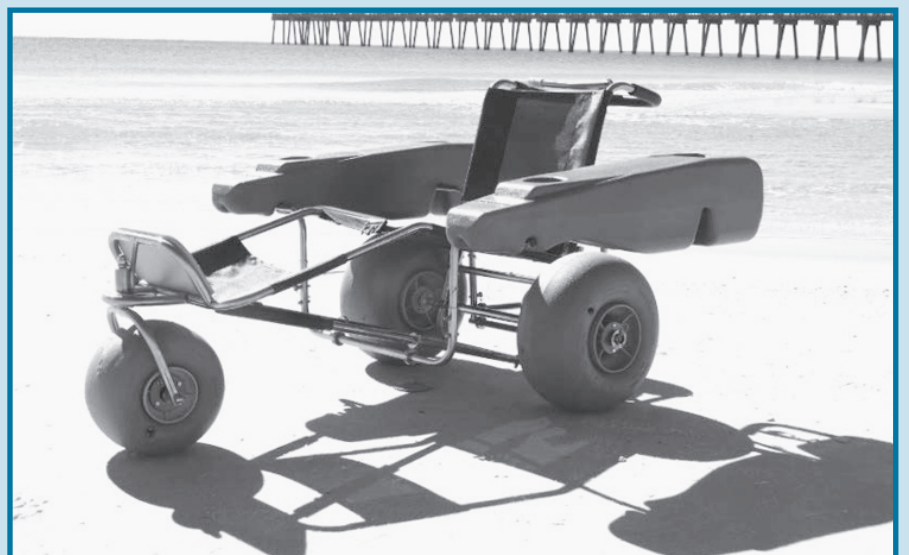
At Goose Rocks Beach/Tides Resort

Did you know that the Parks & Recreation Department has a new beach wheelchair available to the public for rent? The Chamber has graciously donated a new chair that can also go into the water! The cost is \$15 per day and can be reserved at kennebunkportrec.com. Rentals begin on

May 6 but reservations can be made now. The Beach wheelchair is stored at the Tides Beach Club and can be picked up there for use at Goose Rocks Beach. Thank you to The Tides for their partnership in making this available to the community and guests. If you have any questions, please call the Recreation Department at 207-967-4304.

How to reserve:

- Head to the Recreation Department website at www.kennebunkportrec.com and either log in to your account or create an account.
- Click on the link in the button on the home page regarding the Beach Wheelchair.



TENNIS/PICKLEBALL COURTS

Nets are up!

Last summer our courts were resurfaced and painted. We now have pickleball lines and tennis lines on the courts. Courts are reserved for pickleball on Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays from 8:00am – 11:00am. All other times are first come first served. We offer lessons and clinics throughout the season, visit our website at www.kennebunkportrec.com frequently as new classes are posted all the time.



SUSTAINABILITY SERIES

Call for instructors

The Parks & Recreation Department has started a series of programs and classes exploring sustainability. We had a great turn out on May 3 when Master Beekeeper, Peter Richardson, led an introductory program on beekeeping, So You Want to be a Beekeeper? Now, we are looking for community members who would like to share their sustainable practices. Do you compost and want to share how it is done? How about vegetable gardening, water conservation or solar energy? Contact us to see how to share your passion and talents with the community. You can reach out at 207-967-4304 or ssimpson@kennebunkportme.gov with your idea.