



# KENNEBUNKPORT Town Review

A newsletter for the residents of Kennebunkport

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## Graves Library turns 100

By Mary-Lou Boucouvalas, Library Director

This is a milestone year for the Louis T. Graves Memorial Public Library. In 1813, the Federal-style brick building located at 18 Maine Street was built to house the Kennebunk Bank in Arundel. Shortly thereafter, the Customs District was installed on the second floor. After the Bank's charter was revoked in 1831, the property was purchased by the United States Government for use as a Customs House. When the Customs District was eliminated in Kennebunkport in 1913, Mrs. Anne Talbot leased the property to begin a new chapter of our history conducting business as the public library. We are a memorial library because Mr. and Mrs. Abbott Graves officially purchased the building from the government in 1920 to pay ongoing tribute to their deceased son, Louis T. Graves.

It is our philosophy that a library that focuses on community does so by providing books and other materials to residents and visitors; offers meeting spaces for community groups; facilitates people to work on community projects; holds events of interest; archives local records, artifacts, and memoirs and memorabilia; and organizes displays and exhibits of materials of local interest. We do our part to provide all of these things to the residents of Kennebunkport and neighboring cities and towns throughout the year. On any given day, we offer a variety of projects and programs such as after school events, outreach to preschools, day-cares and assisted living facilities, classroom visits, a delivery program for shut-ins, weekly story time,

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Graves Library in the 1960s.

## Goose Rocks Beach update

Beach Advisory Committee hard at work

By Larry S. Mead, Town Manager

The Beach Advisory Committee (BAC) has been meeting monthly since December in anticipation of the 2013 beach season. The BAC was created as a result of the Beach Use Ordinance, which was passed by Kennebunkport residents in a vote last August. The general purpose of the BAC is to work in an advisory role with the Board of Selectmen to provide guidance in the management of the beach premises in accordance with the Beach Use Ordinance so that all can enjoy Goose Rocks Beach. The members of the BAC are: Bob Sherman (Chair), Richard Driver (Vice-Chair), Beth Ramsey (Secretary), Meg Barry, Stuart Barwise, Paul Hogan, Katie Nixon and Mike Weston.

In its early work, the BAC has addressed a number of topics including: summer staffing levels, review of existing ordinances, guidelines and rules when using the beach, parking on Kings Highway, protection of plovers, signage and information. A communications subcommittee developed a new brochure to provide to renters, visitors, and those buying parking passes with helpful information about how to best use and enjoy Goose Rocks Beach. The committee also designed new informational signage and established a webpage on the Town's website. Among other things, the webpage houses archived committee minutes, committee members' contact information, and access to

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## Promotion at police department

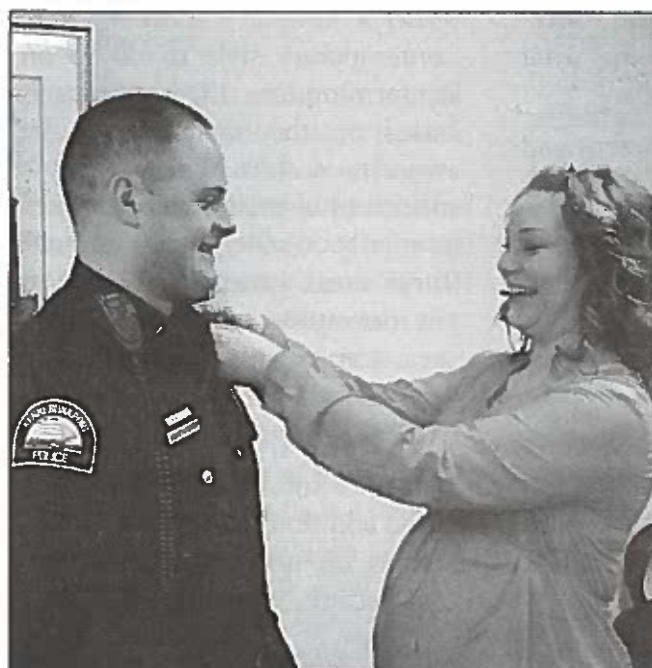
By Craig Sanford, Police Chief

With the recent retirement of long-time police department employee Steven Shisler, the department was left with a vacant supervisor position. The department then came up with a process which required eligible candidates to submit a resume,

write a 500 word essay, read five college level textbooks, successfully pass a written test, and participate in an oral interview.

After tabulating all scores, Officer Mark Vaughan was selected for promotion to Sergeant. On March 8, 2013, a pinning ceremony was held at the police station where his wife Cassie pinned the new sergeant stripes on his collar.

Mark has been with the Kennebunkport Police Department since 2005. He will be responsible for supervision of personnel during the evening and mid-night patrol shifts.



Officer Vaughan's wife pinning on his new stripes.

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# Question 3: new solid waste contract prompts ordinance changes

By Larry S. Mead, Town Manager

Question 3 on the ballot updates the Town's Solid Waste Ordinance in light of the recent closing of the trash-to-energy plant operated by the Maine Energy Recovery Corporation (MERC) in Biddeford. The City of Biddeford, after many years of debate, made the decision to purchase the facility, which sits in the center of the downtown. While the original goal of generating energy from trash was a laudable environmental initiative, there were ongoing concerns about odors and noise from what was unquestionably a dominant presence in Biddeford's business district.

As a result of the closing of MERC, the Town, along with 12 other York County communities, negotiated a new contract with Casella Waste Management, Inc. and Pine Tree Waste, Inc. for the disposal of the Town's municipal solid waste. The new contract retains the term of the MERC contract through 2025, but does so at a much lower cost to the Town's taxpayers. Over the 13-year contract, taxpayers will save over \$1,000,000 as a result of reduced tipping fees. This year's proposed budget results in a reduction of \$33,000, or 7%. Effective this past January, the Town's trash hauler, Oceanside Rubbish, now transports the trash to a Westbrook transfer station. Casella's intention is to dispose of the trash at the Juniper Ridge municipal landfill in Old Town.

The Solid Waste Ordinance is amended to reflect the new contract with Casella and Pine Tree Waste.

## Question 1: building character

Out with the old, in with the new?

By Werner Gilliam, Town Planner

Building styles and architecture have always been contested and discussed issues in Kennebunkport. As a town, we have struggled with the overwhelming desire to protect our traditional coastal New England architecture, yet also respect a property owner's freedom of choice in deciding what their home should look like.

In response to these concerns and following guidance provided in the Comprehensive Plan, both the Growth Planning Committee and the Planning Board are supporting the proposed warrant article which provides some basic architectural guidelines which intend to preserve the character of building appearance and style in Kennebunkport's older established neighborhoods.

By placing the proposed language below in Article 8 of the Land Use

Ordinance that deals with nonconforming lots, it will ensure that building replacement, new construction or substantial renovations will keep in character with neighboring properties. It also allows for those who wish to construct a home in a more modern, contemporary style to do so on conforming lots. The reasoning is based on the analysis that the majority of older homes of classic architectural styles tend to exist primarily on older undersized lots. These areas generally encompass the downtown village residential area, Cape Porpoise, and Goose Rocks Beach.

New construction, replacement or substantial renovation and additions to existing structures on nonconforming lots of record: Structures shall be

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## Town of Kennebunkport Annual Town Meeting June 11 and 15, 2013

### 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 11th day of June, AD 2013, at 8:00 a.m.** for the purpose of acting on Articles numbered 1 and 1a and Questions 1 through 3 (Election of Officers and Referendum Questions) 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 11, 2013, and shall close at 8:00 p.m.

The continuation of said meeting will be held in the **auditorium of the Consolidated School, 25 School Street, in said Town on Saturday, the 15th day of June AD 2013, at 9:00 a.m.** for the purposes of acting on Articles numbered 2 through 59 (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 United States Post Office, Temple Street; Atlantic Hall, Main Street, Cape Porpoise; Louis T. Graves Memorial Library, Maine Street; Goose Rocks Beach Fire Company, Winter Harbor Road; and at the Town Offices, 6 Elm Street.

Copies of the Warrant and the proposed new ordinance and ordinance amendments can be viewed on the Town's website at [www.kennebunkportme.gov](http://www.kennebunkportme.gov).

A copy of the Town Report can be picked up at the Town Offices, 6 Elm Street, Bradbury Brothers Market, Main Street, Cape Porpoise and Graves Memorial Library, 18 Maine Street.

April Dufoe  
Town Clerk

## Registrar of Voters holds evening hours for June election

By April Dufoe, Town Clerk

The Kennebunkport Town Clerk/Registrar of Voters will hold evening hours at the Kennebunkport Town Hall on Wednesday, June 5, 2013, from 4:30 - 6:30 P.M. to conduct absentee voting, to register any person eligible to vote and to accept any enrollment/address changes.

## Absentee ballots now available for June Town Meeting

By April Dufoe, Town Clerk

Absentee ballots are now available at the Kennebunkport Town Clerk's Office for the upcoming Annual Town Meeting Election to be held Tuesday, June 11, 2013, at the Village Fire Station, on 32 North Street, in Kennebunkport. Because of a new law that went into effect on September 28, 2011, **THE LAST DAY TO OBTAIN A "NO EXCUSE" ABSENTEE BALLOT FOR THIS ELECTION IS THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 2013.** If you have any questions about absentee voting or about this election, please call the Town Clerk at 967-4243 ext. 110.



## Question 2: Comprehensive Plan updates complete

By Werner Gilliam, Town Planner

In 2006 under the guidance of Jamie Houtz, the Growth Planning Committee set about the task of performing a complete review and rewrite of the Comprehensive Plan. The Plan had last been approved in its entirety by the voters in 1996. Two subsequent rewrites done in 2003 and 2005 did not receive voter approval. While there were differing opinions as to what exactly led to the rejection of the '03 and '05 plans, it was decided that the plan should be revised and approved by the voters on a chapter by chapter basis, allowing voters the opportunity to address specific issues. Throughout this process over the last seven years, two things have become apparent:

- A Comprehensive Plan should not be seen as a finished document; but instead, should be treated as a living document constantly being reviewed and used as the guiding influence for town ordinances and policies.

- The direction and future of Kennebunkport requires input and involvement from a diverse cross section of its citizens via volunteer boards such as the Growth Planning Committee. Without the dedicated hours of input and direction from current and past Board members, this document would not be what it is today.

I would like to applaud and thank this Board for their hard work and dedication in being part of the long-term planning process for Kennebunkport.

As we look to the future, 2013 has placed the Growth Planning Committee in the role of implementing specific goals identified in the plan and developing strategies to ensure that those goals are met. We are always actively looking for volunteers to be a part of the planning process. Those interested in being considered should contact Arlene McMurray at 967-4243, ext. 107.

## FEMA maps round 2: town prepares to appeal

By Werner Gilliam, Town Planner

On June 9, 2009, the Federal Emergency Management Agency presented the Town with preliminary copies of the recently revised Flood Insurance Study report and Flood Insurance Rate maps. This study and the accompanying maps become the basis for Kennebunkport's Floodplain Management Ordinance. The Town must adopt these revisions in order to remain qualified for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

Many of you may recall that the 2009 preliminary maps were rescinded due to an overwhelming number of municipal appeals in both York and Cumberland County. FEMA responded by offering up the RISK Map program to municipalities as an alternate process with which to proceed. In April of 2011, Kennebunkport appealed to FEMA under the RISK Mapping process with a lengthy list of issues. One of the principal issues included the factual inaccuracies of inland floodplain areas. As part of the RISK Map process, the Town commissioned a study by Ransom Environmental to map our inland floodplain areas and provided that information to FEMA.

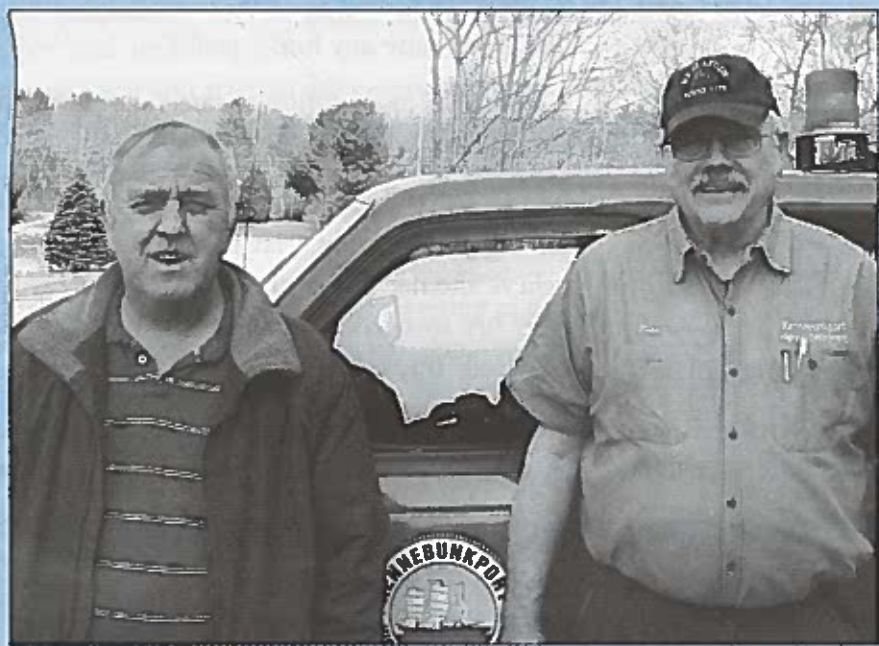
Town staff and our consulting engineers have since been able to review preliminary paper work maps that

FEMA intends to release in May of this year. While some of the issues that prompted the first appeal have been rectified, many others have not been addressed. In addition, FEMA is proposing substantial elevation increases specifically in the Kennebunk River and the Goose Rocks Beach area. Based on this initial review with these dramatic changes, the Town is preparing yet another appeal.

These issues along with substantial changes brought about by the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012 will dramatically affect the cost of flood insurance policies.

Property owners who believe that they may be in a floodplain are urged to read the Flood Insurance Reform Act timeline and points documents available on the Town of Kennebunkport's webpage. These documents are located under: Departments: Planning Department: FEMA Preliminary Maps and Info. or [http://www.kennebunkportme.gov/Public\\_Documents/KennebunkportME\\_Code/FEMAPrelimMaps/](http://www.kennebunkportme.gov/Public_Documents/KennebunkportME_Code/FEMAPrelimMaps/)

Once digital files showing the proposed floodplain boundaries become available, affected property owners will be notified as to how they can view this information.



## Two retiring from highway department

By Larry S. Mead

Highway Superintendent John Hirst, left, and Town Mechanic Russ Welch, will be retiring this spring; Russ on May 31 and John on June 30. Russ came to the Town in 2000. His skill in repair and salvage, and his attention to detail has saved the Town tens of thousands of dollars many times over. He has agreed to continue half-time as Town Mechanic.

John completed 25 years of service last year, and has been Highway Superintendent since 2001. His knowledge of the Town's roads and related infrastructure is invaluable and cannot be replaced. He is as dedicated an employee as can be found. After countless late nights and early mornings in a job that never really stops, he will finally have a chance to sleep in when the snow is flying.

Thank you John and Russ and best wishes to both of you!

## Graves turns 100

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craft workshops, special holiday events, parenting programs, homework help, an extensive summer reading program, author visits, and over 35,000 items of relevant reading materials, movies, puzzles, and magazines, etc.

Special highlights of our centennial plans will be a public reception to launch Joyce Butler's new history book entitled *Kennebunkport: the Evolution of an American Town* at The Colony Hotel on June 23. At that reception, we will present the Joyce Butler Student Historian Award to a 4th grade student from Consolidated School. Another book project underwritten by Biddeford Savings Bank is a pictorial of the storybook murals painted by Louis Norton in 1930 called *Magical Murals*. The proceeds from these publications will create

income for the library and help significantly with our fundraising efforts in the years to come. This year's Flower Show "100 Years in Bloom" will be held on August 4 at the library. The categories of flower arrangements and a 10 x 10 art auction will be inspired by the various paintings of Abbott Graves.

The changes that have confronted us since 1913 have been quite remarkable. We hope that we can continue to provide excellent services for another 100 years. We thank the residents of Kennebunkport for continuing to help support our efforts. We encourage you to check in with us at [www.graveslibrary.org](http://www.graveslibrary.org), on Facebook, our Library Blog, or better yet, come in, and experience what is going on at "your" community library.



# Farewell and welcome

By Audrey Williamson

Often at year's end people proclaim, out with the old, in with the new! We at the Town Hall could make that proclamation for 2013, specifically regarding the change of faces in the Deputy Town Clerk position. (Disclaimer: the use of "old" is nothing but respectful.) After eight years on the job, Barbara Barwise retired as Deputy Town Clerk on December 31, 2012. On January 3, 2013, Regina Tibbetts took her place, becoming the new kid on the block and the youngest staff member in the building.

It was tough to see Barbara (or as I call her, Babs) go. She has a sharp wit with a warm and caring nature and she rolls her eyes at the right times. She also has an unparalleled knowledge of local history, garnered from 37 years of residing in town, combined with a passion for history in general and from working for the Kennebunkport Historical Society for six years, as well as being a volunteer walking tour guide in the Village and Cape Arundel areas of town. And then there is the wisdom that can directly correlate with the number of years a being walks on this planet, or as she said, "By being OLD!"

I asked Babs what her biggest challenge had been. Her reply centered on meeting the varying demands of the position—the morning could start with issuing a marriage license, followed by a voter registration or perhaps selling a clam, fishing or hunting license. As the day continued, a birth certificate or sadly a death certificate could be issued, then a dog licensed, followed by selling a recycle bin. In between her "regular" duties, she spent hours researching Town historical records to help with the Goose Rocks Beach lawsuit.

This leads to the single event that will stand forefront in Barbara's memory during her time as Deputy Town Clerk—the pain that the Goose Rocks Beach lawsuit created in town. 'Nuff said. The saddest events during her tenure were the sudden illness and death of Anita Troegner and the devastating death of Mat Lanigan.

Now Babs is enjoying catching up on her reading, puttering in the garden, and taking long walks with Sammie the Dog on Goose Rocks Beach. She is sweet enough to say that she misses working with us every day. Hmmmm... Beach, work. Beach, work... I *almost* believe her. She wants to extend a huge thank you to April Dufoe for all of the things she has taught her and for the friendship that evolved from their time spent together.

And now, introducing Regina Tibbetts! She was completing an internship in the Kennebunk Town Clerk's office when word reached April about what a great job she was doing. She interviewed for the Deputy Town Clerk position and, as she said, she was "lucky enough to join our team." She lives in Scarborough and has an Associates degree in Business Administration. Her past work experience includes a position in retail at the Maine Mall, being a nanny, and crafting coffee as a barista. In her free time, she is a gluten-and-dairy-free chef, and she loves to plan parties. She is an enthusiastic athlete—she works out, plays tennis, snowboards and skates. She also has a gift for shopping.

I asked Regina several questions for us all to get to know the "real" Regina better:

Q: If you had to pack just three books to travel with you throughout your life, what would they be?

A: East of Eden, Pride & Prejudice and The Good Earth

Q: Why is East of Eden your #1 book?

A: I love Steinbeck's writing and his exaggeratedly flawed characters; they all strive to survive one way or another, and their ability to choose their moral path is an interesting theme that runs through the book.

Q: Where is your favorite travel spot so far? Dream trip(s)?

A: Favorite is Quebec City. Love the old town and



Regina Tibbetts and Barbara Barwise

boardwalk. Dream spots are Italy, Scotland and Highclere Castle (film site of Downton Abbey).

Q: What has been your biggest challenge since joining Team Town Hall?

A: "Hands down, without a doubt, it's been a huge adjustment trying to drink the Keurig K-cup coffee. Having an 'espresso' background, I struggle with the hum-drum flavor of the Keurig." (I love this answer!)

Q: Between your gift for shopping and retail employment, can you offer up some shopping tips?

A: Regina has lots of excellent smart shopping tips, but space restrictions do not allow me to print them. Maybe an article for a future newsletter??

Q: Do you have any future goals?

A: "I'd love to continue a career in municipal government."

I asked Barbara if she had any words of wisdom for Regina. Her reply, "Having met Regina, I don't believe she needs any of my advice, but I would offer her to be adaptable. You never know who will walk through the door or what your next assignment will be."

Sage words from our old friend to our new one.

## Kennebunkport fire department upgrades its trucks

By Dick Stedman, Fire Administrator

The Port Village Fire Company took delivery of Ladder 14 in late 1975, making it one of the first modern aerial ladder trucks along the Southern Maine seacoast. The vehicle was essentially a high volume pumper truck with a 50' ladder and "Tele-Squirt" elevated waterway.

It did not take long for firefighters to test its capabilities. Just three weeks later, early on the morning of December 22, 1975, the new truck responded to a large fire at the former Kenneth Roberts estate, "Rocky Pasture." The availability of Ladder 14 helped to minimize the damage to

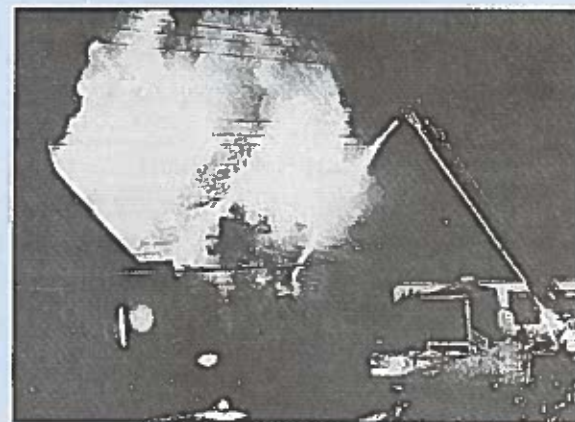
the famous structure.

This would be just the first of many large fires to which Ladder 14 would respond. Among the most well known incidents were the Pig and Saddle building on Ocean Avenue in 1978 and the Grist Mill Restaurant in 1994. News photos of the era inevitably showed Ladder 14 in operation battling these major fires.

As the years passed, however, the design of fire apparatus changed significantly, becoming safer for firefighters and having much greater firefighting capabilities. In Kennebunkport, more advanced ladder

trucks were acquired by other Kennebunkport fire companies through the Kitredge Family Fire Equipment Fund. Old Ladder 14 began to be utilized less frequently, eventually serving primarily for training. Finding repair parts for the old truck had also become an issue, so in 2012 it was taken out of service after 37 years.

The Port Village Fire Company expressed an interest in donating a



Kennebunkport firefighters use Ladder 14 to battle a large fire at the Pig and Saddle Shop on Ocean Avenue in January 1978.

replacement vehicle for Ladder 14—the Town and department. Company President Tim Good worked w



# Kennebunkport public health

By Judy Barrett R.N., B.S.

Wow!! What a long, cold and snowy winter we have experienced this year. Now that the days are warming, we are starting to spruce up our homes and yards. Each year, over 100 Maine children are poisoned by lead dust. This most common cause of poisoning is preventable. Most children diagnosed with lead poisoning are under 3 years old. Exposure to lead can lead to learning disabilities, behavior problems, hearing damage, speech delays and decreased intelligence. According to the 2010 census, Kennebunkport has 2,918 homes. One thousand nine hundred sixty were built before 1978. Homes built before 1978 have the highest possibility of lead dust in the environment. Lead dust can be found inside your home as well as in your foundation gardens. Kennebunkport Public Health and Healthy Coastal Communities Coalition are offering informational packets. Contact the Public Health Department, and we will deliver a packet to your home. For FREE wipe kits and a 10 minute video, contact the CDC State Lab-207-287-8014. Please help us keep your children, grandchildren and guests safe from lead poisoning. Preventing lead poisoning is a major State of Maine Public Health focus area for 2013.

**Well water test day:** Kennebunkport has over 1,000 households relying on a well for their water supply. It is strongly recommended by the Department of Health and Human Services Well Water Division that you have your water supply tested periodically for bacteria, radon, arsenic, copper and lead. Suggested test schedule: dug well every year and artesian wells every three years. Again, this year on June 8, we are offering Kennebunkport residents only, reduced rates on Well Water Test Day with Nelson Analytical laboratory.

Pick up an info packet and sample kit either at the Public Health Office or in the Police Department lobby. Follow the quick and simple directions for obtaining the sample. Then deliver it to 32 North Street between 9:00 and 11:00 AM on June 8. All

results are confidential between you and the lab. This simple step can have a huge impact on the health of your family.

Speaking of wells, 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 and can effect your or your neighbor's well water supply if there is even a tiny crack or break in the system. Please read the directions and use these products sparingly and only if all other methods have failed.

**Healthy Maine beach program:** Kennebunkport will participate in the Healthy Maine Beach Program again this summer. From Memorial Day-Labor Day, trained volunteers and town staff will be collecting water samples for enterococci bacteria and cite specific data weekly. Results and history of our participation in this program are posted on the Town of Kennebunkport's homepage under the yellow "Water Quality" tab. There has been no change in the EPA exceedance level of 104 enterococci (an indicator of fecal contamination) before an advisory is posted. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact the Public Health Department.

**Stuff the bus:** Help us fill the Parks and Recreation bus with nonperishable food and household/personal supplies on Election Day, June 11. The number of requests for food assistance does not diminish during the summer. When school is out and children do not receive the free or reduced rate breakfasts and lunches, requests actually increase. 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.

**Bag lunches for children:** Every Tuesday and Thursday, during July and August, Church

Community Outreach Services and Community Harvest volunteers are providing bag lunches for any child in the RSU 21 District who is in need. Please contact the Public Health Department to register for this program. Any household in need of food assistance is encouraged to contact the Public Health Department-967-4401.

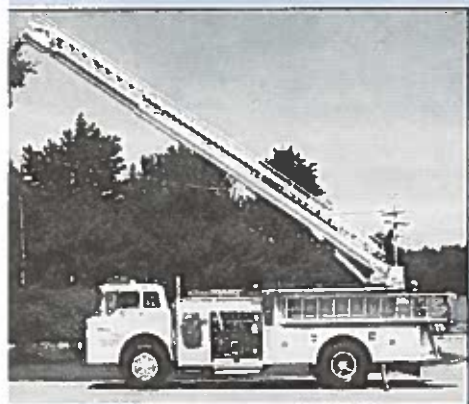
**Time change for fresh produce-baked goods pantry:** Free fresh produce and baked goods are available every Friday morning, at 11 AM, at Saint Martha's Church, Route One, Kennebunk.

**BINGO Party:** On June 20, from 1:30-3:30 PM, the members of the Kennebunkport Health Council would like to invite you to an afternoon of BINGO and refreshments.

**Drugs and sharps disposal:** Did you miss the statewide TAKE BACK THE DRUGS DAY? The Kennebunkport Police Department accepts prescription, over-the-counter, and pet medications year round. Please bring these items to Kennebunkport's secured collection box located in the Police Department's lobby. We will insure that they are disposed of safely. Do not dispose of them in your trash. Medications flushed down your toilet or sink can have an adverse effect on a septic system as well as leach into our streams and rivers. Please deliver your sharps to the Public Health Department for safe disposal.

**Nursing Services:** If you find that you are in need of nursing care or have a health/welfare related question, Kennebunkport Public Health can help. The nursing staff provides skilled nursing care for our residents and guests 365 days per year. We can visit you in your home or if you prefer, at our office. Remember, we have the FREE durable medical equipment closet (LOAN CLOSET) if you find that you are in need of crutches, a walker, commode or shower chair.

*Kennebunkport Public Health is a department of the Town of Kennebunkport. Our services are covered under your town taxes.*



Old Kennebunkport Ladder 14.

Fire Chief Allan Moir to determine what type of vehicle might best serve the Fire Department's needs in place of Ladder 14. With the other ladder trucks used by the department being more than adequate, it was decided to explore the purchase of a rescue squad vehicle, a type of vehicle not operated by the department in many

years. The purpose of the rescue squad being primarily to consolidate the department's various items of technical rescue equipment into a single vehicle for a more efficient response.

Good and the Port Village Company membership researched a variety of available trucks, both new and used and eventually located a lightly used rescue squad vehicle in Pennsylvania. The truck seemed to be exactly what the department was seeking, and was available in a price range that would allow the Port Village Fire Company to acquire the truck using funds from the Clifford Seavey Trust maintained by the Company. Moreover, the Pennsylvania dealer was willing to take old Ladder 14 in

trade! So, just a few weeks later, new Squad 11 arrived in Kennebunkport.

Squad 11 is a 2006 Ford F550 4-wheel drive chassis with a Pierce custom rescue body. Being prepared for service as this is written, the truck will have radios installed, have Kennebunkport Fire Department lettering added, and the equipment carefully placed aboard within the next few weeks. Among the most important items of equipment it will carry will be the "jaws of life," lifting air bags and other vehicle extrication tools that were donated to the

department by the Goose Rocks Beach Fire Company in recent years.

In addition to motor vehicle accidents, Squad 11 will be equipped for a variety of technical rescue situations as well as carrying special RIT

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New Kennebunkport Squad 11.



# Kennebunkport Parks & Recreation Summer 2013



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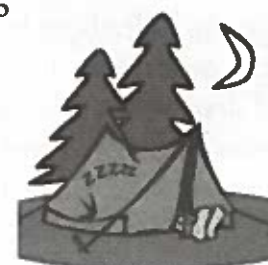


## Summer Day Camp

Entering grades K- 8  
June 24-Aug 16: regular 8:30-4:30\*  
\*7:30-5:30 available for \$10/week/family  
Full-time, half-day, or part-time possible  
\$560 for full 8 weeks of FUN  
Includes field trips, special events, camp-wide activities or \$20/day plus trip expenses, etc.  
You won't believe what we pack into a day!

## Outdoor Adventure

Entering grades 7-9  
8 weeks: June 24-Aug 16  
\$650 Mon-Wed or  
\$700 Mon-Fri  
Max. 13 participants



## Van Adventures

Grades 5-8  
Details coming soon



## Swim Lessons

Mondays: 9:00-12:00 (noon)  
July 8-August 12  
Ages 5-12  
Cost: \$65/participant  
Transportation provided from Consolidated School to the Biddeford YMCA

## Street Hockey

Fridays, July 12-Aug 9  
1:00; Grades 3 and up  
Cost: \$25/player

## Arundel Barn Family Night

SHREK, the Musical  
\$50/family of 4 • Details TBA

## Discount Tickets to:

Funtown/Splashtown,  
Water Country, and Aquaboggin

## "Little Rascals"

For ages 3-4  
Same times as Summer Day Camp  
Minimum: 10 participants  
Cost: \$25/day,  
\$90/week, or \$575/8 weeks  
half day: please call for rates



## Bike Club

Wednesdays- 1:00-3:30  
July 10-August 14  
Ages 9 & Up  
Cost: \$25/participant  
Leader: Helena Brook

## Archery

Wednesdays, July 10-Aug. 14  
Intermediate: 9:00-10:00  
Beginner: 11:00-12:00  
\$25/participant



## Youth Golf

Cape Arundel Golf Club  
August 5, 6, & 7  
Ages 6-9: 2:00-3:15 PM  
Ages 10 & Up: 3:30-4:45 PM  
Cost: \$60/participant



## Youth Kayaking

Tide dependent  
7/9, 7/23, 7/24, 8/6, 8/7  
Ages 10-14  
Strong swimmers only  
\$25/per session  
\$60/3 sessions  
Instructor: Bill Junker  
Registered Maine Guide

## "Last Days of Summer"

Post-camp week  
August 19-23  
8:00 AM-5:00 PM  
All field trips  
Cost: \$95



## Time to ride

By Craig Sanford, Police Chief

As we work toward shaking off the cold winter months, bike riders and pedestrians hit the narrow streets of Kennebunkport. The Kennebunkport Police Department would like to remind everyone using the roadways to use caution either as a vehicle operator or bike rider.

Bike riders are required to ride on the right side of the road and are required to follow all traffic direction and control devices including stop signs. Courtesy as a bike rider and a vehicle

operator are essential to road safety.

Parents are reminded that children under the age of 16 are required to wear a helmet on any public way either operating a bike or riding as a passenger. All bike riders are required to have a light (front and back) and reflective material when riding at night.

Our community continues to grow and will become very busy in the warm summer



months. We hope everyone enjoying Kennebunkport's many beautiful outdoor activities does so with care and respect for all.



# Kennebunkport Parks & Recreation

## Summer Day Camp

Our day camp will open on June 24 and run through August 16 with programs and activities for pre-school through 8th grade. Compare our program, our flexibility, and our price with anyone, and you'll be amazed at what we can do. Join us as we "Build the Citizen of Tomorrow."

## Summer Youth Programs

If you are not interested in day camp but have a child looking for activity this summer, consider any of our special program opportunities. We will offer swim lessons, bike club, a totally revitalized tennis program (thanks to a \$1,000 grant just received from the USTA), archery, kayak adventures, youth golf lessons at Cape Arundel Golf Club, and ...

## Disc Golf

We are working with a company called Explore Disc Golf, out of Amherst, MA to establish a 6-hole introductory course in the wooded area immediately adjacent to the Parsons Field beside Consolidated School.

## Park Renamed

Beachwood Park has been renamed to honor the hard work and dedication of the Portside Rotary Club over the past several

years. They have donated time, energy, and funds to renovate the park, and their pledge for continued efforts prompted the change. Much has been done already, but 2013 promises a new sign at the entrance, work on a trailhead to eventually meet the Tyler Brook trail of the Kennebunkport Conservation Trust, and continued fundraising toward a restroom facility at the park.

## Adult Golf Lessons

A series of four lessons from PGA golf pro Ken Raynor will teach the game from A to Z. They will run 5:30-7:00 PM on May 29 and 30, June 5 and 6. The cost is \$90/participant; space is limited. Don't miss this fantastic opportunity; call 967-4304 for further details and registration information.

## Trip Opportunities for Adults

We have planned trips to musical productions, theatrical performances, gardens, historical sites, and more. Check cable channel 2 or our website for details.

FMI: 967-4304

[www.kennebunkportme.gov](http://www.kennebunkportme.gov)

click on "Recreation News"



Goose Rocks Beach brochure and signs -  
Designed by Bethany Jourdan

## Goose Rocks Beach parking stickers

If you are planning to visit Goose Rocks Beach, parking stickers are required for daily parking between the hours of 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. from the beginning of Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend.

Four options are available for purchasing Goose Rocks Beach parking stickers. You may purchase them at the town office from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.; the police department 24 hours/7 days a week; the General Store at Goose Rocks or through the mail. If you wish to purchase stickers through the mail, please call the town office at 967-4243 to request a form. Besides the form, you will also need a check payable to the Town of Kennebunkport and a photocopy of the vehicle registration for each sticker required.

In order to buy a Kennebunkport taxpayer parking sticker for \$5, you must either pay property or excise tax to the Town.

Nonresident parking stickers are: \$12 for daily, \$50 for weekly, and \$100 for the season. Buying a sticker does not guarantee a place to park.

## Goose Rocks Beach update

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the Beach Use Ordinance as well as the Beach Use Agreement.

To access the BAC webpage, go to [kennebunkportme.gov](http://kennebunkportme.gov); click on "Appointed Boards" on the grey tab to the left; then click on Beach Advisory Committee. Please note at the bottom right of the page you will find a way to subscribe to GRB news. Click on "E-Mail Subscriber" tab, add your name and e-mail, and be SURE to check GRB Committee News. All meetings are televised and open to the public. Meetings can also be viewed live online, or viewed online at a later date. To access online viewing, visit the Town's website and click on the "Online Meetings" tab.

The Beach Advisory Committee meeting will hold meetings at the Goose Rocks Fire Station in July and August. Details will be available this summer.

### Law court to hear appeal of lower court ruling

York County Superior Court Justice G. Arthur Brennan ruled in favor of the Town in finding that the public

had established a right to the recreational use of Goose Rocks Beach in its entirety. Judge Brennan's October decision followed a three-week trial at which a stream of residents testified that they had been using the beach routinely, and without objection, for scores of years. While this decision in favor of the residents of Kennebunkport was a huge victory, the final outcome remains to be decided by the Maine Law Court, which will consider the merits of the plaintiff's appeal of the lower court judgment. The Law Court has established a briefing schedule for written submissions due in early August. While no dates have been established, it is likely that oral arguments would take place in front of the Law Court in the fall, with a decision coming from the court either later in 2013 or in early 2014. Transcripts of the August Superior Court trial are available on the Town's GRB litigation website. Written briefs to the Law Court will also be placed on the website.

## Building character

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designed to conform with the same architectural style as the original building or a design that is comparable to the majority of structures in the immediate neighborhood. In addition, the principal (50% or more of the gross roof area) roof design shall be one or more of the below mentioned styles:

Gable, hip, cross gable, multi-gable, mansard or gambrel. Shed roofs and flat roofs (pitches of 3.12 or less) shall be primarily confined to porches and rear additions and shall not constitute more than 50% of the actual roof area.

Interior renovations involving existing structures that do not comply with this section need not comply with the above mentioned requirements.

Requirements dictated by other laws (including but not limited to: DEP Sand Dune Requirements or Floodplain Management Ordinance) shall not be considered when evaluating architectural style.

Property owners having questions regarding this warrant article are encouraged to call Werner Gilliam at 967-4243 ext. 102 or e-mail [wgilliam@kennebunkportme.gov](mailto:wgilliam@kennebunkportme.gov)



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# Overview of proposed fiscal year 2014 municipal budget

By Larry S. Mead, Town Manager

The fiscal year 2014 budget proposal maintains the current level of municipal services to residents and property owners. The operating budget of \$6.5 million increased by \$53,939, or just less than 1%. The Capital Outlay budget presents an increase of 39% in the amount of \$361,130. When combined, the total fiscal year 2014 budget is 5.6% above fiscal year 2013 in the amount of \$415,569.

On the operating side of the budget, there are several noteworthy items:

Expense Categories	2013 Approved Budget	Town Manager	2014 Increase (Decrease)	% Diff
Personnel salaries	2,499,712	2,656,175	156,463	6.26%
Staff retirement and health	1,057,711	1,069,877	10,310	0.97%
Staff development & education	87,585	97,129	9,544	10.90%
Utilities	257,489	265,519	8,030	3.12%
Legal	385,000	235,000	(150,000)	-38.96%
Waste disposal	473,203	440,820	(32,383)	-6.84%
Contracted services	210,806	216,560	5,754	2.73%
Insurance	139,048	145,284	6,236	4.48%
Vehicle Fuel	98,575	98,275	(300)	-0.30%
Road maintenance supplies	90,500	92,500	2,000	2.21%
Supplies	133,784	138,920	246	0.18%
Repairs & maintenance	97,148	108,948	11,800	12.15%
Debt service	407,401	322,139	(85,262)	-20.93%
Outside Agencies	275,836	284,231	8,395	3.04%
Other expenses	182,345	277,705	95,360	52.30%
Social Services	22,900	23,900	1,000	4.37%
Capital Outlay	911,070	1,272,200	361,130	39.64%
Totals	7,330,113	7,745,182	408,323	5.57%

The employee health insurance plan has been restructured to achieve significant cost savings while maintaining a high quality of insurance benefits for employees. The proposed budget is \$100,000 lower than it would have been without this change, which includes a policy that is 19% less expensive than the former policy, increases the employee's share of the policy cost by 70% in this budget, and increases the employee's share by an additional 25% in the fiscal year 2015 budget. These changes, which have been negotiated as part of the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Town's unionized employees, will provide continuing cost savings to taxpayers in the years ahead.

Three separate Town Departments deal with land use issues: Code Enforcement, Assessing, and Planning. As part of this budget, the three departments are reorganized under unified management. A new position of Director of Planning and Development is pro-

posed to oversee the combined department. Organizationally, it is more efficient and more cohesive to have one management position responsible for land use issues. All three offices are functionally inter-related, in addition to being physically located in the same office space at Town Office. The three functions share administrative support, benefit from shared record keeping and data management, and benefit from coordinating customer service. Maine's recent adoption of a uniform building code (MUBEC) has created new standards of training, certification, and record-keeping that municipalities must adhere to. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will introduce new flood plain standards in 2014 that will have wide-ranging effects on a large proportion of Kennebunkport's properties. The increasing complexity and rapid pace of change in land use regulations and law make it more important than ever to have clear accountability. This reorgani-

zation accomplishes that.

The progression of the litigation over Goose Rocks Beach allows for a reduction in the proposed legal budget of \$150,000. It is unknown, pending a decision by the Maine Law Court, whether a second trial related to title pleadings will take place. The level of expenditures in fiscal year 2014 is dependent on that ruling. The budget reduction in the legal budget was offset by a requested allocation of \$126,000 to the Goose Rocks Beach reserve fund, which was approved by voters at the August 2012 election enacting the Beach Use Ordinance.

The capital outlay budget increase is attributable to the proposed expenditure of \$600,000 for road improvements. An analysis of the Town's expenditures over the past 30 years documents the need for a sustained annual investment in the Town's roads. The fact is that asphalt is petroleum based, and the dramatic increase in oil prices over many years means that significant-

ly more dollars are required to keep roads in good repair.

Nonproperty tax revenues are projected to increase by 7.3%, in large measure due to proposed increases in building permit fees. As a result, the net municipal tax commitment, after accounting for nonproperty tax revenues is projected to increase 5.3%, resulting in a 14 cent increase to the municipal tax rate (currently \$2.72/\$1,000 of value).

The York County assessment is 13% higher than last year due to the County's decision

to change its fiscal year to July-June, rather than a calendar year. This requires a one-time additional six-month assessment to York County municipalities. The Board of Selectmen opted to spread the added expense over five budget years, rather than a single payment. The additional cost is \$106,000 in each of the next five years. The County increase will add 7 cents to the tax rate.

The RSU-21 assessment will not be finalized until voters have approved a budget and the Legislature has finalized the amount of state aid. However, as a result of the district-wide vote to modify cost sharing between the three member towns, the Kennebunkport assessment will increase by \$634,000 in fiscal year 2014, or an additional 35 cents on the tax rate. The school administration estimated that the Town's assessment would increase an additional \$210,000 beyond the cost sharing adjustment, or 11 cents on the tax rate.

## Fire truck upgrades

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(Rapid Intervention Team) gear used to rescue trapped firefighters. Many items used at all serious incidents, whether a rescue or fire call, such as drinking water, incident command system supplies, and traffic control equipment will be on board. A built-in generator powers vent fans or lights, including portable scene lights that may be set-up as far as 200' from the truck.

While perhaps not as exciting a fire truck as Ladder 14 was back in 1975, Squad 11 reflects the changing nature of the types of emergencies to which we respond. In today's world, we are far more likely to be called to a motor vehicle crash or other type of rescue situation than a major structure fire. We will soon be able to do so just a bit better.

## Annual Town Reports – 2012 now available

Be an informed resident and voter. Come and pick up your Annual Town Report at one of the following locations:

- Town Office on 6 Elm Street
- Public Health Office
- Bradbury's Market
- Cape Porpoise Library
- Police Department
- Louis T. Graves Memorial Library

Besides voting information for the annual town meeting in June, this report also contains other essential items such as town department phone numbers, the recycling reference chart and calendar, along with an account of the activities of the various town departments and boards/committees.