

# KENNEBUNKPORT Town Review

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## Selectmen's Meetings Televised

At the time of this publication, we are making arrangements for the meetings of the Board of Selectmen to be broadcast live on the "new" Kennebunkport Government Cable Channel 2. This plan should finally come to fruition beginning in October. The plan is to rebroadcast on Thursday and Friday evenings at 7 p.m.

Please check our website at <http://www.town.kennebunkport.me.us/Home> for more information or Cable Channel 2 for schedule information.

## Voter Information About the Comprehensive Plan

By Jack Senese, Chair-Growth Planning Committee

On November 4th, there will be a question on the ballot asking for your approval or disapproval of the updated Comprehensive Plan (CP). The intent of this newsletter article is to describe the plan in summarized form for your information.

The CP is a policy document expressing long-term goals and policies for Kennebunkport (KP) which should be used to guide the decisions of our town officials. In effect, it is the long-term game plan for our community. The plan presents the opinions from the majority of our taxpayers to our elected officials.

It is unlikely that everyone will agree with 100 percent of its contents; however, voter approval of the plan does not establish any authority to require its implementation (the sole exception to this is that the Land Use Ordinance must be made consistent with the

plan). It is the responsibility of our town officials to develop specific ordinances, which reflect the concepts shown in the plan. All ordinances which are developed will be subject to either a vote of our selectmen or may be decided directly by the voters as warrant items in an election.

Voter opinion data, which have served as the foundation upon which much of the CP has been constructed, was collected in surveys and numerous public meetings. In most cases, the opinions were either "strongly for" or "strongly against" each issue; there were few areas in which public opinion was essentially equally divided.

### SUMMARY

Copies of the draft CP update have been distributed to selectmen and to many of the committees in town. The complete text is available on the Town website, and hard

copies are also available to borrow at the library, the town office, and other locations.

There is a public hearing scheduled for October 7, 2003, at 7 p.m., at Consolidated School. We highly recommend anyone interested in borrowing a copy of the plan, to reserve one before the public hearing. Copies of the Goals, Policies and Strategies will be available at and before the public hearing; however, the inventory, maps, and other supporting data will only be available on the Town website or in the complete plan that must be reserved in advance. If anyone has any questions or special needs regarding access to the Comprehensive Plan, please contact Arlene at the town office (967-4243 ext 107). Realistically, however, the draft CP is some 200 pages in length, and as such, it would be unreasonable to expect that many

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## Fire Prevention Week

By Fire Administrator Jim Burrows

National Fire Prevention Week is observed this year from October 5 through the 11th. The Kennebunkport Fire Service will be conducting fire safety education at Consolidated School during the week of October 12. By observing fire prevention week a week later, the fire service is able to utilize the Biddeford Fire Department mobile smoke house.

The Kennebunkport Fire Service would like to remind the readers of these facts:

- Cooking, heating, and electrical fires represents three of the nation's leading causes of home fires, and are collectively responsible for nearly half of all home fires, and almost one-third of the associated fire deaths.
- The vast majority of home cooking, heating, and electrical fires can be prevented by following simple safety precautions: First, make sure smoke alarms are installed properly, tested, and maintained. Second, develop a home fire escape plan and practice it at least twice a year. (These are critical to escaping a fire safely.)
- By preventing the leading cause of home fires, and by developing and practicing a thorough home fire escape plan, people can greatly reduce their risk of fire.

## Kennebunkport 350th Anniversary Events

By the 350th Anniversary Committee

Now that our gala historical parade has passed by, the next event is a combined outdoor all day celebration for Arundel, Kennebunkport, and Wells Laud-holm Farm called "Punkin'fiddle" on Saturday, October 11.

The Colony Hotel is having a "Roaring 20s" dinner dance party on Friday October 17. Costumes are encouraged. Reservations, please. Cost \$40.00. Come and do the Charleston!

Saturday, October 25 is Arundel's Farmfest on Route 1A. An old-fashioned county fair with contests, exhibits, farm equipment, crafts and a children's petting zoo. Arundel is the farming part of our old town that became an independent community called North Kennebunkport in 1915.



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# Police Department News

By Chief Joseph Bruni

The Kennebunkport Police Department began the summer with Officers David Breault and Meredith Emerson graduating from the Maine Criminal Justice Academy. They spent 18 weeks away from their family and friends training for what will hopefully be a long career serving the citizens and visitors of Kennebunkport. We hired our summer officer force that consisted of nine new officers. They trained for four weeks in addition to six of the nine attending the Maine Criminal Justice Summer Academy.

Officer Michael Caiola was joined this spring in patrol by veterans Officers Doug Morin, John Farrell and Robert Caron. Officer Morin has 11 years of law enforcement experience with the Buxton Police Department where he left there at the rank of sergeant. Officer Farrell came from the Northeastern University Police Department and before that the Bath, Maine Police Department. He has 10 years experience, and he too left at the rank of sergeant. Officer Caron joined this department after seven years with

the Maine State Police and specializes in evidence collection and crime scene preservation. Officer Caron will assist Detective Thibodeau in processing crime scenes and other related issues.

Our officers mixed community policing activities with stepped up enforcement of speeding and operating-under-the-influence to make this one of the busy summers on record for the department.

Once again at Goose Rocks Beach we had an ice cream-for-helmets program. Our officers passed out passes for free ice cream cones to kids spotted wearing their bike helmets while playing in the neighborhoods. This is the second year running this program, and it did not take long for the word to get out and, with little exception, the kids always wore their helmets.

During the 4th of July festivities, our officers helped with the road race and, my personal favorite, the Kids Bike Parade. Hundreds of runners participated in the road race and as many kids in the parade, and it went off without a hitch. To

see the kids on their patriotic decorated bikes accompanied by their parents, and the fire department and antique autos reminds me each year of days past and the good things this country stands for. We would like to thank all of the residents and tourists alike that waited while traffic was at a standstill for these events.

Making the roads safer for our citizens and visitors was an important part of our year round plan for public safety. We increased our patrols around the busy roads in town and showed a sharp increase in summons and warnings for speeding and arrests for operating-under-the-influence. The officers were fair in their judgment of enforcement actions when it came to moving violations, but we maintained a zero tolerance for persons operating-under-the-influence. We also found with the increase in traffic stops for moving violations, we showed a decrease in traffic accidents. In certain areas of town you will notice new signs posted under the speed limit signs that say "speed strictly enforced." These

signs have helped remind drivers of the speed limits in those areas.

We enjoyed helping the 350th Anniversary Committee with the Miss Dumpy Coronation and the Miss Dumpy Parade. The parade was a great success from our standpoint, and we did not have a single call or complaint during both events. These events were well organized by the Committee, and we could not ask for better communication and cooperation from its members.

We now look forward to the fall and winter months. With it brings an opportunity for training and well desired time off for your officers that worked very hard to serve you these past several months.

Our department has a lot of new faces, but with these new faces brings a lot of experience to serve you better. Each officer on this department is accountable and approachable. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need assistance. As always I can be reach at the police station at 967-2454

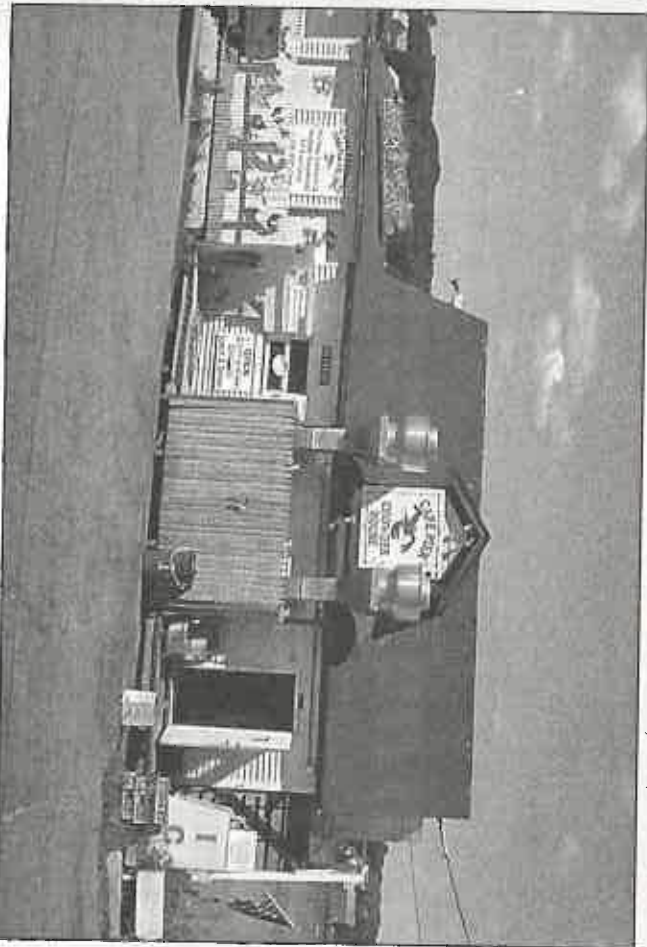


Photo by Allan Moir

The Cape Porpoise Pier Chowder House

## Cape Porpoise Pier Update

By Pier Manager/Harbormaster David Billings

Summer is unofficially over at the Cape Porpoise Pier with the passing of Labor Day. This summer has been very busy with many tourists viewing the beautiful harbor, fishing from the pier, and enjoying the park. The cooling system in the bait shed is installed and working perfectly. The fishermen feel that this installation has improved the quality of their bait tremendously.

We are presently working through the administrative procedure of rebuilding the small pier and rebuilding or replacing the building known as the Cape Porpoise Chowder House. Hopefully this will be resolved early in the fall so that we may proceed with the project during the winter months and be ready for full-time operation this spring.

## Kennebunkport Board of Selectmen

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Selectmen meetings are open to the public and held at 8 a.m., on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month, at the Village Fire Station, 32 North Street, Kennebunkport, Maine.

### Regularly Scheduled Committee/Board Meetings

Meetings	Day	Time
Conservation Com.	1st Monday	7:15 p.m.
Cemetery Committee	2nd Sunday of every other month	3:00 p.m.
Growth Planning Com.	2nd & 4th Tuesday as needed	7:00 p.m.
Kennebunk River Com.	3rd Tuesday	7:00 p.m.
Lighting Committee	4th Thursday	7:00 p.m.
Planning Board	1st & 3rd Wed. as needed	7:00 p.m.
Board of Selectmen	2nd & 4th Thursday	8:00 a.m.
Solid Waste Committee	3rd Thursday	Varies
Recreation Committee	1st Wednesday	7:00 p.m.
Zoning Board of Appeals	1st & 3rd Mon. as needed	7:30 p.m.



# Youth and Adult Study Circles Are Coming To Town

By Rachel Phipps, Youth Services Coordinator

As the Youth Services Coordinator, I would like to take this opportunity to say hello to the residents of Kennebunkport. The Youth Services Coordinator is a position funded jointly by the Towns of Kennebunk and Kennebunkport to advocate for our youth and to provide support and guidance regarding the many difficult issues facing today's youth and families.

I am very excited to announce that the Kennebunk/Kennebunkport/Arundel Communities for Children, along with other local partners, will be convening a series of study circles that will provide an opportunity for our youth and adults to engage in a community-wide dialogue for action and change. The K/K/A Communities for Children has learned that only a small percentage of our youth feel valued in their communities. Many kids report that they do not have positive adult role models and difficult issues including substance abuse challenge many young people. There is no clear consensus on

how to address these issues in our community. Therefore, we have decided to try to stimulate a community-wide renewal of commitment to our youth, and increase the collaboration between our schools and our communities.

After exploring many ways to bring our youth and adults together, we have decided to sponsor a large-scale public dialogue and problem solving process called study circles. We will be organizing diverse groups representing all sectors of our community to engage in community-wide dialogue. Young people and adults will have a chance to speak about their experiences, listen to each other, be heard, and work towards change. We will use the information gathered in these study circles to generate and promote community action that will increase the well being of all members of our community. I invite everyone to join us by participating in a study circle in your community. Look for upcoming information on how to join or host a study cir-

cle. Please contact Rachel Phipps if you would like to represent a group or organization on the core steering committee.

Another great resource for families in Kennebunkport is the new Families Anonymous support group. Families Anonymous is a free twelve-step program for family members concerned about the substance abuse and/or behavioral problems of a child. Concerned families initiated the group to offer help, support and insight for families struggling with the chaos and confusion brought about by a child's substance abuse and behavioral problems. Membership is voluntary and open. Members give and receive comfort and understanding through a mutual exchange of experiences, strength, and hope. The group meets every Tuesday from 7:00 to 8:30 pm at the Community House on Temple Street in Kennebunkport. For more information, please contact Jane at 967-0845 or Ann at 967-4691.

I would like to remind all families and young people that the Youth Services Coordinator is here to provide direct services such as crisis intervention and short-term counseling, as well as consultation to parents and coordination of social services. I can provide guidance and referrals to young people and families that would like assistance in improving communication, resolving conflicts, building problem-solving skills or in handling the many other issues that can cause a family to experience stress. These services are voluntary, confidential and free of charge. You can access these services directly by contacting Rachel Phipps or you can contact your school guidance department and ask for a referral to be made to the Youth Services Coordinator. You will find me on the second floor of Kennebunk Town Hall. I can be reached by email at [rphipp@kennebunk.maine.org](mailto:rphipp@kennebunk.maine.org) or by phone at Kennebunk Town Hall at 985-2102 ext. 1343. I look forward to hearing from you.

## Kennebunkport Public Health

By Judith Barrett Worthen, R.N., B.S. and Susan Y. Jackson, R.N.

Kennebunkport has a new nurse on staff. Susan Jackson, R.N. joined us in March. Susan has extensive medical surgical nursing experience as well as utilization review and case management. She is also co-owner of the Captain's Hideaway. Her varied nursing skills are a great asset to our department.

### *HealthyMaineWalks.org*

Fall is a busy season for our residents. Students are back to school and we are preparing our homes for the winter months. To improve your physical and emotional health, it is important to take time for fun activities. A suggestion is to log onto <http://www.HealthyMaineWalks.org>. This site provides detailed guides for walks in all counties of the state. All you need are sneakers or good walking shoes and you are off to enjoy the mountains, ocean or woods. Go apple picking or choose that perfect pumpkin in the patch. The important thing is to have fun and move your body. Obesity and increased stress are major public

health concerns.

### *Flu and Pneumonia Vaccine Clinic*

Dr. Willard Stitzell will again assist the nurses at the annual Flu and Pneumonia Vaccine Clinic. This clinic will be held at 32 North Street, on October 22, from 9:30-11 a.m. Medicare and most insurance policies cover the cost of the vaccines.

### *Free Hearing Exam Clinic*

The Public Health Department is sponsoring a free Hearing Exam Clinic on October 28th, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Please call for an appointment. Marti Andrews, Registered Audiologist, will conduct the exams.

### *Senior Meal Site*

The Senior Meal Site is held on the first and third Monday of each month at the Kennebunkport Masonic Lodge. Entertainment or Bingo starts at 11:15 a.m. All seniors are welcomed. Please call the Public Health Office to make reser-

vations for the luncheons. The luncheons are not held on holidays. The winter storm policy is, if school has been canceled, there is no luncheon.

### *Property Tax and Rent Refund Program*

Residents are reminded that the 2003 Maine Resident Applications for Property Tax and Rent Refunds are to be filed by December 31, 2003. If you need an application, or assistance with completing the applications, please contact our office, 967-4401 or the Kennebunkport Assessors Office, 967-4243 ext 102.

### *Low Cost Prescription Medication or Health Coverage*

Residents who are in need of assistance with low cost prescription medication or health coverage are to contact the Department of Human Services, 286-2400. All health assistance programs are now covered under the Maine Care System. The coordination of services will provide our citizens with a

more efficient access to benefits. The high cost of prescription medications affects all of us. We encourage residents to log onto <http://www.RxCareForME.org> or to call 1-877-RX-FOR-ME. This site provides information on 325 patient assistance programs that cover 1,400 prescription medications.

### *Federal Fuel Assistance Program*

York County Community Action 283-2402 is accepting applications for the Federal Fuel Assistance Program. Residents who are having difficulty covering their fuel expenses are encouraged to apply as soon as possible. It takes several weeks for the application to work through the system.

### *Holiday Assistance*

Preparations for the holidays are in progress. Please contact the Public Health Office if your family is in need of assistance with a holiday dinner or children's gifts from Secret Santa.



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of KPTs voters would devote the time to read the entire document. Consequently, the Growth Planning Committee is distributing this synopsis of the plan to all taxpayers so that they may make an informed decision on its merits when the plan appears on the ballot in November. In this summary, the Growth Planning Committee has identified most of the key elements of each chapter. Furthermore, we have purposely selected and discussed areas where we believe some disagreement within the community might be expected (in italics). In order to keep this summary manageably brief, various minor sections and details, which we believe are not critical or particularly controversial, have been excluded.

## CHAPTER I- INTRODUCTION

This chapter gives some general background information about the basics of the Comprehensive Plan process.

1. **Purpose**—to identify and analyze issues, which are of concern to the Town, and to propose appropriate goals, policies and strategies through which the problems may be solved or at least mitigated.

2. **Format**—13 of the 18 chapters typically include 3 sections, namely, Inventory (including statistical data, tables, maps, etc), Analysis and Conclusions (identification of problems), and Implementation (objectives, policies, and tactics for achieving the goals). The remaining chapters are primarily informative.

## CHAPTER II- BRIEF HISTORY OF KPT

This chapter is primarily an information-only text giving some interesting historical information about the Town and the surrounding communities.

## CHAPTER III- A VISION FOR KPT

This chapter is actually our consultant's (Planning Decisions, Inc.) notes summarizing the two Visioning Sessions last year. It represents the opinions of those citizens who attended these sessions. For all practical purposes, the opinions essentially corroborate those which were expressed by the taxpayers in the town-wide survey in 2001. A complete summary of the survey results is included in the appendix to this CP.

## CHAPTER IV- COMMUNITY CHARACTER

All the data collected show overwhelming voter support for issues involved with protection and preservation of the character of the Town. In response to these strongly expressed opinions of the public, the Growth Planning Committee developed corresponding goals, policies and/or strategies for implementation. The following outlines the essence of our implementation text; in some cases, only goals are shown; in other cases, some policies or strategies are given in addition:

1. Preserve KPT as a primarily residential town.
  - a. Favor enterprises which provide necessary services to the residential population.
  - b. Restrict new businesses in the Cape Porpoise zone to those servicing the fishing industry and the residential population.
2. Preserve the distinct coastal communities of Cape Arundel, Turbats Creek/Wildes District, Cape Porpoise, GR Beach, and the Village/Dock Sq./ Riverfront areas.
  - a. Maintain visual and architectural character by establishing an Architectural Review Board, the authority of which can vary from merely advisory to strict regulatory as to be later determined by the voters. *This is certainly a controversial subject. It restricts the rights of property owners to some degree; but on the other hand, how can we assure maintenance of the architectural and visual character as strongly supported in the surveys without some degree of regulation? It is important to note that the authority of the Board can vary widely from merely advisory to having very strong regulatory power as may be eventually defined in an ordinance.*
  - b. Encourage, fund, and maintain sidewalks and bicycle paths.
  - c. Maintain water dependent activities.
  - d. Preserve Goose Rocks Beach as a safe, uncrowded, family oriented beach.
    - 1) Limit parking to current levels.
    - 2) Investigate locations for the installation of toilet facilities.
  - e. Protect character and ecological integrity of all lands held in conservation.
    - 1) Support cooperative agreement with the KPT Conservation Trust to aid

in enforcement of Trust land use policies.

3. **Support the Fishing Industry.**

- a. Fund projects necessary to preserve commercial fishing piers and other related facilities.
- b. Formalize agreements providing defined parking areas for fisherman at Government Wharf and Cape Porpoise Pier.

4. **Manage the Tourist Industry.**

- a. Establish policies for parking to insure a peaceful environment for residents and visitors.
- b. Locate bus parking and loading in areas where their visibility is minimal.
- c. Encourage the KPT business community and the Chamber of Commerce to share the responsibility of managing tourism in both KPT and Lower Village.

the ZBA shall receive a recommendation from the Historical Preservation Committee prior to approval of changes affecting historic sites, buildings, and districts.

c. Protect the appearance of the Cape Porpoise District which is characterized as a fishing village with modest housing clustered around its waterfront and community center.

## CHAPTER VI- MARINE RESOURCES (coastal)

1. Preserve access to coastal waters for commercial fishing and related activities.
2. Provide sufficient regulation to assure watercraft safety.
3. Maintain mix of commercial and pleasure boating at current levels.
4. Allow use of beaches while protecting the privacy of private beach property owners and others in the vicinity.
  - a. Continue to encourage police patrols, proper signage, etc.
5. Reduce existing contamination levels in coastal waters.
  - a. continue regular inspection and enforcement programs and develop programs to eliminate fecal coliform.
  - b. Provide pumpouts in Cape Porpoise Harbor and the Kennebunk River.

## CHAPTER VII- WATER RESOURCES (fresh water)

1. Protect surface waters.
  - a. Monitor quality by routine testing.
  - b. Develop plans for possible sewer extensions to Land's End and all Shoreland Zone areas.
2. Protect our two aquifers.
  - a. Establish constraints for development activities in the vicinity of the aquifers which might be used as public water sources in the future.
  - b. Monitor quality.
3. Protect the quality and quantity of current water supply.
  - a. Monitor development activities in the watershed and service areas of Branch Brook and the Saco River.

## CHAPTER VIII- NATURAL LAND RESOURCES

1. Protect rare and endangered species.
  - a. Enforce sand dune, critical edge, dog leash laws, and the like.
  - b. Preserve habitat of piping



plowers, vernal pools, and salt marsh dependent species. Continue to support acquisition of salt marsh and related upland habitat by conservation organizations.

## 2. Manage remaining Town forest lands for public uses.

- Work with Kennebunkport Conservation Trust to connect conservation lands into a continuous trail system (*necessary for certain species*).
- Purchase lands for conservation and public access to natural resources (*the town wide survey showed strong support for spending up to 3% of our tax revenues annually for this purpose*).

## CHAPTER IX-ECONOMY

- Recognize the importance of maintaining KPT's scenic beauty and architectural heritage for the enjoyment of both residents and visitors.
- Recognize the important contribution toward stabilization of our taxes by non-resident taxpayers.
- Recognize the importance of maintaining local jobs and a diverse work force
  - Review and refine permitted uses to include newer occupations such as computer related businesses and professional uses.
- Protect residential uses and property values from the adverse impacts of commercial uses.
  - Investigate sites for additional parking lots considering sites in either KPT or in nearby towns.
  - Minimize the effect of tourist related traffic on the village area and residential neighborhoods.
- Encourage year round, small scale, low traffic business that meets the needs of the community.
  - Establish performance standards on all businesses so that they reflect the scale and character of the community.
- Broaden the tax base and decrease the town's dependence on residential property taxes.
  - Investigate new revenue sources such as increased fees; promote legislation to levy a local option tax and increase state revenue sharing.
  - Encourage our representatives to seek measures to reduce the real estate property tax burden.
  - Recommend changes in the

Land Use Ordinance which are needed to provide for small-scale professional offices in keeping with the scale and character of the community. (*The survey showed fairly strong support for encouraging small home businesses but considerably less support for encouraging more commercial or industrial business.*)

## 7. Recognize that KPT will probably continue the trend to become an increasingly residential town.

## CHAPTER X-LAND USE

We have a limited amount of land and continued pressure to develop it. The State of Maine requires us to designate areas for growth and areas for conservation such as greenbelts, public parks, conservation easements, etc. Chapter X - Land Use reviews past and current uses of our land and recommends strategies for future sustainable use.

- Protect, preserve and acquire land needed for municipal services and public use.
- Twenty-five percent of land shall be in conservation (*currently approximately 19% is in conservation*).
- Encourage growth adjacent to current village centers, compatible and integrated with the existing areas. (*The proposed growth areas include Town House Corners, and the triangle between North Street, OldCape Road, and School Street. These areas could be rezoned to allow for -among other things- denser development and small scale commercial businesses.*)
- Protect open fields, forests and wetlands.
- Ensure orderly growth.
- Organize the Land Use Ordinance.
- Require detailed reports and hold public hearings showing potential impact of and justification for any proposed zoning change prior to implementing such change.

## CHAPTER XI-HOUSING

This chapter deals primarily with the issue of affordable housing. State goals encourage a minimum of 10% of new housing to be affordable. The State defines low income households and medium income households. Low income is defined as a household with income below 80% of the area median; moderate income is defined as a household with between 80% and 150% of the area

median. In the case of KPT, a low income household annual income would be approximately \$36,000; a moderate income household would be about \$ \$68,000. Using a figure of 28% of income available for housing, 10% down, and a 7%-30 year mortgage, an affordable low income house would sell for about \$110,000 and an affordable moderate income house would go for approximately \$265,000. The lowest asking price for a home in KPT in 2002 was \$199,000.

*(The issue of low cost housing is generally controversial as people often are apprehensive about its impact. However, the town survey data and public meetings expressed a strong desire to have an economically diverse community where our children can afford to live.)*

- Encourage the creation of new moderate and affordable housing.
  - Create incentives for developers by reducing lot size, clustering, development credits, etc.
  - Amend the subdivision (10 units or greater) regulations to require the inclusion of 10% on-site affordable housing units or 20% moderate housing units. Encourage market price multi-family housing as an alternate to single family homes.
  - Encourage the development of quality affordable mobile home parks (9 month minimum occupancy) to be consistent with the highest standards of the mobile home industry.
  - Consider standards for allowing construction of accessory units as independent living units on existing sites. These could be deed restricted for elderly and affordable housing users.
  - In specifically designated existing areas, a minimum/maximum size limitation could be placed on new housing so that the scale and price range of new housing will be consistent with the existing neighborhood.
  - Amend the Land Use Ordinance to require that new construction or reconstruction be compatible with existing structures in the immediate area.

## CHAPTER XII-RECREATIONAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

The overall goals of this chapter are to maintain and expand access to the shore and rivers for both com-

mercial and recreational uses and to encourage outdoor activities and cultural events.

- Establish public access for launching boats.
- Enforce boating rules.
- Maintain Cape Porpoise Harbor and Government Wharf.
- Establish bike paths where feasible.

## CHAPTER XIII-PUBLIC FACILITIES AND SERVICES

Primary goals for this section are:

- To maintain a locally based public school facility.
- To maintain a municipal office for one-stop municipal services where practical.
- To provide public sewer facilities in growth areas.
- To continue high quality public safety services.
- To maintain KPT as a "green" community with an aggressive shade tree program.
- To effectively reduce and manage solid wastes.
- To provide public toilets for visitors.

## CHAPTER XIV-TRANSPORTATION

The goals of this chapter are to assure that the transportation infrastructure complements the community's unique village, rural, and coastal character as well as improve safety and traffic flow for pedestrian, bicycle, and vehicular traffic.

- Consideration of the neighborhood when designing or reconstructing roadways or bridges.
- Ensure that lack of parking is not a hindrance to the support and preservation of the fishing and lobster industries.
- Evaluate pedestrian and vehicular traffic conditions in Dock Square.
- Plan for the effect of potential increased traffic along roads associated with the growth areas identified in the Land Use chapter of this CP (Chapter X).

## CHAPTER XV-FISCAL CAPACITY

This chapter primarily presents data showing the Town's historical trends in State and local property valuation, tax rates as compared with nearby towns, revenues and expenditures. Conclusions include the fact that the Town assessor estimates that as of April 2003 the Town valua-

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# Land Use Ordinance Changes Discussed

By Town Planner/Assistant Code Enforcement Officer Gary Lamb

The Board of Selectmen have decided to place six proposed amendments to the Land Use Ordinance on the November 2003 ballot. The Board has discussed and received public comments on these changes at their regular meetings on August 14, 28, and September 11, 2003. Comments have also been solicited from the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, and Growth Planning Committee regarding these ordinance changes.

**Question #1** adds new language to Ordinance Section 6.9.A that refers to Off Street Parking. This change was requested by the Board of Selectmen. It will have the effect of lifting certain parking design standards for parking that is accessory to a community use. It will also allow public parking in parking areas that are accessory to a community use when the community use is not in full operation.

**Question #2** was requested by a resident and involves sight distance determinations in relation to driveway entrances (Ordinance Section 6.15 - Entrance to Public Ways). If this change is enacted, no property owner may erect any structure, fence, wall, sign, or landscape feature that would diminish any existing driveway's sight distance below a minimum sight distance of at least 10 feet for every mile per hour of posted speed limit on the street. This change would apply regardless of whether the driveway in question was on their property or that of an abutter.

**Question #3** amends Ordinance Section 2.2 and exempts portable toilets from the definition of a structure. This change along with Change #4 was proposed to prevent applicants from potentially having to obtain Zoning Board of Appeals approval every time a tem-

porary portable toilet or handicap ramp is placed within the setback areas of a lot.

**Question #4** also amends Ordinance Section 2.2. by exempting temporary handicap accessible public ramps from the definition of a structure.

**Question #5** adds the following definition of a portable toilet to Ordinance Section 2.2

**Portable Toilet** - A portable, enclosed, self-contained unit, with or without other utilities, whose purpose is the collection of human waste into self-contained tanks. Portable toilets consist of 4 exterior walls, a roof, self-closing doors and may have more than one bathroom unit under one common roof

**Question #6** amends Ordinance Section 2.2 and would allow a resident to grant a tree maintenance easement to the Town without los-

ing this same easement area as part of their land available for development. This change would eliminate the present situation of possible lot coverage violations being created when residents grant such easements to the town.

**Other Points to Ponder** - Do you know you need a building permit to put in a swimming pool? Did you also know state law requires a 4 foot tall fence be installed around that pool? If you have any building related questions or if you wish to read the actual language of the above ordinance changes, please call the Code Enforcement Office at 967-4243, ext. 105 and speak with Brian Shaw or Gary Lamb. Copies of the proposed Land Use Ordinance amendments are also available at the Town Clerk's office and on the Town's Web site at: <http://www.town.kennebunkport.me.us/Home>

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tion has fallen below 70% of the State valuation; this is the trigger point at which a town is required by law to conduct a revaluation.

1. The sole implementation strategy suggested in the CP is that the Town should prepare and annually update a 5 year plan for capital investment requirements.

## CHAPTER XVI- HAZARD MITIGATION

This chapter addresses concerns in reducing the impact of hazards that KPT might face in natural and man-made disasters. Suggestions are made to attempt to lessen the physical and economic effects of a disaster in KPT. Methods used to accomplish this are:

1. To perform a hazard analysis of current indicators of potential threats.
2. To develop strategies for mitigating hazards.
3. To define responsibilities for mitigation.

4. To provide for the monitoring and management of hazards in KPT.

## CHAPTER XVII-CAPITAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

This chapter is informational only. It does, however, list certain capital investments which have been identified as desirable town improvements in the CP. Many of these improvements have not been previously budgeted or have been budgeted to a lesser degree than proposed:

1. Parking expansion, if required.
2. Expansion of sidewalk program and bicycle path improvements.
3. Public toilet facilities.
4. Funding for land conservation.
5. Possible acquisition of a site for an elementary school, if required.
6. Sewer extensions to accommodate population growth.

## CHAPTER XVIII-REGIONAL COORDINATION

This informational chapter identifies

issues of regional concern which will require coordination with towns beyond the boundaries of KPT. These include:

1. Bicycle facilities.
2. Large vehicle routes.
3. Continued management of the Kennebunk River.
4. Protection of the water supply.
5. Preservation of wildlife habitats as large unfragmented parcels which may involve several adjacent towns.
6. Affordable housing as a regional issue.
7. SAD 71-attempts to assure an equitable cost sharing arrangement between involved towns.
8. Coordination of shared services and facilities.
9. Addressing transportation and parking issues between KPT and Lower Village.

### Committee Members:

Jack Senese-Chair, Janet Belisle, Jan Collins, Paul Knight, Mathew J. Lanigan, Charles Reid, Sr., and Barbara Rencurrel

## Volunteers Needed

### Two Vacancies on the Zoning Board of Appeals

The Town of Kennebunkport is currently seeking volunteers to fill two vacancies on the Zoning Board of Appeals. One vacancy is for a three-year-term, and the other vacancy is for a one-year-term.

Letters of interest and/or resumes should be sent to the Town of Kennebunkport, P.O. Box 566, 6 Elm Street, Kennebunkport, ME 04046, Attention: Zoning Board Search, no later than noon, on October 8, 2003.



RECYCLE





## How To Identify Your Plastics For Recycling

With the large variety of plastics available, the average consumer often has difficulty distinguishing between the types of plastic discards. To facilitate recycling, these items are coded by the manufacturers. A coding numeral can be found on the bottom of a plastic container. For easy identification of your plastic items, please refer to the following numbering system:

**Plastic Recycling Reference Chart**  
*The following items will be picked up curbside:*

Coding Number	Item	Description
1	Polyethylene Terephthalate (PET)	Soda bottles, generally referred to as custom PET (peanut butter type jars, dishwashing liquids, liquor bottles).
2	HighDensity Polyethylene (HDPE)	Clear (white) containers or colored containers. The clear bottles (milk and water jugs) are also known as natural HDPE. Colored bottles will primarily consist of liquid detergent bottles, motor oil bottles, cosmetic bottles.
3	Vinyl or Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC)	Crystal clear cooking oil bottles, shampoo bottles, etc.
4	Low Density Polyethylene (LDPE)	Most LDPE will be in the form of plastic bags. Additionally, plastic lids and some squeeze bottles are made from LDPE.
5	Polypropylene (PP)	These bottles include syrup containers, ketchup bottles, yogurt containers, margarine tubs, and most bottle caps.
6	Polystyrene (PS)	Numerous molded products are made from PS. They include coffee cups, meat trays, plastic utensils, videocassette cases.
7	A catch all numbering for materials not included above.	Most often packaging in number 7 containers will consist of glues or metal-based materials.

There are also other methods which you can use to differentiate between bottles. Most mistakes are made in segregating PET from PVC bottles; however, these types of bottles can be readily distinguished by the molding scar on their bottom. PVC has a horizontal scar (often referred to as a "smile"). When a PVC bottle is bent or creased, a white mark will show at the point of the bend. PET has a circular scar (called a "bullet hole" or "nipple").

For questions regarding trash collection service, please call Pine Tree Waste, toll free, at 1-888-857-0800.

## Kennebunkport Recycling Reference Chart

Items picked up curbside

Items	Recycle these items	How to prepare items	Exclude these items
Glass	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>brown and clear glass bottles and jars</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>rinse clean</li><li>remove lids</li><li>co-mingle in bin</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>no broken jars or bottles</li><li>no drinking glasses</li><li>no light bulbs</li><li>no window glass</li><li>no ceramics or china</li><li>no green glass</li></ul>
Plastics #1-7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>plastics numbered 1 through 7</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>clean containers</li><li>flatten to save space</li><li>co-mingle in bin</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>no plastic bags, even if they are identified as #2 plastic</li><li>no motor oil or hazardous waste containers</li></ul>
Metal and Tin Cans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>tin cans</li><li>aluminum cans</li><li>empty paint cans</li><li>aerosol cans</li><li>aluminum foil and plates</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>empty and clean containers</li><li>do not put in sharp lids (unless crushed in can)</li><li>co-mingle in bin</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>no food waste left in cans</li></ul>
Paper	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>mixed paper</li><li>junk mail</li><li>pressed board (cereal boxes etc.)</li><li>office paper</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>bundle together (placed in paper bags works well)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>do not use plastic bags to bundle paper</li></ul>
Newspaper and Magazines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>newspapers</li><li>catalogues</li><li>magazines</li><li>telephone books</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>bundle together (placed in paper bags works well)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>do not use plastic bags to bundle paper</li></ul>
Corrugated Cardboard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>corrugated boxes</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>flatten and cut up to size no larger than 4 ft by 4 ft</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>If wet outside, wait until next recycling day</li></ul>
Returnable Bottles and Cans	ME DEPOSIT ONLY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>rinse clean</li><li>remove lids</li><li>co-mingle in bin</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Bottles must have ME deposit label</li><li>check wine bottles</li></ul>

# The Town Of Kennebunkport Needs Volunteers To Serve On Various Boards and Committees

Not all committees and boards currently have openings; however, vacancies occur on a regular basis. If you are interested in serving on any of the following committees or boards, please fill in the information in the box below and submit it to the Town Office, 6 Elm Street, Kennebunkport, Maine 04046. The Board of Selectmen will consider all applications and make decisions for filling vacancies as they occur.

### Listing of Boards and Committees:

Administrative Code Committee	Planning Board
Budget Board	Recreation Committee
Cape Porpoise Pier Advisory Committee	Road Book Committee
Cemetery Committee	Sewer Advisory Committee
Conservation Commission	Shade Tree Committee
Government Wharf Commission	Shellfish Conservation Committee
Growth Planning Committee	Sidewalk Committee
Kennebunk River Committee	Solid Waste Committee
Lighting Committee	Youth Services Commission
Parsons Way	Zoning Board of Appeals

Date Submitted \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

EmailAddress \_\_\_\_\_

Boards and/or committees you are interested in  
(please list in order of preference):

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_



## WHAT TO BRING

Unneeded household hazardous waste in sealed containers

(use original containers when possible)

- Oil Based Paints
- Stains, Thinners, and Strippers
- Solvents & Varnishes
- Adhesives, Glues, and Resins
- Waste Fuels, (Kerosene, Gasoline)
- Anti-freeze
- Engine Degreaser, Brake Fluid
- Transmission Fluid
- Poisons, Insecticides, Weed Killers
- Wood Preservatives
- Hobby Supplies, Artists Supplies
- Photo Chemicals, Chemistry Sets
- Cleaners, Spot Removers
- Swimming Pool Chemicals
- Dry Cell Batteries
- Fluorescent Light Bulbs
- Aerosol Cans
- Pesticides
- Nicad Batteries
- Hearing Aid (Button) Batteries
- Mercury Containing Products (Thermostats, Thermometers)

## Town of Kennebunkport Residential Household Hazardous Waste Day

*For Residents of the Town of  
Kennebunkport in conjunction with  
the Towns of Kennebunk and Arundel.*

It's time to bring the skeletons out of your closet! Clean Harbors will help you banish the evil spirits that haunt your closet, basement, and garage.

**DATE:** Saturday, October 11, 2003  
**TIME:** 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
**PLACE:** Kennebunk Public Works  
36 Sea Road  
**COST:** No charge for Residential Waste.

### To Ensure Safety, Please:

- Tighten caps and lids leaving materials in original labeled containers.
- Pack containers in sturdy upright boxes and pad with newspaper.
- Sort and pack separately—paint, pesticides, household cleaners.
- NEVER MIX CHEMICALS!
- Pack your vehicle and go directly to the site.
- NEVER SMOKE while handling hazardous materials.
- DO NOT PLACE WASTE IN A GARBAGE BAG

## WHAT NOT TO BRING

- LATEX PAINT (pop top, let dry, throw in trash)
  - Asbestos
  - Smoke Detectors
  - Compressed Gas Cylinders(Transfer Station)
  - Ammunition, Fireworks, Explosives (Police Dept)
  - Prescription Medicines, Syringes (Hospitals)
  - Commercial or Industrial Waste
  - Infectious & Biological Waste (Hospitals)
  - Radioactive Waste
  - Fire Extinguishers (Fire Dept)
  - Tires (Transfer Station)
  - Lead Acid Batteries (car batteries) (Transfer Station)
  - Used Motor Oil (Transfer Station)
  - Propane Tanks, 20 lbs. or less (Transfer Station)
- NO COMMERCIAL BUSINESS  
WASTE WILL BE ACCEPTED**
- CONVENIENT DRIVE-UP SERVICE-You Never Leave Your Car
- Proof of residence OR property ownership required
- (Driver's License or Tax Bill)

## Holiday Trash Collection Schedule Change

This year, three holidays fall on Thursday: Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years. For those whose trash collection and recycling is routinely picked up on Thursday, trash and recycling will be collected on the following Friday after those holidays. Since New Years day does not fall in the scheduled recycling collection week, only trash will be picked up on the Friday following New Years.

Reminder: Trash in bags will not be collected. According to the Solid Waste Ordinance, acceptable trash containers are cans or containers having handles, with a capacity not exceeding 35 gallons. Such cans or containers shall be tapered so that the diameter of the top is larger than the diameter of the bottom. They must have mechanically locking covers (friction or catching covers). The contents plus the container must not exceed 40 pounds.

# Parks & Recreation

By Director of Parks and Recreation Carol Cook

**PARKS & RECREATION OFFICE HAS MOVED:** Our office is no longer located inside the Consolidated School; rather, we have been given the use of the portable classroom located between the school and the playing field. Come check out our new space. We have divided it into an office (considerably larger than our previous one) and program space, where we anticipate offering a variety of new programs (during the school day for example).

**ICE SKATING PARK PROGRESS:** The Recreation Committee met on Wednesday, September 3 to discuss the plans for the park on Route 9, just west of Preble Fish. We are now proceeding with the boundary and topographic surveys, the purchase of title insurance, safety concerns, projected maintenance issues, and preparation of our application to the Planning Board. We hope to have periodic updates and photos on the Department's webpage as we progress. Special



The new recreation office.

thanks to Margie Hollingsworth for her diligence in researching the title records in Alfred.

**KAYAKS FOR KENNEBUNKPORT PARKS & RECREATION:** The Board of Selectmen approved L.L. Bean's bid for 4 Perception Carolina 14.5 kayaks at their meeting of August 28. Our order has been

placed, but the likelihood of offering any programs in the fall are dwindling with each day that the temperature drops and the ocean becomes colder. Bill Junker, Program Assistant, has also been working toward his Maine Guide's license, and everything should be in place for several spring programs and activities.