



# KENNEBUNKPORT Town Review

A newsletter for the residents of Kennebunkport

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## Solar car charging and happy lobsters!

### By the Conservation Commission

The town of Kennebunkport now has a place to charge an electric vehicle (EV) with clean energy supplied by the sun!

A free, solar-powered charging station has been installed at the North Street Fire Station as a joint effort between the town of Kennebunkport and reVOLTer, a nonprofit organization promoting the installation of solar-powered EV charging stations available to the public. The new solar array is on the roof of the North Street meeting room and provides solar

power to reduce the fire station's electric bill when the charging station is not in use.

There are several EV charging stations in Kennebunkport provided by local businesses for their customers which are supplied with power provided by CMP. Kennebunkport is proud to offer a solar-powered option for all of our residents and visitors!

And, a reminder that our lawn care practices have far reaching effects. So, care should be taken when maintaining our own lawns or hiring a lawn care company to take care of them for us!

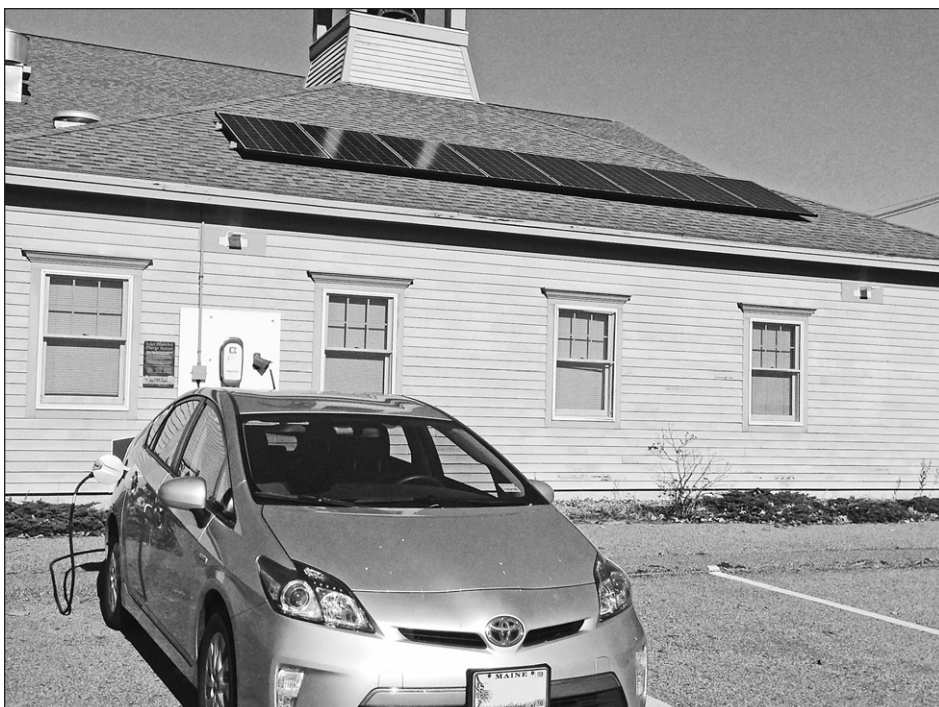


The "4-step" programs may seem easy, but using those products can add unnecessary fertilizers and pesticides to your lawn. These products often have this warning on the label: "This pesticide is toxic to fish and aquatic invertebrates and may adversely affect non-target plants."

Please consider following the 10-steps in the Lawns for Lobsters brochure which can be found on

the Conservation Commission's page on the Town website. Copies of the brochure are available at town hall. You can find additional information about maintaining a healthy lawn and garden at [www.yardscaping.com](http://www.yardscaping.com).

Happy spring  
and happy gardening!



Check out the new solar-powered car charging station at the North Street Fire Station!!

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## ATTENTION VOTERS OF KENNEBUNKPORT

There has been a change in voting location.

On Saturday, June 18, 2016  
the Annual Town Meeting for the  
Town of Kennebunkport will be held at the

**VILLAGE FIRE STATION**  
**32 North Street**  
**Kennebunkport, Maine**

The meeting will begin at 9:00 AM  
If you have any questions,  
contact the Town Clerk at 967-1610.

# Article 42 – authorize use of clean water state revolving loan fund program for treatment plant upgrades

By Allan Moir, Wastewater Superintendent

The Board of Selectman and the Budget Board have recommended the passage of a bond through the Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund (CWSRF) for necessary repairs to the infrastructure of the wastewater department. The projects that will be done with this bond are listed below.

- Rebuild and upgrade to the Green Street pump station
- Rebuild and upgrade to the Chicks Creek pump station
- Replace the emergency generator at the treatment plant
- Replace four aeration blowers at the treatment plant
- Replace the three influent pumps at the treatment plant
- Replace the three effluent pumps at the treatment plant
- Replace the clarifier covers at the treatment plant

The pump stations were installed as part of the original collection system and treatment plant project that was done in the 1970s. The pump and controls were upgraded in the late 1980s, but now it is time to do a major upgrade. With the increase in flows over the years, we do not have enough capacity in the wet wells; so instead of replacing the wet wells, we are going to replace the pumps and controls to give us more control of the water flows. Since the entrances to the stations, controls, and the emergency generator all need to be raised up above the flood level to meet the new standards, we are going to do that too.

The rest of the projects are going to happen at the treatment plant. The equipment that we are replacing was installed when we upgraded the plant in the early 1980s. The equipment has been in operation on a rotating schedule as much as possible. When the flows come up and through the summer months, it has been in operation for 24/7 for months at a time. The equipment has thousands of hours of time on it, and it has also reached the end of its operational life. These are critical pieces of equipment for the operation of the plant, and we cannot operate the plant without them. The age of the equipment is also making it harder to get parts when repairs are needed.

I have applied for funding through the CWSRF, and the application was approved for funding. We have been approved for a loan up to \$2 million, and the length of the loan would be for 20 years. The interest rate is 2% below the Maine Bond Bank rate. That rate now is 2.75%, and the CWSRF rate is 1%.

As part of the CWSRF program, they offer two principal forgiveness programs—one is for developing a fiscal sustainability plan. We will receive principal forgiveness up to \$20,000. If we match it with a like amount, that will give us \$40,000 to develop a fiscal sustainability plan or to improve and update our existing asset management plan. The other principal forgiveness plan is for \$20,000 (no matching funds) to develop a climate adaption plan to help us identify hazards associated with climate change, identify adaption practices, and present recommendations that build resiliency to the critical assets of the wastewater department.

I would like to encourage you to vote for Article 42 at this year's town meeting in June.

## REMINDER

The last day to request an absentee ballot for the upcoming election is  
**Thursday, June 9, 2016**

## Town of Kennebunkport Annual Town Meeting June 14 and 18, 2016

### PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

To the voters of Kennebunkport: You are hereby notified that the **Annual Town Meeting** of this municipality will be held at the **Village Fire Station, 32 North Street, in said Town on Tuesday, the 14th day of June, AD 2016, at 8:00 a.m.** for the purpose of acting on Articles numbered 1 and 1a (Election of Officers) as set forth in the Town Warrant.

The polls for voting shall be opened immediately after the election of the Moderator at 8:00 a.m. on June 14, 2016, and shall close at 8:00 p.m.

The continuation of said meeting will be held at the **Village Fire Station, 32 North Street**, in said Town on **Saturday, the 18th day of June AD 2016, at 9:00 a.m.** for the purposes of acting on Articles numbered 2 through 46 (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 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

## Absentee ballots now available

By April Dufoe, Town Clerk

Absentee ballots are now available at the Kennebunkport Town Clerk's Office for the upcoming State Primary Election, Annual Town Meeting Election, and the R.S.U. #21 Budget Validation and Referendum Election to be held on Tuesday, June 14, 2016, at the Village Fire Station, on 32 North Street, in Kennebunkport. Because of a 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 9, 2016.** If you have any questions about absentee voting or about this election, please call the Town Clerk at 967-1610.

## Registrar of Voters will hold evening hours

By April Dufoe, Town Clerk

The Kennebunkport Town Clerk/Registrar of Voters will hold **evening hours** at the Kennebunkport Town Hall on Wednesday, June 8, 2016, 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.



# Safety enhancement grant awarded to the town of Kennebunkport

By Michael Claus, Public Works Director

The town of Kennebunkport has been awarded a \$1,269.51 Safety Enhancement Grant by the Maine Municipal Association Risk Management Services to install an ice melting system under the entrance brick platform at Kennebunkport town hall. The grant pays two-thirds of the cost of purchasing the ice melting system. The town of Kennebunkport hired George Burr and Cape Electric to install the ice melting system as part of our entrance repair work scheduled for town hall.

Last winter's cold temperatures and the southern exposure of the entrance caused many days of ice buildup on the brick entrance surface. We had numerous

complaints from town hall employees and the public of dangerous icy conditions upon entering the building. Employees used ice melt chemicals and ice chippers to try to keep the entrance safe, but it was not unusual for fresh snow or snow falling from the roof to melt and refreeze as ice at the entrance.

Our new ice melt system will detect when entrance surface and air temperatures are below freezing and will heat the bricks to above freezing temperature to prevent snow and ice accumulation. The system can be programmed to heat on a specific schedule or turned on with a timer system.

This Safety Enhancement Grant is



Safety Grant—Heat mat installation at town hall.

provided by the Maine Municipal Association Workers Compensation Grant Fund to purchase safety equipment that assists in reducing the severity and fre-

quency of workplace accidents. The grant program has bestowed more than \$3.6 million through 2,905 Safety Enhancement Grants since 1999.

## What's the big deal with roomers?

By Werner Gilliam,  
Director of Planning and Development

"So what is a roomer, anyway?" is a common question that I have been asked many times over the past year since the Growth Planning Committee has begun working on revisions to the Land Use Ordinance concerning this issue. Simply put, it is someone who resides in and pays rent for a room in a single family dwelling, whether or not the person eats meals on the premises. It is a use that is identified as permissible in a number of zones in town and only allowable in dwellings that existed prior to 1972.

I can say with certainty that the crafters of the original language of the town's Land Use Ordinance were not able to foresee phenomena such as online rental sites like Airbnb and Home Away. More than likely, they also did not envision that the social definition of family would become what it has today. Nonetheless, ordinances from time to time need to be reviewed and updated in the context of our ever changing world.

With Kennebunkport's aging demographic, it has become quite common for single, often times widowed, property owners who are seeking additional income to turn to their greatest asset; their property. Renting out a few rooms seems on the surface to be

a quite logical, low impact way of gaining the additional income that they need to be able to afford to stay in their homes. For many, they never dreamed that this activity would rise to the level of being a zoning issue, much less something that has produced so much conversation and passion both for and against. Over the past year, we've heard from many that without updated guidelines and some controls in place the potential for abuse and negative impact to neighbors exists, especially by those who have a lack of respect for those around them. Many are concerned for the character of their community; increased rental activity spurs for many negative images.

Neighborliness and respect is something that I believe cannot be legislated or forced upon someone, yet we find ourselves in the position of drafting rules to ensure some degree of respect for others while allowing an activity that permits residents to remain in their homes and secure some additional income.

The conversation is ongoing. The Growth Planning Committee encourages residents to weigh in on this issue and to send any comments or questions to [GPC@kennebunkportme.gov](mailto:GPC@kennebunkportme.gov).

## Housing for Kennebunkport's workforce

By Werner Gilliam,  
Director of Planning and Development

Kennebunkport is slowly but surely become a victim of its own popularity and location. Due to its desirability, real estate values continue to rise making properties for Kennebunkport's workforce more and more unaffordable. It is estimated that two-thirds of year round residents are unable to afford the median home price. The year-round population continues to decrease, while our seasonal housing stock continues to increase. The vast majority of the workforce in Kennebunkport does not reside here. This issue affects a community's character and its vibrancy, while our population becomes less and less diverse.

While there are many complicated contributors to this issue, one item that residents have control over is how we address our regulatory rules that allow for the creation of workforce housing. Workforce households often include people who work in the emergency response, local government, retail, and service industries, among others. This September, in a unique partnership with the Workforce Housing

Coalition of the Greater Seacoast, the Growth Planning Committee along with local businesses will be hosting a Workforce Housing Design Charrette.

Simply put, we will be having a facilitated open conversation to discuss what workforce housing from a development perspective could look like. We will take an existing property in Kennebunkport and put together a design that practically meets affordability needs, fits within the community's character, and can realistically be accomplished. This conversation will include residents, local professionals, staff, and volunteers from the Housing Coalition. The outcome will be not only a design that could practically be accomplished, but will also provide design guidelines that could be used to create regulatory standards to further address Kennebunkport's workforce housing needs. If you are interested in participating or even just want to share your thoughts and concerns, please feel free to email those to [GPC@kennebunkportme.gov](mailto:GPC@kennebunkportme.gov).



# Public works news

By Michael Claus, Public Works Director

Public Works Department employees took advantage of our mild winter to get a start on spring cleanup, tree work, and road projects. We were able to trim branches on Stone Road and Whitten Hill Road for safe vehicle clearance at the same time that MaineDOT was doing tree work on School Street and Mills Road and while Tamarack Tree was pruning tagged trees on Langsford Road. Our improved tree canopy should be evident to truck drivers throughout town. Later this year, we plan to continue on with tree trimming from Whitten Hill Road to Guinea Road and Goose Rocks Road.

With our winter sand picked up before the end of March, we were able to continue shoulder work for the new bike/pedestrian paved shoulder on New Biddeford Road. We plan to have the shoulder paved later this spring. Kennebunk Kennebunkport Wells Water District has started their waterline extension work to complete the water main loop between Turbats Creek and Walkers Point. Paving work on Langsford Road and Ward Road is scheduled for this spring. We have been using our green thumb to plant day lilies on town properties for a touch of color here and there. At the Dock Square Parking, public works is helping install a new ticket machine next to the restrooms that will allow parking lot users to prepay with cash or credit card prior to exiting the lot.

Public works has been working with MaineDOT to obtain Municipal Partnership Improvement funding for capital improvements on North Street and Mills Road. Under this program, MaineDOT will fund up to 50% of road and sidewalk improvements within a specified grant amount. To date, MaineDOT has allocated \$96,000 for capital improvements on North Street between Maine Street and River Road, and \$204,000 for capital improvements on Mills Road between Main Street and the Batson River Bridge. The town of Kennebunkport has allocated \$300,000 in matching funds, and we have set aside additional funds in anticipation of future Municipal Partnership Improvement funding from MaineDOT.

On the east side of North Street, the existing sidewalk between Locke Street and Maine Street is scheduled for reconstruction. This work will be similar to the 2013 sidewalk construction with concrete curb and asphalt paving. No new pedestrian lighting is planned for the road or sidewalk reconstruction work. Due to a planned sewer and water expansion for a new development on the east side of North Street adjacent to Reid Way, a short section of sidewalk will be delayed until new utilities are installed. The current sidewalk on grade will remain until that work is complete. The developer has placed \$25,000 in escrow funding for future sidewalk construction after utility work is completed.

On the west side of North Street, Kennebunkport public works will install new gravel base material in the shoulder and regrade the edge of the shoulder to improve drainage as needed. The road will be reclaimed with some partial, cement-base, stabilization work done near the Village Cemetery. North Street will be repaved from River Road to Maine Street.

We do not anticipate that any tree removal work will take place on private property. Where existing fence posts are in the shoulder area, we will remove and reset existing posts as required. We will meet with individual property owners as needed to discuss any issues with existing trees, bushes, flowers or fences in the North Street right-of-way.

At areas where runoff from our work may impact wetlands, we will install wood mulch/chip filter strips between the work area and wetlands. Please feel free to contact public works if you would like additional erosion control measures taken on your property. Kennebunkport public works will be responsible for removal of erosion control measures after work is complete.

The proposed schedule for North Street sidewalk and road reconstruction between Maine Street and River Road is as follows:

- May-June 2016: Reconstruction of sidewalk between Maine Street and Locke Street. There will be one lane work zones from 7:00 am to 3:00 pm on weekdays during the construction period. Prior to sidewalk reconstruction, pedestrians will be rerouted to a temporary path that will be constructed on the west side of North Street between the fire station and Maine Street.
- June-September 2016: Shoulder work on the west side of North Street, between Maine Street and River Road. There will be one-lane work zones from 7:00 am to 3:00 pm on weekdays



Kevin Paradis of public works excavating the shoulder for the new pedestrian/bike lane on New Biddeford Road.



Ricky Merrill and Scott Lantagne of public works trimming trees on Whitten Hill Road.

during the construction period. We may suspend work zone activities for safety reasons due to weather or traffic issues. This may slow our construction schedule.

- September-October 2016: Reclaiming, cement-base reinforcement and base paving of North Street between Maine Street and River Road
- May 2017: Topcoat paving of North Street between Maine Street and River Road

It is the objective of the Mills Road reconstruction project to improve road safety while maintaining the character of Cape Porpoise Village. We plan on constructing a safe public space that can be shared by residents, neighbors, and visitors to Cape Porpoise Village.

Our first task is to verify the width of the public right-of-way on Mills Road between Main Street and the Batson River Bridge. MaineDOT does not have a boundary survey of the Mills Road right-of-way in this area. As part of the project, boundary markers along Mills Road will be located by a professional land surveyor. We will notify landowners along Mills Road when a surveyor has been selected, and we have a date when fieldwork will take place. Information gathered by the survey work will be shared at a public meeting to take place in the late spring/summer of 2016 when most residents are available to attend meetings. At this meeting, we will show the public options for road and pedestrian improvements and discuss concerns the public has regarding road reconstruction issues.

In the Cape Porpoise Village area of Mills Road, there are utility poles near the edge of the road that may need relocation. We plan on meeting with utilities to determine the feasibility of any possible utility relocation needed for installation of paved shoulders or a sidewalk for pedestrian access improvement. At the Batson River end of Mills Road, we will determine

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# RSU 21 updates

By Dr. Katie Hawes, Superintendent of Schools

### RSU 21 District Budget Update

The administration began this budget planning process last July by conducting an internal review of all aspects of our educational programs that are not part of the Essential Programs and Services (EPS) model. EPS was developed to ensure that all schools in Maine have the programs and services that are essential if all students are to have equitable opportunities to achieve the Maine Learning Results. This funding formula describes a basic, or “core,” education for Maine schools. From August through January, we held monthly School Board workshops highlighting all aspects of this Comprehensive Program Review. In January, we met cost-center administrators from each school and department to analyze each budget line by line. In February, the Finance Committee again met with each cost-center administrator. In March, the Finance Committee recommended the budget to the School Board of Directors.

At this point in the process, the overall increase in local tax assessment is 6.8%. However, 5.1% of this increase is the money needed to pay back our debt on the building projects. Even though the taxpayers voted strongly to approve the construction bonds, the payment will appear every year for the next 20 years. This is because we need to budget the money each year in order to pay back the bonds. Exclusive of the construction debt, the local tax assessment increase will be 0.76%.

Local tax assessment increase:

- 6.8% with new construction debt
- 0.76% without new construction debt

The estimated annual impact to the taxpayer, per \$100,000 of valuation is as follows:

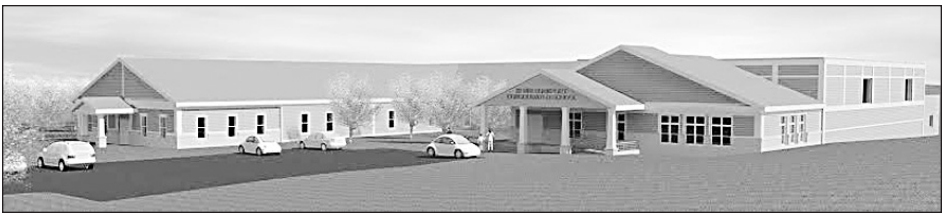
	<u>With new debt</u>	<u>Without new debt</u>
Kennebunkport	\$56	\$0

With a withdrawal petition also on the Arundel ballot this June, it is important to note that next year’s operating budget will not be impacted by a vote for or against withdrawal from the RSU. A withdrawal vote that is approved by voters this June would be the first step in the withdrawal process. A committee is then formed to negotiate the details of withdrawal prior to a second referendum.

For more information, participate in our School Board meetings or contact me directly with questions.

### Kennebunkport Consolidated School Construction

The KCS Ground Breaking Ceremony was held in early May. We anticipate construction beginning in the middle of May. For this reason, the gym will be off-line for the last few weeks of school. Students will eat lunch in the classroom and have gym class outside or in class. Even though this is the last of our projects to begin, it will be the focus of what construction crews call a “Summer Slammer,” and we anticipate completion before students return in



September. We have received Planning Board approval and are working with PC Construction and Harriman Associates through the bidding process to obtain a Guaranteed Maximum Price. Additionally, we collaborated with the Town of Kennebunkport to clean out the culvert that runs from the Water Plant, through the school parking lot, and across School Street. This should substantially reduce the flooding that occurs in the parking lot and fields.

### Our Students Continue to Shine

Fifth grade students participated in a Civic Oration competition. All fifth grade students worked hard on researching and writing a speech on the topic of hunger. They practiced the art of public speaking and enjoyed some coaching from Dr. Alan Marston who is a former professor specializing in public speaking. Twelve finalists completed on April 13. I had the honor of judging the competition along with NY Times Best Selling author Mark Dagostino, and former KCS teacher Nancy Barrett. Congratulations to Becky Taggart for placing first, Robyn Altham for second place, and Isabel Read for a third place finish. Those three students will go on to represent KCS in a regional speech contest on May 2. This wonderful event was co-coordinated by Jenn Humphrey and Crystal Blais.

Yoga with Mindy Muse continues after school vacation as part of a grant from the Education Foundation of the Kennebunks and Arundel. The students have really enjoyed this experience.

Thank you for your continued support of our schools!



The Fifth Graders Civic Oration competition.

## Public works

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the feasibility of utility relocations needed for paved shoulders.

Once the right-of-way width is established, we can meet with property owners to discuss road widening issues that could take place adjacent to their land. We have no plans to acquire any private property for this project. Issues with tagged town trees will be discussed with the Tree Warden and adjacent property owner. We may ask residents about the feasibility of relocating stone walls and fences in the right-of-way. We plan to meet separately with Rachel Carson administrators to discuss widening issues near the preserve and go over any Federal requirements the Town must undertake as part of road reconstruction work. We will work with Rachel Carson administrators to preserve tree canopy beneficial to wildlife and minimize any stream and wetland impact during reconstruction.

The proposed schedule for Mills Road reconstruction between Main Street and the Batson River Bridge is as follows:

- May–June 2016: Survey work and public meeting to discuss

right-of-way information and options for pedestrian and paved shoulder improvements. The public meeting for Mills Road reconstruction work will be held this summer when preliminary survey plans are complete.

- September–November 2016: Shoulder base improvement work on Mills Road.
- April–June 2017: Shoulder base improvement work on Mills Road.
- September–October 2017: Reclaiming and base paving of Mills Road between Main Street and the Batson River Bridge.
- May 2018: Topcoat paving of Mills Road between Main Street and the Batson River Bridge. Topcoat paving could take place in 2017 if air temperature meets paving specification requirements.

If you would like to meet to discuss concerns or have questions on the Mills Road or North Street reconstruction work, please call Mike Claus, Kennebunkport Public Works Director, at (207) 391-3239.



# Kennebunkport Public Health

By Judy Barrett R.N., B.S. and Alison Kenneway R.N., B.S.N.



As you pass by the Police, Communications, and Public Health Complex, you will notice that our parking lot is full of construction equipment. **We are still open and conducting business as usual.**

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. We can visit you in your home, or if you prefer at our office. For more information on the multiple functions of the Public Health Department as well as current medical information, visit the Public Health Department's webpage through the town's website at [www.kennebunkportme.gov](http://www.kennebunkportme.gov). Remember, we have the FREE durable medical equipment closet (LOAN CLOSET) filled with crutches, walkers, commodes, and shower chairs.

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

**Kennebunkport Emergency Preparedness Program:** One of the responsibilities of the Kennebunkport Public Health Department is to be part of the town's disaster team. Our focus is to insure that residents and guests' medical and basic needs are met, whether they are in their home or a shelter facility. In order to better serve you, we are updating our emergency contact list. If you have difficulty getting out of your home, are on oxygen or any medical equipment requiring electricity, please contact the Public Health Office at 967-4401. We will add you to our confidential call of concern list. In the event of a severe storm, lengthy power outage, or an actual disaster, this information will help us care for you.

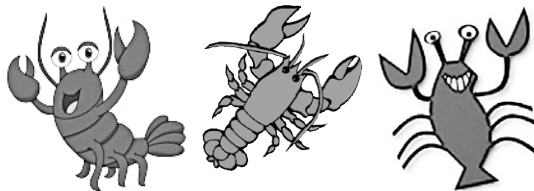
## Healthy Maine Beach Program:

Kennebunkport will participate in the Healthy Maine Beach Program again this summer. Weekly, from Memorial Day–Labor Day, trained volunteers and town staff will be collecting water samples for enterococci bacteria and site-specific data. Results and history of our participation in this program are posted on the town of Kennebunkport's homepage under "Water Quality." There has been no change in the EPA exceedance level of 104 enterococci (an indicator of fecal contamination) before an Advisory is posted. Again, this year, a Precautionary Rainfall Advisory will be posted after an inch of rainfall within 24 hours. The posting will be in place for 24 hours after the rainfall ceases. This will allow two tidal cycles to flush out the contaminants. Boaters are reminded that there is a FREE pump out station located in the Kennebunk River. Kennebunkport is included in the 5-mile restricted area for boat pump outs. We are in need of volunteers for this program. *If you are interested in becoming a Maine Healthy Beach volunteer, please contact the Public Health Department at 967-4401.*



**Well Water Test DAY:** Fifty percent of households in the state of Maine are serviced by private wells. Over 1,000 Kennebunkport households rely

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 wells every year and artesian wells every three years. On June 4, we and Nelson Analytical Laboratory are offering our annual Kennebunkport residents only reduced rate Well Water Test Day. 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 9-11 AM on June 4. All results are confidential between you and the lab. This simple step can have a huge impact on the health of your family. Please pay in cash or make out your check to Nelson Analytical. Put payment in the sample box along with your water sample. NOTE: We do not have a credit or debit card machine.



**Lawns for Lobster:** Now that winter is over, and we are busy fertilizing lawns and gardens, spraying for ants, ticks, slugs, and bugs, remember all chemicals used leach into the soil. They can affect you 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. Discuss options with your yard maintenance or garden center staff. Read the product precautionary labels before purchasing household products.

Contact the Kennebunkport Conservation Commission for more information and upcoming informational events on this subject.

**Stuff the Bus:** Help us fill the Parks and Rec. bus with nonperishable food and household/personal supplies on Election Day, June 14. 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.



## Summer Lunch Program:

This summer, the Community Outreach Program is again offering free bag lunches. **Note:** no beverages are included. Lunch will be provided on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays, from July 7 through August 20. For more information, contact the Public Health Department.



**Stuff the Backpacks:** In no time you will see the back to school ads for supplies. Please help us pur-

chase and fill backpacks for our children in need. Our projected delivery date to the parents is August 15. Items we need in addition to backpacks are paper, notebooks, pens, pencils, crayons for the younger students, markers, rulers, and erasers. When you are shopping this summer, pick up a few supplies and deliver them to the Public Health Office. If you are having friends and family over for a cookout, have everyone bring an item to help fill a backpack.



**Drugs and Sharps Disposal:** Did you miss the state wide 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 green box located in the Police Department's lobby. Do not dispose of them in your trash. Medications flushed down your toilet or sink can have an adverse effect on a septic or sewer system as well as leach into our streams and rivers. Please deliver your sharps to the Public Health Department for safe disposal. The police and dispatchers are not allowed to accept the sharps. Sharps must be in a red plastic Haz-Mat box or a plastic container such as one that your laundry detergent comes in. Help us avoid accidental sticks.

**Drug Abuse Epidemic:** Drug Abuse is on the rise in the state of Maine. Kennebunkport is not immune to the adverse effects that drug abuse has on families and the community as a whole. Resources are available through the Kennebunkport Public Health Department, Kennebunkport Police Department, local churches, and libraries. Please call with any questions and concerns, 967-4401.

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purchase one and then must have a warrant issued by a judge to use it in non-rescue type situations. In other words, you would be able to buy and use one easier than a police agency. The Kennebunkport Police Department does not have a UAS nor is it looking to purchase one.

So what can we do to ensure our freedom to do what we want, like own and operate one of these UAS vehicles but also protect the privacy rights of citizens that do not want to be filmed or photographed at their homes? This is a battle that is repeatedly fought in the court systems throughout our nation on a weekly basis. I think the best tool to protect both the owner of a UAS and the privacy of normal citizen can be boiled down to common sense and respect. Common sense can apply not only to the UAS operator to know that privacy and safety for others should take precedence over any need to operate a UAS in any location, but also to the private citizen who may not like the idea of a neighbor flying a UAS legally.

As with most situations in any community, responsible stewardship sprinkled with tolerance and respect bring the most favorable of outcomes. Be thankful we live in such a wonderful area and enjoy life. Please feel free to call me or stop in to the police station if you have a question or just want to talk.



## Kennebunkport Parks and Recreation

### New Online Registration Software

Check out our online registration program at [www.kennebunkportrec.com](http://www.kennebunkportrec.com). Establishing your family account, and registering for programs is as easy as a few clicks of your mouse.

### Summer Day Camp "On the Road Again"

Our day camp will open on June 27 and run through August 19 with programs and activities for pre-school through 8th grade. We have one more summer out of Consolidated while the renovation is done, so we will be operating out of Sea Road School. Though we will be using the same facility as Kennebunk Recreation Department, our programs are not merging. We will maintain our unique, quality programming with a different home base and more time on the road to surrounding community parks and playgrounds. Compare our program, our flexibility, and our price; you'll be amazed at what we can do. We are the only recreation department in the area that takes children on a daily, weekly, sporadic, or seasonal basis; so it can even accommodate grandchildren or summer visitors.

### Disc Golf is Now Available

Our 9-hole introductory course in the wooded area immediately adjacent to Parsons Field by Consolidated School is now open. We are hoping to host a grand opening and clinic on Saturday, June 4. We want people of all ages and abilities to see how they can enjoy this great activity. Details will be posted on cable channel 2 or our website.

FMI: 967-4304 or [www.kennebunkportrec.com](http://www.kennebunkportrec.com)

## Treasurer receives national recognition for financial reporting

By Laurie A. Smith, Town Manager

Congratulations to Jennifer Lord and her finance team for receiving the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financing Reporting for the third year in a row. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management. The comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR) is judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program including demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the Town's CAFR.

## April Dufoe's retirement party



We invite everyone to join us in the celebration of April Dufoe's retirement as Town Clerk after 15 years of service on Wednesday, June 22, 2016, from 4 to 7 PM, at Atlantic Hall, Cape Porpoise.

## New clerk at town hall

By Laurie A. Smith, Town Manager



Tracey O'Roak

The Town is pleased to announce the hiring of our next town clerk, Tracey O'Roak of Scarborough, Maine. She has over 10 years of municipal experience, understanding many of the governmental functions of local government in Maine. She worked as the deputy town clerk in Scarborough handling the issuance and maintenance of vital records, licenses, and permits as well as election duties. She came to Kennebunkport from the city of South Portland as a treasury specialist, where she oversaw the lien process, investments, accounts receivable and customer service functions. Her background in legal work, certifications as a treasurer, tax collector and previously as a clerk, as well as her well-rounded municipal experience made her the ideal candidate. She began her duties on May 2, training with April Dufoe until April's retirement on June 30.

## There's a new face at the wastewater plant

By Allan Moir, Wastewater Superintendent



Brice Bond

If you see a new face at the wastewater treatment plant, please stop and welcome our new employee, Brice Bond of West Kennebunk. He is a 2008 graduate of the University of Maine with a degree in environmental planning and management.

Even though he has been with the department a short time, he has picked up the procedures very quickly. He is doing some of the laboratory testing under the supervision of the lead operator Dale Wermenchuk and the chief operator Ronald Taylor. He is also operating the belt filter press and working in the compost operation.

We have sent Brice to several classes so he can start doing some maintenance out on the collection system. Our hope is to have him start taking some classes in process control so that he can take his operator's license soon.

## Management Candidate School grad

Dale Wermenchuk of the Kennebunkport Wastewater Department receives a diploma for his participation in Management Candidate School (MCS) which he attended one day each month from November 2014 to September 2015. Mr. Wermenchuk and 16 other water pollution control professionals participated in Maine's sixth management curriculum designed to prepare mid-level drinking



water and wastewater treatment plant personnel for career advancement in utility management. The curriculum included personnel management, supervisory skills, labor relations, budgeting, and engineering basics. The MCS was coordinated by the Maine Joint Environmental Training Coordinating Committee (JETCC) with support from the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), Maine Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Maine Wastewater Control Association (MWWCA), and Maine Water Utilities Association (MWUA). Graduation ceremonies were held during the MWWCA annual convention on Thursday, September 17, 2015, at Sunday River Resort.



The town partnered with Habitat for Humanity on the reuse of a lot at 160 Beachwood Avenue, volunteers have been busy this spring on the construction of the home for a new family.



# New technology brings opportunity and privacy challenges



By Craig Sanford, Police Chief

The ever changing world of technology has many of us on our heels just to keep up with updates to software and upgrades to items we have in our homes. In the world of law enforcement, it is an even greater challenge as we try to stay close behind our elusive suspects as they master these new toys of technology. We depend on tax generated funds to purchase equipment and train officers on new methods of detection and evidence gathering to hopefully bring offenders to justice. The justice part can be the toughest. As new technology comes to life, the court systems must then deal with its effects on society.

Our newest topic of conversation of late deals with drones. So what are drones? The word drone means different things to different people. Drone is defined as a flying robot that can be controlled remotely or a programmed flight path. Unmanned Aerial Vehicle or UAV is defined as an aircraft piloted by remote control or onboard computers. A UAS is defined by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) as an unmanned aircraft system. For the purposes of this article, I think it will be easier for all to stick with UAS an unmanned aircraft system.

Where did this new flying technological problem come from? Well I guess we can blame ourselves for a growing need to do more through automation rather than using humans to do the tough work. As a society, we continually strive to do things quicker, cheaper, and not want to pay someone for it. We have seen the use of UAS vehicles during military operations throughout the world undoubtedly saving many a soldier's life. So why are UAS vehicles a problem now? I think it comes down to individual privacy concerns. Most UAS vehicles are or can be equipped with cameras that can take pictures and stream live video to the operator. A great feature for someone who has the need to use the technology for legitimate purposes such as real estate sales or rescue operations. Not such a great feature for an irresponsible operator of a UAS to look in an upstairs window or fly over a crowd of people unsafely at an outdoor event.

The FAA is the federal agency that regulates all aspects of civil aircraft. Some would argue that UAS vehicles are not in fact an "aircraft" as defined by federal regulation 29 USC 40102(a)(6) thus not subject to federal regulation—an argument that has yet to be settled in the court system. I have been in contact with the law enforcement liaison in Washington D.C. to discuss the topic of UAS vehicles in our community, and I must say even the FAA is still trying to develop clear guidelines that address all aspects of the UAS community. After a lengthy conversation, I found myself still with no clear answers. I do know that we as a law enforcement agency can report misconduct from a UAS operator to the FAA. The FAA has several regulations that bring with them a variety of penalties that range from a formal warning notice to the ability to assess civil fines up to \$27,500, and criminal penalties that include fines up to \$250,000 and/or imprisonment for up to three years. Do I think little Jonny will go to jail for three years because he flew his new toy that he got for Christmas over your backyard pool? No, but I do think individual owners and operators need to visit the FAA's website [www.faa.gov](http://www.faa.gov) and learn what they can and cannot do BEFORE they fly any UAS.

So what should I do if I have a concern about a UAS in my area? First, it may be a legitimate purpose that has already been approved by the FAA and/or it could be part of a rescue operation. The York County Emergency Management Agency in Alfred owns a large UAS. Call the police department and we will look at the situation, gather the facts, and do some research to see if we can resolve any concerns. We may not be able to do much depending upon the circumstances but merely educate all the parties involved. We must balance safety with personal and privacy rights under current law. Maine has adopted tough laws regulating the use of a UAS by a law enforcement agency. A law enforcement agency must first get permission to

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## Local property tax refund reminder

The Kennebunkport Property Tax and Rent Refund Program will accept applications no later than June 30, 2016. Applicants will need to have filed tax returns to apply.

FMI: See <http://www.kennebunkportme.gov/finance/pages/local-property-tax-assistance-information> or call Jen Lord at 967-1608.

# Mathew Lanigan bridge replacement update

By Michael Claus, Public Works Director

MaineDOT is finalizing the design and reconstruction schedule for the Mathew Lanigan Bridge Replacement Project. MaineDOT has been working with all stakeholders in Kennebunk and Kennebunkport to complete the bridgework, while maintaining access for businesses, residents and visitors with good connectivity between the towns. The reconstruction schedule calls for one lane road closures at the bridge in the winter of 2017, and the closure of the bridge to vehicle traffic for a 45 day period between Mid-March and the beginning of May. There will be a temporary pedestrian bridge in place during the vehicle closure time, and at other times when the bridge work requires closure for the work area to pedestrian traffic. The bridge will be open for traffic, and reconstruction work will be suspended for the summer before Memorial Day Weekend. After MaineDOT awards the bridge replacement contract, a reconstruction schedule will be available to the public. During reconstruction, the MaineDOT resident engineer for the project will host reconstruction update meetings open to the public where MaineDOT and the contractor can answer specific questions about reconstruction progress.

## Under construction but open for business

By Craig Sanford, Police Chief

As most of you are aware, the police station is preparing to undergo some changes to improve services to the community while maintaining a safe environment for employees. A new addition will eventually be added onto the front of the existing building. The current lobby, where many of you come to purchase beach parking stickers as well as conduct normal police business will eventually be cut off for a short



time to allow construction crews the ability to work. We are developing plans to ensure you have access as needed and hope not to create confusion. We will use our webpage, Facebook, and signage to ensure you have sufficient information to safely access the police services.

We expect construction to start sometime in May with completion in September. As with any plan, there will eventually be bumps in the road. I encourage you to call with any concerns should you find signage or messages confusing. We will do our best to keep things "business as usual." I hope each of you has a fun-filled summer with plenty of sun and good times.

## ATTENTION VOTERS OF KENNEBUNKPORT

There has been a change in voting location.

On Saturday, June 18, 2016

the Annual Town Meeting for the town of Kennebunkport will be held at the

VILLAGE FIRE STATION  
32 North St., Kennebunkport, Maine

The meeting will begin at 9:00 AM

If you have any questions, contact the Town Clerk at 967-1610.