

Village Green  
Homeowners  
Association

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WELCOME NEW  
HOMEOWNERS!



# NEWSLETTER

## COVID-19

### What can we do for each other here at Village Green?

We have all been inundated recently with the lifestyle changes required to cope with the rapidly spreading COVID-19. Katherine Pelletreau, our neighbor, has graciously suggested that there are things we can do for each other here in Village Green. They include:

- Helping with picking up groceries
- Running errands
- Socializing while walking 6 feet apart

If you are interested in any of the above, please reach out to either Katherine Pelletreau ([kpelletr@gmail.com](mailto:kpelletr@gmail.com)) or John Law ([johnwlaw1@yahoo.com](mailto:johnwlaw1@yahoo.com)).

## Solar Array Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

A member of the Village Green board attended the ribbon cutting for the solar array built at the capped Cumberland landfill in January. The array contains 1,248 solar panels and is projected to produce over 630,000 kilowatt hours of electricity each year for the municipal facilities, including the Town Hall, Val Halla, the Central Fire Station, public works garage and Prince Memorial Library. The solar array cost \$1 million to construct at zero cost to the town and the average life span of the equipment is 40 years. Due to a solar power purchase agreement with ReVision Energy, the net savings to the town will be \$20,000 per year in lower energy costs. If the town decides to buy out the remaining 60% of the project at year 6 or 7, the net savings will increase to \$90,000 per year.



ReVision will install a monitor at the Town Hall for public viewing that will display the actual power generation and serve as an educational tool.

### Salt/Sand Shed

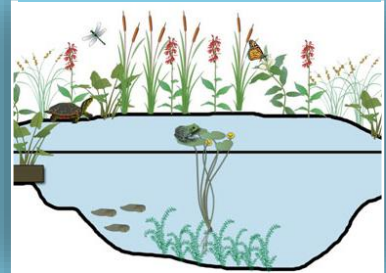
The Town Council finalized plans to relocate the town's sand and salt sheds to a town-owned parcel off Tuttle Road, joining the new town compost and brush operations. Completion is expected by this summer.

### Public Works

Many thanks to Tom Gruber, Town Councilor who suggested that the neighborhoods surrounding public works come together and have input to the final design of public works BEFORE plans were finalized. Tom suggested that Steve Moriarty, State Rep (and a member of planning board) lead the neighborhood meetings. Steve did a fine job!

To summarize, there were 3 neighborhood meetings. The Village Green, Cumberland Commons and Oak Street residents who came to these meetings and participated were HEARD and those recommendations were incorporated into the revised plans for Public Works. Thanks to all who attended!!! The changes that

## Neighborhood Notices



Stay Safe - Keep off the Pond!

Reminder: Please keep off the pond. Please be reminded that there is no skating, playing or fishing allowed around the pond. The sloping banks are very unstable and can be dangerous.

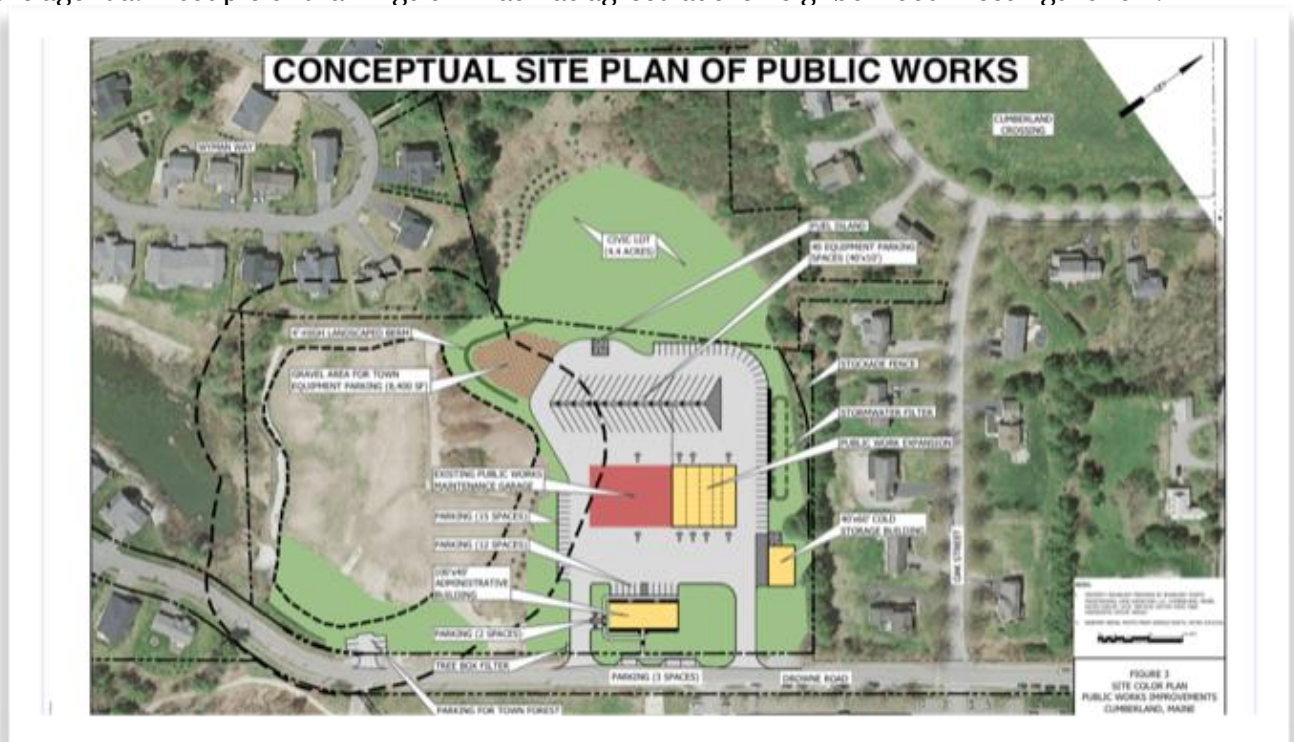
Thank you!

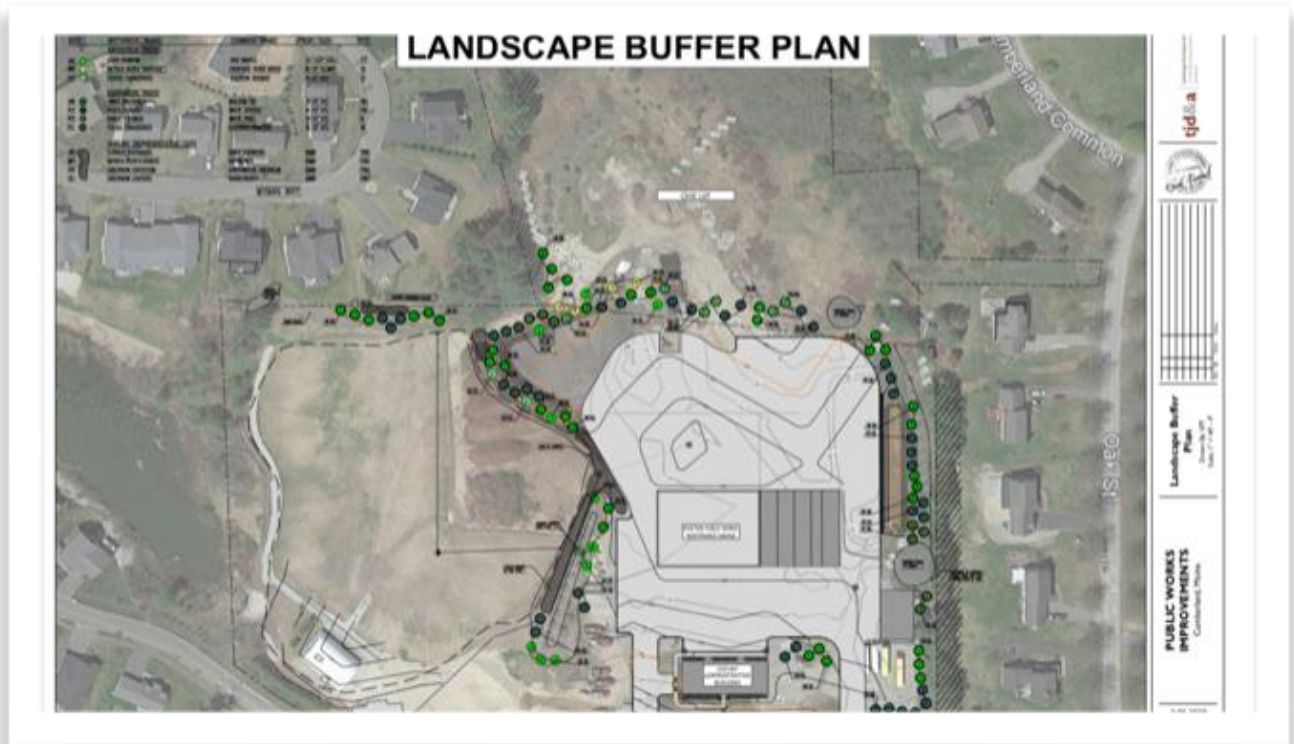
were made to the original plans based on neighborhood input included:

- increasing the berm around the perimeter of public works,
- planting different types of trees on the berm (i.e., not all pine),
- planting additional trees behind a couple of the homes closest to public works located on Wyman Way,
- color of above ground tanks (go green; not white)
- and several other points

Night lighting was raised as a final concern for the public works area and the town has agreed to look at that carefully with a professional firm to mitigate, where possible, impacting neighbors. The next step is to bring the proposal to the planning board for consideration and final approval.

Residents are encouraged to attend the planning board meetings when the “public works plan” is on the agenda. A couple of drawings of what was agreed at the neighborhood meetings follow:





## Looking for Volunteers!

The Village Green Board is looking for volunteers from our community to join several of our committees! If you are interested in joining please reach out! We would love your ideas and participation!

**VILLAGE GREEN SOCIAL COMMITTEE:  
ERIN FALK [ERIN.M.FALK@GMAIL.COM](mailto:ERIN.M.FALK@GMAIL.COM)**

The Village Green Social Committee is a great opportunity to participate in planning some fun activities in our neighborhood!

**VILLAGE GREEN GROUNDS COMMITTEE:  
JOHN LAW JOHNWLAW1@YAHOO.COM**

The Village Green Grounds Committee is a great opportunity to participate in our community space including landscaping and irrigation as well as winter care.

ARE YOU TIRED OF LOOKING AT THESE TREES?



They won't be around long! A neighbor has volunteered to cut them down. A birch tree near the mailboxes broke this past winter due to heavy snow fall. We are uncertain if LST (snow removal contractor) or a neighbor removed the broken tree. If it was a neighbor, THANK YOU!!!

**A NEW IRRIGATION VENDOR IS COMING TO VILLAGE GREEN!**

The Village Green Board recently entered into a contract with Johnson & Jordan to provide irrigation services going forward. More information about the start-up of irrigation will be provided to you within the next 4 weeks. We look forward to working with Johnson & Jordan.

By the way, did you know Village Green saved 1.6 million gallons of water last year from being consumed by the irrigation system? The 1.6 million reduction in water is approximately 40% less than what was used by the irrigation system in 2018.

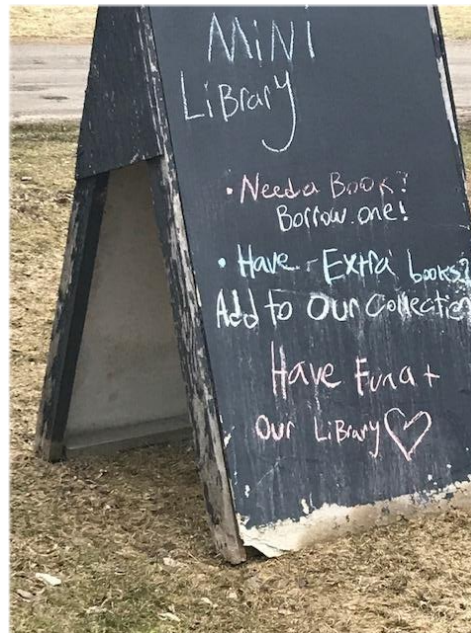
The key contributors that helped us reduce water consumption was replacement of the rain sensors that didn't work and to a lesser degree adjusting the weekly watering schedule; every resident is currently on the same watering time schedule that alternates between set days each week.

**Portland Water District (PWD) informed Johnson & Jordan that due to COVID-19, they won't be turning on water mains to irrigation systems this month like past years due to the stay at home order. All work being done by PWD at this time is limited to essential and emergency repairs.**

**PWD hopes the stay at home order is lifted in May so irrigation mains and meters can be installed then.**

**So what does all of this mean to Village Green residences? If irrigation water is turned on in May there should be no issue. If it goes later than May, there could be a negative impact on your lawn depending on rain fall. We will keep you updated as we receive updates from PWD.**

**DISAPPOINTED THAT THE LIBRARY IS CLOSED?  
TRY OUT THE MINI LIBRARY SET UP JUST DOWN THE ROAD FROM VILLAGE GREEN.**



## Village Green Website

Please visit the Village Green Website and LOG IN to see what information is available to you. We are working to expand on the subject areas so there will be more information available soon. If you only visit the home page and DO NOT LOG IN, YOU WILL NOT be able to access the various subject areas being added and updated that relate to our community. When speaking with your neighbors, encourage them to take a look. As always, we welcome your feedback on the website and this newsletter. Send your feedback to Beth Hemenway or Beth Waldman ([elpsbeth@aol.com](mailto:elpsbeth@aol.com)) ([bhemenway@phoenixmanagementcompany.com](mailto:bhemenway@phoenixmanagementcompany.com)).

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