

11 Public Facilities, Departments, & Services

11.1 Municipal Building

The Municipal Building is located at 3 School Street in the Village of Tenants Harbor. The building also houses town's emergency services. The building houses the Town Manager, Town Office functions, Assessor's Office, Code Enforcement Office, Parks and Recreation Department, and Harbor Master. The Town Office (in addition to the Town Manager) consists of 6 employees other than the Manager, Office Manager, Administrative Assistance, Clerk Secretary, Assessing Clerk/Planning Secretary, Finance Director, CEO/LPI. In addition to overseeing the Town's administration, human resources, and finances, the staff provides direct daily services to the public, including licenses, voter registration, and birth/death/marriage records, among other things.

11.2 Harbor Department

In 2000, the Town added a full time Harbor Master to oversee water access and moorings in St George. There is an ongoing search for boat launching facilities on the River and at Wheelers Bay/Spruce Head.

Table 11-1 Current Boat Launching Facilities	
Property	Location
Port Clyde Landing	8 Cold Storage Road
10 Cold Storage Road	
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Tenants Harbor Landing	18 Commercial St

11.3 Emergency Services

At this time, the **Fire Department** has the main station in Tenants Harbor and two substations, one each at the north and south ends of town. A live fire training facility is being constructed at the Route 73 station.

Ambulance Service in St George is provided by The St George Volunteer Firefighter's and Ambulance Association. The St George Firemen's Association was formed in 1953 as a means to raise funds for equipment and training for the fire department. In 1956 the Firemen's Association purchased an Ambulance and started the Ambulance service. It was an all-volunteer service that was supported by donations only. In 1990 the Firemen's Association incorporated to be in compliance with the IRS. With the incorporation came the name change to The St George Volunteer Firefighters and Ambulance Association.

The service is still mostly a volunteer service. However, the changes in the level of care expected and the amount of time required to keep up with license requirements it became more difficult to retain people to be available to answer the calls.

In 2010 the St George Volunteer Firefighter's and Ambulance Association hired Paramedics to be on duty 24 hours a day to supplement the volunteer force.

Table 11-2 Fire Stations	
Property	Location
Fire Station/Town Office	3 School Street
Rt. 73 Fire Station	274 Seal Harbor Road
Port Clyde Fire Station	731 Port Clyde Road

Police service is provided through County services.

11.4 Solid Waste Department

The Town's Transfer Station provides for safe and efficient disposal of household waste, garden waste, hazardous materials, demolition debris, recyclables and composting. Transfer Station stickers are available at the Town Office at no charge.

In 2013 there was 576 tons of material shipped which generated approximately \$24,756 in income. Below are the Tons of Material Shipped, Income, Avoided Costs and Total savings generated from recycling in 2013. Most items are sold, but glass, asphalt shingles, and gypsum board are exchanged for mixed reclaim.

The Transfer Station property has reached its limit, due to setbacks and limitations, for licensed usage. As composting is to be part of the solid waste program, additional land will be needed, preferably land adjoining the current site. This additional land should also be looked at from the standpoint of a future site for public works needs.

Table 11-3 Current Solid Waste Sites	
Property	Location
Solid Waste Facility	176 Wallston Road
Closed Landfill	Wallston Road

11.5 Library

The Jackson Memorial Library located in Tenants Harbor is a private library, operating in a public capacity, and serving all residents of St. George. It is open six days a week for 34 hours per week. Its collection includes fiction, non-fiction, magazines, books on CD and

DVDs for adults and children. Computers and tablets are available for patron use along with eReaders which can be borrowed. WiFi is available 24/7.

There were 14,297 items borrowed in 2015. 176 new cards were issued in 2015, bringing the total number of cardholders to 2,056. Library cards are free to all residents and property owners.

11.6 School and Other Educational Resources

Students from kindergarten through eighth grade attend the St. George Municipal School. High school students are tuitioned to their choice of area high schools.

Jackson Memorial Library

The Library is adjacent to the St. George School. Classes come to check out books on a regular schedule and to attend special programs during the school day. The library also provides after-school enrichment programs and offers a free Pre-K program for St. George residents. Adult programming includes discussion groups, classes, speakers, and book and game groups.

Grace Institute

For over half of the last century, the Lillius Grace Institute housed and funded programs in Manual Arts and Home economics for high school (until 1963) and middle school students. In 2008, new building was constructed and the Institute changed its focus to providing afterschool and enrichment programs for students in grades 6-8. The Grace Institute provided valuable enrichment, mentoring and academic support for the students of St. George until it closed in 2012. The facility was then donated to the Jackson Memorial Library.

Herring Gut Learning Center

HGLC is a non-profit marine education center in Port Clyde. They use the coastal resources surrounding their campus to present aquaculture and marine science programs that engage public school students in grades 6-12 who are academically at risk, using a hands-on, entrepreneurial, business-based model to keep them in school. The Center also provides professional development for teachers and summer programs for youth.

HGLC also partners with the St. George School to offer science programs and enrichment for students K-8.

11.7 Public Water

There are two water districts in Town providing public water to the villages of Tenants Harbor and Port Clyde. These are quasi-municipal entities and are run by an independent Board of Directors. The Districts are user funded.

11.8 Unclassified

These properties are under the unclassified section because of their uncertain status.

The 38 Main Street property (former library) is leased as a retail shop and the 3 Juniper Street property is vacant at the present time.

The Kinney Woods Property is in this section because a specific purpose for it has yet to be identified, even though several ideas are being discussed.

Table 11-4 Unclassified Properties	
Property	Location
Vacant Lot	3 Juniper Street
Kinney Woods Property	Kinney Woods Road

The Select Board maintains a written policy on public land acquisition, with the policy being reviewed, and updated as needed, on an annual basis.

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11.9 Churches and Other Cultural Organizations

Churches in St. George include the Port Clyde Baptist Church, the Advent Church in Port Clyde, the Ridge Church in Martinsville, the Tenants Harbor Baptist Church, and the St. George Episcopal Chapel in Long Cove, the Wiley's Corner Baptist Church, and the Spruce Head Community Church.

The First Baptist Church (Wiley's Corner Baptist Church) was gathered in 1784 and organized in 1789, making it the oldest surviving religious group in the county. From it sprang the Ridge Church (1817), the Tenants Harbor Church (1842) and a Baptist Church at Clark Island, now extinct. The Port Clyde Baptist Church separated officially from the Ridge Church in the 1940's, although the church building dates from 1897. The Port Clyde Advent Church was gathered prior to 1900 and organized early in the century. The Community Church at Spruce Head dates from the last decades of the 1800's, and St. George's Episcopal Chapel at Long Cove, open during the summer and built in 1901, is a reminder of the English granite workers who lived at "Englishtown," as that locality was known.

Other cultural resources now used by the Town's citizens include the Ocean View Grange in Martinsville, the St. George Grange at Wiley's Corner, the International Order of Odd Fellows Hall in Tenants Harbor, the Masonic Hall in Tenants Harbor, and the American Legion Hall in Tenants Harbor.

11.10 Goals, Policies, and Strategies

A. State Goal

To plan for, finance and develop and efficient system of public facilities and services to accommodate anticipated growth and economic development.

B. Local Policies and Strategies

Pursuant to the State goal the Town of St. George has the following policies:

Strategies proposed in this Comprehensive Plan are assigned responsible parties and a timeframe in which to be addressed. **Short Term** is assigned for strategies to be addressed within one to three years after the adoption of this Comprehensive Plan, **Midterm** for strategies to be addressed within five years, and **Long Term** for strategies to be addressed within ten years. In addition, **Ongoing** is used for regularly recurring activities.

Policy1: Provide protection through ordinances to maintain the quality and quantity of the well water supplying the Port Clyde and Tenants Harbor Water Districts.

Strategy	Responsibility	Date
Continue to maintain a wellhead protection ordinance that prohibits new activities that may threaten water supplies from locations within 300 feet of the Water Districts' wells and regulates new activities that may threaten water supplies located in the area between 300 and 1,000 feet. (Department of Human Services standards)-	Planning Board	Ongoing
Consider the language in the Subdivision Ordinance to require that where a proposed subsurface sewage disposal system is to serve more than 5 dwelling units, developers	Planning Board	Ongoing

demonstrate the existence of a reserve area of suitable soils for a replacement system.		
Support the extension of the water supply systems to provide service to developed properties within the service area if the Port Clyde and Tenants Harbor Water Districts as well as new development that may occur in the adjacent areas.		
Work with appropriate entities to encourage the use of innovative approaches for wastewater disposal within watersheds of the Water Districts.		

Policy 2: Discourage developments in areas with defined constraints that may lead to the necessity of public sewer or water.

Strategy	Responsibility	Date
Use the Development Constraints Map, the Soils Map, the Water Resources Map, and other maps and information along with site specific data provided by the applicant to identify sites suitable for growth. (Same strategy as in Section E Land Use, Strategy 1.a.)	Planning Board	Ongoing
The minimum lot size requirement should be 1 acre Town-wide. The Town's Subdivision Ordinance requires that steep slopes, wetlands, and other sensitive areas are not included in the minimum lot size calculations, requires performance standards such as requirements for on-site septic systems in areas with low suitability soils, prohibits development on slopes of 20 percent encompassing 2 or more sustained acres. (Same strategy as in Section E Land Use, Strategy 1.d.)	Planning Board	Ongoing

Policy 3: Continue to improve and maintain the transfer station.

Strategy	Responsibility	Date
Continue to set aside funds and to seek additional funds to improve and maintain the transfer station.	Town Manager/Select Board/Solid Waste Committee	Ongoing
Consider regional coordination in disposing of solid waste.	Solid Waste Committee	Ongoing

Policy 4. Continue to expand recycling efforts to reduce the volume of solid waste.

Strategy	Responsibility	Date
Continue to expand the existing recycling program through public promotion and education.	Solid Waste Committee	Ongoing

Continue to work with the public and the school district on the educational program that teaches how to reduce, reuse, and recycle.	Solid Waste Committee	Ongoing
Encourage a Town-wide composting program at home and/or at the Transfer Station.	Solid Waste Committee	Ongoing
Continue incentives for recycling.	Solid Waste Committee	Ongoing

Policy 5: Ensure that law enforcement, fire, and rescue services keep pace with St. George's population growth and distribution.

Strategy	Responsibility	Date
Annually review police, fire, and rescue capabilities in light of the Town's increasing population, and recommend changes when warranted by the additional growth.	Town Manager	Ongoing
Require developers to assure sufficient water supplies to meet fire control needs of their development. Requirements could include provisions for dry hydrants, fire ponds, etc.	Planning Board	Ongoing
Require automatic sprinkler systems in new multi-family structures.	Planning Board	Ongoing
Maintain ordinances to require adequate access and turn-around areas for emergency vehicles in subdivisions and business developments.	Planning Board	Ongoing
Work with property owners to implement the Addressing Ordinance and help improve addressing at homes (including street numbers).	Addressing Committee	Immediate

Policy 6: Ensure that public buildings are adequate and properly maintained.

Strategy	Responsibility	Date
Maintain, and update as necessary, a facilities plan for maintenance and improvements.	Town Manager	Ongoing

Policy 7: Maintain and Improve electrical and communication infrastructure.

Strategy	Responsibility	Date
Encourage broad band or other technology to provide reliable access to the internet.	Selectmen	Ongoing
Assure that adequate power supply is available for future demands	Selectmen	Ongoing