

Cape Elizabeth road paving, FY2012–FY2027: a compiled record

Compiled by the Chris Gorski for Town Council campaign, September 2026, from Town of Cape Elizabeth budget books, Capital Improvement Plans, audited financial reports and Council packets. Town originals: capeelizabeth.gov.

How to read this. Figures are the town's paving line (town money only) as proposed in each year's budget book and, where the Council's adoption minutes survive, as adopted. The FY2019 and FY2020 audited financial reports record lower "original budget" figures than the budget books (\$100,000 and \$45,000), FY2015's \$700,000 includes \$329,900 carried over from prior balances, and FY2022's \$300,000 was the paving request inside a larger \$988,000 roads-and-drainage line. CIP means Capital Improvement Plan.

Table 1. Town paving line by fiscal year

FY	Paving line	Notes	Source
FY2012	\$100,000	Paving reduced to save money for the Starboard Dr reconstruction (plus \$35,000 for its design). The Jan 2011 CIP had asked \$260,000. The FY2012 budget book was not found online.	FY2013 budget proposal, Mar 2012 (prior year "approved at \$100,000"); CIP FY2012–16, Jan 2011
FY2013	\$275,000	Starboard Dr share \$210,000, overlay \$50,000, miscellaneous \$15,000. Proposed figure; adoption minutes not found.	FY2013 budget proposal, Mar 2012, CIP list
FY2014	\$295,000	Oakhurst to Hemlock Hill drainage \$100,000, overlay \$175,000, miscellaneous \$20,000.	FY2014 budget book, CIP pp. 134, 136; Council minutes, Apr 29, 2013
FY2015	\$700,000	\$370,100 CIP + \$329,900 from prior balances.	FY2015 budget pro forma, capital and special funds
FY2016	\$435,000	Old Ocean House Rd \$250,000, Spurwink Ave East \$80,000 ("deferred from FY 2015"), overlay \$80,000, miscellaneous \$25,000.	Capital Stewardship Plan FY2016–25, Aug 21, 2014; Council minutes, May 11, 2015
FY2017	\$445,000	Scott Dyer Rd/Hill Way design \$50,000, Wells Rd \$135,000, Two Lights Rd town share \$120,000, overlay \$120,000, miscellaneous \$20,000.	FY2017 budget book, CIP pp. 135, 137; Council minutes, May 9, 2016
FY2018	\$220,000	"Paving & Drainage"; Hill Way/Scott Dyer carried separately (\$665,000).	FY2018 budget book, CIP page; Council minutes, May 15, 2017
FY2019	\$200,000	Scott Dyer carried separately (\$680,000). Council adopted a CIP total of \$741,900 (\$793,042 requested); the audit shows an original paving budget of \$100,000.	FY2019 budget book, p. 144; Council budget adoption minutes, 2018; FY2019 audited financial report
FY2020	\$300,000	Scott Dyer Phase 3 carried separately (\$650,000). Council adopted a CIP total of \$422,800 (\$717,800 requested). The audit shows an original of \$45,000; the town's Apr 1, 2020 expenditure report shows the paving account at \$300,000.	FY2020 budget book, p. 171; Council agenda, May 13, 2019; FY2020 audited financial report; FY2021 budget book, p. 171
FY2021	\$300,000	Budget book and audit agree.	FY2021 budget book, p. 170; FY2021 audited financial report
FY2022	\$300,000	Paving request; the audit shows a \$988,000 "roadways and drainage" line that bundled other projects.	FY2022 budget book, p. 191; FY2022 audited financial report
FY2023	\$300,000	From FY2023 the audits no longer itemize paving spending.	Council minutes, May 9, 2022; FY2023 audited financial report
FY2024	\$325,000	Spending from this line included January 2024 storm repairs.	Council minutes, May 15, 2023; Council packet, May 13, 2024
FY2025	\$338,364	\$325,000 plus a \$13,364 adjustment.	Council packets, June 10 and Dec 9, 2024 (expenditure reports)

FY	Paving line	Notes	Source
FY2026	\$0	\$0 budgeted ("due to other funding priorities"); \$232,041 in FEMA reimbursements and extra state road aid moved into the paving account, Oct 2025.	FY2026 budget book, CIP; Public Works memo to the Council, Oct 2, 2025 (Oct 15, 2025 packet, p. 250)
FY2027	\$181,000	Plus a \$685,000 grant match and \$144,000 of state road aid (LRAP): a \$1,010,000 line, "Local Match for PACTS paving projects and MPI paving project."	FY2027 budget book, CIP

The Capital Improvement Plan for FY2012–16 (Jan 5, 2011) said the town "should be spending ... \$400,000 a year to repave roads"; the paving line reached \$400,000 in three years (FY2015–FY2017).

Table 2. Land Acquisition Fund: yearly transfer from the General Fund

FY	Transfer	Source
FY2014	\$16,457	FY2014 audited financial report ("Proposed Penny for Land Acquisition"); FY2015 budget pro forma
FY2015–FY2020	\$32,914 a year	FY2015–FY2020 audited financial reports
FY2021	\$16,457	FY2021 audited financial report
FY2022–FY2024	\$32,914 a year	FY2022–FY2024 audited financial reports
FY2025–FY2027	\$0	FY2025 proposed budget (Finance Committee packet, Mar 18, 2024, p. 165), "TXFR LAND ACQUISITION" \$0; FY2025 audited financial report; no transfer in the FY2026 or FY2027 budgets

Fund balance, June 30, 2025: \$174,770 (FY2025 audited financial report; the Sept 21, 2026 Council packet, p. 15, gives the same figure as the current balance).

Sept 21, 2026: the Council approved allocating \$50,000 from the fund to the Cape Elizabeth Land Trust's Improved Access Trail project at Robinson Woods, leaving about \$125,000 (Sept 21, 2026 Council packet, p. 15, and the Town's posted meeting transcript).

Table 3. The town's 2015 five-year road list (FY2017–FY2021): what happened

Planned years and costs: Public Works memo "Proposed Roadway & Drainage Priorities, FY 2017 - FY 2021," Oct 6, 2015. "Done" means the street appears with a date on the town's January 2024 paving moratorium list (recently paved streets that may not be dug up for five years), in the inventory of the December 2017 pavement study update, or as a completed project in an audit or budget book. A fiscal year's paving season is the summer at its start (FY2017 = summer 2016).

Item	Planned (FY)	Outcome	Source/evidence
Scott Dyer Rd and Hill Way: design (\$50,000)	2017	Done on time or early	Funded in FY2017 budget; construction spending began FY2018 (FY2018 audit)
Wells Rd (\$135,000)	2017	Done on time or early	2017 study inventory: segment 2 dated 2016 (segment 1 still 2001)
Two Lights Terrace (local list)	2017	Done on time or early	2017 study inventory: 2016
Lighthouse Point (local list)	2017	Done on time or early	2017 study inventory: 2016
Balsam Rd (local list)	2017	Done on time or early	2017 study inventory: 2016
Park Circle (local list)	2017	Done on time or early	2017 study inventory: 2016
Bradford Rd (local list)	2017	Done on time or early*	2017 study inventory: 2017 (month not recorded)
Harrison Rd (local list)	2017	Done on time or early*	2017 study inventory: 2017 (month not recorded)
Waterhouse Rd (local list)	2017	Done on time or early*	2017 study inventory: 2017 (month not recorded)
Hampton Rd (local list)	2017	Done late (2019, 2021)	Moratorium list: Sweet Fern to Gladys, 2019; Fowler to Sweet Fern, 2021
Wood Rd (local list)	2017	Done late (2021)	Moratorium list: Sept 29, 2021

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Vernon Rd (local list)	2017	Done late (2023)	Moratorium list: Sept 6, 2023
Scott Dyer Rd and Hill Way: construction ("roughly estimated at \$355,000")	2018	Done late (completed 2020)	FY2018–FY2021 audits: about \$2.33 million in all (about 6.5 times the estimate) as the scope grew to full reconstruction with sidewalks and drainage; full overlay Sept 24, 2020 (moratorium list)
High School former bus lot (\$35,000)	2018	Not found as done	Not in FY2018–FY2021 audits or on the moratorium list
Shore Rd, Surf Rd to South Portland line (\$225,000)	2019	Done late, in part (2022, 2026)	Littlejohn Rd to Delano Park milled and paved Sept 27, 2022 (moratorium list); two sections paved May 2026 (town news notice). Full rehabilitation, phase 1 of 6: design FY2028, construction FY2029 (FY2027 budget book, CIP)
Eastman Rd (\$150,000)	2019	Done on time or early	Paved 2018, on schedule: "We performed a similar treatment on Eastman Road prior to paving that in 2018" (FY2021 budget book, p. 96). Corrected Sept 26, 2026; earlier counts listed it as not found.
Fessenden Rd (\$35,000)	2020	Not found as done	Last paved 1996 (2017 study); not on the moratorium list
Broad Cove Rd (\$110,000)	2020	Done on time or early	Moratorium list: Ocean House Rd to Ledgewood, July 24, 2019 (Ledgewood to end not listed)
Mitchell Rd, Belfield to South Portland line (\$200,000)	2020	Done late (2021, 2022)	Moratorium list: Oakhurst Rd to town line, Sept 17, 2021; Oakhurst Rd to Belfield, Aug 25, 2022
Route 77, Fowler Rd to Scarborough line (\$105,000)	2021	Not found as done	Not on the moratorium list; MaineDOT paved sections of Route 77, May to June 2026 (town news notice; limits not stated)
Oakhurst Rd (\$130,000)	2021	Not found as done	2023 Oakhurst-area paving covered side streets; FY2025 CIP (May 13, 2024 packet) still listed it as "being considered"
Woodland Rd (\$80,000)	2021	Done late (2023)	Moratorium list: Warren Ave to Cottage Farms Rd, Aug 28, 2023
Totals, 22 items: 11 done on time or early; 7 done late; 4 not found as done. *The 2017 study dates Bradford, Harrison and Waterhouse only to the year 2017. They count as on time if paved before July 1, 2017 (the end of FY2017); if they were paved later in 2017, the totals would be 8 on time, 10 late, 4 not found.			

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