

Washington County: One Community 2007 Quality of Life Survey
Written Comments

The PROBLEMS of Washington County: COMMENTS

Written or recorded activity - problem - action of the town council. I would like a more friendly town councils and more encouragement for citizens to understand what the town council does - perhaps a monthly report in the local newspaper.

Illegal clear cutting of large private wood lot in Harrington by poachers along Webb Dist. Rd. and Columbia Willey Dist. Rd. Georgetown Columbia several house break-ins, robberies and vandalism. Contempt of abatements granted by county commissioners for over evaluation (Theron Look) Discriminatory tax policy (property) non-professional assessors.

The judicial / legal sector in WC is a joke, and if cleaned up more people (including myself) would really like to set up my small business again. It's really terrible to live in a judicial tainted community.

Many communities and towns have blighted business and outlying areas. Rundown properties with junk cars, boats, etc, do not reflect your mission.

Note the lobstermen only have one outlet to sell their harvest. Because they do not like the other outlet they shut him down. Like or not, a stupid move - you need competition when trying to sell anything! They also over estimate debt not realizing bad years come. The farmers in the west know this and try to have enough from good years to survive the bad. At one point the second source was for sale. When it fell through, some could go back! Just 2 cents more for 1000 lbs equals \$20.00.

People saving some of the income personal help. Self esteem dignity It's not a sin to be poor only to live that way.

The one thing that scares me in WC is the drug use among our kids and the fact that our officials are using and our school teachers in other towns are using. How can we get a handle on our kids when the pillars of our community are on drugs - the sheriff department is starting to clean up- Thanks to Donnie Smith. Start testing teachers starting in Lubec down the coast.

Big problem: Difference between coastal community wealth and inland community lack of it.

-We have a high rate of substance and alcohol abuse. -The crime/vandalism rate affects real estate. -We do not need a gambling facility in a poor region to add another income drain and potential addiction. -We need to remove, or modify the tax laws governing waterfront property.

This town and nearby towns died when SAD 37 with one high school formed. I have read and believe that the consolidation of schools is a step towards the consolidation of the state into regions and eventually one world government. One would have to be comatose to not see this coming.

Can you help? Downeast pays more for everything. Come to Calais and fill-er-up! In almost 1 year the only thing you can say about Calais is 2006 Chair-a-ffair. Shame on you.

Law enforcement for speeding / excessive (overweight) truck traffic on Route 214 / Charlotte Road, which is an ACCIDENT WAITING TO HAPPEN. More police presence in our towns; no more jails, rather alternative (creative) forms of adjudication for non-violent offenders. And NO more landfill expansion.

The whole state is a disaster area due to clear cutting, spray, jets reducing ozone layer, pollution from industry, microwave use warming atmosphere. Technology is making this planet uninhabitable for humans. Flora and fauna is greatly reduced and much is missing. SEE ADDITIONAL LETTER SENT

City and town governments are too connected. Need to be replaced with all new blood. Too many good old boys etc.

Keep on spending more money on nothing! Our leadership over the past 30 years has ruined the state of Maine, cut government and taxes!

I have serious concerns about how DHHS is run and believe it needs serious reform starting with removing corruption in the ranks. DHHS make decisions based on personal opinion rather than evidence of facts. It's wrong, unjust, and destroys people's lives.