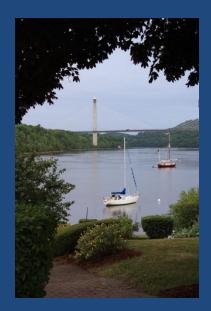




Bucksport's Community Heart & Soul Statements

Bucksport Town Council Meeting January 25, 2018





Community Spirit

We cherish our community that comes together through neighbors helping neighbors, volunteering, and supporting local organizations and events; creating a sense of belonging which gives each of us an opportunity to make a difference.

















Town Government

We value a forward-thinking and transparent town government that responds to the needs of residents and local businesses and maintains and supports community services and infrastructure; ensuring an accessible, safe, and secure environment.





















Small Town Feel

We treasure our friendly community with its safe, closeknit family feel and the generational continuity which keeps our proud history alive, creating a warm and welcoming atmosphere for residents and visitors alike.















Vibrant Downtown

We treasure a vibrant downtown with small businesses, festivals, parades, waterfront, and art-related opportunities which provide economic development and places for people to gather, promoting a rich, welcoming sense of community.

















Recreation

We take pride in each of these things which enhance our health and well-being:

- * the abundance of recreational opportunities for all ages which encourage exercise, deep conversations and social interactions between friends, parents, children, and dog owners.
- * access to the magnificent waterfront walkway, the well-maintained trails, and the ponds, lakes, and woods.





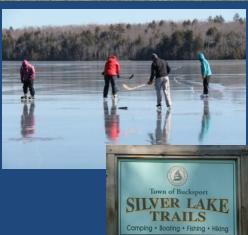












Environment

We cherish the beauty of our rural environment which provides us access and a connection to our natural world:

- * the Penobscot River, the jewel of our waterfront and our maritime connection.
- * our ponds, lakes, woods, mountains, and farmlands, the privilege of our seasons, fresh air, and the stars at night
- * our opportunities for civic and social organizations that encourage the traditions of boating, hunting, fishing, farming, and gardening

















Education

WE value each of these things that contribute to a healthy, happy, and educated populace:

- * an innovative school system which emphasizes varied educational and extracurricular opportunities for all learners
- * a class size conducive to knowing, caring about, and helping each other
- * a high graduation rate with graduates prepared to contribute to the community at large
- * collaboration between school and community























Healthy Community

We appreciate and value each of these things which promote an inclusive, vibrant community:

- * access to local choices for recreational, cultural and social activities, and health and other services
- * access to housing that meets the needs of all ages and income levels
- * addressing current social, emotional, mental and physical health challenges





















Local Economy

We value each of these things that contribute to a prosperous community by bringing people together and creating an inviting destination for our visitors:

* a strong local economy enhanced by our central location, affordable housing, diverse and creative businesses, available financing, and employment opportunities

* local eateries, movie theater, and cultural events





















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