



# **Town of Washington Annual Report – 2015**

# **Annual Report 2015**

## **WASHINGTON, MAINE**

For the Year Ended December 31, 2015



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### **About the Cover**

***The Town of Washington is open for business!***



**This Town Report  
is dedicated to  
all the small businesses  
in Washington.  
Thank you for contributing to  
the growth and vitality  
of our Town.**



## **In Memoriam**

### **Alma Jones**



The Town of Washington lost a stalwart citizen when Alma Jones passed away Sept. 3, 2015. Born and raised in Washington, she was a graduate of Washington High School and, except for a few early years when working out of the area, was a lifelong resident. Alma epitomized volunteerism in Washington. In addition to the thousands of hours of time devoted to Farrar-Ross Post of the VFW, the Veterans Center at Togus, and the Maine Veterans Home, she founded and operated the Washington Food Bank in the basement of her home for many years. She was one of the founding members of the Washington Historical Society and a long-time member of the Gibbs Library, Grange, and Ladies Auxiliary of the VFW. For all her volunteer efforts, Alma was awarded the Jefferson Award for Volunteerism and the “Spirit of America” Award.

Although Alma was always willing to give advice and counsel to those who asked, she did not “suffer fools gladly”, and was one who would quickly call out when she perceived an error in judgment or injustice. Her patriotism and loyalty were only outweighed by her friendly outgoing nature. The Town was a much better place with Alma here and her loss will be felt for a long time. The Town sends its condolences to the family of Alma Jones.

## **Town Officers**

### **Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor**

Wesley F. Daniel      Duane P. Vigue      Berkley Linscott

### **Town Clerk/Tax Collector**

Ann Dean

### **Treasurer**

Ann Dean

### **Deputy Treasurers**

Mary Anderson

Beth Connor

Denise Hylton

### **Deputy Clerk/Tax Collector**

Mary Anderson

Denise Hylton

### **Registrar of Voters**

Ann Dean

### **Deputy Registrar of Voters**

Mary Anderson

Denise Hylton

### **Road Commissioner**

Jonathan Daniel

### **Code Enforcement Officer/ Plumbing Inspector**

Bob Temple

### **Fire Chief**

### **Emergency Management Director**

Thomas Johnston

**Deputy Fire Chief**

Phil Meunier

**Forest Fire Wardens**

Donald B. Grinnell

Kenneth Boisse, Deputy

**Health Officer**

Brian Alves

**Constable**

Judson Buttermann

**Animal Control Officers**

Andrew Dinsmore

Clayton Lanhier

**M.S.A.D. #40 School Board Directors**

Guy Bourrie

Cheryl Cichowski

**Election Clerks****Republican**

Nancy Barker

Judith Brann

Mildred Melgard

**Democrat**

Linda Luce

Elizabeth Bettcher

Carol Sloane

**Town Meeting Moderators**

Tom Ford

Jim Bowers

David Martucci

**Deputy Moderators**

Tom Ford

Judson Buttermann

**Election Wardens**

Walter Metcalf

Judson Buttermann

**Planning Board**

Mitchell A. Garnett, Chairman

Henry Aho  
James Bowers  
Steve Ocean, ALT

David Studer  
Jesse Casas  
David Williams

**Board of Appeals**

Norman Casas, Chairman

Henry Chapman  
James Kearney  
Lowell Freiman

Dorothy Sainio  
Thomas Potter, ALT  
Cathy Blake, ALT

Charlotte Henderson, ALT

**Budget Committee**

Henry Aho, Chairperson

Dave Martucci  
Kathleen Ocean  
Wendy Carr  
James Kearney, ALT

Jesse Casas  
Donald L. Grinnell  
Dorothy Sainio  
David Williams, ALT

**Conservation Committee**

David Spahr      Charlotte Henderson      Ann Dean

**Commercial Solar Energy Ordinance Committee**

David Martucci  
Mei-Ling Cheung  
Peg Hobbs  
Liz Casey

David Spahr  
Jeffrey Grinnell  
Kim Linscott  
Robert Birk

**Mineral Ordinance Committee**

Judson Butterman  
David Martucci

Ann Dean  
Frank Campbell

**Recreation Committee**

Steve Ocean  
Helen Caddie-Larcenia  
Dan Jones  
Bryan Gess  
Tracie McLain

Peg Hobbs  
Valerie Jackson  
Susan Frank  
Bob Madden  
Michael Micklich



**Tri-County Solid Waste Management Organization**

Reggie Burns

Leo Karczewski

Norman Casas, Alt.

**Washington Scholarship Committee**

Mindy Gould

Priscilla Packard

Judy Good

Jan Birk

Mildred Melgard

**State Senator ~ District 13**

Christopher Johnson

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**Representative to the Legislature ~ District 91**

Jeffrey Evangelos

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House of Representatives

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## Selectmen's Report, Discussion, and Analysis

The following management's discussion and analysis of the Town of Washington, Maine's financial performance provides an overview of the Town's financial activities for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015. Please read it in conjunction with the Town's financial statements.

### **Financial Statement Overview**

The Town of Washington's basic financial statements include the following components:

1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements. This report also includes required supplementary information which consists of the general fund budgetary comparison schedule, and other supplementary information which includes combining and other schedules.

### **Basic Financial Statements**

The basic financial statements include financial information in two differing views: the government-wide financial statements and the fund financial statements. These basic financial statements also include the notes to financial statements that explain in more detail certain information in the financial statements and also provide the user with the accounting policies used in the preparation of the financial statements.

### **Government-Wide Financial Statements**

The government-wide financial statements provide a broad view of the Town's operations in a manner that is similar to private businesses. These statements provide both short-term as well as long-term information in regards to the Town's financial position. These financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. This measurement focus takes into account all revenues and expenses associated with the fiscal year regardless of when cash is received or paid. The government-wide financial statements include the following two statements:

The Statement of Net Position - this statement presents all of the government's assets and liabilities with the difference being reported as net position.

The Statement of Activities - this statement presents information that shows how the government's net position changed during the period.

All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of the related cash flows.

Both of the above mentioned financial statements have one column for the Town's one type of activity. The type of activity presented for the Town of Washington is:

- **Governmental activities** - The activities in this section are mostly supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues (federal and state grants). All of the Town's basic services are reported in governmental activities, which include general government, public safety, health and sanitation, public works, education, social services, and other unclassified.

### **Fund Financial Statements**

A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The Town of Washington, like other local governments uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with financial related legal requirements. All of the funds of the Town of Washington are categorized as one fund type: governmental funds.

*Governmental funds:* All of the basic services provided by the Town are financed through governmental funds. Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported in governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, the governmental fund financial statements focus on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources. They also focus on the balance of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information will be useful in evaluating the government's near-term financing requirements. This approach is known as the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this approach revenues are recorded when cash is received or when susceptible to accrual. Expenditures are recorded when liabilities are incurred and due. These statements provide a detailed short-term view of the Town's finances to assist in determining whether there will be adequate financial resources available to meet the current needs of the Town.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental

fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities. These reconciliations are presented on Exhibits C and D of the financial statements.

The Town of Washington presents only two columns in the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances. The Town's major governmental fund is the general fund. All other funds are shown as nonmajor and are shown on Exhibit E.

The general fund is the only fund for which the Town legally adopted a budget. The Budgetary Comparison Schedule - General Fund provides a comparison of the original and final budget and the actual expenditures for the current year.

#### **Notes to the Financial Statements**

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the Government-Wide and the Fund Financial Statements. The Notes to Financial Statements can be found following the Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities.

#### **Required Supplementary Information**

The basic financial statements are followed by a section of required supplementary information, which includes a Budgetary Comparison Schedule - General Fund.

#### **Selectmen's Report, Discussion and Analysis**

In closing of the year 2015 we wish to thank all of the personnel that made a productive year possible. We, as Selectmen, could not have accomplished all this without the help of our office staff who have worked extra hard keeping things going; our road crew who worked many hours last winter keeping the roads open and repaired during the summer; and all the Boards and Committees who are all volunteers.

This spring, we finished the Recreation Field adjacent to the fire pond. The new field was seeded and the grass grew enough so that it could be mowed a couple of times this summer. The parking lot for the field is out front. Thanks to Merton More and the Road Crew for making this happen.

The Vanner Road Project was completed as planned. Replacing the culvert came in under the estimate. Because of a clause in the contract that stated if the price of the product went down the cost to the town would go down, the paving was also done for less than the bid. This was a reduction

of about \$10,000.00 on the paving part. Lane Construction did the paving and Farley and Sons replaced the culvert. The Road Crew and Merton More did the ditching and shimming of the shoulders. In the process of replacing the culvert they found that there were plenty of fish going back and forth in the brook.

The new plow truck, delivered on December 16, 2015, is a 2016 Western Star, 4700 SF, single axle with a Cummings 1SL, 330HP engine with an Eaton Fuller SLL standard transmission with dump body. The sander is a Swenson 6 yard which is stainless steel and slides into the truck body. The plow and wing is an American Power angle. The complete package price was \$143,766.; \$6,234.00 less than estimated. The truck was purchased from Dagle & Houghton and outfitted by H.P. Fairfield in Skowhegan, Maine.

On November 9, 2015 we did a Safety Works consultation. Safety Works came in and did a consultation type inspection. They found a few things that we needed to get caught up on. Wesley Daniel and Ann Dean worked on the list for the Town Office; Fire Chief, Tom Johnston and Deputy Chief, Phil Meunier, worked on the list for the fire station; and Duane Vigue worked on the list for Public Works. We are now in compliance.

This spring we had a person interested in putting a large solar array in the Village district. A lot of town's people thought this should not be allowed in this district for the size that was proposed. The Selectmen had a Special Town meeting to place a moratorium on this that would be good for six months and could be extended for six months. We appointed a committee of residents from different parts of town to draw up an amendment to the Land Use Ordinance on Solar Arrays and Wind/Antenna Arrays. They worked on this for a few months to come up with the amendments. We extended the moratorium for another six months. The amendments will be voted on at the open Town Meeting in March.

With the loss of experienced and energetic people on this Select Board this may be the time to talk about a Town Administrator. We are losing people with experience and the time to do the job.

In October we started a new road survey. Ann Dean and Wesley Daniel went out and checked all the roads in town and input the information into the Road System Management Software that was provided by the Maine Local Road Center at a minimal cost. We measured width and shoulders of roads, checking for alligator, longitudes, edge cracks, patches, potholes, roughness, rutting and roadside drainage. Each road is done separately and will help us determine which roads will be paved in the time frame of our ten year paving program. We are looking for new members for our Road Committee.

In the past year we have had two stores reopen that had been closed for some time, Jackson's Corner Store and Washington General Store. We need to support these and other small businesses coming into Washington as part of our community.

The Town's Audit was done on February 11 & 12, 2016. On February 17, we had a meeting with our Auditor, William Brewer to discuss the audit. We came up with about \$26,000.00 more for Revenue Sharing and about \$5,000.00 more for Unexpended Appropriations Surplus, which will go towards reducing the Tax Commitment. Bill said we did a good job of overseeing the accounts and the town was in good shape.

We will be posting vacancies for Planning Board, Board of Appeals, Recreation Committee, Conservation Committee, and Roads Committee. The Comprehensive Plan Update Committee has been appointed and will be working on updating the comprehensive Plan. We still need two citizens who would like to be appointed to the Midcoast Regional Planning Commission.

We would like to see more citizens get involved in Town Government and come to our meeting every Wednesday evening at 7 PM. We would like to thank you for your support in 2015 and looking forward to 2016.

## Treasurer's Report

### Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements for the year ended December 31, 2015

Cash Balance, January 1	707,734.83
ADD: CASH RECEIPTS:	
Property Tax Collections:	
Current Year	1,696,302.57
Prior Years	263,761.63
Prepayments	<u>3,109.02</u>
Total Property Tax Collections	1,963,173.22
Excise Taxes - Auto	220,285.55
Excise Taxes - Boat	1,608.30
Departmental (Schedule A-4)	104,641.85
BETE	28,845.00
State Revenue Sharing	53,420.65
Homestead Reimbursement	34,341.00
State Fees Collected	115,160.43
Accounts Receivable	1,039.00
Trust Funds	3,735.88
Loan Proceeds	143,766.00
Line of Credit	<u>250,000.00</u>
Total Cash Receipts	<u>2,920,016.88</u>
Total Cash Available	3,627,751.71
LESS: CASH DISBURSEMENTS:	
Departmental (Schedule A-4)	2,573,511.79
State Fees Remitted	117,207.13
Trust Funds	4,605.61
Line of Credit	<u>250,000.00</u>
Total Cash Disbursements	<u>2,945,324.53</u>
Cash Balance, December 31	<u><u>682,427.18</u></u>

### Reconciliation of Treasurer's Cash Balance - December 31, 2015

Cash on Hand	190.00
GENERAL FUND CHECKING:	
The First: Balance Per Bank Statement	700,442.32
Deduct: Outstanding Checks	18,961.51
Add: Deposits in Transit	<u>756.37</u>
Balance Per Books	<u>682,237.18</u>
Cash Balance, December 31, 2015	<u><u>682,427.18</u></u>

**Statements of Taxes Receivable — December 31, 2015**

	2015	2014
2015	279,659.58	-
2014	325.61	260,988.06
2013	66.00	66.00
2012	125.50	125.50
2011	150.60	150.60
2010	147.60	147.60
2009	165.00	165.00
2008	137.50	137.50
	<u>280,777.39</u>	<u>261,780.26</u>

**Trust Funds — December 31, 2015**

## Trust Fund Investments

	Unexpended		
	Principal	Income	Total
Davis Daggett Cemetery	4,450.00	1,219.65	5,669.65
Maple Grove Cemetery	2,500.00	1,719.31	4,219.31
Marr Cemetery	18,300.00	6,641.80	24,941.80
McDowell Cemetery	300.00	59.63	359.63
Mountain Cemetery	300.00	261.29	561.29
Overlook Cemetery	800.00	1,511.80	2,311.80
Pierpoint Cemetery	1,450.00	1,007.29	2,457.29
Skidmore Cemetery	50.00	27.64	77.64
Soldiers Monument	682.98	509.64	1,192.62
Billings Scholarship	5,890.00	3,274.52	9,164.52
Community Scholarship	15,060.37	19,941.24	35,001.61
Phillip Scriber Memorial	660.00	1,106.57	1,766.57
Daggett School	1,477.76	2,365.49	3,843.25
Storer Cemetery	150.00	9.29	159.29
Gibbs Library	4,066.00	108.92	4,174.92
	<u>56,137.11</u>	<u>39,764.08</u>	<u>95,901.19</u>

**Agency Funds — December 31, 2014**

## LEVENSALE CEMETERY ASSOCIATION:

Fund Balance, January 1		9,055.96
Add: Donations	2.43	
Interest Earned	<u>23.33</u>	
Fund Balance, December 31		<u>9,081.72</u>



**Town Clerk’s Report**  
**2015 Licenses Sold**  
**01/01/2015– 12/31/2015**

**Dog Licenses Sold**

Kennels	4
Males/Females	52
Neutered/Spayed	220

All dogs 6 months and older must have a license. If you become the owner of a dog 6 months or older, the dog must be licensed by January of each year. In order to obtain a license for your dog, the owner must present a current State of Maine Rabies Certificate obtained from a veterinarian. All dog licenses expire December 31 of each year. Renewal of licenses for the following year can be done at the Town Office beginning October 15<sup>th</sup>. Veterinarian Kathryn Williams of Lupine Valley Equine provided low cost rabies shots for dogs and cats at the Washington Fire Station at our rabies clinic that is held each year on the Saturday morning of hunting opening day. This year 20 dogs were vaccinated and registered at the town office that is open to register your dog immediately afterwards.

**Dog License Fees:**

- \$6.00 per year for spayed/neutered dogs
- \$11.00 per year for dogs not spayed/neutered

Per state law, any dog license that is re-licensed after January 31 will be subject to a \$25.00 late fee plus regular licensing fee. Post cards and reminder calls helped to bring the number of unlicensed dogs down but as of the last week of January there were still over 100 unlicensed dogs on record. Please let us know if you no longer own your dog so that we may remove them from our list.

**Fishing and Hunting Licenses Sold**

Junior Hunting	8	Small Game	1
Fish/Hunt Combo	43	Coyote Night Hunting	2
Hunting	31	Archery	3
Resident Fish	44	Bear Hunting Permit	2
1 Day Fish	1	Resident Muzzleloader	6
3 Day Fish	1	Spring/Fall Turkey	7
Non-Resident Fish	4	Resident over 70	1

**RV, Boat, & Snowmobile Registrations Sold**

Boats Up to 10 Hsp.	43
Boats Up to 10 Hsp.	49
Boat 11-50 Hsp.	25
Boat 51-115 Hsp.	20
Boat Over 115 Hsp.	13
PWC	1
Snowmobile	52
ATV	30

**Record of Fees Returned to the Town**

Record of Motor Vehicle Fees	\$5567.00
Recreational Vehicle Fees	\$237.00
Boat Excise	\$1608.30
Record of Fish & Wildlife License Fees	\$299.00
Record of Dog License Fees & Fines	\$262.00
Vital Records Fees	\$1407.20
Junkyard Permit Fees	\$225.00
Town Garage Revenue	\$148.00
Copies & Faxes	\$347.55
Notarial Services	\$ 88.00
Online Burn Permits	\$ 96.00
Return Check Fees	\$115.00

Respectfully submitted,  
ANN DEAN  
Town Clerk/Tax Collector/  
Treasurer

**2015 Vital Statistics Recorded**  
**01/01/2015 – 12/31/2015**  
**11 Births    11 Marriages    18 Deaths**

**Marriages**

<b>Date of Marriage</b>	<b>Names</b>
05/23/2015	Christy Roman and Timothy Winchenbach
05/26/2015	Christi Schooley and Richard Leigh
05/31/2015	Michelle Lemieux and Christopher Cogswell
06/20/2015	Michelle Kennard and Joseph Werner
07/25/2015	Tracy Tapley and Joshua Morgan
07/25/2015	Jessica Johnston and Charlie Goodwin
08/08/2015	Jillissa Perry and Dakota Leeman
08/22/2015	Chelsea MacArthur and Corey Pelletier
08/29/2015	Alexis Gareau and Conor MacDonald
09/05/2015	Amanda Roggio and Lawrence Hesseltine
09/27/2015	Mary Casas and Samuel Richardson

**Deaths**

<b>Date of Death</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Place of Death</b>	<b>Age</b>
01/22/2015	Roger Allen LaRouche	Madison	57
01/24/2015	Steven Linwood Condon Sr.	Augusta	47
02/06/2015	Wayne C Miller	Rockport	67
03/29/2015	Emma Louise Cole	Rockport	91
04/24/2015	Annette Marie Hutchinson	Rockland	51
05/09/2015	Richard L Wescott	Washington	73
05/14/2015	David Stuart Turner	Lewiston	76
05/31/2015	Clyde Earl Millay	Togus USVA	89
06/24/2015	Leslie Merle Luce	Washington	81
06/29/2015	Pearle C Merrill	Rockport	85
07/28/2015	Ronald Irvin Creamer Sr.	Washington	78
08/08/2015	Joyce Elizabeth Nemeth	Washington	83
08/29/2015	George Everett Davis Jr.	Togus USVA	88
09/03/2015	Alma Evelyn Jones	Augusta	95
09/29/2015	Dannie D Davis	Augusta	76
10/08/2015	David George Blake Sr.	Washington	75
12/17/2015	Patricia Anne Coffey	Rockport	67
12/31/2015	Debra Arlene Linscott	Rockport	55

Respectfully submitted,  
ANN DEAN, Town Clerk

## 2015 Assessors' Report

The 2015 county tax is	\$173,991.11
The 2015 county tax is 3.34% higher than 2014's of:	\$168,360.00
The 2015 municipal appropriation is	\$821,867.16
The 2015 municipal appropriation is 14.65% higher than 2014's of:	\$716,877.00
The 2015 school appropriation is	\$1,350,163.57
The 2015 school appropriation is 3.63% higher than 2014's of:	\$1,302,872.35
The 2015 total appropriation is	\$2,346,021.84
The 2015 total appropriation is 6.21% higher than 2014's of:	\$2,208,919.99
The 2015 homestead reimbursement is	\$36,877.50
The 2015 homestead amount is 7.33% higher than 2014's of:	\$34,357.50
The 2015 tax commitment is	\$1,985,256.45
The 2015 tax commitment is 11.10% higher than 2014's of:	\$1,786,885.69
The 2015 need was reduced by revenue sharing, excise tax, etc. by	\$321,500.00
The 2015 reduction is -0.31% lower than 2014's of:	\$322,500.00

**HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION:** There were 495 homeowners granted homestead exemptions in 2015, a decrease of 14 from 2014. To qualify for this exemption, you must be a legal resident of Maine, must have owned homestead property in Maine for at least 12 months and declare your homestead as your permanent residence. There is no penalty involved if your exemption status changes. If you have not taken advantage of this program and think you qualify, please contact the town office for an application before April 1st (provided the State does not reduce, modify or eliminate the program).

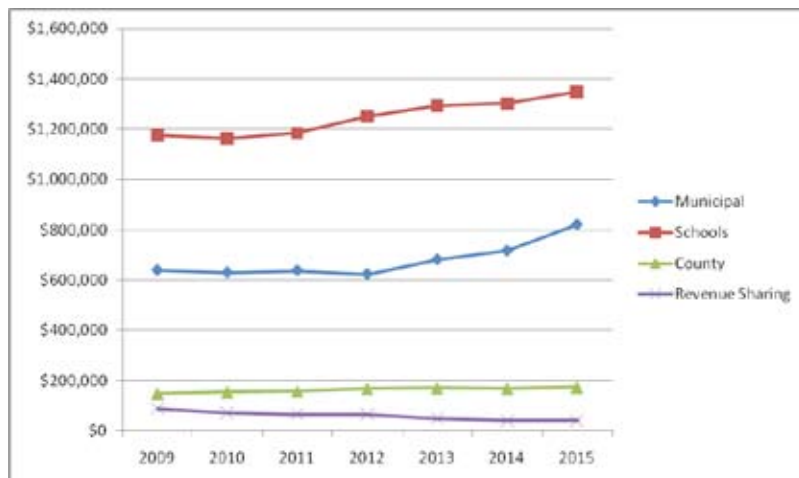
**HIGHLIGHTS:** The natural gas pipeline added over \$4.4 million to the Town's value and contributed over \$66,000 in taxes.

Personal property valued more than \$3.7 million and should generate more than \$57,000 in tax revenue but the State's Business Equipment Tax Exemption (BETE) program allows an exemption that requires the State to pay the taxes; which they do at a reduced rate of 50%; and results in a loss of revenue of more than \$28,000. See BETE information and qualifications at Maine Revenue Services website.

School spending accounted for 58 cents of each tax dollar. 7 cents went to county tax and the remaining 35 cents went to manage the rest of the Town's affairs for the year.

**TAXMAPS:** In 2012 the Town purchased a computer program that allows electronic processing of mapping and we are currently beginning the work of building the files. The end result is much better maps that have information about tax parcels as well as roads, 911 info, resource protection and about anything else that can be digitized. This information is available on the Town's website if you have Google Earth installed. We are not completely up to date, as it is a work in progress.

**WEBSITE:** Tree growth, farmland and open space exemptions for land may be of interest as well as exemptions for veterans. Information and applications for these programs and more can be found from links on the Town's website: <http://washington.maine.gov/>



The chart above shows appropriation trends for the period 2009 to 2015. The category for State Revenue Sharing shows a steady decline during the same period.

Board of Assessors:  
WESLEY DANIEL  
DUANE VIGUE  
BERKLEY LINSOTT  
STANLEY MILLAY,  
Assessors' Agent

# Tax Collector's Report for 2015

## Valuation, Assessment, and Collections for the year ended December 31, 2015

### VALUATION:

Real Estate	132,316,007.00
Personal Property	922,681.00
	<u>133,238,688.00</u>

### ASSESSMENT:

Valuation x Rate (133,238,688.00 x .01490)	1,985,256.45
Supplementals	1,430.03
Total Assessment	<u>1,986,686.48</u>

### COLLECTIONS AND CREDITS:

Cash Collections	1,696,302.57
Abatements	309.21
Prepayments	5,187.53
Tax Acquired	<u>5,227.59</u>
Total Collections and Credits	<u>1,707,026.90</u>
2015 Taxes Receivable - December 31, 2015	<u><u>279,659.58</u></u>

### COMPUTATION OF ASSESSMENT

Tax Commitment	1,985,256.45
Surplus	106,181.78
Excise Taxes - Auto and Boat	220,000.00
State Revenue Sharing	40,000.00
Homestead Reimbursement	36,877.50
Tree Growth Reimbursement	2,700.00
Mining Permits and Inspections	4,000.00
Building Permits - Town	1,200.00
Interest	2,000.00
Veterans Reimbursement	1,600.00
BETE	28,829.35
Interest on Overdue Taxes	16,000.00
Miscellaneous	<u>13,000.00</u>
	2,457,645.08

### REQUIREMENTS:

Municipal	867,048.94
MSAD 40	1,350,163.57
County Tax	<u>173,991.11</u>
	<u>2,391,203.62</u>
Overlay	<u><u>66,441.46</u></u>

**Tax Liens – December 31, 2015**

<b>2014</b>		Merrill, Jaynee	1,072.34
Ankers, Jennifer L.	332.10	Miller, Barry	781.18
Bassett, Gerald & Bernadette	830.00	Miller, Jared L.	1,255.04
Belcher, Corey A.	827.55	Moore, Ryan	392.85
Belcher, Ronald A.	332.10	Moore, Harold	1,697.38
Bickford, Michael	1,054.01	Pierpont, Clinton E.	614.88
Bickford, Michael	880.20	Pierpont, Willard	95.85
Bognar, Lorraine, Heirs	305.77	Pierpont, Willard	1,226.38
Bowley, W. A., Heirs	17.25	Pierpont, Willard	204.70
Bowman, Alice	1,381.95	Pierpont, Willard	770.31
Bowman, Alice	162.00	Rhinehart, Elizabeth	898.67
Bowman, Joseph P.	310.16	Rideout, John & Tammy	1,725.52
Bowman, Joseph P.	250.43	Rideout, John & Tammy	652.02
Bowman, Joseph P.	132.30	Scribner, Margaret	601.45
Bradstreet, David	2,119.50	Shenett, Theresa & David	611.82
Clifford, Michelle/Stephen	1,292.83	Soe, S., Trust	2,042.27
Condon, Shannon P.	656.10	Soe, S., Trust	332.98
Cooley, Karen A.	1,913.17	Spahr, David L.	1,373.36
Dawson, Gordon, Heirs	528.31	Spahr, David L.	388.80
Dawson, Gordon, Heirs	926.92	Spahr, Kenneth L., Heirs	439.56
Dawson, Gordon, Heirs	428.63	Spahr, Kenneth L., Heirs	91.80
Degreenia, Penny	13.50	Spahr, Kenneth L., Heirs	461.03
Ellis, David	312.24	Spahr, Kenneth L., Heirs	13.16
Esancy, Levi J.	782.91	Sukeforth, Larry G.	
Esancy, Levi J.	33.62	& Wanda	3,195.48
Esancy, Nancy L.	433.35	Talberg, Robert	400.67
Foster, Donald, Sr.	792.86	Thibodeau, Leo & Patty	1,985.32
Foster, Scott I. & Kimberly	1,208.41	Wadsworth, Malcolm M.	1,122.61
Foster, Scott I. & Kimberly	584.42	Ware, Richard C.	1,094.38
Fournier, Rebecca J.		Werner, Joseph A.	<u>336.15</u>
& Donald E.	2,134.84		56,277.43
French, Richard E.	1,145.47	<b>2013</b>	
Harrington, Daniel R.		Ankers, Jennifer L.	324.72
& Kaitlyn E.	663.31	Moore, Harold	<u>204.32</u>
Izzard, Jason W.	103.59		529.04
Jelenfy, Jeffrey C. Karen	1,471.50	<b>2012</b>	
Jones, Frank E., Sr. & Joyce	1,329.46	Ankers, Jennifer L.	<u>308.73</u>
Jones, Steven W.	191.03		<u><u>57,115.20</u></u>
Jones, Steven W.	294.30		
Kelley, Janice	310.16		
Knowlton, William, II	1,078.19		
Lemay, Deborah	1,196.09		
Linscott, Darci A.	333.86		
Mank, Timothy A.	375.98		
Mattingly, Elizabeth F., Heirs	929.10		

**Tax Acquired Property – December 31, 2015**

	2015	2014	2013	TOTAL
<u>Real Estate</u>				
Julia Clement	1,677.17	1,519.59	133.52	3,330.28
Chris A. & Deborah B. Huntley	1,297.03	1,175.16	1,158.01	3,630.20
Anita Michelson	1,072.43	971.66		2,044.09
Clayburn F. & Susan R. Thayer	1,180.96	1,070.00	1,053.84	3,304.80
	5,227.59	4,736.41	2,345.37	12,309.37

**Taxes Receivable – December 31, 2015**

<u>Real Estate</u>		Bowman, Donald C.	
Ankers, Jennifer L.	366.54	& Ruth J.	2,872.41
Barbour, John E.	2,185.83	Bowman, Donald C.	
Barker, Ernest & Nancy	881.04	& Ruth J.	281.61
Barnes, Barbara K. & Paul C.	66.85	Bowman, Joseph P.	342.33
Bassett, Bernadette M., Heirs	1,069.81	Bowman, Joseph P.	276.40
Batlis, Deane R., Jr.		Bowman, Joseph P.	146.02
& Rachel M.	387.58	Brace, Rebecca W.	
Belanger, Albert & Lois	2,317.17	& Russell	4,412.93
Belanger, Johnnie N.	1,471.36	Bradstreet, David	2,339.30
Belanger, Linda	1,725.88	Bragg, Lois	14.90
Blanger, Mark	691.27	Breen, Carolyn	1,672.75
Belanger, Paul		Bremilst, Robert L., Sr., Heirs	337.49
& Peggy Sue	1,505.90	Brown, Laurice A., Heirs	16.39
Belcher, Brenda	11.62	Bryant, Forest O.	122.18
Belcher, Corey A.	918.64	Burns, Reginald, Jr.	
Belcher, James & Lillian	832.45	& Kristi J.	1,922.17
Belcher, Norman C.		Caddie-Larcenia, Helen G.	285.81
& Pamela J.	536.62	Caddie-Larcenia, Helen G.	1,277.48
Belcher, Ronald A.	366.54	Caddie-Larcenia, Helen G.	32.93
Berry, Brigitte A.	1,780.62	Calderwood, Clinton J.	28.43
Berry, Brigitte A.	10.65	Calderwood, Clinton J.	38.26
Beverly, Phillip C.		Calderwood, Clinton J.	38.27
& Donna V.	575.63	Carco, Cynthia Y.	807.78
Bickford, Michael	1,163.32	Carney, Barbara A.	370.94
Bickford, Michael	971.48	Carr, Casey L. & Lindsey L.	2,525.07
Birk, Robert & Janice	1,748.32	Carter, David A.	2,521.11
Blauvelt, Mark	640.37	Casas, Jesse D. & Sherry L.	1,801.92
Bocko, Deborah A.	2,531.83	Casas, Josiah M.	
Bognar, Lorraine, Heirs	337.49	& Tamara L.	2,412.13
Bourgeois, Cynthia L.	621.72	Castle, Laura & Andrew	129.05
Bourrie, Guy & Sandra	1,082.85	Chavanne, Daniel P.	
Bowley, W. A., Heirs	210.84	& Carrie A.	687.51
Bowman, Alice	1,525.27	Clifford, Michelle & Stephen	1,426.90
Bowman, Alice	178.80	Condon, Shannon P.	724.14



Connor, Beth F.	1,176.73	Hall, George C. & Sons, Inc.	132.61
Connors, Ernest W. & Elizabeth	1,298.56	Hall, George C. & Sons, Inc.	588.55
Cooley, Alan & Ramona	1,224.35	Hall, George C. & Sons, Inc.	159.43
Cooley, Scott	578.23	Hall, George C. & Sons, Inc.	202.64
Cramer, Edward H. & Beverly A., LLC	861.47	Hall, George C. & Sons, Inc.	96.85 4,647.09
Curits, Matthew J.	2,103.63	Hall, George C. & Sons, Inc.	87.17
Davis, Jessica D. & Michael S.	1,178.77	Hall, George C. & Sons, Inc.	1,717.98
Dawson, Gordon, Heirs	583.10	Hanson, Robert A.	
Dawson, Gordon, Heirs	1,023.05	& Ethel M.	607.14
Dawson, Gordon, Heirs	473.08	Hanson, Robert A. & Ethel M.	1,240.13
Day, Pixie A., Heirs	852.86	Harriman, Gary & Susan	1,521.30
DeGreenia, Penny	14.90	Harriman, Gerald & Susan	7.75
Dube, Timothy A.	1,699.09	Harrington, Daniel R. & Kaitlyn E.	900.66
DuFresne, Kevin & Roberta	1,064.20	Harrington, David O., Sr. & Annette R.	1,395.82
Dugmore, Edith A., Et Als	758.41	Hart, Keith	232.64
Ellis, David	396.16	Haslett, Maynard S.	372.68
Esancy, Kevin & Nancy	29.80	Hedberg, Eric	813.47
Esancy, Levi J.	864.10	Hill, Raymond S. & Stephanie J.	982.34
Esancy, Levi J.	37.10	Holzman, Matthew A.	534.17
Esancy, Nancy L.	478.29	Horovitz, Daniel A. & Cheryl M.	1,635.50
Feldeisen, Donald W. & Jean A.	1,293.63	Howard, Sonja	421.95
Foran, Michael & Maryann	11.20	Izzard, Jason W.	366.54
Foster, Scott	1,024.08	Jackson, William	48.43
Foster, Scott I. & Kimberly	1,333.73	Jackson, Allen L. & Cathanna L.	839.79
Foster, Scott I. & Kimberly	652.17	Jackson, Timothy	1,293.48
Foster, Walter J. & Susan F.	1,201.52	Jackson, Timothy	2,195.43
Fournier, Rebecca J. & Donald E.	2,356.23	Jackson, Timothy S. & Laurie J.	1,708.26
French, Richard E.	1,264.27	Jacksons' Corner Store	3,076.69
Fry, Janis L. & Mark S.	114.41	Jacksons' Corner Store	409.01
Frye, James P.	1,067.65	Jelenfy, Jeffrey C. Karen	1,624.10
Gardner, David P.	422.25	Jenkins, Anne W.	1,524.45
Gareau, Richard P. & Geraldine & Alexis D.	2,731.14	Jenkins, James D. & Anne W.	802.29
Grant, Miles & Faye	384.75	Johnson, LSE, LLC	1,382.72
Grinnell, Jeffrey E. & Stephanie L.	1,522.66	Jones, Casie R.	843.89
Hall, George C. & Sons, Inc.	2,370.96	Jones, Frank E., Jr.	149.02
Hall, George C. & Sons, Inc.	2,095.31		

Jones, Frank E., Jr. & Kathleen H.	518.70	Marks, Robert	1,372.46
Jones, Frank E., Sr. & Joyce	1,589.58	Marriners, Inc.	327.80
Jones, Steven W.	210.84	Martucci, David B. & Janet L.	651.78
Jones, Steven W.	324.82	Massey, F. Lane	563.06
Julian, Mark D. & Margaret	1,743.03	Massey, Franklin L.	1,324.70
Julian, Mark D. & Margaret	447.00	Mattingly, Elizabeth F., Heirs	1,025.45
Julian, Mark D. & Margaret	2,479.96	McClure, Jacob	1,751.38
Julian, Mark D. & Margaret	50.36	Medeika, Patricia E.	1,539.52
Julian, Mark D. & Margaret	100.31	Medeika, Patricia E.	1,188.02
Julian, Mark D. & Margaret	14.90	Melgard & Menz, LLC	903.26
Kaler, Carla-Jo	2,284.27	Melgard, Peter & Mildred	1,280.26
Kearney, James W.	1,526.71	Merrified, Mary	2.43
Kelley, Janice	342.33	Merrill, Jaynee	1,787.33
Kelly, Sandra M. & Sharon M.	865.92	Millar, Cynthia	911.51
Kennard, Michelle J.	1,210.64	Miller, Barry	862.19
Kilbreth, Carol A. & John F.	1,682.62	Miller, Estelle	2,327.01
Knight, Abraham A.	523.74	Miller, Estelle	284.59
Knight, Frances, Et Als	780.56	Miller, Jared L.	1,385.19
Knowlton, William, II	1,198.79	Miller, Wayne A.	693.95
Kunesh, Karen A.	2,111.57	Mole, Ronald	499.57
Lee, Jessica G.	163.35	Mole, Ronald	2,094.73
Lee, Robert H., Heirs	235.42	Moore, Ronald I. & Donna L.	1,173.26
Lee, Robert H., Heirs	7.75	Moore, Ryan	433.59
Lee, Sarah	85.48	Moore, Harold	1,873.41
Leigh, Angel	685.40	Morgan, Joel W.	989.49
Leigh, Elmer E., Jr.	487.16	Moscato, Daniel P. & Cheryl A.	4.84
Lemay, Deborah	1,320.13	Needham, Ann	1,529.05
Lewis, Leonard C. & Carla L.	2,171.20	Orrick, William P., Jr.	1,318.88
Lewis, Michelle J.	174.36	Packard, Priscilla B.	1,035.04
Linscott, Darci A.	368.48	Packard, Priscilla B.	1,389.14
Linscott, Debra A.	1,186.34	Peabody, Barry	19.18
Linscott, Herbert G.	514.05	Peabody, Barry	689.30
Linscott, Lloyd	56.17	Peabody, Barry	12.92
Linscott, Lloyd	38.74	Peabody, Bonnie May	984.31
Linscott, Shanna L.	2,354.27	Percy, Ellis	1,320.89
Little, Jeffrey G.	204.76	Percy, Lynn	712.29
Mank, Philip W., Jr. & Nancy S.	379.62	Pierpont, Clinton E.	678.65
Mank, Timothy A.	414.97	Pierpont, Willard	105.79
Mank, Timothy A.	473.08	Pierpont, Willard	1,355.87
Mank, Timothy A.	1,379.35	Pierpont, Willard	225.93
Manley, J. Patrick	1,077.97	Pierpont, Willard	850.19
		Pierpont, Willard	38.74
		Pierpont, Willard	341.96

Pierpont, Willard	546.83	Sinclair, Alton F., III	1,619.26
Porter, Mark W.	1,281.34	Sitework Stone &	
Reddish, Robert T.		Gravel, LLC	2,872.45
& Elizabeth M.	859.15	Skinner, Godon & Mary	1,262.44
Reese, Robert	428.72	Skinner, Godon & Mary	196.68
Reese, Robert	214.41	Snyder, Kurt D.	586.29
Reese, Robert	379.68	Soe, S., Trust	2,254.06
Reese, Robert	596.43	Soe, S., Trust	367.51
Reese, Robert	172.24	Sorrontino, Michael	2,259.18
Reese, Robert	320.78	Spahr, David L.	1,623.92
Reese, Robert	48.28	Spahr, David L.	429.12
Reese, Robert	80.46	Spahr, Kenneth L., Heirs	485.14
Reese, Robert	48.28	Spahr, Kenneth L., Heirs	101.32
Reese, Robert	36.21	Spahr, Kenneth L., Heirs	508.84
Reese, Robert	1,077.76	Spahr, Kenneth L., Heirs	14.53
Reese, Robert	2,140.03	Sukeforth, Larry G.	
Reese, Robert	116.09	& Wanda	3,526.86
Reese, Robert	15.57	Talberg, Robert	793.56
Rhinehart, Elizabeth	991.86	Taylor, Peter W.	
Rhodes, Steven E.		& Caroline V.	1,964.83
& Elizabeth	1,027.26	Taylor, Timothy & Dara	600.00
Rhodes, William A.		Thibodeau, Leo & Patty	2,191.21
& Carol M.	1,077.31	Thompson, Andrew L.	684.43
Ribar, Dorothy E.	654.11	Thompson, Gary L.	1,312.20
Rideout, John & Tammy	1,922.28	Till, James C., Et Als	1,260.27
Rideout, John & Tammy	711.19	Turffs, Joseph P.	59.60
Riley, Leanne Dibenedetti	1,461.33	Turffs, L. Kim	1,272.56
Robinson, Thomas L.		Turffs, L. Kim	366.54
& Monika	451.18	USA, Rural Housing	
Rubenstein, Russell	521.84	Service, FHA	1,538.45
Russo, Steven	196.68	Valle, Forrester B.	1,123.45
Sanborn, Philip	1,435.94	Vickerman, Elizabeth	344.76
Sanborn, Philip	9.69	Vigue, Anthony & Linda	1,307.94
Sanborn, Steven	393.03	Vigue, Christopher	1,913.76
Schmitt, Dorothea	626.78	Vogel, Donald E.	
Schnur, Rebecca	2,254.87	& Dorothy M.	1,494.28
Scribner, Margaret	671.14	Wadsworth, Malcolm M.	1,243.52
Seavey, Keith A. & Hazel L.	703.39	Ware, Richard C.	1,207.87
Shaggy, Michael & Mary	1,128.19	Wellman, Ronald O.	2,940.83
Shaggy, Thomas W.	600.11	Werner, Joseph A.	371.01
Shannon, Linda	414.97	Whelan, Richard H.	424.71
Shantz, Rhonda Wellman	1,694.74	Whelan, Richard H.	337.49
Shenett, Theresa & David	642.06	White, Cynthia A.	1,065.51
Simmons, Valerie A.	188.26	Williams, James M.	
Simonton, Richard S.		& Annie T.	1,221.02
& Joann P.	120.69	Wilson, William D.	600.00

Wirtz, Linda	1,282.33	<u>Personal Property</u>	
Yoder, Michael J.		Jacksons' Corner Store	44.70
& Kathy L.	902.31	Jones, Frank E., Jr.	74.50
	<u>279,534.42</u>	Northern Leasing Systems, Inc.	5.96
			<u>125.16</u>
			<u>279,659.58</u>

**Prior Years Taxes Receivable — December 31, 2015**

<u>Real Estate</u>		<u>2011</u>	
<u>2014</u>		Pierpont, Willard	125.50
Lynn Percy	<u>258.11</u>	Vigue, Timothy	<u>25.10</u>
			150.60
<u>Personal Property</u>		<u>2010</u>	
<u>2014</u>		Pierpont, Willard	123.00
Jones, Frank E., Jr.	67.50	Vigue, Timothy	<u>24.60</u>
			147.60
<u>2013</u>		<u>2009</u>	
Jones, Frank E., Jr.	66.00	Peaslee, Teri W.	27.50
		Pierpont, Willard	<u>137.50</u>
			165.00
<u>2012</u>		<u>2008</u>	
Pierpont, Willard	125.50	Pierpont, Willard	<u>137.50</u>
			<u>859.70</u>

**Abatements and Supplementals – December 31, 2015**

ABATEMENTS		SUPPLEMENTALS	
<u>Real Estate</u>		<u>Real Estate</u>	
<u>2015</u>		<u>2015</u>	
Town of Washington -		Anita Michelson	
Kim Turffs	9.69	& Walter Stinson	1,072.43
Ronald Jackson	<u>299.52</u>	Mount Olivet Lodge	
	309.21	Building Corp	<u>357.60</u>
			<u>1,430.03</u>
<u>2014</u>			
Kenneth & Nancy Mills	425.25		
Town of Washington -			
Kim Turffs	8.78		
	<u>434.03</u>		
	<u>743.24</u>		

## Registrar of Voters Report

In addition to our annual March town meeting election, there were three special town meetings, two RSU 40 elections and a November referendum held in 2015. At March Town Meeting, Berkley Linscott edged out incumbent Don Grinnell by 20 votes for a 3-year selectman position and Cheryl Cichowski filled the vacant school board seat with 52 write-in votes.

In April, a special town meeting was held to vote on whether to enact a Commercial Solar Energy Moratorium Ordinance and after much discussion it passed by a vote of 64 in favor and 29 opposed. August brought a special town meeting where it was voted to accept the name Patrick Mountain Lane to be added to the official 911 map and also to accept the newly revised bylaws of the Washington Scholarship Committee. An article was included to ask the town to appropriate \$43,610.96 to cover the Tri-County and Union Ambulance assessments that were left off the March town meeting warrant. The article passed unanimously. The final special town meeting of 2015 was held to ask voters to appropriate \$1,570.82 to cover an overdraft in the Utilities and Maintenance line and for authorization to sell the 1990 plow truck. Both articles passed unanimously.

Over two separate school budget referendums, Washington's share of over \$1.3 million of the RSU40 budget was approved by less than 10% of the town's voters.

Finally, we are pleased to have Denise Hylton back on board as deputy registrar to help out in what is shaping up to be quite an interesting election year.



Respectfully submitted,  
ANN DEAN  
Registrar of Voters

*George spends every election  
greeting Washington voters.*

## Washington Planning Board

The Washington Planning Board met 7 times last year. The board elected the same slate of officers as in 2015.

The board considered the following:

- Application for a Cell Tower on Liberty. The planning board met several times to review the application. The first was a pre-application meeting, the second was to receive the application and to determine that the application was complete, the third was the public hearing and deliberation of the finding of fact order, the fourth was a review of the draft finding of fact order and the fifth was the final approval of the approval documents.
- An application was received for a gravel extraction operation on Mitchell Hill Rd. First the board held a pre-application meeting, second the board held a meeting to determine the application to be complete and third was a meeting for the public hearing which was not held due to applicant wanting to change the size of the extraction area which would require an amended application.

The board usually meets the second Tuesday of each month, unless there is no business to transact. The board appreciates the work our Code Enforcement Officer, Bob Temple, does in explaining the ordinances to applicants, and assisting the board in its work

Respectfully submitted,  
Chairman, MITCH GARNETT  
Secretary/Treasurer  
JIM BOWERS

Members:  
HANK AHO  
DAVE WILLIAMS  
DAVE STUDER

Alternates:  
JESSE CASAS  
STEVE OCEAN

## Washington Budget Committee

Fellow Citizens of Washington:

At the 2015 annual town meeting Washington's citizens elected members to the Budget Committee. Elected were Hank Aho, Wendy Carr, Jesse Casas, Donald Grinnell, David Martucci, Kathy Ocean, Dorothy Sainio, and alternates David Williams and Jim Kearney.

In January 2016, budget packages containing the proposed 2016 municipal budget, a line by line breakdown of expenses, and a recommendation on each item were provided to committee members. Your committee met with Selectmen Wesley Daniel, Duane Vigue, and Berkley Linscott and Town Clerk/Tax Collector/Treasurer Ann Dean to review the budget on January 14, February 4 and February 11, 2016. Hank Aho served as Chair for the meeting first two meetings and, in his absence, David Martucci served as Chair for the last meeting.

A review of the 2015 budget showed that expenditures were generally in line with estimated appropriations; in fact, actual expenditures were less than recommended. The Budget Committee reviewed the proposed 2016 budget item by item. Town officials explained how anticipated costs were developed and answered budget related questions. This year's recommended budget is increased from last year's recommended budget by approximately \$90,000. Budget items of interest include:

**Annual Assessment:** Will increase \$13,159 over last year because the Knox County Tax and Communications fees, Tri-County Solid Waste Management fee and Union Ambulance fees are all up by a total of 6%.

**General Government Operations:** Will increase just \$1,600 this year.

**Salaries and Payroll Expenses:** Will increase \$13,085 this year; about \$7,500 of which is due to health insurance costs and the remainder is due to salary increases and associated FICA Tax.

**Roads and Snow Removal:** Town roads deteriorate over time and routine maintenance is necessary. The town has 20.6 miles of paved roads. Re-paving is costly and lasts for approximately ten years. The proposed budget is actually down significantly from last year, a reduction of \$21,548, primarily because the Local Road Assistance Program (LRAP) has increased funds for this year, up \$28,239 over last year.

**General Assistance:** Your committee reduced the budgeted amount by \$500 because last year we received \$468.38 more in reimbursements than we budgeted.

**Public Safety:** This line is up \$2,706 this year due to increases in General Support and Equipment.

**Boards and Committees:** Your committee reduced spending in this line by \$600.

**Miscellaneous Accounts:** Overall appropriations in this line were reduced by \$19,631 over last year. Last year we budgeted \$20,000 for repair to Rescue 1, which was a one-time appropriation.

**Total Appropriations:** The 2016 proposed budget is down by \$24,892 overall, a drop of 3.2%.

**Anticipated Revenues:** This year anticipated revenues used to offset taxes are up by \$34,900, including expected increases in State Revenue Sharing and a larger Unexpended Fund Balance. That's a 9.7% increase in funds that directly reduce taxes.



*Budget Committee putting their heads together on 2016 budget*



**Bottom Line:** The Total Municipal Tax Commitment, including County, Ambulance and TCSWO assessments, minus Anticipated Revenues is \$580,885, down from \$627,968 last year, a reduction of 7.4%.

**Budget Committee Action:** The final budget amount considered by the budget committee at the February 11<sup>th</sup> meeting was \$746,523; the budget committee voted to accept this amount and recommend adoption at Town Meeting.

**Summary:** The amount to be raised through property taxes is:

Total Recommended Budget Amount:	\$746,523
Less Anticipated Revenue to Reduce Property Taxes:	<u>396,400</u>
Subtotal:	\$350,123
Assessments	
(Knox County, Ambulance, Tri-County-Solid-Waste):	<u>230,762</u>
Total to Be Raised from Property Taxes:	\$580,885

In closing: The budget committee wishes to acknowledge our town officials and employees for their efforts to control costs and their dedication. The Town is fortunate to have such people working on its behalf.

Finally, thanks to Mary Anderson for taking notes of our committee meeting.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Budget Committee,  
HANK AHO, Chairperson  
WENDY CARR  
JESSE CASAS  
DONALD GRINNELL  
DAVID MARTUCCI  
KATHY OCEAN  
DOROTHY SAINIO  
JAMES KEARNEY, Alternate  
DAVID WILLIAMS, Alternate

**Code Enforcement Officer**

To the Citizens and Officials of the Town of Washington

The Permits issued for 2016 are as follows:

• Cabins	2	• Pole Barn	1
• Garage Addition	2	• Cell Tower	1
• Pavilion	1	• Yurt	1
• Home addition/decks	5	• Mobile Home	1
• Modular Home	1	• Tent site	1
• Stick built House	1	• Garage	2

It has been my pleasure working with the selectmen, planning board, appeals board and Washington town office staff.

Respectfully submitted  
BOB TEMPLE  
Code Enforcement Officer

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**Code Enforcement Officer’s  
Plumbing Report**

To the Citizens and Officials of the Town of Washington

The Plumbing Permits issued for 2016 are as follows:

• Subsurface Wastewater Permits	6
• Internal Plumbing Permits	8

It has been my pleasure working with the selectmen, planning board, appeals board and Washington town office staff.

Respectfully submitted,  
BOB TEMPLE  
Plumbing Inspector

# Washington Fire Department

**PO Box 244, Washington, ME 04574 ~ Established 1950**

Fire Station – 845-2245

Tom Johnston, Chief - 845-2576   Phil Meunier, Deputy Chief - 845-2899

Emergency: Dial 911

To the Citizens of the Town of Washington:

The Washington Fire Department responded to the following calls in 2015:

## Fires:

Building Fires:	7 as mutual aid given.
Chimney Fires:	3 in Town, 2 as mutual aid given.
Oil Burner malfunction	1
Forest / Woods Fire	1 mutual aid given
Outside Rubbish Fire	3
Special Outside Fire (power line pole)	1

## EMS/Rescue:

Ambulance lift assist	2
Vehicle Accidents with Injuries:	4

## Hazardous Conditions:

Vehicle accident, general cleanup	5
Vehicle accident, gas leaking	1
Vehicle accident, fuel leaking	2

## Service Call:

FD Breathing air support	1 mutual aid given
Water or steam leak	1
Smoke investigation, odor removal	2
Standby at Station	2

## Good Intent:

Dispatched and cancelled in route	6 as mutual aid given
Smoke Detector malfunction	8

Responded to Total Calls                      52

The total number of calls this year was at our average level, with a high number of mutual aid requests and malfunctioning smoke detectors. There were no Building fires in Town again this year, and just a few Chimney fires. (THANKS! To all for being 'fire safe'). Calls that were 'Cancelled In Route' were for Automatic Mutual Aid to our surrounding towns, which

were controlled by the requesting town prior to our arrival. We also utilized mutual aid for support when we were shorthanded on a call.

There were no auto accidents requiring extrication this year, but there were several with fuel leaks, one of which required immediate DEP response.

We have received our ISO rating and have achieved a rating of 6. Improving our ISO rating should lower the cost of fire insurance for everyone within 5 road miles of the fire station. If you are more than 5 miles from the Washington Fire Station, but are within 5 miles of another FD, you may be rated on that departments ISO rating. We do have a 'five mile' road map to help you determine your location for insurance. I have heard from individuals that have saved up to 40% on the fire insurance portion of their homeowner's insurance, and from others that did not save anything. Your insurance company probably won't automatically lower your premium, so you should give them a call.

We have developed specifications for a pumper to replace Engine 1 (now 34 years old). It is estimated that purchase this year will cost around \$325,000. We have applied for a FEMA Assistance to Firefighter Grant for \$225,000. There are several rounds to this grant program with the initial evaluation the most critical. We should know by Town Meeting if we pass the initial evaluation. If we do, then we may not know about funding until September.

We have also applied for a FEMA AFG Special Grant to fund a new Thermal Imaging Camera. Our existing TIC is over 10 years old and is technically obsolete.

We continue to have smoke alarms available, and will install them at NO CHARGE for Washington residents. If your existing smoke detectors are more that 10 years old, they should be replaced.

Active member numbers fluctuate up and down. The number of firefighters available to respond during a weekday is limited, and we could always use more men and women who have an interest in the Public Service. Members meet at the Fire Station Monday evenings, with regular training on the fourth Monday of the month. If you see us out training, stop and watch if you want!

I am always willing to answer questions, and provide fire safety information. If you don't reach me, please leave a message, either at home or at the station.

The Fire Department members wish to thank all the citizens of Washington for their continued support.

Respectfully submitted,  
TOM JOHNSTON, Fire Chief

## Emergency Management Agency

Members of the Board of Selectmen,  
Citizens of the Town of Washington:

It is my pleasure to submit the annual report on the activities of your Emergency Management Agency program.

Activities for 2014 included:

- Reviewed the Washington Emergency Action Plan: This includes planning for natural and man made disasters. General planning gives a guide to responders if a disaster occurs.
- Learned uses of the County EMA-supplied tablet. This tool allows electronic damage reporting with photographs and LAT / LON of each photographed area
- Participation in the EMPG program: This is a federal emergency management program that provides matching funding for local emergency planning. This year we continued to upgrade the meeting room for use as an emergency management center, adding a computer to help monitor search teams, and office chairs for the radio desk. Local match was provided by volunteer response hours, and local emergency response training.
- Conducted a table top exercise and a drill with Hill and Gully Riders Snowmobile club. The drill included simulated search and rescue of an injured person.
- Working with the Selectmen in assessing storm damage and damage reports for inclusion in requests for possible FEMA aid.

The EMA program is self-sustaining through the EMPG program, with reimbursement of almost \$1000 from the State.

On behalf of the EMA program, I would like to thank the municipal officials and their staff, the county staff for their support and assistance, and all in Washington who support this effort.

Respectfully submitted,  
THOMAS JOHNSTON, Director  
Washington, EMA

## Public Works Report

The start of 2015 brought in snowstorms one right after the other, with continuous hours on weekends plowing and sanding. With all the snow that had to be cleared we were lucky to have few breakdowns.

Our big project this year was paving Vanner Road and replacing the big culvert where Vanner Brook crosses. We started with some brush cutting and continued with ditching and replacing driveway culverts. To keep the soil from washing away, the ditched portions were seeded. The culvert came in under the original estimate using our own gravel, done by Farley and Sons which took about two weeks to complete.

In late spring we hired Pidax to crush tailings, mix with sand and bank. This produced 5000 yards of surface gravel to use on our dirt roads for any road improvement projects.

We also did ditching on Calderwood, Firs, Mountain, Albert Jones, and Bill Luce Roads as well as replacing driveway cross culverts as needed.

September 30 brought heavy rain which washed out many roads. Some roads were closed for a few days. It took about two and a half weeks to get everything back in order.

From October 15 through the end of the year winter sand was put up and moved to stock pile. We chipped brush and did more ditching. Two small snow storms kept us busy plowing and sanding.

A new Western Star plow truck was delivered in December just in time for the snow. It has a plow wing and stainless slide in sander about seven yards. The frame was sprayed with fluid film to protect brake lines, air lines and other components from salt and dirt. This was done before the truck went out on the road to help ensure this equipment last for a long time.

With your support we will continue to keep the town roads safe for travel. Thank you.

*2016 Western Star Plow truck arrived just in time to scare winter away.*



## Washington Lakes Watershed Association

During 2015, Washington Lakes Watershed Association took a big step by initiating its own water quality testing regimen. This accomplishes two important goals – first, by increasing the frequency of testing so that changes will be tracked and results available in a much more timely way and, second, by reducing the costs of hiring professionals to gather water samples and analyze them. WLWA volunteers sampled various locations in both Crystal Lake and Washington Pond throughout summer of 2015. Their report is available at the town office or from us. Plans include the same schedule for 2016.

Harvesting water samples requires training which assures that the procedures are done correctly and consistently so the results can be trusted. Results of tests are sent to the Maine Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program, which is a primary source of lake data in the state. MVLMP is one of the nation's most successful citizen science endeavors. Our lakes association proudly maintains a membership in MVLMP, as well as Maine Lakes Society and Medomak Valley Land Trust, organizations that provide a variety of important resources to our small group. MVLMP provides trainings for lake water sample collection which the lakes association will sponsor for interested volunteers. Contact WLWA at [wlwassn@gmail.com](mailto:wlwassn@gmail.com).



WLWA volunteers spent many hours clearing a neglected walking trail in the area behind Prescott Memorial School making it ready for use by students and faculty at the school as well as by those who want an easy walk in the vicinity of Medomak Brook. The Washington Recreation Committee, along with WLWA, hopes to expand the use of this lovely little path.

The featured presenter at WLWA's annual meeting last summer was Fisheries Biologist Scott Davis of Maine's Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Department who described some of the findings he has made over the years. Davis explained that due to limited manpower and the size of Region B (our section of the state) he visits Washington only every several years. He says it's helpful that water tests are run regularly to watch for any unusual changes. While speaking of stocking fish in the lake, Davis said, "IF&W stocking programs are contingent upon some fish making it to the next season as hold-overs."

In 2015, 600 spring yearling brook trout (~12") were stocked and 600 brown trout fall yearlings (~14") will be stocked, along with 250 brook trout (~14"). About twenty-five 18-20" brood stock fish were put in last year. Based on a multi-year holdover pattern observed, he expects that the 2016 stocking pattern will be the same. To give us an idea, Davis said that stocking brookies costs about \$8 per fish paid through fishing license fees.

Davis mentioned that there are not many smelt – a good forage source for salmonids – in Washington Pond, consequently, salmonids may end up foraging more on snails and mussels. If snails and mussels are found in the fish, it's an indication more forage is needed. Davis would recommend alewife introductions to increase the forage base if upstream passage for them can be secured.

Smallmouth bass are more numerous than largemouth in Washington Pond. The bass population is classified as "quality" and individuals up to 18 years old have been caught (trophy bass are usually at least 20 years old) and aged by dissection of head bone rings (in the otolith bone). Davis noted that the older the fish the more toxins it contains. He stated that there are not many bass tapeworms in Washington Pond which is surprising because this parasite is usually common in Maine lakes. Davis concluded saying that our big lake is in "pretty good shape" and we should continue to exercise care.

Four Washington Pond property owners – Roger and Mary Cady, Frank and Nancy Braun, Patricia Medeika, and Victor and Marlene Cohn – received LakeSmart Awards last summer for care of their property. LakeSmart is a voluntary education and reward program for lakefront homeowners who maintain their places in ways that protect lake water quality and property values: controlling runoff; maintaining a sturdy ground cover; stabilizing



the shoreline with a buffer area of plants and shrubs, and avoiding use of chemicals. Many lakeside families are already doing this. Property owners can apply for recognition of their places at [www.minelakessociety.org/lakesmart](http://www.minelakessociety.org/lakesmart).

We thank local businesses Linscott's, Washington Auto Parts, and Washington General Store along with Hill & Gully Snowmobile Club for their help with our annual Ice-Out Contest which closed February 13. At this writing, ice-out hasn't yet occurred. Past ice-out dates include: 4/10/2009, 4/16/2011, 4/8/2013, 4/15/2014, and 04/21/15.

The mission of our association is to inform and educate our community about our town's unique water resources and engage residents and visitors in protecting them.

Everyone is cordially invited to inquire about membership in Washington Lakes Watershed Association by contacting us at [wlwassn@gmail.com](mailto:wlwassn@gmail.com) and attending our 2016 Annual Meeting on Wednesday July 13, 2016 at Evening Star Grange Hall.

Respectfully submitted,  
CHARLOTTE HENDERSON



*Dave's fish*

## Conservation Committee

Last season's severe winter took its toll on the public edible landscape project and six of the seven peach trees planted in the previous year were lost. However, the native edibles did well and the bee houses were buzzing with activity throughout the season.

Despite the loss, replacement costs were kept to zero through the donation of native trees which will have a much better chance for survival. Sharon Turner donated two American Plum trees and David Spahr grew and planted three Beach Plums, an endangered Maine species. David also transplanted two wild serviceberry/shadbushes and replaced the Dahlias with wild peppermint.

The peach trees were not the only casualty from the previous winter. Plastic signage that identified the species was destroyed by the cold and snow. Metal replacements were purchased in the fall and will be installed in the spring.

We are hopeful that the edible landscape will be truly self propelled this year and require only mowing to manage. We invite all to visit, learn and most of all forage.

Respectfully Submitted,  
ANN DEAN  
DAVID SPAHR  
CHARLOTTE HENDERSON



*Dave removing one of the casualties of the extreme winter of 2015*

## Washington Recreation Committee

The Washington Recreation Committee promotes athletics for Washington residents. This year saw the completion of the practice field on the east side of the Washington Fire Department fire pond on Billings Road. Linscott's donated a fence that will be erected in the spring and taken down after the fall season of each year. We wish to thank them for their generosity.

The Washington Recreation Committee continues to provide financial support to Babe Ruth and Little League teams and maintenance of the Clyde Sukeforth Field at Prescott Memorial School. This year we bought a drag harrow for field upkeep. Little League donated the chain link fence top rail covers. Little League remains a popular sport with more than 50 participants from Washington. This year they went on to the All-stars.

We sponsored a 5K/Fun Run as a fund raiser for a second equipment building for the Clyde Sukeforth Field. The turnout was a small but highly enthusiastic group.

The present equipment building was built many years ago and continues to serve us well. But it doubles as a concession stand as well, necessitating the removal of all equipment each game. As Little League is such a popular sport and given the expense of equipment, we are in need of a building dedicated for equipment only. We have dedicated funds for this building from previous field maintenance savings.

The Washington Recreation Committee is asking for \$1,000 this year so that we may continue to provide support for Little League (including the port-a-toilet), Babe Ruth and other athletic endeavors.



Respectfully submitted,  
PEG HOBBS, Co-chair  
Members: Helen Caddie-Larcenia,  
Co-chair; Sue Frank, Peg Hobbs,  
co-chair; Mike Micklich,  
Steve Ocean, advisory;  
Travis Perez, Angela Stevens

*Merton Moore's earthwork transformed the area to the right of the fire pond into a recreation field complete with parking.*

## Hill & Gully Riders Snowmobile Club

To the Residents of Washington:

Our club presently has a membership of 18. We meet at the Washington Fire Department at 7:00 p.m., the second Tuesday of each month. Our annual activities include trail maintenance, snow packing, trail grooming, and working with our landowners. We also host our annual Snowfest & Fishing Derby on Washington Pond.

We are honored to offer an annual scholarship to a graduating Washington resident from Medomak Valley High School who is continuing on to higher education.

This year we've been concentrating on bridge maintenance with two of our larger bridges getting rebuilds. Sadly Mother Nature was not kind to us this year so our trails didn't get much use but we have to take the good with the bad. Our trails are open to snowshoers, cross-country skiers, and hikers.

To the landowners who support our trails, we cannot thank you enough. Our club members as well as all who use the trails appreciate your generosity.

We are always looking for members who are ready and willing to help maintain our 41 miles of trails.



Sincerely,  
MATTHEW KOPISHKE  
President, Hill & Gully Riders



## **Gibbs Library Report**

### **Highlights of 2015:**

**Personnel:** The Gibbs Library hired its first paid employee this year. Library Manager Kate Nichols has been managing the volunteers, office tasks and daily workings of the library with enthusiastic guidance and a smile since May.

**Technology:** Thanks to generous donations by the Hibbert Jr. and Sr. funds the Gibbs Library was able to update our computer technology in October by purchasing 4 new carrels with computers for the patrons and 2 new computers for the staff and volunteers to utilize and enjoy.

**Literacy and Music Programs:** The Children's Committee continues to attract the young and young of heart to Gibbs with their series of Music Together, Children's Chickadee Book Awards and Youth Book Discussion Group, as well as annual favorites such as Trunk or Treat and the Gingerbread festival. Special events included an author visit by Lynn Plourde, Bikes for Books sponsored by the Mt. Olivet Lodge of Masons and Sweet Season Café, and Bess the Book Bus with a surprise author visit from Cynthia Lord.

**Fundraising:** Beth Connor continued to lead the annual Giant Garage and Book Sale held in June for another successful year of fundraising. The First Annual Washington Community Auction also took place in August with something for everyone and a great night of community fun. The residents of Washington, patrons, friends and neighbors have been very generous towards the Gibbs Library again this year.

Thank you to all the veteran and new volunteers who have stepped forward to make this year a success. We continue to need your support to make the Gibbs Library the best it can be in 2016.

Respectfully submitted,  
AMY MICKLICH

January 11, 2016

## The Washington Historical Society

This has been another busy year with many accomplishments made by the members of the Washington Historical Society (WHS).

Improvements at Razorville Hall, our museum located in the town's original town house, has been our major project. We accomplished having the roof re-shingled and adding a handicap assessable ramp. The roofing project was funded with donations, fundraising projects, and the town's financial support approved last year at town meeting. We applied for and received a Knox County Maine Community Foundation grant to pay for the materials and labor for the ramp construction with members doing the groundwork. This work was completed throughout the summer.



*Handicap accessible ramp at  
Razorville Hall*

Our second open house was held September 5, 2015. We were pleased to have many Washington residents and neighboring community members visit and we received many compliments on our museum. Our collection had grown from the previous year and continues to constantly grow so please plan to visit and revisit the museum yearly. Our plans are to have it open more this summer as no major renovation projects are scheduled like last summer. We will have our third open house on September 10, 2016. WHS offers more than just access to viewing Washington artifacts in the museum. We also offer antique appraisals with Larry Truman for a small donation, a pie contest with pieces for sale after judging, and WHS merchandise for purchase.

WHS published our second Washington Historical Calendar with Cheryl McKeary's help on the layout and design. The calendar featured pictures of older homes in town that are still being lived in today. Using pictures available to us, we tried to feature homes from all areas of town and give some information about the families that lived in them. There are a limited number of calendars left for sale. A 2017 calendar is being planned featuring the history of our schools. Watch for it in September.

The Washington Community Auction was coordinated by the WHS and became a major fundraiser for 11 Washington community organizations.

Each organization involved had up to 10 items in the live auction and also the opportunity to have a table with silent auction items. Tom Johnston was the auctioneer. There were a lot of great items auctioned off and it was a fun evening overall. Plans are set for a second auction this summer on Saturday, July 30.

The WHS plans programs throughout the year. We welcome your ideas and support by becoming members. Our officers are Wendy Carr, president; Charlotte Henderson, vice president; Hazel Kopishke, secretary; Linda Luce, treasurer; and Elizabeth Grinnell, archivist. Board members are Ron Luce, Michele Jones, and Norman Casas. Sandra Grinnell maintains our web site at [www.washingtonhistorical.org](http://www.washingtonhistorical.org). Please check it out for information on our past and upcoming events. We meet the third Tuesday of each month usually at the Masonic Hall at 7 PM. In the warmer months we meet at the museum. Membership is only \$5. Please join us and help preserve Washington's past.

HAZEL KOPISHKE  
Secretary, WHS



*Displays at Razorville Hall*

## Washington Community Scholarship Committee

Our committee had quite a busy year in 2015. The first item to mention was the passing of our tireless member, Alma Jones. Alma was a member of this committee from its inception in the 1960s and the results of her efforts often surpassed the other members. Whether we needed phone calls made, baking or selling of raffle tickets, you knew you could always count on Alma's strong support.

After some discrepancies regarding our By-Laws and several Town Meetings, we ended up with a working set of By-Laws which were voted on and approved.

We participated in the "town auction" this summer instead of selling raffle tickets as in previous years. It was a profitable experience and we also had a good response from the local businesses to our yearly letter campaign which put us ahead of last year's funds to distribute to our deserving graduates this coming year. Again, thank you to the generosity of our local businesses.

We also oversee the Jimmy E. Billing Memorial Award and the one award this year was given to Baily McCaffery. This year we were able to give four \$500 scholarships to deserving Washington graduates as well.

We made some revisions to our application this year as well, to help students and the committee in the application process. Applications will be in the guidance office at Medomak Valley High School and contact will also be made to the neighboring private schools to help Washington seniors get the current application. Homeschoolers can contact the Town Office or the Scholarship Committee directly.

Our goal is to help graduating high school seniors to go on to pursue continuing their education to help them reach their dreams. We hope to continue these scholarship awards for many years to come.

Be sure and check out our website on Facebook!!!!

JUDY GOOD

MILDRED MELGARD

PRISCILLA PACKARD

MINDY GOULD

JAN BIRK



# Trust Under Deed of Madge H. Walker

The Trust Under Deed of Madge H. Walker provides for either free or reduced rate medical care at Waldo County General Hospital in Belfast and MaineGeneral Medical Center in Waterville for residents of the townships of Appleton, Liberty, Montville, Palermo, Searsmont and Washington. Scholarship aid is also provided to residents of the above townships attending the University of Maine.

Enclosed are reports from Waldo County Hospital, the University of Maine and MaineGeneral Medical Center outlining payments made to these institutions from the trust for the fiscal year ended May 31, 2015. Each report itemizes the number of residents served in each of the specified towns.

Best regards,  
ANNE B. HENNESSY, CAP  
Vice President, Senior Philanthropic  
Relationship Manager  
Bank of America, N.A.

Charity: Waldo County General Hospital, Belfast, ME

Period: June 1, 2014 to May 31, 2015

Opening Balance: \$0.00

Distributions: \$67,914.53

Allocations:

<u>Town</u>	<u>Recipients</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Appleton	3	1,749.30
Liberty	35	32,615.63
Montville	10	9,849.70
Palermo	5	7,628.96
Searsmont	21	15,920.94
Washington	0	0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>\$67,764.53</b>
Cemetery Care		150.00

Total Allocated: \$67,914.53

Closing Balance: \$0.00

Charity: MaineGeneral Medical Center, Waterville, ME

Period: June 1, 2014 to May 31, 2015

Opening Balance: \$41,567.77

Distributions: \$67,914.53

Total: \$109,482.30

Allocations:

<b><u>Town</u></b>	<b><u>Recipients</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
Appleton	0	0.00
Liberty	0	0.00
Montville	0	0.00
Palermo	0	0.00
Searsmont	0	0.00
Washington	1	364.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>\$364.00</b>

Total Allocated: \$364.00

Closing Balance: \$109,118.30

Charity: University of Maine, Orono, ME

Period: June 1, 2014 to May 31, 2015

Opening Balance: \$73,898.42

Distributions: \$132,855.35

Total: \$206,753.77

Allocations:

<b><u>Town</u></b>	<b><u>Recipients</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
Appleton	4	14,000.00
Liberty	9	27,400.00
Montville	11	35,200.00
Palermo	11	38,000.00
Searsmont	8	29,000.00
Washington	9	29,500.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>\$173,100.00</b>

Total Allocated: \$173,100.00

Closing Balance: \$33,653.77

## Broadreach

Broadreach is a local non-profit organization. We exist to help local people, living and working in the 40+ towns of Waldo and Knox Counties. We depend on local support, on the help of local volunteers and the generous donations of local towns, citizens and businesses. Broadreach has been making a positive difference in the lives of Washington children and families for over 33 years, helping children, teens, adults and families to develop the skills they need to lead healthy and productive lives.

We are writing to request \$750 in funding from the Town of Washington to support the critical array of programs and services Broadreach provides to town residents. This year, over 1,000 local residents turned to Broadreach Family & Community Services for services and support. For thirty-three years, Broadreach has been helping the most vulnerable and disadvantaged children, youth and adults of Waldo and Knox Counties. Broadreach continues to be locally controlled, family centered and community based while delivering critical educational, health and social services to thousands of local residents. Town allocations to Washington stay in the Town of Washington for residents.

Broadreach depends on funding support from the towns of Waldo and Knox Counties. Support from the Town of Washington is critical to our continued ability to deliver services in your community. Please note 87.4% of our annual budget is used for direct services, and 12.6% of our annual budget is used for administrative costs.

Sincerely,

KATE QUINN FINLAY

Executive Director

Broadreach provided \$24,000 in comprehensive services to 5 residents of Washington in 2015:

- case management services and home visits for 523 children, youth and adults with behavioral or mental health challenges in two counties. Four (4) residents of Washington benefitted from this service with a value of services of \$20,000.

- rich early learning experiences for over 300 preschoolers in Knox and Waldo county classrooms. One preschool child was enrolled in Broadreach's Early Childhood Education Program for a service value of \$4,000.

Broadreach also ensures provision of:

- youth after school and summer programming for Knox county middle and high school students through our Youthlinks Program

- assistance, such as parenting classes and child abuse and neglect and substance abuse prevention, to help Waldo and Knox County residents achieve their dreams of reaching their potential for their families and themselves.

## Coastal Trans Inc.

### Town Funding Request FY 2016

**Town/City:** Washington

**Amount of Request:** \$750.00\* (\*based on population)

#### Agency mission

To provide non-emergency transportation for low-income, disabled, elderly, and the general population residents of Knox, Lincoln and Sagadahoc Counties, as well as the towns of Brunswick and Harpswell.

#### Services Provided

During the fiscal year, which ended on September 31, 2015, Coastal Trans provided 204,162 passenger miles to 791 people in our service area. We provide service to almost every town in our region at least one day per week.

Total Annual Miles Served for **Town of Washington in 2015:** 364

Total Individuals Served for **Town of Washington in 2015:** 11

#### Use of Requested Funds

Funds received from towns are used to provide local match for federal funds to purchase new vehicles and other capital equipment. Funds are also used to subsidize fares for clients who are not eligible for MaineCare or other assistance.

#### Other Funding Sources

Coastal Trans provided transportation for MaineCare clients in our service area, which we are reimbursed with federal funds. We also have a contract with the Department of Human Services to provide transportation for clients of the Bureau of Child and Family Services, and other income-eligible passengers. We receive additional federal and state funding from the Department of Transportation to provide rural transportation in our region and the balance of our funds come from town support, United Way, some small private contracts, passenger fares, and our annual appeal.

# Midcoast Maine Community Action

I would like to take the opportunity to share with you the programming and services Midcoast Maine Community Action (MMCA) has provided to the Town of Washington residents. Between October 1, 2014 - September 30, 2015, services valued at \$18,392.00 were accessed by 25 individuals and 2 families of Washington. Detail on services provided to Washington residents follows.

MMCA offers services to residents of Sagadahoc, Lincoln, and northern Cumberland counties. In addition, the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program is also provided to residents of Waldo and Knox Counties.

Local support is instrumental in helping to fund our programs and services including WIC; Head Start Pre-school and Early Head Start; Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA); emergency fuel, utility, rent, and security deposit assistance through our Housing Counseling program; affordable housing; and self-sufficiency case management services through our Family Development program. Our programs are designed to assist low-income and at-risk individuals to obtain self-sufficiency. There is no charge for MMCA’s services.

We hope you find this information valuable in assessing the needs of the residents of Washington. We appreciate the many ways your community supports MMCA and look forward to working with all of you in the coming year.

Sincerely,  
JESSICA A. TYSEN  
Executive Director

Town of Washington Report			
Program	Individuals	Families	Value of Services
Navigator - ACA Marketplace Assistance	0	1	\$299.00
Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)	0	1	\$418.00
WIC Breastfeeding, Nutrition &			
Nutritious Food Vouchers	25	0	\$17,675.00
<b>Town of Washington Totals</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>\$18,392.00</b>

## **New Hope for Women**

New Hope for Women provides services in Sagadahoc, Lincoln, Knox, and Waldo counties to individuals, their families, and friends who are affected by domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. We provide thousands of hours of service to over a thousand families in mid-coast Maine. While we know that many of the towns we serve are struggling with finances, we need your help to continue our work. We are asking for \$7500, which is the same amount requested for the past several years.

Here are some of the services New Hope for Women provides to your town:

- As part of our crisis intervention services, we maintain a 24-hour hotline that operates 365 days a year. Members of our staff or trained volunteers answer this crisis line. In addition, we have emergency safe homes throughout the mid-coast.
- Our staff attorney and court advocates assist individuals who are seeking legal remedies.
- As individuals work toward ending the violence in their lives, they may attend support and education groups in any of the four counties.
- Six units of transitional housing are available for families for up to two years. The transitional housing program includes personalized support and assistance with planning long-term goals.
- We provide community education programs to businesses and agencies so that the community can join us in offering a consistent and helpful response to the needs of individuals living with violence.
- Our violence prevention programs in area schools are equipping young people with the information they need to make healthy choices about relationships.
- We administer a certified Batterer Intervention Program, Time for Change. This 48-week educational program has groups for adult men and for women who use violence. It assists the participants in being accountable for their actions and changing their behaviors.

As you know, there is no typical income level, race, family origin, or geographical residence for an abuser or the abused. Domestic violence knows no boundaries. That is why the contributions made by the communities New Hope serves in Waldo, Knox, Lincoln, and Sagadahoc counties are so important to us.

Thank you for the many years of support for our programs. I hope you

will continue to join with us in the important work of advocacy, support, and violence prevention.

Cordially,  
KATHLEEN MORGAN  
Executive Director

### **Our Mission Statement**

New Hope for Women offers support to people in Sagadahoc, Lincoln, Knox and Waldo counties affected by domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking, and provides educational resources to assist our communities in creating a safer and healthier future.

### **A Short Description of Our Programs**

**Individual Advocacy** is crisis intervention counseling through our 24-hour hotline, office visits, court advocacy, information and referral services. It includes an on-staff lawyer.

**Community Response** provides education and prevention programs to schools and other community institutions and organizations that have contact with individuals affected by domestic and dating violence.

**Time for Change** is a 48-week certified batterer intervention program.

The **Transitional Housing** Program provides long-term housing and personalized support for families who are homeless as a result of domestic violence.

**Support Groups** are held in the four counties New Hope serves, in community schools and jails.

**Emergency Shelter** is short-term, temporary shelter offered in private homes by community members.

NEW HOPE FOR WOMEN FISCAL YEAR 2016 PROGRAM BUDGET						
	Individual Advocacy	Community Education	Time for Change	Transitional Housing	Support Group	Emergency Shelter
Expenses						
Personnel	298,800	448,200	93,375	56,025	9,338	28,013
Other	30,885	46,328	9,652	5,791	965	2,896
Total Expenses	329,685	494,528	103,027	61,816	10,303	30,908
Income	1,030,267					
State Funds	42,000					
Federal Funds	669,535					
Municipalities	35,000					
Charitable Orgs.	190,000					
Rural Grant	45,000					
Fees	18,732					
Fundraising	30,000					
Total Income	1,030,267					

New Hope's administrative costs for our last audited fiscal year (FY14) are 12.5%, and our fundraising costs are 3%, according to an independent outside auditor.



## Penquis

To: Citizens of Washington:

Penquis provides social and other support services to low-income individuals and families throughout Knox, Penobscot and Piscataquis counties in order to alleviate and eliminate the causes and conditions of poverty.

For the year ending May 31, 2015, the following services were provided to residents:

SERVICE	NUMBER SERVED	VALUE*
Above Ground Storage Tank <i>Replaces above ground home heating oil storage tanks in poor condition.</i>	1 Household	\$2,400
Child and Adult Care Food Program <i>Reimburses child care providers for nutritious meals and snacks</i>	1 Provider	\$7,459
Emergency Crisis Intervention Program <i>Provides home heating assistance to income-eligible households that are in an emergency or energy crisis.</i>	4 Households	\$1,392
Good Neighbor Heating Assistance <i>Provides 100 gallons of heating fuel to households whose income is 250% of the federal poverty level or less.</i>	1 Household	\$260
Home Buyer Education <i>A 12-hour certified hoMEworks training course to help individuals make prudent home purchase decisions.</i>	3 Clients	\$660
Low-Income Direct Install <i>Installs ductless heat pumps and replaces electric water heaters with heat pump water heaters.</i>	2 Households	\$1,200
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program <i>Assists income-eligible households with home heating costs.</i>	46 Households	\$28,338
Senior Volunteer Programs <i>Provides volunteers age 55+ with service opportunities to assist children and communities.</i>	172 Volunteer Hours	\$3,533
Small/Micro Business Development Services <i>Provides training and technical assistance to help individuals start or expand their own businesses.</i>	1 Client	\$225
Small/Micro Business Loans <i>Provides loans from \$500 up to \$50,000 to help businesses start, expand or meet financial needs.</i>	1 Client	\$26,000
Temporary Emergency Food Assistance Program <i>Provides USDA commodity food to food pantries.</i>	562 Cases (of food)	\$0
Total Value:		\$71,467

\*Value includes leveraged funds

## Spectrum Generations

For more than 40 years, Spectrum Generations has provided programs and services to the Town of Washington's older (60+) adults and their families. Our goal is to help older adults live independently, healthy, and with dignity as a resident of their chosen community. While we recognize this as a time that many organizations are struggling against budget cuts, including municipalities, we urge you to financially support Spectrum Generations to the fullest extent possible so that we may continue to provide critical services to the most vulnerable members of Washington.

### **Services provided to the Town of Washington**

- This past year, Spectrum Generations provided services to 62 unduplicated Washington residents.
- Spectrum Generations prepared and delivered 2,038 meals to Washington's home bound seniors through our **Meals on Wheels** program (57% increase over the year before).
- Our **Aging and Disability Resource** Specialists provided 121 hours of outreach counseling to seniors and their families on topics ranging from elder abuse to prescription drug coverage, and long-term care (a 227% increase over the year before).
- We also provided help and support to 1 **family caregiver** who is struggling to balance work and family while also tending full-time to an older or disabled loved one (a 100% increase over the previous year).
- 4 Washington seniors attended **health and wellness activities** taking place at our Community Center
- 18 meals were served to Washington residents through our **community dining** program, which uses local Maine products whenever possible (a 50% increase over the previous year).

### **Request to Town of Washington: \$920**

**Estimated value of our services to Washington residents: \$16,054.20**

**Older American Act and state funding allocated to your town: \$9,709.20**

Sincerely,  
DEBRA SILVA  
Director of Community Engagement

## **Tri County Solid Waste Management Organization**

Greetings to all Tri-County residents:

Forever a student of history, I regard this report to be reminiscent perhaps, in some small way, to FDR's "Fireside Chats" of a time long ago: a review of the past, and a view into our likely future. The year 2016 marks the 24th anniversary of the Tri-County Solid Waste transfer station. Over this time, the population of its six member towns has increased, and the facility has developed and expanded its recycling and disposal capability in response not only to technological advancements in waste disposal, but also to customer need. At this time we are actively exploring the possibility of establishing an organics (food wastes) recycling program, a first for a Maine transfer station.

This year also marks the time for renewing Tri-County's Interlocal Agreement, the document which collectively unites Appleton, Liberty, Palermo, Somerville, Union and Washington, creating Tri-County Solid Waste Management Organization. Of late, there has been much discussion, inquiry and debate regarding the issue commonly known as "the post 2018 future of municipal solid waste (msw)"

This topic centers around the fact that municipal agreements (effecting many municipalities and organizations, Tri-County included, across much of the state) with PERC (Penobscot Energy Renewal) expire in 2018. (We ship our trash to the PERC facility in Orrington, where it is processed into a combustible fuel which is then burned, creating energy for the purpose of generating electricity.) Over the past few months, members of Tri-County's board and I have met with representatives of competing waste disposal facilities (primarily PERC and MRC/Fiberight), and have attended meetings where independent assessments of the relative merits and feasibility of available options have been discussed and evaluated. These meetings have been hosted by municipalities and transfer stations all united by the common goal of seeking to make informed decisions regarding future waste disposal. We of Tri-County are committed to making our "post 2018" decision based not only on affordability, but also on recycling flexibility (e.g. organic recycling as mentioned earlier) and environmental stewardship. All six towns of Tri-County will be represented in this decision

through the presence of their respective board members.

Long term contracts (15 years) with these waste disposal facilities offer significant economic savings. For this reason, the Tri-County Interlocal Agreement renewal article as presented to town residents for their vote in upcoming town meetings must specify a sufficient length of time (18 years) to adequately span the interval between now and 2018 as well as a future waste disposal contract in its entirety.

Simply stated and with no apology, I believe in Tri-County Solid Waste Management. Long before I was ever employed by them, I served for seventeen years on Tri-County's board. Over that time, I learned to admire its fiscal and environmental responsibility, and to respect its board members who brought not only their respective opinions, but also their varied experience and practical judgment to the meeting table. I would urge you as town residents to vote in favor of renewing the Tri-County Interlocal Agreement. Tri-County Solid Waste is in it for the long haul. No other municipal solid waste option offers you voting representation on a board deciding matters ranging from policy to finances. Likewise, no other option provides such comprehensive, environmentally responsible waste disposal and recycling possibilities. We take pride in our transfer station facility, and continually seek to improve the service it provides the residents of its member towns. Only through our collective strength can we continue to make this happen. For your support throughout the past years, and that of the future, we extend our sincere gratitude.

Respectfully.

DAVID STANLEY

Manager, Tri-County Solid Waste

## **United States Senate**

### **Washington, DC**

Dear Friends of Washington:

It has been a privilege to serve the State of Maine since being sworn into the U.S. Senate.

Much of my time in Washington this past year has been devoted to the Senate Armed Services Committee and the Select Committee on Intelligence. Protecting our homeland and the people of Maine from terrorism and violence remains one of my top priorities. Through my work on the Armed Services Committee, I was able to secure several provisions in the 2016 National Defense Authorization Act that benefit Maine. The legislation authorizes the construction of an additional DDG-51 Arleigh Burke Class Destroyer that could be built at Bath Iron Works and expands the HUBZone program to stimulate economic growth at former military installations like the former Brunswick Naval Air Station.

Returning control to teachers, school districts, and states has also been a primary concern of mine. I am encouraged that the Every Student Succeeds Act has become law. It eliminates the burdensome requirements of the No Child Left Behind Act and ensures access to a quality education for all students. A provision I helped author in the bill will give states the opportunity to pilot the use of their own proficiency-based assessments in lieu of federally-mandated standardized tests. Also included in the bill are several measures I secured to promote local input, fund education technology initiatives, and explore new strategies to increase student access to the internet outside of school.

Communities across Maine have taken bold action to improve their broadband connectivity, and I have been proud to foster federal support for these types of projects. My amendments to the Every Student Succeeds Act will promote the type of work already occurring in Washington County, where students who lack broadband access are able to check out mobile hotspots from their local libraries. Additionally, a bill I co-sponsored, the Community Broadband Act, helped pave the way for the FCC to enact rules protecting the ability of municipalities to invest in better broadband. I am excited by Maine's leadership on this important economic development issue and will continue to support local efforts in this area.

After extensive negotiations, the Senate passed a five-year transportation bill that will increase highway and transit funding in Maine

and provide stability to improve our transportation infrastructure. The legislation contains provisions I co-sponsored to cut red tape and improve predictability and timeliness by streamlining the federal permitting process for large infrastructure projects. Also incorporated in this bill are my provisions to relieve financial regulations on Maine's community banks and credit unions and to reauthorize the Export-Import Bank, a critical tool that supports communities and small businesses across the state.

Following my inquiries in the Energy and Natural Resources Committee, the National Park Service has announced they will begin exploring strategies to allow park visitors to purchase electronic passes online and will pilot the program at Acadia National Park. These passes would improve access to our nation's most treasured landscapes and would generate resources for years to come. I remain deeply engaged in preserving Maine's natural beauty and strengthening our outdoor recreation economy.

It is with solemn responsibility that I have focused my energy addressing the opioid epidemic in Maine. This work includes convening roundtables with a wide range of health care and law enforcement professionals to combat addiction; introducing a proposal to safely dispose of excess prescription drugs; co-sponsoring a Senate-passed bill that addresses mothers struggling with addiction and the alarming effect it has on newborns; co-sponsoring the TREAT Act, which expands the ability of medical specialists to provide life-saving medication-assisted therapies for patients battling heroin and prescription drug addiction; and calling on the Commander of the U.S. Southern Command to increase efforts to stop the flow of heroin at our southern border.

I like to think of Maine as a big small town - and in a small town, the leaders are accessible and eager to listen. In that spirit, I've made it a priority to stay connected with people from all over Maine who e-mail, write, and call with suggestions or questions. If I can ever assist in your interaction with a federal agency, or you have thoughts, concerns, or personal input on a matter that is currently before Congress, I hope you will contact me, let me know where you stand, and engage in this critical part of democracy. Please call my toll-free line at 1-800-432-1599 or one of my offices: Augusta (207) 622-8292, Presque Isle (207) 764-5124, Scarborough (207) 883-1588, or Washington, D.C. (202) 224-5344. You can also write me on our website at [www.king.senate.gov/contact](http://www.king.senate.gov/contact).

As always, I am honored to represent the people of Maine and look forward to working with you for the betterment of our great state.

Sincerely,  
ANGUS S. KING, JR.  
United States Senator

## **United States Senate**

### **Washington, DC**

Dear Friends:

It is an honor to represent Maine in the United States Senate. I am grateful for the trust the people of our State have placed in me and welcome this opportunity to share some key accomplishments from 2015.

Growing the economy by encouraging job creation was and remains my top priority. The tax-relief bill signed into law at the close of last year contains three key provisions I authored to help foster job creation and provide small businesses with the certainty they need to invest, grow, and, most important, hire new workers. Another provision I authored that became law last year gives a boost to both Maine's economy and traffic safety. This provision permanently changed the federal law that previously had forced the heaviest trucks onto our country roads and downtown streets, rather than allowing them to use Maine's federal Interstates. In addition, I was glad to help secure another significant award for the University of Maine's deepwater offshore wind initiative, which has the potential to advance an emerging industry and create thousands of good jobs in our state.

Maine's historic contributions to our nation's defense must continue. In 2015, I secured funding toward a much-needed additional Navy destroyer, likely to be built at Bath Iron Works. Modernization projects at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard that I have long advocated for were also completed, as were projects for the Maine National Guard.

I was also deeply involved in crafting the new education reform law to better empower states and communities in setting educational policy for their students. The law also extends a program I co-authored that provides additional assistance to rural schools, which has greatly benefitted our state. A \$250 tax deduction I authored in 2002 for teachers who spend their own money on classroom supplies was also made permanent last year.

As a result of a scientific evaluation of the nutritional value of potatoes required by a law that I wrote, the wholesome fresh potato finally was included in the federal WIC nutrition program. I also worked on other issues important to Maine's farmers and growers, including research on wild blueberries and pollinating bees.

As Chairman of the Housing Appropriations Subcommittee, I have made combating veterans' homelessness a priority. This year's housing funding law includes \$60 million for 8,000 new supportive housing vouchers

for homeless veterans. Since this program began in 2008, the number of homeless veterans nationwide has dropped by one third. Maine has received nearly 200 vouchers to support homeless veterans.

Last year, I became Chairman of the Senate Aging Committee. My top three priorities for the committee are retirement security, investing more in biomedical research, and fighting fraud and financial abuses targeting our nation's seniors. I advocated for the \$2 billion increase in funding for the National Institutes of Health to advance research on such diseases as diabetes and Alzheimer's. The Senate also unanimously passed my bill to support family caregivers. The Aging Committee's toll-free hotline (1-855-303-9470) makes it easier for senior citizens to report suspected fraud and receive assistance and has already received more than 1,000 calls.

A Maine value that always guides me is our unsurpassed work ethic. As 2015 ended, I cast my 6,072<sup>nd</sup> consecutive vote, continuing my record of never missing a roll-call vote since my Senate service began in 1997.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve Washington and Maine in the United States Senate. If ever I can be of assistance to you, please contact my Constituent Service Center in Augusta at (207) 622-8414 or visit my website at [www.collins.senate.gov](http://www.collins.senate.gov). May 2016 be a good year for you, your family, your community, and our state.

Sincerely,  
SUSAN M. COLLINS  
United States Senator



## U.S. House of Representatives

Dear Friend,

I hope this letter finds you and your family well. I appreciate the opportunity to give you an update on my work in Maine and Washington. It continues to be a great honor to serve the people of Maine's 1st District in Congress.

Over the last year, I have introduced a number of bills to address the problems my constituents face. One of the most concerning issues is hunger. Nearly 50 million Americans don't have reliable access to enough food. At the same time, 40 percent of the food produced in the country goes to waste. That is why I introduced the Food Recovery Act, comprehensive legislation to cut food waste while providing more food to the people who need it.

The Safe and Affordable Drugs from Canada Act takes on another serious concern for Maine families—the high cost of prescription drugs. Just over the border in Canada, the same medications are available at half the price on average. My bill would lift a ban that prohibits consumers from importing those medications. Other bills I introduced touch on a number of issues, from helping veterans secure benefits to protecting our coastal economies. For more information on all my legislation, go to [www.pingree.house.gov](http://www.pingree.house.gov).

My seat on the House Appropriations Committee—which has a powerful role in setting federal funding levels—has also put me in a position to influence policies and programs that affect Mainers. A couple of examples from the last year include pushing to make Lyme disease a higher federal priority and working to protect funding for a program that has extended pre-school to hundreds of Maine children.

But not all my work takes place at the Capitol. Here at home, I had the chance to visit many communities to help celebrate their victories and discuss their concerns—critical feedback to take to Washington. And over the last year, my hard-working staff has helped hundreds of constituents on their issues with federal programs and agencies.

I hope the last year has been a good one for you and your family. As we head into another year of challenges and opportunities for our nation, I promise that your interests will continue to guide my work. Please contact my office if there's ever anything I can do for you.

Best wishes,

CHELLIE PINGREE, Member of Congress

## Governor's Report

Dear Citizens of Washington:

Maine has a long tradition of civil participation in both state and local government, and I thank you for being informed and involved citizens.

My vision for Maine is prosperity, not poverty. For this reason, one of my top priorities is the reduction and eventual elimination of the income tax. Some are pushing to raise the minimum wage, but I want Mainers to earn a maximum wage. Reducing the income tax is the biggest and most immediate pay raise for all hard-working Mainers.

Not only does an income tax cut put more money back in your pockets, but it will also attract businesses that can offer good-paying careers to keep our young people here in Maine. It shows the nation that we are serious about wanting people and businesses to come – and stay – in Maine.

Another of my priorities is to lower the cost of student debt in Maine. If young people are struggling with too much student debt, they are unable to afford homes or vehicles. We are now offering programs to help them lower their debt, stay in Maine, begin their careers and start families.

To provide good-paying jobs for our young people, we must also work hard to reduce our energy costs. High energy costs are a major factor in driving out manufacturers, mills and other businesses that need low-cost electricity. I am committed to lowering the cost of energy, not only to attract job creators, but also to allow Maine people to heat and power their homes affordably and effectively.

And finally, we are making progress to address the drug pandemic in our state. It is my most important duty to keep the Maine people safe. While education, treatment and prevention efforts are important, we must get the dealers off the streets. I am pleased the Legislature has finally agreed to fund my proposal for more drug agents to stem the supply of deadly opiates flowing into our communities, but our law enforcement agencies are still understaffed. We must do more.

It is a pleasure serving as your Governor. If ever I can be of assistance to you or if you have any questions or suggestions, I encourage you to contact my office by calling 287-3531 or by visiting our website at [www.maine.gov/governor](http://www.maine.gov/governor).

Sincerely,  
PAUL R. LEPAGE, Governor

## State Senator's Report

I hope 2016 finds you and your family doing well. It is an honor to represent you and this community as your State Senator. These are challenging times for so many people in Maine which is why I am pleased to have some good news and information to help you through some of the challenges.

This past year, the Legislature made significant progress in providing direct tax relief to Maine homeowners. We increased the Homestead Property Tax Credit for all Mainers from \$10,000 to \$15,000 starting in April of 2016; and the exemption will increase again to \$20,000 in 2017. We also prevented Municipal Revenue Sharing cuts while increasing funding of K-12 schools by \$80 million. As key influences on municipal revenues, they are critical to avoiding property tax spikes.

Additionally, we implemented meaningful, fair changes to the state's income tax code, which will result in a \$135 million annual tax cut for 579,000 Maine families. This Legislature also eliminated the income tax on pensions for all military families.

I am proud of these accomplishments. I hope you are as well. Moving forward, I will continue to focus on making state government effective in meeting people's needs, with good oversight and accountability, providing property tax relief and tax reform that works for every day Mainers, not just the wealthy. And ensuring that your tax dollars are working to support growth of good paying jobs, fostering economic development, investing in education, lowering home energy costs, protecting our children and our natural resources, and building better infrastructure.

As the Legislature continues its work, please know that I appreciate hearing from you about your concerns, your hopes, and your ideas for how to make our communities and our state better. In addition to the monthly constituent office hours across the district to hear what you want to talk about, and occasional open public meetings, I encourage you to sign up for my legislative email updates to keep you informed about what is happening in the Legislature. This periodic email allows me to share information that is useful and informative to you and our district. Please email or call me to sign up.

I am here to listen to your legislative needs and concerns, and to serve as a liaison between you and state government. Feel free to contact me anytime. I appreciate your continued support and look forward to seeing you around the district.

Sincerely,  
CHRIS JOHNSON, State Senator

## State Representative's Report

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

It is an honor and pleasure to represent you in the 127<sup>th</sup> Maine Legislature. I wanted to take this opportunity to inform you about our efforts to improve your lives.

First, the budget we enacted over the objections of the Governor included many items that will help working families and retirees. The Legislature enacted a tax reform package that lowered income taxes, with 75% of the benefit targeting middle and lower income families. The homestead property tax credit was doubled to \$20,000, which will lower your property taxes beginning in 2016. We increased aid to public schools, which will help stabilize the property tax burden and make life easier for our school systems. We also protected the state revenue sharing program which helps our town and cities lower your property taxes. Also, beginning in 2016, we eliminated the state income tax on military pensions. Despite the Governor's vetoes, we enacted a fair and balanced budget that helps the vast majority of Mainers.

In the second session of the 127<sup>th</sup>, we recently enacted legislation to assist the Land for Maine's Future program to move forward. We also enacted legislation that provides a balanced approach to the opiate drug crisis, balancing the needs for treatment and enhanced law enforcement.

It has been my priority in Augusta to serve my communities and involve my constituents and students in the governmental affairs in Augusta. It was my pleasure to host Pastor Karen Lilli Pax of the Waldoboro United Methodist Church and the Reverend Andrew Stinson of the Second Congregational of Warren to deliver the daily prayer for the Maine House of Representatives.

In 2015, the Maine Legislature once again honored Friendship's Sherman Baird as the elder statesman of the Maine House of Representatives. Sherman passed away on January 8, 2016. He will be greatly missed.

I was pleased to once again host many groups of students from RSU 40 to share a day with me in the Maine Legislature. The Medomak Valley High School Chorus sang a beautiful rendition of the national anthem for the House of Representatives. Students from Medomak Middle school, the Watershed School, the Coastal Christian School, and members of Medomak Valley's National Honor Society all participated in the activities of the

Maine Legislature. Vince Vannah of Waldoboro, who attends the University of Maine at Farmington, won a Legislative Memorial Scholarship for the second year in a row!

As 2016 proceeds, Maine faces another election year. I've decided to take a break from state politics and have made the decision not to run for political office this year. My 2 terms (4 years) representing you have been extremely rewarding. While the current political environment in Augusta and nationally has become divisive and toxic, I am proud to say my Legislative district has operated above the fray, with each and every one of you treating me with the utmost respect and kindness. I couldn't ask for more. While we don't always agree on everything, I'm grateful to my constituents, who allowed me to make courageous decisions in an effort to restore a more civil environment in Augusta. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you.

Sincerely,  
JEFFREY EVANGELOS  
State Representative

# Town Meeting Results

## Warrant For 2015 Annual Town Meeting

TO: Judson Butterman, Constable, Town of Washington.

### GREETINGS

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of the Town of Washington, Knox County, Maine, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Bryant Room of the Gibbs Library, 40 Old Union Road, Washington, on Friday, March 27, 2015, at 10:00 a.m., then and there to act on Article 1 and by secret ballot on Article 2, as set out below, the polling hours therefore to be from 10:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.;

And to notify and warn said voters to meet at the Prescott Memorial School, 100 Waldoboro Road, Washington, on Saturday, March 28, 2015, at 10:00 a.m., then and there to act on Articles 3 through 39 as set out below, to wit:

Article 1: To choose a moderator by written ballot to preside at said meeting.

**Town meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by the Town Clerk who called for nominations for moderator. A motion was made and seconded to nominate James Bowers and a motion was made and seconded to nominate Andrew Thompson.**

**James Bowers received 25 votes and Andrew Thompson received 14 votes.**

**James Bowers was elected by ballot to the position of moderator for the meeting and the town clerk duly swore him into office. James Bowers appointed Judson Butterman and Thomas Ford as deputy moderators.**

Article 2: To elect all necessary town officers and school board members as are required to be elected.

**Linda Luce, Mildred Melgard and Judith Brann checked in voters and Walter Metcalf served as election warden.**

**The polls were closed at 8 PM by moderator James Bowers.**

**Ballot clerks Nancy Barker, Elizabeth Bettcher, Deborah Hill and Carol Sloane sorted and counted the ballots. Berkley and Nancy Linscott observed the count.**

**The moderator adjourned the meeting to 10:00 a.m., Saturday, March 28, 2015 at the Prescott School.**

**The following is a list of votes cast: Total= 245**

**Selectman/Assessor/Overseer of the Poor:**

**Berkley Linscott: 132**

**Donald L. Grinnell: 112**

**Challenged: 1**

**RSU 40 School Board Director:**

**Cheryl Cichowski received 52 write-in votes**

**Thomas Ford was sworn in as deputy moderator and Selectman Donald L. Grinnell led the Pledge of Allegiance. Tom went on to announce the results of Article 2.**

Article 3: To elect seven members and two alternates to serve on the Town of Washington Budget Committee.

**Tom Ford requested nomination for seven (7) members and two (2) alternates to serve on the Budget Committee.**

**Motions made and seconded to nominate the following to serve as members of the budget committee: Donald L. Grinnell, David Martucci, Kathleen Ocean, Wendy Carr, Dorothy Sainio, Jesse Casas, and Hank Aho. David Williams and James Kearney were nominated to serve as alternates.**

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appoint all necessary town officials.

**A motion was made and seconded to authorize the Selectmen to appoint all necessary town officials.**

**Motion carries unanimously.**

**Article 4 passes.**

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to authorize that the Plumbing Inspector be paid from fees collected from plumbing permits; the E911 Coordinator be paid from E911 applications fees; and the Driveway Entrance Coordinator be paid from driveway entrance application fees.

**A motion was made and seconded to authorize that the Plumbing Inspector be paid from fees collected from plumbing permits; the E911 Coordinator be paid from E911 applications fees; and the Driveway Entrance Coordinator be paid from driveway entrance application fees.**

*Dorothy Sainio asked if this referred to three different people and if they received extra salary. Wes Daniel explained this was three different people. Wes issues the 911 address and receives the \$25 application fee, the Plumbing Inspector receives half of the plumbing permit fee, and the Road Commissioner receives \$25 per driveway entrance permit.*

**Motion carries. One opposed.**

**Article 5 passes.**

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to pay up to the State wages pay rate for compensation of personnel and labor costs, and to allow the selectmen to negotiate the rate per hour cost for equipment used in maintaining public roads for the ensuing year.

**A motion was made and seconded to pay up to the State wages pay rate for compensation of personnel and labor costs, and to allow the selectmen to negotiate the rate per hour cost for equipment used in maintaining public roads for the ensuing year.**

*Merle Vanner asked if the road was taken care of by contract or town employees. Duane Vigue answered that they were town employees.*

**Motion carries unanimously. Article 6 passes.**

- Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12 of the budgeted amount in each budgeted category of the 2015 annual budget during the period from January 1, 2016, to the date of the 2016 Annual Town Meeting.

*Explanation: This article legalizes municipal expenditures made after the fiscal year ends, but before the next Annual Town Meeting.*

**A motion was made and seconded to authorize the Municipal Officers to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12 of the budgeted amount in each budgeted category of the 2015 annual budget during the period from January 1, 2016, to the date of the 2016 Annual Town Meeting.**

**Motion carries. 3 opposed. Article 7 passes.**

- Article 8: To see if the Town will fix a date when taxes will be due and payable, and fix a rate of interest to be charged on unpaid taxes after said date.

*(Selectmen and Tax Collector recommend 2015 taxes will be due and payable on October 1, 2015) (Maximum interest rate on overdue taxes allowed by State Law: 7.0%)*

**Motion and second for 2015 taxes to be due and payable on October 1, 2015 and for the interest rate on overdue taxes be set at 7.0%.**

*Andy Thompson made a motion to amend the amount of interest charged to 3%. His motion was seconded. Deputy Moderator Tom Ford called for discussion. Andy asked what the minimum amount charged could be and selectman Don Grinnell answered zero. Dave Martucci explained that a rate of 7% encourages people to pay their taxes. Chris Lascoutx thought that 3-4% would be more appropriate. Tom Johnston pointed out that loan rates charged by banks and credit cards are considerably higher than 7%. He went on to ask what the incentive would be to pay taxes when the taxpayer can give themselves a loan for 3%. Sandy Bourrie asked if there has ever been an analysis of how much it costs for the town to collect taxes. Dave Martucci reminded the voting body that the tax collector offers a tax club that divides payments over 10 months with no interest accrual.*

*Treasurer Ann Dean added that the town has not borrowed on a tax anticipation note in over 5 years. Noah Rosen asked what happens when taxes weren't paid and Tax Collector Ann Dean explained the lien process. A motion was made and seconded to amend the article to*



*lower the interest rate on unpaid taxes to 3%*

**Motion fails to pass. 12 in favor**

**Amendment fails to pass.**

**A motion was made and seconded to make 2015 taxes due and payable on October 1, 2015 and the rate of interest to be charged on unpaid taxes after said date is 7%.**

**Motion carries. 2 opposed.**

**Article 8 passes.**

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to set the interest rate to be paid by the Town on abated taxes at 8%.

*Explanation: If taxes are paid and later abated, the Town must refund the abated taxes and pay interest on them. 36 MRSA, Sub. Sect. 506A calls for interest of 12% on abated taxes if the Town fails to set a rate. The rate set by the Town cannot be less than 8%.*

**A motion was made and seconded to set the interest rate to be paid by the Town on abated taxes at 8%.**

*Noah Rosen asked why the town charges the highest rate on unpaid taxes but pays the lowest rate on abated taxes. Dave Martucci, Washington resident and assessor's agent in Thomaston, explained and gave an example of how it could be very expensive for the town if a large taxpayer were to have taxes abated. Janet Martucci added that we all are "the town" and this would affect all of us in the form of higher taxes.*

**Motion carries. 1 opposed.**

**Article 9 passes.**

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to make a determination regarding the closing or opening of roads to winter maintenance pursuant to 23 MRSA Section 2953.

**A motion was made and seconded to authorize the Municipal Officers to make a determination regarding the closing or opening of roads to winter maintenance pursuant to 23 MRSA Section 2953.**

**Motion carries unanimously.**

**Article 10 passes.**

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell and dispose of property acquired by tax liens, other liens, or other processes, and to issue quitclaim deeds for same. Before going to public auction, Selectmen are authorized to offer the sale of the property to the former owner and to negotiate the sale to the former owner at a price that the Selectmen deem most advantageous to the Town. If offer is not accepted in 60 days, the Selectmen may begin the auctioning process. All net proceeds from any auction shall be placed in the Town's Road Reserve account.

**A motion was made and seconded to authorize the Selectmen to sell and dispose of property acquired by tax liens, other liens, or other processes, and to issue quitclaim deeds for same. Before going to public auction, Selectmen are authorized to offer the sale of the**

property to the former owner and to negotiate the sale to the former owner at a price that the Selectmen deem most advantageous to the Town. If offer is not accepted in 60 days, the Selectmen may begin the auctioning process. All net proceeds from any auction shall be placed in the Town's Road Reserve account.

*Pat Medeika asked if it would be a public auction. Selectman Duane Vigue clarified that the property would be first offered back to the original owner before going to public auction.*

*Andy Thompson asked if all back taxes and fees were collected Treasurer Ann Dean answered yes that all back taxes and fees are collected from the former owner. Norman Casas pointed out that the way the article was written, that the Selectmen could offer the property back for \$1 if they felt it was most advantageous to the Town.*

Motion carries unanimously.

Article 11 passes.

Article 12: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to appropriate money from the sale of any Town tax acquired lands to pay the costs of said sale.

**A motion was made and seconded to authorize the Selectmen to appropriate money from the sale of any Town tax acquired lands to pay the costs of said sale.**

**Motion carries unanimously.**

**Article 12 passes.**

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of town-owned items with a value of \$1,000.00 or less under such terms and conditions as they deem advisable.

**A motion was made and seconded to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of town-owned items with a value of \$1,000.00 or less under such terms and conditions as they deem advisable.**

**Motion carries unanimously.**

**Article 13 passes.**

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the 2014 Snowmobile Refund to the Washington Hill & Gully Riders for the sole purpose of maintaining their snowmobile trails, to be open to the use of the public from November 15 until April 1 and to authorize the municipal officers to enter into an agreement with the club, under such terms and conditions as the municipal officers may deem advisable, for that purpose, or see what action the Town will take.

*Explanation: The snowmobile registration money must be appropriated annually by the Town for whatever purpose it desires. If all or part of it is appropriated to the snowmobile club, one of the conditions of that appropriation must be that the club's trails are open to public use. Otherwise, it would be an illegal appropriation of public funds for a private group.*

**A motion was made and seconded to appropriate the 2014 Snowmobile Refund to the Washington Hill & Gully Riders for the sole purpose of maintaining their snowmobile trails, to be open to the use of the public from November 15 until April 1 and to authorize the municipal officers to enter into an agreement with the club, under such terms and conditions as the municipal officers may deem advisable, for that purpose, or see what action the Town will take.**

*Andy Thompson asked about the April 1 date. Tom Johnston explained this is a date set by the State.*

*David Heckman asked what the amount of the refund would be. Treasurer Ann Dean explained \$337.62 has already been received for the 2014 refund.*

**Motion carries unanimously.**

**Article 14 passes.**

Article 15: To see if the Town will authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of taxes for the years 2015 and 2016 for taxes not yet due or assessed and for no interest to accrue.

**A motion was made and seconded to authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of taxes for the years 2015 and 2016 for taxes not yet due or assessed and for no interest to accrue.**

**Motion carries unanimously.**

**Article 15 passes.**

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to offer a Tax Club Payment Plan and to waive interest on taxes for those accounts that are kept current.

**A motion was made and seconded to authorize the Tax Collector to offer a Tax Club Payment Plan and to waive interest on taxes for those accounts that are kept current.**

*A resident asked if the club was for prepayment of taxes or after taxes were due. Tax Collector Ann Dean explained that the first payment of 10 installments is due by October 1 and that late payment would result in removal from the club with interest accruing back to October 2.*

**Motion carries unanimously.**

**Article 16 passes.**

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Fire Chief and other municipal officials to apply for Homeland Security and/or other grants for Emergency Services.

**A motion was made and seconded to authorize the Fire Chief and other municipal officials to apply for Homeland Security and/or other grants for Emergency Services.**

**Motion carries, 2 opposed.**

**Article 17 passes.**

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to spend any grant money received, not to exceed the amount of the grant, for the stated purposes of the grant only.

**A motion was made and seconded to spend any grant money received, not to exceed the amount of the grant, for the stated purposes of the grant only.**

*Norman Casas asked if this applied to all grants or grants only in the previous article. Selectmen Wesley Daniel answered that if applied to all grants.*

**Motion carries unanimously.**

**Article 18 passes.**

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to renew the annual \$250,000 municipal line-of-credit with Machias Savings Bank.

**A motion was made and seconded to authorize the Selectmen to renew the annual \$250,000 municipal line-of-credit with Machias Savings Bank.**

*A resident asked what the \$250,000 line of credit did. Wesley Daniel replied that it was for tax anticipation in case we needed it. Treasurer Ann Dean explained that though we haven't needed to borrow on the line of credit, the town saves money because we no longer need to pay attorneys for a bond opinion.*

**Motion carries unanimously.**

**Article 19 passes.**

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to move the 2015 overlay, plus supplemental tax assessments and less any tax abatements, into the Road Reserve Account.

**A motion was made and seconded to move the 2015 overlay, plus supplemental tax assessments and less any tax abatements, into the Road Reserve Account.**

*Chris Lascoutx questioned why this and article 11 both move money into the Road Reserve Account. Wes Daniel answered that we are trying to build the road reserve account up in anticipation of two major culvert replacements on the Vanner Rd. and the Young's Hill Rd. A request to crush tailings in another article will possibly come out of the account as anything related to roads. Duane Vigue pointed out roads are one of the biggest items on our budget. Don Grinnell added that it would lose its visibility if allowed to lapse into the general fund at year end.*

**Motion carries unanimously.**

**Article 21 passes.**

Article 21: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate up to \$2,000.00 from the Headstone Restoration fund to repair and clean the headstones in the Storer Cemetery.

**A motion was made and seconded to appropriate up to \$2,000.00 from the Headstone Restoration fund to repair and clean the**

**headstones in the Storer Cemetery.**

**Motion carries unanimously.**

**Article 21 passes.**

Article 22: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate up to \$186,000 from the Road Maintenance Account and the Local Roads Assistance Program (LRAP) Account for repair and repaving of the Vanner Road and to allow the Board of Selectmen to determine the amount of funding to take from each account.

**A motion was made and seconded to appropriate up to \$186,000 from the Road Maintenance Account and the Local Roads Assistance Program (LRAP) Account for repair and repaving of the Vanner Road and to allow the Board of Selectmen to determine the amount of funding to take from each account.**

*Dan Rogowski asked if this was for just paving or including culverts. Selectman Duane Vigue explained that it was just for the paving. Wes Daniel said culvert replacing and ditching would come out of capital improvement which is part of the LRAP money. A resident asked if the work would be done at the same time and Wes answered that the brush cutting, ditching and culvert replacement would be done before the paving. Another resident asked if the entire road would be paved. Duane answered yes that it would be the entire road and pointed out the possibility of using chip seal method where appropriate to save money. Elizabeth Vanner asked why total improvements couldn't be put into one article. Wes Daniel explained that the culvert project is separate and will be coming out of the road reserve account instead of doing an appropriation for the culvert. Bo Marks asked if Lane was in any way financially responsible for first 6/10 of a mile. Duane explained that the agreement was for every other paving and that it would be Lane's responsibility in the next paving cycle.*

*Cynthia Rosen asked for clarification about the request for \$160,000 in article 27 for the paving of Vanner Rd. Don Grinnell explained that article 22 only authorizes the Board pave the Vanner Rd and to spend up to \$186,000 of which the \$160,000 referred to in article 27 will come from the road maintenance account and \$26,000 from LRAP.*

**Motion carries unanimously.**

**Article 22**

Article 23: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the following General Fund revenues to be applied toward the 2015 property tax commitment, thereby decreasing the 2015 tax commitment by \$361,500.00.

*Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend:*

Excise Tax Revenue	220,000.00
State Revenue Sharing	40,000.00
Tree Growth Reimbursement	2,700.00
Building and Plumbing Permits	1,200.00
Mining Permits and Inspections	4,000.00

Interest on Overdue Taxes	16,000.00
Veterans Reimbursement	1,600.00
Other Town Fees Collected	13,000.00
Unexpended 2014 Appropriations	46,000.00
Undesignated Fund Balance	15,000.00
General Fund Interest	<u>2,000.00</u>
Total	361,500.00

**A motion was made and seconded to appropriate the following General Fund revenues to be applied toward the 2015 property tax commitment, thereby decreasing the 2015 tax commitment by \$361,500.00.**

*A resident asked if the plumbing inspector got the revenue from the plumbing permits. Selectman Don Grinnell answered that the plumbing inspector gets half of the permit fee. He went on to ask if we knew what the figure would be. Ann Dean replied the amount is anticipated and based on past year collections.*

**Motion carries unanimously.**

**Article 23 passes.**

*Selectman Donald L. Grinnell explained how each year the Board of Selectmen have chosen a Spirit of America unsung hero award recipient. This award is given by the Spirit of American Foundation in recognition of volunteerism in towns across the State and country. Don pointed out that Washington was one of the first towns in Maine to give this award.*

*Don went on to read an introduction and tribute to the 2014 recipient, Madelon Kelly. Her tireless service to Gibbs Library and her devotion to the children of Washington were acknowledged and applauded by the town citizens.*

*Don congratulated Berkley Linscott on his win and thanked the citizens for their support over the years. The Town citizens gave Don a standing ovation in appreciation for his years of service to the Town of Washington.*

*Tom Ford called the meeting back to order. He explained how the articles are based on a sum certain and amounts can never go up but they can go down. Tom went on to outline the procedure for going through the article.*

**Article 24: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$51,750.00 from property taxation for General Government Operations.**

*Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend as advisory lines:*

Legal Fees	15,000.00
Administration	36,750.00
Advertising	500.00
Audit of Town Books	5,000.00
Computer Annual Fees	9,500.00
Computer Tech Support	750.00
MMA Dues	3,000.00
Mileage	2,000.00

Money Order Fees	500.00	
Office Equipment	3,500.00	
Office Supplies	2,000.00	
Postage	2,000.00	
Printing and Photocopies	200.00	
Selectmen Discretionary Fund	500.00	
Tax Maps	1,000.00	
Tax Billing	1,300.00	
Town Report Printing	3,000.00	
Workshops and Training	<u>2,000.00</u>	
Subtotal	36,750.00	
		Total 51,750.00

**A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$51,750.00 from property taxation for General Government Operations.**

*Cynthia Rosen questioned why Legal Fees went from \$5,000 to \$15,000. Duane Vigue explained that multiple land use violations were brought to court and some are still in court so the town is looking at possible increased legal expenses. Dave Martucci reminded us that the State requires us to enforce our ordinances whether the money is appropriated or not and the town will be required to pay legal bills. Pat Medeika asked for the name of the Town attorney. Duane answered that Fred Newcomb is the town attorney who operates out of Rockland. Cynthia Rosen moved to have the amount put back to \$5,000 and her motion was seconded.*

*12 in favor of amendment. 46 opposed. Amendment fails to pass. A resident asked what the computer annual fee was comprised of. Ann Dean explained this covered software licenses and annual website fees that charge a yearly fee.*

*Bo Marks asked what money order fees were used for. Ann Dean explained they were used to make daily deposits from the office desktop. Dave Heckman asked about the \$200 printing line and how did the town report get printed for that amount. Wes explained the line for town report printing is separate.*

**Motion carries. 1 opposed. Article 24 passes.**

Article 25: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$29,866.00 from property taxation for Insurance.

*Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend as advisory lines:*

MMA Insurance Risk Pool	18,000.00
Unemployment Insurance	1,433.00
Worker’s Compensation Premium	9,333.00
Volunteer Insurance	300.00
Firefighter Accident Insurance	<u>800.00</u>
Total	29,866.00

**A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$29,866.00 from property taxation for Insurances.**

**Motion carries unanimously.**

**Article 25 passes.**

Article 26: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$151,900.00 from property taxation for Salaries, Stipends, Employee Health Insurance, and Payroll Expenses.

*Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend as advisory lines:*

Salaries and Stipends	114,400.00
Selectmen (3)	19,500.00
Secretary - Selectmen	750.00
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	22,100.00
Treasurer	12,400.00
Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector/Treasurer	19,800.00
Registrar of Voters	1,500.00
Ballot Clerks	1,000.00
EMA Director	750.00
Health Officer	500.00
Fire Warden (2)	300.00
Fire Chief	4,000.00
Deputy Fire Chief	3,000.00
Firefighter Stipends	3,750.00
Secretary - Planning Board	1,000.00
Secretary – Appeals Board	250.00
Assessor's Agent	4,500.00
Animal Control Officer	1,750.00
Deputy Animal Control Officer	1,750.00
Code Enforcement Officer	15,000.00
Constable	100.00
Moderator of March town meeting	200.00
School Board Member Stipend (2)	1,000.00
Custodial Services	<u>1,500.00</u>
Sub-total	116,400.00
Town Portion of Employee Health Insurance	19,500.00
FICA Payroll Expenses	<u>16,000.00</u>
Total	151,900.00

**A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$151,900.00 from property taxation for Salaries, Stipends, Employee Health Insurance, and Payroll Expenses.**

*Carol Sloane asked if there was a lot going on with animal control officers and who they are. Ann Dean answered that Clayton Lanphier and Andy Dinsmore were the ACOs who get more calls in the spring, summer, and fall. Norman Casas about what the EMA officer was and Tom Ford explained it stood for the Emergency Management Agency.*

**Motion carries unanimously.**

**Article 26 passes.**



Article 27: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$403,300.00 from property taxation for Maintenance of Town Roads and related operations.

*Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend as advisory lines:*

Road Maintenance Materials & Supplies	12,000.00
Truck Fuel	18,000.00
Truck Maintenance: P100	1,000.00
P200	4,000.00
P300	4,000.00
P400	4,000.00
P500	4,000.00
Cutting Edges and Sander Chains	7,500.00
Culverts	3,000.00
Loader and Backhoe Fuel	2,800.00
Loader and Backhoe Maintenance	7,500.00
Garage Mortgage	12,500.00
Garage Utilities	3,500.00
Garage Maintenance	2,000.00
Road Maintenance Labor	100,000.00
Equipment Rental	13,000.00
Screening Winter Sand	13,000.00
Road Salt	30,000.00
E911 and Road Signs	1,000.00
Paving of Vanner Road	160,000.00
Driver OSHA and DOT Screening and Testing	500.00
Total	403,300.00

**A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$403,300.00 from property taxation for Maintenance of Town Roads and related operations.**  
**Motion carries unanimously.** **Article 27 passes.**

Article 28: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$3,500.00 from property taxation for General Assistance.

*Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend as advisory lines:*

General Assistance	3,500.00
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**A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$3,500.00 from property taxation for General Assistance.**  
*A resident asked what General Assistance was used for. Wes Daniel explained the GA application process and if the applicant qualifies under State guidelines the money could be used for food, fuel or rent. Wes went on to say that the town is reimbursed for half by the State.*  
Noah Rosen asked if the amount could be raised from \$3,500 to \$15,000. Moderator Tom Ford reminded Noah that the amount could only go down.  
**Motion carries unanimously.** **Article 28 passes.**

Article 29: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$43,342.00 from property taxation for Public Safety.

*Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend as advisory lines:*

Fire Department General Support	8,500.00
Fire Department Equipment	8,500.00
Firefighter Training	2,000.00
Firefighter Physicals	2,500.00
Fire Truck Loan Payment	19,092.00
Hose Testing	<u>2,750.00</u>
Total	43,342.00

**A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$43,342.00 from property taxation for Public Safety.**

*Dave Martucci asked why the Union Ambulance Assessment was not included in this total. Selectman Grinnell explained that since it is an assessment, as is also the RSU40 and Tri-County Solid Waste, we have no control over the amount.*

**Motion carries unanimously.**

**Article 29 passes.**

Article 30: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$43,000.00 from property taxation for Utilities and Maintenance.

*Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend as advisory lines:*

Town Utilities	16,000.00
Building Maintenance	8,000.00
Cemetery Maintenance	13,000.00
Street Lights	3,000.00
Municipal Complex Snow Removal	<u>3,000.00</u>
Total	43,000.00

**A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$43,000.00 from property taxation for Utilities and Maintenance.**

*Carol Sloane asked if consideration was given to small solar panels that power street lights. Duane Vigue answered that he researched this question after her last year's request and units were expensive. He answered that there is a push to make this technology more affordable to municipalities and that he would follow up.*

**Motion carries unanimously.**

**Article 30 passes.**

Article 31: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,100.00 from property taxation for Boards and Committees.

*Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend as advisory lines:*

Conservation and Parks Committee	500.00
Planning Board Expense	500.00
Midcoast Regional Planning Commission	600.00
Comprehensive Plan Review Committee	<u>500.00</u>
Total	2,100.00

**A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$2,100.00**

**from property taxation for Boards and Committees.**

**Motion carries unanimously.**

**Article 31 passes.**

Article 32: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$13,000.00 from property taxation for Town Carry-over Accounts.

*Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend as advisory lines:*

Cemetery Headstone Restoration Fund	1,000.00
Town Record Preservation Fund	1,000.00
Recreation Committee Fund	1,000.00
Road Maintenance Truck Fund	<u>10,000.00</u>
Total	13,000.00

**A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$13,000.00 from property taxation for Town Carry-over Accounts.**

*Andy Thompson asked for the balance in the truck fund. Wes Daniel answered zero and that it was for future truck purchases. Jesse Casas commended the selectmen for putting aside cemetery money and how important it is to honor the people who were here before us.*

**Motion carries unanimously.**

**Article 32 passes.**

Article 33: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$13,221.00 from property taxation for Miscellaneous Accounts.

*Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend as advisory lines:*

Line-of-credit Interest and Bank Fees	250.00
Lincoln County Humane Society	1,527.00
Flags for Veterans Graves and Town Parks	500.00
Damariscotta Lake Watershed Dues	50.00
Washington Watershed Association Lake Testing	837.00
Social Agencies and Concerns	10,057.00
Coastal Trans	700.00
New Hope for Women	750.00
Broadreach Services	750.00
Washington Food Bank	2,000.00
Pine Tree Chapter American Red Cross	1,400.00
Spectrum Generations	920.00
Penquis Community Action Program	1,537.00
Minnie Weaver Scholarship	1,000.00
Washington Historical Society	<u>1,000.00</u>
Sub-total	10,057.00

Total 13,221.00

**A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$13,221.00 from property taxation for Miscellaneous Accounts.**

*Norman Casas thanked for town for the support to the DLWA. Carol Sloane asked about the \$2,000 for food bank. Tim Lewis explained that between \$7,000 & \$8,000 is spent per year to purchase food. He said that money is received from the town and most food is purchased from*

*Good Shepherd. However, due to low inventory at Good Shepherd he is forced to make outside food purchases in order to serve the 30-36 families per month.*

**Motion carries unanimously.**

**Article 33 passes.**

Article 34: To see if the town will vote to appropriate \$46,888.16 from the 2015 Local Roads Assistance Program (LRAP) for road improvement.

*Selectmen recommend as advisory lines:*

Paving of Town Roads	26,888.16
Capital Improvement of Town Roads	<u>20,000.00</u>
Total	46,888.16

**A motion was made and seconded to appropriate \$46,888.16 from the 2015 Local Roads Assistance Program (LRAP) for road improvement.**

*A resident asked if this money was to maintain existing roads. Duane Vigue explained that this is used to maintain existing roads and to replace metal culverts with culverts that last 100 years.*

*\*During this discussion the strong aroma of bacon permeated the Prescott School gym and was noted by the moderator.*

**Motion passes unanimously.**

**Article 34 passes.**

Article 35: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$20,000 for the repair and restoration of Washington Fire Department Vehicle "Rescue 1".

*Note: This Article was submitted to the Selectmen after the meeting with the Budget Committee. The estimate for the work considered was received late by the Fire Department. This has "not" been reviewed by the Budget Committee.*

**A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$20,000 for the repair and restoration of Washington Fire Department Vehicle "Rescue 1".**

*Dorothy Sainio asked if this was put out to bid and if this was a definite figure. Fire Chief Tom Johnston apologized that the budget committee did not receive the information at their meeting. He explained the aluminum corrosion next to the stainless was the problem. He got the estimate from a reputable company that understood the issue. Andy Thompson asked if another body could be found instead. Tom said that the issue isn't the chassis but the body needs to be compatible to their systems so the body is not replaceable. Mounting on another system would be more expensive to move to another unit and that this was the cheapest way out. Andy asked if another town had a setup that was identical to ours and Tom answered that there was only one other like it in the State. He added that Rescue 1 was purchased in 2004 from Fairfax County, VA and its last call was to the Pentagon on 9/11.*

**Motion passes unanimously.**

**Article 35 passes.**

Article 36: To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to purchase a plow truck with a cost not to exceed \$155,000 and to allow the selectmen to determine the financing for said purchase in a manner most advantageous to the Town.

*Treasurer's Financial Statement, Town of Washington:*

*1. Total Town Indebtedness*

<i>a. Total Mortgage - Municipal Garage (11 years remaining)</i>	<i>\$102,742.81</i>
<i>b. Total Fire Truck Loan – "Tanker 1" (2 years remaining)</i>	<i><u>36,000.00</u></i>
<i>Total Indebtedness</i>	<i>\$138,742.81</i>

*2. Costs*

<i>a. New or Used Plow Truck Principal</i>	<i>\$155,000.00</i>
<i>b. New or Used Plow Truck Interest (6 year loan @ 3.0%)</i>	<i><u>28,612.61</u></i>
<i>Total Payment</i>	<i>\$171,675.68</i>

*The validity of the above loans and the voter's ratification of the loan may not be affected by any errors in the above estimates. If the actual amount of total debt for the mortgage and loan varies from the estimate, the ratification by the electors is nevertheless conclusive, and the validity of the loan is not affected by reason of variance.*

*Ann Dean, Town Treasurer*

**A motion was made and seconded to authorize the selectmen to purchase a plow truck with a cost not to exceed \$155,000 and to allow the selectmen to determine the financing for said purchase in a manner most advantageous to the Town.**

*Guy Bourrie asked if this is required to go out to bid. Duane Vigue answered that there was no such requirement. Duane added that we would be looking at 2012 models on up and would be searching the immediate area as well as the Boston area. A resident asked how many trucks we have and Duane explained 5 with one needing to come off the road as it is no longer safe or financially feasible to fix. Deb Ziegler pointed out that the Truck costs total payment should read \$183,612 to correct the \$171,675.68 listed in the Treasurer's Statement.*

*Don Grinnell explained the benefits of the line of credit and how it would enable us to act quickly on a truck purchase if necessary. Norman Casas asked if this article was under the constraint of State Law of not going over the \$155,000 listed in the article. Tom Ford answered yes.*

**Motion carries. 2 opposed.**

**Article 36 passes.**

Article 37: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$35,000.00 from the Road Maintenance Reserve Account for crushing of surface gravel from "tailings" left over from screen winter sand in previous years.

**A motion was made and seconded to appropriate \$35,000.00 from the Road Maintenance Reserve Account for crushing of surface gravel from "tailings" left over from screen winter sand in previous years.**

**Motion carries. 1 opposed.**

**Article 37 passes.**

Article 38: To see if the town will vote to appropriate the necessary funds from the Road Maintenance Reserve Account for major culverts replacement projects on the Vanner Road and Youngs Hill Road once the engineering, design, and the Federal and State permitting process is complete.

**A motion was made and seconded to appropriate the necessary funds from the Road Maintenance Reserve Account for major culverts replacement projects on the Vanner Road and Youngs Hill Road once the engineering, design, and the Federal and State permitting process is complete.**

*Andy Thompson asked for the culvert costs. Duane explained the estimated cost of the culvert on Vanner Rd would be \$75,000 and the Young's Hill culvert is estimated to cost \$220,000. Duane pointed out that the culvert projects will go out to bid. Elizabeth Vanner asked if the culvert size needed to be the same as the old one and Duane answered yes it did need to be the same. Charles Vanner asked if the brook was designated as a salmon hatchery. Duane Vigue answered that yes it was designated as a hatchery by the Army Corps of Engineers, Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and a Salmon Organization. Charles Vanner contends that there are no salmon in the brook. Charles went on to say that Vanner Rd. is a State Aid Highway and needs to be maintained according to State specifications. He also felt that test wells should be done at the closed dump and suggested that the salt and sand shed be covered in a secure building. Merle Vanner agreed with Charles that there is no life in the brook.*

**Motion carries 9 opposed.**

**Article 38 passes.**

Article 39: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appropriate any additional Revenue Sharing funds, should such funds become available, to further reduce the 2015 property tax commitment.

**A motion was made and seconded to authorize the Selectmen to appropriate any additional Revenue Sharing funds, should such funds become available, to further reduce the 2015 property tax commitment.**

**Motion carries unanimously.**

**Article 39 passes.**

Given under our hands on this 25<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2015:

Wesley F. Daniel  
Chairman

Donald L. Grinnell  
Selectman

Duane P. Vigue  
Selectman

Attest:

Ann Dean, Town Clerk

# Special Town Meeting Results

## April 6, 2015

### WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

TO: Judson Butterman, Constable, Town of Washington.

#### GREETINGS

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of the Town of Washington, Knox County, Maine, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Bryant Room of the Gibbs Library, 40 Old Union Road, Washington, on Monday, April 6, 2015, at 7:00 p.m., then and there to act on Article 1 thru Article 2 as set out below, to wit:

Article 1: To choose a moderator by written ballot to preside at said meeting.

**Thomas Ford was nominated and elected by ballot to the position of Moderator for the meeting. The town clerk duly swore him into office.**

Article 2: Shall an ordinance entitled "Commercial Solar Energy Moratorium Ordinance" be enacted?

***The TOWN OF WASHINGTON (Maine) adopts a Commercial Solar Energy Moratorium Ordinance as follows:***

***WHEREAS, the Village area of the Town of Washington is suddenly under threat of increased development pressure from a major commercial solar energy project; and***

***WHEREAS, this development pressure was unanticipated and has not been adequately provided for in the Town's current Land Use Ordinance and Site Plan Review Ordinance; and***

***WHEREAS, there is a strong likelihood that all areas of the Town may continue to be subjected to this development pressure due to the amount of undeveloped land, the nonexistence of any regulations or restriction on location of Commercial solar energy projects; and***

***WHEREAS, continued development of such commercial solar panel projects pursuant to the current Land Use Ordinance and Site Plan Review Ordinance could pose serious threats to the public health, safety and welfare of the residents of Washington through the over-development of parts of Town with such projects without adequate provisions for issues of safety, and land use compatibility, and visual access to view corridors; and***

***WHEREAS, after public hearing, there is strong support for this Moratorium Ordinance; and***

***WHEREAS, the Town will need at least 180 days to develop and implement the necessary amendments to zoning and land use ordinances and regulations to***

*accommodate these development pressures; and*

*WHEREAS, amendments to the Land Use Ordinance and Site Plan Review Ordinance require a public hearing by the Planning Board and the Board of Selectmen, and then must be voted upon at a Town Meeting; and*

*WHEREAS, in the Judgment of the Town, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of 30-A M.R.S.A. 4356 (1)(B) and require the following Moratorium Ordinance as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety and welfare;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, the Town of Washington hereby ordains that a moratorium is hereby imposed, effective immediately and applicable, to the maximum extent permitted by law and subject to the severability clause below, to all proceedings, applications and petitions not pending (within the meaning of M.R.S.A. Sec. 302) as of April 6, 2015, and on any new construction or use, requiring approval under the terms of the Town's zoning and land use ordinances and regulations for such Town until the effective date of the necessary amendments to the zoning and land use ordinances and regulations or until October 3, 2015;*

*BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the Planning Board, Board of Appeals, the Code Enforcement Officer, all Town agencies and all Town employees shall neither accept nor approve applications, plans, permits, licenses, and/or fees for any new construction or uses governed by this Moratorium Ordinance for such commercial solar energy projects for said period of time; and*

*BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that those provisions of the Town's Land Use Ordinance and regulations which are inconsistent or conflicting with the provisions of this Moratorium Ordinance, including, without limitation, the requirements for site plan review by the Planning Board are hereby repealed to the extent that they are applicable for the duration of the Moratorium Ordinance hereby ordained, but not otherwise;*

*BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that to the extent any provision of this Moratorium Ordinance is deemed invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the balance of the Moratorium Ordinance shall remain valid.*

**EMERGENCY CLAUSE:**

*In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Moratorium Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage by the Town, shall apply, to the maximum extent permitted by the law but subject to the severance clause above, to all proceedings, applications and petitions not pending as of April 6, 2015, and shall stand repealed as of April 15, 2016.*

Ann Dean called the meeting to order at 7 PM. Tom Ford was elected as moderator and sworn in. Tom introduced Scott Whittier and Gene Kirkpatrick to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Tom read the Warrant verbatim. Tom explained that we are here to vote on one warrant article. Tom opened the meeting up for discussion asking voters to stay on topic.

Andy Thompson asked why there wasn't a severability clause in the article.



Tom explained what was read to the voters came from MMA legal office. This is the proper language for a moratorium ordinance. The severability clause is in the second to last paragraph, if in fact any part of the ordinance is deemed in valid by a court, the balance of the moratorium ordinance shall remain is valid.

Henry Chapman asked if the moratorium is voted on does the ordinance need to be completed in 180 days. Tom explained that the ordinance has a provision to extend, if needed.

Cynthia Rosen asked if the moratorium is not passed if we would be able to amend the Land Use Ordinance for any other application. Duane Vigue said we would be able to amend at a later date, if needed.

Tom Ford explained that this moratorium is specific for Commercial Solar Arrays.

Todd Bennett asked the definition of Commercial. David Martucci explained that there is nothing in the ordinance; we need to define and put perimeters. David reminded voters about the moratorium put into effect before the cell tower was erected until an ordinance was put in place.

Karen Morgan asked if this solar array farm would benefit the residents of Washington. Duane Vigue explained that 3503 panels will be maintained to supply decreased power cost to area small businesses and supply one business fully and is a private venture.

Dan Rugowski asked about the solar arrays on Route 17. David Martucci explained that America's Wood Company was low key compared to this proposal and is not in the middle of the village.

Dan Rugowski asked if it was possible to hear from the owner, George Stone. In the interest of the voters wanting more information Tom Ford made a motion to allow Mr. Stone to speak. The majority voted to allow Mr. Stone to answer questions.

Tom Johnston asked if there was an application pending. Jim Bowers, from the Planning Board, explained that the application was submitted but is not pending.

Donald Grinnell explained, if the moratorium is voted on, the Selectmen may change the Land Use Ordinance themselves, send it to the Planning Board, or set up a separate committee. When the language is changed, it goes to a public hearing for amendment, suggestions go under advisement, back to a public hearing to vote.

Tom Ford asked George Stone to give a brief summary of his proposal and where the solar array would be erected. Mr. Stone explained that the property in the proposal is 6 plus acres behind the Masons Lodge, next to the post office which he and his wife purchased in 2012. The commercial project would take approximately 4½ acres, credit nine other accounts on the CMP grid, used to offset the demand at Medomak Camp, and some residential buildings with

adequate capacity.

Todd Bennett, an electrical engineer, explained that it is a commercial project as the power is not used on the property. There are three phase power lines down Rt. 220 to produce enough power to create 750,000 watts to power 50 -60 homes. When power sharing or selling to CMP it becomes commercial.

Cynthia Rosen said if it is allowed it would expand the town's tax base, which she is in favor of.

Peg Hobbs asked if the moratorium doesn't go into effect does that mean other applications for solar farms would go through without a moratorium. Jim Bowers explained that there is a lot of ambiguity with an application like this and the Planning Board would struggle as there is nothing about solar in our Land Use Ordinance.

Carol Sloane stated she believed that the village is not zoned for industrial. Our industrial zone is specifically situated on Rt. 17. We could use the moratorium to clear our verbiage.

David Martucci stated that we need breathing space to figure out the down side/up side; is this a viable project?, needs to be figured out. He is a big proponent for solar but there are negative and positive effects that need to be clean.

Madelyn Kelly stated the solar array is a huge benefit, clean source of energy while CMP is coal.

Lisa Sharp agreed with Maddy and asked which small businesses would benefit from this project.

David Spahr asked who would decide which small business would benefit.

Duane Vigue requested that voters stick to the proposed project to vote on the moratorium. He explained that he has known George Stone has been dealing with solar power for 20 years and is a wealth of information.

Jeff Grinnell would like to know the plan of action from the Selectmen. Duane Vigue invited voters to attend Selectmen's meeting held each Wednesday.

Norman Casas asked Mr. Stone what he felt about the moratorium and what the risk to our community is. Mr. Stone said the project is time sensitive as he needs to apply for a grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture by June 30 to offset the costs, he is not just doing this as an investment, it's a proposal to provide electricity to small business and the municipality. If the moratorium goes forward, he won't.

Donald Grinnell stated that George has been a good neighbor but on this large scale we would lose the uniqueness to our 19<sup>th</sup> century old village and its quaintness.

Mr. Stone stated that this is not a tax exempt project, it would be erected with the help of grant funding.

Deb Boko stated that if anyone is interested in 'seeing' what it may look like google Chino Valley, Arizona. She recently moved to Maine from Arizona.

Guy Bourrie reminded the voters that the comprehensive plan needed to be reviewed as it will change from rural to wide open space.

Peg Hobbs asked how long do solar panels last. Mr. Stone explained that they degrade 1/2 % a year. After 20 years they still produce 85% electricity. There would be nothing permanent on the site.

Janet Martucci asked what happens to the panels when done. The panels are recyclable.

Karen Morgan asked if the moratorium is enacted, will the committee bring in experts to word the ordinance. Wes Daniels explained that the committee will draw anyone in to help.

Cheryl Chickowski asked Mr. Stone if the grant could be written with a contingency that a moratorium was in effect. George Stone stated that there is a certain amount of money available and the application was due a certain day (June 30) by a certain time, there will be no additional opportunities.

Sean Donaghey asked what the process would be if the moratorium did not go into effect. James Bowers explained that the Planning Board would determine the application is complete, review it, if more information was needed ask for it, act responsibly, and ask for public input through a hearing.

Sandy Bourrie has concerns and questions. Tom Ford asked that we stick to questions regarding the moratorium.

Charlotte Henderson stated that the moratorium does not have to be in effect for a full 180-days, that's the maximum unless extended.

Al Hutchinson asked if a moratorium must be voted on for anyone wanting to build. Tom Ford explained that a moratorium is not needed each time, this is only for this specific proposal.

Duane Vigue asked George Stone to explain another project he is involved in and what the security would be for this project. Mr. Stone has a similar project, same topography in Vermont. The security used is a fence around the entire project as well as buried conduits and the panels are sealed.

Guy Bourrie stated that the Warrant was unanticipated, that we should take care and understand the ramification. Guy moved to bring the moratorium to a vote.

Article passes. 64 in favor; 29 opposed; 5 blanks. The moratorium for the Commercial Solar Array passed.

Given under our hands on this 18th day of March, 2015:

Wesley F. Daniel  
Chairman

Donald L. Grinnell  
Selectman

Duane P. Vigue  
Selectman

Attest: Ann Dean, Town Clerk

# Special Town Meeting Results

## August 5, 2015

### WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

To: Judson Butterman, Constable, Town of Washington  
GREETINGS

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of the Town of Washington, Knox County, Maine, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Bryant Room of the Gibbs Library, 40 Old Union Rd. Washington, on Wednesday, August 5, 2015 at 7 p.m. then and there to act on Article 1 through Article 4 as set out below, to wit:

Article 1: To choose a moderator by written ballot to preside at said meeting.

**David Martucci was nominated and elected by ballot to the position of Moderator for the meeting. The town clerk duly swore him into office. Scott Whittier, Commander of Washington VFW Farrar-Ross Post 9437 led the Pledge of Allegiance.**

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to accept the name Patrick Mountain Lane as a non-town way to be added to the official E-911 map.

**A motion was made and seconded to accept the name Patrick Mountain Lane as a non-town way to be added to the official E-911 map.**

**Motion carries unanimously.**

**Article 2 passes.**

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to accept the newly revised bylaws of the Washington Scholarship Committee effective August 5, 2015.

**A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to accept the newly revised bylaws of the Washington Scholarship Committee effective August 5, 2015.**

*Guy Bourrie made an amendment to the motion to refer the bylaws back to the Committee for better wording. His motion was seconded. After much discussion, Robert Marks made a motion to move the question. Motion seconded. Amendment fails to pass.*

*Robert Marks moved that an amendment be made to allow whoever is holding the trust fund to deposit \$15,000.00 into the Maine Community Foundation. Motion seconded. After much discussion, Donald Grinnell called the question. Motion seconded. Amendment fails to pass.*

*Mildred Melgard made a motion for an amendment to add the term of at least one year to the residency requirement for students applying for a scholarship. Motion seconded. Amendment fails to pass.*

***Dorothy Sainio made a motion for a written ballot. Motion seconded. Motion fails to pass.***

***Back to the original motion to accept the bylaws to see if the town will vote to accept the newly revised bylaws of the Washington Scholarship Committee effective August 5, 2015.***

***Motion carries.***

***Article 3 passes.***

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$43,610.96 from undesignated fund balance (surplus) to cover the Tri-County Solid Waste and Union Ambulance Assessments.

*Note: These two items were omitted from the annual Town meeting warrant.*

**Motion was moved and seconded to see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$43,610.96 from undesignated fund balance (surplus) to cover the Tri-County Solid Waste and Union Ambulance Assessments.**

***Robert Marks asked if it's the same amount of taxes that we voted on. Wesley Daniel said it was.***

**Motion carries unanimously.**

**Article 4 passes.**

David Martucci adjourned the meeting at 7:40 PM.

Given under our hands this 22 day of July, 2015.

Wesley F. Daniel  
Chairman

Duane P. Vigue  
Selectman

Berkley C. Linscott  
Selectman

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## Special Town Meeting Results

### December 30, 2015

#### WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

TO: Judson Buttermann, Constable, Town of Washington.

#### GREETINGS

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of the Town of Washington, Knox County, Maine qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Bryant Room in the Gibbs Library, 40 Old Union Road, Washington, on Wednesday, December 30, 2015, at 7:00 p.m., then and there to act on Articles 1 through 2, as set out below:

Article 1: To choose a moderator by written ballot to preside at said meeting.

**David Martucci was nominated and elected by ballot to the position of moderator for the meeting. The town clerk duly swore him into office.**

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$1570.82 from undesignated fund balance (surplus) to cover an overdraft in Utilities and Maintenance.

**A motion was made and seconded to appropriate \$1570.82 from undesignated fund balance (surplus) to cover an overdraft in Utilities and Maintenance.**

**Motion carries unanimously.**

**Article 2 passes.**

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the selectmen to dispose of a 1990 International Navistar 4 x 4 dump truck with a 10 foot plow and 10 foot wing VIN # 1H1SETVN1LH254289 under such terms and conditions that they deem advisable.

**A motion was made and seconded to authorize the selectmen to dispose of a 1990 International Navistar 4 x 4 dump truck with a 10 foot plow and 10 foot wing VIN # 1H1SETVN1LH254289 under such terms and conditions that they deem advisable.**

**A motion was made and seconded to amend the article to add “and to take any proceeds less expenses and put into the Plow Truck replacement account”.**

**Motion carries unanimously**

**Article amendment passes.**

**A motion was made and seconded to authorize the selectmen to dispose of a 1990 International Navistar 4 x 4 dump truck with a 10 foot plow and 10 foot wing VIN # 1H1SETVN1LH254289 under such terms and conditions that they deem advisable and to take any proceeds less expenses and put into the Plow Truck replacement account.**

**Motion carries unanimously.**

**Article 3 passes.**

Given under our hands this 23rd day of December, 2015:

Wesley F. Daniel  
Chairman

Duane P. Vigue  
Selectman

Berkley C. Linscott  
Selectman

Attest:

Ann Dean, Town Clerk

# Independent Auditor's Report

Board of Selectmen  
Town of Washington

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Washington as of and for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements.

## **Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

## **Auditor's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

## **Opinions**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of

Washington as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

**Other Matters***Required Supplementary Information*

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information listed in the table of contents be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

*Other Information*

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Washington's basic financial statements. The introductory section, combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements, and statistical section are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

WILLIAM H. BREWER, C.P.A.

February 17, 2016  
Bath, Maine



Exhibit A

**TOWN OF WASHINGTON**  
**Statements of Net Position — December 31, 2015 and 2014**

	Governmental Activities	
	2015	2014
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>CURRENT ASSETS:</b>		
Cash (Note B)	682,427.18	707,734.83
Taxes Receivable	280,777.39	261,780.26
Tax Liens	57,115.20	59,235.54
Tax Acquired Property	12,309.37	8,097.75
Accounts Receivable	11,661.50	10,152.00
Total Current Assets	1,044,290.64	1,047,000.38
<b>PROPERTY, PLANT, AND EQUIPMENT (NOTE L):</b>		
Land and Improvements	20,600.00	20,600.00
Buildings	766,159.00	766,159.00
Equipment	168,135.00	168,135.00
Motor Vehicles	768,294.00	606,528.00
Infrastructure	12,547,402.00	12,298,044.00
Total Property, Plant, and Equipment	14,270,590.00	13,859,466.00
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	11,236,933.00	10,825,501.00
Net Property, Plant, and Equipment	3,033,657.00	3,033,965.00
Total Assets	4,077,947.64	4,080,965.38
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION</b>		
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES:</b>		
Notes Payable (Note D)	45,542.83	28,306.60
Accounts Payable - Trade		2,148.70
Due To Other Funds	3,735.78	4,605.61
Deferred Revenue (Note G)	29,720.28	18,379.14
Total Current Liabilities	78,998.89	53,440.05
<b>LONG-TERM LIABILITIES:</b>		
Notes Payable - Net of Current Portion (Note D)	208,694.76	110,436.21
Total Liabilities	287,693.65	163,876.26
<b>NET POSITION:</b>		
Net Invested in Capital Assets	2,779,419.41	2,895,222.19
Restricted for:		
Other Purposes	236,889.28	197,376.72
Unrestricted	773,945.30	824,490.21
Total Net Position	3,790,253.99	3,917,089.12
Total Liabilities and Net Position	4,077,947.64	4,080,965.38

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements

Exhibit B

**TOWN OF WASHINGTON**  
**Statements of Activities**  
**for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014**

Functions/Programs	Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue and Change In Net Position	
	Expenses	Charges For Services	Operating Grants And Contributions	Totals	Totals
Primary Government:					
Governmental Activities:					
General Government	294,261.49	24,539.95	30,258.00	(239,463.54)	(201,657.78)
Public Assistance	976.79		553.17	(423.62)	(1,063.16)
Public Works	618,516.17	2,017.21	45,688.00	(570,810.96)	(518,663.21)
Education	1,338,398.35			(1,338,398.35)	(1,302,872.35)
Knox Communication	39,827.00			(39,827.00)	(39,545.00)
Debt Interest	3,786.42			(3,786.42)	(4,783.77)
County Tax Assessment	134,164.11			(134,164.11)	(128,814.78)
Public Safety	65,518.41		573.33	(64,945.08)	(62,287.49)
Unclassified	18,591.87	725.00		(17,866.87)	(15,060.36)
TCSWMO	31,507.96			(31,507.96)	(31,103.44)
Total Primary Government	2,545,548.57	27,282.16	77,072.50	(2,441,193.91)	(2,305,851.34)

## General Revenues:

## Taxes:

Property Taxes	1,985,943.24	1,786,421.71
Homestead Reimbursement	36,742.50	34,358.00
Excise Taxes	221,893.85	224,606.05
Intergovernmental - State Revenue	40,000.00	40,000.00
Interest	25,956.20	29,510.14
Tree Growth	3,822.99	2,796.87
Total General Revenues	<u>2,314,358.78</u>	<u>2,117,692.77</u>
Change in Net Position	(126,835.13)	(188,158.57)
Net Position, January 1	<u>3,917,089.12</u>	<u>4,105,247.69</u>
Net Position, December 31	<u><u>3,790,253.99</u></u>	<u><u>3,917,089.12</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements

Exhibit C

**TOWN OF WASHINGTON**  
**Reconciliation of Total Governmental Fund Balances**  
**to Net Position of Governmental Activities**  
**for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014**

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCES:		
Restricted for:		
Assigned for Other Purposes	236,889.28	197,376.72
Unassigned (Schedule A-3)	<u>511,293.83</u>	<u>555,505.71</u>
Total Governmental Fund Balances (Exhibit E)	748,183.11	752,882.43
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statements of Net Position are different because:		
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds.	3,033,657.00	3,033,965.00
Notes payable are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds.	(254,237.59)	(138,742.81)
Property taxes not collected within the 60 days after year end are deferred as revenue in the fund financial statements. In the government-wide financial statement the revenue is income in the year assessed.	<u>262,651.47</u>	<u>268,984.50</u>
Net Position of Governmental Activities (Exh A)	<u><u>3,790,253.99</u></u>	<u><u>3,917,089.12</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements

## Exhibit D

**TOWN OF WASHINGTON**  
**Reconciliation of the Statements of Revenues, Expenditures,**  
**and Changes in Fund Balance of Governmental Funds**  
**to the Statements of Activities**  
**for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014**

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances -		
Total Governmental Funds (Exhibit F)	(4,699.32)	(16,427.78)
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statements of Activities are different because:		
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the Statements of Activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which depreciation exceeds capital outlays.		
	(308.00)	(166,595.00)
Repayment of debt principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces liabilities in the Statements of Net Position.		
	28,271.22	35,181.89
Property taxes are deferred in the fund financial statements, but in the government-wide financial statements they are recorded as income in the year they are assessed.		
	(6,333.03)	(40,317.68)
Loan Proceeds	(143,766.00)	
Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities (Exhibit B)	<u>(126,835.13)</u>	<u>(188,158.57)</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements

Exhibit E

**TOWN OF WASHINGTON**  
**Balance Sheets - Governmental Funds**  
**December 31, 2015 and 2014**

	2015	2014
<b>ASSETS:</b>		
Cash	682,427.18	707,734.83
Taxes Receivable	280,777.39	261,780.26
Tax Liens	57,115.20	59,235.54
Tax Acquired Property	12,309.37	8,097.75
Accounts Receivable	11,661.50	10,152.00
Total Assets	<u>1,044,290.64</u>	<u>1,047,000.38</u>
<b>LIABILITIES, RESERVES, AND FUND BALANCE:</b>		
<b>Liabilities:</b>		
Accounts Payable	-	2,148.70
Due To Other Funds	3,735.78	4,605.61
Total Liabilities	<u>3,735.78</u>	<u>6,754.31</u>
<b>Reserves:</b>		
Deferred Revenue	29,720.28	18,379.14
Deferred Tax Revenue	262,651.47	268,984.50
Total Reserves	<u>292,371.75</u>	<u>287,363.64</u>
<b>Fund Balance:</b>		
Assigned for Other Purposes	236,889.28	197,376.72
Unassigned	511,293.83	555,505.71
Total Fund Balance	<u>748,183.11</u>	<u>752,882.43</u>
Total Liabilities, Reserves, and Fund Balance	<u>1,044,290.64</u>	<u>1,047,000.38</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements

Exhibit F

**TOWN OF WASHINGTON**  
**Statements of Revenues, Expenditures, and**  
**Changes in Fund Balance - Governmental Funds**  
**for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014**

REVENUES:	2015	2014
Property Taxes	1,992,276.27	1,826,739.39
Excise Taxes	221,893.85	224,606.05
Intergovernmental Revenues	40,000.00	40,000.00
Homestead Reimbursement	36,742.50	34,358.00
Public Assistance	553.17	2,218.55
Public Works	2,017.21	3,192.18
Miscellaneous	8,751.55	16,630.32
Interest	25,956.20	29,510.14
Building Permits - Town	1,636.65	1,276.30
Tree Growth Reimbursement	3,822.99	2,796.87
Veterans Reimbursement	1,413.00	1,659.00
Urban Rural Initiative	45,688.00	45,224.00
Unclassified	725.00	280.00
BETE	28,845.00	25,193.00
Public Safety	573.33	1,752.50
General Government	10,976.75	13,413.47
Mining Permits and Inspections	3,175.00	4,250.00
Total Revenues	<u>2,425,046.47</u>	<u>2,273,099.77</u>
EXPENDITURES:		
Education - MSAD 40	1,338,398.35	1,302,872.35
Knox County Tax	134,164.11	128,814.78
General Government	287,464.49	268,419.87
Public Works	637,702.17	420,652.39
Public Safety	52,821.41	39,531.99
Public Assistance	976.79	3,281.71
Unclassified	18,591.87	15,340.36
TCSWMO	31,507.96	31,103.44
Knox Communication	39,827.00	39,545.00
Debt Principal	28,271.22	35,181.89
Debt Interest	3,786.42	4,783.77
Total Expenditures	<u>2,573,511.79</u>	<u>2,289,527.55</u>
Excess of Expenditures Over Revenues	(148,465.32)	(16,427.78)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):		
Loan Proceeds	<u>143,766.00</u>	
Excess of Expenditures and Other Uses		
Over Revenues and Other Sources	(4,699.32)	(16,427.78)
Fund Balance, January 1	<u>752,882.43</u>	<u>769,310.21</u>
Fund Balance, December 31	<u><u>748,183.11</u></u>	<u><u>752,882.43</u></u>

**TOWN OF WASHINGTON** Exhibit G  
**Statements of Fiduciary Net Position — Trust Funds**  
**December 31, 2015 and 2014**

ASSETS		
ASSETS:	2015	2014
Cash	101,247.13	96,370.56
Due From Other Funds	3,735.78	4,605.61
Total Assets	<u>104,982.91</u>	<u>100,976.17</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION		
LIABILITIES:		
Due To Other Funds	<u>9,081.72</u>	<u>9,055.96</u>
NET POSITION:		
Restricted for Principal	56,137.11	49,537.11
Unassigned	<u>39,764.08</u>	<u>42,383.10</u>
Total Net Position	<u>95,901.19</u>	<u>91,920.21</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Position	<u>104,982.91</u>	<u>100,976.17</u>

**TOWN OF WASHINGTON** Exhibit H  
**Statements of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position -**  
**Nonexpendable Trust Funds**  
**for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014**

REVENUES:	2015	2014
Interest	247.63	241.89
Contributions	<u>9,072.75</u>	<u>3,496.80</u>
Total Revenues	<u>9,320.38</u>	<u>3,738.69</u>
EXPENSES:		
Scholarships	2,029.40	1,202.00
Maintenance	<u>3,310.00</u>	<u>29.99</u>
Total Expenses	<u>5,339.40</u>	<u>1,231.99</u>
Change in Net Position	3,980.98	2,506.70
Net Position, January 1	<u>91,920.21</u>	<u>89,413.51</u>
Net Position, December 31	<u>95,901.19</u>	<u>91,920.21</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements

**TOWN OF WASHINGTON** Exhibit I  
**Statements of Cash Flows**  
**Fiduciary Fund Type - Nonexpendable Trust Funds**  
**for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014**

	2015	2014
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Interest	247.63	241.89
Cash Received for Trust Funds	9,072.75	3,496.80
Cash Paid for Scholarships	(2,029.40)	(1,202.00)
Cash Paid for Expenses	(3,310.00)	(29.99)
Due To (From) Other Funds	895.59	3,462.74
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	4,876.57	5,969.44
Cash Balance, January 1	96,370.56	90,401.12
Cash Balance, December 31	101,247.13	96,370.56

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements

**TOWN OF WASHINGTON**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2015**

**NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:**

The accounting policies of the Town of Washington conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governmental units.

**1. Financial Reporting Entity**

The Town of Washington was incorporated in 1811. The Town operates under a town meeting form of government.

In evaluating the Town of Washington as a reporting entity, management has addressed all potential component units. The primary criteria for including a component reporting entity are the exercise of financial accountability by the Town of Washington's municipal officials.

The Town's financial statements are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is responsible for establishing Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) for state and local governments through its pronouncements (Statements and Interpretations). Governments are also required to follow the pronouncements of the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued through November 30, 1989 (when applicable) that do not conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements. The more significant accounting policies established in GAAP are used by the Town as discussed below.

In June 1999, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) unanimously approved Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments*. Certain significant changes in the Statements include the following:



1.) The financial statements now include:

- A Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) section providing an analysis of the Town's overall financial position and results of operations.
- Financial statements prepared using full accrual accounting for all of the Town's activities, including infrastructure (roads, bridges, etc.).

2.) A change in the fund financial statements to focus on the major funds.

## **2. Basic Financial Statements - Government-Wide Statements**

The Town's basic financial statements include both government-wide (reporting the Town as a whole) and fund financial statements (reporting the Town's major funds). Both the government-wide and fund financial statements categorize primary activities as governmental. The Town's fire protection, recreation, public works, and general administrative services are classified as governmental activities.

In the government-wide Statements of Net Position, the governmental column is presented on a consolidated basis by column, and is reported on a full accrual, economic resource basis, which recognizes all long-term assets and receivables as well as long-term debt and obligations. The Town's net position is reported in three parts - net invested in capital assets; restricted; and unrestricted. The Town first utilizes restricted resources to finance qualifying activities.

The government-wide Statements of Activities reports both the gross and net cost of each of the Town's functions (fire, public works, administrative, etc.). The functions are also supported by general government revenues (property, certain intergovernmental revenues, fines, permits, and charges, etc.). The Statements of Activities reduces gross expenses (including depreciation) by related program revenues, and operating and capital grants. Program revenues must be directly associated with the function (fire, public works, etc.). Operating grants include operating-specific and discretionary (either operating or capital) grants while the capital grants column reflects capital-specific grants.

The net costs (by function or business-type activity) are normally covered by general revenue (property, intergovernmental revenues, interest income, etc.).

This government-wide focus is more on the sustainability of the Town as an entity and the change in the Town's net position resulting from the current year's activities.

## **3. Basic Financial Statements - Fund Financial Statements**

The financial transactions of the Town are reported in individual funds in the fund financial statements. Each fund is accounted for by providing a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, reserves, fund equity, revenues, and expenditures/expenses. The various funds are reported by generic classification within the financial statements.

The following fund types are used by the Town:

### **a. Governmental Funds:**

The focus of the governmental funds' measurement (in the fund statements) is upon determination of financial position and changes in financial position (sources, uses, and balances of financial resources) rather than upon net income. The following is a description of the governmental funds of the Town:

1. General Fund:

General Fund is the general operating fund of the Town. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

2. Fiduciary Funds:

Fiduciary Funds are used to report assets held in a trustee or agency capacity for others and therefore are not available to support Town programs. The reporting focus is on net assets and changes in net assets and is reported using accounting principles similar to proprietary funds.

The emphasis in fund financial statements is on the major funds in either the governmental or business-type activities categories. Nonmajor funds by category are summarized into a single column. GASB No. 34 sets forth minimum criteria (percentage of the assets, liabilities, revenues, or expenditures/expenses of either fund category) for the determination of major funds.

The Town's fiduciary funds are presented in the fiduciary fund financial statements. Since by definition these assets are being held for the benefit of a third party and cannot be used to address activities or obligations of the government, these funds are not incorporated into the government-wide statements.

4. Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting refers to the point at which revenues or expenditures/expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. It relates to the timing of the measurements made regardless of the measurement focus applied:

- a. Accrual:

Governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements and fiduciary fund financial statements are presented on the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when incurred.

- b. Modified Accrual:

The governmental funds financial statements are presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recorded when susceptible to accrual; i.e. both measurable and available. "Available" means collectible within the current period or within 60 days after year end. Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related liability is incurred. The exception to this general rule is that principal and interest on general obligation long-term debt, if any, is recognized when due.

5. Financial Statement Amounts

- a. Cash and Cash Equivalents:

The Town has defined cash and cash equivalents to include cash on hand, demand deposits, and cash with fiscal agents. Statutes authorize the Treasurer of the Town, as directed by the municipal officers, to invest all municipal funds, including reserve and trust funds, to the extent that the terms of the instrument, order, or article creating the fund do not prohibit the investment in financial institutions as described in Section 5706 MRSA and securities as described in Sections 5711 through 5717 MRSA.

b. Investments:

Investments, including deferred compensation and pension funds, are stated at fair value (quoted market price or the best available estimate).

c. Capital Assets:

Capital assets purchased or acquired with an original cost of \$1,000.00 or more are reported at historical cost or estimated historical cost. Contributed assets are reported at fair market value as of the date received. Additions, improvements, and other capital outlays that significantly extend the useful life of an asset are capitalized. Other costs incurred for repairs and maintenance are expensed as incurred. Depreciation on all assets is provided on the straight-line basis over the following estimated useful lives:

Buildings	20-50 Years
Machinery and Equipment	5-10 Years
Improvements	10-20 Years
Infrastructure	10-50 Years

d. Revenues:

Substantially, all governmental fund revenues are accrued. Property taxes are billed and collected within the same period in which the taxes are levied. In applying GASB No. 33 to grant revenues the provider recognizes liabilities and expenses and the recipient recognizes receivables and revenue when the applicable eligibility requirements, including time requirements, are met. Resources transmitted before the eligibility requirements are met are reported as advances by the provider and deferred revenue by the recipient.

e. Expenditures:

Expenditures are recognized when the related fund liability is incurred.

f. Use of Estimates:

The presentation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

g. Fund Balance:

In accordance with GASB Statement No. 54, the Town employs terminology and classifications for fund balance items as follows:

Nonspendable fund balances include amounts that are not expected to be converted to cash, or that are legally required to be maintained intact. The fund balance of the Town’s Cemetery Trust Fund is classified as nonspendable.

Restricted fund balances are amounts that can be used only for specific purposes because of legislation or restrictions imposed by donors. The fund balances of the Trust Funds are classified as restricted.

Committed fund balances are amounts that can be used only for specific purposes because of a formal action taken by town government. Budget carryforward amounts (other than the school budget) and the fund balances in the Cemetery Trust

Fund are in this category.

Unassigned fund balance are all amounts in the General Fund that are not assigned to another category. Only the General Fund can have an unassigned fund balance.

#### NOTE B - CASH:

##### Cash

The Town's cash is categorized to give an indication of the level of risk assumed by the Town at year-end. These Categories are defined as follows:

Category #1 - Insured or collateralized with securities held by the Town or by its agent in the Town's name.

Category #2 - Collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent in the Town's name.

Category #3 - Uncollateralized (This includes any bank balance that is collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution, or by its trust department or agent but not in the Town's name.)

ACCOUNT TYPE	CARRYING AMOUNT	BANK BALANCE	CATEGORY		
			#1	#2	#3
Interest Bearing					
Accounts	\$681,609.93	\$700,442.32	\$700,442.32	\$ -	\$ -

#### NOTE C - INTERFUND RECEIVABLES AND PAYABLES:

Due to and due from other funds consist of the following:

Due To Trust Funds      \$3,735.78

#### NOTE D - GENERAL LONG-TERM DEBT:

The following is a summary of note transactions of the Town of Washington for the year ended December 31, 2015:

	Balance 1/1/15	Additions	Reductions	Balance 12/31/15
Machias Savings Bank - Fire Truck	36,000.00		18,000.00	18,000.00
The First - Line of Credit		250,000.00	250,000.00	
Machias Savings Bank - Municipal Garage	102,742.81		10,271.22	92,471.59
The First - Plow Truck		143,766.00		143,766.00
	<u>138,742.81</u>	<u>393,766.00</u>	<u>278,271.22</u>	<u>254,237.59</u>

#### General Fund:

##### Machias Savings Bank - Fire Truck:

The note dated June 16, 2011 is for 80,000.00 payable over five years with annual principal payments of 18,000.00.

The interest rate is 2.99%. 18,000.00

##### The First - Line of Credit:

The line of credit is a fixed rate (1.00%) nondisclosable revolving line of credit for 250,000.00. The note is dated August 18, 2015 and may be renewed on an annual basis. There was no balance outstanding at December 31, 2015.

**Machias Savings Bank - Municipal Garage:**

The note dated July 31, 2012 paid off the Camden National Bank for 122,466.68. It is payable over eleven years with annual principal and interest payments of 12,967.78.

The interest rate is fixed at 2.59% 92,471.59

**The First - Plow Truck:**

The note dated December 17, 2015 is for 143,766.00, payable over eight years with annual principal and interest payments of 20,183.83. The interest rate is 2.75%.

143,766.00

254,237.59

The annual requirements to amortize notes payable as of December 31, 2015 follows:

YEAR ENDING			
DECEMBER 31	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST	TOTAL
2016	45,542.83	6,155.99	51,698.82
2017	27,465.70	5,685.95	33,151.65
2018	28,213.95	4,937.70	33,151.65
2019	28,982.60	4,169.05	33,151.65
Thereafter	124,032.51	8,574.05	132,606.56
	<u>254,237.59</u>	<u>29,522.74</u>	<u>283,760.33</u>

**NOTE E - GENERAL FUND BUDGET:**

The Town operates on a net budget as compared with a gross budget. All revenues are not estimated, but are credited to the particular operating account. Certain revenues are dedicated for particular purposes by vote of the townspeople at the annual town meeting or at special town meetings.

At the annual town meeting, held in March of each year, the townspeople vote on various articles on which amounts for appropriations have been recommended by the Board of Selectmen and/or the Budget Committee.

**NOTE F - ASSIGNED FOR OTHER PURPOSES:**

Historically, the townspeople vote to carry certain departmental unexpended balances forward to the following year for expenditure. This is usually in lieu of additional appropriations in any particular account.

General Government	4,745.80
Public Safety	264.34
Public Works	224,559.51
Unclassified	7,319.63
	<u>236,889.28</u>

**NOTE G - DEFERRED REVENUE:**

Deferred Revenue consists of the following:

Prepaid 2016 Taxes	3,109.02
Suspense	26,611.26
	<u>29,720.28</u>

**NOTE H - EXPENDITURES IN EXCESS OF APPROPRIATIONS:**

During the year expenditures exceeded total revenue and appropriations in the following general fund categories::

FUNCTION	REVENUE AND		VARIANCE
	APPROPRIATION	EXPENDITURES	
Legal	15,537.22	16,629.90	(1,092.68)
Interest & Lien Costs on Taxes	21,074.21	24,159.29	(3,085.08)
State Veterans	1,413.00	1,600.00	(187.00)
Miscellaneous Revenues	8,751.55	13,095.00	(4,343.45)
Homestead Reimbursement	36,742.50	36,877.50	(135.00)
Mining Permits	3,175.00	4,000.00	(825.00)
Debt	12,500.00	12,967.78	(467.78)

The overdrafts in the revenue accounts were due to revenues not meeting budgeted expectations; and in the expense accounts expenditures exceeded appropriations.

**NOTE I - REVENUE RECOGNITION - PROPERTY TAXES:**

The Town's property tax for the current year was levied July 1, 2015 on the assessed value listed as of April 1, 2015 for all taxable real and personal property located in the Town. Taxes were due on September 30, 2015 with interest at 7% per annum or part thereof commencing October 2, 2015. Liens are filed on any real property where taxes remain unpaid between eight and twelve months after the levy date.

The National Council on Governmental Accounting (N.C.G.A.) Interpretation No. 3 requires that property tax revenue be recognized only to the extent it will be collected within 60 days following the year end. The deferred tax revenue shown on the balance sheet represents property taxes not expected to be collected within 60 days after the year end.

Property taxes are recognized when they become available. Available includes those taxes expected to be collected within 60 days after year end as stated above. Delinquent taxes are considered fully collectible and therefore no allowance for uncollectible taxes is provided.

**NOTE J - INTEREST COST INCURRED:**

During the current year, the Town incurred interest costs totaling \$3,786.42 which was charged as an expense to various operating accounts.

**NOTE K - RISK MANAGEMENT:**

The Town is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. All significant losses are covered by commercial insurance. There has been no significant reduction in insurance coverage. Settlement amounts have not exceeded insurance coverage for the current year or the three prior years.

## NOTE L - PROPERTY, PLANT, AND EQUIPMENT:

The following is a summary of changes in fixed assets at December 31, 2015:

	BALANCE JAN 1, 2015	ADDITIONS	DISPOSALS	BALANCE DEC 31, 2015
Land and Improvements	20,600.00			20,600.00
Buildings	766,159.00			766,159.00
Equipment	168,135.00			168,135.00
Motor Vehicles	606,528.00	161,766.00		768,294.00
Infrastructure	12,298,044.00	249,358.00		12,547,402.00
	13,859,466.00	411,124.00		14,270,590.00
Accumulated Depreciation	(10,825,501.00)	(411,432.00)		(11,236,933.00)
Net Property, Plant, and Equipment	3,033,965.00	(308.00)		3,033,657.00

Depreciation expense for the period totaled \$411,432.00. Of that amount, \$6,797.00 was for General Government, \$373,938.00 was for Public Works, and \$30,697.00 was for Public Safety.

## NOTE M - OVERLAPPING DEBT:

The Town of Washington is a participant in MSAD #40 and is subject to annual assessment of its proportional share of school expenses. Long-term debt outstanding in MSAD #40 for which the Town of Washington would be proportionally responsible in the event the School defaulted is approximately \$10,500,400.00 at June 30, 2015. The Town of Washington's share would be 10.06% of the debt or approximately \$1,056,340.00.

The Town of Washington is situated in Knox County and is therefore subject to annual assessment of its proportional share of county taxes. Long-term debt outstanding in Knox County for which the Town of Washington would be proportionally responsible in the event the County defaulted was \$1,990,000.00 at December 31, 2015. The Town of Washington's share would be 1.9161% or approximately \$38,130.00.

## NOTE N - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS:

Management has made an evaluation of subsequent events to and including the audit report date, which was the date the financial statements were available to be issued, and determined that any subsequent events that would require recognition or disclosure have been considered in the preparation of the financial statements.

## Schedule A-1

**TOWN OF WASHINGTON**  
**Budgetary Comparison Schedule - General Fund**  
**for the year ended December 31, 2015**

	ORIGINAL AND	
	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL
REVENUES:		
Property Taxes	1,985,256.45	1,992,276.27
Excise Taxes	220,000.00	221,893.85
Intergovernmental Revenues	40,000.00	40,000.00
Homestead Reimbursement	36,877.50	36,742.50
Building Permits - Town	1,200.00	1,636.65
Tree Growth Reimbursement	2,700.00	3,822.99
Veterans Reimbursement	1,600.00	1,413.00
Miscellaneous	13,000.00	8,751.55
Interest	2,000.00	4,881.99
Public Works		47,705.21
Public Assistance		553.17
General Government		10,976.75
BETE		28,845.00
Public Safety	28,829.35	573.33
Unclassified		725.00
Mining Permits and Inspections	4,000.00	3,175.00
Interest on Overdue Taxes	16,000.00	21,074.21
Total Revenues	2,351,463.30	2,425,046.47
EXPENDITURES:		
Education - MSAD #40	1,350,163.57	1,338,398.35
Knox County Tax	134,164.11	134,164.11
General Government	280,186.82	287,464.49
Public Works	447,688.16	637,702.17
Public Safety	56,353.00	52,821.41
Public Assistance	3,500.00	976.79
Unclassified	16,221.00	18,591.87
TCSWMO	31,507.96	31,507.96
Knox Communication	39,827.00	39,827.00
Debt Principal	28,271.22	28,271.22
Debt Interest	3,320.78	3,786.42
Total Expenditures	2,391,203.62	2,573,511.79
Excess of Expenditures Over Revenues	(39,740.32)	(148,465.32)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES:		
Loan Proceeds		143,766.00
Excess of Expenditures and Other Uses Over		
Revenues and Other Sources	(39,740.32)	(4,699.32)
Fund Balance, January 1	752,882.43	752,882.43
Fund Balance, December 31	713,142.11	748,183.11



Schedule A-3

**TOWN OF WASHINGTON**  
**Statement of Changes in Unappropriated Surplus**  
**for the year ended December 31, 2015**

Unappropriated Surplus, January 1		555,505.71
INCREASES:		
Operating Account Balances Lapsed - Net (Schedule A-4)	55,636.87	
Decrease in Deferred Taxes	<u>6,333.03</u>	
Total Increases		<u>61,969.90</u>
Total Available		617,475.61
DECREASES:		
Appropriated at Annual Town Meeting	61,000.00	
Appropriated at Special Town Meeting	<u>45,181.78</u>	
Total Decreases		<u>106,181.78</u>
Unappropriated Surplus, December 31		<u><u>511,293.83</u></u>

Schedule A-4

TOWN OF WASHINGTON  
Statement of Departmental Operations for the year ended December 31, 2015

	BALANCE FORWARD 1/1/15	APPRO- PRIATIONS	CASH RECEIPTS	OTHER CREDITS	TOTAL	CASH DISBURSED	OTHER CHARGES	UNEXPENDED (OVERDRAFT)	BALANCE FORWARD 12/31/15
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS:									
Education - MSAD #40	-	1,350,163.57	-	-	1,350,163.57	1,338,398.35	-	11,765.22	-
Knox County Tax		134,164.11			134,164.11	134,164.11			
Overlay		66,441.46			66,441.46		66,441.46		
TCSWMO		31,507.96			31,507.96	31,507.96			
Knox Communication		39,827.00			39,827.00	39,827.00			
	-	1,622,104.10	-	-	1,622,104.10	1,543,897.42	66,441.46	11,765.22	-
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:									
Salaries	645.91	151,900.00	6,769.90	-	159,315.81	154,570.01	-	-	4,745.80
Administration		36,750.00	709.01		37,459.01	31,510.25		5,948.76	
Legal		15,000.00	537.22		15,537.22	16,629.90		(1,092.68)	
Insurance		29,866.00	1,673.00		31,539.00	30,499.75		1,039.25	
Building Permits			1,636.65		1,636.65		1,200.00	436.65	
Interest Income			4,881.99		4,881.99		2,000.00	2,881.99	
Interest and Lien Costs on Taxes			21,074.21		21,074.21	8,159.29	16,000.00	(3,085.08)	
State Tree Growth			3,822.99		3,822.99		2,700.00	1,122.99	
State Snowmobile			337.62		337.62	337.62			
State Veterans Reimbursement			1,413.00		1,413.00		1,600.00	(187.00)	
BETE				28,845.00	28,845.00		28,829.35	15.65	
Excise Taxes - Auto				220,285.55	220,285.55		220,000.00	285.55	
Excise Taxes - Boat				1,608.30	1,608.30				
Abatements				743.24	743.24		743.24	1,608.30	
Miscellaneous Revenue			8,751.55		8,751.55	95.00	13,000.00	(4,343.45)	
Supplemental Taxes				1,430.03	1,430.03		1,430.03		



TAN Interest	250.00		250.00	15.31		234.69
Lincoln County Humane Society	1,527.00		1,527.00	1,527.00		
Flags for Veterans Graves	500.00		500.00	498.15		1.85
Coastal Transportation	700.00		700.00	700.00		
New Hope for Women	750.00		750.00	750.00		
Washington Food Bank	2,000.00		2,000.00	2,000.00		
Pine Tree Chapter American Red Cross		1,400.00		1,400.00	1,400.00	
Spectrum Generations	920.00		920.00	920.00		
Penquis Community Action Program		1,537.00		1,537.00	1,537.00	
Damariscotta Lake Watershed Dues	50.00		50.00	50.00		
Broadreach Services	750.00		750.00	750.00		
Minnie Weaver Scholarship	1,000.00		500.00	1,500.00		
Washington Historical Society	1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00		
	10,039.04	16,221.00	225.00	500.00	26,985.04	18,591.87
	197,376.72	2,457,645.08	104,641.85	501,195.87	3,260,359.52	2,573,511.79
					394,821.58	55,636.87
					-	1,073.54
						7,319.63
						236,889.28

## **Warrant for 2016 Annual Town Meeting**

TO: Judson Butterman, Constable, Town of Washington.

### **GREETINGS**

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of the Town of Washington, Knox County, Maine, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Bryant Room of the Gibbs Library, 40 Old Union Road, Washington, on Friday, March 25, 2016, at 10:00 a.m., then and there to act on Article 1 and by secret ballot on Article 2, as set out below, the polling hours therefore to be from 10:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.;

And to notify and warn said voters to meet at the Prescott Memorial School, 100 Waldoboro Road, Washington, on Saturday, March 26, 2016, at 10:00 a.m., then and there to act on Articles 3 through 42 as set out below, to wit:

- Article 1: To choose a moderator by written ballot to preside at said meeting.
- Article 2: To elect all necessary town officers and school board members as are required to be elected.
- Article 3: To elect seven citizens and two alternates to serve on the Town of Washington Budget Committee.
- Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appoint all necessary town officials.
- Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to authorize that the Plumbing Inspector be paid from fees collected from plumbing permits; the E911 Coordinator be paid from E911 applications fees; and the Driveway Entrance Coordinator be paid from driveway entrance application fees.

- Article 6: To see if the town will vote to allow the select board to negotiate and pay wages at a pay rate not to exceed prevailing wage rates set by the Maine State Department of Transportation, for compensation of personnel labor costs pertaining to the Town of Washington roads crew, and to allow the Selectboard to negotiate the rate per hour cost for equipment used in maintaining public roads for the ensuing year.

*Current prevailing labor rates set by the Maine Dept. of Transportation are as follows:*

Highway Crew Supervisor	\$21.91 hr.
Truck Drivers (2, 3 and 4 axles)	\$14.73 hr.
Front End Loader Operators (class 3 classification)	\$17.66 hr.

*Current Labor Rates for the Town of Washington roads crew positions are as follows:*

Road Foreman	\$21.01 hr.
Regular Plow Truck Drivers	\$16.21 hr.
Reserve Plow Truck Drivers	\$14.44 hr.

- Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12 of the budgeted amount in each budgeted category of the 2016 annual budget during the period from January 1, 2017, to the date of the 2017 Annual Town Meeting.

*Explanation: This article legalizes municipal expenditures made after the fiscal year ends, but before the next Annual Town Meeting.*

- Article 8: To see if the Town will fix a date when taxes will be due and payable, and fix a rate of interest to be charged on unpaid taxes after said date.

*(Selectmen and Tax Collector recommend 2016 taxes will be due and payable on October 1, 2016) (Maximum interest rate on overdue taxes allowed by State Law: 7.0%)*

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to set the interest rate to be paid by the Town on abated taxes at 8%.

*Explanation: If taxes are paid and later abated, the Town must refund the abated taxes and pay interest on them. 36 MRSA, Sub. Sect. 506A calls for interest of 12% on abated taxes if the Town fails to set a rate. The rate set by the Town cannot be less than 8%.*

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to make a final determination regarding the closing or opening of roads to winter maintenance pursuant to 23 MRSA Section 2953.

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell and dispose of property acquired by tax liens, other liens, or other processes, and to issue quitclaim deeds for same. Before going to public auction, Selectmen are authorized to offer the sale of the property to the former owner for back taxes, interests, and costs. If the offer is not accepted in 60 days, the Selectmen shall dispose of the property by public auction or sealed bid. All net proceeds from any auction or sealed bid shall be placed in the town's road reserve account.

Article 12: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to appropriate money from the sale of any Town tax acquired lands to pay the costs of said sale.

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of town-owned items with a value of \$5,000.00 or less under such terms and conditions as they deem advisable.

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the 2015 Snowmobile Refund to the Washington Hill & Gully Riders for the sole purpose of maintaining their snowmobile trails, to be open to the use of the public from November 15 until April 1 and to authorize the municipal officers to enter into an agreement with the club, under such terms and conditions as the municipal officers may deem advisable, for that purpose, or see what action the Town will take.

*Explanation: The snowmobile registration money must be appropriated annually by the Town for whatever purpose it desires. If all or part of it is appropriated to the snowmobile club, one of the conditions of that appropriation must be that the club's trails are open to public use. Otherwise, it would be an illegal appropriation of public funds for a private group.*

Article 15: To see if the Town will authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of taxes for the years 2016 and 2017 for taxes not yet due or assessed and for no interest to accrue.

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to offer a Tax Club Payment Plan and to waive interest on taxes for those accounts that are kept current.

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Fire Chief and other municipal officials to apply for Homeland Security and/or other grants for Emergency Services.

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to spend any grant money received, not to exceed the amount of the grant, for the stated purposes of the grant only.

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to move the 2016 overlay, plus supplemental tax assessments and less any tax abatements, into the Road Reserve Account.

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$5206.36 to install a heat pump/cooling system in the Town Office.



Article 21: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate up to \$175,000 from the Road Maintenance Account and the Local Roads Assistance Program (LRAP) Account for repair and repaving of the Hopkins Road and to allow the Board of Selectmen to determine the amount of funding to take from each account.

Article 22: To see if the town will vote to rescind the 2003 vote directing the Selectmen to enforce the “hand carry only” for launching of boats at the Washington Pond boat landing by restricting access to trailer mounted boats.

*Explanation: The Maine Dept. of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife has informed the Selectmen that regulations set forth will not allow them to continue to stock the pond with any species of fish if access is restricted to hand carry only. This is a state wide regulation. The effect that this will have on the fishery is absolute. According to the IFW representative, stocked Brook Trout will disappear within the current year; stocked Brown Trout will disappear within 3 years.*

Article 23: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the 2015-2016 updated State Model Floodplain Management Ordinance.

Article 24: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Land Use Ordinance by adding a section regarding Solar Arrays.

Article 25: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Land Use Ordinance by adding a section regarding Wind and Antenna Arrays.

Article 26: To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 9.1, Duration, of the Tri-County Solid Waste Management Or Organization Interlocal Cooperative Agreement by extending the 25-year term of the original Agreement, which would cause the Agreement to expire on October 17, 2016, for an additional and continuous 18-year term expiring on October 17, 2034 and to provide that all provisions of the Interlocal Cooperative Agreement, as amended, remain in full force and effect.

***Footnote: This Article must be voted on as written with no amendments.***

Article 27: To see if the town will authorize the select board to establish the position of “town administrator” to work part-time a minimum of 22 hours per week, performing duties deemed necessary by the select board, and to further see if the town will raise and appropriate \$28,000.00 for said position.

*Explanation: Partial funding for the position would come from a \$5000.00 reduction to each select board position and \$13,000.00 raised and appropriated from property taxes.*

*Duties shall include but are not limited to : budget preparation and monitoring, weekly select board agenda, warrant preparation, general assistance administrator, general town office supervision, yearly review and evaluations of all town employees and other duties assigned by the select board.*

Article 28: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the following General Fund revenues to be applied toward the 2016 property tax commitment, thereby decreasing the 2016 tax commitment by \$396,400.00.

*Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend:*

Excise Tax Revenue	220,000.00
Revenue Sharing	66,000.00
Tree Growth Reimbursement	3,500.00
Building Permits	1,300.00
Mining Permits and Inspections	3,000.00
Interest on Overdue Taxes	12,000.00
Veterans Reimbursement	1,400.00
Other Town Fees Collected	9,200.00
Unexpended 2015 Appropriations	55,000.00
Undesignated Fund Balance	20,000.00
General Fund Interest	<u>5,000.00</u>
Total	\$396,400.00

Article 29: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$230,762.00 from property taxation for 2016 Knox County, Tri-County Solid Waste Management Organization and Union Ambulance assessments.

*Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend as advisory lines:*

Knox County Tax Assessment	\$141,773.00
Knox County Communications	40,210.00
Tri-County Solid Waste	36,313.00
Union Ambulance	<u>12,466.00</u>
	\$230,762.00

Article 30: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$53,350.00 from property taxation for General Government Operations.

*Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend as advisory lines:*

Legal Fees	\$15,000.00
Administration	\$38,350.00
Advertising	500.00
Audit of Town Books	5,000.00
Computer Annual Fees	10,000.00
Computer Tech Support	750.00
MMA Dues	3,000.00
Mileage	1,500.00
Money Order Fees	400.00
Office Equipment	4,000.00
Office Supplies	3,000.00
Postage	2,000.00
Printing and Photocopies	200.00
Selectmen Discretionary Fund	500.00
Tax Maps	1,000.00
Tax Billing	1,500.00
Town Report Printing	3,000.00
Workshops and Training	<u>2,000.00</u>
Subtotal	\$38,350.00
Total	\$53,350.00

Article 31: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$29,462.00 from property taxation for Insurance.

*Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend as advisory lines:*

MMA Insurance Risk Pool	\$18,000.00
Unemployment Insurance	1,508.00
Worker's Compensation Premium	8,954.00
Volunteer Insurance	200.00
Firefighter Accident Insurance	<u>800.00</u>
Total	\$29,462.00

Article 32: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$164,985.00 from property taxation for Salaries, Stipends, Employee Health Insurance, and Payroll Expenses.

*Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend as advisory lines:*

Salaries and Stipends	\$120,985.00
Selectmen (3)	19,500.00
Secretary - Selectmen	750.00
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	22,763.00
Treasurer	12,772.00
Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector/Treasurer	22,000.00
Registrar of Voters	1,500.00
Ballot Clerks	1,500.00
EMA Director	750.00
Health Officer	500.00
Fire Warden (2)	300.00
Fire Chief	4,000.00
Deputy Fire Chief	3,000.00
Firefighter Stipends	3,750.00
Secretary - Planning Board	1,250.00
Secretary – Appeals Board	350.00
Assessor's Agent	4,500.00
Animal Control Officer	2000.00
Deputy Animal Control Officer	2000.00
Code Enforcement Officer	15,000.00
Constable	100.00
Moderator of open March town meeting	200.00
School Board Member Stipend (2)	1,000.00

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Custodial Services	<u>1,500.00</u>
Sub-total	\$120,985.00
Town Portion of Employee Health Insurance	27,000.00
FICA Payroll Expenses	<u>17,000.00</u>
Total	\$164,985.00

Article 33: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$381,752.00 from property taxation for Maintenance of Town Roads and related operations.

*Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend as advisory lines:*

Road Maintenance Materials & Supplies	12,000.00
Plow Truck Payment	20,184.00
Truck Fuel	15,000.00
Truck Maintenance	
P100	1,000.00
P200	4,000.00
P300	4,000.00
P400	4,000.00
P500	4,000.00
Cutting Edges and Sander Chains	7,500.00
Culverts	3,000.00
Loader and Backhoe Fuel	3,000.00
Loader, Backhoe & Chipper Maintenance	7,500.00
Garage Mortgage	12,968.00
Garage Utilities	4,000.00
Garage Maintenance	2,000.00
Road Maintenance Labor	100,000.00
Equipment Rental	13,000.00
Screening Winter Sand	13,000.00
Road Salt	25,000.00
E911 and Road Signs	1,000.00
Paving of Hopkins Road	125,000.00
Driver OSHA and DOT Screening and Testing	<u>600.00</u>
Total	\$381,752.00

Article 34: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$3,000.00 from property taxation for General Assistance.

*Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend as advisory lines:*

General Assistance	3,000.00
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Article 35: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$46,048.00 from property taxation for Public Safety.

*Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend as advisory lines:*

Fire Department General Support	10,500.00
Fire Department Equipment	10,000.00
Firefighter Training	2,000.00
Firefighter Physicals	2,500.00
Fire Truck Loan Payment	18,548.00
Hose Testing	<u>2,500.00</u>
Total	\$46,048.00

Article 36: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$43,000.00 from property taxation for Utilities and Maintenance.

*Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend as advisory lines:*

Town Utilities	16,000.00
Building Maintenance	8,000.00
Cemetery Maintenance	13,000.00
Street Lights	3,000.00
Municipal Complex Snow Removal	<u>3,000.00</u>
Total	\$43,000.00

Article 37: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,500.00 from property taxation for Boards and Committees.

*Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend as advisory lines:*

Conservation and Parks Committee	300.00
Planning Board Expense	300.00
Midcoast Regional Planning Commission	600.00
Comprehensive Plan Review Committee	<u>300.00</u>
Total	\$1500.00

Article 38: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$13,000.00 from property taxation for Town Carry-over Accounts.

*Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend as advisory lines:*

Town Record Preservation Fund	3,000.00
Road Maintenance Truck Fund	<u>10,000.00</u>
Total	\$13,000.00

Article 39: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$10,426.00 from property taxation for Miscellaneous Accounts.

*Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend as advisory lines:*

Mid-Coast Humane Society	1,527.00
Flags for Veterans Graves and Town Parks	750.00
Damariscotta Lake Watershed Dues	50.00
Washington Watershed Association Lake Testing	500.00
Social Agencies and Concerns	7,599.00
Coastal Trans	750.00
New Hope for Women	750.00
Broadreach Services	750.00
Washington Food Bank	2,000.00
Spectrum Generations	920.00
Penquis Community Action Program	929.00
Washington Community Scholarship	<u>1,500.00</u>
Sub-total	7,599.00
Total	\$10,426.00

Article 40: To see if the town will vote to appropriate \$75,127.00 from the 2016 Local Roads Assistance Program (LRAP) for road improvement.

*Selectmen recommend as advisory lines:*

Paving of Town Roads	\$50,000.00
Capital Improvement of Town Roads	<u>25,127.00</u>
Total	\$ 75,127.00

Article 41: To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to purchase a new Fire Pumper Truck with a cost not to exceed \$325,000 minus any grants that could be applied to the cost of the truck and to allow the selectmen to determine the financing for said purchase in a manner most advantageous to the Town.  
*Treasurer's Financial Statement, Town of Washington:*

1. *Total Town Indebtedness*

a. <i>Total Mortgage - Municipal Garage (11 years remaining)</i>	<i>\$92,473.78</i>
b. <i>Total Fire Truck Loan – “Tanker 1” (2016 Final payment)</i>	<i>18,547.17</i>
c. <i>Total Plow Truck (8 year loan)</i>	<i><u>143,766.00</u></i>
<i>Total Indebtedness</i>	<i>\$254,786.95</i>

2. *Costs*

a. <i>New Fire Pumper Truck</i>	<i>\$325,000.00</i>
b. <i>New Fire Pumper Truck Interest (12 year loan @ 3.10%)</i>	<i><u>67,184.00</u></i>
<i>Total Payment</i>	<i>\$392,184.00</i>

*The validity of the above loans and the voter's ratification of the loan may not be affected by any errors in the above estimates. If the actual amount of total debt for the mortgage and loan varies from the estimate, the ratification by the electors is nevertheless conclusive, and the validity of the loan is not affected by reason of variance.*

*Ann Dean, Town Treasurer*

Article 42: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appropriate any additional Revenue Sharing funds, should such funds become available, to further reduce the 2016 property tax commitment.

Given under our hands on this 24<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2016:

*Wesley F. Daniel*  
 Wesley F. Daniel  
 Chairman

*Duane P. Vigue*  
 Duane P. Vigue  
 Selectman

*Berkley Linscott*  
 Berkley Linscott  
 Selectman

Attest:  
*Ann Dean*  
 Ann Dean, Town Clerk







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KNOX COUNTY SHERIFF	593-9132
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MAINE POISON CONTROL CENTER	1-800-222-1222
PENQUIS	596-0361
NEW HOPE FOR WOMEN	594-2128
BROADREACH	594-8474
COASTAL TRANSPORTATION	596-6605
SPECTRUM GENERATIONS	596-0339
ASSESSOR'S AGENT, STAN MILLAY	845-2767
CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, BOB TEMPLE	632-4741 CELL
FIRE CHIEF & CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR, TOM JOHNSTON	845-2576
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WASHINGTON FOOD BANK, PASTOR TIM LEWIS	845-2623
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TRANSFER STATION	785-2261
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