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**Town of Washington
Annual Report – 2017**

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WASHINGTON, MAINE

For the Year Ended December 31, 2017



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On July 9, 2017 Washington Fire Department volunteers and local children take part in a traditional “push in” dedication ceremony for our new Freightliner/Metal Fab Fire Pumper Truck.

Dedication

Our Children



Our future

In Memoriam

Rick Kopishke

In late November, the sudden passing of Rick Kopishke shocked his family and friends in town. For over twenty-five years Rick had heart health issues but was determined to live his life to the fullest. He had many “health bumps” throughout the years but always kept on going until November 25 when stroke symptoms became too much and he died three days later.



Rick moved to Washington from Connecticut in 1981. With his wife Hazel and six-week-old son Matthew, he started building their home. He worked with his in-laws at Overlock's Agway in South Liberty and quickly was accepted in the community even though he was from away! He continued working and eventually ran the Agway for a brief time after the Overlocks died in 1999. Next he worked at Union Agway until his health issues told him he needed to slow down.

Retirement allowed him to work at his own pace, but doing less was not in his mindset. His “honey do” list was long! He helped his son Matt remodel the Overlock farmhouse for his family and established his daughter Heidi in her new home in Nobleboro. Besides all this, he kept busy with his own projects and in the summer, maintained two vegetable gardens. If growing conditions allowed, he provided fresh veggies for his family, his extended family, and friends.

Rick was Trail Master for the Washington Hill & Gully Snowmobile Club for many years. He spent countless hours on trail maintenance and grooming, always with the hope that each year would be a “great” year for snowmobiling! He kept in contact with property owners as best he could and put in hours preparing for and helping run the club's yearly Snowfest at the town landing.

Rick willingly helped many other organizations in town. He manned the grill at Prescott Field Days years ago and hand cranked ice cream for first grade. He helped with projects for the Historical Society, Gibbs Library Garage Sale, and the Community Auction. And he helped his neighbors and anyone in need whenever asked.

Family meant the world to Rick. He enjoyed doing almost everything with them. His warm weather passion was fishing, which he never could do enough of, and in the winter snowmobiling. Sadly, future family plans have changed going forward but his family is left with lots of wonderful memories to cherish.

Town Officers

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor

Wesley F. Daniel Thomas Johnston Berkley Linscott

Town Clerk/Tax Collector/Treasurer

Ann Dean

Deputy Town Clerk/ Deputy Tax Collector/Deputy Treasurer

Mary Anderson

Denise Hylton

Sandra Patrick

Registrar of Voters

Denise Hylton

Deputy Registrar of Voters

Ann Dean

Mary Anderson

Sandra Patrick

Road Commissioner

Jonathan Daniel

Code Enforcement Officer/ Plumbing Inspector

Edward R. Temple

Fire Chief

Philip Meunier

Emergency Management Director

Christopher Lascoux

Deputy Fire Chief

Steven Olmsted

Forest Fire Wardens

Phil Meunier Kenneth Boisse, Deputy

Health Officer

Brian Alves

Animal Control Officers

Andrew Dinsmore

Constable

Christopher Lascoutx

*Judson Buttermann

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

Guy Bourrie Daniel Furrow *Cheryl Cicowski

Town Meeting Moderators

James Bowers

Deputy Moderator

Tom Ford

Election Warden

Walter Metcalf

Election Clerks**Republican**

Nancy Barker

Judith Brann

Kimberly Mank

Mildred Melgard

Democrat

Elizabeth Bettcher

Linda Luce

Kathleen Ocean

Carol Sloane

Planning Board

Mitchell A. Garnett, Chairman

Henry Aho

Steve Ocean

Jesse Casas, ALT

David Studer

David Williams

Ashley Hebert, ALT

Board of Appeals

Lowell Freiman, Chairman

Norman Casas

Cathy Blake

James Kearney

Dorothy Sainio

Robert DeGroff, ALT

Traci Hoffman, ALT

Budget Committee

Henry Aho, Chairperson

Donald L Grinnell
Kathleen Ocean
David Martucci
Wendy Carr, ALT

Dorothy Sainio
David Williams
Jesse Casas
Lynn Carroll, ALT

Housing Committee

Traci Hoffman

Mid-Coast Regional Planning Commission

Christopher Lascoux

Conservation Committee

David Spahr Ann Dean Charlotte Henderson

Mineral Ordinance Committee

Deborah Bocko
*Ann Dean

David Martucci
*Judson Buttermann

Recreation Committee

Helen Caddie-Larcenia
Sheila Lowe
Amanda Dinsmore

Peg Hobbs
Steve Ocean
Travis Perez

Angela Stevens

Tri-County Solid Waste Management Organization

Reggie Burns, Jr Norman Casas Daniel Furrow, ALT

Washington Scholarship Committee

Judy Good
Mildred Melgard
Priscilla Packard

Mindy Gould
Jan Birk

Roads Committee

Albert Hutchinson
Ann Dean

Merton Moore
Christopher Armstrong

Comprehensive Plan Committee

David Martucci
Lowell Freiman
Christopher Lascoutx

Robert Birk
Peg Hobbs
Susan Ebersten

Driveway Entrance Coordinator

Jonathan Daniel

E911 Address Coordinator

Christopher Jensen

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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, 2017. 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.

Town programs include education, general government, health and welfare, highways and bridges, protection, special assessments (County tax), and unclassified. Each program's net cost (total cost less revenues generated by activities) is presented below. The net costs show the financial burden placed on the Town's taxpayers by each of the functions:

Governmental Activities	Net Cost 2017	Net Cost 2016	Net Cost 2015
General Government	282,771.01	272,609.71	268,308.54
Public Assistance	490.81	216.00	423.62
Public Works	578,377.01	483,916.79	570,810.96
Education	1,509,724.77	1,421,347.02	1,338,398.35
Knox Communication	41,422.00	40,210.00	39,827.00
Debt Service Interest	11,408.22	6,153.68	3,786.42
County Tax	149,050.62	141,517.80	134,164.11
Public Safety	108,677.89	57,932.48	64,945.08
Unclassified	33,375.68	15,392.87	17,866.87
TCSWMO	41,778.72	36,189.90	31,507.96
	<u>2,757,076.73</u>	<u>2,475,486.25</u>	<u>2,470,038.91</u>

On December 31, 2017, Washington's net position for governmental activities totaled \$3,431,579.31. The net position as of December 31, 2016 was \$3,710,756.56, thus a decrease in net position of \$279,177.25 during fiscal year 2017.

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.

Washington had three outstanding loans at the end of fiscal year 2017: a loan for a plow truck which matures in 2023, a garage loan maturing in 2023, and a fire truck loan maturing in 2024.

	<u>FY 2017</u>	<u>FY 2016</u>	<u>FY 2015</u>
Long-Term Debt	479,195.30	295,112.95	254,237.59

Special Assessments are as follows:

	<u>FY 2017</u>	<u>FY 2016</u>	<u>FY 2015</u>
TCSWMO	41,778.72	36,189.90	31,507.96
Knox County Tax	149,050.62	141,517.80	134,164.11
Knox Communication	41,422.00	40,210.00	39,827.00

Other Administrative Notes:

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Tax Commitment	2,015,535.38	1,986,217.40	1,986,686.48	1,787,310.94	1,750,481.46
Mil Rate	0.0152	0.0149	0.0149	0.0135	0.0132
Taxes Receivable	254,349.61	282,544.20	279,659.58	264,122.15	297,020.60
% Collected	87.38%	85.77%	85.92%	85.21%	83.03%
Outstanding Tax					
Liens	51,140.63	64,534.88	69,424.57	67,333.29	69,530.58
BETE	38,194.00	34,396.00	28,845.00	25,193.00	27,592.00
Excise Taxes	252,020.54	238,796.64	220,285.55	223,177.35	219,128.66
State Revenue					
Sharing	55,591.53	52,051.97	53,420.65	45,769.23	68,218.82
Homestead	75,309.20	55,301.50	36,742.50	34,358.00	33,395.75
Interest Income	7,521.05	6,665.31	4,881.99	3,201.61	3,411.00

In closing out the year 2017, Town Meeting on March 24, 2017 gave us our agenda.

Moving forward we would like to thank all those involved in town boards, committees, the office staff and appointed officials for all the time put in to make everything move smoothly.

In May 2017 Jim Bowers resigned from the Planning Board because he was moving to Rockland. We would like to thank him for the many years that he served on the Planning Board.

In May our Moderator whom we used for many years passed away. We are thankful to Tom Ford for his many town meetings he moderated keeping them on an even keel.

In April one of our road crew members quit his position. We have been

unable to fill that position. This has left us all summer months with just two employees on the Road Crew. This winter we had two full-time and two part-time snow plow drivers. In some storms we had only three drivers putting in many hours keeping the roads clear. We feel that in order to maintain a three-man crew we need to offer a 40 hour week; this way we can have the qualified and experienced workers we need. On January 26, 2018 we finally hired a new member for the Road Crew. He is very qualified with snow removal and road work; we hope this is long term.

In May one of our School Board members, Cheryl Chicowski, resigned from the School Board. We would like to thank her for the time she served. Dan Furrow was appointed to finish out her term. Dan is running for the year term left by that vacancy.

The Recreation Committee equipment building has been built and put in place. The Road Crew did the ground work and the Amish in Unity built the building and delivered it below budget. Peg Hobbs, Recreation Committee, spent many hours getting estimates for the building and getting this project completed. Albert Hutchinson built the shelves with donated lumber from Jonathan Daniel.

Mark Day and his wife resigned from the Food Pantry. Deborah Vanna is the new contact person for the Food Pantry. It is still located at the Village Church. Contact information is at the Town Office.

We did two paving projects this past summer. The short piece of the Calderwood Road from Rt. 220 to Rt. 17 and the Old Union Road from the Village to just past the fire station and on Bill Luce Road from the Grange up to the Recreation Field. A walking path was marked on the left side of the road from the Village to the fire pond.

The Road Crew cut and chipped the trees and brush along the road side on both projects. We had Second Nature Tree Service cut the dangerous trees. The Road Crew worked along with Merton Moore of M & M Construction on the ditching. Hagar Enterprises did the grinding and paving on both projects. Grinding and rolling before they did the paving should help the road last longer. We may not be able to do as much at a time but it should be more beneficial. The Road Crew also did some ditching on Youngs Hill Road and grading to help shed the water. There is still more to be done there next summer. They also did some ditching on Sprague Road on the hill going down to the brook. This has held up very well even after heavy rains. They also ditched on Old Union Road where water has been out in the road way. This seems to have helped.

The engineering is not complete on the Calderwood Road and Fitch Road culvert projects. In the spring we will do some test boring and digging

to find out what is under Calderwood Road for material. When this is done and we get an estimated price we can put the project out to bid and bring it to the town meeting to see if the town's people want to do this. The engineers will be looking into grants to help with cost of a mitigation project through Emergency Management and DEP.

October 30-31, 2017 brought a heavy wind and rain storm with power outages all over town. Some were without power for five days. Our generator at the fire station ran about 37 hours when needed to keep the Town Office, Library and fire station open and operational. Trees were down everywhere and the Road Crew cleared the way; CMP cleared trees from the power lines. This period of time was declared a disaster by FEMA. The Selectmen, EMA Director and the Road Crew kept track of expenses and put in for reimbursement. The Town should receive about \$7,000.00.

At the end of April, our long time Town Clerk and Treasurer, Ann Dean will be leaving for Florida where she is building her retirement home. We would like to thank Ann for her many hours spent to help keep our town moving forward. We will be appointing Mary Anderson, Ann's Deputy Town Clerk, to fill the position and Mary will be responsible for appointing the Deputies.

The Town Audit was done on January 30 – 31, 2018. On February 6 we had a meeting with our Auditor, William H. Brewer, to discuss the audit. On his recommendation, we will be using \$4,400.00 of Unexpended Revenue Sharing along with this year's Revenue Sharing and a portion of the 2017 Unexpended Appropriation along with some monies from Undesignated Fund Balance, which will go toward reducing the Tax Commitment. Bill said we did a good job overseeing the accounts. The Tax Collector and office staff did a good job at collecting taxes and we should be able to get through 2018 without borrowing.

We always need citizens interested in being appointed to various boards and committees. We will be posting vacancies for Planning Board, Appeals Boards, Recreation Committee, Conservation Committee and Roads Committee.

We would like to see more citizens get involved in Town Government and come to our meetings every Wednesday. Thank you for your support and looking forward to working with you in the future.

Treasurer

Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements December 31, 2017

Cash Balance, January 1	686,079.94
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ADD: CASH RECEIPTS:

Property Tax Collections:

Current Year	1,755,280.26	
Prior Years	291,918.70	
Prepayments	<u>19,361.53</u>	
Total Property Tax Collections		2,066,560.49
Excise Taxes - Auto		252,020.54
Excise Taxes - Boat		2,253.75
Departmental (Schedule A-4)		136,369.52
State Revenue Sharing		55,591.53
Homestead Reimbursement		56,434.00
State Fees Collected		123,415.83
Accounts Receivable		47,982.34
BETE		38,194.00
Loan Proceeds		324,533.00
Other Revenues		<u>38.00</u>
Total Cash Receipts		<u>3,103,393.00</u>
Total Cash Available		3,789,472.94

LESS: CASH DISBURSEMENTS:

Departmental (Schedule A-4)	2,747,760.85
State Fees Remitted	120,893.63
Due to Trust Funds	1,265.24
Current Year Expenses Paid on Behalf of	
Trust Funds	1,896.00
Accounts Payable	4,365.73
Loan Payoff	<u>87,342.60</u>
Total Cash Disbursements	<u>2,963,524.05</u>
Cash Balance, December 31	<u><u>825,948.89</u></u>

Reconciliation of Treasurer's Cash Balance – December 31, 2017

Cash on Hand		310.00
GENERAL FUND CHECKING:		
The First:		
Balance Per Bank Statement	854,008.06	
Deduct: Outstanding Checks	28,788.00	
Add: Deposits in Transit	<u>418.83</u>	
Balance Per Books		<u>825,638.89</u>
Cash Balance, December 31, 2017		<u><u>825,948.89</u></u>

Statements of Taxes Receivable – December 31, 2017 and 2016

	2017	2016
2017	253,159.40	-
2016	2,926.17	282,797.50
2015	119.20	119.20
2014	67.50	67.50
2012	125.50	125.50
2011	150.60	150.60
2010	147.60	147.60
2009	165.00	165.00
2008	<u>137.50</u>	<u>137.50</u>
	<u><u>256,998.47</u></u>	<u><u>283,710.40</u></u>

Trust Funds – December 31, 2017

Trust Fund Investments

	Unexpended		
	Principal	Income	Total
Davis Daggett Cemetery	4,950.00	1,297.90	6,247.90
Maple Grove Cemetery	2,500.00	1,772.83	4,272.83
Marr Cemetery	18,550.00	6,549.26	25,099.26
McDowell Cemetery	300.00	64.19	364.19
Mountain Cemetery	300.00	268.41	568.41
Overlook Cemetery	800.00	1,541.12	2,341.12
Pierpoint Cemetery	1,450.00	1,038.46	2,488.46
Skidmore Cemetery	50.00	28.63	78.63
Soldiers Monument	682.98	198.12	881.10
Billings Scholarship	5,890.00	1,879.37	7,769.37
Community Scholarship	15,060.37	21,832.25	36,892.62
Phillip Scriber Memorial	660.00	1,125.78	1,785.78
Daggett School	1,477.76	1,992.35	3,470.11
Storer Cemetery	500.00	15.75	515.75
Gibbs Library	4,066.00	161.87	4,227.87
	<u>57,237.11</u>	<u>39,766.29</u>	<u>97,003.40</u>

Agency Funds – December 31, 2017

LEVENSALE CEMETERY ASSOCIATION:

Fund Balance, January 1	9,150.67	
Add: Interest Earned	<u>46.23</u>	
Fund Balance, December 31		<u>9,196.90</u>

Capital Reserve Funds – December 31, 2017

FIRE TRUCK RESERVE FUND:

Balance, January 1, 2017	-	
Add: Transfer from General Fund	<u>1,200.00</u>	
Balance December 31, 2017		1,200.00

FIRE EQUIPMENT RESERVE FUND:

Balance, January 1, 2017	-	
Add: Transfer from General Fund	<u>3,328.49</u>	
Balance December 31, 2017		<u>3,328.49</u>
		<u>4,528.49</u>

Town Clerk

2017 LICENSES SOLD
1/1/17 - 12/31/17

DOG LICENSES SOLD

Kennels	04	
Males/Females	59	
Neutered/Spayed	<u>231</u>	
Total		294

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 starting October 15th. A rabies clinic was held at the Washington Fire Station on Saturday, October 28 and the town office was also open to register dogs. You also have the option to register online at:

https://www1.maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/dog_license/index.pl

Dog license fees are \$6.00 per year for spayed/neutered dogs and \$11.00 for dogs not spayed/neutered. Per State law, any dog re-licensed after January 1 will be subject to a \$25.00 late fee plus the regular license fee per dog. Postcard reminders were mailed again this year and owners were also given a courtesy reminder call to help bring the number of unregistered dogs down.

FISHING AND HUNTING LICENSES SOLD

Junior Hunting	6	Resident over 70	1
Combination	25	Resident Muzzleloader	4
Hunting	20	Resident Crossbow	1
Fishing	47	Non-Resident Hunt	2
Archery	4	Non-Resident Fish	5
Coyote Night Hunt	2	1 Day Fishing	1
Spring/Fall Turkey Permits	8	3 Day Fishing	3
Bear Hunting Permits	1	Saltwater Fishing	3

RV, BOAT, & SNOWMOBILE REGISTRATIONS SOLD

Boats up to 10 HP	47
Boats 11-50 HP	34
Boats 51-115 HP	21
Boats over 115 HP	14
PWC's	4
Lake and River Sticker	1
Snowmobiles	42
ATV's	42

RECORD OF FEES RETURNED TO THE TOWN

Motor Vehicles Fees	\$5896.00
Recreational Vehicle Fees	271.00
Fish & Wildlife License Fees	255.00
Dog License Fees	289.00
Vital Records Fees	1316.00
Return Check Fees	75.00
Building Permit Fees	1586.00
Mining Permit Fees	4225.00
Junkyard Permit Fees	225.00
Notary Fees	130.00

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

**2017 VITAL STATISTICS RECORDED
01/01/2017– 12/31/2017**

22 Births**11 Marriages****17 Deaths****Marriages****Date of Marriage****Names**

03/05/2017	Jeffrey J. Yu & Natalia N. Ludwig
03/22/2017	Daniel R. Furrow & Danielle E. Sullivan
04/03/2017	Eric Q. Rathbun & Blair A. Armstrong
05/17/2017	Andrew J. Blauvelt & Kelsey F. Stewart
08/21/2017	Shane C. Westfall & Amanda M. Dever
08/19/2017	Richard G. Kaler & Michelle D. Miller
08/26/2017	Thomas D. DiBenedetti, Jr. & Morgan E. Baum
08/26/2017	Zachary K. Lutz & Elianna C. Stone
09/09/2017	Ian A. Anderson & Natalie R. Jimenez
09/16/2017	Austin G. Foster & Hannah L. Lindahl
12/24/2017	David F. Crockett & Tina M. Libby

Deaths

Date of Death	Name	Place of Death	Age
01/09/2017	Burton E. Ludwig Jr.	Lewiston	80
01/18/2017	Magdalene Ryan	Rockport	89
01/23/2017	Isaac Stephen Rhodes	Washington	25
01/23/2017	Steven Edward Rhodes	Washington	53
03/19/2017	Beverly Elaine Bowden	Portland	79
04/01/2017	Richard J. Miller Sr.	Washington	80
05/14/2017	Keith R. Bartley Jr.	Washington	74
05/18/2017	Lillie Y. Weissenberger	Whitefield	100
06/10/2017	Judith A. Bradley	Rockport	79
06/15/2017	Ralph Henry Sukeforth	Washington	86
06/23/2017	JoAnn Simonton	Washington	62
06/29/2017	Kenneth Eugene Fitzpatrick	Rockport	48
09/27/2017	Johanna P. Burke	Rockland	94
10/02/2017	Craig Daniel MacMunn	Portland	39
10/06/2017	Eugene Joseph Fortier III	Washington	65
10/25/2017	Henry James Wellman	Washington	69
11/28/2017	Frederick C Kopishke Jr.	Rockport	68

Respectfully submitted,
ANN DEAN, Town Clerk

Assessors

The 2017 municipal appropriation is	
7.84% higher than 2016's of:	\$800,496.00
The 2017 school appropriation is	\$1,509,724.77
The 2017 school appropriation is	
4.92% higher than 2016's of:	\$1,438,994.76
The 2017 total appropriation is	\$2,563,456.11
The 2017 total appropriation is	
5.87% higher than 2016's of:	\$2,421,218.76
The 2017 homestead reimbursement is	\$74,191.20
The 2017 homestead amount is	
34.16% higher than 2016's of:	\$55,301.35
The 2017 tax commitment is	\$2,015,535.38
The 2017 tax commitment is	
1.48% higher than 2016's of:	\$1,986,217.40
The 2017 need was reduced by revenue sharing,	
excise tax, etc. by	\$466,382.00
The 2017 reduction is 17.65% higher than 2016's of:	\$396,400.00

HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION: There were 491 homeowners granted homestead exemptions in 2017; a decrease of 11 from 2016. This exemption increase to \$20,000 in 2017. 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.

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 \$5 million and should generate more than \$62,000 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 resulted in a loss of revenue of more than \$38,000 in 2017. See BETE information and qualifications at Maine Revenue Services website.

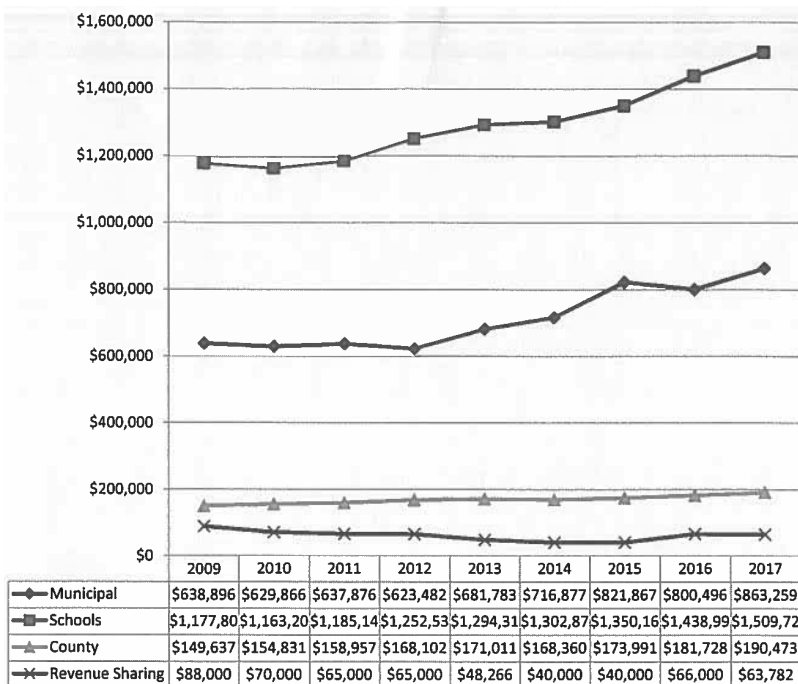
School spending accounted for 59 cents of each tax dollar. 7 cents went to county tax and the remaining 34 cents went to manage the rest of the

Town's affairs for the year.

TAXMAPS: In 2012 the Town purchased a computer program that allows electronic processing of mapping. 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. In 2017 new tax maps were printed.

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 2017.



Board of Assessors:
 WESLEY DANIEL
 BERKLEY LINSOTT
 THOMAS JOHNSTON
 STANLEY MILLAY, Assessors' Agent

Tax Collector

Valuation, Assessment, and Collections – December 31, 2017

VALUATION:

Real Estate	131,416,110.00
Personal Property	1,184,902.00
	<u>132,601,012.00</u>

ASSESSMENT:

Valuation x Rate (132,601,012.00 x .015200)	2,015,535.38
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COLLECTIONS AND CREDITS:

Cash Collections	1,755,280.26
Prepayments	4,780.00
Moved to Tax Acquired	16.72
Abatements	<u>2,557.40</u>
Total Collections and Credits	<u>1,762,634.38</u>
2017 Taxes Receivable - December 31, 2017	<u><u>252,901.00</u></u>

COMPUTATION OF ASSESSMENT

Tax Commitment	2,015,535.38
Surplus	141,000.00
Excise Taxes - Auto and Boat	225,000.00
State Revenue Sharing	63,782.00
Homestead Reimbursement	74,191.20
Tree Growth Reimbursement	3,500.00
Mining Permits and Inspections	4,000.00
Building Permits - Town	1,500.00
Interest	6,000.00
Veterans Reimbursement	1,600.00
BETE	38,829.35
Interest on Overdue Taxes	12,000.00
Miscellaneous	<u>8,000.00</u>
	<u>2,594,937.93</u>

REQUIREMENTS:

Municipal	904,680.72
MSAD 40	1,509,724.77
County Tax	<u>149,050.62</u>
	<u>2,563,456.11</u>
Overlay	<u><u>31,481.82</u></u>

Tax Liens – December 31, 2017

*Paid in full after 12/31/2017	Linscott, Lloyd	56.17
**Partial Payment	Linscott, Lloyd	38.74
***Tax Club member	Mank, Timothy A.	414.97
<u>2016</u>	Mank, Timothy A.	473.08
Bradstreet, David 2,269.27	Mank, Timothy A.	1,364.18
Bremilst, Robert L., Sr., Heirs 337.49	Mank, Timothy A.	1,372.11
Bryant, Forest O. 122.18	Mattingly, Elizabeth F.,	
Compound Holdings, LLC 162.41	Heirs	1,025.45
Compound Holdings, LLC 669.32	McFarland, Matthew G.	1,642.31
Davis, Jessica D. &	Merrill, Jaynee	1,804.06
Michael S. 1,095.08	Michelson, Anita	1,072.43
Esancy, Levi J. 561.71	Miller, Jared L.	1,402.21
Esancy, Nancy L. 478.29	Morgan, Joel W.	914.99
Foster, Scott 1,024.08	Pierpont, Willard	977.59
Foster, Scott I., & Kimberly 1,259.23	Pierpont, Willard	38.74
Foster, Scott I., & Kimberly 645.02	Pierpont, Willard	341.96
Fournier, Rebecca J. &	Pierpont, Willard	546.83
Donald E. 2,281.73	Rhinehart, Elizabeth	917.36
French, Richard E. 1,264.27	Rideout, John & Tammy	1,921.15
Hall, George C. & Sons, Inc. 5,866.28	Rideout, John & Tammy	704.74
Jackson, Timothy 1,293.48	Sanborn, Philip	1,365.67
Jackson, Timothy 1,349.87	Thibodeau, Leo & Patty	58.69
Jacksons' Corner Store 3,076.69	Turffs, L. Kim	1,198.06
Jacksons' Corner Store 409.01	Turffs, L. Kim	366.54
Jelenfy, Jeffrey C. Karen 1,549.60	Vigue, Christopher	1,808.16
Jones, Frank E., Sr. & Joyce 1,502.08	Ware, Richard C.	1,141.18
Jones, Steven W. 210.84	Werner, Joseph A.	371.01
Jones, Steven W. 324.82		<u>51,091.13</u>

Tax Acquired Property – December 31, 20172017

Brown, Laurice A., Heirs 16.72

2016

Brown, Laurice A., Heirs 16.39

2015

Brown, Laurice A., Heirs 16.39

49.50

Taxes Receivable – December 31, 2017

<u>Real Estate</u>		Compound Holdings, LLC	682.80
Adams, Curtis & Joan	1,299.87**	Concord Land, LLC	106.67
Barker, Ernest & Nancy	782.46***	Condon, Shannon P.	586.46
Bartlett, Wade	333.53***	Connor, Beth F.	1,106.06***
Bartlett, Wade	287.66***	Connors, Ernest W. & Elizabeth	1,218.79***
Bartlett, Wade	531.99***	Conover, Harry, III & Lynne	3,365.99***
Bartlett, Wade	117.36***	Cook, Blaine & Terry L.	1,106.89***
Belanger, Johnnie N.	1,330.03	Cooley, Alan & Ramona	1,136.13***
Belanger, Linda	1,113.03***	Cooley, Scott	720.39***
Belanger, Mark	511.18***	Cram, Cathleen O.	413.94
Belcher, Corey A.	931.76	Cramer, Edward H. & Beverly A., LLC	381.27***
Belcher, James & Lillian	936.76***	Curtis, Matthew J.	1,310.04
Belcher, Norman C. & Pamela J.	209.02	Davis, Jessica D. & Michael S.	1,041.12
Berry, Brigitte A.	1,672.05	Dawson, Gordon, Heirs	891.65
Berry, Brigitte A.	335.39	Dawson, Gordon, Heirs	482.60
Berry, Gregory	1,258.24***	Dube, Timothy A.	1,664.90***
Bickford, Michael	724.33***	Dufresne, Kevin & Roberta	1,205.03
Birk, Robert & Janice	1,404.23***	Ellis, Davis	295.60
Bixby, David B.	471.00	Esancy, Levi J.	729.49
Bocko, Deborah A.	2,137.25***	Esancy, Levi J.	37.85
Boucher, Ronald	775.20	Esancy, Nancy L.	518.32
Bourgeois, Cynthia L.	654.52***	Ewan, Excle R. & Angela M.	647.55
Bourrie, Guy & Sandra	477.00***	Farrell, Susan	802.73
Bowley, W.A., Heirs	202.99	Fitzgerald, Louise H.	1,239.56
Bowman, Donald C. & Ruth J.	2,773.51	Foster, Scott	1,044.70
Bowman, Donald C. & Ruth J.	287.28	Foster, Scott I. & Kimberly	1,208.58
Bradstreet, David	2,386.40	Foster, Scott I. & Kimberly	658.01
Breen, Carolyn	1,612.55***	Foster, Walter J. & Susan F.	1,245.41***
Bremilst, Robert L., Sr. Heirs	344.28	Fournier, Rebecca J. & Donald E.	2,251.67
Bridges, Linda	1,365.51	French, Richard E.	1,289.72
Bryant, Forest O.	124.64	Frye, James P.	988.53***
Buchanan, Michael, Heirs	223.44	Garnett, Mitchell & Cheryl	29.64
Caddie-Larcenia, Helen G.	331.35	Garnett, Roy & Gail G.	440.80
Caddie-Larcenia, Helen G.	1,690.12	Garnett, Roy & Gail G.	357.20
Carco, Cynthia Y.	703.70***	Garnett, Roy D. & Jan E.	1,105.53
Carr, Casey L. & Lindsey L.	2,937.23	Glidden, Avery & Lisa B.	88.92
Carter, David A.	2,554.54	Grant, Stephanie	407.19
Casas, Jesse D. & Sherry L.	1,686.20	Grinnell, Jeffrey E. & Stephanie L.	1,726.80***
Castner, Shanna L.	1,374.57		
Compound Holdings, LLC	165.68		

Hall, George C. & Sons, Inc.	2,418.70	Jeffers, Valerie P.	1,716.98***
Hall, George C. & Sons, Inc.	2,464.30	Jelenfy, Jeffrey C. Karen	1,504.80
Hall, George C. & Sons, Inc.	135.28	Jenkins, Anne W.	828.31***
Hall, George C. & Sons, Inc.	600.40	Jenkins, James D. & Anne W.	438.03***
Hall, George C. & Sons, Inc.	162.64	Johnston, Constance R. &	
Hall, George C. & Sons, Inc.	206.72	Martha L.	1,230.06***
Hall, George C. & Sons, Inc.	98.80	Johnston, Sheila	44.46
Hall, George C. & Sons, Inc.	5,984.39	Jones, Casie R.	1,077.85
Hall, George C. & Sons, Inc.	88.92	Jones, Frank E., Jr.	308.67
Hall, George C. & Sons, Inc.	1,752.58	Jones, Frank E., Jr. &	
Hanson, Robert A. & Ethel M.	704.53	Kathleen H.	601.66***
Hanson, Robert A. &		Jones, Frank E., Sr. & Joyce	1,456.33
Ethel M.	1,324.22	Jones, Steven W.	215.08
Harriman, Gary & Susan	1,638.36	Jones, Steven W.	278.16
Harrington, Daniel R. &		Julian, Mark D. & Margaret	1,773.51
Kaitlyn E.	2,392.84	Julian, Mark D. & Margaret	456.00
Harrington, David O., II	1,394.92	Julian, Mark D. & Margaret	2,529.89
Hart, Keith	241.75**	Julian, Mark D. & Margaret	51.38
Holden, Virginia M.	334.40	Julian, Mark D. & Margaret	102.33
Holz, Alfred	260.80	Julian, Mark D. & Margaret	15.20
Holz, Alfred	252.41	Julian, Mark D. & Margaret	15.20
Holz, Alfred	4.85	Kearney, James W.	1,207.21
Holz, Alfred	9.48	Keefe, Timothy J.	129.81
Horovitz, Daniel A. &		Keefe, Timothy J.	592.50
Cheryl M.	1,055.00***	Keefe, Timothy J.	85.96
Howard, Sonja	437.93***	Kelly, Sandra M. &	
Huntley, Chris A. &		Sharon M.	788.50***
Deborah B.	1,171.14	Kennard, Michelle J.	1,083.02
Hutchins, Katherine A.	1,172.04***	Kennard, Michelle J.	177.87
Jackson, Allen L. &		Kilbreth, Carol A. & John F.	1,767.86
Cathanna L.	704.70*	Knight, Abraham A.	534.28
Jackson, Ronald M.	46.44	Knight, Frances, et als	663.49***
Jackson, Ronald M.	706.42	Knowlton, William, II	976.11
Jackson, Ronald M.	1,576.68	Lee, Jessica G.	327.32
Jackson, Ronald M.	1,700.44	Lee, Sarah	1,161.77*
Jackson, Ronald M. & Donna	524.40	Leigh, Angel	547.20
Jackson, Timothy	1,319.53	Leigh, Elmer E., Jr.	344.96
Jackson, Timothy	2,239.63	Lewis, Leonard C. & Cara L.	2,055.36
Jackson, Timothy S. &		Lewis, Leonard C. & Cara L.	1,012.68***
Laurie J.	1,577.07	Linscott, Darci A.	375.90
Jacksons' Corner Store	3,088.47	Linscott, Lloyd	57.30
Jacksons' Corner Store	383.80	Linscott, Lloyd	39.52
Jacobs, Thomas A. & Carl E.		Linscott, Shanna L.	2,249.68
& Ralph S.	11.34	Little, Jeffrey G.	374.44

Lloy, Dedre E.	1,007.28***	Packard, Priscilla B.	1,529.00***
Ludwig, Barbara A.	3,254.82	Peabody, Barry	19.56*
Ludwig, Burton E., Jr. & Barbara A.	1,561.04	Peabody, Barry	703.18*
Ludwig, Burton E., Jr. & Barbara A.	760.00	Peabody, Barry	13.18*
Ludwig, Burton E., Jr. & Barbara A.	30.40	Peabody, Bonnie May	521.05***
Mank, Timothy A.	423.32	Percy, Ellis	739.48
Mank, Timothy A.	482.60	Percy, Lynn	402.25***
Mank, Timothy A.	1,391.65	Perry, Noah	326.80
Mank, Timothy A.	1,778.93	Pierpont, Willard	997.27
Manley, J. Patrick	840.00***	Pierpont, Willard	39.52
Marks, Robert	1,128.92***	Pierpont, Willard	348.84
Martucci, David B. & Janet L.	669.31***	Pierpont, Willard	64.60
Massey, F. Lane	356.52***	Pitcher, Barry	2,283.89
Massey, Franklin L.	1,158.31***	Pitcher, Barry	549.48
Mattingly, Elizabeth F., Heirs	1,046.09	Pitcher, Barry	41.80
McFarland, Matthew G.	1,675.37	Pitcher, Barry	539.60
Medeika, Patricia E.	2,191.96***	Pitcher, Barry	34.96
Medeika, Patricia E.	1,730.21***	Pitcher, Barry	47.88
Merrill, Jaynee	1,840.39	Pitcher, Barry	22.07
Michelson, Anita	1,094.02	Pitcher, Barry	153.52
Millar, Cynthia	797.03***	Pitcher, Barry	29.64
Miller, Barry	727.55	Porter, Mark W.	1,182.08***
Miller, Jared L.	1,354.44	Reddish, Robert T. & Elizabeth M.	633.38***
Miller, Wayne A.	1,920.47	Rhinehart, Elizabeth	859.83
Milliken, Robin & Robert	1,028.11	Rhodes, William A. & Carol M.	947.01
Milliken, Robin & Robert	1,378.78	Rideout, John & Tammy	2,037.79
Mole, Ronald	506.84	Rideout, John & Tammy	437.14
Mole, Ronald	1,990.50	Riley, Leanne Dibenedetti	1,338.27
Moon, Jayne Barrett	725.34	Robinson, Thomas L. & Monika	403.56
Moore, Ronald I.	571.22	Rubenstein, Russell	439.37***
Moore, Ryan	442.32	Sanborn, Philip	1,317.17
Morgan, Joel W.	857.42	Sanborn, Philip	9.88
Morse, Mary Ann	23.51*	Sanborn, Steven	354.50***
Mortali, Andrew R. & Diane D.	250.57	Sanchez, Sarah M.	392.69*
Mortali, Andrew R. & Diane D.	501.20	Schmitt, Dorothea	2,208.93*
Moscato, Daniel P. & Cheryl A.	1,038.76***	Schnur, Rebecca	1,552.97***
Old Union Trust	2,556.81***	Shaggy, Michael & Mary	788.99***
Orrick, William P., Jr.	1,242.92***	Shaggy, Thomas W.	555.07***
Packard, Priscilla B.	1,226.26***	Shannon, Linda	423.32
		Shenett, Daniel	699.20
		Shenett, Theresa & David	559.53

Simonton, Richard S. & Joann P.	305.79***	Vogel, Donald E. & Dorothy M.	1,405.63
Sorrentino, Michael	2,124.98	Wadsworth, Malcolm M.	1,111.97
Spahr, Kenneth L., Heirs	103.36	Ware, Richard C.	1,088.15
Spahr, Kenneth L., Heirs	818.51	Werner, Joseph A.	272.08
Spahr, Kenneth L., Heirs	14.82	Whelan, Richard H.	4,590.98
SRB Homes LLC	2,566.43	Whelan, Richard H.	344.28
SRB Homes LLC	167.20	Wilkinson, Mark	3,425.58
Stark, James & Brenda	192.05	Wilkinson, Mark	1,803.43
Stuart, Peter	1,511.44***	Williams, James M. & Annie T.	1,157.94
Thibodeau, Leo & Patty	2,083.33	Wilson, William D.	400.00***
Thibodeau, Leo & Patty	59.87	Woody Creek Hills, Inc.	2,733.56
Thompson, Andrew L.	546.21	Yoder, Michael J. & Kathy L.	1,057.12***
Till, James C., Et Als	852.02***		252,901.00
Timberlake, Ronald F., Jr.	10.03		
Turffs, L. Kim	1,146.19		
Turffs, L. Kim	373.92		
Valle, Forrester B.	994.06	<u>Personal Property</u>	
Vernesoni, April R.	305.68***	Bedford Falls, LLC	45.60
Vickerman, Elizabeth	351.70	Jacksons' Corner Store	45.60
Vigue, Anthony & Linda	1,435.64	Jones, Frank E., Jr.	76.00
Vigue, Christopher	1,798.34	Washington Lake, LLC	91.20
Vigue, Timothy L.	663.93***		258.40
			<u>253,159.40</u>

Prior Years Taxes Receivable December 31, 2017

<u>Real Estate</u>		<u>2012</u>	
<u>2016</u>		Pierpont, Willard	125.50
Caddie-Larcenia, Helen G.	1,551.23	<u>2011</u>	
Dufresne, Kevin & Roberta	1,255.74	Pierpont, Willard	125.50
	2,806.97	Vigue, Timothy	25.10
			<u>150.60</u>
<u>Personal Property</u>		<u>2010</u>	
<u>2016</u>		Pierpont, Willard	123.00
Jacksons' Corner Store	44.70	Vigue, Timothy	24.60
Jones, Frank E., Jr.	74.50		<u>147.60</u>
	119.20		
<u>2015</u>		<u>2009</u>	
Jacksons' Corner Store	44.70	Peaslee, Teri W.	27.50
Jones, Frank E., Jr.	74.50	Pierpont, Willard	137.50
	119.20		<u>165.00</u>
<u>2014</u>		<u>2008</u>	
Jones, Frank E., Jr.	67.50	Pierpont, Willard	137.50
			<u>3,839.07</u>

Abatements and Supplementals December 31, 2017

	ABATEMENTS	SUPPLEMENTALS
2017		NONE
Town of Washington	2,280.00	
Frey, Janis & Mark	<u>277.40</u>	
	2,557.40	
<u>2016</u>		
Town of Washington	342.33	
<u>2015</u>		
Town of Washington	342.33	
<u>2014</u>		
Town of Washington	<u>310.19</u>	
	<u><u>3,552.25</u></u>	

Registrar of Voters

The year began with Town Meeting elections for one Selectboard seat for a three-year term and one School Board seat for a three-year term. There were 80 total votes cast. Thomas Johnston was elected for the three-year term as selectman. Guy Bourrie was elected for the three-year school board position.

In June was the RSU 40 school budget validation election. There were 99 votes cast and the school budget passed. The November 7th State Referendum election was held with four ballot questions and all but one question passed. Four hundred and four voters came out to vote.

None of these elections would be possible without the dedicated poll workers who turn out on election day. I and the rest of the town are very grateful for our great team of election workers.

Finally, please remember to come out and vote at Town Meeting and other State and municipal elections. Your vote cast is your voice heard. Participation is the right and responsibility of every voter.

Respectfully submitted,
DENISE HYLTON
Registrar of Voters



Denise Hylton was appointed as your new Registrar of Voters just in time to oversee 2017 elections.

Washington Planning Board

The Washington Planning Board met 10 times last year. The board elected the same slate of officers as in 2016.

The board considered the following:

- The Planning Board reviewed an application by Dale and Douglas Braun for the creation of a nonconforming lot for a family member and denied the application.
- The board considered an application for granite processing by Rockport Granite. The application is under review by the board.
- The board considered a request to amend the Town of Washington Land Use Ordinance, Article XI Site Plan Review and conducted a public hearing and referred the request to the selectmen for a special town meeting. Said amendments were passed at the special town meeting.
- The board considered a request for an amended subdivision plan by Brenda Buja and approved the amended plan.
- The board considered a request by Darryl Flagg to reopen the “Pitcher Pit” on the Jefferson Rd. The application was not approved.

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
STEVE OCEAN

Members:
HANK AHO
DAVE WILLIAMS
DAVE STUDER

Alternates:
JESSE CASAS
ASHLEY HERBERT

Washington Budget Committee

Fellow Citizens of Washington:

At the 2017 annual town meeting citizens elected Hank Aho, Jesse Casas, Donald Grinnell, David Martucci, Kathleen Ocean, Dorothy Sainio, and David Williams to the 2018 Washington Budget Committee (WBC). Wendy Carr and Lynn Carroll were elected as alternates. An initial status meeting with selectmen was held August 16, 2017 among the WBC, the Selectmen, Town Clerk/Treasurer Ann Dean, and Deputy Town Clerk Mary Anderson. Hank Aho was elected Chairman. In January 2018, draft municipal budget proposals prepared by the selectmen were distributed to WBC. On January 30 and February 14, WBC members met with the Selectmen, Ann Dean, and Mary Anderson to discuss and finalize the budget proposal.

The WBC reviewed each item and, after discussion, several changes were made at the suggestion of the WBC. The selectmen's initial draft budget proposed an increase of 15%. The WBC felt this was excessive and worked with the selectmen to reduce the burden. Ultimately this joint effort reduced the increase to a more palatable 7.3%. Please note in reviewing the budget that the costs for a number of items remained unchanged or decreased. The following highlight significant budget items.

Assessments - \$274,541 (10.81% increase)

These are assessments over which the town has little control. Costs increased approximately \$26,789 due primarily to increases in Knox County tax and communications assessment (\$14,805 or 16.5%) and Union Ambulance service (\$11,617 or 75%). Tri-County Solid Waste Management Operations (TCSWMO) was stable, no significant increase.

Legal Fees - \$15,000 (same as 2017)

Office Administration - \$42,030 (2% decrease)

Insurance - \$30,444 (2% decrease)

Salaries and Payroll Expenses - \$135,285 (2.7% increase)

Costs increased \$3,600 or 2.7%. The 2017 budget included funding for the cost of Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector for 9 months (as the position was not established until after town meeting). This cost is the cost for funding an additional 3 months (funding position for full 12 months).

FICA Payroll Expenses and Town Employee Health Insurance - \$57,000 (6.4% increase)

Maintenance of Town Roads - \$374,284 (same as 2017)

Selectmen propose having members of the Road Maintenance crew go from 30 hour/week to 40 hours/week. The WBC questioned whether this 33% increase in time and related wages was necessary. The selectmen made a persuasive case for the increase by explaining that the state's current low unemployment rate makes it harder to get and retain qualified, capable, experienced workers.

The initial budget included \$416,284 for maintenance of roads. This represented an increase of 10.5%.

Working with selectmen the WBC reduced this by \$42,000, by reducing road salt costs by \$5,000 and paving costs by \$37,000.

General Assistance – \$2,000 (same as 2017)**Public Safety – \$63,423 (same as 2017)****Utilities and Building Maintenance - \$49,750 (21% increase)**

It was pointed out that municipal grounds and gardens have fallen into disrepair and need rejuvenation. The budget includes \$2,000 for restoration. \$4,750 is added for cemetery maintenance including the addition of the West Washington Cemetery. \$2,000 was added to snow removal budget.

Boards and Committees - \$1,500 (same as 2017)**Appropriated for Town Roll Over Accounts - \$16,000 (same as 2017)****Miscellaneous Accounts - \$28,799 (18% increase)**

A significant increase was due to the funding requested by Penquis Community Cap which increased by \$1,631. There was a discussion of this and it was determined that Penquis provided substantial services to Washington residents justifying the increase. The WBC voted to include \$1,000 each for the Minnie Weaver Scholarship and the Washington Scholarship Fund. Previously funds for these were raised annually on an alternating basis.

Budget Summary – Expenses (not including Assessments)

The Selectmen's Proposed 2017 Budget was \$798,280 for Expenses, the 2018 Selectmen's Proposed Budget for Expenses is \$815,515, an increase of \$17,235 or 2.16%.

Revenue - \$468,077 (same as 2017)

The Town anticipates raising revenue of \$468,077 from such sources as excise tax, state revenue sharing, tree growth reimbursement, and other town fees.

Commitment: The amount to be raised through property taxes is:

Total Recommended Budget Amount:	\$815,515
Less Anticipated Revenue to Reduce Property Taxes:	<u>\$468,077</u>
Subtotal:	\$347,438
Knox County Tax assessment:	\$160,211
Knox County Communications Assessment:	\$ 45,166
TCSWMO and Union Ambulance	<u>\$ 69,263</u>
Total to Be Raised from Property Taxes:	\$621,979

This is an increase of 7.3% over the 2017 commitment amount (\$579,650).

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. Especially we wish to recognize the effort and dedication of Ann Dean. Over the years she has worked diligently to improve the efficiency of the town office and to control costs whenever possible. Finally, thanks to Mary Anderson for taking notes of our committee meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
HANK AHO, Chairperson
JESSE CASAS
DONALD GRINNELL
DAVID MARTUCCI
KATHY OCEAN
DOROTHY SAINIO
DAVID WILLIAMS
WENDY CARR (alternate)
LYNN CARROLL (alternate)

Code Enforcement Officer

To the Citizens and Officials of the Town of Washington

The Plumbing Permits issued for 2017 are as follows:

- Mobile Home / Modular Home 1
- Garage 3
- Home addition 4
- Garage addition 1
- Replace camp dining hall 1
- New House 7
- Shed 2
- Barn addition 1
- Cabin 3
- Carport 1
- Greenhouse 1
- Classroom camp 1
- Deck 1
- Storage Building 2

I take questions by email and phone from the public regarding Town ordinances.

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

Respectfully submitted,
BOB TEMPLE
CEO

**Code Enforcement Officer’s
Plumbing Report**

To the Citizens and Officials of the Town of Washington

The Plumbing Permits issued for 2017 are as follows:

- Subsurface Wastewater Permits 12
- Internal Plumbing Permits 9

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 Appeals Board

The Washington Appeals Board met 5 times last year. The Board elected Lowell Freiman as Chairman and James Kearney as Vice Chairman/Secretary. The board welcomed Robert DeGroff and Traci Hoffman as Alternate Board members.

The board heard a reconsideration of an administrative appeal of a decision of Washington Planning Board in granting approval for Medium Mineral Extraction on Mitchell Hill Road. The Board voted to maintain their original Finding of Fact and reject the reconsideration request.

The other major issue before the board was a request for a Variance on Noyes Lane. In this instance the board voted to deny the request as it did not meet the criteria for granting a variance in the Shoreland Zone.

The work of all the board member is appreciated and the public is invited to attend meetings on the second Thursday of every odd month.

Respectfully submitted,
Chairman, LOWELL FREIMAN
Vice Chairman/Secretary JAMES KEARNEY
Members:
DOROTHY SANIO
NORMAN CASAS
CATHY BLAKE
Alternates:
ROBERT DEGROFF
TRACI HOFFMAN

Washington Fire Department

PO Box 244, Washington, ME 04574 ~ Established 1950

Fire Station – 845-2245

Phil Meunier, Chief - 542-9928 Steve Olmsted, Deputy Chief 390-0563

Emergency: Dial 911

To the Citizens of the Town of Washington:

The Washington Fire Department responded to the following calls in 2017:

Fires:

Building Fires:	15
Chimney Fires:	2
Forest / Woods Fire	1
Grass Fire	1
Passenger Vehicle	1
Unauthorized Burning	1

EMS/Rescue:

Assist EMS crew with Lift	1
Vehicle Accidents with Injuries:	11
Vehicle Accidents with no Injuries	13
Search for Person on Land	1

Hazardous Conditions:

Carbon Monoxide Incident	1
Tree Down	7

Service Call:

Standby at Station	4
Person in Distress	1
Public Service Assistance	1

Good Intent:

Smoke Scare Odor of Smoke	2
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False Alarms and False Calls

Detector activation, no fire-unintentional	<u>1</u>
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Responded to Total Calls	64
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We had an above average number of calls this year. Unfortunately we had 1 extremely bad residential structure fire with fatalities. Again, our department and mutual aid companies handled this call with great

professionalism. We had just two chimney fires this year. Thanks to all for being “fire safe”.

This year we had a bad wind storm with many trees and power lines down. The Fire Department closed several roads and put cones around downed lines. This is done for everyone’s safety. We had citizens who tried to be helpful and remove these downed trees. It is never safe to touch anything that has power lines involved. Remember, you have no way of knowing if the lines are live. We want everyone to be safe.

Our new Rescue Pumper is in service and is working well. We would like to thank all of the citizens and mutual aid companies that came to the “Push In” this past summer when we put the truck in service.

Just a reminder that we have received an ISO rating of 6. This should lower the cost of fire insurance within a 5-mile radius of the station. We have a map at the station that can help determine your distance. You have to call your insurance agent to make them aware of this.

We have free smoke detectors available to town residents. Leave your contact information at the town office or the fire station and we will install them for you.

We are continuing a *free* service to obtain burning permits online. Just go to wardensreport.com and follow the steps and print your permit.

We have had 1 new member join this year, but we can always use more help, especially during the week. We are at the station nearly every Monday night with our meeting on the 2nd Monday and training on the 4th Monday. Stop in and meet everyone and, if you see us out training, stop and watch.

I am available to answer any questions and provide information about fire safety. If you do not reach me, you can leave a message either at the station or home.

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

Respectfully submitted,
PHIL MEUNIER, Fire Chief

Emergency Management Agency

This year we had two storm events that demonstrated Washington residents' self-reliance and resilience, as well as the co-operative and volunteer nature of our community.

During the Halloween windstorm many had to cut their way out of their driveways and/or drive around downed trees and wires. The New Year's snowstorm was not an atypical event and most residents were prepared to deal with it.

Meanwhile, the road crew and the volunteer fire department cleared roads, removed snow and brought us back to normalcy. The Washington General Store offered warmth and a place to charge phones.

Resident self-reliance and cooperation are both critical to the Emergency Management Agency (EMA) mission of providing for the safety and wellbeing of both the individual and the greater community.

The good news is that no one was hurt during these storms. As a federally-declared emergency, the Town will be reimbursed for most of the Halloween storm expenses, thanks to the efforts of the Board of Selectmen, the town staff, and the Knox County EMA.

The bad news is that our County EMA individual alerting system has been discontinued by the vendor. Recently this system has been spotty in performance and included only those residents who signed up. The ideal is a system that can notify every resident. Alternatives are being explored on the county and the local level.

A recent Emergency Management solar flare exercise positing the loss of all electronic communications raised related issues – How do we get the word out when we have no available technology? How do we notify residents of emergencies, the availability of the warming shelter? (To date we have not used the shelter and still need volunteers to staff it when and if we do.) How do we get the word in from those that might need critical services, medication, heat?

To address this possibility, I propose to create five districts in the Town and enlist five home-tethered individuals as regional directors. Each director would have five agents familiar with their immediate neighborhood. These agents would provide knowledge of local resources (generators, plows, etc.) and when necessary would be a physical link between neighbors and their director. Such a system could be activated at any level – EMA, local

director, agent or resident.

My hope is that we can build a network that is inclusive and works in both directions, under any circumstances, using the talents that we have among us.

CHRISTOPHER “KIT” LASCOUTX
Emergency Management Director

Washington Lakes Watershed Association

WLWA – Washington Lakes Watershed Association – exists to inform our community about our town’s unique water resources and to promote their careful and responsible management. We welcome everyone to help keep our ponds and waterways in good condition. Reach us at our email wlwassn@gmail.com, check out our website: www.washingtonlakesassociation.org, and say hello at www.facebook.com/washingtonmaine.lakesassociation. Our annual meeting is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, July 21. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

Last summer (the summer of 2017) our volunteer water quality team, Roger Cady and Rob Stenger, took samples and measurements on a regular basis throughout the summer season on Washington Pond. Results showed that the lake maintains above average water quality. The oxygen content of the waters goes down in the hottest part of the summer, but returns to normal without intervention. So, fortunately, the lake is maintaining healthy levels. Thank you to all residents and visitors who help sustain clarity and cleanliness. We also thank Garrison Beck of Midcoast Conservancy for lab assistance.

A complete copy of the 2017 Washington Lakes Water Quality Report is available in the town office and is posted on the WLWA website: www.washingtonlakesassociation.org. There is a wealth of information online about our lakes and is searchable by lake name.

Last summer’s swimming lessons for youngsters, planned with so much hope, didn’t happen after all due to lack of sign-ups. We ask for any ideas or leads to people who might help make swim lessons a reality. Contact us via our email, wlwassn@gmail.com.

Paddle outings are a favorite activity and we thank our guide, Rob Stenger. Last September’s brisk and breezy early fall day, the paddle on Crystal Lake was particularly enjoyed for the beautiful sunny day, views of aquatic and shoreline plants, plus sunbathing turtles and duck families. If you send your email address to us, we’ll notify you of dates come summer.

WLWA is a partner in the LakeSmart Program, a project of Maine Lakes Society. LakeSmart is a voluntary education and reward program for lakefront property owners who show good stewardship of their shorefront. So far, fifteen families have received a LakeSmart plaque for controlling



runoff, maintaining a sturdy ground cover, stabilizing their shoreline with a buffer area of plants and shrubs, and avoiding use of toxic chemicals. LakeSmart programs are underway in most Maine lake associations and growing across the country. FMI or to apply for a free consultation, go to www.minelakessociety.org/lakesmart or contact our local LakeSmart Coordinator, Frank Braun, via wlwassn@gmail.com. A snow bird, he will return in the spring.

We thank local businesses Linscott's, Washington Auto Parts, and Washington General Store, and especially Hill & Gully Snowmobile Club, for making our annual Ice-Out Contest a community-wide event. As this report goes to the printer, 2018 ice-out hasn't yet occurred, but will be announced when it does. Guesses will be collected at the above locations during the week before the SnowFest / Fishing Derby, Saturday, February 17, the last day of the contest. Past ice-out dates include: April 10, 2009; April 16, 2011; April 8, 2013; April 15, 2014; April 21, 2015; March 11, 2016; and April 14, 2017. The 2017 winner of the \$50 prize was Bob Brown.

Campfires and overnight camping are now prohibited on Loon Island and Panhandle Island (aka Indian Island) in Washington Pond. The Washington Select Board reasoned that because there is no available water craft or other means to extinguish a blaze on the islands, fires should not be allowed. Overnight camping is disallowed because there are no toilet facilities and human waste poses a health hazard.



WLWA is proud of the company we keep. Our association is a member of Maine Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program, Maine Lakes Society and Medomak Valley Land Trust. MVLMP is a primary repository of lake data in the state, and one of the nation's most successful citizen science groups. Maine Lakes Society is Maine's lake advocacy leader and legislative watchdog for clean lakes as well as sponsor of the LakeSmart Program. Medomak Valley Land Trust is the conservation organization for the entire Medomak River watershed and has over 4000 acres of local land in permanent protection from unwanted development. These are our association's go-to groups for advice, resources, and collaboration.

Our other "go-to" people are readers of this report, Washington residents, lake property owners, summer visitors and campers, and friends of clean, clear water. We thank you and hope you will join us as a member, volunteer, or part of a paddle or outing. Our meetings and events will be on our Facebook page.

Respectfully submitted,
CHARLOTTE HENDERSON,
Member
Washington Lakes Association

Midcoast Conservancy

Midcoast Conservancy is committed to supporting healthy lands, waters and communities in Midcoast Maine through conservation, outdoor adventure and learning. We specialize in conserving land and clean water for all and getting people outside and enjoying all that Maine has to offer. Our goal is to have a deep impact within the heart of the midcoast region: from the headwaters of the Sheepscot River to the bay and the entire Damariscotta Lake watershed.

In 2017, Midcoast Conservancy did work and held programs in the Washington area, including:

- Continuing Outdoor Adventure & Learning hub programming on Damariscotta Lake with a summer paddleboard camp offered at no cost to participants.
- Continuing upkeep of trails at West Branch Preserve. Brandon Loveland made trail improvements and rehabed the lean-to there for his Eagle Scout project.
- Significant improvements at Davis Stream Trail, including replacing nearly 50 feet of old, unsafe bog bridging with brand new cedar bog bridges.
- Purchasing the 950 acres that comprise Hidden Valley Nature Center in Jefferson. Its 30 miles of trails, canoes for public use on Little Dyer Pond, and four huts for overnight rentals and events are a valuable community resource. In 2017 the Nature Center hosted over 200 youth for outdoor recreation programming throughout the year.

We are excited to continue to work with you to protect the land and water in Washington, and to provide opportunities for everyone to get outside to enjoy the beautiful place we call home. Midcoast Conservancy is looking to sustain and deepen connections with all the communities we serve. We invite you to volunteer or attend an event; learn more at www.midcoastconservancy.org. Please be in touch or stop by our new office at 290 Atlantic Highway (Rt. 1) in Edgecomb with any questions you may have.

Respectfully submitted,
JODY JONES
Executive Director

Washington Recreation Committee

2017 has been a busy year for the Washington Recreation Committee.

The new equipment building at the Clyde Sukeforth Field is done. The building was built and delivered to the site by Backyard Builders of Unity, Maine. Thanks to donations of labor and materials, it now has shelves to place our equipment on.

The concession building has seen many improvements as well. Thanks to donations of labor, materials, and money, the concession building has a new barn style sliding pass thru window, new door, new floor, and a metal roof. Food safe counters and shelving will be installed this spring.

The Recreation Committee continues to have a large focus on sports for our younger kids. Washington has its own K-2 basketball and PreK-2 soccer teams. The focus of this age group is to introduce the players to team work as well as developing sport skills.

We continue to monetarily support the Washington Little League. Our contribution is primarily used by Little League for field maintenance. We continue to contribute to Medomak Babe Ruth as well.

We wish to thank all of our coaches. Team sports could not take place without your dedication: Evan Morrison, Amanda Dinsmore, Alison Leavitt, Dakota Green, John Seavey, Victoria Hack and Morgan DiBenedetti.

Our 5K/Fun Run was a great success this year with twenty-three runners in the 5K and five participants in the Fun Run. We once again wish to thank local businesses and volunteers for their continued support. A special thanks to Joanie Rhodes and The Striders who provide race expertise and equipment to make this event happen. This year's race will be Sunday, August 5th. For



more information check us out at: www.washingtonmaine5kweebly.com.

This was the first year that we held a Kayak/Canoe Race at Washington Pond. Fun was had by all and we hope to do this event again this summer.

This year we started the Monday Walkers. We meet Monday mornings as 9 a.m. (8 a.m. during the summer) at the library to walk the Bill Luce Rd. up to the McDowell Rd. This is a three-mile turn-around walk and provides some hills for optimal work out. If we get sufficient snow again, we would like to snowshoe the snowmobile trail in lieu of the road. This summer we plan to try some of the local land trust trails close to home. All participants are encouraged to go at their own pace and distance. All are welcome and hope you will consider joining us on a Monday Morning soon.

New on the horizon for 2018: to expand our soccer program to include 3-4 grade teams here in Washington. We also wish to complete our improvements at the Clyde Sukeforth Ballfield with food safe counters and shelving for the concession building and new floors for the dugouts.

We are asking for \$2,000 funding again this year for operating costs and maintenance.

We are always open to ways better serve the recreational needs of our community. If you have suggestions or wish to participate as either a committee member or as a volunteer, please contact a committee member or leave your name and contact info at the town office. Thank you for your support.

PEG HOBBS, Co-Chair
HELEN CADDIE-LARCENIA, Co-Chair
AMANDA DINSMORE
SHEILA LOWE
STEVE OCEAN,
Advisory and School Liaison
TRAVIS PEREZ
ANGELA STEVENS

Hill & Gully Riders Snowmobile Club

To the Residents of Washington:

Hill & Gully Riders Snowmobile Club currently has 20 members. We meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Washington Fire Department. Our annual activities include trail maintenance, snow packing, trail grooming, and working with landowners. We also host our annual Snowfest & Fishing Derby on Washington Pond every February.

We are honored to offer an annual scholarship to a Medomak Valley High School graduate and Washington resident with plans to continue on to higher education.

We've had to deal with yet another disappointing winter snowwise after a promising start. We also had to deal with the CMP line improvement project which closed a good chunk of our trail system this season. We didn't undertake any major projects this year other than a few reroutes; the usual seasonal trail cleanup has been keeping us busy. Our trails are open to snowshoers, cross-country skiers, and hikers. If you own a snowmobile and ride in town, please remember the many hours it takes to maintain the trails and that many hands make light work.

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

This has been a wonderful year for the Gibbs Library. Enthusiasm, commitment and energy have been consistent. Our staff and volunteers do so much and I want to thank each and every one of them for their ideas and willingness to participate in and care for our library. Without all of their efforts, none of this would be possible.

I want to thank the voters of the Town of Washington for approving a warrant article at the 2017 town meeting granting us \$15,000. This has been an important part of our budgetary and fundraising planning. Our annual giant garage sale, involvement in the community auction and annual newsletter/appeal letter are major components of our revenue as well. We continue to search for relevant grants to fund collection purchases, programs and upgrades.

We have said goodbye to our long time volunteer librarian Maddy Kelly who dedicated much of the past 24 years to purchasing and cataloging our collection and hosting numerous reading programs for children of all ages. We wish her well in her new endeavor and keep her forever in our hearts. As we do that, we also open our arms to Julie Madden who has seamlessly stepped into the librarian position and is already working hard as a teammate with Kate Nichols, our library's manager.

Over the past year, the Gibbs Library has offered many programs for Washington and our surrounding communities.

- Music Together: free program for infants-age 5 children and their caregivers.

- Preschool Story Time for young children (weekly).

- Chickadee After School Reading Sessions (10 total yearly) led by retired teacher volunteers, a local teacher, and our teen trustees.

- Junior Book Group met to discuss books from the Maine State Book Award list. (6-8 books each year). Sessions led by local



teachers and library board members.

- Children's Author visit with Cynthia Lord last year, Chris Van Dusen this year for the local school students and staff. (115 attending each year)
- Bikes for Books and our summer reading program: a partnership between the Gibbs Library and Mt. Olivet Lodge of Masons. (50 participants yearly)
- Bess the Book Bus visit: wraps up the summer reading program where each child in attendance chooses a book of their choice from the nationally traveling book bus.
- Chewonki Institute: hands on science program for all ages.
- Halloween Open House: when we partner with the local school parent/teacher group with their annual Trunk-or-Treat event.
- Holiday Open House: gingerbread cookie decorating and a free book for each family in attendance.
- After school science sessions led by our librarian and retired science teacher for grades 3-6.
- Adult Book Discussion Group: lively books discussions on books of varying themes.

The library has purchased a new Air printer. This printer will allow users with iPads or tablets to print to the printer. A new library website was setup by Cheryl McKeary. This new website is a Wordpress site, updated and fresh!

We offered a number of adult programs during the year.

- An Evening of Jazz with Gardenia January 14th. Gardenia performed music from Hollywood and Broadway by the composers of The Great American Songbook and the Golden Age of American Song.
- Get Gardening by Sharon Turner - February 11th: An introduction to the joy of growing your own food and flowers while benefiting the birds, bees, butterflies and other benefical.
- Blueberries, Broadway & Brian was held at the Strand Theatre in Rockland on July 13th as a fundraiser for the library. It was a one-man show by Brian Allen talking about his unique and wacky family and his love of theater while being part of a blueberry dynasty.
- Meditation /Relaxation - A group meets in the Bryant Room of the library each Thursday morning at 7:30.
- Loving Kindness Meditation - October 27th - Introduction to Meditation with speaker from Tree Top Zen Center
- Maine AllCare - November 4th - The screening of the film FIX IT - Health Care at the Tipping Point was shown at the library, organized by Valerie Dornan. Four other members of Maine AllCare, a non-profit, non-

partisan statewide organization, served as panel members and answered questions from the audience.

- An Evening of Jazz - New Shades of Blue November 18th - New Shades of Blue duo Julianne Gardner – lead vocalist and piano, and Chris Poulin - lead guitar/vocals/flute has enjoyed an extensive playing schedule in mid-coast and downeast Maine,

- Maine Farmland Trust movie cancelled because of snow in February was rescheduled to December 7th - Growing Local is a collaboration between Maine Farmland Trust and Seedlight Pictures. The film points to the vibrancy and the growing pains of the local food movement in Maine, and the uncertain fate of the farmers and farmland that keep it alive.

The library received an Oral History Grant from the Friends of Maine Libraries. The oral history grant included \$300 for training and \$200 for a Zoom H4 recorder. A 3-hour training class was held February 4th. The recorder was purchased and training to learn the recorder has been ongoing by members of the Oral History Committee.

The ongoing project is in conjunction with the Washington Historical Society and plans to obtain memories and photos of Washington's oldest and elder citizens, to create a library of local history that will be valuable to future generations, and to edit our results into educational tools, in video and audio.

Please follow us on Facebook, check out our new website www.gibbslibrary.org, stop in and browse the stacks, use the free WiFi, visit our art shows or join a committee!



Respectfully submitted,
KATHLEEN OCEAN
President,
Washington Library Association

The Washington Historical Society

The Washington Historical Society (WHS) continues its mission to preserve our town's history and make available to our community the numerous and varying bits of town history that we hold.

Razorville Hall, our museum, continues to grow with more local items donated each year. Our building maintenance project for this year involves working on the sills at the Town House so that we will have more display space in the future. Hopes are to have it ready for use for this year's Heritage Day in September.

We once again welcomed Prescott's 5th grade for an all day visit last June. Students visited the museum, tried using a hand-operated wringer washer, took a walking tour around Razorville, had lunch at the VFW, and learned about the history of the Post. The day ended with everyone helping to make hand-cranked ice cream.



We opened the museum for visits from surrounding area historical societies and on monthly Saturday afternoons for local people to stop in. This summer watch for dates that the museum will be open. We will also open for special requests so if you have visitors who are interested in seeing our displays, ask and we will make arrangements to open.

We held our first Heritage Day last September. Besides having Razorville Hall open, we had an antique tractor parade, stone cutting and crosscut saw demonstrations, rug hooking and braiding, spinning, old time music at the Town House and Razorville Chapel, antique appraisals, children's activities, farmers' market, and our pie contest. It was a great day and enjoyed by all who attended. This year's Heritage Day will be Saturday, September 8. Plan to come and see all we have to share.



Our 2018 Washington calendar featured a variety of old pictures and

information about our history. A few copies are still available. Plans for the 2019 calendar are underway. We plan to feature the organizations in town. Some no longer exist and others you may join today! We also have poster size copies of the 1857 map of Washington for sale. It shows roads, family homes, schools, etc. that were in existence at that time.

We continued our winter project of documenting present and former residences on various town roads. Last year we focused on West Washington Road (Rts. 206 and 105). This year we moved onto Razorville Road (105), Vanner Road, and Young's Hill Road. We met at the library and used Google Maps to navigate the roads recording present residents (future history) and former residences if known. These are interesting meetings and we welcome anyone to come and share or just learn about our past. We plan to continue this project exploring more Washington roads each year.

We are continuing our coordination of the 4th Annual Washington Community Auction. Mark your calendar now for Saturday, July 28, 2018 for this year's auction. All interested town organizations participated with over 100 live auction items offered and many more silent auction items. It is a major fundraiser for the groups and a fun event too! Please come and support our town and bring your friends.

As you can see the WHS is active and welcomes your support. We meet the third Tuesday of each month at the Masonic Hall at 7 PM. Our office is located there also. In the summer, we meet at the museum. Please check out our web site www.washingtonhistorical.org and like us on Facebook. Membership dues are \$5 each year. Please join us and help preserve Washington's history.

Respectfully submitted,
HAZEL KOPISHKE
WHS Secretary



Washington Community Scholarship Committee

The Washington Community Scholarship Committee is again happy to report another banner year. Even though the number of graduating students increases each year, the committee has been able to award scholarships to all our students whose applications are complete and submitted on time.

This committee of five administers the Washington Community Scholarships as well as the Billings Scholarships. We send out an appeal letter to all the local businesses each year, and again the response from these businesses has been most generous in 2017. This generosity, plus the Town auction in August, has enabled us to grant four Washington Community Scholarships again this year and three Billings Scholarships. The funds for the Billings Scholarship only increase from contributions directly to that fund and, unfortunately, that account is almost depleted. If anyone would like to contribute to this fund, it can be done through the Town Office.

Awards this year were given to students attending colleges and universities as well as technical schools. Any graduating senior who resides in Washington Township may apply for these awards. All applications must be complete per instructions on the forms and must be received by May 1st of the graduation year. These applications are available from the school Guidance Office, on line, or from our Town Office.

We would again like to thank our local businesses for being so generous in their response to our Fall appeal letters and for their continued support for our Washington graduating seniors.

Washington Scholarship Committee
JUDY GOOD
MILDRED MELGARD
JAN BIRK
MINDY GOULD
PRISCILLA PACKARD

Broadreach

On behalf of Broadreach Family & Community Services I would like to express our gratitude for your recent pledge of \$750.

Your generosity helps assure Broadreach's continued ability to provide critical services to hundreds of children and families throughout Waldo, Knox and Lincoln counties.

For over 30 years, Broadreach has provided the services that families must have to successfully deal with life's challenges. Broadreach programs deliver a range of critical services including quality early childhood education and care, child abuse and neglect prevention, and after-school programs that connect teens to their community. As children, youth, adults and families participate in the Broadreach programs, they change and grow. With stronger self-confidence, improved literacy skills, better parenting skills, successful communication and problem-solving skills, and stronger support systems, individuals are able to set higher goals for themselves and build strong foundations for successful and fulfilling lives.

Investing in children today supports a better future for us all tomorrow. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,
GAIL JONES-WILKERSON
Executive Director

New Hope for Women

New Hope for Women provides services in Sagadahoc, Lincoln, Knox, and Waldo counties to individuals, their families, and their friends who are affected by domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. We provide over 4,000 hours of service to over 1,300 families in mid-coast Maine. We need your help to continue our work. We are asking for \$750, which is the 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 operate a batterer intervention program certified by the Department of Corrections for women who use violence.

Domestic violence knows no boundaries. There is no typical abuser or abused. That is why the contributions made by the communities New Hope serves in Sagadahoc, Knox, Lincoln, and Waldo counties are so important to us.

Our FY 2018 budget follows. 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. It 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.

The **Transitional Housing** Program provides long-term housing and personalized support for families who were 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.

FISCAL YEAR 2018 PROGRAM BUDGET

	Individual Advocacy	Community Education	Transitional Housing	Support Group	Emergency Shelter
Expenses					
Personnel	433,637	348,795	122,550	9,427	28,281
Other	72,016	57,926	20,352	1,567	4,696
	505,653	406,721	142,902	10,994	32,977
Total Expenses	1,099,247				
Income					
Federal Funds	594,802				
State Funds	99,732				
Municipalities	35,000				
Maine Care	32,000				
Rural Grant	47,643				
Charitable Orgs.	185,070				
United Ways	63,000				
Fundraising	42,000				
Total Income	1,099,247				

New Hope's administrative costs for our last audited fiscal year (FY16) are 12.7%, and our fundraising costs are 3.4%, 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, 2017, the following services were provided to residents:

SERVICE	NUMBER SERVED	VALUE*
Case Management <i>Provides assistance connecting to benefits and available resources to meet individual needs.</i>	1 Client	\$1,000
Central Heating Improvement Program <i>Repairs or replaces faulty central heating systems.</i>	1 Client	\$2,870
Child and Adult Care Food Program <i>Reimburses child care providers for nutritious meals and snacks.</i>	1 Provider	\$14,814
Early Head Start <i>Provides children 6 weeks to 3 years of age and their families with early childhood development experiences and family support services. Income eligibility required.</i>	2 Children	\$57,356
Emergency Crisis Intervention Program <i>Provides home heating assistance to income-eligible households that are in an emergency or energy crisis.</i>	3 Households	\$611
Family Development Account Program <i>Provides matched savings accounts for home ownership, microbusiness development and education.</i>	1 Client	\$4,000
Head Start <i>Provides children 3 to 5 years of age and their families with early childhood education experiences and family support services. Income eligibility required.</i>	2 Children	\$19,544
Home Buyer Education <i>A 12-hour certified homeEworks training course to help individuals make prudent home purchase decisions.</i>	1 Client	\$250
Lead Inspection <i>Identifies lead hazards in the home. Grants available for lead remediation for income-eligible families with children 6 years or younger.</i>	1 Client	\$717
Low Income Assistance Program <i>Electricity discount for LIHEAP eligible households.</i>	27 Households	\$0
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program <i>Assists income-eligible households with home heating costs.</i>	31 Households	\$24,801
Mortgage Loans: Purchase or Refinance <i>Offers a fixed rate 30-year term first mortgage that is subject to underwriting guidelines.</i>	1 Family	\$65,000

Senior Volunteer Programs	339 Volunteer Hours	\$5,400
<i>Provides volunteers age 55+ with service opportunities to assist children and communities.</i>		
Small/Micro Business Development Services	1 Client	\$550
<i>Provides training and technical assistance to help individuals start or expand their own businesses.</i>		
Total Value:		\$196,913
	*Value includes leveraged funds	

This year we are requesting: \$2,560

Municipal support is greatly appreciated, as it provides flexible funds to meet important needs that specific, earmarked Federal and State funding does not allow.
Thank you for your continued interest and support!

Spectrum Generations

Spectrum Generations continues to provide high-quality programming and services to your community; our goal is to help older adults live independently and with dignity as a resident in their chosen community. Most known for our Meals on Wheels program, Spectrum Generations also offers service assistance with Medicare/Medicaid counseling, caregiver respite, USDA food commodities, health and wellness, case management, and more.

We could not do all that we do without your generous support and know you see the value in the services we provide.

How Spectrum Generations helped the Town of Washington in our most recent fiscal year:

- **685 meals** through Meals on Wheels.
- Services to **30 unduplicated Washington** residents.
- Aging and Disability Resource Specialists provided **22 hours** of outreach counseling on topics including elder abuse, prescription drug coverage, and long-term care.
- **2** Washington residents volunteered **94 hours** of their time to Spectrum Generations.

Additionally...**4 residents** attended health & wellness activities we hosted; **2 caregivers** were able to receive respite services, including **361 hours of Alzheimer's respite and support**, aiding in the balancing act of working and taking care of an older or disabled loved one; residents also enjoyed **3 meals** and socialization through our community dining program.

Request to Town of Washington: \$912

Sincerely,
STEPHANIE HANNER
Community Engagement Officer

Tri County Solid Waste Management Organization

To All Residents of Tri-County Member Towns: Greetings.

This past year, the Tri-County transfer station was the the scene of numerous beneficial facility improvements. Most notable among these was the construction of a pole shed to shelter the trash trailer from inclement weather, thus allowing continuous use of both trailers throughout the winter season. Trash disposal directly into the trailers may now proceed virtually uninterrupted by transportation constraints.

Other improvements included additional paving, making possible significant expansion of the area between the paper and demo bins. Vehicular congestion is now reduced, operational efficiency has been increased, and a safer environment has been provided for customers and employees alike. Pallet racks installed in the recycling building have improved the storage and material handling of trash bag inventory. Installation of enhanced, energy efficient lighting fixtures not only better illuminates the station periphery, but also protects the premises when the station is closed.

We at Tri-County are proud of our transfer station and of the service it provides to you, our member towns. As we begin the year 2018, we will continue this course of facility improvements. Again this year, we are committed to providing you, our patrons, with customer service and practicable solutions to waste disposal. For your part in helping us make this happen, we once more say thanks.

Respectfully,
DAVID STANLEY, Manager

Tri County Solid Waste, serving the communities of Union, Appleton, Liberty, Washington and Somerville.
3368 Heald Highway (Route 17), Union, Maine
Phone 785-2261

Hours are 8:00 to 4:30 Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday. **SCALES CLOSE AT 4:00 SHARP!**

Tri County is about 50% funded by a "pay as you throw" approach. This means, in large part, that you only pay for what you throw out. Recycle and pay less! Please see attendant prior to dumping waste!

Fee Schedule:

Unsorted Demo: \$160/ton – when not separated. **Separate metal, wood and corrugated & save\$ and landfill space!**

Sorted Demo and Bulky Waste: \$120/ton – please recycle corrugated! No corrugated cardboard in demo!

Mattresses and box springs See Attendant Please!

Asphalt shingles and tar paper (nails o.k. No plastic, wood or ice and water shield); **\$85/ton**. This program is in jeopardy due to contaminants. If we fail, price goes to \$120/ton as demo.

Items containing freon (like refrigerators, dehumidifiers and air conditioners) **\$15 each**

Lead acid and rechargeable batteries – no fee. Ask attendant

All other metals are free. Please drain oil and gas prior to disposing. Oil, gas and other hazardous compounds are collected once per year as part of a household hazardous waste collection usually the third Saturday in June. Please consider separating non-ferrous from ferrous metals as the non-ferrous helps to fund lead acid battery removal!

Household trash: \$2.00 – We will accept trash in our green 32-gallon bags available at your town office or at the transfer station. You will be asked to re-bag your trash at the facility if you do not. On busy days, you will be asked to do your re-bagging outside the trash building. Alternatively, larger loads of unsorted trash not in green bags will be weighed and charged at a rate of \$1.60 per ton.

Fluorescent tubes and mercury thermometers disposal ban – Please do not break! See Attendant

CRT's (tv's and monitors) & Computers – please ask!

Recycling Opportunities - Papers

Mixed paper and paperboard – junk mail, paper tubes, wrapping paper (**no foil, no plastic**), school papers, cereal type boxes (made of chip board - **not corrugated**), paper milk and juice cartons and drink boxes (**please rinse**). **No plastic, paper towels or Kleenex please!**

Newspapers and magazines – Only – nothing else please!

Corrugated cardboard and brown paper bags – Only! It's simple; it's corrugated!

Other Recyclables – *From the Kitchen* – **PLEASE RINSE and let dry!!! Please, Please, Please** – *no food or liquid in the containers:*

Plastics 1 & 3 through 7 – These containers are collected together. As with all plastics, please rinse and dry! **NO STYROFOAM PLEASE!**

#2 Plastic Only – **PLEASE RINSE** and leave **covers off!** Separate colored and "natural" (milk jugs).

Steel and Aluminum Cans – RINSE, **REMOVE PAPER**, and flatten **PLEASE**

JARS and BOTTLES Only! – **PLEASE RINSE** and remove covers! **No light bulbs, drinking glasses, ceramics or Pyrex!**

Please consider bringing useable clothes to the Thompson Center Thrift Store in Union or to Goodwill in Augusta or Rockland. Thanks! If you have any further questions, please ask Hank, David, Walt, Jeff or Leo.

Please take responsibility for the waste that you produce and make certain it is deposited in the proper manner. Thank you!

United States Senate

Washington, DC

Representing Maine in the United States Senate is an honor.

I continue my work on the Senate Armed Services Committee, each year authorizing the funding required to build our military capabilities and ensuring that our service members are trained and equipped to defend our nation. I was pleased to be part of a bipartisan effort to enact a new law to simplify the appeals review process to reduce the backlog our veterans are facing, as well as a new law that provides critical funding to the VA Choice Program, allowing veterans in rural Maine to access services closer to home.

While my committee work is important, working to combat the opioid epidemic is one of my top priorities. Although Congress has made some important strides, much remains to be done to provide additional funding for prevention, treatment and enforcement. I am working with colleagues on both sides of the aisle to pressure the Drug Enforcement Administration to reduce the amount of opioids produced and to thwart the flow of fentanyl and other deadly drugs into our country.

I am very optimistic about the integrated, multiagency effort I led with Senator Collins to foster innovation and commercialization in Maine's forest economy. Through the Economic Development Assessment Team (EDAT) we are already experiencing increased federal investments that will strengthen our existing forest products industry and help support job creation in rural communities. Initiatives like Cross Laminated Timber, Combined Heat and Power, nanocellulose, 3D printing with biobased materials and other biobased products will mean that Maine's wood-basket will continue to be a major jobs and economic contributor for our future.

Finally, the coming year will continue the work of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence in the ongoing investigation of Russian interference in the 2016 election. Our Committee has held seven public hearings and numerous classified sessions, reviewed tens of thousands of pages of documents and conducted hundreds of interviews. I remain focused on the security of our elections and committed to developing strategies to prevent interference by foreign governments in our democracy.

May 2018 be a good year for you, your family, your community and our great State.

ANGUS S. KING, U.S. Senator

United States Senate

Washington, DC

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 this past year.

Maine has the oldest average age in the nation. As Chairman of the Senate Aging Committee, my top three priorities for the Committee are fighting fraud and financial abuse directed at our nation's seniors, increasing investments in biomedical research, and improving retirement security. Following the Committee's investigation into skyrocketing prescription drug costs, I authored bipartisan legislation to foster generic competition, which was signed into law. The Aging Committee's toll-free hotline (1-855-303-9470) makes it easier for seniors to report suspected fraud and receive assistance. To support the 40 million family caregivers in the United States, I am proud to have authored the RAISE Family Caregivers Act to create a coordinated strategy to support family members who make countless personal and financial sacrifices to care for their loved ones.

The opioid crisis touches families and communities across our state. As a member of the Appropriations Committee, I fought for significant increases in funding to support community, law-enforcement, and public health efforts. In April, the State of Maine was awarded over \$2 million to fight this devastating public health crisis. Additionally, I have authored legislation to support grandparents and other extended family members who are raising grandchildren as a result of the nation's opioid epidemic.

Biomedical research has the potential to improve and save lives, and also supports good jobs at research facilities here in Maine. Last year, the Appropriations Committee approved a \$2 billion increase for the National Institutes of Health for the third consecutive year. This includes an increase of nearly 30 percent for research on Alzheimer's, our nation's most costly disease. As founder and co-chair of the Senate Diabetes Caucus, I work to raise awareness of the threats posed by diabetes, invest in research, and improve access to treatment options. My bill to establish a national commission of health care experts on diabetes care and prevention was signed into law in 2017.

We owe our veterans so much. Last year, I worked to secure the authorization of a Community-Based Outpatient Clinic in Portland to support the health care of Maine's veterans in the southern part of our state.

I also worked to secure funding extensions to help veterans throughout rural Maine receive health care within their communities. I also worked to secure funding for housing vouchers for veterans to reduce veterans' homelessness.

Maine's contributions to our national security stretch from Kittery to Limestone. I successfully advocated for critical funding for projects at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard for construction of an additional ship that will likely be built at Bath Iron Works. This funding will strengthen our national security and preserve great jobs in our state.

As chairman of the Transportation and Housing Appropriations Subcommittee, I worked to increase funding for the TIGER program that has provided Maine with more than \$122 million for vital transportation projects. For housing, I worked to provide \$160 million to help communities protect children from the harmful effects of lead poisoning.

Growing our economy remains a top priority. I supported the comprehensive tax reform bill because it will help lower- and middle-income families keep more of their hard-earned money; boost the economy; and encourage businesses, both small and large, to grow and create jobs here in Maine and around the country. This legislation contains key provisions I authored that are important to Mainers, including preserving the deduction for state and local taxes, expanding the deduction for medical expenses, and enabling public employees such as firefighters, teachers, and police officers, as well as clergy and employees of nonprofits, to make "catch-up" contributions to their retirement accounts. I led the effort to ensure that the tax cut will not trigger automatic budget cuts to Medicare or any other programs.

A Maine value that always guides me is our unsurpassed work ethic. As of December 2017, I have cast more than 6,500 consecutive votes, continuing my record of never missing a roll-call vote since my Senate service began in 1997.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve Knox County and Maine in the United States Senate. If ever I can be of assistance to you, please contact my Augusta office at 207-622-8414 or visit my website at www.collins.senate.gov. May 2018 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

I hope this letter finds you well. It's a privilege to share an update on my work to represent you and your family in Washington and in Maine.

Even though Washington is so bitterly divided these days, I've continued to look for bipartisan opportunities to address issues important to our state. Nearly all the bills I've introduced this Congress have Republican cosponsors.

One piece of legislation would help protect our state's economy by investing in working waterfronts. Another would allow Mainers to import less expensive prescriptions from Canada. And several bills would help our farmers capitalize on the fastest growing areas of agriculture—local and organic sales—by investing in research, increasing consumer access to healthy food, and improving farmer programs.

I'm happy to report bipartisan victories for our veterans as well. After working for years with Maine's Congressional Delegation, we were finally able to push a much-needed expansion of the Portland VA Community Based Outpatient Clinic through Congress. Legislation I introduced to help veterans who find themselves in debt to the Department of Veterans Affairs unanimously passed the House of Representatives. And full GI Bill benefits were extended to a group of veterans who had been denied them previously—an issue I've introduced legislation to address.

While I strive to find common ground with my colleagues on everything from rural broadband access to economic development, there are many areas where I will not compromise. I have serious concerns about direction the Trump Administration and its allies in Congress are taking our country. In so many ways, they have abandoned America's leadership in the world, made our country less safe, and are jeopardizing our future. They've weakened our health care system, rigged the tax code against working families, and endangered the environment. With one hand, they are taking away resources our families and communities need. With the other, they are offering generous giveaways to giant corporations and the wealthiest Americans.

Over the last year, I've received an unprecedented amount of feedback on these issues from my constituents. With their concerns and interests in mind, I have fought hard against these policies. I will continue using my role in Congress and the Appropriations Committee to hold the Administration and the President accountable.

Please keep in touch with your views or if there is anything I might be able to help you with. My office assists hundreds of constituents every year who have issues with federal programs or agencies. It's an honor to serve you.

CHELLIE PINGREE, Member of Congress

Governor

For the past seven years as your Governor, my priority has been to make Maine—our people—prosper. Helping you keep more money in your wallet by reducing taxes has been part of that mission.

Too many Maine families are facing skyrocketing property taxes that strain household budgets. Our elderly on fixed incomes are particularly vulnerable to these increases. School budgets are often blamed for annual increases in property taxes. But there's another reason. A tremendous amount of land and property value has been taken off the tax rolls, leaving homeowners to pick up the tab.

As of 2016, towns and cities owned land and buildings valued at nearly \$5.5 billion statewide. Large and wealthy non-profits, such as hospitals and colleges, often escape paying property taxes on their vast real estate holdings—totaling more than \$5.1 billion statewide.

In Maine, nearly 2.5 million acres of land have been set aside for conservation by the federal and state governments and non-profit organizations, including land trusts. Municipalities are losing out on property taxes on an estimated \$2 billion in land that has been either removed from the tax rolls or prohibited from development—shifting the cost of municipal services to local homeowners through higher property taxes.

It's time to recognize the results of taking property off the tax rolls and identify solutions to reduce the burden on our homeowners. My administration's proposals have been met with staunch resistance.

In 1993, about 35,800 acres of land were documented as land-trust owned. That number has increased by an astonishing 1,270 percent. Land trusts now control over 490,000 acres with an estimated value of \$403 million. We must restore the balance. We will be working this session to ensure all land owners are contributing to the local tax base. It's time for them to pay their fair share.

I encourage you to ask your local officials how much land in your municipality has been taken off the tax rolls, as well as how much in tax revenue that land would have been contributing today to offset your property taxes.

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.

PAUL R. LEPAGE, Governor

State Senator

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to represent you in the Maine Senate. It has been an honor to work on your behalf to make our state an even better place to live, work and conduct business.

On August 2, Maine lawmakers finally adjourned for the year, after what proved to be the longest session in recent memory due to a brief government shut down over budgetary disagreements. While no state budget is ever perfect, the end product was a state budget that makes a record investment in our students, supports our communities and will tremendously benefit small businesses and our economy.

Perhaps the most significant action the Legislature took last year, as part of the biennial budget, was the removal of the burdensome, job-killing surtax that was already hurting small businesses, doctors and other professionals that we so critically need. In November 2016, voters sent a clear message that education funding was to be a priority of the 128th Legislature, and we heard that message loud and clear. However, the funding mechanism which was included in the measure – the surtax – presented a serious threat to the state's economy. This new tax gave Maine the ominous distinction of being the highest-taxed state in the country and primarily impacted small businesses, which are the backbone of our economy, taxing them at a rate that is higher than larger corporations are subject to pay. I am proud to say that after a lot of hard work and negotiating, thanks to our rebounding economy, we were able to support our local schools at a level we have never been able to before – without any additional taxation.

The Homestead Exemption, which provides much-needed property tax relief for homeowners, was also preserved in the budget with an increased exemption of \$20,000.

The Legislature also passed a measure to make Maine compliant with the REAL ID Act. As a result of this important new law, the federal government has granted Maine a waiver, meaning that Maine citizens will continue to be able to use their driver's licenses to board commercial airplanes and access certain federal buildings.

While we accomplished much, there is still a lot of work ahead of us this session. Again, thank you for entrusting me to represent you in Augusta. Please feel free to contact me if you need my help in navigating the state bureaucracy. I can be reached in Waldoboro at 207-832-4658, in Augusta at 287-1505, or by email at dana.dow@legislature.maine.gov.

Sincerely,
SENATOR DANA L. DOW

State Representative

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

It is truly an honor to serve as your State Representative in Augusta. While the 128th Legislature has been nothing short of interesting or challenging, I am thankful for the opportunity to be your voice at the State House, making Maine an even better place to live, work, and play.

After a short government shutdown over some key elements to the state's biennial budget, the Legislature adjourned the first session on August 2, 2017. While no budget is perfect, I am proud of the hard work we were able to accomplish by removing the burdensome, job-killing surtax while putting more funding into education at the request of voters during the November 2016 election. For the first time, we were able to fund our schools at a level we have never been able to before without any additional taxes.

While we were able to address many issues during the first session, on January 3, 2018 the Legislature came in to begin the second regular session, which is the session where we only take up bills considered to be emergency legislation. I can assure you that there are many challenges ahead of us and I will do my best to address the issues with a thoughtful approach. Among a range of policy areas that will be taken up, Maine's drug crisis, Medicaid expansion funding, and recreational marijuana laws will be at the forefront.

Once again, thank you for the opportunity to represent you, the people of District 91. Please call me anytime at 832-6586 or email at Abden.Simmons@legislature.maine.gov to keep me updated on those concerns. If you would like to be added to my email update list, you can do so by emailing me directly with your request.

Sincerely,
ABDEN SIMMONS
State Representative

Town Meeting Results

Warrant For 2017 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 24, 2017, 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 25, 2017, at 10:00 a.m., then and there to act on Articles 3 through 38 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 a.m. by Town Clerk Ann Dean followed by Scott Whittier and Gene Kirkpatrick who led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Town Clerk then called for the nomination of a moderator. A motion was made and seconded to nominate James Bowers who was the only nominee and then elected with 3 votes. The Town Clerk duly swore him into office and James appointed Thomas Ford as his deputy moderator.

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. The polls were closed at 8PM by moderator James Bowers. Ballot clerks Kathleen Ocean and Nancy Barker sorted and counted the ballots.

The moderator adjourned the meeting to 10 a.m. Saturday, March 25, 2017 at the Prescott School.

Thomas Ford was sworn in as deputy moderator and Scott Whittier and Gene Kirkpatrick led the Pledge of Allegiance. Town Clerk Ann Dean announced the results of Article 2 as follows:

The following is a list of votes cast: Total 80

Selectman/Assessor/Overseer of the Poor 3 year term:

Thomas Johnston	73
Write Ins	3
Blanks	4

School Board Director 3 year term:

Guy Bourrie	77
Blanks	3

Selectman Wesley Daniel awarded Dorothy and Henry Sainio the Spirit of America Unsung Hero Award.

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

Tom Ford requested nominations for seven (7) members and two (2) alternates to serve on the Budget Committee. Motions were made and seconded to nominate the following to serve as members on the Budget Committee: Henry Aho, David Williams, Kathleen Ocean, Donald L. Grinnell, Jesse Casas, Dorothy Sainio and David Martucci. Lynn Carroll and Wendy Carr were nominated 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 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 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.

Motion carries unanimously.

Article 5 passes.

Article 6: 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 2017 annual budget during the period from January 1, 2018, to the date of the 2018 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 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 2017 annual budget during the period from January 1, 2018, to the date of the 2018 Annual Town Meeting.

1 dissenting vote.

Article 6 passes.

Article 7: 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 2017 taxes will be due and payable on October 2, 2017.) (Maximum interest rate on overdue taxes allowed by State Law: 7.0%.)

A motion was made and seconded 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. 2017 taxes will be due October 2, 2017 with a 7% maximum interest rate on overdue taxes.

Motion carries unanimously.

Article 7 passes.

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

Motion carries unanimously.

Article 8 passes.

Article 9: 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.

A motion was made and seconded 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

Motion carries unanimously.

Article 9 passes.

Article 10: 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. All net proceeds from any auction shall be placed in the town's road reserve account.

A motion was made and seconded 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. All net proceeds from any auction shall be placed in the town's road reserve account.

Motion carries unanimously.

Article 10 passes.

Article 11: 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 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.

Motion carries unanimously.

Article 11 passes.

Article 12: 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.

A motion was made and seconded 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.

Carol Sloane asked what kind of things come up under \$5,000? Selectman Wesley Daniel answered tables, chairs, desks, and old equipment. Selectman Thomas Johnston also replied that this year an old 1982 fire truck will be for sale. William Cassis asked

how items are disposed over \$5000. Tom replied they would be advertised for sale by bid or with a fixed price, or if there are no offers, we may find someone who would be interested and a price would be negotiated.

Motion carries unanimously.

Article 12 passes.

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the 2016 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 see if the Town will vote to appropriate the 2016 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.

Motion carries unanimously.

Article 13 passes.

Article 14: To see if the Town will authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of taxes for the years 2017 and 2018 for taxes not yet due or assessed and for no interest to accrue.

A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of taxes for the years 2017 and 2018 for taxes not yet due or assessed and for no interest to accrue.

Motion carries unanimously.

Article 14 passes.

Article 15: 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 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.

Motion carries unanimously.

Article 15 passes.

Article 16: 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 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.

Janet Martucci asked what types of grants are available. Selectman Tom Johnston explained the Assistance to Firefighter Grant Program is one type. He went on to say that the money pool is drying up and we are not big enough or don't have enough loss to be considered for most of them.

Motion carries unanimously.

Article 16 passes.

Article 17: 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 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.

Motion carries unanimously.

Article 17 passes.

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to move the 2017 overlay, plus supplemental tax assessments and less any tax abatements, into the Road Maintenance Reserve Account.

A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to move the 2017 overlay, plus supplemental tax assessments and less any tax abatements, into the Road Maintenance Reserve Account.

Dorothy Sainio commented that overlay used to be used to just reduce the taxes. She asked why it all is put into road maintenance. Tom Johnston explained that it doesn't really matter because we would just find it from tax appropriation. We don't have to do it this way but it comes out of the same pocket. Carol Sloane asked how much money we are talking about. Tom responded that the amount was \$57,000 last year.

2 dissenting votes. Article 18 passes by a substantial majority.

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the Emergency Management Ordinance to replace the existing ordinance.

A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to adopt the Emergency Management Ordinance to replace the existing ordinance.

Albert Hutchinson made a motion to amend sections 2, 4, 6, 7 & 10 to add the road commissioner as also having authority. Motion seconded. Moderator called for discussion on the amendment.

Steve Ocean asked if we had a road commissioner. Tom Johnston answered that we have an appointed road commissioner. Lisa Sharpe asked if there were an emergency regarding weather or roads would the road commissioner still be included even if he was not added officially to the plan?

Christopher Lascoutx, EMA director, explained the chain of command for who responds to declared emergencies. Janet Martucci asked if it would be necessary to specify who is notified. Christopher explained that the fire chief, the board of selectmen and emergency management director would be notified. Christopher said we all should be involved in emergency management and that we all need to support each other. Janet asked Albert Hutchinson if he still thought the road commissioner should be involved in light of the conversation and Albert still thinks he still should be added.

Dorothy Sainio motioned to move the amendment. Motion seconded. The moderator called for a vote to move the question and bring the amendment to the floor. Motion seconded.

2 opposed to move amendment. Amendment failed.

Moderator called for a vote on the main motion.

Motion carries unanimously. Article 19 passes.

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the Moratorium on Marijuana Retail and Social Establishments.

A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to adopt the Moratorium on Marijuana Retail and Social Establishments. Tom Ford called for discussion.

Dave Martucci explained that these establishments are not legal in State law until rules are approved and the moratorium will expire before that date. This moratorium does nothing and even if extended, it will overlap that period by less than 2 months. December special town meeting should be held if more is known. Dave went on to say that the planning board can't approve anything until February 2018. Jesse Casas said that timing is the

real issue. Cynthia Rosen agreed with David Martucci. James Bowers also agreed and suggested that the selectmen could set up a committee. Don Grinnell said that there are many cities and towns voting on this moratorium and he would disagree. Don is concerned that an application could be dropped and nothing can be done to stop it in the 60-day window. Don is in favor of a moratorium.

Bob Birk asked if a moratorium can be legal if the activity is illegal and is it enforceable. Christopher Lascoutx asked what the window is that people could go to the planning board for an application and if there is a downside of passing the moratorium? Dave answered that he works at the Town of Thomaston and they explored it there. Lawyers will have different opinions but State law says we cannot act on anything illegal. Downside is that it takes time away from us if we are not ready because there is no legal way to set up one of these operations today. Rules need to be in place by Legislature by February 2018. Dave also feels the moratorium does nothing to stop someone from putting in an application. Todd Bennett asked what we are going to do. We still need to act 6 months from now and it would be useless because it requires selectmen to act. Lisa Sharpe asked how long the extension was. Tom Ford answered that the maximum time was 180 days with extension for another 180 days. Don asks how can we write rules when we don't know what the State rules will be. He went on to say that there is a narrow window Feb 1-March. This window is the only time we have to write an ordinance and that we may do this for 90 days after next year's town meeting. He reiterates that he is in favor of the moratorium so that we could see what the rules are so that next year we can write our own rules. Tom Johnston suggested that we postpone this to a special town meeting in December and by that time we should know what the state rules will be.

Jim Bowers said that when laws are written we will be given what we can and can't regulate. Dorothy Sainio said that if we wait until December for special town meeting that only a dozen people will show up. Christopher says the issue is left to the town with regard to what is going on in public sphere. Peg Hobbs said that if people care about the issue, they will show up in December. Dave added that the Thomaston planning board got a packet from the Maine Municipal Association with suggestions to build into an ordinance to help towns. MMA does not support the moratorium. Dave volunteered to be on the committee.

Deputy moderator Tom Ford called for a vote.

Motion fails by a substantial majority. Article 20 fails to pass.

Article 21: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate up to \$12,000 from the Road Maintenance Reserve Account to hire an engineer to design improvements to Calderwood Road from Little Medomak Brook to Old Union Road.

A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to appropriate up to \$12,000 from the Road Maintenance Reserve Account to hire an engineer to design improvements to Calderwood Road from Little Medomak Brook to Old Union Road. Moderator called for discussion.

Lisa Sharp questions the necessity of widening Calderwood road especially since the road budget has been increased. She likes the little roads and how they force you to slow down and disagrees with widening the road. Dave Williams asked what was in the Road Maintenance Reserve account. Selectman Tom Johnston answered that the balance is \$ 142,000 including the 2016 overlay.

Jim Bowers asked if anyone on that stretch has been approached about this topic. Selectman Wesley Daniel explained it needs to be wider to match up the road where it comes to the culvert and needs to be widened & ditched to make the road safer. We need an engineer because we are not engineers. Carol Sloane asked how we decide to pick a road. She said if the issue is safety then yes spend money on an engineer but if it is just inconvenient then hot top it. Todd Bennett said this article asks for engineering money to design and improve the road. Are we going to keep the road the way it is or are we going to do something safer and better? Wesley answered that we would maintain it and only the engineering would be done this year. Jud Buttermann said that he drove a school bus and had to come to a complete stop on that road because another vehicle was coming. Icing on the road could be a real problem.

Kathleen Ocean asked if hiring an engineer could save us money in case we did a wrong thing that would cost us more. Selectman Wesley Daniel agreed. Al Hutchinson said that if project costs over \$100,000 an engineer needs to be consulted. Lisa Sharp commented that if there haven't been accidents there in the past then why change it? She feels that changing things will change the town and we don't have money to spend on unnecessary

things. Tom Johnston answered the road is substandard and we didn't want to put paving money into a substandard road before we knew what it would cost. An engineer would be valuable so we would know what it would cost to the road up to basic road standard and come back to town meeting with the cost. William Cassis asked what the projected cost of improving versus maintaining the road. Road Committee member Al Hutchinson explained that to rebuild the road would be about \$35 a foot = \$380,000. He went on to say that an engineering study may not cost as much as \$12,000 but it will save money. Bob Birk commented that a substandard road could be used as basis of a lawsuit against the town. Jim Kearney asked what a substandard road is and that he is concerned that trees cut will change the road. Al explained that traffic needs to go both ways so the road needs to be rebuilt to bring it up to standard. Lisa Sharpe asked what the cost is to keep the road the way it is. Al pointed out that he is not an engineer but has experience on working on roads and that there is no road base so the pavement would fall apart. Al questioned if it would be a potential lawsuit for the town. Again the question was asked how much it would cost to pave the road as it is. Wesley answered about \$100,000. Al also explained that it would need to be done again in a couple years. Merton Moore, also a member of the road committee asked Al if he had taken a measurement on that road and if the width was less than 16 feet. Al said that it was 15 feet in some places. Merton commented that driveways are 14 ft. so a 15 foot road needs to be upgraded for safety. He went on to explain that when the road was built they had a limited amount of money so it was narrowed because they were trying to get more for their buck. Attorney Robert Marks added his legal opinion that Maine tort protects the town against a substandard road unless it is being rebuilt then town has liability. Robert asked if the selectmen would need to take any property by eminent domain and Al Hutchinson replied no. Question Moved and seconded.

Question moved with 6 dissenting votes.

Article 21 passes by a sizable majority

Article 22: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate up to \$10,000 from the Road Maintenance Reserve Account to design and engineer Davis Stream culvert replacement or repair (known to the State of Maine as the Nancy Brook Bridge) on Fitch Road.

A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote

to appropriate up to \$10,000 from the Road Maintenance Reserve Account to design and engineer Davis Stream culvert replacement or repair (known to the State of Maine as the Nancy Brook Bridge) on Fitch Road. Deputy moderator Tom Ford called for discussion.

Former Selectman Donald Grinnell complimented the selectmen because in the past we were shovel ready when grant money became available. He explained how the system for grants works and recounted the time frame opportunity for these grants.

Motion carries unanimously. Article 22 passes.

Deputy Moderator called for a break.

Dave Martucci gave an update on the comprehensive plan and encouraged citizens to fill out comprehensive plan survey forms. EMA Director Christopher Lascoutx asked for volunteers for the warming shelter located at the Mt Olivet Lodge. Tom Ford announced that District 13 Senator David Dow offered to meet with any citizens in the school corridor if anyone had any questions.

Article 23: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the following General Fund revenues to be applied toward the 2017 property tax commitment, thereby decreasing the 2017 tax commitment by \$466,382.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend:

Excise Tax Revenue	225,000.00
Revenue Sharing	63,782.00
Tree Growth Reimbursement	3,500.00
Building Permits	1,500.00
Mining Permits and Inspections	4,000.00
Interest on Overdue Taxes	12,000.00
Veterans Reimbursement	1,600.00
Other Town Fees Collected	8,000.00
Unexpended 2016 Appropriations	85,000.00
Undesignated Fund Balance	56,000.00
General Fund Interest	6,000.00
Total	\$466,382.00

A motion made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to appropriate the following General Fund revenues to be applied toward the 2017 property tax commitment, thereby decreasing the 2017 tax commitment by \$466,382.

Motion carries unanimously. Article 23 passes.

Article 24: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$247,751.34 from property taxation for 2017 Knox County, Tri-County Solid Waste Management Organization and Union Ambulance assessments.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend as advisory lines:

Knox County Tax Assessment	\$149,050.62
Knox County Communications	41,422.00
Tri-County Solid Waste	41,778.72
Union Ambulance	<u>15,500.00</u>
	\$247,751.34

A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$ 247,751.34 from property taxation for 2017 Knox County, Tri-County Solid Waste Management Organization and Union Ambulance assessments.

Motion carries unanimously.

Article 24 passes.

Article 25: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$60,700.00 from property taxation for General Government Operations.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend as advisory lines:

Legal Fees	15,000.00
Administration	45,700.00
Advertising	500.00
Computer Annual Fees	10,500.00
Audit of Town Books	5,200.00
Computer Tech Support	1,000.00
MMA Dues	2,800.00
Workshops and Training	1,800.00
Mileage	1,300.00
Office Equipment	4,000.00
Server and Backup Hardware	2,500.00
Office Supplies	2,800.00
Postage	2,200.00
Printing and Photocopies	200.00
Selectmen Discretionary Fund	500.00
Tax Maps	5,500.00
Tax Billing	1,500.00
Town Report Printing	3,000.00
Money Order Fees	<u>400.00</u>
Subtotal	45,700.00

Total \$60,700

A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$60,700.00 from property taxation for General Government Operations. Moderator called for discussion.

Lisa Sharp asked why the tax map line is going up. Dave Martucci explained the map budget and in house mapping. Dave explained that GIS is more exact and efficient. Coordinates and distances can be entered directly where previously they had to be entered by hand and that map mistakes are easy to make by hand. He went on to say that it is better to know what you really have and not what the deed says you have. Donald Grinnell asked why we are not there yet after being promised for years. Don asked for reassurance that by 2018 town meeting will we have electronic maps. Selectman Wesley Daniel responded that he believed we will. Dave said that he has been working with the town’s Assessors agent Stanley Millay and the maps just need to be printed out. William Cassis asked if updating the maps would trigger a re-evaluation. Wesley replied that it will not.
Motion passes unanimously. Article 25 passes.

Article 26: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$31,094.00 from property taxation for Insurance.
Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend as advisory lines:

MMA Insurance Risk Pool	\$20,000.00
Unemployment Insurance	1,603.00
Worker’s Compensation Premium	8,491.00
Volunteer Insurance	200.00
Firefighter Accident Insurance	<u>800.00</u>
Total	\$31,094.00

A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$31,094.00 from property taxation for Insurance.
Motion carries unanimously. Article 26 passes.

Article 27: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$185,085.00 from property taxation for Salaries, Stipends, Employee Health Insurance, and Payroll Expenses.
Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend as advisory lines:

Salaries and Stipends	\$131,685.00
Selectmen (3)	19,500.00
Secretary - Selectmen	800.00
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	22,763.00
Treasurer	12,772.00
Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector/Treasurer	22,000.00
Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector/Treasurer II	10,800.00
Registrar of Voters	1,500.00

Ballot Clerks	1,000.00
EMA Director	750.00
Health Officer	1,000.00
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	400.00
Assessor's Agent	5,000.00
Animal Control Officer	3,000.00
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
Custodial Services	<u>1,800.00</u>
Sub-total	\$131,685.00
Town Portion of Employee Health Insurance	\$33,500.00
FICA Payroll Expenses	<u>19,900.00</u>
Total	\$185,085.00

A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$185,085.00 from property taxation for Salaries, Stipends, Employee Health Insurance, and Payroll Expenses.

1 dissenting vote.

Article 27 passes.

Article 28: 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 recommend as advisory lines: \$381,752.00

Budget Committee recommend as advisory lines: \$376,752.00

Road Maintenance Materials & Supplies	\$10,000.00
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	2,500.00
Loader, Backhoe & Chipper Maintenance	5,500.00
Garage Mortgage	12,968.00
Garage Utilities	4,000.00
Garage Maintenance	2,000.00
Road Maintenance Labor	
<i>Budget Comm Rec:</i> 100,000.00	<i>Selectmen Rec:</i> 105,000.00
Equipment Rental	13,000.00
Screening Winter Sand	13,000.00
Road Salt	25,000.00
E911 and Road Signs	500.00
Paving and Capital Improvement of Town Roads	125,000.00
Driver OSHA and DOT Screening and Testing	600.00
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Total	\$381,752.00

A motion was made and seconded 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. Moderator called for discussion.

Budget Committee member Jesse Casas asked the selectmen to address the additional \$5,000 between theirs and the budget committee’s number. Dorothy Sainio asked how many hours does the road crew work now and she felt that people didn’t understand that the week was to be increased from 30 to 40 hours. Budget committee member Donald Grinnell proposed a motion to amend the article to reduce road maintenance labor by \$5,000 to \$376,752. Motion seconded. Don commented on the good job that the road crew is doing. He explained that the road crew was bare bones at first with part time and no benefits for 30 hours. Since then, it creeps up with sick days, holidays and health insurance and asked if we afford another 10 hours a week. Christopher Lascoutx asked about the cost differential for 30 to 40 hours per week. Selectman Tom Johnston answered \$20,000 on a base salary basis not accounting for overtime. Tom pointed out the budget committee cut \$5,000 from last year’s budget. The question was asked about cost per mile and how we compare to other towns. Tom answered that Edgecomb bid 52 miles at \$7,678 per mile so the budget would be almost \$400,000. He went on to say that we are still spending less than if we contracted out.

26 yes to amendment. 19 no. Amendment carries.

Motion made on amended article.

Motion carries unanimously. Article 28 passes.

Article 29: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,000.00 from property taxation for General Assistance.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend as advisory lines:

General Assistance	\$2,000.00
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A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,000.00 from property taxation for General Assistance.

Motion carries unanimously. Article 29 passes

Article 30: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$63,423.00 from property taxation for Public Safety.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend as advisory lines:

Fire Department General Support	\$12,500.00
Fire Department Equipment	12,000.00
Firefighter Training	2,000.00
Firefighter Physicals	2,500.00
Fire Truck Loan Payment	31,623.00
Hose Testing	<u>2,800.00</u>
Total	\$63,423.00

A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$63,423.00 from property taxation for Public Safety.

Motion carries unanimously. Article 30 passes.

Article 31: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$41,000.00 from property taxation for Utilities and Maintenance.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend as advisory lines:

Town Utilities	\$14,000.00
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	\$41,000.00

A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$41,000.00 from property taxation for Utilities and Maintenance.

Motion carries unanimously. Article 31 passes.

Article 32: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$4,000.00 for the Recreation Committee to purchase an Equipment Storage building.

A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$4,000.00 for the Recreation Committee to

purchase an Equipment Storage building. Moderator called for discussion.

Peg Hobbs said equipment is now stored in different locations and explained what the building would be used for. Hammond Lumber gave a quote on raw material at \$3200. Peg said the Recreation Committee will depend upon volunteer labor and base material from the town pit to keep costs down. Hammond has us on a gift registry that residents can also donate to the project. The building will be located on the Prescott school grounds. Dorothy Sainio asked if it would be movable and Peg answered it won't be tied down so it is moveable. Henry Sainio asked if we went anywhere else for a price and she answered that N.C. Hunt was a little higher.

Motion carries unanimously. Article 32 passes.

Article 33: 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 and Ordinance Review Committee	<u>300.00</u>
Total	\$1,500.00

A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,500.00 from property taxation for Boards and Committees.

Motion carries unanimously. Article 33 passes.

Article 34: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$16,000.00 from property taxation for Town Carry-over Accounts.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend as advisory lines:

Recreation Committee	\$2,000.00
Headstone Restoration Fund	1,000.00
Town Record Preservation Fund	3,000.00
Road Maintenance Truck Fund	<u>10,000.00</u>
Total	\$16,000.00

A motion was made and seconded to see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$16,000.00 from property taxation for Town Carry-over Accounts. Moderator called for discussion.

Donald Grinnell asked how much is currently in the Truck Fund account and what year do we anticipate buying a new truck? Selectman Tom Johnston answered that we have \$23,500 in the

truck replacement account and we haven't had a discussion on when to replace. Dave Williams asked if the \$10,000 was specifically for truck replacement. Selectmen Wesley Daniel and Tom Johnston answered that it is for truck replacement only. Motion carries unanimously. Article 34 passes.

Article 35: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$15,000 for the support of the Washington Library Association / Gibbs Library.

A motion was made and seconded to see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$15,000 for the support of the Washington Library Association / Gibbs Library. Moderator called for discussion.

Kathleen Ocean, President of Washington Library Association, spoke about the library's value to the town and of its many services and programs that are available to all residents. The library hired a manager for a consistent presence through the week and anticipates a further increase in paid staff. The library can no longer meet the needs of the community with the current funding and urges a vote in support of Gibbs Library. Madelon Kelly has volunteered at the library for 24 years and will be leaving. She is concerned that it will be difficult to get a volunteer to do what she has done. Christopher Lascoutx thanked Madelon for all she has done.

Dorothy Sainio said in 1933 and 1978 we paid librarians. Dorothy also said that she would never ask us for money but encouraged us to support the library. Jesse Casas said his comments are not reflecting his support of the library but there is an increase every year to support town jobs. The library made the decision to hire new people and now the library can't meet its budget. Janet Martucci pointed out that the library is a resource that benefits us all. People working at their jobs make volunteers difficult to find. Madelon responded that the lack of volunteers is not the only issue because cataloging needs to be done by a single person who knows how to catalogue so it can be done consistently. Robert Marks spoke about the ways the library raised money in the past and how the circulation keeps growing. Real estate agents show potential buyers the library as an asset to the town. Dave Martucci spoke about the library trust fund and the community block grant that helped build the library along with local contributions. He went on to ask for support to keep the library going.

Kathleen Ocean talked about a value calculator that is offered by Maine State library and that she came up with a value of

\$249,000 over 1 year to the town.

Wesley Daniel asked to move question.

2 dissenting votes.

Question moved.

Article 35 passes.

Article 36: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$9,426.00 from property taxation for Miscellaneous Accounts.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend as advisory lines:

Washington Community Scholarship	1,000.00
Washington Historical Society	1,000.00
Washington Food Bank	2,000.00
Mid-Coast Humane Society	1,527.00
Flags for Veterans Gravesand Town Parks	500.00
Damariscotta Lake Watershed Dues	<u>50.00</u>
Sub-total	\$6,077.00
Social Agencies and Concerns	
New Hope for Women	750.00
Broadreach Services	750.00
Spectrum Generations	920.00
Penquis Community Action Program	<u>929.00</u>
Sub-total	\$3,349.00
Total	\$9,426.00

A motion was made and seconded to see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$9,426.00 from property taxation for Miscellaneous Accounts. Moderator called for discussion.

Donald Grinnell commented that in the past only new organizations were required to petition and asked if it is really necessary for organizations that we have supported in the past to provide a petition. Selectman Wesley Daniel said that the selectmen have discussed this and that going forward only new organizations would need to submit a petition. Sharon Turner asked where the Mid Coast Humane Society was. Wesley responded that it is in Edgecomb and that we use them because they are half the price of Thomaston. Janet Martucci asked if the shelter was a no-kill shelter and Wesley answered that it is a no-kill shelter. Sharon asked about the new correct name of the Damariscotta Lake Watershed Association and why are they in here. Barbara Carney answered that it was now known as the Midcoast Conservancy. Sharon also asked what we get out of our membership since the Washington Lakes Association doesn't have much interaction. Wesley Daniel answered that it was for our dues and that they have programs available to our residents.

Motion carries unanimously.

Article 36 passes.

Article 37: To see if the town will vote to appropriate \$103,934.00 from the 2017 Local Roads Assistance Program (LRAP) for Capital Road Improvement.

Selectmen recommend as advisory lines:

Capital Improvement of Town Roads \$103,934.00

A motion was made and seconded to see if the town will vote to appropriate \$103,934.00 from the 2017 Local Roads Assistance Program (LRAP) for Capital Road Improvement.

Moderator called for discussion.

Lisa Sharp asked why it was more than last year. Wesley explained LRAP. Donald Grinnell asked why there is \$125,000 worth of paving when we are not paving 2 miles a year. Al Hutchinson explained that the road committee decided that the two roads to be repaired would be the upper end of Calderwood Rd and from the Fire Department to the Veteran's monument. He went on to say those prior cracks will radiate through and will be back to a problem in 2 years. Road bases need to be brought up. Tom Ford explained LRAP money comes from the State. Patricia Medeika asked how high the road would be raised in front of the grange. Al answered that portion wouldn't be raised. Peg Hobbs asked if a walkway could be incorporated into the paving project.

Motion carries unanimously. Article 37 passes.

Article 38: 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 2017 property tax commitment.

A motion was made and seconded 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 2017 property tax commitment.

Motion carries unanimously. Article 38 passes.

Given under our hands on this 22nd day of February, 2017:

Wesley F. Daniel
Chairman

Berkley Linscott
Selectman

Thomas N. Johnston
Selectman

Attest:

Ann Dean, Town Clerk

Special Town Meeting Results

December 27, 2017

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

TO: Christopher Lascoutx, 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 Wednesday, December 27 at 7:00 p.m., then and there to act on Article 1 through Article 5 as set out below, to wit:

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

Nancy Barker checked in 14 voters. Ann Dean opened the Special Town meeting at 7PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Phil Meunier. David Martucci was nominated as moderator, seconded. Ann Dean counted three votes for David Martucci and swore him in.

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to take \$1200, received from the sale of the 1982 Fire engine, and start a Fire Truck Reserve Fund.

Motion moved and seconded. No discussion. Motion carries unanimously. Article 2 passes.

Article 3: To see if the town will vote to start a Fire Equipment Reserve Fund, and move any monies remaining in the Public Safety account as of December 31, 2017 to this fund.

Motion moved and seconded. Peg Hobbs asked what the money was previously used for and how much money is it. Tom Johnston stated the Public Safety account operates the fire department and pays for general maintenance, fuel, equipment, etc. Rather than this money going into surplus at the end of the year it would go into this account. Steve Ocean asked how much money was left in that account. Wesley Daniel stated a little over \$3,000.00. Kathleen Ocean asked if this would reduce the appropriation for the fire department. Phil Meunier stated that it would not. The FCC is mandating that they switch from an analog radio system to a digital radio system in 2018 or 2019 which could cost up to \$20,000. We're trying to save as much as possible now.

Motion carries unanimously.

Article 3 passes.

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate an amount not to exceed \$10,000 from undesignated fund balance to purchase and install a new generator for the Town Garage.

Motion moved and seconded. No discussion. Motion carries unanimously. Article 4 passes.

Article 5: To see if the Town of Washington will vote to enact the following changes to the Washington land Use ordinance:

MINERAL PROCESSING: The processes and related mechanical equipment to wash, crush, or otherwise process rock or earth materials, including the mixing of concrete or asphalt or other aggregate processes. Does not include the loading of material into trucks for transport to off-site processing, ~~or~~ the screening of material, or water saw stone cutting.

- To be inserted alphabetically into Chapter XIV, Section 2:
Water Saw Stone Cutting – the use of a water saw to cut and process blocks of stone into marketable dimensions.
- The following changes to Chapter X, District Standards, to be inserted alphabetically into the Table in Article VI, Section 10:

MINING AND EXCAVATING	RP	LR	FF	RU	RC	PD	VI	WS	HP
Water Saw Stone Cutting	XX	XX	PB	XX	PB	PB	XX	XX	XX

- To be inserted numerically into
ARTICLE VI – DISTRICT REGULATIONS
Section 2, Farm and Forest District (FF)
E. Prohibited Uses
The following uses in the Farm & Forest District are specifically prohibited:

9. Water Saw Stone Cutting is prohibited except that the Planning Board may grant a permit for Water Saw Stone Cutting In the Farm and Forest District provided that the Planning Board makes the following findings and the application contains the following affirmative sworn statements:

- The proposed use shall not cause:
 - any noise greater than 35 decibels at the property line;
 - odors;
 - drainage or water impacts to neighboring property owners.
- The parcel or the portion of the parcel in the Farm and Forest District shall be accessed through the applicant's land in the Rural Commercial District bordering Maine State Route 17.

David Martucci read the changes only. Article 5 Motion moved and seconded. No discussion. Motion carries unanimously.

Article 5 passes.

David Martucci adjourned the Special Town Meeting at 7:10 PM.

Given under our hands on this 13th day of December 2017:

Wesley F. Daniel
Chairman

Thomas N. Johnston
Selectman

Berkley Linscott
Selectman

Attest: Ann Dean, Town Clerk

Independent Auditor

Board of Selectmen
Town of Washington

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Town of Washington, as of and for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, 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 and each major fund of the Town of Washington as of December 31, 2017 and 2016, 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.

The introductory and statistical sections have not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on them.

WILLIAM H. BREWER, C.P.A.

February 6, 2018
Bath, Maine

Exhibit A

TOWN OF WASHINGTON
Statements of Net Position — December 31, 2017 and 2016

	Governmental Activities	
	2017	2016
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS:		
Cash (Note B)	825,948.89	686,079.94
Taxes Receivable	256,998.47	283,710.40
Tax Liens	51,091.13	64,224.72
Tax Acquired Property	49.50	310.16
Accounts Receivable	18,875.20	47,982.34
Due From Other Funds	1,896.00	
Total Current Assets	1,154,859.19	1,082,307.56
PROPERTY, PLANT, AND EQUIPMENT (NOTE L):		
Land and Improvements	29,100.00	20,600.00
Buildings	771,353.00	771,353.00
Equipment	174,737.00	174,737.00
Motor Vehicles	1,029,370.00	809,788.00
Infrastructure	12,917,782.00	12,817,876.00
Total Property, Plant, and Equipment	14,922,342.00	14,594,354.00
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	12,133,460.00	11,647,360.00
Net Property, Plant, and Equipment	2,788,882.00	2,946,994.00
Total Assets	3,943,741.19	4,029,301.56
LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION		
CURRENT LIABILITIES:		
Notes Payable (Note D)	52,056.02	35,284.69
Accounts Payable - Trade	9,132.29	4,613.23
Due To Other Funds		1,265.24
Deferred Revenue (Note G)	23,834.29	17,553.58
Total Current Liabilities	85,022.60	58,716.74
LONG-TERM LIABILITIES:		
Notes Payable - Net of Current Portion (Note D)	427,139.28	259,828.26
Total Liabilities	512,161.88	318,545.00
NET POSITION:		
Net Invested in Capital Assets	2,309,686.70	2,651,881.05
Restricted for:		
Reserves	4,528.49	
Other Purposes	359,489.22	275,539.88
Unrestricted	757,874.90	783,335.63
Total Net Position	3,431,579.31	3,710,756.56
Total Liabilities and Net Position	3,943,741.19	4,029,301.56

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, 2017 and 2016

Functions/Programs	<u>Program Revenues</u>			<u>Net (Expense) Revenue and Change In Net Position</u>	
	Expenses	Charges For Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	2017 Totals	2016 Totals
Primary Government:					
Governmental Activities:					
General Government	311,142.29	26,751.28	1,620.00	(282,771.01)	(272,609.71)
Public Assistance	938.62		447.81	(490.81)	(216.00)
Public Works	632,895.87	8,314.86	46,204.00	(578,377.01)	(483,916.79)
Education	1,509,724.77			(1,509,724.77)	(1,421,347.02)
Knox Communication	41,422.00			(41,422.00)	(40,210.00)
Debt Interest	11,408.22			(11,408.22)	(6,153.68)
County Tax Assessment	149,050.62			(149,050.62)	(141,517.80)
Public Safety	127,352.60	13,574.71	5,100.00	(108,677.89)	(57,932.48)
Unclassified	33,375.68			(33,375.68)	(15,392.87)
TCSWMO	41,778.72			(41,778.72)	(36,189.90)
Total Primary Government	2,859,089.39	48,640.85	53,371.81	(2,757,076.73)	(2,475,486.25)

General Revenues:

Taxes:

Property Taxes	2,011,983.13	1,986,217.40
Homestead Reimbursement	75,309.20	55,301.50
Excise Taxes	254,274.29	240,974.84
Intergovernmental - State Revenue	63,782.00	66,000.00
Interest	30,300.83	28,644.59
Tree Growth	4,056.03	3,919.49
Loss on Disposal of Fixed Asset		(19,465.00)
BETE	38,194.00	34,396.00
Total General Revenues	<u>2,477,899.48</u>	<u>2,395,988.82</u>
Change in Net Position	(279,177.25)	(79,497.43)
Net Position, January 1	<u>3,710,756.56</u>	<u>3,790,253.99</u>
Net Position, December 31	<u><u>3,431,579.31</u></u>	<u><u>3,710,756.56</u></u>

Exhibit C

TOWN OF WASHINGTON
Reconciliation of Total Governmental Fund Balances
to Net Position of Governmental Activities
for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCES:		
Restricted for:		
Reserves	4,528.49	-
Other Purposes	359,489.22	275,539.88
Unrestricted (Schedule A-3)	<u>516,272.66</u>	<u>529,674.20</u>
Total Governmental Fund Balances (Exhibit E)	880,290.37	805,214.08

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.

2,788,882.00 2,946,994.00

Notes payable are not due and payable in the

current period and therefore are not reported

in the funds.

(479,195.30) (295,112.95)

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.

241,602.24 253,661.43

Net Position of Governmental Activities (Exh A) 3,431,579.31 3,710,756.56

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, 2017 and 2016

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances -		
Total Governmental Funds (Exhibit F)	75,076.29	57,030.97
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.	(158,112.00)	(63,698.00)
Repayment of debt principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces liabilities in the Statements of Net Position.	140,450.65	45,543.64
Net Book Value of Asset Disposition		(22,965.00)
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.	(12,059.19)	(8,990.04)
Loan Proceeds are reported as revenue in the fund financial statements, but on the Statement of Net Position it increases liability.	(324,533.00)	(86,419.00)
Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities (Exhibit B)	<u>(279,177.25)</u>	<u>(79,497.43)</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements

Exhibit E

TOWN OF WASHINGTON
Balance Sheets - Governmental Funds
December 31, 2017 and 2016

	Governmental Funds			
	General	Capital Reserves	2017 Total	2016 Total
ASSETS:				
Cash	825,948.89	-	825,948.89	686,079.94
Taxes Receivable	256,998.47		256,998.47	283,710.40
Tax Liens	51,091.13		51,091.13	64,224.72
Tax Acquired Property	49.50		49.50	310.16
Accounts Receivable	18,875.20		18,875.20	47,982.34
Due From Other Funds	1,896.00	4,528.49	6,424.49	
Total Assets	1,154,859.19	4,528.49	1,159,387.68	1,082,307.56
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS, AND FUND BALANCE:				
Liabilities:				
Accounts Payable	9,132.29	-	9,132.29	4,613.23
Due To Other Funds	4,528.49		4,528.49	1,265.24
Total Liabilities	13,660.78	-	13,660.78	5,878.47
Deferred Inflows of Resources:				
Deferred Revenue (Note G)	23,834.29	-	23,834.29	17,553.58
Deferred Tax Revenue	241,602.24		241,602.24	253,661.43
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	265,436.53	-	265,436.53	271,215.01
Fund Balance:				
Assigned for Other Purposes	359,489.22	4,528.49	364,017.71	275,539.88
Unassigned	516,272.66		516,272.66	529,674.20
Total Fund Balance	875,761.88	4,528.49	880,290.37	805,214.08
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows, and Fund Balance	1,154,859.19	4,528.49	1,159,387.68	1,082,307.56

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, 2017 and 2016

	Governmental Funds			
	General	Capital Reserves	2017 Total	2016 Total
REVENUES:				
Property Taxes	2,024,042.32	-	2,024,042.32	1,995,207.44
Excise Taxes	254,274.29		254,274.29	240,974.84
Intergov'tal Revenues	63,782.00		63,782.00	66,000.00
Homestead Reimbursement	75,309.20		75,309.20	55,301.50
Public Assistance	447.81		447.81	
Public Works	8,314.86		8,314.86	98,927.19
Miscellaneous	9,678.46		9,678.46	8,380.34
Interest	30,300.83		30,300.83	28,644.59
Building Permits - Town	1,587.80		1,587.80	1,869.04
Tree Growth Reimbursement	4,056.03		4,056.03	3,919.49
Veterans Reimbursement	1,620.00		1,620.00	1,679.00
Urban Rural Initiative	46,204.00		46,204.00	45,480.00
Unclassified	1,534.00		1,534.00	510.00
BETE	38,194.00		38,194.00	34,396.00
Public Safety	18,674.71		18,674.71	2,692.43
General Government	9,726.02		9,726.02	10,925.98
Mining Permits/Inspections	4,225.00		4,225.00	5,550.00
Total Revenues	2,591,971.33	-	2,591,971.33	2,600,457.84
EXPENDITURES:				
Education - MSAD 40	1,509,724.77	-	1,509,724.77	1,421,347.02
Knox County Tax	149,050.62		149,050.62	141,517.80
General Government	304,013.29		304,013.29	300,227.07
Public Works	308,246.87		308,246.87	495,077.98
Public Safety	62,904.60		62,904.60	41,040.91
Public Assistance	938.62		938.62	216.00
Unclassified	33,375.68		33,375.68	15,902.87
TCSWMO	41,778.72		41,778.72	36,189.90
Knox Communication	41,422.00		41,422.00	40,210.00
Debt Principal	140,450.65		140,450.65	45,543.64
Debt Interest	11,408.22		11,408.22	6,153.68
Fire Truck	238,114.00		238,114.00	86,419.00
Total Expenditures	2,841,428.04	-	2,841,428.04	2,629,845.87
Excess of Expenditures				
Over Revenues	(249,456.71)	-	(249,456.71)	(29,388.03)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):				
Loan Proceeds	324,533.00	-	324,533.00	86,419.00
Transfer - In		4,528.49		
Transfer - Out	(4,528.49)			

Total Other Financing				
Sources (Uses):	320,004.51	4,528.49	324,533.00	86,419.00
Excess of Revenues and Other				
Sources Over Expenditures				
and Other Uses	70,547.80	4,528.49	75,076.29	57,030.97
Fund Balance, Jan. 1	805,214.08		805,214.08	748,183.11
Fund Balance, Dec. 31	875,761.88	4,528.49	880,290.37	805,214.08

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements

TOWN OF WASHINGTON Exhibit G
Statements of Fiduciary Net Position — Nonspendable Trust Funds
December 31, 2017 and 2016

ASSETS			
ASSETS:	2017	2016	
Cash	108,096.30	106,297.19	
Due From Other Funds		1,265.24	
Total Assets	108,096.30	107,562.43	
LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION			
LIABILITIES:			
Due To Other Funds	11,092.90	9,150.67	
NET POSITION:			
Restricted for Principal	57,237.11	56,987.11	
Unassigned	39,766.29	41,424.65	
Total Net Position	97,003.40	98,411.76	
Total Liabilities and Net Position	108,096.30	107,562.43	

TOWN OF WASHINGTON Exhibit H
Statements of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position -
Nonspendable Trust Funds
for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016

REVENUES:	2017	2016
Interest	487.64	745.33
Contributions	1,650.00	3,115.00
Total Revenues	2,137.64	3,860.33
EXPENSES:		
Scholarships	3,221.00	525.00
Maintenance	325.00	824.76
Total Expenses	3,546.00	1,349.76
Change in Net Position	(1,408.36)	2,510.57
Net Position, January 1	98,411.76	95,901.19
Net Position, December 31	97,003.40	98,411.76

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, 2017 and 2016

	2017	2016
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Interest	487.64	745.33
Cash Received for Trust Funds	1,650.00	3,115.00
Cash Paid for Scholarships	(3,221.00)	(525.00)
Cash Paid for Expenses	(325.00)	(824.76)
Due To (From) Other Funds	3,207.47	2,539.49
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	1,799.11	5,050.06
Cash Balance, January 1	106,297.19	101,247.13
Cash Balance, December 31	108,096.30	106,297.19

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements

TOWN OF WASHINGTON
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2017

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.

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. Capital Reserves:

Capital Reserve Funds are used to account for financial resources to be used for special projects as determined by the Town's manager.

3. 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 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
Vehicles	10-25 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	\$825,638.89	\$854,008.06	\$250,000.00	\$604,008.06	\$-

NOTE C - INTERFUND RECEIVABLES AND PAYABLES:

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

Due To Trust Funds	<u>\$1,896.00</u>
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NOTE D - NOTES PAYABLE:

The following is a summary of note transactions of the Town of Washington for the year ended December 31, 2017:

	Balance 1/1/17	Additions	Reductions	Balance 12/31/17
The First - Fire Truck		324,533.00	26,560.99	297,972.01
Machias Savings Bank - Municipal Garage	81,937.99		10,818.39	71,119.60
The First - Plow Truck	126,755.96		16,652.27	110,103.69
The First - Fire Truck Chassis	86,419.00		86,419.00	
	<u>295,112.95</u>	<u>324,533.00</u>	<u>140,450.65</u>	<u>479,195.30</u>

General Fund:**The First - Fire Truck:**

The note dated March 24, 2017 is for \$324,533.00 payable over twelve years with annual principal payments of \$31,364.62.

The interest rate is 2.49%.

297,972.01

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, 2017.

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%.

71,119.60

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 fixed at 2.75%. 110,103.69

The First - Fire Truck Chassis:

The note dated October 4, 2016 is for \$86,419.00, payable over ten years with annual principal and interest payments of \$9,763.42. The interest rate is fixed at 2.25%. This note was paid in full in 2017.

479,195.30

The annual requirements to amortize notes payable as of December 31, 2017 follows:

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST	TOTAL
2018	52,056.02	12,460.25	64,516.27
2019	53,426.58	11,089.69	64,516.27
2020	54,806.77	9,709.50	64,516.27
2021	56,276.44	8,239.83	64,516.27
2022	57,758.35	6,757.92	64,516.27
Thereafter	204,871.14	16,460.11	221,331.25
	<u>479,195.30</u>	<u>64,717.30</u>	<u>543,912.60</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.

Public Safety	1,619.00
Public Works	351,695.64
Unclassified	<u>6,174.58</u>
	<u>359,489.22</u>

NOTE G - DEFERRED REVENUE:

Deferred Revenue consists of the following:

Prepaid 2018 Taxes	19,361.53
Suspense	<u>4,472.76</u>
	<u>23,834.29</u>

NOTE H - EXPENDITURES IN EXCESS OF APPROPRIATIONS:

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

<u>FUNCTION</u>	<u>REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION</u>	<u>REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>VARIANCE</u>
BETE	38,829.35	38,194.00	635.35
Fire Truck Loans	118,042.00	118,965.60	(923.60)

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 June 29, 2017 on the assessed value listed as of April 1, 2017 for all taxable real and personal property located in the Town. Taxes were due on October 2, 2017 with interest at 7% per annum or part thereof commencing October 3, 2017. 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 \$11,408.22 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, 2017:

	BALANCE JAN 1, 2017	ADDITIONS	DISPOSALS	BALANCE DEC 31, 2017
Land and Improvements	20,600.00	8,500.00		29,100.00
Buildings	771,353.00			771,353.00
Equipment	174,737.00			174,737.00
Motor Vehicles	809,788.00	238,114.00	(18,532.00)	1,029,370.00
Infrastructure	12,817,876.00	99,906.00		12,917,782.00
	14,594,354.00	346,520.00	(18,532.00)	14,922,342.00
Accumulated Depreciation	(11,647,360.00)	(504,632.00)	18,532.00	(12,133,460.00)
Net Property, Plant, and Equipment	2,946,994.00	(158,112.00)		2,788,882.00

Depreciation expense for the period totaled \$504,632.00. Of that amount, \$7,129.00 was for General Government, \$433,055.00 was for Public Works, and \$64,448.00 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 \$9,530,394.00 at June 30, 2017. The Town of Washington's share would be 10.43% of the debt or approximately \$994,020.00.

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 \$2,120,680.00 at December 31, 2017. The Town of Washington's share would be 2.056% of the debt, or approximately \$43,601.00.

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, 2017

Revenues:	Original and Final Budget	Actual
Property Taxes	2,015,535.38	2,024,042.32
Excise Taxes	225,000.00	254,274.29
Intergovernmental Revenues	63,782.00	63,782.00
Homestead Reimbursement	74,191.20	75,309.20
Building Permits - Town	1,500.00	1,587.80
Tree Growth Reimbursement	3,500.00	4,056.03
Veterans Reimbursement	1,600.00	1,620.00
Miscellaneous	8,000.00	9,678.46
Interest	6,000.00	7,521.05
Public Works		54,518.86
General Government		9,726.02
BETE	38,829.35	38,194.00
Public Safety		18,674.71
Unclassified		1,534.00
Mining Permits and Inspections	4,000.00	4,225.00
Interest on Overdue Taxes	12,000.00	22,779.78
Public Assistance		447.81
Total Revenues	2,453,937.93	2,591,971.33
Expenditures:		
Education - MSAD #40	1,509,724.77	1,509,724.77
Knox County Tax	149,050.62	149,050.62
General Government	319,379.00	304,013.29
Public Works	353,600.00	308,246.87
Public Safety	47,300.00	62,904.60
Public Assistance	2,000.00	938.62
Unclassified	34,426.00	33,375.68
TCSWMO	41,778.72	41,778.72
Knox Communication	41,422.00	41,422.00
Debt Principal	64,775.00	140,450.65
Debt Interest		11,408.22
Fire Truck		238,114.00
Total Expenditures	2,563,456.11	2,841,428.04
Excess of Expenditures Over Revenues	(109,518.18)	(249,456.71)

Other Financing Sources (Uses):		
Loan Proceeds	-	324,533.00
Transfer - Out		<u>(4,528.49)</u>
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	-	<u>320,004.51</u>
Excess of Revenues and Other Sources Over		
(Under) Expenditures and Other Uses	(109,518.18)	70,547.80
Fund Balance, January 1	<u>713,292.86</u>	<u>805,214.08</u>
Fund Balance, December 31	<u>603,774.68</u>	<u>875,761.88</u>

Schedule A-3

TOWN OF WASHINGTON
Statement of Changes in Unappropriated Surplus
for the year ended December 31, 2017

Unappropriated Surplus, January 1	529,674.20
INCREASES:	
Operating Account Balances Lapsed -	
Net (Schedule A-4)	115,539.27
Decrease in Deferred Taxes	<u>12,059.19</u>
	<u>127,598.46</u>
Total Available	657,272.66
DECREASES:	
Appropriated at Annual Town Meeting	<u>141,000.00</u>
Unappropriated Surplus, December 31	<u>516,272.66</u>

Schedule A-4

TOWN OF WASHINGTON
Statement of Departmental Operations for the year ended December 31, 2017

	BALANCE FORWARD 1/1/17	APPRO- PRIATIONS	CASH RECEIPTS	OTHER CREDITS	TOTAL	CASH DISBURSED	OTHER CHARGES	UNEXPENDED (OVERDRAFT)	BALANCE FORWARD 12/31/17
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS:									
Education - MSAD #40	-	1,509,724.77	-	-	1,509,724.77	1,509,724.77	-	-	-
Knox County Tax		149,050.62			149,050.62	149,050.62			
Overlay		31,481.82			31,481.82		31,481.82		
TCSWMO		41,778.72			41,778.72	41,778.72			
Knox Communication		41,422.00			41,422.00	41,422.00			
	-	1,773,457.93	-	-	1,773,457.93	1,741,976.11	31,481.82	-	-
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:									
Salaries	-	185,085.00	3,192.50	-	188,277.50	169,483.17	-	18,794.33	-
Administration		45,700.00	3,666.30		49,366.30	45,271.64	106.50	3,988.16	
Legal		15,000.00			15,000.00	14,438.88	465.00	96.12	
Insurance		31,094.00	1,640.00		32,734.00	29,145.46		3,588.54	
Building Permits			1,587.80		1,587.80		1,500.00	87.80	
Interest Income			7,521.05		7,521.05		6,000.00	1,521.05	
Interest and Lien Costs on Taxes			22,779.78		22,779.78	5,038.24	12,000.00	5,741.54	
State Tree Growth			4,056.03		4,056.03		3,500.00	556.03	
State Snowmobile			205.22		205.22		205.22		
State Veterans Reimbursement			1,620.00		1,620.00		1,600.00	20.00	
BETE				38,194.00	38,194.00		38,829.35	(635.35)	
Excise Taxes - Auto				252,020.54	252,020.54		225,000.00	27,020.54	
Excise Taxes - Boat				2,253.75	2,253.75			2,253.75	
Miscellaneous Revenue			9,678.46		9,678.46	42.90	9,200.00	435.56	
Utilities/Maintenance		41,000.00			41,000.00	37,675.50	947.87	2,376.63	
Boards and Committees		1,500.00			1,500.00	1,162.91		337.09	

Spectrum Generations	920.00	920.00	920.00	920.00	920.00
Penquis Community Action Program	929.00	929.00	929.00	929.00	929.00
Damariscotta Lake Watershed Dues	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
Broadreach Services	750.00	750.00	750.00	750.00	750.00
Minnie Weaver Scholarship	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Gibbs Library	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
Washington Historical Society	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Recreation Equipment Shed	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	3,667.65	332.35
	4,103.21	34,426.00	1,534.00	-	40,063.21
	275,539.88	2,594,937.93	136,369.52	723,792.31	3,730,639.64
					2,747,760.85
				43.95	507,850.30
					115,539.27
					359,489.22
					6,174.58

Town of Washington Moratorium Ordinance on Retail Marijuana Establishments and Retail Marijuana Stores and Retail Marijuana Social Clubs

WHEREAS, the “Marijuana Legalization Act,” has become law in Maine, codified in the Maine Revised Statutes in Title 7, chapter 417; and

WHEREAS, the Marijuana Legalization Act (hereinafter, “Act”) authorizes municipalities to regulate the number of retail marijuana stores and the location and operation of retail marijuana social clubs and retail marijuana establishments, including retail marijuana stores, retail marijuana cultivation facilities, retail marijuana products manufacturing facilities and retail marijuana testing facilities, as those terms are defined in the Act, as well as providing the option to prohibit the operation of retail marijuana social clubs and retail marijuana establishments, including stores, cultivation facilities, manufacturing facilities and testing facilities, within their jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Act will not limit the privileges or rights afforded by the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act (22 M.R.S.A. §§2421-2430-B) to qualifying patients, primary caregivers, or registered dispensaries, including cultivation facilities associated with any of those classifications; and

WHEREAS, the Town’s current ordinances do not include any regulations related to retail marijuana stores, retail marijuana establishments or retail marijuana social clubs under the proposed new Act; and

WHEREAS, the unregulated location and operation of retail marijuana establishments, retail marijuana stores and retail marijuana social clubs within the Town of Washington raises legitimate and substantial questions about the impact of such establishments, stores and social clubs on the Municipality, including questions about the compatibility of retail marijuana establishments, retail marijuana stores and retail marijuana social clubs with existing uses and development in residential, commercial and industrial zoning districts; the potential adverse health and safety effects of retail marijuana establishments, retail marijuana stores and retail marijuana

social clubs on the community if not properly regulated; the possibility of illicit sale and use of marijuana and marijuana products to minors and misuse of marijuana and marijuana products by those who would abuse the uses authorized under the Act; potential criminal activity associated with the cultivation, manufacturing, sale and use of marijuana and marijuana products for non-medicinal purposes and the potential increased burden on the Town's fire department; and the adequacy of the Town's streets and infrastructure to accommodate the additional traffic and/or population that may result from the presence of retail marijuana establishments, retail marijuana stores or retail marijuana social clubs; and

WHEREAS, the possible effect of the location and operation of retail marijuana establishments and/or retail marijuana stores and/or retail marijuana social clubs within the Town has potentially serious implications for the health, safety and welfare of the Town and its residents; and

WHEREAS, the Town needs time to review the Act and to review its own ordinances to determine the implications of future proposed retail marijuana establishments and/or retail marijuana stores and/or retail marijuana social clubs to develop reasonable ordinances governing the location and operations of such establishments and stores and social clubs to address the concerns cited above; and

WHEREAS, the Town's current ordinances are insufficient to prevent serious public harm that could be caused by the unregulated development of retail marijuana establishments and retail marijuana stores and retail marijuana social clubs and other uses authorized by the Act, thereby necessitating a moratorium; and

WHEREAS, the board of municipal officers, the administration and the planning board, with the professional advice and assistance of the County Sheriff's Office, shall study the Town's current ordinances to determine the land use and other regulatory implications of retail marijuana establishments and retail marijuana stores and retail marijuana social clubs and consider what locations, if any, and conditions of approval, if any, might be appropriate for such uses; and

WHEREAS, a moratorium is necessary to prevent an overburdening of public facilities that is reasonably foreseeable as the result of retail marijuana establishments and retail marijuana stores and retail marijuana social clubs and other uses authorized by the Act, being located in the Town; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that such a study, review, and development of recommended ordinance changes will take at least one hundred and eighty (180) days from the date the Town enacts this Moratorium Ordinance on retail marijuana establishments and retail marijuana stores and retail

marijuana social Clubs;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the legislative body of the Town of Washington, that the following Moratorium Ordinance on retail marijuana establishments and retail marijuana stores and retail marijuana social clubs be, and hereby is, enacted, and, in furtherance thereof, the legislative body does hereby declare a moratorium on the location, operation or licensing of any retail marijuana social clubs and any retail marijuana establishments, including retail marijuana stores, retail marijuana cultivation facilities, retail marijuana products manufacturing facilities and retail marijuana testing facilities, within the Town.

This Moratorium Ordinance shall take effect, once enacted by the legislative body, but shall be applicable as of March 25, 2018 as expressly provided below. The moratorium shall remain in effect for one hundred and eighty (180) days from the date of applicability of this Ordinance, unless extended by the Board of Selectmen, repealed, or modified by the legislative body, for the express purpose of drafting an amendment or amendments to the Town's current ordinances to protect the public from health and safety risks including, but not limited to, compatibility of retail marijuana establishments, retail marijuana stores and retail marijuana social clubs with existing and permitted uses in residential, commercial and industrial zoning districts; the correlation of retail marijuana establishments, retail marijuana stores and retail marijuana social clubs with medical marijuana cultivation facilities and dispensaries, all as defined in the Act; the potential adverse health and safety effects of retail marijuana establishments and retail marijuana stores and retail marijuana social clubs on the community if not properly regulated; the possibility of illicit sale and use of marijuana and marijuana products to minors and misuse of marijuana and marijuana products by those who would abuse the uses authorized under the new law; criminal activity associated with the cultivation, manufacturing, sale and use of marijuana and marijuana products for non-medicinal purposes and the potential increased burden on the public safety agencies serving the Town in responding to the same; and the adequacy of the Town's infrastructure to accommodate the additional traffic and/or population that may result from the presence of retail marijuana establishments or retail marijuana stores or retail marijuana social clubs in the Town,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this Ordinance shall apply to retail marijuana stores and retail marijuana social clubs and retail marijuana establishments, including retail marijuana stores, retail marijuana cultivation facilities, retail marijuana products manufacturing facilities and retail marijuana testing facilities, as those terms are defined by the Act, codified

at 7 M.R.S.A. §§ 2442 (36), (38), (39), (40), (41), that may be proposed to be located within the Town on or after the March 25, 2018 applicability date of this Ordinance; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that notwithstanding the provisions of I M.R.S.A. §302 or any other law to the contrary, this Ordinance, when enacted, shall govern any proposed retail marijuana establishments or retail marijuana stores or retail marijuana social clubs for which an application for a building permit, Certificate of Occupancy, site plan or any other required approval has not been submitted to and granted final approval by the Code Enforcement Officer, Planning Board or other Municipal official or board prior to the applicability date of this Ordinance; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that no person or organization shall develop or operate a retail marijuana establishment or retail marijuana store or retail marijuana social club within the Town on or after the effective date of this Ordinance without complying with whatever ordinance amendment or amendments the legislative body may enact as a result of this Moratorium Ordinance; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that during the time this Moratorium Ordinance is in effect, no officer, official, employee, office, administrative board or agency of the Town shall accept, process, approve, deny, or in any other way act upon any application for a license, building permit or any other type of land use approval or permit and/or any other permits or licenses related to a retail marijuana establishment or retail marijuana stores or retail marijuana social club; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that those provisions of the Town's ordinances that are inconsistent or conflicting with the provisions of this Ordinance, are hereby repealed to the extent that they are applicable for the duration of the moratorium hereby ordained, and as it may be extended as permitted by law, but not otherwise; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that if retail marijuana establishments or retail marijuana stores or retail marijuana social clubs are established in violation of this Ordinance, each day of any continuing violation shall constitute a separate violation of this Ordinance, and the Town shall be entitled to all rights available to it in law and equity, including, but not limited to, fines and penalties, Injunctive relief, and its reasonable attorney's fees and costs in prosecuting any such violations; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that should any section or provision of this Ordinance be declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such a declaration shall not invalidate any other section or provision.

Warrant for 2018 Annual Town Meeting

TO: Christopher Lascoutx, 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 23, 2018, 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 24, 2018, at 10:00 a.m., then and there to act on Articles 3 through 35 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 authorize the Municipal Officers to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12 of the budgeted amount in each budgeted category of the 2018 annual budget during the period from January 1, 2019, to the date of the 2019 Annual Town Meeting.

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

Article 7: 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 2018 taxes will be due and payable on October 1, 2018) (Maximum interest rate on overdue taxes allowed by State Law: 8.0%)

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to set the interest rate to be paid by the Town on abated taxes at 4%.

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 8% on abated taxes if the Town fails to set a rate. The rate set by the Town cannot be less than 4%.

Article 9: 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 10: 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. All net proceeds from any auction shall be placed in the town's road reserve account.

Article 11: 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 12: 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 13: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the 2017 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 14: To see if the Town will authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of taxes for the years 2018 and 2019 for taxes not yet due or assessed and for no interest to accrue.

Article 15: 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 16: 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 17: 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 18: To see if the Town will vote to move the 2018 overlay, plus supplemental tax assessments and less any tax abatements, into the Road Maintenance Reserve Account.

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to move any monies remaining in the Public Safety account on December 31, 2018 to the Fire Equipment Reserve account.

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the Moratorium on Marijuana Retail and Social Establishments.

Article 21: To see if the Town will vote to accept as Town property the West Washington Cemetery from the West Washington Cemetery Association and all cemetery operating and trust funds currently held by the West Washington Cemetery Association.

Article 22: To see if the Town will vote to lease the Evening Star Grange parking lot to use jointly with the Evening Star Grange, in return for Winter Maintenance, for 2018 and 2019.

Article 23: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the following General Fund revenues to be applied toward the 2018 property tax commitment, thereby decreasing the 2018 tax commitment by \$468,077.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend::

Excise Tax Revenue	245,000.00
Revenue Sharing	64,361.00
Tree Growth Reimbursement	3,500.00
Building Permits	1,500.00
Mining Permits and Inspections	4,000.00
Interest on Overdue Taxes	12,000.00
Veterans Reimbursement	1,600.00
General Fund Interest	6,000.00
Other Town Fees Collected	8,600.00
Unexpended 2017 Appropriations	68,516.00
Undesignated Fund Balance	<u>53,000.00</u>
Total	\$468,077.00

Article 24: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$ 274,541.36 from property taxation for 2018 Knox County, Tri-County Solid Waste Management Organization and Union Ambulance assessments.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend as advisory lines:

Knox County Tax Assessment	\$160,112.36
Knox County Communications	45,166.00
Tri-County Solid Waste	42,146.00
Union Ambulance	<u>27,117.00</u>
	\$274,541.36

Article 25: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$57,030.00 from property taxation for General Government Operations.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend as advisory lines:

Legal Fees	15,000.00
Administration	42,030.00
Advertising	750.00
Computer Annual Fees	11,880.00
Audit of Town Books	5,200.00
Computer Tech Support	1,000.00
MMA Dues	2,800.00
Workshops and Training	2,200.00
Mileage	1,300.00
Office Equipment	4,000.00
Office Supplies	2,500.00
Postage	3,000.00
Selectmen Discretionary Fund	500.00
Tax Maps	2,000.00
Tax Billing	1,500.00
Town Report Printing	3,000.00
Money Order Fees	<u>400.00</u>
Subtotal	42,030.00
Total	\$57,030.00

Article 26: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$30,444.00 from property taxation for Insurance.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend as advisory lines:

MMA Insurance Risk Pool	\$ 20,000.00
Unemployment Insurance	544.00
Worker's Compensation Premium	8,900.00
Volunteer Insurance	200.00
Firefighter Accident Insurance	<u>800.00</u>
Total	\$30,444.00

Article 27: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$192,285.00 from property taxation for Salaries, Stipends, Employee Health Insurance, and Payroll Expenses.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend as advisory lines \$192,285:

Salaries and Stipends	135,285.00
Selectmen (3)	19,500.00

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Secretary - Selectmen	800.00	
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	22,763.00	
Treasurer	12,772.00	
Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector/ Treasurer	22,000.00	
Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector/ Treasurer II	14,400.00	
Registrar of Voters	1,500.00	
Ballot Clerks	1,000.00	
EMA Director	750.00	
Health Officer	1000.00	
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	400.00	
Assessor's Agent	5,000.00	
Animal Control Officer	3000.00	
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	
Custodial Services	<u>1,800.00</u>	
Sub-total	135,285.00	
Town Portion of Employee Health Insurance		35,500.00
FICA Payroll Expenses		<u>21,500.00</u>
Total		192,285.00

Article 28: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$374,284.00 from property taxation for Maintenance of Town Roads and related operations.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend as advisory lines: \$374,284.00

Road Maintenance Materials & Supplies	10,000.00
Plow Truck Payment	20,184.00
Truck Fuel	18,000.00
Truck Maintenance	

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P100	2,000.00
P200	4,000.00
P300	4,000.00
P400	3,000.00
P500	4,000.00
Cutting Edges and Sander Chains	7,500.00
Culverts	3,000.00
Loader and Backhoe Fuel	3,500.00
Loader, Backhoe & Chipper Maintenance	15,500.00
Garage Mortgage	13,000.00
Garage Utilities	4,000.00
Garage Maintenance	2,500.00
Road Maintenance Labor	126,000.00
Equipment Rental	13,000.00
Screening Winter Sand	12,000.00
Road Salt	20,000.00
E911 and Road Signs	500.00
Paving and Capital Improvement of Town Roads	88,000.00
Driver OSHA and DOT Screening and Testing	<u>600.00</u>
Total	\$374,284.00

Article 29: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,000.00 from property taxation for General Assistance.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend as advisory lines:

General Assistance	2,000.00
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Article 30: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$63,423.00 from property taxation for Public Safety.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend as advisory lines:

Fire Department General Support	12,500.00
Fire Department Equipment	12,000.00
Firefighter Training	2,000.00
Firefighter Physicals	2,500.00
Fire Truck Loan Payment	31,623.00
Hose Testing	<u>2,800.00</u>
Total	63,423.00

Article 31: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$49,750.00 from property taxation for Utilities and Maintenance.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend as advisory lines:

Town Utilities	14,000.00
Grounds and Monument Gardens	2,000.00
Building and Grounds Maintenance	8,000.00
Cemetery Maintenance	17,750.00
Street Lights	3,000.00
Municipal Complex Snow Removal	<u>5,000.00</u>
Total	49,750.00

Article 32: 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 and	
Ordinance Review Committee	<u>300.00</u>
Total	1,500.00

Article 33: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$16,000.00 from property taxation for Town Carry-over Accounts.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend as advisory lines:

Recreation Committee	2,000.00
Headstone Restoration Fund	1,000.00
Town Record Preservation Fund	3,000.00
Road Maintenance Truck Fund	<u>10,000.00</u>
Total	16,000.00

Article 34: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$28,799.00 from property taxation for Miscellaneous Accounts.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend as advisory lines:

Washington Library Association	15,000.00
Washington Community Scholarship	1,000.00
Minnie Weaver Scholarship	1,000.00
Washington Historical Society	1,000.00
Washington Food Bank	2,000.00

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Mid-Coast Humane Society	1,527.00	
Flags for Veterans Graves & Town Parks	500.00	
Midcoast Conservancy Dues (Damariscotta Lake Watershed)	<u>50.00</u>	
Sub-total	22,077.00	
Social Agencies and Concerns		
New Hope for Women	750.00	
Broadreach Services	750.00	
Spectrum Generations	912.00	
Pine Tree Chapter, Red Cross	1,500.00	
Penquis Community Action Program	2,560.00	
Gary Owen House	<u>250.00</u>	
Sub-total	6,722.00	
Total		\$28,799.00

Article 35: To see if the town will vote to authorize spending up to \$150,138.00 from the Local Roads Assistance Program (LRAP) for Capital Road Improvement.

Given under our hands on this 28th day of February, 2018:

Wesley F. Daniel

Wesley F. Daniel
Chairman

Berkley Linscott

Berkley Linscott
Selectman

Thomas N. Johnston

Thomas N. Johnston
Selectman

Ann Dean

Attest:
Ann Dean, Town Clerk



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WEDNESDAY 2-6:45
CLOSED ALL STATE HOLIDAYS

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THE BRYANT ROOM OF THE GIBBS LIBRARY - ALL ARE
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KNOX COUNTY SHERIFF	593-9132
CENTRAL MAINE POWER (OUTAGES)	1-800-696-1000
MAINE POISON CONTROL CENTER	1-800-222-1222
PENQUIS	596-0361
NEW HOPE FOR WOMEN	1-800-522-3304
SPECTRUM GENERATIONS	596-0339
BROADREACH	338-2200
ASSESSOR'S AGENT, STAN MILLAY	845-2767
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ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER ANDREW DINSMORE	975-2826
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