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2018

**Annual
Report**

TOWN OF
WASHINGTON
HAWAII

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WASHINGTON, MAINE

For the Year Ended December 31, 2018



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Dedication

**To all the volunteers
past, present, and future
who keep the Town of Washington
growing.**

In Memoriam



Donald B. Grinnell

A lifelong Washington resident, Donald B. Grinnell passed away April 20, 2018. The second youngest of seven siblings, he was born and raised on the family farm where Kathy Blake currently resides. He attended the Hodge School and graduated from Union High School in 1947.

Don's life can be summarized by three "F's" - family, farm, and fire department. A devoted husband and father, he married Lorraine Lee on October 31, 1948. They raised three children and enjoyed 65 wonderful years together until her death in September 2013.

In 1952 Don and Lorraine purchased a 300-acre farm in Washington where he remodeled the barn, had a herd of dairy cattle, cut hay, and raised squash for a canning factory while continuing to work at Payson's Farm Machinery in Union. Upon loss of the farmhouse and barn from a May 1964 fire, he cut logs, worked sawing and planing them at a local sawmill, and then built a new family home. In 1975 Don opened his own business,

Grinnell's Sales and Service, selling Bolens tractors and Partner chainsaws. Customers will remember him working at his bench with his pipe clenched in his teeth.

Don's non-family passion was the Washington Fire Department where he was a 55-year member and served as Chief for 16 years. He still ran a fire pumper into his late 70s, drafting water from rural water supply locations. He was instrumental getting the fire station planned and built, and saw the department grow from two pieces of apparatus to six. He and his good friend, Captain Frank Jones, Sr., devoted countless hours making truck and pump repairs, keeping equipment tuned, and seeing everything ran at peak performance. Together they saved the town thousands of dollars in maintenance costs.

Don had a great knowledge of town history and was a founding member of the Washington Historical Society. He compiled the history of local sawmills and wrote a chapter on the subject for the 1976 town history book. He attended every annual town meeting beginning as a child in the 1930s until 2018, when his health prevented him from doing so.

Practically every resident of Washington came in contact with him over the years, whether it be through the fire department, his business, or elsewhere around town. A man could be always called upon to help, Don's legacy will long live in Washington.

In Memoriam



Frank E. Jones, Sr.

Frank E. Jones, Sr., 76, died January 2, 2018. He was born on January 14, 1941 to Elmer Jones and Marion (Brown) Jones in Augusta, Maine. Frank was a graduate of Union High School, Class of 1959.

He worked construction and in the woods all his life. He also plowed snow and was the Road Commissioner for the Town of Washington in the 1970s. He was an avid hunter and fisherman. He was a lifetime member of the Washington Fire Department where he served as Captain.

Frank was cheerful, happy a hard worker, outgoing and would do anything for anyone that needed held.

Frank's wife of 57 years, Joyce N. Jones passed away, June 4, 2018.

Town Officers

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor

Wesley F. Daniel Thomas Johnston Berkley Linscott

Town Clerk/Tax Collector/Treasurer

Mary Anderson

**Ann Dean

Deputy Town Clerk/ Deputy Tax Collector/Deputy Treasurer

Mary Anderson

Joan Hayward

Denise Hylton

*Sandra Patrick

Registrar of Voters

Denise Hylton

Deputy Registrar of Voters

Mary Anderson

**Ann Dean

Joan Hayward

*Sandra Patrick

Road Commissioner

*Jonathan Daniel

Frank Jones, Jr.

Code Enforcement Officer/ Plumbing Inspector

Edward R. Temple

Fire Chief

Philip Meunier

Deputy Fire Chief

Steven Olmsted

Emergency Management Director

Christopher Lascoux

Forest Fire Wardens

Kenneth Boisse, Deputy Phil Meunier

Health Officer

Brian Alves

Animal Control Officers

Andrew Dinsmore

Constable

Christopher Lascoux

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

Guy Bourrie Staci Bowman

Town Meeting Moderators

Charlotte Henderson David Martucci

Deputy Moderators

Michael Mayo Walter Metcalf

Election Warden

Walter Metcalf

Election Clerks**Republican**

Nancy Barker

Elizabeth Grinnell

Kimberly Mank

Mildred Melgard

Democrat

Elizabeth Bettcher

Katherine Grinnell

Linda Luce

Kathleen Ocean

Planning Board

Mitchell A. Garnett, Chairman

Henry Aho

Daniel Furrow, ALT

Steve Ocean

*David Studer

Jesse Casas

Ashley Hebert

Cassidy Parmley, ALT

*David Williams

Board of Appeals

Lowell Freiman, Chairman

Cathy Blake
Robert deGroff, ALT
James Kearney

Norman Casas
Traci Hoffman, ALT
Dorothy Sainio

Budget Committee

Henry Aho, Chairperson

Wendy Carr
Donald Grinnell
David Martucci
Dorothy Sainio, ALT

Jesse Casas
Peg Hobbs, ALT
Kathleen Ocean
David Williams

Housing Committee

Traci Hoffman

Mid-Coast Regional Planning Commission

Christopher Lascoux

Conservation Committee

David Spahr

Mineral Ordinance Committee

Deborah Bocko David Martucci

Recreation Committee

Helen Caddie-Larcenia, Peg Hobbs, Co-Chairs

Dakota Green
Kathleen Gross
Alison Leavitt
Steve Ocean, School Liason

John Green
Neil Gross
Tracy Morgan
Travis Perez

Tri-County Solid Waste Management Organization

Norman Casas Charlotte Henderson

Washington Scholarship Committee

Jan Birk
Mindy Gould
Priscilla Packard

Judy Good
Mildred Melgard
Betty Pelletier

Roads Committee

Christopher Armstrong
 Albert Hutchinson
 Merton Moore

****Ann Dean**
 Kevin Kirkpatrick

Comprehensive Plan Committee

David Martucci, Chairman

Robert Birk
 Susan Ebersten
 Peg Hobbs

Guy Bourrie
 Lowell Freiman
 David Studer

Alewives Committee Liaison

Charlotte Henderson

Driveway Entrance Coordinator

*Jonathan Daniel
 Frank Jones, Jr.

E911 Address Coordinator

Thomas Johnston

State Senator~District 13

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***Resigned ** Retired**

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, 2018. 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 2018	Net Cost 2017	Net Cost 2016	Net Cost 2015
General Government	277,064.72	282,771.01	272,609.71	268,308.54
Public Assistance	228.19	490.81	216.00	423.62
Public Works	697,043.82	578,377.01	483,916.79	570,810.96
Education	1,628,330.04	1,509,724.77	1,421,347.02	1,338,398.35
Knox Communication	45,166.00	41,422.00	40,210.00	39,827.00
Debt Service Interest	12,461.81	11,408.22	6,153.68	3,786.42
County Tax	160,112.36	149,050.62	141,517.80	134,164.11
Public Safety	88,906.08	108,677.89	57,932.48	64,945.08
Unclassified	34,988.21	33,375.68	15,392.87	17,866.87
TCSWMO	42,145.20	41,778.72	36,189.90	31,507.96
	<u>2,986,446.43</u>	<u>2,757,076.73</u>	<u>2,475,486.25</u>	<u>2,470,038.91</u>

On December 31, 2018, Washington's net position for governmental activities totaled \$3,065,943.76. The net position as of December 31, 2017 was \$3,431,579.31, thus a decrease in net position of \$365,635.55 during fiscal year 2018.

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 2018: 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 2018</u>	<u>FY 2017</u>	<u>FY 2016</u>	<u>FY 2015</u>
Long-Term Debt	427,140.84	479,195.30	295,112.95	254,237.59
Special Assessments are as follows:				
	<u>FY 2018</u>	<u>FY 2017</u>	<u>FY 2016</u>	<u>FY 2015</u>
TCSWMO	42,145.20	41,778.72	36,189.90	31,507.96
Knox County Tax	160,112.36	149,050.62	141,517.80	134,164.11
Knox Communication	45,166.00	41,422.00	40,210.00	39,827.00

Other Administrative Notes:

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Tax Commitment	2,135,797.23	2,015,535.38	1,986,217.40	1,986,686.48	1,787,310.94
Mil Rate	0.0157	0.0152	0.0149	0.0149	0.0135
Taxes Receivable	261,792.63	254,349.61	282,544.20	279,659.58	264,122.15
% Collected	87.74%	87.38%	85.77%	85.92%	85.21%
Outstanding					
Tax Liens	65,548.95	51,140.63	64,534.88	69,424.57	67,333.29
BETE	38,865.00	38,194.00	34,396.00	28,845.00	25,193.00
Excise Taxes	259,809.07	252,020.54	238,796.64	220,285.55	223,177.35
State Revenue					
Sharing	62,251.98	55,591.53	52,051.97	53,420.65	45,769.23
Homestead	93,189.11	75,309.20	55,301.50	36,742.50	34,358.00
Interest Income	7,289.03	7,521.05	6,665.31	4,881.99	3,201.61

In closing of the year 2018, Town Meeting of March 23, 2018 gave us our agenda.

January 1, 2018 is when our real winter seemed to start. Every weekend until the middle of March we had snow or ice storms. The warm up in February brought muddy roads and they had to have gravel put on them and then it would snow again. The Road Crew spent many hours keeping the roads open and many weekends were spent plowing and sanding. At one point, in late January, the Road Crew spent time fixing washouts plus plowing and sanding.

February 14, 2018, David Williams resigned from the Planning Board. Jesse Casas was appointed as a regular Planning Board Member and Dan Furrow was appointed as an alternate member. On October 9, 2018, David Studer resigned from the Planning Board. Alternate Ashley Hebert took his place as a regular member and Cassidy Parmley was appointed as an alternate member. We would like to thank David Williams and David Studer

for their many years as members of the Washington Planning Board.

The generator project for the Public Works garage, stand by generator, was moving forward in April, 2018. GMC Power Systems, Inc. from Hermon, Maine supplied the generator. CB Haskell from Windsor installed the propane fuel tank to be used for the generator and the boiler to heat the garage. We bought the tank so we can buy propane on the open market at the town price.

As of Town Meeting the town took over ownership and maintenance of the West Washington Cemetery. All accounts were turned over to the town, putting some into trust and other money being used to remove dead trees and overhanging branches and trees around the edge of the cemetery.

June 18, 2018, the Road Foreman gave his notice. We put an ad in the paper for his position. We had five applications and chose to interview two. Frank Jones, Jr. was hired to be our new Road Foreman. His experience in past years should help us move forward.

Our road project for 2018 was a continuation of the Old Union Road paving. We cut brush, did what ditching that needed to be done, and replaced culverts to get ready for grinding and paving. The paving company was not able to do the paving in the allotted time so the Selectmen and Road Foreman chose to put the project off until the spring and summer of 2019. We had a Special Town Meeting to put what we had left in the Road Maintenance account in to the Road Reserve account which came from the Paving Line. The paving company that got the bid agreed to do the paving in the spring of 2019 when they opened up the plant for their summer work. They agreed to the same price as quoted in 2018. The Roads Committee also talked about the work that needed to be done on Calderwood Road from the culvert to Old Union Road. Part of it needs to be rebuilt, the east part could be repaved. The Road Crew may be able to do some of the work – ditching, replacing culverts and some of the tree cutting. There will have to be easements in place from landowners along Calderwood Road to do some of this work. It could take some time to get everything in place.

Our Paving Project for 2019 will be to finish the 2018 project and do an overlay of about 2" on the Old Union Road to the Union Town Line. This is what the Roads Committee suggested. This part of the road has not deteriorated as much and seems to have a better base and should be fine with the 2" overlay.

The replacement of Tanker 2 of the Fire Department has been taken off the table for this year. The Selectmen would like to add \$10,000.00 to the Plow Truck Replacement line bringing that up to \$20,000.00 per year and start the Fire Truck Replacement line with \$20,000.00 per year to help

reduce our cost when it comes time to replace either one of these pieces of equipment.

We are still working on getting grants to replace the Fitch Road culvert. The Road Crew did some shoulder work along the big culvert in mid-December to help keep the edges from washing out.

The Road Crew did various ditching jobs around town. They worked on the end of Mountain Road, Bowman Mills Road and rebuilt work on Albert Jones Road. The Road Crew did about 90% of the repair work on the town equipment, saving the taxpayers a lot of money.

The town grounds maintenance of the flower beds and gardens was done by volunteers and we hired Raymond Gushee to do the heavy work. Everyone did a great job.

On October 4, 2018 one of our Deputy Town Clerks left her position for another job. The Town Clerk put out a notice and we hired a new Deputy Clerk on October 26, 2018. Her name is Joan Hayward; she works about 13 hours per week. She also works at Washington General Store. She has taken a few classes and is doing very well in her position.

The Audit was done on January 31 and February 1, 2019. Everything went well. The Town Clerk and her Deputies had all the information ready so everything went smoothly. We ended up with less surplus this year so we will be taking out \$54,000.00 to help reduce the Tax Commitment. There was a little more found in Revenue Sharing so that will be added to the state estimate to help reduce the Tax Commitment also.

This year's town report is dedicated to all the volunteers. Many thanks to all who have volunteered in any way what so ever. We would like to thank our office staff for their hard work throughout the year.

Treasurer's Report

Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements December 31, 2018

Cash Balance, January 1	825,948.89
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ADD: CASH RECEIPTS:

Property Tax Collections:

Current Year	1,854,533.17
Prior Years	238,664.60
Prepayments	<u>4,742.73</u>

Total Property Tax Collections	2,097,940.50
Excise Taxes - Auto	259,809.07
Excise Taxes - Boat	2,086.60
Departmental (Schedule A-4)	106,041.52
State Revenue Sharing	62,251.98
Homestead Reimbursement	68,684.80
State Fees Collected	133,215.25
Accounts Receivable	18,875.20
BETE	38,865.00
Due From Trust Funds	1,896.00
Due To Trust Funds	<u>699.00</u>
Total Cash Receipts	<u>2,790,364.92</u>
Total Cash Available	3,616,313.81

LESS: CASH DISBURSEMENTS:

Departmental (Schedule A-4)	2,640,666.26
State Fees Remitted	131,888.59
Accounts Payable	<u>6,362.59</u>
Total Cash Disbursements	<u>2,778,917.44</u>
Cash Balance, December 31	<u><u>837,396.37</u></u>

Reconciliation of Treasurer's Cash Balance – December 31, 2018

Cash on Hand		310.00
GENERAL FUND CHECKING:		
The First:		
Balance Per Bank Statement	987,885.40	
Deduct: Outstanding Checks	(152,457.26)	
Add: Deposits in Transit	<u>1,658.23</u>	
Balance Per Books		<u>837,086.37</u>
Cash Balance, December 31, 2018		<u><u>837,396.37</u></u>

Statement of Taxes Receivable – December 31, 2018 and 2017

	2018	2017
2018	261,792.63	-
2017	489.98	253,159.40
2016	1,374.94	2,926.17
2015	119.20	119.20
2014	67.50	67.50
2012	125.50	125.50
2011		150.60
2010		147.60
2009		165.00
2008		137.50
	<u>263,969.75</u>	<u>256,998.47</u>

Trust Funds – December 31, 2018

Trust Fund Investments

	Unexpended		
	Principal	Income	Total
Davis Daggett Cemetery	4,950.00	1,319.16	6,269.16
Maple Grove Cemetery	2,500.00	1,787.37	4,287.37
Marr Cemetery	21,800.00	6,645.74	28,445.74
McDowell Cemetery	300.00	65.43	365.43
Mountain Cemetery	300.00	270.34	570.34
Overlook Cemetery	800.00	1,549.09	2,349.09
Pierpoint Cemetery	1,450.00	1,046.93	2,496.93
Skidmore Cemetery	50.00	28.90	78.90
Soldiers Monument	682.98	201.12	884.10
West Washington Cemetery	9,200.00	31.31	9,231.31
Community Scholarship	20,950.37	21,304.21	42,254.58
Phillip Scriber Memorial	660.00	1,131.86	1,791.86
Daggett School	1,477.76	2,004.19	3,481.95
Storer Cemetery	500.00	17.51	517.51
Gibbs Library	4,066.00	176.25	4,242.25
	<u>69,687.11</u>	<u>37,579.41</u>	<u>107,266.52</u>

Agency Funds – December 31, 2018

LEVENSALE CEMETERY ASSOCIATION:

Fund Balance, January 1	9,196.90	
Add: Interest Earned	<u>31.30</u>	
Fund Balance, December 31		<u>9,228.20</u>

Capital Reserve Funds – December 31, 2018

FIRE TRUCK RESERVE FUND:

Balance December 31, 2018	1,200.00
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FIRE EQUIPMENT RESERVE FUND:

Balance, January 1, 2018	3,328.49	
Add: Transfer from General Fund	<u>215.55</u>	
Balance, December 31, 2018		<u>3,544.04</u>
		<u>4,744.04</u>

Town Clerk’s Report

2018 LICENSES SOLD 1/1/18 - 12/31/18

DOG LICENSES SOLD

Kennels	04
Males/Females	42
Neutered/Spayed	<u>121</u>
Total	158

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 27 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 31 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 Muzzleloader	6
Combination	34	Resident Crossbow	1
Hunting	18	Non-Resident Hunt	2
Fishing	43	Non-Resident Fish	5
Archery	6	1-Day Fishing	3
Spring/Fall Turkey Permits	11	3-Day Fishing	5
Bear Hunting Permits	1	Saltwater Fishing	3

RV, BOAT, & SNOWMOBILE REGISTRATIONS SOLD

Boats up to 10 HP	45
Boats 11-50 HP	29
Boats 51-115 HP	26
Boats over 115 HP	15
PWCs	6
Lake and River Sticker	2
Snowmobiles	34
ATVs	40

RECORD OF FEES RETURNED TO THE TOWN

Motor Vehicles Fees	\$5569.00
Recreational Vehicle Fees	278.00
Fish & Wildlife License Fees	279.00
Dog License Fees	205.00
Vital Records Fees	1179.00
Return Check Fees	25.00
Building Permit Fees	1619.00
Mining Permit Fees	3850.00
Junkyard Permit Fees	225.00
Notary Fees	146.00

Respectfully submitted,
MARY ANDERSON
Town Clerk

**2018 VITAL STATISTICS RECORDED
01/01/2018– 12/31/2018**

16 Births

11 Marriages

15 Deaths

Marriages

Date of Marriage	Names
02/01/2018	Nanci L. Stanley & Chris J. Harriman
04/21/2018	Jlynn J. Frazier & Jared J. Palmer
05/11/2018	Robert L. Stenger, III & Sunniva E. Bysheim
06/23/2018	Benjamin T. Anderson & Tiffany J. Webber
07/11/2018	Dannie L. Peaslee, Jr. & Kimberly B. Bergeron
07/08/2018	David R. Beal & Estelle M. Miller
07/15/2018	Elicia L. Klein & Scott A. Melnyk
08/18/2018	Abigail R. Wilkes & Tristan J. O'Donnell
08/18/2018	Samantha J. Jackson & Nicholas B. Randolph
09/22/2018	Gregory S. Cooley & Laura J. Roberts
12/19/2018	Christopher Mercado & Melarys Checo Terrero

Deaths

Date of Death	Name	Place of Death	Age
01/02/2018	Frank E. Jones, Sr.	Whitefield	76
02/14/2018	Charles H. Atwood, Jr.	Augusta	83
02/20/2018	Holly E. Larrabee	Rockport	71
04/20/2018	Donald B. Grinnell	Camden	88
04/26/2018	Albert L. Knowlton, Sr.	Damariscotta	87
05/05/2018	Joseph O. Aube, Jr.	Camden	75
05/05/2018	Richard E. Gray	Damariscotta	82
05/06/2018	William S. Orne, Jr.	Washington	70
05/22/2018	Wendell Ware, Jr.	Washington	46
06/04/2018	Joyce N. Jones	Augusta	77
07/16/2018	Stephen C. Melgard	Togus USVA	75
08/01/2018	Dennis E. Lessard	Washington	57
08/02/2018	Linda L. Wirtz	Lewiston	81
08/22/2018	Linda A. Buja	Washington	73
11/16/2018	Thomas B. Orff	Waldoboro	41

Respectfully submitted,
MARY ANDERSON, Town Clerk

Assessors' Report

The 2018 mill rate is 0.0157 on a total valuation of:	\$136,038,040.00
The 2018 taxable valuation is	
2.59% higher than 2017's of:	\$132,601,012.00
The 2018 county tax is	\$205,278.36
The 2018 county tax is	
7.77% higher than 2017's of:	\$190,472.62
The 2018 municipal appropriation is	\$874,347.88
The 2018 municipal appropriation is	
1.28% higher than 2017's of:	\$863,258.72
The 2018 school appropriation is	\$1,628,330.04
The 2018 school appropriation is	
7.86% higher than 2017's of:	\$1,509,724.77
The 2018 total appropriation is	\$2,707,956.28
The 2018 total appropriation is	
5.64% higher than 2017's of:	\$2,563,456.11
The 2018 homestead reimbursement is	\$93,189.31
The 2018 homestead amount is	
25.61% higher than 2017's of:	\$74,191.20
The 2018 tax commitment is	\$2,135,797.23
The 2018 tax commitment is	
5.97% higher than 2017's of:	\$2,015,535.38
The 2018 need was reduced by revenue sharing,	
excise tax, etc. by:	\$468,077.00
The 2018 reduction is	
0.36% higher than 2017's of:	\$466,382.00

HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION: There were 487 homeowners granted homestead exemptions in 2018, a decrease of 4 from 2017. This exemption increased 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.

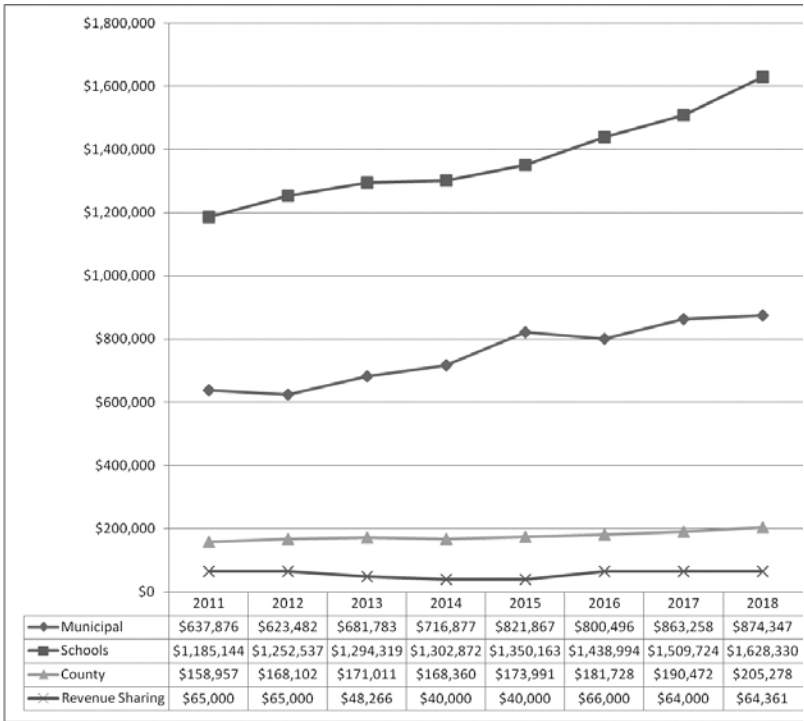
HIGHLIGHTS: The Town is once again adjusting assessed values to comply with State of Maine laws. Sales information has been used to

develop and revise schedules. The new values are effective 2019. Building tables have been adjusted to more closely reflect current construction costs. Depreciation tables have been streamlined to accommodate this change. Waterfront property on both Washington Pond and Crystal Pond will be seeing an increase in value. Undeveloped land will see a slight increase.

As a result of these changes, most property values will change. Property owners with a significant increase will be notified prior to tax billing in order to allow time for review and correction where necessary.

School spending accounted for 60 cents of each tax dollar. 8 cents went to county tax and the remaining 32 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.



The chart above shows appropriation trends for the period 2011 to 2018.

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/>.

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

Tax Collector's Report

Valuation, Assessment, and Collections – December 31, 2018

VALUATION:

Real Estate	134,904,738.00
Personal Property	<u>1,133,302.00</u>
	<u>136,038,040.00</u>

ASSESSMENT:

Valuation x Rate (136,038,040.00 x .0157)	2,135,797.23
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COLLECTIONS AND CREDITS:

Cash Collections	1,854,533.17
Prepayments	19,361.53
Abatements	<u>109.90</u>
Total Collections and Credits	<u>1,874,004.60</u>
2018 Taxes Receivable - December 31, 2018	<u>261,792.63</u>

COMPUTATION OF ASSESSMENT

Tax Commitment	2,135,797.23
Surplus	121,516.00
Excise Taxes - Auto and Boat	245,000.00
State Revenue Sharing	64,361.00
Homestead Reimbursement	93,189.31
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	38,851.39
Interest on Overdue Taxes	12,000.00
Miscellaneous	<u>8,600.00</u>
	2,735,914.93

REQUIREMENTS:

Municipal	874,347.88
MSAD 40	1,628,330.04
County Tax	<u>205,278.36</u>
	<u>2,707,956.28</u>
Overlay	<u>27,958.65</u>

Tax Liens – December 31, 20182017

Bixby, David	174.29
Bowman, Donald & Ruth	287.28
Bradstreet, David	2,345.44
Bridges, Linda	1,365.51
Bryant, Forest	124.64
Buchanan, Michael, Heirs	223.44
Compound Holding LLC	50.83
Compound Holding LLC	62.25
Condon, Shannon	586.46
Davis, Jessica & Michael	1,041.12
Dawson, Gordon, Heirs	482.60
Dufresne, Kevin & Roberta	1,205.03
Esancy, Nancy	518.32
Foster, Scott	1,044.70
Foster, Scott & Kimberly	1,208.58
Foster, Scott & Kimberly	658.01
Fournier, Rebecca & Donald	2,251.67
French, Richard	1,289.72
Hall, George C. & Sons, Inc.	2,418.70
Hall, George C. & Sons, Inc.	2,464.30
Hall, George C. & Sons, Inc.	135.28
Hall, George C. & Sons, Inc.	600.40
Hall, George C. & Sons, Inc.	162.64
Hall, George C. & Sons, Inc.	206.72
Hall, George C. & Sons, Inc.	98.80
Hall, George C. & Sons, Inc.	5,984.39
Hall, George C. & Sons, Inc.	88.92
Hall, George C. & Sons, Inc.	1,752.58
Harriman, Gary & Susan	791.63
Jackson, Timothy	1,319.53
Jackson, Timothy	2,239.63
Jacksons' Corner Store	3,088.47
Jacksons' Corner Store	383.80

Jacobs, Thomas & Carla E. & Ralphs	11.34
Jelenfy, Jeffrey & Karen	1,504.80
Johnston, Sheila	44.46
Jones, Steven W.	215.08
Jones, Steven W.	278.16
Knowlton, William, II	976.11
Linscott, Lloyd	57.30
Linscott, Lloyd	39.52
Mank, Timothy	1,778.93
Mattingly, Elizabeth F., Heirs	1,046.09
McFarland, Matthew G.	1,574.67
Merrill, Jaynee	1,985.55
Miller, Jared	1,354.44
Morgan, Joel W.	857.42
Percy, Ellis	739.48
Rhinehart, Elizabeth	859.83
Rideout, John & Tammy	2,037.79
Rideout, John & Tammy	437.14
Sanborn, Phillip	1,317.17
Sanborn, Phillip	9.88
Shenett, Daniel	699.20
Shenett, Theresa & David	559.53
Thompson, Andrew L.	546.21
Turffs, L. Kim	1,146.19
Turffs, L. Kim	373.92
Vigue, Christopher	1,668.85
Ware, Richard C.	1,088.15
Whelan, Richard H.	4,590.98
	64,453.87

2016

Davis, Jessica D. & Michael J.	1,095.08
	<u>65,548.95</u>

Taxes Receivable – December 31, 2018

*Paid in full after 12/31/2018		Calderwood, Clinton J.	102.05
**Partial Payment		Calderwood, Clinton J.	102.05
***Tax Club member		Campbell, Paul & Sheila	2,029.97 ***
<u>Real Estate</u>		Carco, Cynthia Y.	726.84 ***
Adams, Curtis & Joan	1,458.23 **	Carr, Casey L. &	
Andrade, Alison R. &		Lindsey L.	3,028.78
Mitchell S.	2,042.79	Carter, David A.	1,117.56 **
Antonio, Sandra A.	742.04	Casas, Jesse D. & Sherry L.	1,741.66 *
Antonio, Stephen F. &		Casas, Josiah M. &	
Sandra A.	355.60	Tamara L.	2,498.59 **
Barker, Ernest & Nancy	531.69 ***	Chavanne, Daniel P.	
Bartlett, Larry D. &		Carrie A.	879.80 *
Glenna L.	102.05 *	Compound Holdings LLC	171.13 *
Belanger, Johnnie N.	1,542.60	Compound Holdings LLC	705.26 *
Belanger, Mark	745.65 ***	Condon, Maurice B., Heirs	1,213.19
Belcher, Corey A.	962.41 *	Condon, Shannon P.	606.02
Belcher, James & Lillian	967.58 ***	Connor, Beth F.	1,142.46 ***
Belcher, Ronald A.	401.92	Connors, Ernest W. &	
Bergeron, Kimberly	730.83 *	Elizabeth	1,403.87 ***
Berry, Brigitte A.	2,299.17	Cooley, Talbot C., Jr. &	
Berry, Brigitte A.	346.42	Deborah E.	491.38 ***
Berry, Gregory	1,299.62 ***	Cooley, Alan & Ramona	1,675.92
Bickford, Michael	1,068.78	Cooley, Scott	1,267.52
Birch Point Storage LLC	1,122.36	Cousens, Kaye D.	2,144.71
Birk, Robert & Janice	1,450.52 ***	Cramer, Edward H. &	
Bixby, David B.	502.20 **	Beverly A. LLC	477.77 ***
Blackburn, Scott T.	1,122.55 *	Curtis, Matthew J.	2,135.86
Blackburn, Scott T.	584.82 *	Davis, George & Marilyn	1,167.06
Blackburn, Scott T.	51.03 *	Davis, Jessica D. &	
Bocko, Deborah A., Liv Tr	2,845.32 ***	Michael S.	1,007.56
Boucher, Ronald	610.58 **	Dawson, Gordon, Heirs	614.40
Bourgeois, Cynthia L.	786.53 ***	Dawson, Gordon, Heirs	498.48
Bowman, Alice	1,450.16 **	Devenish, Philip & Phoebe	546.36 ***
Bowman, Donald C. &		Dinsmore, Andrew	2,599.35
Ruth J.	2,864.75 **	Dube, Timothy A.	1,719.66 ***
Bowman, Donald C. &		Dufresne, Kevin & Roberta	1,244.66
Ruth J.	296.73	Ellis, David	281.12 *
Bowman, Joseph P.	360.71	Esancy, Levi J.	794.72 **
Bowman, Joseph P.	291.23	Esancy, Nancy L.	535.37
Bowman, Joseph P.	153.86	Etchells, David	839.17 *
Bradstreet, David	2,464.90	Ewan, Excle R. & Angela M.	836.07 **
Bridges, Linda	1,410.43	Farrell, Susan	908.24 *
Bryant, Forest O.	128.74	Foster, Scott	1,079.06
Buchanan, Michael, Heirs	230.79	Foster, Scott I. & Kimberly	1,248.34
Caddie-Larcenia, Helen G.	137.57	Foster, Scott I. & Kimberly	679.65
Caddie-Larcenia, Helen G.	1,396.57 ***	Fournier, Rebecca J. &	
Calderwood, Clinton J.	51.03	Donald E.	2,325.74

French, Richard E.	1,332.15	Jackson, Timothy S. &	
Fry, Janis L. & Mark S.	3.06	Laurie J.	1,630.38
Frye, James P.	1,021.05 ***	Jacksons' Corner Store	3,190.07
Garnett, Roy & Gail G.	455.30	Jacksons' Corner Store	396.42
Garnett, Roy & Gail G.	130.31	Jelenfy, Jeffrey C. & Karen	1,554.30
Garnett, Roy & Gail G.	368.95	Jenkins, Anne W.	980.74 ***
Garnett, Roy & Gail G.	149.15	Jenkins, James D. & Anne W.	516.80 ***
Garnett, Roy D.	416.84	Johnston, Constance R. &	
Garnett, Roy D & Jan E.	1,141.89	Martha L.	1,146.38 ***
Grinnell, Donald B.	1,680.32 ***	Johnston, Sheila	45.92
Grinnell, Jeffrey E. &		Jones, Casie R.	1,113.30 *
Stephanie L.	1,785.68 ***	Jones, Frank E., Jr.	415.27 *
Hall, George C. & Sons, Inc.	2,498.26	Jones, Frank E., Jr. &	
Hall, George C. & Sons, Inc.	2,545.36	Kathleen H.	931.32 *
Hall, George C. & Sons, Inc.	139.73	Jones, Joyce	1,572.67
Hall, George C. & Sons, Inc.	620.15	Jones, Steven W.	222.15
Hall, George C. & Sons, Inc.	167.99	Jones, Steven W.	287.31
Hall, George C. & Sons, Inc.	213.52	Keefe, Timothy J.	134.08
Hall, George C. & Sons, Inc.	102.05	Keefe, Timothy J.	611.99
Hall, George C. & Sons, Inc.	6,181.25	Keefe, Timothy J.	88.78
Hall, George C. & Sons, Inc.	91.85	Kelly, Sandra M. &	
Hall, George C. & Sons, Inc.	1,810.23	Sharon M.	812.20 ***
Harriman, Gary & Susan	1,692.26	Kennard, Michelle J.	1,118.64
Harrington, Daniel R. &		Kennard, Michelle J.	183.72
Kaitlyn E.	2,471.56	Kerr-Lewis, Jean A.	455.92 ***
Hart, Keith	255.57 **	Kilbreth, Carol A. &	
Hedberg, Eric	1,428.54	John F.	1,785.19 **
Hedberg, Erik	834.00	Knight, Frances, Et al	959.45 ***
Holz, Alfred	678.05	Knowlton, William, II	1,008.22
Holz, Alfred	269.38	Koches, Ellen	1,778.65 ***
Holz, Alfred	268.36	Lee, Jessica G.	436.60
Hood, William P. &		Lee, Sarah	1,199.98
Martha H.	2,588.93	Leigh, Angel	565.20 *
Horovitz, Daniel A. &		Leigh, Elmer E., Jr.	356.31
Cheryl M.	1,216.30 ***	Lermond, Robert F., Jr. &	
Howard, Sonja	452.35 ***	Marjorie A.	2,375.08
Huntley, Chris A. &		Lermond, Robert F., Tr	4,742.00
Deborah B.	1,209.67	Lewis, Leonard C. &	
Hutchins, Katherine A.	511.03 ***	Cara L.	2,122.97
Jackson, William M. &		Lewis, Leonard C. &	
Valerie M.	1,486.01	Cara L.	1,243.87 ***
Jackson, William M. &		Linscott, Darci A.	1,472.39
Valerie M.	51.03	Linscott, Darci A.	388.26
Jackson, Allen L. &		Linscott, Harrison L.	1,087.77
Cathanna L.	727.88	Linscott, Lloyd	59.19
Jackson, Timothy	1,362.93	Linscott, Lloyd	40.82
Jackson, Timothy	2,313.30	Linscott, Shanna L.	2,323.68 *
		Little, Jeffrey G.	823.54

Lloy, Dedre E.	1,040.51 ***	Pierpot, Clinton E.	336.93 ***
Ludwig, Barbara A.	1,612.39 *	Pierpont, Willard	576.33
Ludwig, Barbara A.	3,460.75 *	Pierpont, Willard	40.82
Ludwig, Barbara A.	47.10 *	Pierpont, Willard	360.32
Mank, Timothy A.	1,988.09	Pierpont, Willard	66.72
Manley, J. Patrick	459.24 ***	Porter, Mark W.	1,082.65 ***
Marks, Robert	1,399.30 ***	Potter, Brian E.	2,883.04 *
Martin, Sara D.	387.79 *	Pratt, Jerrod M.	30.62 *
Martucci, David B. & Janet L.	592.58 ***	Reddish, Robert T. & Elizabeth M.	884.30 **
Massey, F. Lane	301.80 ***	Rhinehart, Elizabeth	888.12
Massey, Franklin L.	1,196.42 ***	Rhodes, Elizabeth	2,027.98 ***
Mattingly, Elizabeth F., Heirs	1,080.51	Rhodes, William A. & Carol M.	978.16
McClure, Jacob	1,708.36	Ribar, Dorothy E.	422.33
McFarland, Matthew G.	1,730.49	Rideout, John & Tammy	2,104.82
Mechanics Savings Bank	32.39	Rideout, John & Tammy	451.52
Medeika, Patricia E.	2,293.88 ***	Riley, Leanne Dibenedetti	1,382.29 *
Medeika, Patricia E.	1,787.12 ***	Rubenstein, Russell	453.26 ***
Merrill, Jaynee	1,900.92	Sanborn, Philip	1,400.61
Michelson, Anita	1,130.01	Sanborn, Philip	10.20 *
Millar, Cynthia	823.25 ***	Sanborn, Steven	261.56 ***
Miller, Barry	751.48	Sanchez, Sarah M.	405.61
Miller, Jared L.	1,520.81	Schmitt, Dorothea	2,067.21 ***
Miller, Wayne A.	1,464.91 ***	Schnur, Rebecca	1,596.95 ***
Milliken, Robin & Robert	1,061.93	Shaggy, Michael & Mary	814.99 ***
Mole, Ronald	523.52	Shaggy, Thomas W.	585.41 ***
Mole, Ronald	2,055.98	Shannon, Linda	437.24
Moore, Ronald I. & Donna L.	1,573.51 **	Shantz, Rhonda Wellman	1,813.35
Moore, Ryan	456.87	Shenett, Daniel	722.20
Morgan, Joel W.	117.12	Shenett, Theresa & David	533.41
Morgan, Joel W.	885.62 *	Simonton, Richard S. & Joann P.	294.31 **
Mortali, Andrew R. & Diane D.	255.05	Sorrentino, Michael	2,194.88
Mortali, Andrew R. & Diane D.	517.69	Spahr, David L.	452.16 *
Moscato, Daniel P. & Cheryl A.	2,105.83	Spahr, Kenneth L., Heirs	106.76 *
Moscato, Daniel P. & Cheryl A.	5.10	Spahr, Kenneth L., Heirs	845.45 *
Needham, Ann	1,607.11	Spahr, Kenneth L., Heirs	15.31 *
Northwoods Forestry Svcs	593.46	SRB Homes LLC	3,328.38
Orrick, William P., Jr.	1,283.78 ***	SRB Homes LLC	156.94
Pease, Douglas E., Jr.	1,008.77	Stuart, Peter	1,375.38 **
Pedrone, Matthew T.	760.98	Talberg, Robert	674.30
Percy, Ellis	528.30 *	Thompson, Andrew L.	564.18
Percy, Lynn	356.14 ***	Till, James C., Et al	1,100.05 ***
		Turffs, L. Kim	1,183.89
		Turffs, L. Kim	386.22
		Valle, Forrester B.	722.15 **
		Vigue, Anthony & Linda	1,482.86 *

Vigue, Christopher	1,857.50	Wilson, William D.	500.00 ***
Vigue, Timothy L.	935.37 ***	Wirtz, Linda	41.45
Vogel, Donald E. & Dorothy M.	1,243.84 ***	Woody Creek Hills LLC	2,352.92 ***
Wadsworth, Laurie L.	645.38		<u>261,635.63</u>
Ware, Richard C.	1,123.95	<u>Personal Property</u>	
Wellman, Henry, Heirs	1,141.69	Jackson's Corner Store	47.10
Whelan, Richard H.	355.60	Jones, Frank E., Jr.	15.70
Williams, James M. & Annie T.	1,180.97 **	Washington Lake LLC	94.20
			<u>157.00</u>
			<u>261,792.63</u>

Prior Years Taxes Receivable December 31, 2018

<u>Real Estate</u>		<u>2016</u>	
<u>2017</u>		Jackson's Corner Store	44.70
Cooley, Scott	277.18		
<u>2016</u>		<u>2015</u>	
Dufresne, Kevin & Roberta	1,255.74	Jackson's Corner Store	44.70
<u>Personal Property</u>		<u>2012</u>	
<u>2017</u>		Pierpont, Willard	125.50
Jackson's Corner Store	45.60		
Washington Lake LLC	91.20		
	<u>136.80</u>		

Abatements and Supplementals December 31, 2018

<u>ABATEMENTS</u>		<u>2011</u>	
<u>2018</u>		Willard Pierpont	125.50
Turner Family Trust	138.16	Timothy Vigue	<u>25.10</u>
Mark Mitchell	109.90		150.60
	<u>248.06</u>	<u>2010</u>	
<u>2017</u>		Willard Pierpont	123.00
Town of Washington - Brown Heirs	16.72	Timothy Vigue	<u>24.60</u>
			147.60
<u>2016</u>		<u>2009</u>	
Town of Washington - Brown Heirs	16.39	Willard Pierpont	137.50
Poverty	803.73	Teri Peaslee	<u>27.50</u>
	<u>820.12</u>		165.00
<u>2015</u>		<u>2008</u>	
Town of Washington - Brown Heirs	16.39	Willard, Pierpont	<u>137.50</u>
			<u>1,701.99</u>
		<u>SUPPLEMENTALS</u>	
		NONE	

Registrar of Voters

It was a busy election year. Town Meeting began with elections for one Selectboard seat for a three-year term and one School Board seat also for a three-year term. There were 91 votes cast. Berkley Linscott was elected for the Selectboard seat and Staci Bowman was elected to the School Board seat.

The RSU40 school budget validation election was held the same time as the State Primary and Referendum election on June 12th. One hundred and sixty voters came out. The school budget passed and the one referendum election question proposing delaying ranked choice voting did not pass.

Elections ended in November with the State General and Referendum Election. There was one citizen initiative question and four bond issues. We had a great voter turnout with 792 people coming out to vote.

Our biggest asset to voting in Washington is our wonderful and enthusiastic poll workers. They put in long hours and are a dedicated crowd. I am very grateful for the people who have come out to work our elections. They make elections possible and bring a good deal of fun to it.

Respectfully submitted,
DENISE HYLTON
Registrar of Voters



*Warden and
two Ballot Clerks*



Three Generations of Voters

Washington Planning Board

The Washington Planning Board met 10 times last year. The board elected the same slate of officers as in 2017.

The board considered the following:

- An application for Granite processing by Rockport Granite. The Board reviewed the application and made findings of fact to support approval of the use.
- An application request by Douglas & Dale Brann to create a nonconforming lot for their daughter. Application was denied due to fact that the proposal did not comply with the review standards in the ordinance.
- An application for a 40 ft x 80 ft. truck maintenance garage and equipment storage at 235 Augusta Road for Melissa Fortune. The Board reviewed the application and made findings of fact to support approval.
- An application by W. R. Rhea Associates Inc. for a 4-lot subdivision on the Calderwood Road. The Board reviewed the application and made findings of fact to support approval.

The board would like to thank Jim Bowers, Dave Williams, and David Studer for the many years of service on the Planning Board; they will be missed.

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
JESSE CASAS
ASHLEY HERBER

Alternates:
CASSIDY PARMLEY
DANIEL FURROW

Washington Budget Committee

Fellow Citizens of Washington:

At the 2018 annual town meeting citizens elected Hank Aho, Wendy Carr, Jesse Casas, Donald Grinnell, David Martucci, Kathleen Ocean, and David Williams to the 2018 Washington Budget Committee (WBC). Peg Hobbs and Dorothy Sainio were elected as alternates. An initial status meeting with selectmen was held August 15, 2018 among the WBC, the Selectmen (Wes Daniel, Tom Johnston, and Berkley Linscott), and Town Clerk/Treasurer, Mary Anderson. Hank Aho was elected Chairman. In January 2019, a draft municipal budget proposal prepared by the selectmen was distributed to WBC. On January 23 and February 18, 2019 WBC members met with the selectmen 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 11.4%. 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 that in reviewing the budget the WBC noted that the costs for a number of items remained unchanged or decreased. The following highlight significant budget items.

Assessments

These are assessments which the town has little control over. Costs increased approximately (\$14,563.53) due primarily to increase in Union Ambulance service (\$10,883.00). Knox County tax and communications assessment and Tri-County Solid Waste Management Operations (TCSWMO) saw modest increases.

Salaries and Payroll Expenses

The 2019 budget includes an additional \$3,000 for reassessment of property valuations. The town's valuations has not kept pace with increased property values (for example, shore-land and outbuildings). This increase was somewhat offset by decreases in other areas.

Maintenance of Town Roads

The primary increases are due to labor costs and proposed paving of town roads.

In 2018 town highway workers went from a 30-hour week to a 40-hour week which increased costs. In addition significant costs were incurred by the number and nature of storm events during the first months of 2018.

Another increase was paving town roads. The selectmen initially recommended \$120,000, an increase of \$32,000. The budget committee questioned whether this was necessary as significant money was already available in other accounts for highway projects. Selectmen explained this increase would be applied to the paving/upgrading of the Old Union Road (a project started in 2018). Existing funds would be available for replacing the Fitch Road bridge and/or improvements to Calderwood Road (bridge and road repair/upgrade). Preliminary planning has been done for these projects but estimated costs are still being developed.

The budget committee, noting that significant funds were already available for road projects, voted to decrease the paving recommendation by \$32,000 to the 2018 level of \$88,000.

The budget committee noted that it would be helpful to have a cost layout for projects under consideration. The more information, the better. The selectmen made a point to mention that the Town Roads Committee needs people to help assess town roads. With finite money available and the number of roads needing attention, it is necessary to triage existing roads so that informed decisions can be made.

The initial budget included \$423,884 for maintenance of roads. The WBC reduced this to \$391,284, a reduction of \$17,000.

Appropriated for Town Roll Over Accounts

The selectmen's original recommendation included \$30,000 for down payment on a replacement 2nd tanker for the fire department. The existing 2nd tanker has frame issues but opinions differed on repair or replace. The replacement cost is estimated to be \$165,000 for a used replacement. The WBC noted that the Town was making annual payments of \$31,000 for a pumper truck. The WBC understood the argument for a replacement tanker but noted the additional cost posed a significant burden on the Town's budget. After discussion the WBC voted to decrease the selectmen's recommendation from \$30,000 to \$10,000, reducing the selectmen's Appropriation for Town Roll-over Accounts from \$52,000 to \$32,000.

Afterwards, the selectmen reconsidered their request. Originally the fire department was going to put an article on the warrant requesting approval to purchase a replacement tanker. After further discussion, it was determined to delay the purchase. As an alternative the selectmen proposed that \$20,000 be raised towards repair/replacement of the existing tanker truck. In addition, the selectmen proposed \$20,000 for plow truck replacement. This increased the requested appropriation back to the original \$52,000. The WBC agreed and voted to accept the changes.

Budget Summary

Expenses (not including Assessments): The Town’s proposed 2019 budget for expenses is \$874,996, an increase of \$59,481 or 7.3% over 2018.

Revenue: The Town anticipates raising revenue of \$438,124.01 from such sources as excise tax, state revenue sharing, tree growth reimbursement, and other town fees. This is a decrease of \$29,952 or 6.4% decrease from 2018.

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

Total Recommended Budget Amount:	\$874,996.00
<u>Less Anticipated Revenue to Reduce Property Taxes:</u>	\$438,124.01
Subtotal:	\$436,871.99
Knox County Tax assessment:	\$160,725.20
Knox County Communications Assessment:	\$ 47,944.00
TCSWMO and Union Ambulance	<u>\$ 80,435.33</u>
Total to Be Raised from Property Taxes:	\$725,976.52

In closing:

Though the town budget is significant the real costly item to Washington taxpayers is the RSU 40 budget. In 2018 the cost was over \$1,700,000. The selectmen and the WBC urge you, as taxpayers, to attend and participate in school budget discussions. The budget committee wishes to acknowledge our town officials and employees for their efforts to control costs and their dedication. The Town is fortunate to have such people working on its behalf. Finally, thanks to Joan Hayward for taking notes of our committee meetings.

Respectfully submitted,
HANK AHO, Chairman
WENDY CARR
JESSE CASAS
DONALD GRINNELL
DAVID MARTUCCI
KATHY OCEAN
DAVID WILLIAMS
PEG HOBBS (alternate)
DOROTHY SAINIO (alternate)

Code Enforcement Officer

The Building Permits issued for 2018 are as follows:

- Mobile Home /Modular Home 1
- Garage 3
- Home addition 3
- Garage addition 1
- New House 4
- Shed 1
- Barn 1
- Activity Building 1
- Bath House 1
- Greenhouse 1
- Classroom camp 1
- Deck 2
- Platform for camp 1

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

Plumbing Inspector’s Report

The Plumbing Permits issued for 2018 are as follows:

- Subsurface Wastewater Permits 8
- Internal Plumbing Permits 8

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

Respectfully submitted,
BOB TEMPLE
Plumbing Inspector

Washington Appeals Board

The Washington Appeals Board met 4 times last year. The Board elected Lowell Freiman as Chairman and James Kearney as Vice Chairman/Secretary.

In November the Board held a pre-hearing conference regarding an Administrative Appeal of a violation citation on Crystal Lake Road.

The work of all the Board members 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 SAINIO

NORMAN CASAS

CATHY BLAKE

Alternates:

ROBERT DEGROFF

TRACI HOFFMAN

We had an about an average number of calls this year. Again, our department and mutual aid companies handled our calls with great professionalism. We had just two chimney fires this year. Thanks to all for being “fire safe.”

Again we had a number of trees and power lines down which resulted in having to close roads. Please do not move barricades or try to remove trees or power lines in the road.

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.

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 on line. Just go to: wardensreport.com, and follow the steps and print your permit.

We have had 3 new members join this year, but we can always use more help especially during the week. We are at the station nearly every Monday night at 7:00 pm 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

While there were no major emergency situations this last year, there were other events of note.

Thanks to a Presidential Disaster Declaration, the Town of Washington was reimbursed some \$7,600 by the Federal Government and the State of Maine for work done by the Town after the Halloween storm of 2017.

The Warming Center at Mt. Olivet Masonic Lodge is now fully operational, as needed. An orientation for twenty volunteer staff has been held. As always, volunteers are the energy that keeps our town functioning. Noteworthy in this regard are the ladies of the Evening Star Grange and the members of our volunteer Fire Department, the core of any emergency activity in our Town.

Emergency notification of the public remains an open issue. Most people watch the weather and are well informed by various forms of public media. They usually know when the sky is falling. Telephones allow those in need to reach out. Even with such means, only neighbor to neighbor contact will protect the most vulnerable of our residents. In an emergency, that may be the only reliable form of contact available - and the most rewarding.

CHRISTOPHER "KIT" LASCOUTX
Emergency Management Director
458-4887 xlascoutx@hotmail.com

Washington Lakes Watershed Association

The mission of Washington Lakes Watershed Association [WLWA] is to conserve our town's unique water resources and to promote their careful and responsible management. We welcome everyone to work with us to keep our ponds, waterways and the lands around them free of debris, runoff, invasive species, and toxic materials.

Last summer (2018) our volunteer water quality team, headed by Roger Cady, gathered water samples and measurements regularly on both Washington Pond and Crystal Lake. Results showed that the lakes were sustaining above average water quality. As usual, the oxygen content of the waters went down in the hottest part of the summer. However, the O₂ returns to normal without intervention which is a strong indicator of water health. A copy of the complete 2018 Washington Lakes Water Quality Report is available in the town office.

Besides the fact that good lake water readings are important for the wildlife whose home is in or around the lakes and for those who swim, fish or enjoy other recreations, they are a measure of property values. WLWA thanks all residents and visitors who help sustain the cleanliness and clarity of the great ponds in our town.

WLWA tracks and reports ice-out dates to Lake Stewards of Maine (formerly Maine Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program) and Maine Dept. of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (Maine IF&W). For 2018, Washington Pond ice-out was April 20. Past ice-out dates include: April 14, 2017; March 11, 2016; April 21, 2015; April 15, 2014; April 8, 2013; April 16, 2011; and April 10, 2009.

WLWA continues as 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 demonstrate good stewardship of their shorefront by controlling runoff, stabilizing their shoreline with a buffer area of plants and shrubs, maintaining a sturdy ground cover, and avoiding use of toxic chemicals.

WLWA is grateful to Lake Stewards of Maine, Maine Lakes Society and The Midcoast Conservancy (formerly Medomak Valley Land Trust) for information, advice and assistance. A special thank-you to Garrison Beck of The Midcoast Conservancy. Many thanks also to readers of this report,

Washington residents, lake property owners, summer visitors and campers,
and all friends of clean, clear water.

Respectfully submitted,
CHARLOTTE HENDERSON
Member
Washington Lakes Association

Midcoast Conservancy

Midcoast Conservancy is committed to supporting healthy lands, waters and communities in Washington and throughout the Midcoast Maine region through conservation, outdoor adventure and learning. On January 1st, we merged with Medomak Valley Land Trust, bringing 13 new towns and 4,500 more acres of land into the Midcoast Conservancy community. Together, we are working on a scale that matters. Below is a sampling of how we impacted the lives of Washington residents:

Your Community:

- Facilitated 2 weeks of paddleboarding and kayaking on Stevens Pond during summer Outdoor Adventure programs.
- Held a “Snack & Chat” at Washington General to share information about local trails and preserves in the area.

Your Water:

- Continued to do comprehensive water tests on Washington and Crystal lakes (for the fourth year) and loan the town of Washington our Dissolved Oxygen meter for the entire summer to enable bi-weekly DO data collection on both Washington Pond and Crystal Lake.
- Continued to reduce invasive plant *Hydrilla* (the most aggressive in North America) populations in Davis Stream. In 2018, no *Hydrilla* was found! With your help, we will continue being a leader in the fight against invasive plants in 2019.

Your Land:

- Added a 38-acre addition to the West Branch Preserve in neighboring Somerville/Jefferson.
- Nearby, we have over 1,438 acres of protected land in Jefferson including Hidden Valley Nature Center. These lands not only offer recreational opportunities such as hunting, fishing & hiking, they help recharge underground aquifers, control storm water which reduces damage to roads and runoff into lakes and streams and provides a place for wildlife to live.

Washington is a crucial partner for all the work we do. Many of our members and volunteers come from Washington and we invite more of you join us. Learn more at www.midcoastconservancy.org. Feel free to be in touch or stop by our office at 290 US Route in Edgecomb.

Respectfully submitted,
JODY JONES, Executive Director

Washington Recreation Committee

The Washington Recreation Committee (WRC) was busy this year offering a diverse choice of programs for kids, families, and adults.

Youth Sports remain central for the WRC. Research continues to show that participation in sports is an important part in children developing character and building self-esteem. Our coaches teach the fundamental skills and rules of the game, the value of teamwork, and working toward a common goal. Each program is geared to be age appropriate.

PreK-2 basketball had an active season with practices at Prescott Memorial School and games at Warren Recreation.

Little League continues to be our most popular sport and once again included softball.

Youth soccer is growing in Washington. Thanks to a generous patron, we were able to purchase the equipment needed to expand our program to include 3-4 grade teams. We were also able to offer family discounts. Practices were here at our practice field by the fire pond and games were hosted by Warren Recreation.

Our second Annual Canoe/Kayak race on Washington Pond was well attended this year with local and summer residents participating. This upcoming year's paddle will include a SUP (Stand-Up Paddle Board) category as well. Looking forward to seeing you all Saturday, July 13th at the Washington Pond Boat Launch.

The Washington Challenge 5K/Fun Run drew a crowd of runners despite record heat. Door prizes and medals to winners of all age groups followed the run. Thanks to another generous patron, we were able to provide t-shirts for all participants. Hope to see you in 2019. Both the 5K and the Fun Run begin and end at Prescott Memorial School. The 2019 Washington Challenge will be Sunday, August 4th, 2019.

This year the WRC held its first Spring Retreat. We started the day with yoga followed by an opportunity to receive a 15-minute body work session. Participants' choices included Reiki, Chair Massage, Reflexology, and Sound Healing. Chi machines were also available for attendees to try out. Lunch was catered by the Washington General and our keynote speaker topic was Aromatherapy: Not Just for Relaxation. The day concluded with a Chi Kung Closing Exercise. We are already planning for this year's event to be held Saturday, April 27th at the Evening Star Grange.

Our Monday Walkers remain a dedicated bunch. We meet at Gibbs Library at 9 am Monday mornings to walk the Bill Luce Rd. to McDowell Rd. and back. It is a 3-mile hike with some challenging hills to give us that cardiac workout. All are encouraged to walk at their own pace and distance. Always room for more to join us. Well behaved and leashed dogs are welcome, too.

The Washington Recreation Committee wishes to thank our volunteers and volunteer coaches. Your dedication and generous gift of service and hours of your time are appreciated. None of this could happen without you.

We also wish to thank the Warren Recreation for their support in organizing games for our soccer and basketball teams. You are a valuable resource.

Washington Recreation Committee
PEG HOBBS, Co-Chair
HELEN CADDIE-LARCENIA, Co-Chair
TRAVIS PEREZ
STEVE OCEAN
DAKOTA and JOHN GREEN
KATHLEEN and NEIL GROSS
ALISON LEAVITT

Hill & Gully Riders Snowmobile Club

To the Residents of Washington:

Hill & Gully Riders Snowmobile Club currently has 20 members. We meet 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.

Snow has been hard to come by the last few years and this year has proved no different. Some of the trails in our system are only accessible by snowmobile so cleanup may or may not have happened this year. If one of our trails crosses your property and you are uncertain of its status, please feel free to reach out to us as landowner relations are of the upmost importance to us.

We didn't undertake any major projects this year other the usual seasonal trail cleanup and marking. 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 busy and productive year for the Gibbs Library. Enthusiasm, commitment and energy have been consistent. Our staff and volunteers do so much to keep things running smoothly. Our Board of Trustees is dedicated and creative.

I want to thank the voters of the Town of Washington for approving a warrant article at the 2018 town meeting affording us \$15,000.00. This is a critical part of our budgetary and fundraising planning. Our annual giant garage sale, involvement in the Community Auction and annual appeal letter are major components of our revenue as well.

We continue to search for relevant grants to fund collection purchases, programs and upgrades. This year we received a grant from the Davis Foundation for air conditioning the Bryant Community Room, a new projector and computer cart. These three upgrades allow us to provide programs in the summer months. Thanks to Sue Ebersten for her expert grant writing skills. We received two generous grants to expand our collection. One, submitted by Hazel Kopishke, our tireless children's program director, was from the Rose and Samuel Rudman Library Trust Fund administered by the Maine Community Foundation. Another was from L.L. Bean which granted us three sets of snowshoes which we lend to patrons for a week at a time!



Kate Nichols, our library's manager, and Julie Madden, our librarian, along with dedicated volunteers, work hard to keep our collection up to date. Stop in and see what we have to offer!

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 Russ Cox 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. Darling's Ice Cream Truck for a Cause visited also! (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.

- **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 STEM science sessions** led by Kathryn Jensen from the Cooperative Extension for grades 1-6 and 4 daytime sessions targeting homeschoolers.

- **Family Game Night**

We offered a number of adult programs during the year.

- **An Evening of Jazz with Gardenia** January 2018. Gardenia performed music from Hollywood and Broadway by the composers of The Great American Songbook and the Golden Age of American Song.

- **Adult Book Discussion Group:** lively books discussions on books of varying themes.

- **Author of *Upwards*,** Laurie Apgar Chandler, shared her adventure on the Northern Forest Canoe Trail with a photo presentation, talk and book signing.

- **Meditation /Relaxation** - A group meets in the Bryant Room of the library each Thursday morning at 7:30.

- **Authors of *Our Point of View*,** Tom and LeeAnn Szelog, shared photos and stories of their 14 years living at the Marshal Point Lighthouse.

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

Respectfully submitted,
KATHLEEN OCEAN, President
Washington Library Association

Washington Historical Society

The Washington Historical Society (WHS) continues with its mission to preserve and share our town's history. Razorville Hall, our museum, continues to grow with new items donated or loaned each year. This past fall we started the project of returning its siding back to the original wood clapboards. Two sides are completed and our planned Heritage Day celebration last September turned into a work session with members painting the new siding. Plans are to continue this project until all sides are complete.



Another maintenance project completed last fall was the much needed work on the sills at the entry of the old Town House. More work is needed on the floor and window replacement to make this building usable for displays and programs. Our goal is to accomplish additional work this summer with the hopes of having it ready for this fall's Heritage Day on Saturday, September 7.

We continue working with programs at Prescott Memorial. Last spring with the assistance of the 6th grade we researched the history of the town's 14 one-room school houses. We roughly taped out the town roads on the gym floor and located the places where each school existed. Gathering all the students in the gym, we led them to the location of the one-room school house they would have attended. As the schools closed, we moved students to the next school they would have gone to until we reached the last four one-room school houses. Finally, we all came together with the opening of Prescott Memorial in 1954. It was a fun, visual way of looking back at the history of the town's schools. The 5th grade class also visited Razorville Hall and the VFW for the now annual class trip in June.

We successfully received a grant from the Knox County Community Grant Program which enabled us to purchase office equipment. We now have a laser printer, photo printer, and scanner so we can digitally preserve and copy pictures and documents in our collection. This has allowed us to print another book of Cheryl Swift's cemetery documentation project. We now have in printed form books showing pictures of the stones and

Cheryl's research for Pierpoint, McDowell, Maple Grove, Davis-Daggett, Levensaler, Light, Hopkins, Clark, Mountain, and Marr Cemeteries. These books are available for use at the WHS office. Cheryl's work is continuing as she researches additional cemeteries. The grant also provided funds for large, archival boxes to store clothing and other textiles we have been given when the items are not on display.

In January and February we met in the Bryant Room to continue our road documentation project using Google maps and town records. This year we started at the South Liberty line and moved to the Village on Liberty Road, noting present homes and adding any information we had on former families and homes along that road. The history and stories shared make these meetings very interesting. This ongoing project will keep us busy in the years ahead.

Continuing projects will be a 2020 Historical Calendar (copies of 2019 are still available), coordinating the 5th Annual Washington Community Auction scheduled for July 27, 2019, opening Razorville Hall this summer, the annual Memorial Day Celebration at the Town Monument, and September Heritage Day. Upon request, we will open the museum for visitation so please ask if you would like to schedule a visit. Watch for dates and programs when it will be open this summer.

As you can see, the WHS is active and welcomes your support. We meet the 3rd the Tuesday each month, usually at the Masonic Hall at 7PM. Our office is located there.

In the summer, we meet at the museum. Please check our web site www.washingtonhistorical.org and like us on Facebook. Membership dues are \$5 annually. Please join and help preserve Washington's history.

Respectfully submitted
HAZEL KOPISHKE
WHS Secretary



Washington Scholarship Committee

The year of 2018 was good and bad for the Washington Scholarship Committee. The generosity of our community and our supporting businesses continued to grow the funds we distribute to Washington resident seniors, but we had no applicants apply for our help this year to aid them in furthering their education beyond high school. This is the first time this has happened since the committee's inception and we hope it never happens again. We have many graduating seniors in our town of Washington this coming June and we look forward to receiving their applications.

One more change for our committee is the end of the Billings family scholarship. Another task of the Scholarship Committee is to review these applications and award the scholarships students qualify for. After contacting the Billings family regarding the balance of their account, they decided this would be the final year to award this scholarship. The family was very generous to donate the remaining principal to the Washington Scholarship account to continue helping Washington seniors continue their education.

We look forward to reviewing this year's applications (due by May 1st) and to helping Washington's graduates, once again.

JUDY GOOD
MILDRED MELGARD
JAN BIRK
MINDY GOULD
PRISCILLA PACKARD

Minnie B. Weaver Scholarship

The Minnie B. Weaver Scholarship was established in 1986 to honor the memory of Mrs. Weaver, a lifelong educator. Minnie Cramer was raised in Washington and attended the Hodge School. She graduated from Washington High School in 1921 and that fall, after passing a special teacher's exam, began her teaching career at the age of 17. In 1925, she graduated from the Eastern State Normal School in Castine. She taught in four of Washington's one-room schools and eventually retired from Prescott Memorial in 1972 after 49 years of teaching.

After her death, a committee formed to establish a scholarship in her memory. Fund raising began and the first scholarship was awarded in 1990. The scholarship base has grown through the years with varying fund raising projects and donations in Minnie's memory. The Weaver Scholarship Committee raises funds at the Community Auction and now from the town, allowing for scholarships to be awarded annually.

Applications are available at the Guidance Office at Medomak Valley High School. Applicants must be a graduating senior from MVHS, have resided in Washington for five years, be accepted at a school of higher learning, and submit a complete application by the deadline of April 30. Because of Mrs. Weaver's dedicated teaching experience, preference is given to education majors but it is not limited to field of education majors.



Minnie Weaver Scholarship Committee

DOROTHY SAINIO
WENDY CARR
HAZEL KOPISHKE
KATHY DANIEL
BETTE PELLETIER
DALE BRANN
PRISCILLA PACKARD

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. In 2018, we provided over 4,600 hours of service to over 1,400 individuals in mid-coast Maine. We need your help to continue our work. Unfortunately, the need for services in our community is growing. In order to keep up with this need we are requesting \$787 which is our first increased ask amount in more than 20 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 Maine Department of Corrections for women who use violence.

In 2018, New Hope provided the following services to residents of the Town of Washington: 20.25 hours of direct service to 13 clients and 27.11 hours of community and youth education to 74 individuals.

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, Lincoln, Knox, and Waldo counties are so important to us. Thank you for supporting our programs. We hope you will continue

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

Cordially,
BRITTANY CICKETTI
BRANDY DUPPER-MACY
Development Directors,
New Hope for Women

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 2019 PROGRAM BUDGET

	Individual Advocacy	Community Education	Transitional Housing	Support Group	Emergency Shelter
Expenses					
Personnel	284,103	518,487	48,830	5,327	31,074
Other	56,140	102,456	9,649	1,053	6,140
	340,243	620,943	58,479	6,380	37,214
Total Expenses	1,063,259				
Income					
State Funds	109,732				
Federal Funds	594,802				
Municipalities	46,815				
Charitable Orgs.	70,314				
Rural Grant	49,310				
United Ways	62,875				
Fundraising	129,411				
Total Income	1,063,259				

New Hope's administrative costs for our last audited fiscal year (FY17) are 16%, and our fundraising costs are 3.3%, according to an independent outside auditor.

Penquis

To: Citizens of Washington:

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

For the year ending May 31, 2018, the following services were provided to residents:

SERVICE	NUMBER SERVED	VALUE*
Central Heating Improvement Program <i>Repairs or replaces faulty central heating systems.</i>	1 Client	\$353
Child and Adult Care Food Program <i>Reimburses child care providers for nutritious meals and snacks.</i>	1 Provider	\$7,957
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>	1 Child	\$26,142
Emergency Crisis Intervention Program <i>Provides home heating assistance to income-eligible households that are in an emergency or energy crisis.</i>	2 Households	\$633
Family Development Account Program <i>Provides matched savings accounts for home ownership, microbusiness development, education, vehicle ownership, vehicle repair, and emergency savings.</i>	1 Client	\$4,000
Good Neighbor Heating Assistance <i>Provides 100 gallons of heating fuel to households whose income is 250% of the federal poverty level or less.</i>	3 Households	\$866
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>	1 Child	\$14,181
Low Income Assistance Program <i>Electricity discount for LIHEAP eligible households.</i>	33 Households	\$0
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program <i>Assists income-eligible households with home heating costs.</i>	32 Households	\$27,867
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 <i>Provides volunteers age 55+ with service opportunities to assist children and communities.</i>	1 Volunteer Hours	\$16
Small/Micro Business Development Services <i>Provides training and technical assistance to help individuals start or expand their own businesses.</i>	1 Client	\$1,005

Small/Micro Business Loans	1 Client	\$1,732
<i>Provides loans from \$500 up to \$50,000 to help businesses start, expand or meet financial needs.</i>		

Total Value: \$149,751
*Value includes leveraged funds

Values reported as "0" have been omitted when the value of services cannot be qualified or when recipients of the service may reside outside of the town (e.g. children receiving school-based services.)

This year we are requesting: \$1,947

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!

Broadreach

On behalf of our Board of Directors, our staff, and especially our clients, please accept my sincere thanks for your contribution of \$750.00 to benefit the children and families of the Town of Washington served by Broadreach Family & Community Services.

The generosity of the townspeople of Washington supports Broadreach in providing critical services to so many of the children and families of our county. Investing in children today supports a better future for us all tomorrow. Thank you for your support for the programs and services of Broadreach Family & Community Services.

Sincerely,
TODD GOODWIN
Executive Director
Broadreach Family &
Community Services

Spectrum Generations

Spectrum Generations provides specialized programs and services to older and/or disabled adults, and have been committed to doing so for over 40 years. While we are mostly known for our Meals on Wheels program, we also offer service assistance with Medicare/Medicaid counseling, Nutrition services including USDA supplemental food commodities, health and wellness options, case management, and more. Our mission also includes providing companionship to a homebound individual, or supporting a family caregiver who needs guidance on how to care for their aging and/or disabled loved one.

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:

- **534 meals** through Meals on Wheels.
- Services to **35 unduplicated Washington** residents.
- Aging and Disability Resource Specialists provided **35 hours** of outreach and counseling on topics including elder abuse, prescriptions, drug coverage, and long-term care options.
- **1** Washington resident volunteered **145 hours** of their time to Spectrum Generations

Additionally...**6 caregivers** received **779 hours** of support services, aiding in the balancing act of working and taking care of an older or disabled loved one; **13 meals** and socialization were enjoyed by **4 people** through our community dining program, and **2 people** engaged in activities including Health and Wellness workshops and classes at our Community Centers.

Request to Town of Washington: \$ 922.00

Sincerely,
STEPHANIE HANNER
Community Engagement Officer

Tri County Solid Waste Management Organization

Greetings to all residents:

The year 2018 has brought numerous changes to the transfer station. Among these was the hiring of two employees: Don Hannan and Bruce Tibbetts.

As we seek to maintain a facility now entering its 27th year of operation, facility repairs and improvements have remained a priority. New, energy efficient LED lighting has been installed in the interior, and at the outside entrances of the trash building. New signage has been installed. Renovations have been made to the scale house, facilitating improved year round operation of the scales. Our overall goal in these endeavors has been to not only improve the appearance of the station, but also make it a safer place for patrons and employees alike.

Much work has been done in the past few months to create a Tri County Solid Waste website. This website will be a compendium of information regarding transfer station operations, commodity pricing, recycling opportunities and waste disposal guidelines.

Our annual household hazardous waste disposal event is again scheduled to be held on its traditional date and time in June: Saturday, 15 June 2019, 8:30-11:00 am. Look for further announcements and information as this June date approaches.

Again this year, we wish to thank you, our faithful patrons, for your continued support of Tri County Solid Waste. At the transfer station, we're there to help you, whether it's a question in need of an answer, or rendering assistance unloading a vehicle. For all of you with canine "family members," we always look forward to seeing each and every one of them you bring with you to the station.

Regards,
DAVID STANLEY, Manager

U.S. Senator's Report

Washington, DC

As I travel Maine, I hear from people who live in every corner of our state. I hear about their achievements, their successes, their work to improve their communities – I hear about the hope they have for our state. I also hear about our challenges, and all the work we have left to do. As I see it, that's my job: to listen to you, act where I can to build on what's good, and work on the tough parts. As 2018 comes to a close, I wanted to take a moment to share an update on some of the work we're doing in Washington to lift up the accomplishments of Maine people and make progress on the challenges they face.

From Portland to Presque Isle, from Milo to Camden, I hear about the pain that the opioid epidemic is inflicting on Maine communities. I've met with Maine people in recovery, family members of those struggling with substance use disorders, treatment providers, and law enforcement officials to learn about their experiences with this terrible disease, and everyone agrees that in order to fully respond to these problems, we need a stronger federal effort to end the opioid epidemic. Fortunately, some help is on the way – in October, we overwhelmingly passed a sweeping, bipartisan opioids bill. I've pushed hard for this type of legislation and was proud to have provisions I've advocated for included in the bill. These priorities have been guided by the voices of Maine people, and we'll keep working to confront this tragic problem.

I've also worked to strengthen the future of our forest economy. Maine's forests have powered our state's economy for generations, especially in our rural communities. So, when rapid shifts in the market led to the closure of many pulp and paper mills and biomass power plants, it required a collaborative approach to support future growth in this important industry. That's why, together with the other members of the state's Congressional delegation, I pushed to establish the Economic Development Assessment Team (EDAT). This integrated, multiagency effort aims to foster innovation and commercialization in Maine's forest economy, and we're already seeing the benefits: in recent months, several forest industry businesses have announced significant investments into Maine operations, and in September 2018, the Forest Opportunity Roadmap (FOR)/Maine released an action plan to make sure this industry, and the rural communities it supports, can continue to thrive for generations to come.

As I close this letter, please allow me to express my gratitude to each of you – for your dedication to our state, and to one another. It’s often said that Maine is like a big small town (with very long streets)—that’s because at our heart, we’re one big community. It’s not only a pleasure to serve you– it’s a pleasure to know you. Thank you for being the reason Maine is so special. Mary and I hope that 2019 will be a good year for you, your family, your community, and our great State.

Best,
ANGUS S. KING
United States Senator

U.S. Senator's Report

Washington, DC

Dear Friends,

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

As Chairman of the Senate Aging Committee, I worked to help ensure the well-being of our seniors. The *SeniorSafe Act* I authored became law last year and is empowering banks, credit unions, and other financial institutions to better protect seniors from financial fraud.

Following extensive committee investigations of prescription drug pricing, additional legislation I crafted became law, ending the egregious practice of pharmacy “gag clauses” that prevented pharmacists from informing patients on how to pay the lowest possible price.

This year, I was also successful in securing an extra \$425 million for Alzheimer’s research—the largest funding increase ever—bringing the total to \$2.34 billion. Additionally, the bipartisan *BOLD Act* I authored will create public health infrastructure to combat Alzheimer’s by promoting education, early diagnosis, and improved care management.

More than 40 million Americans—including 178,000 Mainers—are caregivers for parents, spouses, children, and other loved ones with disabilities or illnesses, such as Alzheimer’s. The *RAISE Family Caregivers Act* I authored was signed into law last year, giving caregivers more resources and training to better balance the full-time job of caregiving. Another law I wrote will help grandparents who are raising grandchildren, largely due to the opioid addiction crisis.

In addition to helping seniors, a major accomplishment over the past year is the increased federal investment in biomedical research that is leading to progress in the fight against numerous devastating diseases. Congress has boosted funding for the National Institutes of Health by \$7 billion in just the last three years, bringing total funding to more than \$39 billion.

One of my highest priorities as Chairman of the Transportation Appropriations Subcommittee is to improve our nation’s crumbling infrastructure and ensure that Maine’s needs are addressed. Since the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Transportation Grants program, formerly known as TIGER, was established in 2009, I have secured \$160 million for vital transportation projects throughout Maine.

Congress also delivered a Farm Bill last year, which includes many important provisions that will help the agriculture industry in Maine and across the country. Specifically, I secured provisions that will strengthen support for young farmers, improve local farm-to-market efforts, and increase funding for organic research.

Congress took decisive action to address the opioid addiction epidemic. In addition to appropriating \$8.5 billion in federal funding last year, Congress enacted the *SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act*, a comprehensive package that embraces the multipronged approach I have long advocated for this epidemic: prevention, treatment, recovery, and enforcement to stop drug trafficking.

Maine plays a key role in ensuring a strong national defense. In 2018, Congress provided funding for five ships to be built at Bath Iron Works, which will help to keep our nation safe and provide our skilled shipbuilders a steady job. I also secured more than \$162 million for infrastructure projects at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard to support their important work to overhaul Navy submarines.

A Maine value that always guides me is our unsurpassed work ethic. In December 2018, I cast my 6,834th consecutive vote, continuing my record of never missing a roll-call vote since my Senate service began in 1997.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve Maine in the United States Senate. If ever I can be of assistance to you, please contact one of my state offices or visit my website at www.collins.senate.gov. May 2019 be a good year for you, your family, your community, and our state.

Sincerely,
SUSAN M. COLLINS
United States Senator

U.S. Representative's Report

I hope this message finds you well. I am honored to represent you and your family and am grateful for the chance to offer both an update from Congress and my thoughts on the year ahead.

In Maine, we care less about political parties than about getting the job done. That's why I'm happy to report several recent victories I had reaching across the aisle to address issues important to our state.

Signed into law after months of deadlock, the 2018 Farm Bill contained several provisions I introduced. We were able to boost local food investment and organic research programs that are important to the Maine farmers driving a resurgence in our agricultural economy. The bill also created a pilot program to help doctors write prescriptions and offer vouchers to patients who need to change their diet but can't afford fresh food. Finally, the legislation included several steps I introduced to reduce food waste, a national problem that is not only costly to the environment and economy, but a missed opportunity to help millions of Americans who don't have enough to eat.

At the end of 2018, the President signed into law legislative language I introduced to assist veterans who had been blindsided by debt with the Department of Veterans Affairs. After hearing from several veterans who did not receive mailings about their debt until it was too late to take action, I introduced a bill to require the VA to improve its notification system. The final legislation requires that veterans have the option of getting electronic notifications and that the VA report on the underlying issues.

And on the House Appropriations Committee, I worked to protect programs that our state relies on, such as small business grants, rural broadband investment, effective responses to the opioid epidemic, shipbuilding at Bath Iron Works, and more.

As a new Congress gets underway, I will keep working with Republicans to make progress on key issues like these. But with Democrats now in the majority, I look forward to having an open debate on problems that have been ignored for too long. This includes the gun violence plaguing our nation, the dangers climate change presents to our country, crushing student loan debt, the influence of big money in politics, and the need for all Americans to access affordable health care and prescriptions.

In Washington and Maine, my offices stand ready to answer your questions, listen to feedback, and assist with federal issues and agencies. My hard-working staff helps many hundreds of constituents every year and I welcome the chance to serve you.

CHELLIE PINGREE, Member of Congress

Governor's Report

Dear Friends:

It was the highest honor of my life to take the oath of office to become Maine's 75th governor. Over the next four years, I will do everything in my power to make Maine the safe, beautiful, prosperous state we all want for our children and grandchildren.

That is why on my first day in office I directed the Maine Department of Health and Human Services to implement Medicaid expansion as quickly and efficiently as possible. My Administration will ensure that it is paid for sustainably; that the cost of health insurance is controlled; and that the cost of prescription drugs is reined in. In addition to creating a Director of Opiate Response to marshal the collective power and resources of state government to stem the tide of the opioid epidemic, we will make Narcan widely available, increase access to medication assisted treatment and recovery coaches, and expand drug courts.

We also need a healthy environment. My Administration will embrace clean energy; change our modes of transportation; weatherize homes and businesses; and reach a goal of 50 percent of our energy coming from Maine renewable resources. By reducing the impacts of climate change, we will create good-paying jobs, preserve our environment, and protect our state's farming, fishing, and forestry industries.

We will also develop a world-class workforce starting with Pre-K for every 4-year-old in Maine and more post-high school options that result in a valued credential. Attracting talented young people to move here and make Maine their home will be top priorities of my Administration.

Maine communities, especially rural communities, are confronting a severe workforce shortage and an aging and declining population. It is time for bold, dynamic ideas that will change Maine for the better. That is why I, along with people ranging from small business owners, innovators and entrepreneurs, to economists and every day, hard-working Mainers, developed an economic plan designed to make it easier for small businesses to grow, for people to come and stay, and for Maine to thrive.

I welcome your ideas. We are all in this together. We all want Maine to have a beautiful environment, happy people, and prosperous communities

Thank you,
JANET T. MILLS
Governor

State Senator's Report

First, let me thank you for reelecting me to represent you at the State House in Augusta. It truly is an honor to serve the constituents of District 13 in the Maine Senate. I am eager to get to work so that Maine becomes an even better place to make a decent living and raise a family. I would like to provide you with a few highlights of the 128th Legislature as well as my vision for the upcoming legislative session, which convened in December.

During my time as a member of the Maine Senate, it has been encouraging to see the significant progress that has occurred. The State of Maine closed the fiscal year that ended on June 30, 2018 with a budget surplus of more than \$126 million and a 'rainy day fund' totaling more than \$274 million, allowing our state to have a better borrowing capacity and long-term financial stability. Following years of budget shortfalls and high spending, the significance of these economic achievements cannot be overstated. Maine's unemployment is at an all-time low, and the state's jobless rate has been below four percent for a record 31 consecutive months.

Perhaps the most significant action the 128th Legislature took was passing tax conformity. In doing so, we ensured that Maine citizens would not see their tax burden increase as a result of the federal changes to the tax code. Additionally, the tax conformity legislation included a \$300 child credit and increased the property tax fairness credit. Serving as Chair of the Taxation Committee at the time, I was incredibly proud that both sides of the aisle could come together to benefit the Maine people.

As we head into the 129th Legislature, I have been elected by my colleagues to serve as the Senate Republican Leader. I look forward to listening to all viewpoints and examining critical legislation with a keen eye as we have a responsibility to ensure the best interests of all Maine citizens. I have also been appointed to serve on the Marine Resources Committee, which has jurisdiction over the State's commercial marine fisheries management, including the processing and sale of marine fish, shellfish and aquaculture. Maine is known around the world for the quality of seafood that comes from our coastline. I look forward to working with my colleagues to promote our marine industry while also taking the necessary steps to protect our natural resources for generations to come.

Thank you again for trusting me to be your voice in Augusta. If you have comments, questions or if you would like assistance with a state-related matter, please feel free to contact me at 287-1505 or dana.dow@legislature.maine.gov.

DANA L. DOW, State Senator

State Representative's Report

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

It is an honor and pleasure to represent you in the 129th Maine Legislature. I wanted to take this opportunity to inform you about our efforts to improve your lives.

First, I am hopeful that access to affordable health care and a better tax structure will be forthcoming. I have submitted legislation to expand health care in Maine. I have also submitted proposals to restore municipal revenue sharing and increase state support for our local schools, both of which will serve to lower your property taxes. I'm hopeful that the tax giveaways for the rich at the expense of my elderly homeowners and others on fixed incomes are over. Property tax relief is a major objective of the 129th Maine Legislature.

Another bill I have sponsored will be of special interest to my constituents in Washington. It is a major bill to protect the working waterfront in Maine's coastal communities, entitled "An Act To Make It Explicit That Maine Holds Title to Its Intertidal Lands." This bill will serve to protect the fishing and marine resource community from Kittery to Eastport by asserting that the public owns the lands between the high tide mark and the low tide mark, assuring our clambers, worm harvesters, lobster fleet, beach goers, and others that they have an absolute right to access this zone to make their living and enjoy our coast. It will also compel the Maine Attorney General's Office to defend your rights in court when wealthy landowners use the courts to block your access and damage the future of our working water front.

Another bill I have co-sponsored is sure to interest the Town of Washington and its residents. It is a bill to promote and support the use of solar energy and includes a provision to eliminate gross metering and adopt a net metering approach, meaning that those who use solar will be getting paid for producing excess electricity to the grid. As some of you are aware, solar legislation was defeated in the last session in a very close vote. You have my assurances I will support all solar energy legislation that benefits our residents.

It has been my priority in Augusta to serve my communities and involve my constituents and students in the governmental affairs in Augusta. As I have in the past, I will be working with RSU 40's schools to promote civics

and government. I will also be, once again, hosting students from RSU 40 and the Coastal Christian School to serve as pages on the floor of the House of Representatives.

I have enjoyed representing Washington, something I also did in the 1980's and 1990's when I served SAD #40, when we all collaborated to build the Prescott School addition and gymnasium. The people are friendly and I appreciate it.

Sincerely,
JEFFREY EVANGELOS
State Representative

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Town Meeting Results

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.

Town Clerk Ann Dean opened town meeting and Scott Whittier, Commander of Farrar Ross-Post VFW post 9437 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made and seconded to nominate Charlotte Henderson who was the only nominee and then was elected with 3 votes. The Town Clerk duly swore her into office and Charlotte appointed Walter Metcalf and Michael Mayo as deputy moderators. Walter Metcalf was sworn in as deputy moderator.

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

Linda Luce and Mildred Melgard checked in voters. The polls were closed at 8PM by Deputy Moderator Walter Metcalf. Ballot clerks Nancy Barker and Kathleen Ocean sorted and counted the ballots. The deputy moderator adjourned the meeting to 10am Saturday, March 24, 2018 at the Prescott School.

Michael Mayo was sworn in as Deputy Moderator.

The town clerk announced the results of Article 2 as follows:

The following is a list of ballots cast: Total 91

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

Berkley Linscott:	55
Write Ins:	20
Blanks:	16

School Board Member for MSAD 40 (3 year term):

Staci Bowman:	48
Daniel Furrow:	38
Write-Ins:	1
Blanks:	4

Town Clerk Ann Dean opened town meeting and Scott Whittier, Commander of Farrar Ross-Post VFW post 9437 led the Pledge of Allegiance. Ann called for a moment of silence for Tom Ford, our long-time moderator who suddenly passed away shortly after last year's town meeting. Selectman Wesley Daniel presented Peg Hobbs 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.

Michael Mayo called for nominations for seven citizens and two alternates to serve on the Budget Committee. The following citizens were nominated and elected unanimously: David Williams, Donald Grinnell, Kathleen Ocean, Henry Aho, David Martucci, Jesse Casas, and Wendy Carr. Dorothy Sainio and Peg Hobbs were elected as alternates. All in favor of this slate.

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

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

Motion carries unanimously

Article 4 passes.

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

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

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 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.

A motion was made and seconded to authorize the Municipal Officers to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12 of the budgeted amount in each budgeted category of the 2018 annual budget during the period from January 1, 2019, to the date of the 2019 Annual Town Meeting.

Motion carries unanimously

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

A motion was made and seconded to fix the date of October 1 that taxes will be due and payable at a rate of 8% interest to be charged on unpaid taxes after October 1st.

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 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%.

A motion was made and seconded to set the interest rate to be paid by the Town on abated taxes at 4%.

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 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 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.

Don Grinnell made a motion to add an amendment to change the word "shall" to "may". Motion seconded. Mike Mayo called for discussion. Don Grinnell referred to the Governor's most recent State of the State speech where he addressed the issue of the elderly

being forced out of their homes for unpaid taxes. Janet Martucci asked if changing the word to “may” could bring unintended consequences. Guy Bourrie remarked that the word “shall” is one of the most misused words in the English language and that the word “must” or “will” should be used instead. Motion passed with 3 dissenting votes. As amended passed unanimously
Motion as amended carries unanimously.

Article 10 passes as amended

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 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 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.

Motion carries unanimously.

Article 12 passes.

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. 2017 Refund=\$297.90

A motion was made and seconded 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.

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 2018 and 2019 for taxes not yet due or assessed and for no interest to accrue.

A motion was made and seconded to authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of taxes for the years 2018 and 2019 for taxes not yet due or assessed and for no interest to accrue. Dorothy Sainio asked why we voted twice, Ann Dean stated this won't happen next year.

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. *72 members 2017.*

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

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 Grants and/or other grants for Emergency Services.

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

Motion carries 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 spend any grant money received, not to exceed the amount of the grant, for the stated purposes of the grant only. Charlotte Henderson asked where the grant money goes that is not expended. Tom Johnston stated the granting agency would decide.

Motion carries unanimously.

Article 17 passes.

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. *2018 Overlay = \$31,481.82 Dec 2017 Road M Reserve bal=\$168,051.34*

A motion was made and seconded to move the 2018 overlay, plus supplemental tax assessments and less any tax abatements, into the Road Maintenance Reserve Account.

Motion carries unanimously.

Article 18 passes.

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. *Dec 2017 \$3377.19*

A motion was made and seconded to move any monies remaining in the Public Safety account on December 31, 2018 to the Fire Equipment Reserve account.

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 adopt the Moratorium on Marijuana Retail and Social Establishments. Deputy Moderator calls for discussion. Guy Bourrie asked what are the terms of the moratorium and was given a copy of the Moratorium. David Martucci says moratoriums should be declared in an emergency. There is no emergency; there are still no rules by state and it's still illegal. We haven't adopted any amendments to our ordinance. David Martucci proposed the following amendment "To see if the town will vote to authorize the Select Board to appoint a committee to prepare amendments to the Land Use Ordinance regarding the regulation and licensing of Marijuana Retail Facilities and related businesses and to report such amendments to the Select Board at the earliest feasible date and for the Select Board upon receipt of said report to call a Town Meeting for the consideration of adopting such amendments." Amendment was made and seconded. Chris Lascoutx asked if the point is that we can't have a Moratorium without an ordinance. David replied that an emergency needs to exist before a Moratorium; no applications have come forward for new retail stores. David Martucci reread the proposed amendment. David Studer, Representative to the Regional Planning Commission, has been dealing with towns working on these different marijuana issues. The best recommendation he has seen is that the town should vote to ban any of these until or unless the state comes up with the rules and regulations. Donald Grinnell stated there might not be an emergency, however, the legislature won't have anything until after elections. Should the legislature get its act together and the Governor signs off on it, and the law goes into effect, if someone was waiting and has an application, it will be too late. Then when changes are made to the ordinances, that application is already pending. The ordinances may or may not be retroactive back to that, which is an issue with the courts. Donald Grinnell recommends we go forward with the Moratorium, it won't hurt anything; perhaps the committee is a good idea. David Martucci, with all due respect to Mr. Grinnell, reminded everyone what happened with the solar array. We had a Special Town Meeting and it was voted to put a Moratorium in place and it is something we can do again. He thinks we need to be more proactive putting basic rules in place that will reflect their application when the State puts down their rules; we can license these facilities under State rules. Then we can regulate them under State rules. Chris Lascoutx says at end of day it will be up to the town. Do we really need to wait for the state? Janet Martucci asked

for clarification from David Martucci. Is there a time limit? David responded Moratoriums can only last 180 days and if progress is being made to solve the emergency and the emergency still exists, the Selectmen could extend for one 180 day period. Tom Johnston spoke to law dealing with local licensing but rules haven't been passed. MMA, our legal advisors, advise that we do something. Boils down to what the legislative body wants. Tom Johnston recommends that we defeat the amendment and enact a moratorium which would force us to get rules in place. Don Grinnell advised to have whole new amendment. Tom Johnston called the question.

Moderator explained procedurals. Question moved *(to eliminate the original language and replace it with the proposed amendment)*.

Amendment defeated; 22 for 26 against.

Chris Lascoutx suggested combine moratorium with David Martucci's proposed amendment without the deletion of the original article 20. New proposed amendment moved and seconded. Donald Grinnell suggested adding the lead-in phrase "be it further ordained"; has been accepted as a friendly amendment to Article 20. **Vote on proposed amendment *(to keep Article #20 and combine David Martucci's amendment)*:** To see if the Town will vote to adopt the Moratorium on Marijuana Retail and Social Establishments and to authorize the Select Board to appoint a committee to prepare amendments to the Land Use Ordinance regarding the regulation and licensing of Marijuana Retail Facilities and related businesses and to report such amendments to the Select Board at the earliest feasible date and for the Select Board upon receipt of said report to call a Town Meeting for the consideration of adopting such amendments.

Amendment passed; 3 opposed.

Motion as amended carries unanimously

Article 20 as amended passes.

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.

A motion was made and seconded 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. Jesse Casas explained that the West Washington Cemetery Association has been in existence for almost a century. Jesse, himself, has been a member stating the association has been self-sufficient up until this point, they are barely getting enough money to mow the lawn etc. thanks all who have been on association. This is the last cemetery in town to be independent and praised the town's maintenance of town cemeteries. Article passes; 1 opposed.

Motion carries unanimously.

Article 21 passes.

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.

A motion was made and seconded 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. David Williams asked how much will this cost the town. Wesley Daniel said it was difficult to figure but would not be plowed every storm. Tom Johnston said that he had been plowing until now and figured about a ½ hour labor with equip use. Pat Medieka said that the grange parking lot is used by library, fire department, and town functions. Guy Bourrie asked if it would be done by town labor vs subcontractor. No, it would be done by town with town equipment.

Motion carries unanimously.

Article 22 passes.

David Martucci made a motion that it is not necessary for the Moderator to read all of the Selectmen and Budget Committee recommendations. The Article includes the total and the moderator does not need to read every line item. The Moderator will read the body of the Article and then briefly summarize the figures below; motion seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Deputy Moderator, Michael Mayo, stated there is a sign-up sheet for the Land Use Ordinance Committee.

David Martucci gave an update on the Comprehensive Plan Committee and stated new members are welcome.

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

A motion was made and seconded to appropriate the following General Fund revenues to be applied toward the 2018 property tax commitment, thereby decreasing the 2018 tax commitment by \$468,077.00

Motion carries unanimously.

Article 23 passes.

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

A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$274,541.36 from property taxation for 2018 Knox County, Tri-County Solid Waste Management Organization and Union Ambulance assessments. Tom Johnston moved to amend Article 24 to reduce the dollar value raised to \$264,111.24 due to the resubmitted assessment by Union Ambulance which would lower that assessment from \$27,117.00 to \$16,686.88; motion seconded. Amendment passes unanimously.

Motion carries unanimously. Article 24 as amended passes.

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

A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$57,030.00 from property taxation for General Government Operations.

Motion carried unanimously. Article 25 passes.

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

A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$30,444.00 from property taxation for Insurance.

Motion carries unanimously. Article 26 passes.

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

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend as advisory lines:

Salaries and Stipends	\$135,285.00
Selectmen (3)	19,500.00
Secretary - Selectmen	800.00
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	22,763.00
Treasurer	12,772.00
Deputy Town Clerk	22,000.00
Deputy Town Clerk II	14,400.00
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	135,285.00
Town Portion of Employee Health Insurance	35,500.00
FICA Payroll Expenses	<u>21,500.00</u>
Total	\$192,285.00

Motion made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$192,285.00 from property taxation for Salaries, Stipends, Employee Health Insurance, and Payroll Expenses.

Motion carries unanimously. Article 27 passes.

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:

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

Motion made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$374,284.00 from property taxation for Maintenance of Town Roads and related operations.

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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Motion made and seconded 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>
	\$63,423.00

Motion made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$63,423.00 from property taxation for Public Safety. Dorothy Sainio asked about why there is no treasurer’s report from volunteer fire department. Tom Johnston says there hasn’t been a report for quite a while. The association is a public entity and anyone can attend a meeting 2nd Monday each month at 7pm. Tom will address this request with the association.

Motion carries unanimously. Article 30 passes.

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

Motion moved and seconded to raise and appropriate \$49,750.00 from property taxation for Utilities and Maintenance. Dorothy Sainio asked about grounds and monument garden line. Don Grinnell, Budget Committee Member, said it was his recommendation because the garden conditions have gone downhill. Companies have come forward to donate plants. Dorothy Sainio asked about cemetery maintenance referring to page 17 in town report. Why is that cemetery money still there? Wesley Daniel responded that we can use that money but would like to keep for major expenses like tree removal or fence repair. Dorothy Sainio says that some of it could be used for cemeteries. Andrew Masters asked what the Cemetery Maintenance line was used for. Wesley Daniel responded it is used for cemetery maintenance cleanup and mowing. Donald Grinnell said the Davis Daggett sign was an additional expense that came out of trust fund. Guy Bourrie asked why we need to hire municipal complex snow removal when we have a road crew. Tom Johnston replied the fire station needs to be plowed out in case of emergency. It was determined that it wasn’t cost efficient to keep plowed by town during a storm. Dorothy Sainio motioned to amend the article by reducing the total by \$5,000.00 to read \$44,750.00, seconded. Tom Johnston points out trust funds take a while to build up and for example we can’t use money the monies allocated for Pierpont to fix McDowell Cemetery (the town does keep money in reserve so the money allocated for a specific cemetery can be used if a tree felled, fence needing fixing, etc). David Martucci is opposed to reducing this line because the town does a great job maintaining our cemeteries.

David Martucci also agreed with Donald Grinnell on the concept of keeping things up. Jesse Casas agreed with David; the town does a good job taking care of cemeteries. Andrew Masters asked if the town was locked into a contract. Wesley Daniel answered we are coming up on year two of the three-year contract. Moderator called for vote on amendment. Bette Pelletier asked who was responsible if street lights are out. Wesley Daniel answered that we are responsible to let CMP know. Vote on proposed amendment - four approved, majority opposed: proposed amendment was defeated. Janet Martucci reminded us that Susan Calderwood used to work on the gardens as a volunteer for years. Dorothy Sainio suggested 4H Club in town may be willing to help with this. Sharon Turner suggested Master gardeners also could be tapped. Peg Hobbs said there are some volunteers willing to do the work just not all of it.

Motion carries unanimously.

Article 31 passes.

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

Motion made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$1,500.00 from property taxation for Boards and Committees. Andrew Masters asked if we would need to have a line for the new committee formed today. Tom Johnston explained that line cannot be increase due to state law.

Motion carries unanimously.

Article 32 passes.

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

Motion made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$16,000.00 from property taxation for Town Carry-over Accounts. Guy Bourrie commented that town parks have lots of trees down and wanted to know if \$2000 for Recreation Committee goes toward park cleanup. Wesley Daniel stated, in the past this money was not used for clean-up/maintenance of town parks, the Road Crew will clean up the felled trees at Crystal Lake. Sharon Turner asked why the headstone restoration fund is not listed here. Tom Johnston explained that the rollover account will allow money to be available in the following

year if not used. Donald Grinnell explained all headstones were restored by the bicentennial and that West Washington cemetery will need a lot of work.
Motion carries unanimously. Article 33 passes.

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
Mid-Coast Humane Society	1,527.00
Flags for Veterans Graves and Town Parks	500.00
Midcoast Conservancy Dues (Damariscotta Lake)	<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	2,560.00
Gary Owen House	<u>250.00</u>
Sub-total	6,722.00
Total	\$28,799.00

Motion made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$28,799.00 from property taxation for Miscellaneous Accounts. Janet Martucci asked about Scriber Scholarship Fund for people who want to be EMS responders if it is still in existence. Wesley Daniel answered it has \$1,125.00 in the account.
Motion carries unanimously. Article 34 passes.

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.

Motion made and seconded to authorize spending up to \$150,138.00 from the Local Roads Assistance Program (LRAP) for Capital Road Improvement.
Motion carries unanimously. Article 35 passes.

Given under our hands on this 28th day of February, 2018:
Wesley F. Daniel Berkley Linscott Thomas N. Johnston
Chairman Selectman Selectman

Attest:
Ann Dean, Town Clerk

Special Town Meeting Results

December 19, 2018

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 19th at 7:00 p.m., then and there to act on Article 1 through Article 4 as set out below, to wit:

- Article 1: To choose a moderator by written ballot to preside at said meeting.
Mildred Melgard and Linda Luce checked in 11 voters. Mary Anderson opened the Special Town meeting at 7PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Phil Meunier. David Martucci was nominated as moderator, seconded. Mary Anderson counted three voted for David Martucci and swore him in.
- Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$10,428 from undesignated fund balance to cover the overdraft of the Union Ambulance Assessment.
Article 2 Motioned moved and seconded. No discussion. Motion carries unanimously. Article 2 passes.
- Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to move any monies remaining in the Maintenance of Town Roads account on December 31, 2018 to the Road Maintenance Reserve Account.
Article 3 Motioned moved and seconded. No discussion. Motion carries unanimously. Article 3 passes.
- Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to place reimbursement monies received from FEMA for the Fall 2017 Windstorm in the Road Maintenance Reserve Account. Note: \$6061.85 received.
Article 4 Motioned moved and seconded. No discussion. Motion carries unanimously. Article 4 passes.

Given under our hands on this 5th day of December, 2018:

Wesley F. Daniel

Thomas N. Johnston

Berkley Linscott

Selectman Chairman

Selectman

Selectman

Attest: Mary Anderson, 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, 2018 and 2017, 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, 2018 and 2017, 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, 2019
Bath, Maine

Exhibit A

TOWN OF WASHINGTON
Statements of Net Position — December 31, 2018 and 2017

	Governmental Activities	
	2018	2017
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS:		
Cash (Note B)	837,396.37	825,948.89
Taxes Receivable	263,969.75	256,998.47
Tax Liens	65,548.95	51,091.13
Tax Acquired Property		49.50
Accounts Receivable	24,864.35	18,875.20
Due From Other Funds		1,896.00
Total Current Assets	1,191,779.42	1,154,859.19
PROPERTY, PLANT, AND EQUIPMENT (NOTE L):		
Land and Improvements	29,100.00	29,100.00
Buildings	771,353.00	771,353.00
Equipment	184,402.00	174,737.00
Motor Vehicles	1,029,370.00	1,029,370.00
Infrastructure	12,917,782.00	12,917,782.00
Total Property, Plant, and Equipment	14,932,007.00	14,922,342.00
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	12,610,416.00	12,133,460.00
Net Property, Plant, and Equipment	2,321,591.00	2,788,882.00
Total Assets	3,513,370.42	3,943,741.19
LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION		
CURRENT LIABILITIES:		
Notes Payable (Note D)	53,426.58	52,056.02
Accounts Payable - Trade	12,480.35	9,132.29
Due To Other Funds	699.00	
Deferred Revenue (Note G)	7,106.47	23,834.29
Total Current Liabilities	73,712.40	85,022.60
LONG-TERM LIABILITIES:		
Notes Payable - Net of Current Portion (Note D)	373,714.26	427,139.28
Total Liabilities	447,426.66	512,161.88
NET POSITION:		
Net Invested in Capital Assets	1,894,450.16	2,309,686.70
Restricted for:		
Reserves	4,744.04	4,528.49
Other Purposes	418,111.60	359,489.22
Unrestricted	748,637.96	757,874.90
Total Net Position	3,065,943.76	3,431,579.31
Total Liabilities and Net Position	3,513,370.42	3,943,741.19

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, 2018 and 2017

Functions/Programs	<u>Program Revenues</u>			<u>Net (Expense) Revenue and Change In Net Position</u>	
	Expenses	Charges For Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	2018 Totals	2017 Totals
Primary Government:					
Governmental Activities:					
General Government	299,231.32	20,286.60	1,880.00	(277,064.72)	(282,771.01)
Public Assistance	1,962.09		1,733.90	(228.19)	(490.81)
Public Works	748,814.65	6,322.83	45,448.00	(697,043.82)	(578,377.01)
Education	1,628,330.04			(1,628,330.04)	(1,509,724.77)
Knox Communication	45,166.00			(45,166.00)	(41,422.00)
Debt Interest	12,461.81			(12,461.81)	(11,408.22)
County Tax Assessment	160,112.36			(160,112.36)	(149,050.62)
Public Safety	91,231.45	1,038.95	1,286.42	(88,906.08)	(108,677.89)
Unclassified	34,988.21			(34,988.21)	(33,375.68)
TCSWMO	42,145.20			(42,145.20)	(41,778.72)
Total Primary Government	3,064,443.13	27,648.38	50,348.32	(2,986,446.43)	(2,757,076.73)

General Revenues:

Taxes:

Property Taxes	2,134,095.24	2,011,983.13
Homestead Reimbursement	93,189.11	75,309.20
Excise Taxes	261,895.67	254,274.29
Intergovernmental - State Revenue	64,361.00	63,782.00
Interest	25,585.54	30,300.83
Tree Growth	2,819.32	4,056.03
BETE	38,865.00	38,194.00
Total General Revenues	<u>2,620,810.88</u>	<u>2,477,899.48</u>
Change in Net Position	(365,635.55)	(279,177.25)
Net Position, January 1	<u>3,431,579.31</u>	<u>3,710,756.56</u>
Net Position, December 31	<u><u>3,065,943.76</u></u>	<u><u>3,431,579.31</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, 2018 and 2017

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCES:		
Restricted for:		
Reserves	4,744.04	4,528.49
Other Purposes	496,655.01	359,489.22
Unrestricted (Schedule A-3)	<u>418,111.60</u>	<u>516,272.66</u>
Total Governmental Fund Balances (Exhibit E)	919,510.65	880,290.37

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.

2,321,591.00 2,788,882.00

Notes payable are not due and payable in the
current period and therefore are not reported
in the funds.

(427,140.84) (479,195.30)

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.

251,982.95 241,602.24

Net Position of Governmental Activities (Exh A) 3,065,943.76 3,431,579.31

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, 2018 and 2017

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances -		
Total Governmental Funds (Exhibit F)	39,220.28	75,076.29
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.		
	(467,291.00)	(158,112.00)
Repayment of debt principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces liabilities in the Statements of Net Position.		
	52,054.46	140,450.65
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.		
	10,380.71	(12,059.19)
Loan proceeds are reported as revenue in the fund financial statements, but on the Statement of Net Position it increases liability.		
		<u>(324,533.00)</u>
Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities (Exhibit B)	<u>(365,635.55)</u>	<u>(279,177.25)</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements

Exhibit E

TOWN OF WASHINGTON
Balance Sheets - Governmental Funds
December 31, 2018 and 2017

	<u>Governmental Funds</u>		2018	2017
	General	Capital Reserves	Total	Total
ASSETS:				
Cash	825,948.89	-	825,948.89	686,079.94
Cash	837,396.37	-	837,396.37	825,948.89
Taxes Receivable	263,969.75		263,969.75	256,998.47
Tax Liens	65,548.95		65,548.95	51,091.13
Tax Acquired Property				49.50
Accounts Receivable	24,864.35		24,864.35	18,875.20
Due From Other Funds		4,744.04	4,744.04	6,424.49
Total Assets	<u>1,191,779.42</u>	<u>4,744.04</u>	<u>1,196,523.46</u>	<u>1,159,387.68</u>
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS, AND FUND BALANCE:				
Liabilities:				
Accounts Payable	12,480.35	-	12,480.35	9,132.29
Due To Other Funds	5,443.04		5,443.04	4,528.49
Total Liabilities	<u>17,923.39</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17,923.39</u>	<u>13,660.78</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources:				
Deferred Revenue (Note G)	7,106.47	-	7,106.47	23,834.29
Deferred Tax Revenue	251,982.95		251,982.95	241,602.24
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>259,089.42</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>259,089.42</u>	<u>265,436.53</u>
Fund Balance:				
Assigned for Other Purposes	496,655.01	4,744.04	501,399.05	364,017.71
Unassigned	418,111.60		418,111.60	516,272.66
Total Fund Balance	<u>914,766.61</u>	<u>4,744.04</u>	<u>919,510.65</u>	<u>880,290.37</u>
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows, and Fund Balance	<u>1,191,779.42</u>	<u>4,744.04</u>	<u>1,196,523.46</u>	<u>1,159,387.68</u>

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Exhibit F

TOWN OF WASHINGTON
Statements of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes
in Fund Balance - Governmental Funds
for the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017

<u>Governmental Funds</u>		2018	2017
General	Capital Reserves	Total	Total
REVENUES:			
Property Taxes	2,123,714.53	-	2,123,714.53
Excise Taxes	261,895.67		261,895.67
Intergov'tal Revenues	64,361.00		64,361.00
Homestead Reimbursement	93,189.11		93,189.11
Public Assistance	1,733.90		1,733.90
Public Works	6,322.83		6,322.83
Miscellaneous	8,009.31		8,009.31
Interest	25,585.54		25,585.54
Building Permits - Town	1,619.40		1,619.40
Tree Growth Reimbursement	2,819.32		2,819.32
Veterans Reimbursement	1,880.00		1,880.00
Urban Rural Initiative	45,448.00		45,448.00
Unclassified	2,329.00		2,329.00
BETE	38,865.00		38,865.00
Public Safety	2,325.37		2,325.37
General Government	4,478.89		4,478.89
Mining Permits/Inspections	3,850.00		3,850.00
Total Revenues	2,688,426.87	-	2,688,426.87
EXPENDITURES:			
Education - MSAD 40	1,628,330.04	-	1,628,330.04
Knox County Tax	160,112.36		160,112.36
General Government	292,375.32		292,375.32
Public Works	318,448.65		318,448.65
Public Safety	61,162.45		61,162.45
Public Assistance	1,962.09		1,962.09
Unclassified	34,988.21		34,988.21
TCSWMO	42,145.20		42,145.20
Knox Communication	45,166.00		45,166.00
Debt Principal	52,054.46		52,054.46
Debt Interest	12,461.81		12,461.81
Fire Truck			
Total Expenditures	2,649,206.59	-	2,649,206.59
Excess of Expenditures			
Over (Under) Revenues	39,220.28	-	39,220.28
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):			
Loan Proceeds	-	-	324,533.00
Transfer - In	215.55	215.55	
Transfer - Out	(215.55)	(215.55)	

Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(215.55)	215.55	-	324,533.00
Excess of Revenues and Other Sources Over Expenditures and Other Uses	39,004.73	215.55	39,220.28	75,076.29
Fund Balance, Jan. 1	875,761.88	4,528.49	880,290.37	805,214.08
Fund Balance, Dec. 31	914,766.61	4,744.04	919,510.65	880,290.37

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TOWN OF WASHINGTON Exhibit G
Statements of Fiduciary Net Position — Nonspendable Trust Funds
December 31, 2018 and 2017

ASSETS		
ASSETS:	2018	2017
Cash	115,795.72	108,096.30
Due From Other Funds	699.00	
Total Assets	116,494.72	108,096.30
LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION		
LIABILITIES:		
Due To Other Funds	9,228.20	11,092.90
NET POSITION:		
Restricted for Principal	69,687.11	57,237.11
Unassigned	37,579.41	39,766.29
Total Net Position	107,266.52	97,003.40
Total Liabilities and Net Position	116,494.72	108,096.30

TOWN OF WASHINGTON Exhibit H
Statements of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position -
Nonspendable Trust Funds
for the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017

REVENUES:	2018	2017
Interest	364.12	487.64
Contributions	14,889.00	1,650.00
Total Revenues	15,253.12	2,137.64
EXPENSES:		
Scholarships	4,900.00	3,221.00
Maintenance	90.00	325.00
Total Expenses	4,990.00	3,546.00
Change in Net Position	10,263.12	(1,408.36)
Net Position, January 1	97,003.40	98,411.76
Net Position, December 31	107,266.52	97,003.40

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TOWN OF WASHINGTON Exhibit I
Statements of Cash Flows
Fiduciary Fund Type - Nonexpendable Trust Funds
for the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017

	2018	2017
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Interest	364.12	487.64
Cash Received for Trust Funds	14,889.00	1,650.00
Cash Paid for Scholarships	(4,900.00)	(3,221.00)
Cash Paid for Expenses	(90.00)	(325.00)
Due To (From) Other Funds	(2,563.70)	3,207.47
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	7,699.42	1,799.11
Cash Balance, January 1	108,096.30	106,297.19
Cash Balance, December 31	<u>115,795.72</u>	<u>108,096.30</u>

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TOWN OF WASHINGTON
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2018

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 Board of Selectmen.

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. Accounts Receivable:

Receivables include federal grants, state subsidies, town assessments and reimbursements. Based on prior year collections, management has determined that an allowance for doubtful accounts is not considered necessary at Dec. 31, 2018.

d. 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

e. 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.

f. Expenditures:

Expenditures are recognized when the related fund liability is incurred.

g. 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.

h. 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.

6. Implementation of New Accounting Standards

During the year ended December 31, 2018, the following statements of financial accounting standards issued by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board became effective:

a. Statement No. 73, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions and Related Assets that are not within the Scope of GASB Statement 68, and Amendments to Certain Provisions of GASB Statements 67 and 68". The objective of the Statement is to improve financial reporting by instituting a single framework for the presentation of information about pensions, thereby expanding the comparability of pension-related information reported by state and local governments. Management has determined that this Statement is not applicable.

b. Statement No. 74, "Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefit Plans Other Than Pension Plans". The objective of the Statement is to improve the disclosure of information about benefits other than pensions (other postemployment benefits or OPEB) included in financial statements of state and local governments. This Statement will improve financial reporting through enhanced note disclosures and schedules of required supplementary information that will be presented by OPEB plans that are administered through trusts that meet specified criteria. Management has reviewed the impact of this Statement and has determined that this Statement is not applicable.

c. Statement No. 77, "Tax Abatement Disclosures". The objective of the Statement is to improve disclosure of information about the nature and magnitude of tax abatements, making these transactions more transparent to financial statement users. As such, users will be better equipped to understand (1) how tax abatements affect a government's future ability to raise resources and meet its financial obligations and (2) the impact those abatements have on a government's financial position and economic condition. Management has determined the impact of this Statement is not material to the financial statements.

d. Statement No. 80, "Blending Requirements for Certain Component Units". The objective of this Statement is to improve financial reporting by clarifying the financial statement presentation requirements for certain component units. The additional criterion requires blending of a component unit incorporated as a not-for-profit corporation in which the primary government is the sole corporate member. The additional criterion does not apply to component units included in the financial reporting entity pursuant to the provisions of Statement No. 39, Determining Whether Certain Organizations Are Component Units. Management has determined the impact of this Statement is not material to the financial statements.

e. Statement No. 81, "Irrevocable Split-Interest Agreements". The objective of this Statement is to improve accounting and financial reporting for irrevocable split-interest agreements by providing recognition and measurement guidance for situations in which a government is a beneficiary of the agreement. Split-interest agreements are a type of giving agreement used by donors to provide resources to

two or more beneficiaries, including governments. Split-interest agreements can be created through trusts or other legally enforceable agreements with characteristics that are equivalent to split-interest agreements - in which a donor transfers resources to an intermediary to hold and administer for the benefit of a government and at least one other beneficiary. Examples of these types of agreements include charitable lead trusts, charitable remainder trusts, and life-interests in real estate. As such, this Statement requires that a government that receives resources pursuant to an irrevocable split-interest agreement recognize assets, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources at the inception of the agreement. Management has determined the impact of this Statement is not material to the financial statements.

f. Statement No. 82, "Pension Issues". The objective of this Statement is to address certain issues that have been raised with respect to Statements No. 67, Financial Reporting for Pension Plans, No. 68, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions, and No. 73, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions and Related Assets that are not within the Scope of GASB Statement 68, and Amendments to Certain Provisions of GASB Statements 67 and 68. Specifically, this Statement addresses issues regarding (1) the presentation of payroll-related measures in required supplementary information, (2) the selection of assumptions and the treatment of deviations from the guidance in an Actuarial Standard of Practice for financial reporting purposes, and (3) the classification of payments made by employers to satisfy employee (plan member) contribution requirements. Management has determined the impact of this Statement is not material to the financial statements.

7. 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.

NOTE B - 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	\$837,086.37	\$987,885.40	\$250,000.00	\$737,885.40	\$-

NOTE C - INTERFUND RECEIVABLES AND PAYABLES:

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

Due To Trust Funds	\$699.00
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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, 2018:

	Balance 1/1/18	Additions	Reductions	Balance 12/31/18
The First - Fire Truck	297,972.01		23,843.90	274,128.11
Machias Savings Bank - Municipal Garage	71,119.60		11,097.87	60,021.73
The First - Plow Truck	110,103.69		17,112.69	92,991.00
	<u>479,195.30</u>		<u>52,054.46</u>	<u>427,140.84</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 and interest payments of \$31,364.62. The interest rate is 2.49%.

274,128.11

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, 2018.

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%.

60,021.73

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%.

92,991.00

427,140.84

The annual requirements to amortize notes payable as of December 31, 2018 follows:

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST	TOTAL
2019	53,426.58	11,089.59	64,516.17
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
2023	59,274.74	5,236.92	64,511.66
Thereafter	145,597.96	11,166.19	156,764.15
	<u>427,140.84</u>	<u>52,199.95</u>	<u>479,340.79</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	1,483.37
Public Works	472,039.82
Unclassified	8,131.82
General Government	<u>15,000.00</u>
	<u>496,655.01</u>

NOTE G - DEFERRED REVENUE:

Deferred Revenue consists of the following:

Prepaid 2019 Taxes	4,742.73
Suspense	<u>2,363.74</u>
	<u>7,106.47</u>

Suspense is the excess of state revenue sharing receipts over and above the commitment.

NOTE H - EXPENDITURES IN EXCESS OF APPROPRIATIONS:

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

FUNCTION	REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION	REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES	VARIANCE
State Tree Growth	3,500.00	2,819.32	680.68
Homestead Reimbursement	93,189.31	93,189.11	0.20
Mining Permits and Inspections	4,000.00	3,850.00	150.00
Union Ambulance	27,114.88	27,117.00	(2.12)
Miscellaneous Revenue	8,600.00	8,009.31	590.69

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 27, 2018 on the assessed value listed as of April 1, 2018 for all taxable real and personal property located in the Town. Taxes were due on October 1, 2018 with interest at 8% per annum or part thereof commencing October 2, 2018. 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 \$12,461.81 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, 2018:

	BALANCE JAN 1, 2018	ADDITIONS	DISPOSALS	BALANCE DEC 31, 2018
Land and Improvements	29,100.00			29,100.00
Buildings	771,353.00			771,353.00
Equipment	174,737.00	9,665.00		184,402.00
Motor Vehicles	1,029,370.00			1,029,370.00
Infrastructure	12,917,782.00			12,917,782.00
	14,922,342.00	9,665.00		14,932,007.00
Accumulated Depreciation	(12,133,460.00)	(476,956.00)		(12,610,416.00)
Net Property, Plant, and Equipment	2,788,882.00	(467,291.00)		2,321,591.00

Depreciation expense for the period totaled \$476,956.00. Of that amount, \$6,856.00 was for General Government, \$440,031.00 was for Public Works, and \$30,069.00 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 \$8,405,916.00 at June 30, 2018. The Town of Washington's share would be 10.3% of the debt or approximately \$865,389.00.

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 \$3,388,752.00 at December 31, 2018. The Town of Washington's share would be 2.06% of the debt, or approximately \$69,673.00.

Schedule A-1

TOWN OF WASHINGTON
Budgetary Comparison Schedule - General Fund
for the year ended December 31, 2018

	Original and Final Budget	Actual
REVENUES:		
Property Taxes	2,135,797.23	2,123,714.53
Excise Taxes	245,000.00	261,895.67
Intergovernmental Revenues	64,361.00	64,361.00
Homestead Reimbursement	93,189.31	93,189.11
Building Permits - Town		1,619.40
Tree Growth Reimbursement		2,819.32
Veterans Reimbursement		1,880.00
Miscellaneous		8,009.31
Interest	18,000.00	7,289.03
Public Works		51,770.83
General Government	19,200.00	4,478.89
BETE	38,851.39	38,865.00
Public Safety		2,325.37
Unclassified		2,329.00
Mining Permits and Inspections		3,850.00
Interest on Overdue Taxes		18,296.51
Public Assistance		1,733.90
Total Revenues	2,614,398.93	2,688,426.87
EXPENDITURES:		
Education - MSAD #40	1,628,330.04	1,628,330.04
Knox County Tax	160,112.36	160,112.36
General Government	331,009.00	292,375.32
Public Works	351,100.00	318,448.65
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Knox Communication	45,166.00	45,166.00
Debt Principal	64,807.00	52,054.46
Debt Interest		12,461.81
Total Expenditures	2,707,956.28	2,649,206.59
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(93,557.35)	39,220.28

OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):

Transfer - Out		(215.55)
Excess of Revenues and Other Sources Over		
Expenditures and Other Uses	(93,557.35)	39,004.73
Fund Balance, January 1	875,761.88	875,761.88
Fund Balance, December 31	<u>782,204.53</u>	<u>914,766.61</u>

Schedule A-3

TOWN OF WASHINGTON
Statement of Changes in Unappropriated Surplus
for the year ended December 31, 2018

Unappropriated Surplus, January 1	516,272.66
INCREASES:	
Operating Account Balances Lapsed -	
Net (Schedule A-4)	<u>53,828.86</u>
Total Available	570,101.52
DECREASES:	
Appropriated at Annual Town Meeting	121,516.00
Increase in Deferred Taxes	10,380.71
Special Town Meeting - December 13, 2017	9,665.21
Special Town Meeting - December 19, 2018	<u>10,428.00</u>
	<u>151,989.92</u>
Unappropriated Surplus, December 31	<u><u>418,111.60</u></u>

Schedule A-4

TOWN OF WASHINGTON
Statement of Departmental Operations for the year ended December 31, 2018

	BALANCE FORWARD 1/1/18	APPRO- PRIATIONS	CASH RECEIPTS	OTHER CREDITS	TOTAL	CASH DISBURSED	OTHER CHARGES (OVERDRAFT)	BALANCE FORWARD 12/31/18
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS:								
Education - MSAD #40	-	1,628,330.04	-	-	1,628,330.04	1,628,330.04	-	-
Knox County Tax		160,112.36			160,112.36	160,112.36		
Overlay		27,958.65			27,958.65		27,958.65	
TCSWMO		42,146.00			42,146.00	42,145.20	0.80	
Knox Communication		45,166.00			45,166.00	45,166.00		
	-	1,903,713.05	-	-	1,903,713.05	1,875,753.60	27,958.65	0.80
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:								
Salaries	-	192,285.00	2,285.00	-	194,570.00	177,741.30	-	16,828.70
Administration		42,030.00	197.95		42,227.95	36,058.27	35.00	6,134.68
Legal		15,000.00			15,000.00			15,000.00
Insurance		30,444.00	753.00		31,197.00	29,221.26		1,975.74
Building Permits			1,619.40		1,619.40		1,500.00	119.40
Interest Income			7,289.03		7,289.03		6,000.00	1,289.03
Interest and Lien Costs on Taxes			18,296.51		18,296.51	4,705.10	12,095.00	1,496.41
State Tree Growth			2,819.32		2,819.32		3,500.00	(680.68)
State Snowmobile			297.90	278.04	575.94	297.90	278.04	
State Veterans Reimbursement			1,880.00		1,880.00		1,600.00	280.00
BETE				38,865.00	38,865.00		38,851.39	13.61
Excise Taxes - Auto				259,809.07	259,809.07	226.80	245,000.00	14,582.27
Excise Taxes - Boat				2,086.60	2,086.60			2,086.60
Miscellaneous Revenue			7,927.31	82.00	8,009.31		8,600.00	(590.69)
Utilities/Maintenance		49,750.00			49,750.00	41,665.72	1,777.48	6,306.80
Boards and Committees		1,500.00			1,500.00	273.45		1,226.55

[illegible]

Penquis Community Action Program	2,560.00	2,560.00	2,560.00				
Damariscotta Lake Watershed Dues	50.00	50.00	50.00				
Broadreach Services	750.00	750.00	750.00				
Minnie Weaver Scholarship	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00				
Gibbs Library	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00				
Washington Historical Society	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00				
Washington Scholarship	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00				
Pine Tree Chapter Red Cross	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00				
Gary Owen House	250.00	250.00	250.00				
	6,174.58	34,799.00	2,329.00	-	43,302.58	34,988.21	182.55
	359,489.22	2,735,914.93	106,041.52	527,409.68	3,728,855.35	2,640,666.26	537,705.22
							53,828.86
							496,655.01

Town of Washington Changes to Mining Ordinance

**Shall the Town of Washington enact the following changes
to the Town of Washington Mining Ordinance?**

Inserted Alphabetically into:

ARTICLE III — DEFINITIONS & REFERENCES

§6 Definitions

Operator: Any person or entity extracting gravel from any location in the Town of Washington.

ARTICLE VIII — ENFORCEMENT AND INSPECTIONS.

§1 Annual Compliance Inspection

B. The Annual Compliance Inspection (ACI) shall be conducted by the CEO prior yearly during the months of June thru October.

~~— 1. The CEO shall provide the selectmen, site owner, and site operator with a report outlining any violations of this ordinance and remediation required.~~

B. Annual Compliance Inspection:

1. Each Calendar year, the Operator of any mineral extraction use must seek an Annual Compliance Inspection (“ACI”) from the Code Enforcement Officer.
2. Annual Compliance Inspections may only occur between June 1 and October 1 of each year.
3. Prior to performing the ACI, the Operator must pay the Annual Compliance Inspection Fee.
4. The Operator shall provide an updated sketch plan of the pit showing active extractions that are ongoing or planned for the next twelve months and all reclaimed land.
5. Every five years, the Operator shall submit an updated site plan incorporating the current configuration of the pit and all reclaimed land as shown in prior sketch plans and a copy of any Notice to Comply filed with the State of Maine.
6. The Operator shall demonstrate that they are in compliance with the Mining Ordinance or with the State standards if they have utilized State Permitting for their project.

7. The CEO shall provide to the Selectmen, Operator, and Site Owner a report within 30 days of the ACI outlining violations of this Ordinance.
8. Failure to obtain an ACI prior to October 1 of the calendar year in which the pit was operated may result in a stop work order and notice of violation.
9. Operating a pit after a notice of violation shall be a daily violation. Each daily violation shall be subject to all of the remedies described 30-A MRSA §4452.

PROOF

Warrant for 2019 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 29, 2019, 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 30, 2019, at 10:00 a.m., then and there to act on Articles 3 through 36 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 application 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 2019 annual budget during the period from January 1, 2020, to the date of the 2020 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 2019 taxes will be due and payable on October 1, 2019) (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 2018 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 2019 and 2020 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 2019 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, 2019 to the Fire Equipment Reserve account.

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$4,000 from property taxes to rebuild the Soldiers Monument in the Village.

Article 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,500 from property taxes for a blinking yellow speed limit sign to be placed on Liberty Road for southbound traffic before entering the village.

Article 22: To see if the Town will vote to adopt changes to the Town of Washington Mining Ordinance.

Article 23: 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, until cancelled by either the Town or the Grange.

Article 24: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the following General Fund revenues to be applied toward the 2019 property tax commitment, thereby decreasing the 2019 tax commitment by \$438,124.00.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend:

Excise Tax Revenue	\$250,000.00
Revenue Sharing	63,224.00
Tree Growth Reimbursement	2,800.00
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	10,000.00
Other Town Fees Collected	9,000.00
Unexpended 2018 Appropriations	54,000.00
Transferred from Undesignated Fund Balance	<u>30,000.00</u>
Total	\$438,124.00

Article 25: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$289,104.53 from property taxation for 2019 Knox County, Tri-County Solid Waste Management Organization and Union Ambulance assessments.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend as advisory lines:

Knox County Tax Assessment	\$160,725.20
Knox County Communications	47,944.00
Union Ambulance	38,000.00
Tri-County Solid Waste	<u>42,435.33</u>
	\$289,104.53

Article 26: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$59,150.00 from property taxation for General Government Operations.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend as advisory lines:

Legal Fees		\$15,000.00
Administration		44,150.00
Advertising	1,000.00	
Computer Annual Fees	14,600.00	
Audit of Town Books	5,500.00	
Computer Tech Support	1,000.00	
MMA Dues	2,800.00	
Workshops and Training	2,000.00	
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	1,000.00	
Tax Billing	1,500.00	
Town Report Printing	3,000.00	
Money Order Fees	<u>450.00</u>	
Subtotal	44,150.00	
Total		\$59,150.00

Article 27: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$29,686.00 from property taxation for Insurance.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend as advisory lines:

MMA Insurance Risk Pool	\$20,500.00
Unemployment Insurance	374.00
Worker's Compensation Premium	7,812.00
Volunteer Insurance	200.00
Firefighter Accident Insurance	<u>800.00</u>
Total	\$29,686.00

Article 28: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$197,235.00 from property taxation for Salaries, Stipends, Employee Health Insurance, and Payroll Expenses.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend as advisory lines \$197,235:

Salaries and Stipends	\$138,235.00	
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	14,400.00	
Registrar of Voters	1,500.00	
Ballot Clerks	1,200.00	
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	1,000.00	
Secretary - Appeals Board	400.00	
Assessor's Agent	8,000.00	
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	138,235.00	
Town Portion of Employee Health Insurance		37,500.00
FICA Payroll Expenses		<u>21,500.00</u>
Total		\$197,235.00

Article 29: 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:
\$391,284.00

Road Maintenance Materials & Supplies	\$10,000.00
Plow Truck Payment	20,184.00
Truck Fuel	19,500.00
Truck Maintenance	
P100	2,000.00
P200	4,000.00
P300	4,000.00
P400	4,000.00
P500	4,000.00
Cutting Edges and Sander Chains	7,500.00
Culverts	3,000.00
Loader and Backhoe Fuel	3,500.00
Loader, Backhoe & Chipper Maintenance	5,500.00
Garage Mortgage	13,000.00
Garage Utilities	4,500.00
Garage Maintenance	2,500.00
Road Maintenance Labor	140,000.00
Equipment Rental	13,000.00
Screening Winter Sand	12,000.00
Road Salt	30,000.00
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	\$391,284.00

Article 30: 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 31: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$63,165.00 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	31,365.00
Hose Testing	<u>2,800.00</u>
Total	\$63,165.00

Article 32: 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	1,000.00
Building and Grounds Maintenance	8,000.00
Cemetery Maintenance	17,750.00
Street Lights	3,500.00
Municipal Complex Snow Removal	<u>5,500.00</u>
Total	\$49,750.00

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

Article 34: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$52,000.00 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
West Washington Cemetery Restoration	6,000.00
Town Record Preservation Fund	3,000.00
Fire Truck Replacement Fund	20,000.00
Road Maintenance Truck Fund	<u>20,000.00</u>
Total	52,000.00

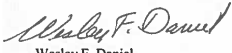
Article 35: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$29,226.00 from property taxation for Miscellaneous Accounts.


Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend as advisory lines:

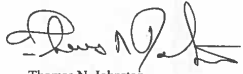
Washington Library Association	\$15,000.00
Washington Community Scholarship	1,000.00
Minnie Weaver Scholarship	1,000.00
Washington Historical Society	1,000.00
Washington Food Bank	2,000.00
Mid-Coast Humane Society	1,756.00
Flags for Veterans Graves and Town Parks	500.00
Midcoast Conservancy Dues (Damariscotta Lake Watershed)	<u>50.00</u>
Sub-total	22,306.00
Social Agencies and Concerns	
New Hope for Women	787.00
Broadreach Services	750.00
Spectrum Generations	922.00
Pine Tree Chapter, Red Cross	1,500.00
Penquis Community Action Program	1,947.00
Life Flight of Maine	764.00
Gary Owen House	<u>250.00</u>
Sub-total	6,920.00
Total	\$29,226.00


Article 36: To see if the town will vote to authorize spending up to \$181,106.00 from the Local Roads Assistance Program (LRAP) for Capital Road Improvement.

Given under our hands on this 27th day of February, 2019:


Wesley F. Daniel
Chairman, Board of Selectmen


Berkley Linscott
Selectman


Thomas N. Johnston
Selectman


Attest:
Mary Anderson, Town Clerk



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CLOSED ALL STATE HOLIDAYS

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	845-2131 FAX
STATE POLICE	1-800-452-4664
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
CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, BOB TEMPLE	632-4741
FIRE CHIEF- PHIL MEUNIER	542-9928
EMA DIRECTOR – KIT LASCOUTX	458-4887
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER ANDREW DINSMORE	975-2826
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