

Town of Washington



Annual Report – 2019

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WASHINGTON, MAINE

For the Year Ended December 31, 2019



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Dedication: To all our veterans

**The Soldier's Monument was repaired
this year. J.C. Stone donated the
stones; Larry Luce donated his time;
the crew did a fantastic job!**

Town Officers

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor

Wesley F. Daniel Thomas Johnston Berkley Linscott

Town Clerk/Tax Collector/Treasurer

Mary Anderson

Deputy Town Clerk/ Deputy Tax Collector/Deputy Treasurer

Joan Hayward

*Denise Hylton

**Stephanie Grinnell

Registrar of Voters

Joan Hayward

*Denise Hylton

Deputy Registrar of Voters

Mary Anderson

**Stephanie Grinnell

Road Foreman

Frank Jones, Jr.

Code Enforcement Officer / Plumbing Inspector

Edward R. Temple

Fire Chief

Philip Meunier

Deputy Fire Chief

Steven Olmsted

Emergency Management Director

Corwin Flynn

*Christopher Lascoutx

Forest Fire Wardens

Phil Meunier Kenneth Boisse, Deputy

Health Officer

Brian Alves

Animal Control Officers

Nicole Bissett

*Andrew Dinsmore

Constable

Christopher Lascoutx

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

Guy Bourrie *Staci Bowman *Richard Bissett

Town Meeting Moderators

David Martucci

Deputy Moderator

Michael Mayo Walter Metcalf

Election Warden

Walter Metcalf

Election Clerks

Republican

Nancy Barker
Elizabeth Grinnell
Kimberly Mank
Mildred Melgard
Jaquelyn Metcalf

Democrat

Elizabeth Bettcher
Katherine Grinnell
Linda Luce
Kathleen Ocean

Planning Board

Mitchell A. Garnett, Chairman

*Henry Aho
*Daniel Furrow, ALT
Steve Ocean
Sarah Collins
Katherine Grinnell, ALT

Jesse Casas
*Ashley Hebert
Cassidy Parmley
Debra Dean, ALT

Board of Appeals

Lowell Freiman, Chairman

Cathy Blake
 Robert deGroff, ALT
 James Kearney
 *Dorothy Sainio

Norman Casas
 Traci Hoffman
 Richard Bissett, ALT

Budget Committee

Donald Grinnell, Chairman

Wendy Carr, ALT
 Walter Metcalf
 David Martucci
 Deborah deGroff

Jesse Casas
 Peg Hobbs, ALT
 Kathleen Ocean
 David Williams

Housing Committee

Traci Hoffman

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
 Ashley Elwell
 Travis Perez

Tri-County Solid Waste Management Organization

Norman Casas Charlotte Henderson Richard Bissett, ALT

Washington Scholarship Committee

Jan Birk
 Mindy Gould
 Amiee Gess

Judy Good
 Mildred Melgard

Roads Committee

Christopher Armstrong
 Albert Hutchinson

Merton Moore
 Kevin Kirkpatrick

Alewives Committee Liaison

Charlotte Henderson Brian Alves

Driveway Entrance Coordinator

Frank Jones, Jr.

E911 Address Coordinator

Thomas Johnston

State Senator~District 13

Dana Dow

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Representative to Legislature~District 91

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***Resigned**

****started in 2020**

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, 2019. 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 2019	Net Cost 2018	Net Cost 2017	Net Cost 2016
General Government	320,848.40	277,064.72	282,771.01	272,609.71
Public Assistance	668.40	228.19	490.81	216.00
Public Works	1,011,865.05	697,043.82	578,377.01	483,916.79
Education	1,743,763.48	1,628,330.04	1,509,724.77	1,421,347.02
Knox Communication	47,944.00	45,166.00	41,422.00	40,210.00
Interest	11,087.79	12,461.81	11,408.22	6,153.68
County Tax	160,725.20	160,112.36	149,050.62	141,517.80
Public Safety	99,091.05	88,906.08	108,677.89	57,932.48
Unclassified	37,745.29	34,988.21	33,375.68	15,392.87
TCSWMO	42,435.33	42,145.20	41,778.72	36,189.90
	<u>3,476,173.99</u>	<u>2,986,446.43</u>	<u>2,757,076.73</u>	<u>2,475,486.25</u>

On December 31, 2019, Washington's net position for governmental activities totaled \$2,491,415.68. The net position as of December 31, 2018 was \$3,065,943.76, thus a decrease in net position of \$574,528.08 during fiscal year 2019.

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 2019: 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 2019</u>	<u>FY 2018</u>	<u>FY 2017</u>	<u>FY 2016</u>
Long-Term Debt	373,712.36	427,140.84	479,195.30	295,112.95

Special Assessments are as follows:

	<u>FY 2019</u>	<u>FY 2018</u>	<u>FY 2017</u>	<u>FY 2016</u>
TCSWMO	42,435.33	42,145.20	41,778.72	36,189.90
Knox County Tax	160,725.20	160,112.36	149,050.62	141,517.80
Knox Communication	47,944.00	45,166.00	41,422.00	40,210.00

Other Administrative Notes:

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Tax Commitment	2,373,425.97	2,135,797.23	2,015,535.38	1,986,217.40
Mil Rate	.0163	.0157	0.0152	0.0149
Taxes Receivable	263,166.74	261,792.63	254,349.61	282,544.20
% Collected	88.91%	87.74%	87.38%	85.77%
Outstanding Tax Liens	67,823.65	65,548.95	51,140.63	64,534.88
BETE	39,790.00	38,865.00	38,194.00	34,396.00
Excise Taxes	291,502.33	259,809.07	252,020.54	238,796.64
State Revenue Sharing	82,756.54	62,251.98	55,591.53	52,051.97
Homestead	98,397.69	93,189.11	75,309.20	55,301.50
Interest Income	9,380.77	7,289.03	7,521.05	6,665.31

Summary

The start of 2019 brought a lot of storms with rain and ice along with snow. These storms seemed to take as much time to clean up as a major snow storm. The Road Crew spent many hours, especially on weekends, plowing and sanding. We also had major rain events which caused washouts that had to be repaired.

The Soldier's Monument was rebuilt just before Memorial Day so it was ready for the weekend. Larry Luce and his workers did the work at a very good price. Larry donated his time and J. C. Stone, from Jefferson, donated the stone for the top of the monument and bottom shelf. This was done for less than half the price that was allowed.

The paving project on the Old Union road was done this year in two parts. The first part, from the fire station to number 206 Old Union Road was done by Lane Construction; from #206 to the Union Town Line was done by Hagar Enterprise. Culverts were replaced as needed and the ditching was done by our Road Crew. When the road was ready, it was shimmed and paved.

The Selectmen and Road Foreman chose to rent an excavator instead of hiring one by the hour. Doing it this way we had it for a longer time, got our ditching done and did some of our culvert work at a lower cost. We rented the machine for two months and plan to do this again next summer. The Road Crew also did some smaller jobs around town with the excavator.

The State of Maine DOT has rebid fuel pricing for one year which came out lower than we were paying. This will help with our fuel costs for the Public Works and Fire Department equipment.

The Selectmen applied for the DEP Stream Crossing Grant to be used for the replacement of the culvert on the Fitch Road. Around July 15, 2019 the town received notice that we would receive \$95,000. Dirigo Engineering is working on the design work and getting all necessary permits so it can be put out to bid. Addie Halligan, from the Midcoast Conservancy, helped with the grant writing and the Selectmen would like to thank her for her work.

The Planning Board had been without an Alternate for some time. December 30, 2019, Sarah Collins was appointed to the Planning Board as an Alternate so that appointment gave us a full board. At the January, 2020 Planning Board meeting Ashley Hebert resigned as a regular member. We moved Alternate, Cassidy Parmley, up to that position. At the January 15th Selectmen's meeting we received a letter of interest from Debra Dean to be appointed as an Alternate on the Board. The Selectmen appointed Debra as an Alternate; the Board is full again. It's important to have a full board because an Alternate may be needed to step in on an application when a regular member cannot be at a meeting.

We have some problems with the town garage building that need to be addressed. The Selectmen would like to borrow the money and extend the mortgage to fix these problems.

The Fire Department has one tank truck that has a frame problem. For the age of the truck it would be better to replace the chassis than to fix or replace the frame. A tank from other equipment would be put on the new chassis.

It is time to replace one of our plow trucks. Our oldest is getting up into the 20-year range. The payment on the tank truck and plow truck would not come due until 2021.

On May 15, 2019, our Public Works Crew went to the Public Works Safety Day along with other towns in the county. They went over many of the mandatory safety classes to keep the town in compliance with Department of Labor mandates. We would like to thank our Road Crew for their good work on the roads this year.

During the 2019 Town Meeting the town voted to buy blinking 25/mph

speed limit signs. We bought two signs because we had enough money. One was put up across from the telephone building and the other up beyond the Masonic Hall. We hoped these signs would help slow cars and trucks down coming into the Village from north or south. From the time they were put up, both signs were vandalized; one sign three times and the other once. After they were in working order, this last time, someone cut the post off at ground level and took both signs. Hopefully, they can be recovered and reinstalled to help slow down the traffic, maybe save someone's life. This has been quite an expense to the townspeople.

In September, 2019 Denise Hylton left her Deputy Clerk position for a full-time position in Thomaston. We would like to thank Denise for her many years of dedicated service. In January, 2020 the Town hired Stephanie Grinnell for that position. We would like to welcome Stephanie as an employee in the Town Office.

We would like to thank all office staff, boards and committees for all the time and hard work this past year. There is always a need for board and committee members. If you are interested, please contact the town office.

The Auditors started the audit on February 5, 2020. They wrapped the audit up in one day. On February 10th the Auditor had a discussion with the Selectmen and Town Clerk/Treasurer. He said we were all doing a good job at keeping things in order and the town was in good shape.

This year's Town Report is dedicated to the Veterans. Many thanks to the men and women who serve.

Treasurer's Report

Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements December 31, 2019

Cash Balance, January 1	837,396.37
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ADD: CASH RECEIPTS:

Property Tax Collections:

Current Year	2,104,892.93
Prior Years	260,235.15
Prepayments	<u>3,058.87</u>

Total Property Tax Collections	2,368,186.95	
Excise Taxes - Auto	291,502.23	
Excise Taxes - Boat	2,080.00	
Departmental (Schedule A-4)	124,693.98	
State Revenue Sharing	82,756.54	
Homestead Reimbursement	79,210.00	
Accounts Receivable	24,864.04	
BETE	39,790.00	
Due From Trust Funds	2,039.37	
Line of Credit	<u>250,000.00</u>	
Total Cash Receipts		<u>3,265,123.11</u>
Total Cash Available		<u>4,102,519.48</u>

LESS: CASH DISBURSEMENTS:

Departmental (Schedule A-4)	3,043,538.14	
State Fees	1,724.31	
Accounts Payable	8,383.99	
Line of Credit	250,000.00	
Due to Trust Funds	<u>699.00</u>	
Total Cash Disbursements		<u>3,304,345.44</u>
Cash Balance, December 31		<u><u>798,174.04</u></u>

Reconciliation of Treasurer's Cash Balance – December 31, 2019

Cash on Hand		310.00
GENERAL FUND CHECKING:		
The First:		
Balance Per Bank Statement	814,831.64	
Deduct: Outstanding Checks	(19,473.51)	
Add: Deposits in Transit	<u>2,505.91</u>	
Balance Per Books		<u>797,864.04</u>
Cash Balance, December 31, 2019		<u><u>798,174.04</u></u>

Statement of Taxes Receivable – December 31, 2019 and 2018

	2019	2018
2019	263,166.74	-
2018	47.10	261,792.63
2017	322.78	489.98
2016	44.70	1,374.94
2015	44.70	119.20
2014		67.50
2012	<u>125.50</u>	<u>125.50</u>
	<u><u>263,751.52</u></u>	<u><u>263,969.75</u></u>

Trust Funds – December 31, 2019

Trust Fund Investments

	Unexpended		
	Principal	Income	Total
Davis Daggett Cemetery	4,950.00	1,475.12	6,425.12
Maple Grove Cemetery	2,500.00	1,894.03	4,394.03
Marr Cemetery	22,050.00	7,359.61	29,409.61
McDowell Cemetery	300.00	74.52	374.52
Mountain Cemetery	300.00	284.53	584.53
Overlook Cemetery	800.00	1,607.53	2,407.53
Pierpoint Cemetery	1,450.00	1,109.05	2,559.05
Skidmore Cemetery	50.00	30.86	80.86
Soldiers Monument	682.98	223.11	906.09
West Washington Cemetery	9,200.00	260.96	9,460.96
Community Scholarship	20,950.37	24,094.98	45,045.35
Phillip Scriber Memorial	660.00	1,176.44	1,836.44
Daggett School	1,477.76	2,090.81	3,568.57
Storer Cemetery	500.00	30.38	530.38
Gibbs Library	4,066.00	281.79	4,347.79
	<u>69,937.11</u>	<u>41,993.72</u>	<u>111,930.83</u>

Agency Funds – December 31, 2018

LEVENSALE CEMETERY ASSOCIATION:

Fund Balance, January 1	9,228.20	
Add: Interest Earned	<u>229.57</u>	
Fund Balance, December 31		<u>9,457.77</u>

Town Clerk’s Report

2019 LICENSES SOLD 1/1/19 - 12/31/19

DOG LICENSES SOLD

Kennels	3
Males/Females	44
Neutered/Spayed	<u>160</u>
Total	207

All dogs 6 months and older must have a license. If you become the owner of a dog 6 months or older, the dog must be licensed by January of each year. In order to obtain a license for your dog, the owner must present a current State of Maine rabies certificate obtained from a veterinarian. All dog licenses expire December 31 of each year. Renewal of licenses for the following year can be done at the Town Office starting October 15th. A rabies clinic was held at the Washington Fire Station on Saturday October 28 and the town office was also open to register dogs. You also have the option to register online at:

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

Dog license fees are \$6.00 per year for spayed/neutered dogs and \$11.00 for dogs not spayed/neutered. Per State law, any dog re-licensed after January 31 will be subject to a \$25.00 late fee plus the regular license fee per dog. Post card 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	3	Non-Resident Hunt	2
Combination	44	Non-Resident Fish	3
Hunting	18	1-Day Fishing	1
Fishing	28	3-Day Fishing	1
Archery	5	Saltwater Fishing	1
Spring/Fall Turkey Permits	5	Non-Resident Small Game	1
Resident Muzzleloader	4	Non-Resident Combination	1
Resident Crossbow	2	Over 70 Lifetime	3

RV, BOAT, & SNOWMOBILE REGISTRATIONS SOLD

Boats up to 10 HP	39
Boats 11-50 HP	35
Boats 51-115 HP	25
Boats over 115 HP	15
Lake and River Sticker	1
Snowmobiles	51
ATVs	52

RECORD OF FEES RETURNED TO THE TOWN

Motor Vehicles Fees	\$6493.00
Recreational Vehicle Fees	298.00
Fish & Wildlife License Fees	237.00
Dog License Fees	279.00
Vital Records Fees	1086.00
Return Check Fees	100.00
Building Permit Fees	2033.00
Mining Permit Fees	5975.00
Junkyard Permit Fees	225.00
Notary Fees	96.00

Respectfully submitted,
MARY ANDERSON
Town Clerk

**2019 VITAL STATISTICS RECORDED
01/01/2019 – 12/31/2019**

15 Births

13 Marriages

12 Deaths

Marriages

Date of Marriage	Names
01/05/2019	Joseph E. Foss & Rachel E. Stevens
02/04/2019	Jennifer M. Smith & Joshua D. Benner
05/18/2019	Taylor L. Poli & Tyler V. Helms
05/26/2019	Lori A. Dessurealut & Christian S. Melquist
06/01/2019	Lance E. Lailer & Kendra J. McCrum
08/10/2019	Tonya M. Bartlett & Eric J. Kenefick
06/30/2019	Mindy L. Powell & Kenneth D. Low
08/31/2019	Megan C. Lewis & Cheyenne L. Tracy
08/05/2019	Shanna R. Dall & Brian E. Schaab
09/14/2019	Vanessa M. Roldan & Phillip J. Jenkins
10/12/2019	Ronald S. Ralph & Joylie L. Gushee
10/05/2019	Steven G. Reynolds & Kendra E. Holbrook
10/12/2019	Stephen C. Darney & Angela M. Pennington

Deaths

Date of Death	Name	Place of Death	Age
01/09/2019	Shannon P. Condon	Washington	47
01/31/2019	Marguerite M. Linscott	Rockport	72
03/08/2019	Chad O. Allen	Owls Head	31
04/14/2019	Christine E. Wellman	Belfast	93
06/02/2019	Davis P. Crowell	Washington	73
07/15/2019	Patricia M. McBean	Washington	68
07/27/2019	Darlene M. Chapdelaine	Rockport	54
08/20/2019	Dorothy M. Vogel	Damariscotta	86
09/09/2019	Joyce A. Bramer	Rockport	80
10/06/2019	Gary L. Thompson	Washington	60
11/10/2019	Donald J. Socobasin	Belfast	61
12/11/2019	Michael S. Hall	Washington	56

Respectfully submitted,
MARY ANDERSON, Town Clerk

Assessors' Report

The 2019 municipal appropriation is	\$961,931.33
The 2019 municipal appropriation is 10.02% higher than 2018's of:	\$874,347.88
The 2019 school appropriation is	\$1,743,763.56
The 2019 school appropriation is 7.09% higher than 2018's of:	\$1,628,330.04
The 2019 total appropriation is	\$2,914,364.09
The 2019 total appropriation is 7.62% higher than 2018's of:	\$2,707,956.28
The 2019 homestead reimbursement is	\$98,397.80
The 2019 homestead amount is 5.59% higher than 2018's of:	\$93,189.31
The 2019 tax commitment is	\$2,373,425.97
The 2019 tax commitment is 11.13% higher than 2018's of:	\$2,135,797.23
The 2019 need was reduced by revenue sharing, excise tax, etc. by:	\$438,124.00
The 2019 reduction is -6.40% lower than 2018's of:	\$468,077.00

HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION: There were 479 homeowners granted homestead exemptions in 2019; a decrease of 8 from 2018. This exemption was \$20,000 in 2019 and will increase to \$25,000 effective 2020. 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: Effective 2019, the Town adjusted assessed values to comply with State of Maine laws. Sales information was used to develop and revise schedules. Building tables were adjusted to more closely reflect current construction costs. Depreciation tables were streamlined to accommodate this change. Waterfront property on both Washington Pond and Crystal Pond were increased in value. Undeveloped land saw a slight increase. As a result of these changes, most property values changed.

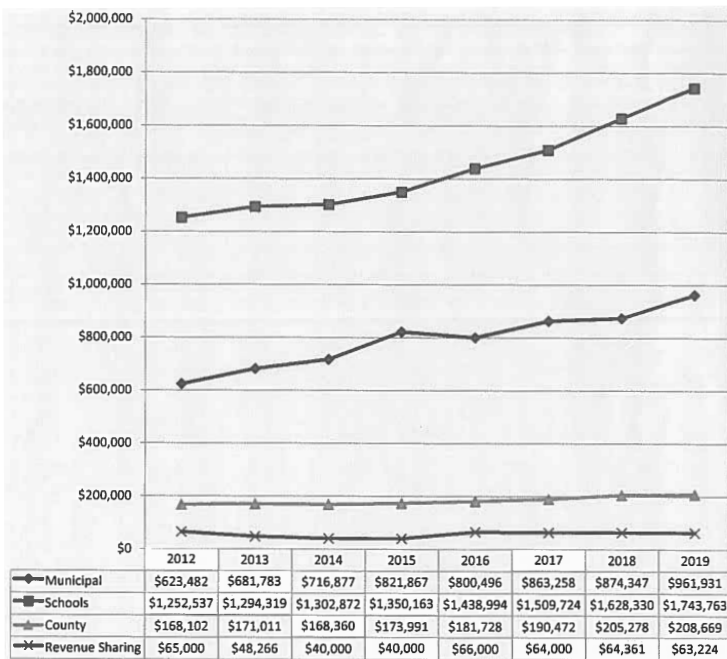
School spending accounted for 60 cents of each tax dollar. 8 cents went

to county tax and the remaining 33 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.

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



The chart above shows appropriation trends for the period 2012 to 2019.

Tax Collector's Report

Valuation, Assessment, and Collections – December 31, 2019

VALUATION:

Real Estate	144,613,808.00
Personal Property	995,147.00
	<u>145,608,955.00</u>

ASSESSMENT:

Valuation x Rate (145,608,955.00 x .016300)	2,373,425.97
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COLLECTIONS AND CREDITS:

Cash Collections	2,104,892.93
Prepayments	4,742.73
Abatements	<u>623.57</u>
Total Collections and Credits	2,110,259.23
2019 Taxes Receivable - December 31, 2019	<u>263,166.74</u>

COMPUTATION OF ASSESSMENT

Tax Commitment	2,373,425.97
Surplus	84,000.00
Excise Taxes - Auto and Boat	250,000.00
State Revenue Sharing	63,224.00
Homestead Reimbursement	98,397.80
Tree Growth Reimbursement	2,800.00
Mining Permits and Inspections	4,000.00
Building Permits - Town	1,500.00
Interest	10,000.00
Veterans Reimbursement	1,600.00
BETE	41,468.47
Interest on Overdue Taxes	12,000.00
Miscellaneous	<u>9,000.00</u>
	2,951,416.24

REQUIREMENTS:

Municipal	1,009,875.33
MSAD #40	1,743,763.56
County Tax	<u>160,725.20</u>
	2,914,364.09
Overlay	<u>37,052.15</u>

Tax Liens – December 31, 2019

<u>2018</u>		Jackson, Timothy	2,313.30
Andrade, Alison R. & Mitchell S.	2,042.79	Jones, Steven W.	222.15
Antonino, Sandra A.	525.70	Jones, Steven W.	287.31
Bickford, Michael	1,068.78	Knowlton, William, II	1,008.22
Birch Point Storage, LLC	83.97	Lermond, Robert F., Ttee	4,742.00
Bradstreet, David	2,363.82	Lewis, Leonard C. & Cara L.	1,259.30
Bridges, Linda	1,410.43	Mank, Timothy A.	1,988.09
Bryant, Forest O.	128.74	Mattingly, Elizabeth F., Heirs	1,080.51
Cooley, Scott	1,267.52	Mechanics Savings Bank	32.39
Davis, Jessica D. & Michael S.	1,007.56	Merrill, Jaynee	1,900.92
Dinsmore, Andrew	2,599.35	Miller, Jared L.	1,520.81
Dufresne, Kevin & Roberta	689.10	Milliken, Robin & Robert	1,061.93
Esancy, Nancy L.	535.37	Northwoods Forestry Svcs	593.46
Ewan, Excle R. & Angela M.	605.51	Rhinehart, Elizabeth	847.24
Foster, Scott	1,079.06	Rideout, John & Tammy	2,104.82
Foster, Scott I. & Kimberly	1,248.34	Rideout, John & Tammy	451.52
Foster, Scott I. & Kimberly	679.65	Sanborn, Philip	1,400.61
Hall, George C. & Sons, Inc.	2,498.26	Shenett, Daniel	722.20
Hall, George C. & Sons, Inc.	2,545.36	Shenett, Theresa & David	533.41
Hall, George C. & Sons, Inc.	139.73	SRB Homes, LLC	156.94
Hall, George C. & Sons, Inc.	620.15	Talberg, Robert	674.30
Hall, George C. & Sons, Inc.	167.99	Thompson, Andrew L.	564.18
Hall, George C. & Sons, Inc.	213.52	Turffs, L. Kim	1,183.89
Hall, George C. & Sons, Inc.	102.05	Turffs, L. Kim	386.22
Hall, George C. & Sons, Inc.	6,181.25	Valle, Forrester B.	495.32
Hall, George C. & Sons, Inc.	91.85	Vigue, Christopher	1,857.50
Hall, George C. & Sons, Inc.	1,810.23	Ware, Richard C.	1,123.95
Hedberg, Eric	1,428.54	Wellman, Henry Heirs	1,141.69
Hedberg, Erik	834.00		<u>67,028.73</u>
Holz, Alfred	678.05	<u>2016</u>	
Jackson, Allen L. & Cathanna L.	727.88	Davis, Jessica D. & Michael S.	794.92
			<u><u>67,823.65</u></u>

Taxes Receivable – December 31, 2019

*Paid in full after 12/31/2019	Castle, Laura & Andrew	179.30 *
**Partial Payment	Chavanne, Daniel P. & Carrie A.	588.02
***Tax Club member	Clement, Julia K.	2,095.56 *
	Compound Holdings, LLC	732.86
<u>Real Estate</u>	Connors, Ernest W. & Elizabeth	1,612.87 ***
Adams, Curtis & Joan	Cooley, Talbot C., Jr. & Deborah E.	891.38 **
Andrade, Alison R. & Mitchell S.	Cooley, Ramona	1,863.92
Antonino, Sandra A.	Cooley, Scott	1,390.00
Antonino, Stephen F. & Sandra A.	Cramer, Edward H. & Beverly A., LLC	673.68 ***
Barker, Nancy	Crane, Tami L.	134.74
Bartlett, Wade	Curtis, Matthew J.	2,370.67
Belanger, Johnnie N.	Curtis, Rosemary N.	2,194.27
Belanger, Linda	Davis, George & Marilyn	946.75 **
Belanger, Mark	Davis, Jessica D. & Michael S.	1,048.35
Belcher, Corey A.	Dawson, Gordon Heirs	639.76
Belcher, James & Lillian	Dawson, Gordon Heirs	975.59
Belcher, Norman C. & Pamela J.	Devenish, Philip & Phoebe	684.60 ***
Belcher, Ronald A.	Dinsmore, Andrew	2,700.01
Berry, Brigitte A.	Dube, Timothy A.	1,551.61 ***
Berry, Brigitte A.	Dufresne, Kevin & Roberta	1,298.75
Berry, Gregory	Ellis, David	182.98 **
Bickford, Michael	Esancy, Levi J.	977.01 **
Birch Point Storage, LLC	Esancy, Nancy L.	552.57
Birk, Robert & Janice	Etchells, David	652.95 ***
Bocko, Deborah A., Liv Tr	Ewan, Excle R. & Angela M.	908.58
Bo'Lait Farm, LLC	Farrar, Bucky	1,061.87
Boucher, Ronald	Farrell, Susan	475.14 ***
Bourgeois, Cynthia L.	Flynn, Corwin & Allison	377.07 ***
Bowley, W.A., Heirs	Foster, Scott	1,123.72
Bowman, Alice	Foster, Scott I. & Kimberly	1,298.49
Bradstreet, David	Foster, Scott I. & Kimberly	795.85
Breen, Carolyn	Frain, Edward	215.57
Bremilst, Robert L., Sr., Heirs	Frye, James P.	760.08 ***
Bridges, Linda	Garnett, Roy & Gail G.	513.45
Bromfield, Terry	Garnett, Roy & Gail G.	415.65
2006 Revocable Trust	Garnett, Roy D.	438.47
Bryant, Forest O.	Gerrish, William E.	1,626.04 ***
Buchanan, Michael, Heirs	Grant, Stephanie	107.17 **
Caddie-Larcenia, Helen G.	Grinnell, Donald L., Elizabeth A., & Katherine A.	2,103.47 ***
Campbell, Paul & Sheila	Grinnell, Jeffrey E. & Stephanie L.	1,854.33 ***
Carco, Cynthia Y.		
Casas, Jesse D. & Sherry L.		

Hall, George C. & Sons, Inc.	2,681.76	Julian, Margaret E.	
Hall, George C. & Sons, Inc.	2,723.32	1996 Revocable Trust	3,298.29 *
Hall, George C. & Sons, Inc.	156.48	Julian, Margaret E.	
Hall, George C. & Sons, Inc.	665.04	1996 Revocable Trust	59.33 *
Hall, George C. & Sons, Inc.	188.27	Julian, Margaret E.	
Hall, George C. & Sons, Inc.	239.61	1996 Revocable Trust	16.30 *
Hall, George C. & Sons, Inc.	114.10	Julian, Margaret E.	
Hall, George C. & Sons, Inc.	6,492.21	1996 Revocable Trust	16.30 *
Hall, George C. & Sons, Inc.	102.69	Julian, Margaret E.	
Hall, George C. & Sons, Inc.	1,874.89	1996 Revocable Trust	2,084.53 *
Hanson, Robert A. & Ethel M.	770.97 **	Julian, Margaret E.	
Hanson, Robert A. & Ethel M.	1,077.93 **	1996 Revocable Trust	109.73 *
Harrington, Daniel R. & Kaitlyn E.	2,674.81	Kaler, Carla-Jo	2,529.19 **
Hart, Keith	169.98	Keefe, Timothy J.	150.12 *
Hedberg, Eric	1,515.74	Keefe, Timothy J.	699.92 *
Hedberg, Erik	701.89	Keefe, Timothy J.	99.27 *
Holloway, Stanley J.	525.68 *	Kelly, Sandra M. & Sharon M.	730.58 ***
Holz, Alfred	687.47	Kennard, Michelle J.	1,279.26
Holz, Alfred	13.00	Kennard, Michelle J.	191.62
Hood, William P. & Martha H.	3,233.96 *	Kennedy, Nanne	432.77
Horovitz, Daniel A. & Cheryl M.	1,164.14 ***	Kerr-Lewis, Jean A.	476.29 ***
Howard, Sonja	422.07 ***	Kilbreth, Carol A. & John F.	2,216.59 *
Hutchins, Katherine A.	1,293.26 ***	Kirkland, Heather A.	134.74
Jackson, William M. & Valerie M.	1,674.01	Knight, Frances, et als	779.26 ***
Jackson, William M. & Valerie M.	57.05	Knowlton, William, II	897.89
Jackson, Allen L. & Cathanna L.	762.68	Koches, Ellen	1,977.55 ***
Jackson, Timothy	2,502.05 *	Lee, Jessica G.	420.17
Jenkins, Anne W.	413.19 *	Lee, Sarah	1,641.62
Jenkins, James D. & Anne W.	383.16 *	Leigh, Angel	472.70 *
Johnston, Constance R. & Martha L.	1,694.05 ***	Leigh, Elmer E., Jr.	512.18
Johnston, Martha L.	196.05 ***	Lermond, Robert F., Jr. & Marjorie A.	2,504.76 *
Jones, Casie R.	1,055.20	Lermond, Robert F., Ttee	5,430.25
Jones, Frank E., Jr.	408.32 *	Lewis, Leonard C. & Cara L.	2,417.86
Jones, Frank E., Jr. & Kathleen H.	672.62 **	Lewis, Leonard C. & Cara L.	1,374.26 ***
Jones, Joyce, Heirs	1,326.58	Linscott, Darci A.	1,529.23 **
Jones, Steven W.	249.39	Linscott, Darci A.	406.52 **
Jones, Steven W.	276.29	Linscott, Harrison L.	980.36
		Linscott, Lloyd	66.18
		Linscott, Lloyd	45.64
		Little, Jeffrey G.	286.59 **
		Little, Penelope M.	2,382.36
		Lloy, Dedre E.	1,138.59 ***
		Lohnes, Timothy J. & Dana L.	204.18 *

Mank, Timothy A.	755.77	Robinson, Thomas L. & Monika	332.77 *
Mank, Timothy A.	1,544.70	Ronan, John H.	17.12
Mank, Timothy A.	2,105.78	Rubenstein, Russell	359.05 ***
Manley, J. Patrick	619.49 ***	Sanborn, Philip	1,543.43
Marks, Robert	1,484.50 ***	Sanborn, Philip	11.41
Marston, Faugn, III	406.52	Sanborn, Steven	281.10 ***
Massey, F. Lane	350.98 ***	Sanchez, Sarah M.	311.82
Massey, Franklin L.	1,478.58 ***	Scarponi, Megan A. & Keaton T.	1,454.12 ***
Masters, Andrew B.	1,850.69 ***	Schnur, Rebecca	2,349.45***
Mattingly, Elizabeth F., Heirs	1,095.72	Shaggy, Michael & Mary	1,018.77 ***
McFarland, Matthew G.	1,637.43 **	Shaggy, Thomas W.	602.48 ***
Mechanics Savings Bank	33.63	Shantz, Rhonda Wellman	1,902.91
Medeika, Patricia E.	2,691.69 ***	Shenett, Daniel	749.80
Medeika, Patricia E.	2,025.42 ***	Shenett, Theresa & David	555.02
Melgard & Menz, LLC	1,108.00 ***	Soe S. Trust	405.38
Merrill, Jaynee	2,152.94	Sorrentino, Michael	2,510.84
Michelson, Anita	1,173.78	Spahr, David L.	1,621.65 *
Miller, Jared L.	1,829.17	Spahr, David L.	478.00 *
Miller, Wayne A.	2,365.33	Spahr, Kenneth L., Heirs	119.40 *
Milliken, Robin & Robert	1,143.02	Spahr, Kenneth L., Heirs	923.15 *
Mole, Ronald	556.63 *	Spahr, Kenneth L., Heirs	17.12 *
Mole, Ronald	2,320.34 **	SRB Homes, LLC	179.30
Moon, Jayne Barrett	715.41 ***	Stuart, Peter	1,473.73 ***
Morgan, Joel W.	131.05	Sweet, Frederick & Anita L.	536.27 *
Moscato, Daniel P. & Cheryl A.	2,179.54 **	Sweet, Frederick & Anita L.	11.41 *
Moscato, Daniel P. & Cheryl A.	5.71 *	Talberg, Robert	591.77
Myles, George J., Jr. & Karen E.	381.42	Taylor, Peter W. & Caroline V.	1,636.40 *
Nobska RE Holdings, LLC	15.63 *	Taylor, Timothy & Dara	600.00 ***
Orrick, William P., Jr.	1,377.92 ***	Thompson, Andrew L.	632.47
Pedrone, Matthew T.	711.29	Till, James C. et als	1,813.09 ***
Percy, Ellis	549.31 *	Turffs, L. Kim	1,413.50
Percy, Lynn	579.21	Turffs, L. Kim	404.24
Pervez, Hal	1,128.01	Valle, Forrester B.	1,148.68 *
Pierpont, Clinton E.	501.84 ***	Vigue, Anthony & Linda	2,081.51
Pierpont, Willard	912.75 **	Vigue, Christopher	2,075.48
Reddish, Robert T. & Elizabeth M.	828.21 ***	Vigue, Timothy L.	939.40 ***
Reilly, Keith & Ann	202.86	Vogel, Donald E. & Dorothy M.	1,573.28 ***
Rhinehart, Elizabeth	1,045.58	Wadsworth, Laurie L.	676.87
Rhodes, Elizabeth	2,156.77 **	Ware, Richard C.	1,269.88
Rideout, John & Tammy	2,289.43	Wellman, Henry, Heirs	1,200.46
Rideout, John & Tammy	443.03	Werner, Lawrence C.	420.54
Riley, Leanne Dibenedetti	1,889.12	Werner, Lawrence C.	490.96
Roberts, Deborah R.	835.74 *	Werner, Lawrence C.	417.61
		Widdecombe-Beal, Estelle	794.63 *

Williams, James M. & Annie T.	1,781.15	<u>Personal Property</u>	
Wilson, William D.	400.00 ***	Boynton, Gregory R.	244.50
Wirtz, Linda, Heirs	1,286.75 **	Jackson's Corner Store	48.90
Woody Creek Hills, LLC	2,941.58 ***	Jones, Frank E., Jr.	16.30
Wright, Sharon A.	2,022.10 ***		<u>309.70</u>
	<u>262,857.04</u>		<u>263,166.74</u>

Prior Years Taxes Receivable December 31, 2019

<u>Real Estate</u>		<u>2016</u>	
<u>2017</u>		Jackson's Corner Store	44.70
Cooley, Scott	277.18	<u>2015</u>	
		Jackson's Corner Store	44.70
<u>Personal Property</u>		<u>2012</u>	
<u>2018</u>		Pierpont, Willard	125.50
Jackson's Corner Store	47.10		<u>584.78</u>
<u>2017</u>			
Jackson's Corner Store	45.60		

Abatements and Supplementals December 31, 2019

		ABATEMENTS	
<u>2019</u>		<u>2015</u>	
Lee & Lillian Upcraft	51.44	Frank Jones, Jr.	74.50
Northrup, LLC	415.65		
Barry Pitcher	156.48	<u>2014</u>	
	<u>623.57</u>	Frank Jones, Jr.	67.50
<u>2017</u>			<u>1,498.69</u>
Frank Jones, Jr.	76.00		
<u>2016</u>			
Frank Jones, Jr.	74.50		
Poverty	582.62		
	<u>657.12</u>		
		SUPPLEMENTALS	
		NONE	

Registrar of Voters

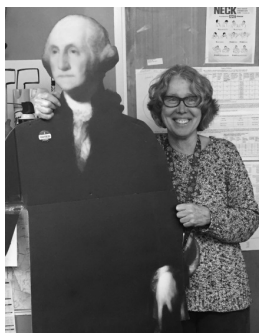
It was another full election year in 2019. On March 29th, Town Meeting began with elections for one Select Board seat for a three-year term. There were 67 votes cast. Wesley Daniel was re-elected for the Select Board seat. Town meeting was held the last Saturday in March and 50 voting residents attended.

Our next election was on June 11th. The Town voted to approve a Mining Ordinance change. We also held the RSU40 budget validation election at the same time. The RSU40 budget passed; 377 voters cast their votes in June.

On September 25th the town held a Special Town Meeting to approve the new General Assistance Appendices Regulations. Seven voters attended and the General Assistance Appendices passed.

November 5th was the State Referendum election with two referendum questions to be voted on. Question 1 was a bond issue and the second was a Citizen Initiative question concerning disabled voters. We had 209 voters come out to vote and both referendum questions passed.

As the Registrar of Voters, I cannot say enough about our hardworking ballot clerks who continuously show up to serve their community for election duty year round. Not only do they do an incredible job, they bring a friendly and helpful spirit with them. Elections are not only one of our basic rights they allow us, as a community, to come together and decide on our future. The Town of Washington owes much to the dedicated team of election workers who serve us every year. I am very grateful for all of you who worked this year.



Respectfully submitted,
DENISE HYLTON
Registrar of Voters

Denise and George

Washington Planning Board

The Washington Planning Board met 6 times last year. The Planning Board elected Mitch Garnett chairman and Steve Ocean as Planning Board Secretary.

The board considered the following:

- A request by Brian Rhea for a subdivision on the Calderwood Road. The board conducted a detailed review of the application and made detailed finding of fact.

- A request by Brian Morris (president of Jojoba Company) to construct a 6,000 sq. ft. warehouse on Route #17. The board conducted a detailed review of the application and made detailed finding of fact.

- Amended Calderwood Subdivision Plan

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 the applicants, and assisting the board in its work

Respectfully submitted
Chairman, MITCH GARNETT
Secretary, STEVE OCEAN

Members:

JESSE CASAS

DEBRA DEAN

SARA COLLINS

KATHERINE GRINNELL

CASSIDY PARMLEY

Budget Committee

To the citizens of Washington,

Your 2019 elected budget committee met for the first time in August, shortly after tax bills had been mailed. We conducted a mid-year review of each of the budget categories, looked at spending trends and for any lines that might be projected to be overspent at year end.

Our next meeting was in early December when we again reviewed the expense and revenue reports. The selectmen presented their initial draft of 2020 budget, although there were still some lines that were unknown at that point in time. It was recognized that no lines would be overdrawn which would necessitate a special town meeting before year end.

At the January 23rd meeting, we reviewed the end-of-year financial/budget reports and spent the rest of the meeting reviewing each budget general category and each subline under that category. Board members often asked questions about 2019 sublines that were over or under spent in each category. We discussed the 2020 selectmen's budget recommendations and any increase in the budget over the previous year. In some cases the committee recommended a reduced amount which, with the concurrence of the selectmen, was approved. Three issues caused the greatest concern and discussion:

1) The town garage was constructed in 2009. In visiting other municipal garages, it was decided at that time to include radiant heat in the floor. Ten years later it was discovered that as the plow trucks are bought into the garage after a storm, water was dripping from the trucks and moisture was moving through the interior plywood walls, causing mold and rot to the outer walls. After trying commercial dehumidifiers in the previous two years, the problem was still unresolved. The selectmen hired an engineer to look at the issue who recommended that the outside siding, plywood, and fiberglass insulation be removed, spray foam insulation be applied to seal the interior walls, and the plywood and siding be reinstalled. Floor drains would also be installed. Estimated cost was \$100,000. Rather than raise and appropriate that amount, the budget committee recommended that the current garage mortgage be refinanced to cover the cost.

2) In the fall of 2019 the fire chief informed the selectmen that Tanker 1, the main tanker in fire response, would not been pass inspection due to a longitudinal crack in the frame. The tanker had been in service for

approximately seven years. It had a new fiberglass tank with a used cab and chassis. After reviewing several options, the fire department recommended purchasing a new cab and chassis. The estimated cost of \$140,000 would be covered by taking \$30,000 from the Firetruck Truck Replacement Fund and financing \$110,000. The budget committee voted to support this recommendation.

3) The Road Maintenance Department was authorized by the town in 2008. The department was initially equipped with one new truck/plow/sander, and three used like-units. One of the old used units was replaced a couple of years ago. Now twelve years after department formation, the other two plow trucks are approaching twenty years in use. The selectmen recommend that the town purchase a new plow truck at an estimated cost of \$170,000 by financing \$110,000 and using up to \$60,000 from the Road Maintenance Truck Fund. The budget committee voted to support this recommendation.

Our final meeting of the year was held February 20th, after the municipal audit was completed, so we had accurate data to make our final recommendations and to make any adjustments and or amendments to our previous votes. When all budget reviews and recommendations were completed, we voted to recommend a municipal budget that has an increase of \$49,307 over 2019 appropriations but will be offset by an increase in anticipated revenues of \$52,851 over the 2019 appropriations.

The budget committee commends the Board of Selectmen for procuring a \$95,000 DEP grant to assist in the cost of the replacement of the Davis Stream culvert on Fitch Road. We also commend the citizens for having the foresight in previously appropriating \$10,000 from the Road Maintenance Reserve Account to have the engineering and permitting done for this project. This is the third such DEP grant received in the last few years for culvert replacement. By having a “shovel ready” project, the selectmen were able to quickly apply during the short-notice grant application window. Washington has received more of these grants than any other town in Knox County. Project completion is expected later this year.

The committee thanks the town office staff for providing timely information and spreadsheets when asked and for keeping accurate minutes of each meeting. We also thank the Board of Selectmen for their diligence and attention to detail in their budget preparation and their willingness to negotiate with the budget committee. I personally want to thank the members of the committee for taking their job seriously, spending the time to review pages of figures, and for their questions and input during discussions.

The citizens can be assured that we simply do not “rubber stamp” every recommendation. Unfortunately we only deal with the municipal side of the budget. Increases in Knox County and Knox Communications assessments and the upcoming school budget are beyond our control. We encourage you to attend those budget meetings and voice your concerns about their significant tax increases.

DONALD L. GRINNELL
Chairman

Code Enforcement Officer

Code Enforcement Officer

The Building Permits issued for 2019 are as follows:

Residential Addition	1
Commercial Storage	2
Residence	9
Double Wide Mobile Home	1
Barn	1
Residential Garage	4
Deck	1
Mobile Home	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 2019 are as follows:

Subsurface Wastewater Permits	14
Internal Plumbing Permits	6

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 2 times last year. There were no changes to the officers and Lowell Freiman remains the Chairman and James Kearney as Vice Chairman/Secretary. After the 2020 new year Dorothy Sainio resigned, Traci Hoffman has moved from Alternate to Member and Richard Bissett is welcomed as the new Alternate Board member.

The Board was relatively quiet this year. The only issue before the Board was a Prehearing Conference related to an Administrative Appeal which did not result in the need to schedule a formal hearing.

The Board will miss the many years of dedicated participation of Dorothy Sainio. She was always a voice of fairness and thoroughness in exploring the issues in front of the Board. Her breadth of historical perspective was always an asset to the Board.

The work of all the Board members continues to be 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:
NORMAN CASAS
CATHY BLAKE
TRACI HOFFMAN

Alternates:
ROBERT DEGROFF
RICHARD BISSETT

Washington Fire Department

PO Box 244, Washington, ME 04574 ~ Established 1950

Fire Station – 845-2245

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

EMERGENCY: Dial 911

The Washington Fire Department responded to the following calls in 2019.

Fires:

Building Fires	14
Cooking Fires	1
Chimney Fires:	6
Forest / Woods Fire	2
Passenger & Transport Vehicles	5
Unauthorized Burning	0
Boiler malfunction	0
Outside Equipment Fire	2

EMS/Rescue:

Medical Assist EMS crew	6
Vehicle Accidents with Injuries:	3
Vehicle Accidents with no Injuries	6
Search for Person on Land	0

Hazardous Conditions:

Gas Leak	2
Carbon Monoxide Incident	0
Tree Down	3
Power line down	6
Electrical Equipment problem	1

Service Call:

Standby at Station	0
Person in Distress	0
Public Service Assistance	1

Good Intent:

Smoke Scare Odor of Smoke	1
Dispatched cancelled en route	0

False Alarms and False Calls

Central station malicious false alarm	<u>3</u>
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Responded to Total Calls 62

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 six chimney fires this year, up from two last year. Please remember to check those chimneys.

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 one new member join this year but we can always use more help especially during the week. We are at the station nearly every Monday night 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

With the exception of some wind-related power outages in the fall, 2019 was a relatively quiet year. This will not always be the case.

Thanks to our volunteer fire department, as well as county and state Emergency Management personnel, we are well-prepared for most emergencies.

As I step aside, I am confident that they and our new Emergency Management Director, Corwin Flynn, will make every effort to keep the Town of Washington a safe and happy place.

Sincerely,
CHRISTOPHER LASCOUTX

Washington Lakes Watershed Association

Washington Lakes Watershed Association (WLWA) is about conservation and protection of our town's lakes and waterways and their surrounding areas through sharing information, offering lake recreation events, and promoting watershed and wildlife stewardship.

An eventful year for Washington Lakes Watershed Association got underway in February of 2019 when Julie Keizer, Waldoboro Town Manager, called a meeting about pursuing a latent project to restore alewife access to Washington Pond. Alewife access wasn't on the lakes association agenda but because our focus is our lakes and watershed, our board decided to gather information to share in the community. Through the year, shoreland residents received a letter about the project, comments were included on our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/washingtonmaine.lakesassociation>) and the lakes association and Lloyd Davis Trust offered a number of public events about the effects of reestablishing an alewife run to Washington Pond via Medomak Brook. [Please also see the report from Lloyd Davis Trust.] Speaker meetings included Nate Gray, biologist with Maine Department of Marine Resources; Landis Hudson, Executive Director of Maine Rivers; and Barry Mower, PhD., a scientist with Maine Department of Environmental Protection. Our July annual meeting featured a Q&A portion devoted to alewife restoration concerns. The most common question was whether the Washington Pond Outlet Dam would be removed for this project. The answer to that is "no." The Medomak Brook Connection alewife project has the Outlet Dam functioning as usual.

Early in 2019, WLWA's board meeting reviewed goals and set activities for the season. Our webmaster, George Stone, outlined a reconstructing of our website www.washingtonlakesassociation.org. Please look it over and enjoy the great photos.

Ice-out on Washington Pond was April 11, 2019. Previous ice-out dates are April 20, 2018, and April 14, 2017. Several agencies collect ice-in dates and we send them the dates we notice. Our lakes had ice-in around December 19, 2019 but several freeze/ melt cycles confused the issue. If you observe these events, please send your observations to wlwassn@gmail.com.

We had paddle events on each of the big lakes with experienced canoeist Dale Griffin leading. We also assisted Washington Recreation Committee

with their Annual Paddle Craft Race, which gets better each year. Please watch for notices on this summer's events.

An on-going project is the lake water quality testing for both Crystal Lake and Washington Pond by WLWA's certified monitor, Roger Cady. His bi-weekly samples through the summer revealed good water clarity and chemistry for our lakes. Roger's excellent professional reports, done with lab support from Midcoast Conservancy, are available at the Washington Town Office, Gibbs Library and on our website. Send a request to our email wlwassn@gmail.com and we will send you a copy of the Water Quality Report electronically.

Board member Jeff Grinnell made a detailed assessment of Nelson-Butterfield Park, the town-owned recreation area on Crystal Lake. From his information, WLWA will plan maintenance projects there.

The coming season will include three public paddles and a community event. These require volunteers and WLWA always welcomes help – one-time events or a seasonal responsibility. Our events are free and, of course, we invite memberships which are \$25 a year for a family. For updates or information, contact us at wlwassn@gmail.com, WLWA'S Facebook page, our website, posters, and local calendars. Our spring newsletter includes our summer schedule and other news and information.

WLWA Board of Directors 2019 – 2020: Frank Braun, Scott Edwards, Sue Edwards, Dale Griffin, Jeff Grinnell, Kathleen Gross, Neil Gross, Charlotte Henderson, Peg Hobbs, George Stone, Sharon Turner and Elaine O'Keefe.

Submitted by
CHARLOTTE HENDERSON
WLWA Member

Midcoast Conservancy

Dear Community Members and Friends:

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. The Midcoast Conservancy community comprises 24 towns, three watersheds and over 13,000 acres of conserved land which include 55 preserves and over 95 miles of trails. Together, we are working on a scale that matters. Below is a sampling of how we impacted the lives of Washington residents:

Your Water:

- Completed 23rd year of water quality sampling of the Sheepscot River and its tributaries. This data will be crucial as we work towards identifying and addressing areas of contaminated runoff into the river.

- 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, this is close in proximity to the waters of Washington. In 2019, no Hydrilla was found! With your help, we will continue being a leader in the fight against the spread of invasive plants in 2020.

Your Land:

- In the recent 38-acre addition to the West Branch preserve in neighboring Somerville/Jefferson, trails are open to the public for hunting, walking, snowshoeing, with more to be developed for hiking and x-c skiing.

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 1 in Edgcomb.



Respectfully submitted,
JODY JONES, Executive Director

Washington Recreation Committee

The Washington Recreation Committee (WRC) Volunteers have had a full 2019 offering recreation to Washington Pre-K to adult programs.

Our Monday Walkers have braved cold, rain, and oppressive heat to remain dedicated to their weekly 5K walk along the Bill Luce Rd. We meet at 9am (8am in the summer) at Gibbs Library and all are encouraged to go at their own pace and distance.

We are excited to sponsor adult yoga here in Washington. Sarah Trapani, LMT, has been offering adult yoga classes Wednesday evenings at the Prescott Memorial School through the WRC. Sarah's classes are slow and meditative, geared to challenge the experienced and beginner student. Her classes will continue throughout the school year. Watch the Washington Recreation Facebook page for more information.

The WRC held its second Annual Spring Retreat in April. It was well-attended and participants were able to enjoy yoga or learn about meditation. Every participant received a short bodywork session of their choice followed by a delicious lunch catered by the Washington General. Our keynote speaker was Kaela van Breevort Reed: "Garden Weeds for Food, Health, and Well-Being." This year's retreat will be Saturday, April 18th. Registration opens March 10th and will fill up fast so watch the town website, Washington Recreation Facebook page, and local newspapers for more information.

The WRC partnered with the Washington Historical Society for our Annual Paddle Watercraft Event (kayak, canoe, SUP) at Washington Pond this year. The young or less experienced paddlers go around the island and back. The more adventuresome do the longer race. After the races, participants went to the Historical Society Open House for refreshments and to learn about the history of our town. Hope to see you this year, Saturday, July 11th. Registration is 8-9 with races starting at 9am. Life jackets are required to paddle.

Our Washington Challenge: 5K/Fun Run numbers was a success again this year. Thanks to the generosity of a patron, t-shirts were available to all participants. Medals for winners of all categories were awarded, and door prizes handed out after the race. The Washington Challenge will have a slight route change in 2020. Instead of starting and ending at Prescott Memorial School, we will start from and return to the Gibbs Library. The

5K will follow the Bill Luce Rd. to McDowell Rd and back. We have something new for the fun run. Watch for details. See you Sunday, August 2. Registration 7-8am with races starting at 8am.

Youth Sports are at the heart of our mission. We offer PreK-4th grade soccer, Pre-K-2 basketball, and Little League, all of which have large turnouts. Our coaches emphasize ball handling and team spirit, as well as providing a supportive environment that help develop a love of the sport.

This year our 2020 Pre-K-2 grade basketball program had a generous and anonymous donation that allowed us to charge only \$10.00/child. Although we keep our registration fees to reflect the cost of the t-shirt, trophy, and pizza party, the savings for the parents was considerable. A heartfelt thank you to our patron.

Thank you to our coaches: Alison and Jacobi Leavitt, Morgan Dibenedetti, Ashley Elwell, John Green, Evan Morrison, and Sean Brown. Also thank you to John Leach of the Warren Recreation Department for arranging interleague games on Saturdays. Also, a thank you to all the parents who make herculean efforts to transport their kids to sporting practices and events. All of these people are what makes our sports a success.

We operate on a small \$2,000 budget that is requested within the main budget. We use these funds to offer the above programs.

And despite our frugality, there are some projects that require a special request for further funds and are listed in a separate warrant article. There is a warrant article on this year's agenda to replace the dugouts at the Clyde Sukeforth Field at Prescott Memorial School. If you, the citizens, approve this request, we will be replacing the existing dugouts this late summer. The new dugouts will have metal roofs and be placed on small stone/gravel bases and will be ready for the 2021 season.

Respectfully submitted,
 PEG HOBBS, WRC Co-chair
 Members:
 HELEN CADDIE-LARCENIA,
 Co-chair
 ASHLEY ELWELL
 DAKOTA GREEN
 JOHN GREEN
 KATHLEEN GROSS
 NEIL GROSS
 STEVE OCEAN,
 MSAD#40 liaison
 TRAVIS PEREZ



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 happen 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 utmost importance to us.

We're currently working a few reroutes in town so please be aware and pay attention to the signage. 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 35 miles of trails.

Sincerely,
MATTHEW KOPISHKE
President, Hill & Gully Riders

Gibbs Library Report

The mission of the Gibbs Library is to serve as a volunteer-based center whose purpose is to enrich the lives of our community members with free access to programs, materials, and services that empower, educate, and inspire. To accomplish this mission it takes an enormous amount of effort from so many people.

This has been another busy and productive year for the Gibbs Library. Enthusiasm, commitment and energy remain high. Our staff and volunteers do so much to keep things running smoothly. Our Board of Trustees is dedicated, active and creative.

I want to thank the voters of the Town of Washington for approving a warrant article at the 2019 town meeting affording us \$15,000.00. This is a critical part of our budgetary and fundraising planning. Our annual garage/book sale, involvement in the Community Auction and annual appeal letter are major components of our revenue as well. We have made the decision discontinue our popular annual garage sale in 2020. However, look for the book sale to continue on that same weekend and look for other events we are planning!

We continue to search for relevant grants to fund collection purchases, programs and upgrades. This year we received two important grants. The first one, from the Maine Public Library Fund for \$2,500.00, will enable us to bring three children's author/illustrators to town to present programs to the children of our community in partnership with Prescott Memorial School.

The second grant, for \$5,000.00 from the Stephen and Tabitha King Foundation, ensures the expansion of our book collection. Thanks to Sue Ebersten for her expert grant writing skills.

The Gibbs Library adult program committee, chaired by Glenice Skelton, has had a full year of programs offered to adults consisting of a wide variety of interesting topics:

- Weekly meditation/relaxation – a group on Thursday mornings at 7:30 to sit in silence together.
- Monthly adult book group – books this past year have included a range of thought-provoking and entertaining fiction and non-fiction.
- Genealogy workshop – with the Washington Historical Society - a popular workshop led by researcher Cheryl Swift.

- 90th birthday open house celebration for Henry Sainio – March 2nd.
- Essential oil class – an informational and well-scented class by local distributor Ms. Curtis.
- Beyond the Birdfeeder: Creating Backyard Habitat – April 5th – presented with the Washington Lakes Association by Hildy Ellis from Knox-Lincoln Soil and Water Conservation District.
- Decluttering workshop – May 4th – a 2-hour workshop by Professional Home Organizer Diane Smith.
- State Representative Seth Berry spoke about upcoming legislation regarding replacing CMP and Emera with a consumer-owned utility-August 8th.
- Book signing and refreshments with local author Jean Feldeisen – September 17th.
- Volunteer Appreciation party – October 5th – followed by
- Jazz Cafe featuring duo Shades of Blue – Julianne Gardner and Christopher Poulin entertained with an eclectic mix of old-time and original jazz.

During the past year, Gibbs Library children's program committee chaired by Hazel Kopishke, continued to offer a variety of children's programs for our community.

- Free Music Together Programs (7 sessions each year) for infants-age 5 and their caregivers.
- Weekly Preschool Story time for young children led by Kate Nichols.
- Annual Chickadee After School Reading Sessions (10 total) led by teacher volunteers, board members, and our teen trustees.
- The Junior Book Group read selections from the Maine State Book Award list and enjoyed accompanying food at each session. This group was led by Julie Madden, our librarian, and met during the summer.
- June author visit featured Hazel Mitchell, a Maine author and illustrator, and was attended by Prescott's K-5th grade students and staff.
- Bikes for Books, a program sponsored by Mt. Olivet Lodge, returned to the library over the summer with many participating and six lucky readers receiving bikes with helmets. An additional prize this year was



a gift card to Barnes & Noble.

- A visit from Bess the Book Bus helped wrap up the summer reading program where each child present chose two free books to take home with them from the nationally traveling book bus. Darling's Ice Cream Truck for a Cause sweetened the day, with donations going to support Bess the Book Bus. Sherry Casas wowed with her awesome face painting!
- The Halloween Trunk or Treat relocated to the Prescott parking lot and was well attended on the last Saturday in October. We treated over 160 trick or treaters.
- The Gingerbread Holiday Open House was well attended with 25 families decorating cookies and selecting a free hardcover book as a gift from the library.

As I conclude my time spent as president of the Gibbs, I am very honored and grateful to have served my community in this way.

The past three years, working with the dedicated, knowledgeable, enthusiastic members of the staff and Board of Trustees as well as the numerous volunteers and patrons have made my job pleasant, fun, challenging and rewarding.

So much gets accomplished in this library! The community is fortunate to have this busy hub at its center.

Again, thank you all for your efforts to make the Gibbs Library the best it can be!

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! Also, don't forget to support local libraries by donating to the Maine Public Library Fund through the Maine State income tax check off program! As noted above, we are a recent recipient of a MPLF grant!

Respectfully submitted,
KATHLEEN OCEAN
Past President, Washington
Library Association

Gibbs Library/Town Office Gardens

In 2019 we continued the overall objective towards attractive low-maintenance gardens using native or “near” native plants where possible.

Last year, with the objective of defining the “corner” of the L-shaped patio garden bed, we planted three small shrubs, *Rhus aromatica* ‘Gro-Low’, cultivars of the native fragrant sumac, at the base of the Black Chokeberry (*Aronia melanocarpa*) shrub with Barren Strawberry (*Waldsteinia fragarioides*) planted as a groundcover. By 2019, these had successfully filled the area and stood up well to the pre-existing weeds.

Work in the patio garden was otherwise limited to weeding and pruning. In 2018, we started a 3-year plan of pruning the existing shrubs by cutting 1/3 of the oldest stems hard in order to rejuvenate the shape and form of the shrubs. In 2019, we weeded several times in the spring to weaken persistent weeds.

At the end of the summer the short leg of the patio garden paralleling old Union Road was very untidy, having been taken over by grass. Clean-Up mornings were held on September 25 and 28. Volunteers weeded and pruned the patio garden and tidied up low limbs on trees near paths. We will look at defining this section of the garden bed better next season as well as introducing some new plants.

Both the Fire Station and Library gardens (the latter along the front of the library) were stripped, tilled and replanted with plants purchased at a discount price by Sharon Turner. Compost was donated by Tom Johnston.

The Fire Station beds were planted with Spikenard (*Aralia racemosa*), Northern Bush Honeysuckle (*Diervilla lonicera*), and Barren Strawberry (*Waldsteinia fragarioides*). The Library front garden bed was planted with 12 ‘Limelight’ Panicle Hydrangea shrubs.

Peg Hobbs, Sharon Turner, Kathleen Gross and Neil Gross donated time and effort on the Library and Fire Station gardens. We also had significant help from the Town with the stripping of the Library garden.

The gardens each side of the main entry and the back door of the Town Office were expertly taken care of by Denise Hylton and were attractive through the season.

Respectfully submitted,
NEIL and KATHLEEN GROSS

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. Along with the museum the Town House was partially opened for visitors on Heritage Day last September. Both buildings are on our maintenance agenda. We hope to continue replacing the vinyl siding that remains on two sides of the museum with wood clapboards, like it originally



had. Our bigger and more costly project is to cable the walls of the town house to keep them from further movement, repair the sagging floor, and return the speaker's platform, that is still there, back to its original look. We have been fund raising for these costly projects and hopefully with town support in this year's budget will be able to complete them. Once the Town House is repaired, we plan to expand our displays and hold events inside as well as outside.

We continued our road documentation project at our January and February meetings this year focusing on Bill Luce, Old Union, Skidmore, Sprague and Calderwood Roads. Using Google Maps, town 911 records, and the 1857 and 1812 maps, we record present owners and as many previous owners and places as we have knowledge of. We are always on the lookout for old pictures of homes on these and all roads in town.

We continued connecting with Prescott Memorial on projects. In June, the 5th graders made their annual visit to the museum and VFW Hall. Students tried hands-on activities using a wringer tub washing setup, cutting wood with a two man crosscut saw, and churning ice cream besides viewing the museum's items on display. This March, we will celebrate Maine's Bicentennial with a program at school featuring the history of Washington, the state, and country. Program date and time: March 20, 2020, 6 pm at Prescott, please come.

Warm weather events included, the Memorial Day Celebration at the Town Monument with the annual parade of wheels, recognizing local

veterans, and the annual reading of the Gettysburg Address. In June, we gathered at Maple Grove Cemetery where Cheryl Swift shared interesting facts and stories about some of the town's better known early citizens buried there. July meant teaming with the Town Rec. Committee on the day of their Washington Pond Paddle event. The museum was open and refreshments served after the paddle event.

Our annual Heritage Day on the first Saturday after Labor Day was rainy but with partial use of the Town House, we were able to hold the event with many visitors stopping in. Sue Taylor won the "Best Pie" contest and everyone enjoyed the many tasty entries! Plan to join us this year on Saturday, Sept. 12.

The 2020 WHS calendar theme is "Where in Washington?" featuring old pictures of homes still in town. There are still a few copies available. Next year's theme is still under discussion. Funds raised from advertisers and sales support our ongoing expenses.

As you can see, the WHS is active and welcomes your support. Our meetings are the 3rd Tuesday of each month, usually at the Masonic Hall at 7PM. In the summer, we meet at the museum. Our office is at the Masonic Hall and we welcome visitors. We are usually there on Tuesday afternoons but times and days are flexible so call ahead if you'd like to meet with us. We are in the "organizing" stage at the office. We will open Razorville Hall for special requests during the summer and fall. 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



Lloyd Davis Trust

Medomak Brook Connection
Alewife Access to Washington Pond

The Medomak Brook Connection is the culmination of an idea born over thirty-five years ago. In the 1980s, Lloyd Davis, a Waldoboro farmer, bequeathed a sum of money to establish a program for restoring sea-run fishing in the Medomak River. Up to Revolutionary times, there had been huge harvests in coastal rivers, but as dams were constructed for waterpower, the fish were blocked from their spawning grounds and populations diminished. By the 1980s, alewife populations all along the East Coast were small and some were entirely gone.

The Lloyd Davis Trust (LDT) was made official in 1987 and its directors began Waldoboro's Medomak River Alewife Project to achieve fish passage in the main river and, eventually, access to some tributary ponds. Washington Pond was the last target for re-opening alewife spawning areas in the Medomak River Watershed. Several years passed during which opening Medomak Brook – the water connection between the river and the pond – did not seem viable. But, last February, Julie Keiser, Waldoboro Town Manager, called a meeting with representatives of the Waldoboro Alewife Committee, Town of Washington's Alewife Committee, Lloyd Davis Trust, Alewife Harvesters of Maine, and Department of Marine Resources. Participants judged that there was enough support to push forward and renew the effort. The Medomak Brook Connection was born.

Washington's Lloyd Davis Trust board members enlisted Washington Lakes Watershed Association to make the access restoration project known to the community. WLWA offered several public informational meetings and sent letters about the project to shoreland property owners. They brought in experts to explain fish migration and the benefits of opening the Medomak Brook waterway so fish could spawn in Washington Pond. We learned that alewives provide a food source for nearly every creature in the watershed: bears, brown trout, cod, eagles, fox, gulls, loons, heron, osprey, otters, raccoons, rainbow trout, turtles, striped bass, and people, to name a few. In addition, young alewives carry phosphorus out of their lake when they return to the sea. DEP data over several years has not shown any negative effects in water quality with alewife reintroduction, nor were there significant changes in other fish populations.

Medomak Brook Connection has a general idea of the lengthy process based on experiences down river and from other access restoration sites (there are 18 in progress around the state at this time). Exact steps won't be available until professional surveys and assessments are made by all the agencies involved. All this will take time – several years – and involve a lot of study, planning, work by both volunteers and professionals.

This coming season, Medomak Brook Connection hopes to complete a survey of barriers along the brook between Medomak River and Washington Pond. We will consult with the Fire Department about removing the obsolete fire control dam in the village. At some point, there will be minor changes at the Outlet Dam which will have no effect on the water level of Washington Pond. There is no plan or suggestion by Medomak Brook Connection to remove the Outlet Dam.

The founding purpose guides Medomak Brook Connection: To restore and conserve the sea-to-fresh-water fishes in the Medomak River Watershed.

Harvesting alewives is a motive for some groups but not for us. Harvesting alewives is a possibility far into the future, but it will not be allowed until after a stable run is established, run size is monitored, and permits issued. This could take as much as ten years or even more.

This project – the Lloyd Davis Trust Medomak Brook Connection – has the knowledge, skill and resources to guide this effort. We have support from the Maine Department of Marine Resources, Maine Rivers, and the many other groups that are working on alewife access restoration around the state. And yours, too, we hope.

Lloyd Davis Trust Board Members are: Brian Alves, Frank Braun, Sam Chapman, Charles Delory, Charlotte Henderson, Ted Mohlie, M.D., David Seybold, and Ted Wooster.

Submitted by:
CHARLOTTE HENDERSON

Washington Scholarship Committee

Our Washington Community Scholarship Committee had another banner year in 2019. We had a change in our members when Priscilla Packard resigned and Amiee Gess joined our committee. We want to thank Priscilla for her years of service in helping Washington students further their education.

In 2018 we had no applications but this year we gave eight awards to five different students for a record \$5,000 total scholarship monies awarded. This was only possible due to the generous donations from our local businesses as well as the gift from the Billings family who ended their family memorial scholarship and graciously requested we combine the monies left in their fund with the Washington Community Scholarship funds.

We had thirteen applications (another record) but unfortunately five were disqualified because of missing or ineligible documents in their applications. This happens too often and students miss out on funds they could have used to further their education. We have to follow the guidelines of the application process to be fair to all students.

We wish all our Washington students success in their future endeavors and look forward to reviewing this year's applications due May 1, 2020 and possibly setting new award records.

JUDY GOOD
MILDRED MELGARD
JAN BIRK
MINDY GOULD
AMIEE GESS

Washington Scholarship Committee

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. Four scholarships were awarded last year.

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

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WENDY CARR

HAZEL KOPISHKE

KATHY DANIEL

BETTE PELLETIER

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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 2019, we provided over 4,400 hours of service to over 1,300 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 request \$750, the same amount as last year.

Services New Hope for Women provides for Washington community members include:

- Crisis intervention services including a 24-hour hotline that operates 365 days yearly. Members of our staff or trained volunteers answer this crisis line. We also have emergency safe homes throughout the Mid-Coast.
- Legal services provided by our staff attorney and court advocates.
- Support and education groups in all four counties that provide individuals with the opportunity to work toward ending violence in their lives.
- Six units of transitional family housing for up to two years including personalized support and assistance with long-term goal planning.
- Community education programs to businesses and agencies that allow communities to offer a consistent and helpful response to the needs of individuals living with violence.
- Prevention/education programs in area schools that equip young people with information they need to make healthy choices in relationships.
- A batterer intervention program certified by the Maine Department of Corrections for women who use violence.

In 2019, New Hope for Women provided the following services to residents of Washington, Maine: 31+ hours of direct service to 14 clients and 12+ hours of community and youth education to 109 individuals.

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

for supporting our programs. We hope that you will continue to join with us. Together, we can transform our cultures and provide safety for those who need it.

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.

Program Definitions

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

Community Response is 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 schools and jails within New Hope's four-county catchment area.

Emergency Shelter is short-term, temporary shelter in private homes.

	Individual Advocacy	Community Education	Transitional Housing	Support Groups	Emergency Shelter
Expenses					
Personnel	414,958	482,853	29,586	15,362	5,500
Other	79,975	93,061	5,702	2,961	1,060
Total Expenses	1,252,192				

Income	
State Funds	218,426
Federal Funds	594,802
Municipalities	44,000
Charitable Orgs.	60,000
Rural Grant	51,550
United Ways	41,990
Fundraising	116,600
In-Kind *	121,174
Other	3,650
Total Income	1,252,192

New Hope's administrative costs for our last audited fiscal year (FY18) were 13.3%

*In-kind income includes help-line volunteer hours, work done by the board of directors, and non-monetary contributions such as furniture for our transitional housing.

Garry Owen House

Veterans Advocate/Veterans Shelter

Garry Owen House in North Searsmont, Maine helps homeless veterans by providing temporary shelter and aid. This allows for an easier transition to a stable future.

Since opening its doors on Christmas 2016, 40-plus veterans have cycled through Garry Owen House. Help with contacting job offers and access to the VA Medical Center at Togus, Maine are a few of the referral services available. Garry Owen House serves a significant portion of Maine's nearly 200 homeless veterans.

We are also endeavoring to raise funds for the actual purchase of the property that we are presently renting.

DANA E. PHILIPPI
President of the Board
Garry Owen House

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, 2019, the following services were provided to residents:

SERVICE	NUMBER SERVED	VALUE
Case Management <i>Provides assistance connecting to benefits and available resources to meet individuals needs</i>	1 Client	\$1,065
Central Heating Improvement Program <i>Repairs or replaces faulty central heating systems.</i>	3 Clients	\$10,245
Child and Adult Care Food Program <i>Reimburses child care providers for nutritious meals and snacks.</i>	1 Provider	\$8,264
Emergency Crisis Intervention Program <i>Provides home heating assistance to income-eligible households that are in an emergency or energy crisis.</i>	2 Households	\$609
Family Development Account (FDA) Program <i>Provides matched savings accounts statewide for home purchase & repair, car purchase & repair, microbusiness development, education, and emergencies.</i>	1 Client	\$2,145
Good Neighbor Heating Assistance <i>Provides 100 gallons of heating fuel to households whose income is 250% of the federal poverty level or less.</i>	1 Household	\$301
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	\$13,985
Home Energy Assistance Program <i>Assists income-eligible households with home heating costs.</i>	39 Households	\$36,062
Home Repair <i>Provides grants and deferred or forgivable loans to repair primary residences for eligible families.</i>	2 Clients	\$41,715
Retired & Senior Volunteer Program <i>Connects volunteers age 55+ with service opportunities in their communities.</i>	2 Volunteers	\$1,056
Small/Micro Business Development Services	1 Client	\$2,672

<i>Provides training and technical assistance to help individuals start or expand their own business.</i>		
Small/Micro Business Loans	1 Client	\$1,732
<i>Provides loans from \$500 up to \$200,000 to help businesses start, expand or meet financial needs.</i>		
Total Value:		\$119,851

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

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

Spectrum Generations

Spectrum Generations has provided specialized programs and services to older and disabled adults for over 40 years. Our mission is promoting life-long learning, health, wellness, nutrition, community engagement, and the social well-being of all older and disabled adults. While we are most 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. It is our passion to support your community and provide a helping hand to a population of individuals who are your friends and neighbors. Community in the truest sense is a coming together of people to support others—we could not do what we do without your generous support and hope you will continue to see the value in what we are all working toward: a healthier Maine!

STEPHANIE C. HANNER
Community Engagement Officer

Tri County Solid Waste Management Organization

To All Residents of Tri County Member Towns, Greetings.

Perhaps the most visible endeavor at the transfer station this past year was the completion of the trailer building. Another visible first in Tri County history was Walt's sunflower garden by the scale shack. These sunflowers, albeit hardy plants, required much encouragement to survive life in the marginal soil. Any contributions of rich soil, compost or the like to this project would be welcomed.

In our ongoing quest to expand our recycling opportunities, many of which are controlled by factors far beyond the realm of Tri County Solid Waste, we often fail to recognize the reuse efforts that are a continual part of life at the transfer station. Over the year, egg boxes, cases of canning jars, sewing machines, science equipment for school use, household appliances, pumps, auto parts and other reusable metal items have been collected, salvaged and dispersed to station patrons. This list includes 51 bicycles, 14 lawnmowers, and 184 pounds of salvaged outdoor grill grates for state park use. In addition, Tri County's "free section" disperses an unknown quantity of sundry items far too diverse and mysterious to catalog.

As a reminder, our annual household hazardous waste disposal event will be held on Saturday, 20 June 2020 from 8:30-11:00 am.

In closing, I again this year wish to thank all of our faithful patrons through whom we have purpose and without whom we would not be successful.

Regards,
DAVID STANLEY, Manager

LifeFlight to Washington - Facts and Frequently Asked Questions

- **LifeFlight is a private non-profit charity with a public mission.** We care for all patients regardless of insurance status or ability to pay for care. In FY2019 LifeFlight provided \$2.2M of care to patients without insurance.
- **LifeFlight serves all of Maine** - 24/7/365 with helicopters based in Bangor, Lewiston and Sanford, a fixed-wing airplane based in Bangor, rapid response cars to support EMS, and specialized ground ambulances.
- **2,237 patients were LifeFlighted in FY19** from 117 communities, islands, and unorganized townships - about 1 patient every 4 hours. LifeFlight has cared for more than 27,000 patients since the first flight on September 29, 1998 from our bases in Bangor, Lewiston, and Sanford.
- **How is LifeFlight funded?** LifeFlight operates much like a hospital emergency department, taking care of all patients and billing insurance companies. We work with all major payers including Medicare, MaineCare and commercial insurers. Our operational expenses are covered by patient fees, but we rely on the LifeFlight Foundation to support purchasing aircraft, medical equipment, and to provide advanced training and education.
- **LifeFlight helicopters, airplane, and specialty ground ambulances are equipped as fully functioning mobile intensive care units.** LifeFlight critical care teams bring the trauma center intensive care unit - skills, medical technology, pharmacy, blood, and more - directly to a patient's side.
- **What types of patients do you transport?** Critically ill or injured patients of all ages needing specialized care beyond what can be provided by local hospitals - including premature infants, cardiac and stroke patients, complex traumatic injury, organ transplant, sepsis, burns, and serious obstetric complications. We use the strictest medical utilization criteria in the country to make sure all flights are medically necessary. Emergency medical providers are guided by state-mandated protocols based on the latest research and best practice.
- **About 85% of patients are transported from community hospitals to major specialty centers, and 15% are transported directly from the scene of an emergency** - roadsides, woods, mountains, and islands. While most patients are transported to EMMC, MMC and CMMC, about 12% of

patients are transported to Boston and beyond for specialized care not available in Maine.

- **LifeFlight is lean** - We are among the most efficient providers in the world, we pay attention to costs, maintaining a very small administrative team and with the lowest rates in New England and the country. Despite this, we have created a national mode full low-level Instrument Flight system, operate with all NTSB recommended safety technology and have a much larger coverage area than most services.
- **LifeFlight of Maine's average cost per transport** is approximately \$15,000 (modified by distance). We participate with all major insurers, Medicare, and MaineCare, so there are negotiated discounts and we do not "surprise bill" patients. (The average cost of others in New England is around \$21,000 while the average in western New England, New York, and nationally is \$40,000 - \$70,000.)
- **What other benefits to our town and region does LifeFlight provide besides critical care and transport?** We provide local critical care training to medical providers in specialized areas such as traumatic brain injury and pediatric trauma diagnosis and treatment. We also provide ground safety training to all communities and create remote landing zones where they might be needed.
- **What do the Towns support and what is the formula used for the ask amount?** Town support is specifically and only used for the aircraft replacement fund and advanced training for EMS providers. We ask for a \$1 per capita rate for towns up to 1,000 residents; a \$0.50 per capita rate up to 2,000 residents; and a \$0.25 per capita after that, with a maximum request of \$2,000. The request of \$764 for Washington is calculated at \$0.50 per capita.

Red Cross

American Red Cross Impact Report

Maine Region

Fiscal Year 2019

July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019



Disaster Relief

The Red Cross mission is preventing and alleviating human suffering in the face of emergencies -- work that is carried out in Maine daily by 838 volunteers. The Red Cross in Maine responds to some 300 disasters each year, providing comfort to affected families and ensuring that their immediate needs such as food, clothing and shelter are met. The Red Cross also provides casework and recovery assistance for disaster survivors. All Red Cross disaster assistance is free.

The Red Cross in Maine, with our local presence and community knowledge, stands ready to respond alongside our partners when the need arises. We can also call on the support of Red Cross chapters nationwide for resources in large-scale disasters.



Responded to 277 disasters in Maine



Helped 394 families affected by disaster



Supported by 838 local volunteers

Home Fire Campaign

Home fires kill seven people in the United States every day. Home fires account for more than 90 percent of Red Cross disaster responses. Research shows that working smoke alarms reduce the risk of death by 50 percent¹. Having an escape plan further improves the chances of survival.

We launched our Home Fire Campaign in 2014 to prevent home fire deaths and injuries. Nationally, the Red Cross and its partners have installed more than 1.8 million free smoke alarms, helped households create more than 664,000 escape plans and have made more than 773,000 homes safer. This work has saved at least 610 lives across the country.



Installed 3,212 free smoke alarms in Maine homes



Created 856 escape plans with Maine households



Made 1,025 Maine households safer from home fires



Saved at least 11 lives in Maine since 2014



American Red Cross
Maine Region

Training Services

Swift action in an emergency can save lives. The American Red Cross teaches and empowers nearly 5.9 million people nationally each year through training courses such as first aid, CPR, AED, water safety and babysitting. The Red Cross also offers emergency and first aid information through free mobile apps.



Taught first aid, CPR and AED to 10,207 people in Maine



Taught water safety and aquatics to 8,031 people in Maine



Taught a total of 18,789 people in Maine preparedness and lifesaving skills

Service to the Armed Forces

The Red Cross Hero Care Network provides support to service members and their family's pre-deployment, during deployment and when they return home, through emergency communication services, financial assistance programs re-integration and veteran services.



Briefed 8,725 families in Maine through our "Get to Know Us" program



Provided 2,413 services to military members, veterans and families

Blood Services

The Red Cross is the single largest supplier of blood in the United States, providing nearly 40 percent of the nation's blood supply. Blood and platelets are needed for many reasons— accident and burn victims, heart surgery patients, organ transplant patients, and those receiving treatment for leukemia, cancer or sickle cell disease may all need blood.



Collected 49,803 units of blood in Maine

U.S. Senator's Report

Washington, DC

Dear Friends,

The beginning of a new year provides the opportunity to reflect on the progress of the past 12 months. If you've been watching cable TV, you might think that every waking moment of 2019 in Washington has been consumed by divisive, partisan issues – and while there's no shortage of those debates, there have also been opportunities for bipartisan cooperation. You sent me to the Senate to make the most of those opportunities, so as we enter into the New Year, I wanted to take a moment to update you on my efforts to work with members of both parties to make life better for the people of Maine.

One of my most important priorities this past year has been emphasizing preventive healthcare. Maine's distinction as the oldest state in the nation brings us wisdom, of course – but it also creates unique challenges, particularly relating to healthcare. The key to addressing these obstacles is being proactive, because the cheapest, safest medical procedure is the one that doesn't need to happen. That's why I've introduced legislation to incentivize healthier living, expand mental health screenings, and help more Americans access regular check-ups. We're making progress, but we've got a long way to go – and I'd like your help, because I know that the best ideas are the ones that come from families and communities on the front lines of these challenges. To strengthen this effort, I convened a policy forum on prevention in Bangor in October, which has already given me exciting new ideas that I'll carry with me into 2020. If you have additional thoughts on encouraging preventive healthcare, please share them with my office.

This year has also continued the growth of Maine's forest products industry – a key focus of my work to revitalize Maine's rural economy and communities. We've seen significant investment in mills across the state, creating good jobs to support rural Maine. I'm also pleased that the investments aren't just in our mills – the industry is thriving because of its commitment to innovation. We're fortunate to have the University of Maine's top-notch researchers exploring cutting-edge ways to use our forest resources, including capitalizing on the rise of 3D printing technology with the world's largest 3D printer. Combining this work with ongoing federal support, our vast forests, and Maine's dedicated workforce, I know that the

future of this industry is bright, and I'll continue working to support it on all fronts.

I'm proud of all we've accomplished together this year, but even as I reflect on all that we've achieved, it is challenging to not think of the work left undone. It sometimes can be discouraging to watch these important priorities hang in limbo, but fortunately for me, encouragement is never far. After all, I get to live in Maine – which means I get to count Maine people as my neighbors and friends. I'm always struck by the kindness that our citizens show not only to me, but also to each other. This focus on collaboration and compassion is an inspiration, and it powers my efforts bring a little bit of Maine common sense to Washington. Thank you for all you do to for our state – Mary and I are deeply grateful, and we hope that 2020 will be a good year for you, your family, your community, and the State of Maine.

Best Regards,
ANGUS S. KING JR.
United States Senator

U.S. Senator's Report

Washington, DC

Dear Friends,

As 2019 ends and 2020 begins, I am pleased to report that Congress made progress on a number of issues important to Maine families despite the polarization in our country.

In a major win for surviving military and retiree spouses to whom we are deeply indebted, I was proud to co-lead the repeal of what is often referred to as the "Military Window's Tax," an unfair offset of survivor benefits that has prevented as many as 67,000 surviving spouses - including more than 260 from Maine - from receiving the full benefits they deserve.

The high cost of health care and prescription drugs continues to be a top issue for families and seniors. To provide continued relief for more lower - and middle - income individuals, I led the charge to extend for another two years the medical expense tax deduction that I included in the 2017 tax law. Without this extension, nearly 20,000 Mainers and millions of Americans with high medical expenses, including many with preexisting conditions, would have faced an increased tax burden. In other good news, the CREATES Act I cosponsored became law. It will prevent pharmaceutical companies from blocking access to a sufficient supply of brand-name drugs needed for the studies that allow less expensive alternatives to enter the marketplace.

Improving people's health and wellbeing remains my priority. On a per capita basis, Maine has the highest incidence of Lyme disease in the country. In August, I held a Senate hearing at the University of Maine's Tick Lab on this growing public health crisis. A comprehensive public health strategy to combat this epidemic is needed, and the new law I authored will do just that.

In addition, I helped champion another \$2.6 billion increase for the National Institutes of Health, our nation's premiere biomedical research institution, including significant boosts for Alzheimer's disease and diabetes research. Last year, NIH funded more than \$111 million for research at 14 Maine institutions.

To help prepare the graduates of Maine Maritime Academy, I secured \$300 million for a new training ship, which will ensure rigorous instruction for MMA students for decades to come.

Significant federal funding was approved for work at Bath Iron Works and Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. Funding appropriated by Congress will pay for three new destroyers, make a down payment on an additional ship, and finance infrastructure improvements at PNSY.

As Chairman of the Transportation and Housing Appropriations Subcommittee, I have led efforts to improve our nation's crumbling infrastructure and ensure that Maine's housing needs to be addressed. For Maine's roads, bridges, airports, and seaports, tens of millions in federal funding will help make urgently needed upgrades and improve safety. Funding will also supports housing assistance to low-income families and seniors and aid communities in reducing homelessness among our youth. The Community Development Block Grant program will assist numerous towns and cities in our State.

The Aging Committee I chair has continued its focus on financial security for our seniors. A new law I authored will make it easier for small businesses to offer retirement plans to their employees. Our Aging Committee's Fraud Hotline fielded more than 1,200 calls this year. Congress passed a new law to crack down on robocallers who are often the perpetrators of these scams. And a new law I authored will expand the IRS' Identity Protection PIN program nationwide to prevent identity theft tax refund fraud.

At the end of 2019, I cast my 7,262nd consecutive vote. In the New Year, I will keep working to deliver bipartisan solutions to the challenges facing Maine and the nation. 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 2020 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

Dear Friends,

I hope this letter finds you well. It's a privilege to represent you and your family and I am thankful for the opportunity to update you on my work in Washington and Maine.

In 2019, I was honored to work with my colleagues to pass hundreds of bills that address everything from fighting climate change to raising the minimum wage. And while Congress has become an increasingly partisan place, I was proud to continue my habit of reaching across the aisle, introducing a number of bipartisan bills and cosponsoring even more.

On the House Appropriations Committee, I worked to support programs important to Maine, such as rural broadband investment, Head Start, PFAS clean up, and shipbuilding at Bath Iron Works. Further, I firmly believe we need to make substantial investments in all aspects of our infrastructure, from safe drinking water and modernized schools, to upgraded highways, transit, and rail. From my seat on the Appropriations Committee I advocated for increased funding for the BUILD grants program which funds investments in transportation infrastructure by states, local governments, and transit agencies. I also pushed for increased funding for the Community Development Block Grant program, our national park system, local and organic agriculture, election security, and the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

Since my time in the Maine State Senate, lowering the cost of prescription drugs has been one of my top priorities. This year I introduced two bills that would help Americans afford their prescription medications. I also voted for a bill that would allow the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to directly negotiate prices for certain drugs. I look forward to continuing this important work in 2020 so Americans are no longer faced with the choice of picking up prescriptions they desperately need or putting food on the table.

I am sure this coming year holds many challenges and opportunities for our country, and I promise that the interests and principals of Mainers will continue to guide my work. If there is anything my offices in Washington or Maine can do to be of assistance - whether you, your town, or your organization is applying for a grant; you're facing an issue with a federal agency; or if you'd just like to share a thought or opinion - please do not hesitate to reach out.

Best wishes,
CHELLIE PINGREE
Member of Congress

Governor's Report

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

During my first year in office, I directed the implementation of the voter-approved Medicaid expansion, allowing over 40,000 Maine people to gain health care coverage. We added state-guaranteed protections for people with pre-existing conditions, passed a prescription drug reform package, and restored the Maine Drugs for the Elderly and Disabled program, covering an additional 1,800 seniors. And we continue to work on strategies to bring down the cost of health care for small businesses and others. I also signed an Executive Order directing my Administration to develop effective opioid prevention efforts in schools, make Narcan more available, increase medication assisted treatment, train recovery coaches, and expand drug courts.

Protecting Maine's environment and tackling climate change are key priorities of my Administration. I am committed to increasing Maine's Renewable Portfolio Standard to 80 percent by 2030; improving our modes of transportation; weatherizing homes and businesses; and reaching 100 percent renewable energy by 2050. By embracing the green technology of the future, we will reduce the impacts of climate change, create good-paying jobs, preserve clean air and water, and protect our state's farming, fishing, and forestry industries.

The biennial budget provided more revenue sharing, more homestead reimbursements, and more disaster assistance for towns - which all together will result in relief for property taxpayers. It invested \$115 million in education and school renovations, and we are working toward Pre-K for every 4-year-old, increasing post-high school options that result in a valued credential, and making sure that every able adult is working. Further, I, along with government agencies, small business owners, entrepreneurs, economists, and hard-working Mainers, developed a statewide economic development plan, the first in nearly 25 years. We will diversify our economy, empower innovators, and attract young, talented people to live, work, and raise their families here in Maine.

It is time for new, dynamic ideas that will change Maine for the better. I welcome your ideas. We are all in this together. We all want Maine to have a beautiful environment, healthy people, and prosperous communities.

JANET T. MILLS, Governor

State Senator's Report

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

Let me begin by thanking you for allowing me the privilege of serving you in the Maine Senate. I am honored that you have put your trust in me and can assure you I will continue to work tirelessly on your behalf.

Maine is in the midst of one of the greatest periods of prosperity in its history and has led the nation in a number of economic categories over the last several years. Unemployment is at record low levels, wages are up, and state government has had seven straight years of surpluses. The number of children living in poverty is in a steep decline, and Maine now leads the nation in equality for women in the workplace and politics.

Though we have accomplished a great deal in the past year, there is still much more to be done. Maintaining the prosperity that you have built over the last several years tops the list. We can do this by holding the line on government spending, doing our best to stay out of the way of local businesses so that they can thrive as a result of their own hard work, and making sure that government is the most fiscally responsible steward of your tax dollars. These will be a few of my priorities this coming year.

My colleagues elected me as Senate Republican Leader, and I have used the position to listen to my fellow Senators' ideas and viewpoints. Together, we have done our duty to ensure the best interests of all Maine citizens. I also 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. I look forward to a collaborative session, working together to continue to improve Maine for generations to come.

Again, thank you for electing me to serve you in the State Senate. The 129th Legislature certainly has a great deal more work to do, but I believe that if we come together, there is nothing we can't accomplish. Please feel free to contact me at 287-1505 or Dana.dow@legislature.maine.gov if you have comments, questions or if you would like assistance in navigating our state's bureaucracy.

Sincerely,
DANA DOW
Maine 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.

In my last report to you I said I was hopeful that we would enact proposals to increase municipal revenue sharing, the Homestead Exemption, and aid to education. We were successful in enacting all three. In addition, due to the health of the State's financial picture, a \$104 check was mailed to every resident homeowner this winter, returning some of your hard-earned money! We also delivered on another promise, expanding health care to 70,000 more Mainers who were without health insurance. Despite what Washington, D.C. does to undermine your healthcare, I want you to know I will continue to fight for the right of every person to obtain adequate health care.

In my last report I indicated that I co-sponsored a bill to promote and support the use of solar energy which included a provision to eliminate gross metering and adopt a net metering approach. As some of you are aware, solar legislation was defeated in the last legislature in 2018 in a very close vote. We made it over the finish line this time, and these solar reforms are now law.

Two of the biggest challenges facing Maine in 2020 are the deplorable issues around the performance of Central Maine Power and the challenges being faced by the Maine lobster industry.

First, in reference to CMP, last year I testified before the Public Utilities Commission on your behalf in opposition to the proposed rate increase and demanded that CMP refund all the money they overcharged my constituents and other Mainers in their over billing scheme. Both the PUC and Maine's Public Advocate heard my concerns and are currently investigating these serious matters. I want to be clear that I am in full support of CMP's line workers who put their lives on the line for us everyday. Consequently, I have joined Rep. Seth Berry's (whose Mom lives in Washington!) proposal that Maine move toward a public power option, along the lines of what Franklin Roosevelt did in the 1930s when he created the Rural Electrification Administration. In that vein, I will also be supporting the same approach for broadband expansion. Every Mainer should have equal access to this

critically important technology, so I will supporting all proposals, including bond issues, to make this happen.

In addition, I am opposed to the proposed CMP power “corridor” in western Maine....to Massachusetts. Are you kidding me? You can count on me to oppose this proposal and I look forward to voting in November at referendum to defeat this. Does anyone think Massachusetts would allow Maine to slice through the Berkshires to send power to Maine? Of course not, so I will be forcefully opposing this proposal.

Second, I am deeply concerned about the unjustified and unfair proposals being promoted by the federal agency NOAA, which is blaming the Maine lobster industry for Right Whale deaths despite the fact that they have publicly admitted there is no evidence to back up this claim. I have joined hands with my fishermen and women in my district to fight these draconian proposals and have attended hearings and provided testimony against these proposals. The lobster industry is the lifeline to our local economy and you can rest assured I will continue to fight to protect your interests.

I have enjoyed representing Washington, something I also did in the 1980s and 1990s 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. I also wanted to thank the Selectmen, Town Office staff, and the Public Works crew who keep your roads safe. I appreciate the work you do.

Sincerely,
JEFFREY EVANGELOS
State Representative

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Town Meeting Results

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 37 as set out below, to wit:

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

Town Clerk Mary Anderson opened town meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. A motion was made and seconded to nominate David Martucci who was the only nominee and then was elected with 3 votes. The Town Clerk duly swore him into office and David 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.

A motion was made and seconded to elect all necessary town officers and school board members as are required to be elected. Tom Johnston asked the moderator to have the ballot box inspected and secured. David Martucci opened the polls.

Linda Luce, Mildred Melgard and Cathy Blake checked in voters. The polls were closed at 8PM by Deputy Moderator Walter Metcalf. Ballot clerks Katherine Grinnell and Jacquelyn Metcalf counted the ballots. The deputy moderator adjourned the meeting until 10am Saturday, March 30, 2019 at the Prescott Memorial School.

Linda Luce and Mildred Melgard checked in 50 voters. 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 67

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

Wesley Daniel: 62

Write ins: 5

Town Clerk Mary Anderson opened Town Meeting and Phil Meunier, Fire Chief, led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mary thanked Hank Aho for designing and drawing the town report cover this year and spoke for many in the town that Hank and Glenice Skelton will be missed when they move to Union later this year. Selectman Wesley Daniel presented Kathy and Steve Ocean 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.

A motion was made and seconded 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: Walter Metcalf, Jesse Casas, David Williams, David Martucci, Kathy Ocean, Deborah deGroff, Donald Grinnell. Wendy Carr 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 application fees; and the Driveway Entrance Coordinator be paid from driveway entrance application fees.

Deborah deGroff asked what the fees are. Mary Anderson stated for every plumbing permit there is a portion that goes to the state and a portion that goes to the plumbing inspector; the cost for the driveway entrance permit and E911 permit is \$25.00 each which goes to the coordinator. Deb Zeigler asked if that is his whole income. Mary Anderson explained that the CEO (Code Enforcement Officer) receives a salary; as the plumbing inspector he receives a percentage of each permit.

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 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.

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 2019 annual budget during the period from January 1, 2020 to the date of the 2020 Annual Town Meeting.

Deborah deGroff asked what the amount is of 3/12 of the budget. Tom Johnston stated it is three months 3/12 of every category. Whatever we raise today, next year we will be able to spend 3/12 before 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 2019 taxes will be due and payable on October 1, 2019.) (Maximum interest rate on overdue taxes allowed by State Law: 8.0%).

David Martucci made a motion for October 1, 2019 for the due date and 8% for the interest rate. Moved and seconded to use the recommendation from the Select Board and Tax Collector. Mr. Martucci's motion passed.

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%.

Deb Zeigler asked why we collect 8% interest from the citizens if they are late but the town only pays 4% interest if they abate; why not 8%. David Martucci explained we can vote to do it or not. If taxes are abated and refunded to a citizen we pay interest. He recommends we pay 4%, because it comes out of our pocket, tax money. Tom Johnston stated in looking out for the best interest of the tax payers, you can't earn 8% in the bank or 4%. So at 4% we're still paying a higher interest rate. He thinks it's reasonable to maintain the 4%. Cyd Zeigler stated if the town charges 8% they

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should pay 8%, it should be equal. David Martucci explained the difference between the two interest rates: 8% is for people who have not paid their taxes on time; 4% is if you have paid your taxes and later it's proven that the town overtaxed you, which is very rare, we refund those taxes with that interest rate. He believes it is in the best interest of the town to go with the lowest rate. Deb Zeigler stated she realizes we already voted on Article #7 to charge 8% but if we only give back 4% we should only charge 4%. Beth Connor asked if she understood what David Martucci stated – people who have gotten an abatement on their taxes will get refunded at 4% interest have not been charged 8% interest for late overdue taxes. The Select Board said that is correct.

Robert Marks called the question. Debate terminated by vote.

Motion carries, 4 opposed

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.

Deborah deGroff asked if there is a bidding process prior to going to auction. Wesley Daniel stated the resident has 60 days to buy it back for the taxes due. If not, then the property goes to bid at public auction, not with sealed bids. Janet Martucci understands that they do not want to put it right out to public bid that because if somebody is on hard times that they have the option to buy it back within

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60 days. The moderator stated that only bidding is done at the public auction, no sealed bids before the auction. Lisa Sharp asked about the time frame of 60 days, what is the process before. David Martucci explained the process - taxes are due on a certain date; you don't pay; a lien is put on the property; 1 ½ years before the lien matures; automatic foreclosure (the whole process takes 2 ½ years). At that point the town decides what to do with it, what we are voting on in Article 10. Deborah asked why there is not a minimum bid set at the auction based on the appraisal price. Wesley Daniel stated the minimum bid is taxes plus costs. David stated that the town is not in the business of selling real estate; we would have to spend money for an appraisal. Our only interest is getting the taxes that we should have gotten plus any costs that we have incurred in trying to collect them. Steve Ocean asked about how many properties have gone to this point in the last couple of years. Wesley Daniel stated four years ago we auctioned off two properties; it does not happen often. Norman Casas called the question. Debate terminated by vote.
Motion carries 2 opposed Article 10 passes.

Article 11: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to appropriate money from the sale of any Town tax acquired lands to pay the costs of said sale.

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

Deborah deGroff stated that Article 10 and Article 11 don't agree with each other. If we're not in the real-estate business in Article 11, you need to raise money. Tom Johnston explained that there are costs associated with auctioning off a property, you have to announce it in the newspaper, etc. This article authorizes us to make up part of the minimum bid and then spend that money for those advertisements. Without this article we aren't authorized to spend the money for advertisements which we are required to do.

Bob Birk called the question. Debate terminated by vote.

Motion carries 2 opposed 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.

Deborah deGroff asked for an example of town-owned items. Wesley Daniel stated we had tables and chairs, a fire truck, old equipment they wanted to sell that was not worth over \$5,000.00.

Motion carries unanimously Article 12 passes.

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.

A motion was made and seconded 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.

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 2019 and 2020 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 2019 and 2020 for taxes not yet due or assessed and for no interest to accrue.

Deborah deGroff asked if someone were to prepay taxes shouldn't they get a break. Wesley Daniel stated no, we don't do that.

Motion carries 1 opposed

Article 14 passes.

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to offer a Tax Club Payment Plan and to waive interest on taxes for those accounts that are kept current.

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

Deborah deGroff asked if there is no break for people that prepay is interest charged to people on tax club plan. Mary Anderson stated no interest accrues while on the plan.

Motion carries 1 opposed

Article 15 passes.

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Fire Chief and other municipal officials to apply for Homeland Security and/or other grants for Emergency Services.

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

Janet Martucci asked what are the particular items that have been gotten through grants. Phil Meunier stated they received turn out gear through an MMA grant.

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.

Motion carries unanimously

Article 17 passes.

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.

A motion was made and seconded to move the 2019 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, 2019 to the Fire Equipment Reserve account.

A motion was made and seconded to move any monies remaining in the Public Safety account on December 31, 2019 to the Fire Equipment Reserve account.

Lisa Sharp asked what the approximate amount is in the account now. Tom Johnston stated \$3,377.00. Norman Casas asked if that includes having money in that account for the 3/12 (January-March). Tom stated that any money left in any account on December 31 and is not designated to go another account would go back into undesignated fund/surplus. The moderator explained that on December 31 any money in any account goes to surplus/undesignated account unless the town meeting has authorized it to go someplace else. This article is taking the money from one particular account and authorizing it to go into another account automatically on December 31. There was some discussion and clarification regarding Article 6. Dorothy Sainio stated that as First Selectman, years ago, she came up with

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Article 6; when the books close on December 31 and there is no money the Selectman can use. Article 6 allows the Selectmen to conduct business even if they have to go to the bank to borrow money, this article allows them to do that and carry on with town business.

Robert Marks called the question. Debate terminated by vote.

Motion carries unanimously

Article 19 passes.

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$4000 from property taxes to rebuild the Soldiers Monument in the Village.

A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$4000 from property taxes to rebuild the Soldiers Monument in the Village.

Deborah deGroff asked how much is the price to fix the monument. Wesley Daniel stated that this is an estimate; if this passes it will be put out to bid. Robert Marks asked what are the repairs needed. Wesley stated that the top part needs to be replaced because it does not stick out over the edge far enough for water to keep away from the surface. Water is getting into the mortar and cracking it and the bottom base is starting to deteriorate. Lisa Sharp asked if it will look the same after the repairs. Wesley said it will look the same. Steve Ocean stated that he speaks in favor of this motion because he thinks it is great that we honor our soldiers that are from Washington and continue to maintain the monument.

Motion carries unanimously

Article 20 passes.

Article 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2500 from property taxes for a blinking yellow speed limit sign to be placed on Liberty Road for southbound traffic before entering the village.

A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$2500 from property taxes for a blinking yellow speed limit sign to be placed on Liberty Road for southbound traffic before entering the village.

Sandy Bourrie asked if it is a warning light in the sense of a flashing light that tells you what the speed limit is or is it a light that tells you how fast you are actually going. Joan Hayward stated it is an entering village sign with what the speed limit is. Dorothy Sainio asked where it will be placed. Joan stated across from Sweet Seasons Restaurant. Dorothy suggested it go up further on Rt. 220. Wesley Daniel said DOT will get involved with the placement of the sign. Bette Pelletier suggested, if we have any input, the sign go further north up Rt. 220.

Motion carries 2 opposed

Article 21 passes.

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

A motion was made and seconded to adopt changes to the Town of Washington Mining Ordinance.

Deborah deGroff asked what the change is. Mary Anderson stated it is in the town report on page 107. David Martucci explained the town has enacted an ordinance for many years that regulates how mining is conducted in this town. For many years there was no ordinance and it was felt that some things were out of control so the operation of sand and gravel pits in this town are required to be permitted and to follow certain regulations. Lisa Sharp confirmed that the CEO was responsible for inspecting and the amendment states it is the responsibility for the pit owner to contact the CEO for an inspection. Lisa clarified that if this does not happen by October 1st the pit owner would get a stop work order. The Selectmen said, yes that is what would happen. Lisa asked if the CEO would keep track of the pits and owners. Tom Johnston stated that with this change it puts the responsibility on the pit owner to contact the CEO and pay the inspection fee which will allow more compliance with the mining ordinance. Deborah deGroff asked what the tax benefit, to the Town of Washington, is to have all these pits. Wesley Daniel stated that the pits are taxed at a higher rate than wild land. Robert Marks asked if the mining ordinance proposed amendment can be changed from the floor. The moderator ruled that proposed municipal ordinances have to be posted at the town office. Robert stated that the definition changes the concept of operator from someone who is mining hard rock, flat rock, sand or clay to any person extracting gravel. If that is the intent or the end result of adopting this amendment – it would, in fact, eliminate all sorts of processes. He is speaking out against adopting this ordinance because it leaves out most of what people are doing. The moderator stated the ordinance cannot be amended from the floor but it can be defeated. Robert stated if we adopt this we make a substantial change to what the mining ordinance covers, inadvertently. David Martucci asked the Moderator if we could vote on each section separately. The Moderator stated that would not be appropriate, you are voting on the amendment as posted; it is a unitary issue – take it as proposed or defeat it as proposed. Cyd Zeigler confirmed. Tom Johnston stated the intent was not to change the definition of Operator. Norman Casas stated he believes we should defeat this article and send it back to the Mining Ordinance Committee to get it straightened out. Lisa Sharp asked if we could vote on this before the next town meeting. Mary Anderson stated we can call a Special Town Meeting anytime.

Motion defeated unanimously

Article 22 did not pass.

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.

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, until cancelled by either the Town or the Grange.

Deborah deGroff asked how much that would cost. Tom Johnston stated it would take a few minutes of truck and operator time to plow the lot but could not put a dollar value on it.

Motion carried unanimously

Article 23 passes

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

A motion was made and seconded 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.

Deborah deGroff asked how much excise is on cars and what is it based on. All excise tax is the same across the state per MSRP (Manufacturer Suggested Retail Price) of the vehicle. Tom Johnston stated that these amounts are what we expect to take in on those accounts this year and we are asking to be able to spend them in lieu of raising your property taxes by this amount.

Motion carried unanimously

Article 24 passes.

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

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Union Ambulance	38,000.00
Tri-County Solid Waste	<u>42,435.33</u>
	\$289,104.53

A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$289,104.53 from property taxation for 2019 Knox County, Tri-County Solid Waste Management Organization and Union Ambulance assessments.

Deborah deGroff asked if these lines have gone up, down, or stayed the same. Tom Johnston stated the Knox County Tax is up a little bit and Communications went up about 6%, Tri-County is up under 1%, Union Ambulance is up 127% (our original number was too low and we had to add to that-about \$10,000. Increase)

Motion carried unanimously Article 25 passes.

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

A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$59,150.00 from property taxation for General Government Operations.

Motion carried unanimously Article 26 passes.

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

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Volunteer Insurance	200.00
Firefighter Accident Insurance	<u>800.00</u>
Total	\$ 29,686.00

A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$29,686.00 from property taxation for Insurance.

Motion carried unanimously Article 27 passes.

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	1000.00
Fire Warden (2)	300.00
Fire Chief	4,000.00
Deputy Fire Chief	3,000.00
Firefighter Stipends	3,750.00
Secretary - Planning Board	1,000.00
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

A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$197,235.00 from property taxation for Salaries, Stipends, Employee Health Insurance, and Payroll Expenses.

Motion carries unanimously Article 28 passes.

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	600.00

Total \$ 391,284.00

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

David Williams made a motion to change the figure to the correct one from \$374,284.00 to \$391,284.00. Moved and seconded for correction of a typo. Motion carries unanimously; correction passes.

Lisa Sharp asked knowing the road crew changed their work week to 40 hours, is it a possibility for them to take on the cemetery maintenance in the summer. Tom Johnston answered the town crew has done, in the past, work like moving piles of snow with heavy equipment from the town office, helping to remove trees from a cemetery assisting a tree expert but those hours are taken from the accounts on Article 32. Lisa asked, Do we really need them for 40 hours in the summer to do road maintenance? Tom Johnston stated yes. For example the condition of our dirt roads are terrible and it will take a lot of hours to get those back into shape; a lot of brush cutting, ditching and some other items that have been put off over

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the years, maintenance to our roads that has not been done. We are looking at putting in the hours that we can into bringing our roads conditions up.

Sandy Bourrie asked what line supports the labor that's involved in maintaining the public access at Crystal Lake and Washington Pond.

Wesley Daniel stated it comes from Road Maintenance Labor.

Motion carries unanimously Article 29 passes.

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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A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$2,000.00 from property taxation for General Assistance.

Motion carries unanimously Article 30 passes.

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	2,800.00

Total 63,165.00

A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$63,165.00 from property taxation for Public Safety.

Motion carries unanimously

Article 31 passes.

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	5,500.00

Total 49,750.00

A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$49,750.00 from property taxation for Utilities and Maintenance.

Lisa Sharp asked why Municipal Complex Snow Removal went up.

Tom Johnston stated that is about what it cost us last year. We've had a couple of serious snow years. Plowing includes fire department,

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library, town office, dry hydrant system across the road from the town office, school bus turn arounds, Crystal Lake and Washington Pond access as well as hand shoveling the walkways.

Motion carries unanimously Article 32 passes.

Article 33: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,500.00 from property taxation for Boards and Committees.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend as advisory lines:

Conservation and Parks Committee	300.00
Planning Board Expense	300.00
Midcoast Regional Planning Commission	600.00
Comprehensive Plan and Ordinance Review Committee	<u>300.00</u>
Total	1,500.00

A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$1,500.00 from property taxation for Boards and Committees. Robert Marks asked why the Appeals Board is not on here. Tom Johnston stated there hasn't been a separate line except for the secretary. If we need to do that we'll look at that with the budget committee.

Motion carries 1 opposed Article 33 passes.

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

A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$52,000.00 from property taxation for Town Carry-over Accounts.

Deborah deGroff asked what the Recreation Committee is. Peg Hobbs explained what the Recreation Committee money funds: little league, facilitate spring retreat, 5k fun run, primary focus little kids sports basketball, little league, soccer, canoe race; practice field across from the fire department and includes the little league field and buildings on that field. Steve Ocean commented that the Recreation Committee is totally volunteer driven and if you look at the budgets of other towns you'll see \$15,000.00, \$25,000.00 etc. Lisa Sharp stated she understands the lines for Fire Truck and Road Maintenance trucks but would like more information on the state of the trucks. Wesley Daniel stated one of them should have been replaced three years ago. If you vote on this today there should be about \$65,000.00 in that account. We may be able to find a truck with plow and sander that is three of four years old. There was going

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to be an article to buy a new tank truck but it was decided to keep the old one and raise money for a new one. Norman Casas asked if someone wanted to know how much money was in an account how they would do that. Wesley Daniel stated anyone is welcome to come into the town office and request that information, at any time. Lisa Sharp asked what is going on with the West Washington Cemetery Restoration. Wesley Daniel stated the town took over the cemetery last year from the West Washington Cemetery Association. We had money that was put in the checking account and some in trust. We cleaned up around the cemetery and took some trees down and now the stones need to be cleaned and restored. This \$6,000.00 will do half and possibly another \$6,000.00 to finish next year. Sandy Bourrie stated her property abuts the cemetery and asked if some of the funds will be used to repair the fence, stones and was there any agreement to clean up the stumps. Wesley stated, not at this time.

Motion carries unanimously

Article 34 passes.

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	<u>6,920.00</u>

Total \$29,226.00

A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$29,226.00 from property taxation for Miscellaneous Accounts. Norman Casas stated that Midcoast Conservancy and Medomak Valley Land Trust have merged so we may want to bump up our donation at a future date. Deborah deGroff asked about New Hope for Woman and would like them to receive more funds. Mary Anderson stated that most of the social agencies request the amount as they do a

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breakdown of how each town is helped throughout the year.

Motion carries unanimously

Article 35 passes.

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.

A motion was made and seconded vote to authorize spending up to \$181,106.00 from the Local Roads Assistance Program (LRAP) for Capital Road Improvement.

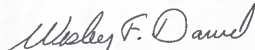
Norman Casas asked how that money is generated and is that a state program. Wesley Daniel stated yes it is a state program and this is money accumulated over the years; carried over if not spent.

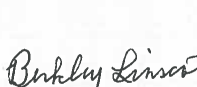

Motion carries unanimously

Article 36 passes.

Sharon Turner read a letter from Kit Lascoux who is trying to initiate a neighbor to neighbor program identifying and supporting our vulnerable population which is a primary concern of Emergency Management. If you would like more information or to get involved please contact Kit, 458-4887.

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



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, 2019 and 2018, 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, 2019 and 2018, 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 10, 2020
Bath, Maine

Exhibit A

TOWN OF WASHINGTON
Statements of Net Position — December 31, 2019 and 2018

	Governmental Activities	
	2019	2018
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS:		
Cash (Note B)	798,174.04	837,396.37
Taxes Receivable	263,751.52	263,969.75
Tax Liens	67,823.65	65,548.95
Accounts Receivable	19,513.50	24,864.35
Total Current Assets	<u>1,149,262.71</u>	<u>1,191,779.42</u>
PROPERTY, PLANT, AND EQUIPMENT (NOTE L):		
Land and Improvements	29,100.00	29,100.00
Buildings	771,353.00	771,353.00
Equipment	186,342.00	184,402.00
Motor Vehicles	1,029,370.00	1,029,370.00
Infrastructure	13,157,111.00	12,917,782.00
Total Property, Plant, and Equipment	<u>15,173,276.00</u>	<u>14,932,007.00</u>
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>13,421,461.00</u>	<u>12,610,416.00</u>
Net Property, Plant, and Equipment	<u>1,751,815.00</u>	<u>2,321,591.00</u>
Total Assets	<u><u>2,901,077.71</u></u>	<u><u>3,513,370.42</u></u>
LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION		
CURRENT LIABILITIES:		
Notes Payable (Note D)	54,806.77	53,426.58
Accounts Payable - Trade	9,047.15	12,480.35
Due To Other Funds	1,947.37	699.00
Deferred Revenue (Note G)	24,955.15	7,106.47
Total Current Liabilities	<u>90,756.44</u>	<u>73,712.40</u>
LONG-TERM LIABILITIES:		
Notes Payable - Net of Current Portion (Note D)	318,905.59	373,714.26
Total Liabilities	<u>409,662.03</u>	<u>447,426.66</u>
NET POSITION:		
Net Invested in Capital Assets	1,378,102.64	1,894,450.16
Restricted for:		
Reserves		4,744.04
Other Purposes	446,694.64	418,111.60
Unrestricted	666,618.40	748,637.96
Total Net Position	<u>2,491,415.68</u>	<u>3,065,943.76</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Position	<u><u>2,901,077.71</u></u>	<u><u>3,513,370.42</u></u>

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, 2019 and 2018

Functions/Programs	<u>Program Revenues</u>			<u>Net (Expense) Revenue and Change In Net Position</u>	
	Expenses	Charges For Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	2019	2018
				Totals	Totals
Primary Government:					
Governmental Activities:					
General Government	347,135.42	24,580.02	1,707.00	(320,848.40)	(277,064.72)
Public Assistance	1,755.90		1,087.50	(668.40)	(228.19)
Public Works	1,060,448.58	1,827.53	46,756.00	(1,011,865.05)	(697,043.82)
Education	1,743,763.48			(1,743,763.48)	(1,628,330.04)
Knox Communication	47,944.00			(47,944.00)	(45,166.00)
Debt Interest	11,087.79			(11,087.79)	(12,461.81)
County Tax Assessment	160,725.20			(160,725.20)	(160,112.36)
Public Safety	111,099.54		12,008.49	(99,091.05)	(88,906.08)
Unclassified	40,165.52	2,420.23		(37,745.29)	(34,988.21)
TCSWMO	42,435.33			(42,435.33)	(42,145.20)
Total Primary Government	3,566,560.76	28,827.78	61,558.99	(3,476,173.99)	(2,986,446.43)

General Revenues:

Taxes:

Property Taxes	2,371,927.28	2,134,095.24
Homestead Reimbursement	98,397.69	93,189.11
Excise Taxes	293,582.23	261,895.67
Intergovernmental - State Revenue	63,224.00	64,361.00
Interest	31,718.12	25,585.54
Tree Growth	2,914.59	2,819.32
Due From Trust Funds	92.00	
BETE	39,790.00	38,865.00
Total General Revenues	<u>2,901,645.91</u>	<u>2,620,810.88</u>
Change in Net Position	(574,528.08)	(365,635.55)
Net Position, January 1	3,065,943.76	3,431,579.31
Net Position, December 31	<u><u>2,491,415.68</u></u>	<u><u>3,065,943.76</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, 2019 and 2018

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCES:		
Restricted for:		
Reserves	-	4,744.04
Other Purposes	446,694.64	496,655.01
Unrestricted (Schedule A-3)	<u>401,426.56</u>	<u>418,111.60</u>
Total Governmental Fund Balances (Exhibit E)	848,121.20	919,510.65
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.	1,751,815.00	2,321,591.00
Notes payable are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds.	(373,712.36)	(427,140.84)
Property taxes not collected within the 60 days after year end are deferred as revenue in the fund financial statements. In the government-wide financial statement the revenue is income in the year assessed.	<u>265,191.84</u>	<u>251,982.95</u>
Net Position of Governmental Activities (Exh A)	<u><u>2,491,415.68</u></u>	<u><u>3,065,943.76</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements

Exhibit D

TOWN OF WASHINGTON
Reconciliation of the Statements of Revenues, Expenditures,
and Changes in Fund Balance of Governmental Funds
to the Statements of Activities
for the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances -		
Total Governmental Funds (Exhibit F)	(71,389.45)	39,220.28
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.		
	(569,776.00)	(467,291.00)
Repayment of debt principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces liabilities in the Statements of Net Position.		
	53,428.48	52,054.46
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.		
	<u>13,208.89</u>	<u>10,380.71</u>
Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities (Exhibit B)	<u>(574,528.08)</u>	<u>(365,635.55)</u>

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Exhibit E

TOWN OF WASHINGTON
Balance Sheets - Governmental Funds
December 31, 2019 and 2018

	2019 Total	2018 Total
ASSETS:		
Cash	798,174.04	837,396.37
Taxes Receivable	263,751.52	263,969.75
Tax Liens	67,823.65	65,548.95
Accounts Receivable	19,513.50	24,864.35
Due From Other Funds		4,744.04
Total Assets	<u>1,149,262.71</u>	<u>1,196,523.46</u>
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS, AND FUND BALANCE:		
Liabilities:		
Accounts Payable	9,047.15	12,480.35
Due To Other Funds	1,947.37	5,443.04
Total Liabilities	<u>10,994.52</u>	<u>17,923.39</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources:		
Deferred Revenue (Note G)	24,955.15	7,106.47
Deferred Tax Revenue	265,191.84	251,982.95
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>290,146.99</u>	<u>259,089.42</u>
Fund Balance:		
Assigned for Other Purposes	446,694.64	501,399.05
Unassigned	401,426.56	418,111.60
Total Fund Balance	<u>848,121.20</u>	<u>919,510.65</u>
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows, and Fund Balance	<u>1,149,262.71</u>	<u>1,196,523.46</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements

Exhibit F

TOWN OF WASHINGTON
Statements of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes
in Fund Balance - Governmental Funds
for the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018

	Governmental Funds			
	General	Capital Reserves	2019 Total	2018 Total
REVENUES:				
Property Taxes	2,358,718.39	-	2,358,718.39	2,123,714.53
Excise Taxes	293,582.23		293,582.23	261,895.67
Intergov'tal Revenues	63,224.00		63,224.00	64,361.00
Homestead Reimbursement	98,397.69		98,397.69	93,189.11
Public Assistance	1,087.50		1,087.50	1,733.90
Public Works	1,827.53		1,827.53	6,322.83
Miscellaneous	8,631.03		8,631.03	8,009.31
Interest	31,718.12		31,718.12	25,585.54
Building Permits - Town	2,033.30		2,033.30	1,619.40
Tree Growth Reimbursement	2,914.59		2,914.59	2,819.32
Veterans Reimbursement	1,707.00		1,707.00	1,880.00
Urban Rural Initiative	46,756.00		46,756.00	45,448.00
Unclassified	2,420.23		2,420.23	2,329.00
BETE	39,790.00		39,790.00	38,865.00
Public Safety	12,008.49		12,008.49	2,325.37
General Government	7,940.69		7,940.69	4,478.89
Mining Permits/Inspections	5,975.00		5,975.00	3,850.00
Total Revenues	2,978,731.79	-	2,978,731.79	2,688,426.87
EXPENDITURES:				
Education - MSAD 40	1,743,763.48	-	1,743,763.48	1,628,330.04
Knox County Tax	160,725.20		160,725.20	160,112.36
General Government	340,279.42		340,279.42	292,375.32
Public Works	525,271.58		525,271.58	318,448.65
Public Safety	83,356.54		83,356.54	61,162.45
Public Assistance	1,755.90		1,755.90	1,962.09
Unclassified	40,165.52		40,165.52	34,988.21
TCSWMO	42,435.33		42,435.33	42,145.20
Knox Communication	47,944.00		47,944.00	45,166.00
Debt Principal	53,428.48		53,428.48	52,054.46
Debt Interest	11,087.79		11,087.79	12,461.81
Total Expenditures	3,050,213.24	-	3,050,213.24	2,649,206.59
Excess of Revenues Over				
(Under) Expenditures	(71,481.45)	-	(71,481.45)	39,220.28
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):				
Transfer - In	4,836.04	-	4,836.04	215.55
Transfer - Out		(4,744.04)	(4,744.04)	(215.55)

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Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	4,836.04	(4,744.04)	92.00	-
Excess of Revenues and Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Uses	(66,645.41)	(4,744.04)	(71,389.45)	39,220.28
Fund Balance, Jan. 1	914,766.61	4,744.04	919,510.65	880,290.37
Fund Balance, Dec. 31	848,121.20	-	848,121.20	919,510.65

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TOWN OF WASHINGTON Exhibit G
Statements of Fiduciary Net Position — Nonspendable Trust Funds
December 31, 2019 and 2018

ASSETS		
ASSETS:	2019	2018
Cash	119,441.23	115,795.72
Due From Other Funds	1,947.37	699.00
Total Assets	<u>121,388.60</u>	<u>116,494.72</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION		
LIABILITIES:		
Due To Other Funds	9,457.77	9,228.20
NET POSITION:		
Restricted for Principal	69,937.11	69,687.11
Unassigned	41,993.72	37,579.41
Total Net Position	<u>111,930.83</u>	<u>107,266.52</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Position	<u>121,388.60</u>	<u>116,494.72</u>

TOWN OF WASHINGTON Exhibit H
Statements of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position -
Nonspendable Trust Funds
for the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018

REVENUES:	2019	2018
Interest	2,716.94	364.12
Contributions	2,039.37	14,889.00
Total Revenues	<u>4,756.31</u>	<u>15,253.12</u>
EXPENSES:		
Scholarships	-	4,900.00
Maintenance	92.00	90.00
Total Expenses	<u>92.00</u>	<u>4,990.00</u>
Change in Net Position	4,664.31	10,263.12
Net Position, January 1	<u>107,266.52</u>	<u>97,003.40</u>
Net Position, December 31	<u>111,930.83</u>	<u>107,266.52</u>

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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, 2019 and 2018

	2019	2018
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Interest	2,716.94	364.12
Cash Received for Trust Funds	2,039.37	14,889.00
Cash Paid for Scholarships		(4,900.00)
Cash Paid for Expenses	(92.00)	(90.00)
Due To (From) Other Funds	(1,018.80)	(2,563.70)
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	3,645.51	7,699.42
Cash Balance, January 1	115,795.72	108,096.30
Cash Balance, December 31	119,441.23	115,795.72

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements

TOWN OF WASHINGTON
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2019

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 December 31, 2019.

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 includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are not in spendable form or legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

Restricted fund balances represent those portions of fund equity that have externally enforceable legal restrictions.

Committed fund balances are amounts that can be used only for specific purposes because of a formal action taken by town government. The fund balances in the Capital Projects Fund are in this category.

Assigned fund balances are amounts that the Town intends to use for specific purposes. The Board of Selectmen approved carryovers are included in assigned fund balances.

Unassigned fund balances 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, 2019, the following statements of financial accounting standards issued by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board became effective:

a. Statement No. 83, "Certain Asset Retirement Obligations". The objective of the Statement is to address accounting and financial reporting for certain asset retirement obligations (AROs). An ARO is a legally enforceable liability associated with the retirement of a tangible capital asset. A government that has legal obligations to perform future asset retirement activities related to its tangible capital assets should recognize a liability based on the guidance in this Statement. Management has determined that this statement is not applicable.

b. Statement No. 84, "Fiduciary Activities". The objective of this Statement is to improve guidance regarding the identification of fiduciary activities for accounting and financial reporting purposes and how those activities should be reported. This Statement establishes criteria for identifying fiduciary activities of all state and local governments. The town is currently evaluating whether the government is controlling the assets of the fiduciary activity and the beneficiaries with whom a fiduciary relationship exists to determine if the fiduciary fund should be included in the basic financial statements of future years.

c. Statement No. 88, "Certain Disclosures Related to Debt, including Direct Borrowings and Direct Placements". The primary objective of this Statement is to improve the information that is disclosed in notes to government financial statements related to debt, including direct borrowings and direct placements. It also clarifies which liabilities governments should include when disclosing information related to debt. This Statement defines debt for purposes of disclosure in notes to financial statements as a liability that arises from a contractual obligation to pay cash (or other assets that may be used in lieu of cash) in one or more payments to settle an amount that is fixed at the date the contractual obligation is established. This Statement requires that additional essential information related to debt be disclosed in notes to financial statements, including unused lines of credit; assets pledged as collateral for the debt; and terms specified in debt agreements related to significant events of default with finance-related consequences, significant termination events with finance-related consequences, and significant subjective acceleration clauses. Management has determined that the impact of this Statement is not material to the financial statements.

7. Future Accounting Pronouncements

a. Statement No. 87, "Leases", effective for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021. The objective of this Statement is to better meet the information needs of financial statement users by improving accounting and financial reporting for leases by governments. This Statement increases the usefulness of governments' financial statements by requiring recognition of certain lease assets and liabilities for leases that previously were classified as operating leases and recognized as inflows of resources or outflows of resources based on the payment provisions of the contract.

It establishes a single model for lease accounting based on the foundational principle that leases are financings of the right to use an underlying asset. Under this Statement, a lessee is required to recognize a lease liability and an intangible right-to-use lease asset, and a lessor is required to recognize a lease receivable and a deferred inflow of resources, thereby enhancing the relevance and consistency of information about governments' leasing activities. Management has determined that the impact of this Statement is not material to the financial statements.

b. Statement No. 89, "Accounting for Interest Cost Incurred before the End of a Construction Period", effective the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021. The objectives of this Statement are (1) to enhance the relevance and comparability of information about capital assets and the cost of borrowing for a reporting period and (2) to simplify accounting for interest cost incurred before the end of a construction period. This Statement establishes accounting requirements for interest cost incurred before the end of a construction period. Management has determined that the impact of this Statement is not material to the financial statements.

c. Statement No. 90, "Majority Equity Interests - an amendment of GASB Statements No. 14 and No. 61", effective for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020. The primary objectives of this Statement are to improve the consistency and comparability of reporting a government's majority equity interest in a legally separate organization and to improve the relevance of financial statement information for certain component units. It defines a majority equity interest and specifies that a majority equity interest in a legally separate organization should be reported as an investment if a government's holding of the equity interest meets the definition of an investment. A majority equity interest that meets the definition of an investment should be measured using the equity method, unless it is held by a special-purpose government engaged only in fiduciary activities, a fiduciary fund, or an endowment (including permanent and term endowments) or permanent fund. Those governments and funds should measure the majority equity interest at fair value. Management has determined that the impact of this statement is not material to the financial statements.

8. 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 \$798,225.79 \$9814,831.64 \$250,000.00 \$564,831.64 \$-

NOTE C - INTERFUND RECEIVABLES AND PAYABLES:

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

Due To Trust Funds \$1,947.37

NOTE D - NOTES PAYABLE:

The following is a summary of note transactions of the Town of Washington for the year ended December 31, 2019:

	Balance 1/1/19	Additions	Reductions	Balance 12/31/19
The First - Fire Truck	274,128.11		24,447.34	249,680.77
Machias Savings Bank - Municipal Garage	60,021.73		11,390.04	48,631.69
The First - Plow Truck	92,991.00		17,591.10	75,399.90
The First - Line of Credit		250,000.00	250,000.00	
	<u>427,140.84</u>	<u>250,000.00</u>	<u>303,428.48</u>	<u>373,712.36</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%. 249,680.77

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%. 48,631.69

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%. 75,399.90

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, 2019. -0-
373,712.36

The annual requirements to amortize notes payable as of December 31, 2019 follows:

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST	TOTAL
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	59,276.20	5,236.92	64,513.12

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2024	27,678.76	3,685.86	31,364.62
Thereafter	117,915.84	7,537.33	125,453.17
	<u>373,712.36</u>	<u>41,167.36</u>	<u>414,879.72</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	26,651.46
Public Works	407,517.92
Unclassified	<u>12,525.26</u>
	<u>446,694.64</u>

NOTE G - DEFERRED REVENUE:

Deferred Revenue consists of the following:

Prepaid 2020 Taxes	3,058.87
Suspense	<u>21,896.28</u>
	<u>24,955.15</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	BUDGETED	
		REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES	VARIANCE
Interest Income	10,000.00	9,380.77	(619.23)
Homestead Reimbursement	98,397.69	98,397.80	(.11)
BETE	41,468.47	39,790.00	(1,678.47)
Lincoln County Humane	1,756.00	1,756.05	(.05)
Miscellaneous Revenue	8,631.03	9,077.75	(446.72)

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 26, 2019 on the assessed value listed as of April 1, 2019 for all taxable real and personal property located in the Town. Taxes were due on October 1, 2019 with interest at 8% per annum or part thereof commencing October 2, 2019. Liens are filed on any real property where taxes remain unpaid between eight and twelve months after the levy date.

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

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

NOTE J - INTEREST COST INCURRED:

During the current year, the Town incurred interest costs totaling 11,246.12 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, 2019:

	BALANCE JAN 1, 2019	ADDITIONS	DISPOSALS	BALANCE DEC 31, 2019
Land and Improvements	29,100.00			29,100.00
Buildings	771,353.00			771,353.00
Equipment	184,402.00	1,940.00		186,342.00
Motor Vehicles	1,029,370.00			1,029,370.00
Infrastructure	12,917,782.00	239,329.00		13,157,111.00
	14,932,007.00	241,269.00		15,173,276.00
Accumulated Depreciation	(12,610,416.00)	(811,045.00)		(13,421,461.00)
Net Property, Plant, and Equipment	2,321,591.00	(569,776.00)		1,751,815.00

Depreciation expense for the period totaled \$811,045.00. Of that amount, \$6,856.00 was for General Government, \$774,506.00 was for Public Works, and \$29,683.00 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 \$7,281,439.00 at June 30, 2019. The Town of Washington's share would be 10.17% of the debt or approximately \$740,806.00.

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 \$3,404,074.00 at December 31, 2019. The Town of Washington's share would be 2.007% of the debt, or approximately \$68,105.00.

Schedule A-1

TOWN OF WASHINGTON
Budgetary Comparison Schedule - General Fund
for the year ended December 31, 2019

REVENUES:	Original and Final Budget	Actual
Property Taxes	2,373,425.97	2,358,718.39
Excise Taxes	250,000.00	293,582.23
Intergovernmental Revenues	63,224.00	63,224.00
Homestead Reimbursement	98,397.80	98,397.69
Building Permits - Town	1,500.00	2,033.30
Tree Growth Reimbursement	2,800.00	2,914.59
Veterans Reimbursement	1,600.00	1,707.00
Miscellaneous	9,000.00	8,631.03
Interest	10,000.00	9,380.77
Public Works		48,583.53
General Government		7,940.69
BETE	41,468.47	39,790.00
Public Safety		12,008.49
Unclassified		2,420.23
Mining Permits and Inspections	4,000.00	5,975.00
Interest on Overdue Taxes	12,000.00	22,337.35
Public Assistance		1,087.50
Total Revenues	2,867,416.24	2,978,731.79
EXPENDITURES:		
Education - MSAD #40	1,743,763.56	1,743,763.48
Knox County Tax	160,725.20	160,725.20
General Government	337,921.00	340,279.42
Public Works	378,100.00	525,271.58
Public Safety	92,300.00	83,356.54
Public Assistance	2,000.00	1,755.90
Unclassified	44,462.00	40,165.52
TCSWMO	42,435.33	42,435.33
Knox Communication	47,944.00	47,944.00
Debt Principal	64,549.00	53,428.48
Debt Interest		11,087.79
Total Expenditures	2,914,200.09	3,050,213.24
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(46,783.85)	(71,481.45)

OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):		
Transfer - In		4,836.04
Excess of Revenues and Other Sources Over (Under)		
Expenditures and Other Uses	(46,783.85)	(66,645.41)
Fund Balance, January 1	914,766.61	914,766.61
Fund Balance, December 31	867,982.76	848,121.20

Schedule A-3

TOWN OF WASHINGTON
Statement of Changes in Unappropriated Surplus
for the year ended December 31, 2019

Unappropriated Surplus, January 1		418,111.60
INCREASES:		
Operating Account Balances Lapsed -		
Net (Schedule A-4)		80,523.85
Total Available		498,635.45
DECREASES:		
Appropriated at Annual Town Meeting	84,000.00	
Increase in Deferred Taxes	13,208.89	
		97,208.89
Unappropriated Surplus, December 31		401,426.56

Schedule A-4

TOWN OF WASHINGTON
Statement of Departmental Operations for the year ended December 31, 2019

	BALANCE FORWARD 1/1/19	APPRO- PRIATIONS	CASH RECEIPTS	OTHER CREDITS	TOTAL	CASH DISBURSED	OTHER CHARGES	UNEXPENDED (OVERDRAFT)	BALANCE FORWARD 12/31/19
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS:									
Education - MSAD #40	-	1,743,763.56	-	-	1,743,763.56	1,743,763.48	-	0.08	-
Knox County Tax		160,725.20			160,725.20	160,725.20			
Overlay		37,052.15			37,052.15		37,052.15		
TCSWMO		42,435.33			42,435.33	42,435.33			
Knox Communication		47,944.00			47,944.00	47,944.00			
	-	2,031,920.24	-	-	2,031,920.24	1,994,868.01	37,052.15	0.08	-
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:									
Salaries	-	197,235.00	4,449.10	-	201,684.10	190,315.38	-	11,368.72	-
Administration		44,150.00	169.59		44,319.59	41,871.31	624.78	1,823.50	
Legal	15,000.00	15,000.00			30,000.00	26,416.83		3,583.17	
Insurance		29,686.00	1,880.00		31,566.00	30,012.27		1,553.73	
Building Permits			2,033.30		2,033.30		1,500.00	533.30	
Interest Income			9,380.77		9,380.77		10,000.00	(619.23)	
Interest and Lien Costs on Taxes			22,337.35		22,337.35	4,098.85	12,000.00	6,238.50	
State Tree Growth			2,914.59		2,914.59		2,800.00	114.59	
State Veterans Reimbursement			1,707.00		1,707.00		1,600.00	107.00	
BETE				39,790.00	39,790.00		41,468.47	(1,678.47)	
Excise Taxes - Auto				291,502.23	291,502.23	71.04	250,000.00	41,431.19	
Excise Taxes - Boat				2,080.00	2,080.00			2,080.00	
Miscellaneous Revenue			8,581.03	50.00	8,631.03	77.75	9,000.00	(446.72)	
Utilities/Maintenance					49,750.00	45,876.63	862.58	3,010.79	
Boards and Committees		49,750.00			1,500.00			1,500.00	
Abatements		1,500.00			1,498.69		1,498.69		

Washington Food Bank	2,000.00			2,000.00	2,000.00		
Spectrum Generations	922.00			922.00	922.00		
Penquis Community Action Program	1,947.00			1,947.00	1,947.00		
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 Scholarshp	1,000.00		92.00	1,092.00	1,092.00		
Gary Owen House	250.00			250.00	250.00		
W. Washington Cem. Restoration	6,000.00			6,000.00	6,000.00		
PT ARC	1,500.00			1,500.00	1,500.00		
Life Flight	764.00			764.00	764.00		
	8,131.82	45,226.00	2,420.23	92.00	55,870.05	40,165.52	3,179.27
	496,655.01	2,951,416.24	124,693.98	474,407.66	4,047,172.89	3,043,538.14	476,416.26
							80,523.85
							446,694.64

ADULT USE MARIJUANA LICENSING ORDINANCE



ARTICLE I. Purpose and Authority

This Ordinance is enacted pursuant to authority granted under 30-A M.R.S. § 3001, 22 M.R.S. § 2423-A(14) and 28-B M.R.S. § 402. The purpose of this Ordinance is to set forth procedure and standards for the issuance of local licenses for Marijuana Establishments in order to protect public health, safety and welfare.

ARTICLE II. Definitions

As used in this Ordinance, the terms below shall be defined as indicated. All other terms used in this Ordinance, if not defined below, shall have the same definition as set forth in the Town of Washington Zoning Ordinance.

Applicant shall mean a person who has submitted an application for licensure as a Marijuana Establishment pursuant to this Ordinance.

Licensed Premises shall mean the premises specified in an application for a license pursuant to this Ordinance or within a license issued pursuant to this Ordinance.

Licensee shall mean a person licensed pursuant to this Ordinance.

Local Licensing Authority shall mean the Code Enforcement Officer or, if referral to the Board of Selectmen is required pursuant to this Ordinance, the Board of Selectmen.

Loitering shall mean spending more than ten (10) minutes in the parking area of a Licensed Premises or outside the facility but still on the Licensed Premises.

Marijuana Establishment shall mean a Marijuana Cultivation Facility, Marijuana Retail Store, Marijuana Testing Facility, or a Marijuana Manufacturing Facility.

Owner shall mean a person whose beneficial interest in a Marijuana Establishment is such that the person bears risk of loss other than an

insurer, has an opportunity to gain profit from the operation or sale of a Marijuana Establishment and/or has a controlling interest in a Marijuana Establishment.

Person shall mean a natural person, partnership, association, company, corporation, limited liability company or organization, or a manager, agent, owner, director, servant, officer or employee thereof. "Person" does not include any governmental organization.

Premises shall mean the physical location at which a Marijuana Establishment is to conduct its business.

State License shall mean any license issued by a State Licensing Authority.

State Licensing Authority shall mean the authority created or designated by the State for the purpose of regulating and controlling licensing for Marijuana Establishments.

ARTICLE III. License Requirement

Effective August 1, 2020, a Marijuana Establishment shall not begin or continue operations unless it has received and is possession of a license issued pursuant to this Ordinance.

ARTICLE IV. Licensing Authority

All license applications, whether new or renewal, shall be reviewed and may be approved by the Code Enforcement Officer ("CEO"). Application shall be made in writing using a form prepared by the Town for the purpose and must include all information required by this Ordinance and by the form. Prior to action on a license application, the CEO shall give public notice of the application by having a sign posted in a conspicuous place on the Premises listed on the license application at least seven (7) days prior to action, and by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the town of Washington at least seven (7) days prior to action.

Home-Based Applicants are not required to file a Site Plan Approval request with the Washington Planning Board. All other Applicants are required to file a Site Plan Approval request with the Washington Planning Board and Code Enforcement Officer.

All Growing Facilities and all new construction for other Marijuana Establishments and any existing structure or expansion thereof measuring 1,000 square feet or more of total area, including all entry ways, decks and porches, storage areas, closets, and ancillary spaces must have a sprinkler system installed that is approved by the Fire Chief.

ARTICLE V. Marijuana Establishments by District

The following table shows the type of establishment allowed in each District as governed by the Official Land Use Map, Town of Washington, Maine, adopted March 26, 2010. Marijuana Establishments are not permitted in any other district.

Establishment Type	Rural Commercial	Rural	Farm & Forest
Marijuana Cultivation	Permitted	Permitted	Permitted
Marijuana Retail Sales	Permitted	Not Permitted	Not Permitted
Marijuana Testing Facilities	Permitted	Not Permitted	Not Permitted
Marijuana Manufacturing Facilities	Permitted	Not Permitted	Not Permitted

ARTICLE VI. Review Procedures

The review procedures described below shall be the same for initial license applications as well as renewals. In reviewing license applications, the Licensing Authority and any consulting Town officials may consider the approval standards under this Ordinance as well as other applicable local, state or federal laws and, for license renewals, the Licensee’s record of compliance with the same.

- i. The Code Enforcement Officer shall be responsible for the initial investigation of the application to ensure compliance with the requirements of this Ordinance and to obtain recommendations from other Town officials as required. The CEO shall be empowered to make site inspections. Before conducting an inspection, the CEO will provide seven (7) days notice to a Licensee prior to making a site visit.
- ii. The Licensing Authority shall have the authority to impose any conditions on a license that may be reasonably necessary to ensure compliance with the requirements of this Ordinance or to address concerns about operations. Failure of any Licensee to comply with such conditions shall be considered in violation of the license and of this Ordinance.
- iii. No license shall be granted by the Code Enforcement Officer until the Knox County Sheriff, Fire Chief, Health Inspector and Code Enforcement Officer have all made positive recommendations regarding the Applicant’s ability to comply with this Ordinance or any other applicable Town ordinance or state or federal law enforced by such officials. The Code Enforcement Officer shall provide a copy of the license application to each official along with a form upon which the official shall note his or her findings and conclusions, as well as any recommended conditions

of approval. The Code Enforcement Officer shall automatically include any conditions of approval recommended by the officials on the issued license.

- iv. If any official consulted by the Code Enforcement Officer finds that a license application should not be approved, the application shall be forwarded to the Board of Selectmen for further review. The Board of Selectmen shall, upon review of all staff recommendations and applicable laws, make the final determination as to whether the license should be issued and/or any conditions be attached.
- v. Licenses shall be approved only for the type(s) of Marijuana Establishment(s) identified in the application. A Licensee who intends to expand or convert the licensed Premises to a type of Marijuana Establishment that is not specifically approved in a license must obtain a new license for that use.
- vi. Any municipal official with authority to make recommendations, grant licenses or enforce this or other municipal ordinances regarding Marijuana Establishments shall have authority to enter the premises of an Applicant or Licensee with seven (7) days notice to make any inspection reasonably necessary to ensure compliance.

ARTICLE VII. Application Submission Requirements

Each application for a Marijuana Establishment license shall complete and file an application on the form provided by the Code Enforcement Officer, together with the applicable license fee as well as the following supporting materials:

- i. A copy of the Applicant's State License application and supporting documentations, as submitted to the State Licensing Authority.
- ii. Evidence of all State approvals or conditional approvals required to operate a Marijuana Establishment, including, but not limited to, a State License as defined by this Ordinance, a State retail certificate, or a State health license.
- iii. If not included in the Applicant's State License application, attested copies of any articles of incorporation, bylaws, operating agreement, partnership agreement or articles of association that govern the entity that will own and/or operate the Marijuana Establishment.
- iv. If not included in the Applicant's State License application, an affidavit that identifies all owners, officers, members, managers or partners of the Applicant, their ownership interests, and their places of residence at the time of the application and for the immediately preceding three (3) years. Supporting documents, including but not limited to motor vehicle

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operator's license, motor vehicle registration, voter registration or utility bills shall be provided.

- v. Evidence of all land use approvals or conditional land use approvals required to operate the Marijuana Establishment, including, but not limited to building permit, conditional or special use approval, change of use permit and/or certificate of occupancy.
- vi. Evidence of all other local approvals or conditional approvals required to operate the Marijuana Establishment.
- vii. A description of the premises for which the license is sought, including a plan of the premises.

If the Code Enforcement Officer determines that a submitted application is not complete, he or she shall notify the applicant within ten (10) business days of the additional information required to process the application. If such additional information is not submitted within thirty (30) days of the CEO's request, the application may be denied.

ARTICLE VIII. License Term and Renewal

Each license issued under this Ordinance shall be valid for the term of the license granted by the State License Authority ("the license year"). Applications for renewal licenses shall be submitted at least 90 days prior to expiration of the existing term. Any Licensee who fails to submit a renewal application by the applicable deadline shall have not authority to operate until a license is granted. A late fee shall apply as established by the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE IX. Denial, Suspension or Revocation of a License

A. Denials. A license application for a Marijuana Establishment shall be denied by the Licensing Authority, and an existing license may be suspended or revoked by the Board of Selectmen after notice and hearing, if the applicant, or any Owner of the applicant or Licensee:

- i. Fails to meet the requirements of this Ordinance
- ii. Is not at least twenty-one years of age.
- iii. Is not a resident of the State of Maine
- iv. Have had a license for a Marijuana Establishment revoked by the Town or by the State.
- v. Has not acquired all necessary state and local approvals prior to issuance of the license.
- vi. Has been convicted of a criminal violation arising out of operation of a Marijuana Establishment.
- vii. Has provided false or misleading application in connection with the license application.

B. Approval and Operating Requirements

In order to obtain a license pursuant to this Ordinance, the Licensee shall demonstrate to the Code Enforcement Officer and all reviewing officials that the following requirements will be met. The Licensee shall comply with all of these requirements during the term of the license:

C. Display of License. The current License shall be displayed at all times in a conspicuous location within the Premises.

D. All licensed Premises shall be fixed, permanent locations. Licensees shall not be permitted to operate Marijuana Establishments in other than the licensed Premises, such as at farmer's markets, farm stands or kiosks.

E. Security.

1. Security Measures Required

(a) The licensed Premises shall have lockable doors and windows and shall be served by an alarm system which includes automatic notification to the Knox County Sheriff.

(b) The licensed Premises shall have video surveillance capable of covering the exterior and interior of the facility. The video surveillance system shall be operated with continuous recording twenty-four hours per day, seven days per week and video shall be retained for a minimum duration of thirty (30) days. Such records shall be made available to law enforcement agencies when investigating a criminal complaint.

(c) The licensed Premises shall have exterior spot lights with motion sensors covering the full perimeter of the building(s).

F. Ventilation

(a) The licensed Premises shall comply with all odor and air pollution standards established by the ordinance.

(b) All Marijuana Establishments shall have an odor mitigation system installed that has been approved by the Maine licensed engineer, indicating that the system will provide odor control sufficient to ensure that no objectionable odors are perceptible off the Premises.

G. Loitering

The facility owner/operator shall make adequate provisions to prevent patrons or other persons from loitering on the Premises.

H. A Marijuana Establishment shall meet all operating and other requirements of state and local law. To the extent the State of Maine has adopted or adopts in the future any law or regulation governing Marijuana Establishments that conflicts in any way with the provisions of this Ordinance, the more

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restrictive shall control.

ARTICLE X. Transfer of Ownership or Change of Location

Licenses issued under this Ordinance are not transferable to a new owner. Any change in ownership shall require a new license. Licenses are limited to the location for which they are issued and shall not be transferable to a different location. A Licensee who seeks to operate in a new location shall acquire a new license for that location.

ARTICLE XI. Appeals

The following appeals may be decided by the Board of Selectmen upon a *de novo* hearing in which it will hear evidence on the application and make its own findings of fact and conclusions of law:

A. Appeal of the Code Enforcement Officer's denial of an application for lack of completeness.

B. Appeal by any aggrieved party having legal standing of any decision by the Code Enforcement Officer to grant a license under this Ordinance.

C. Appeal by the applicant of any permit granted by the Code Enforcement Officer with conditions to which the applicant/Licensee objects.

Appeals must be filed with the Code Enforcement Officer within thirty (30) days of the date of the decision subject to appeal. The Board of Selectmen shall hold the hearing on the appeal and render a decision within thirty (30) days of the date of the appeal, unless all parties consent to a delay.

Appeals of final determinations issued by the Board of Selectmen pursuant to this Ordinance shall be made to the County Superior Court within thirty (30) days of the date of the decision being appealed.

ARTICLE XII. Enforcement and Penalties

The operation of any Marijuana Establishment without the required license or in violation of the requirements of this Ordinance shall be a violation of this Ordinance. The Washington Board of Selectmen or its designee shall enforce the provisions of this subsection. A violation of any provision of this subsection shall be a civil violation, and a civil penalty in accordance with the Master Schedule of Revenues, Charges, Fees and Fines, Appendix A to this Municipal code of Ordinances shall be imposed, which shall accrue to the benefit of the Town of Washington. Each day that a violation continues will be treated as a separate offense. The Washington Board of Selectmen or its designee may also seek injunctive relief, where appropriate, and shall be awarded attorney fees and costs for prosecution of violations of this section. The Washington Board of Selectmen may also revoke or suspend the permit after notice and hearing.

ARTICLE XIII. Severability

The provisions of this Ordinance are severable, and if any provision shall be declared to be invalid or void, the remaining provisions shall not be affected and shall remain in full force and effect.

ARTICLE XVI. Other Laws

Except as otherwise specifically provided herein, this Ordinance incorporates the requirements and procedures set forth in the Maine Marijuana Legalization Act, 28-B M.R.S. Chapter 1, as may be amended. In the event of a conflict between the provisions of this Ordinance and the provisions of said Act or any other applicable state or local law or regulation, the more restrictive provision shall control.

APPENDIX A
MASTER SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, CHARGES, FEES AND
FINES
Chapter 10—Licenses and Business Regulations

Sec. 10-26 (16) (f)	Marijuana Cultivation Facility	\$0.50/square foot Minimum \$600
Sec. 10-26 (16) (g)	Marijuana Products Manufacturing Facility	\$0.50/square foot Minimum \$300
	Marijuana Social Club	Prohibited
	Marijuana Retail Store	\$1,400 initial license \$700 renewal
	Marijuana Testing Facility	N/A License not required
	Late fee will be an additional 10% of the total license fee for 1 to 30 days past the due date, and an additional 10% for every 30 days thereafter the license remains late	

Warrant for 2020 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 27, 2020, at 10:00 a.m., then and there to act on Article 1 and by secret ballot on Article 2, as set out below, the polling hours therefore to be from 10:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.:

And to notify and warn said voters to meet at the Prescott Memorial School, 100 Waldoboro Road, Washington, on Saturday, March 28, 2020, at 10:00 a.m., then and there to act on Articles 3 through 42 as set out below, to wit:

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

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

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

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

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

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12 of the budgeted amount in each budgeted category of the 2020 annual budget during the period from January 1, 2021, to the date of the 2021 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 2020 taxes will be due and payable on October 1, 2020) (Maximum interest rate on overdue taxes allowed by State Law: 9.0%)

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

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former owner for back taxes, interests, and costs. If the offer is not accepted in 60 days, the Selectmen may 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 2020 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 2020 and 2021 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 2020 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, 2020 to the Fire Equipment Reserve account.

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to approve an ordinance entitled Adult Use Marijuana Licensing.

Note: As posted with this warrant, and available at the Town Office

Article 21: To see if the Town will vote to approve the amendment to the Tri-County Solid Waste Management Organization Interlocal Cooperative Agreement as appears below in this Article and made a part hereof:

TRI-COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION INTERLOCAL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT

Part 3 – ADMINISTRATION

Section 3.2, Joint Board. The operation and management responsibilities of the organization shall be delegated to Directors designated as the Joint Board. ~~At least one Director from each Member Town shall be a municipal officer. Additional Directors and alternates may be municipal officers or municipal officials. It is desirous, but not required, that Directors and alternates be municipal officers (Selectmen) or municipal officials.~~ The

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apportionment of Directors among the member communities shall be as follows: one Director from each Member Town with a population of 1000 or less; two Directors from each Member Town with a population of 1,001 to 2,500; three Directors from each Member Town with a population greater than 2,500. Initial allocation of seats on the Joint Board shall be delegated to Member Towns in accordance with populations reflected by 1988 Maine Department of Human Services census data. Subsequent allocations shall be made based upon United States Census Bureau data, beginning with 1990 reports, or upon population data provided by the Maine Department of Human Services, whichever is more current. Directors and alternates from each Member Town shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen of that town to serve a term of one year. Each Director or alternate may be reappointed to such terms indefinitely. The Board of Selectmen of each Member Town shall appoint one alternate member to the Joint Board. An alternate may be appointed by the chairman of the Joint Board as a voting member of that body at any time a Director from his or her perspective Member Town is absent when a vote is taken. Under no other circumstances may an alternate have voting power. Each Director, or voting alternate where appropriate, shall cast one vote.

Purpose: The purpose of this proposed amendment to the Tri-County Solid Waste Management Organization Inter local Cooperative Agreement is to eliminate the requirement that all members of the Joint Board be either municipal officers (Selectmen) or municipal officials. Restricting membership on the Joint Board to municipal officers or officials has proven problematic. This amendment will allow the Selectmen of each Member Town to appoint non-governmental representatives to the Joint Board.

Article 22: To see if the Town will vote to approve the amendment to the Tri-County Solid Waste Management Organization Interlocal Cooperative Agreement as appears below in this Article and made a part hereof:

TRI-COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION
INTERLOCAL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT

Part 4 – FINANCE

Section 4.2 In-Kind Contributions.

(a) Subject to prior approval by the Joint Board, credit shall be given to the parties for in-kind contributions to the Corporation. Credit amounts shall be based upon actual costs and shall be limited to administrative overhead, office space, telephone, equipment and supplies, and to costs of obtaining real property acquired and provided by a party for a facility site.

(b) The Corporation agrees to provide an annual in-lieu-of-taxes credit payment to the Member Town in which the Facility is located equal to the amount of property tax revenue lost as a result of the Corporation's Tax-exempt status.

Purpose: The purpose of this proposed amendment to the Tri-County Solid Waste Management Organization Interlocal Cooperative Agreement is to change the manner of recognizing in-kind contributions to a Member hosting the facility from an actual payment to a credit.

Article 23: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$4,200.00 to replace the Dugouts on the Little League ball field.

Article 24: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the following General Fund revenues to be applied toward the 2020 property tax commitment, thereby decreasing the 2020 tax commitment by \$469,175.00

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend:

Excise Tax Revenue	\$265,000.00
Revenue Sharing	90,000.00
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	8,000.00

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Other Town Fees Collected	9,275.00
Unexpended 2019 Appropriations	25,000.00
Transferred from Undesignated Fund Balance	<u>50,000.00</u>
Total	\$469,175.00

Article 25: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$326,510.00 from property taxation for 2020 Knox County, Tri-County Solid Waste Management Organization and Union Ambulance assessments.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend as advisory lines:

Knox County Tax Assessment	\$174,381.00
Knox County Communications	50,450.00
Union Ambulance	58,174.00
Tri-County Solid Waste	<u>43,505.00</u>
	\$326,510.00

Article 26: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$59,950.00 from property taxation for General Government Operations.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend as advisory lines:

Legal Fees	\$15,000.00
Administration	44,950.00
Advertising	1,000.00
Computer Annual Fees	14,000.00
Audit of Town Books	5,900.00
Computer Tech Support	1,000.00
MMA Dues	2,800.00
Workshops and Training	2,000.00
Mileage	1,500.00
Office Equipment	4,200.00
Office Supplies	2,500.00
Postage	3,100.00
Selectmen Discretionary Fund	500.00
Tax Maps	1,000.00
Tax Billing	1,500.00
Town Report Printing	3,000.00
Tax Anticipation Note	\$500.00

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Money Order Fees	<u>450.00</u>	
Subtotal	44,950.00	
Total		\$59,950.00

Article 27: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$32,438.00 from property taxation for Insurance.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend as advisory lines:

MMA Insurance Risk Pool	\$21,935.00
Unemployment Insurance	186.00
Worker's Compensation Premium	9,317.00
Volunteer Insurance	200.00
Firefighter Accident Insurance	<u>800.00</u>
Total	\$32,438.00

Article 28: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$198,787.00 from property taxation for Salaries, Stipends, Employee Health Insurance, and Payroll Expenses.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend as advisory lines \$198,787:

Salaries and Stipends	\$139,142.00
Selectmen (3)	19,500.00
Secretary - Selectmen	800.00
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	23,445.00
Treasurer	13,155.00
Deputy Town Clerk/ Tax Collector/Treasurer	22,660.00
Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector/ Treasurer II	14,832.00
Registrar of Voters	1,500.00
Ballot Clerks	2,500.00
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

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Secretary - Planning Board	1,000.00
Secretary – Appeals Board	400.00
Assessor’s Agent	5,000.00
Animal Control Officer	3,000.00
Code Enforcement Officer	15,450.00
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	\$139,142.00
Town Portion of Employee Health Insurance	37,500.00
FICA Payroll Expenses	<u>22,145.00</u>
	<u>59,645.00</u>
Total	\$198,787.00

Article 29: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$413,484.00 from property taxation for Maintenance of Town Roads and related operations.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend as advisory lines:
\$413,484.00

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	6,000.00
P500	4,000.00
Cutting Edges and Sander Chains	11,500.00
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

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Garage Maintenance	2,500.00
Road Maintenance Labor	144,200.00
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	100,000.00
Driver OSHA and DOT Screening and Testing	<u>600.00</u>
Total	\$413,484.00

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 \$46,500.00 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	14,000.00
Street Lights	3,500.00

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Municipal Complex Snow Removal	<u>6,000.00</u>
Total	\$46,500.00

Article 33: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$900.00 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
Comprehensive Plan and Ordinance Review Committee	<u>300.00</u>
Total	\$900.00

Article 34: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$72,000.00 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	30,000.00
Road Maintenance Truck Fund	<u>30,000.00</u>
Total	72,000.00

Article 35: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$29,129.00 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	1,985.00
Flags for Veterans Graves and Town Parks	500.00

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Midcoast Conservancy Dues		
(Damariscotta Lake Watershed)	<u>50.00</u>	
Sub-total		22,535.00
Social Agencies and Concerns		
New Hope for Women	750.00	
Waldo Community Action Partners	407.00	
Spectrum Generations	865.00	
Pine Tree Chapter, Red Cross	1,500.00	
Penquis Community Action Program	1,558.00	
Life Flight of Maine	764.00	
Gary Owen House	<u>250.00</u>	
Sub-total		<u>6,094.00</u>
Total		\$28,629.00

Article 36: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,500 to be used by the Washington Historical Society for repairs to the Old Town Hall.

Article 37: To see if the Town will vote to authorize spending up to \$64,000.00 from the Local Roads Assistance Program (LRAP) for Capital Road Improvement.

Article 38: To see if the Town will vote to authorize spending up to \$200,000 from the Road Maintenance Reserve account for Paving and Capital Road Improvement.

Article 39: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the selectmen to purchase a replacement truck chassis for the Fire Department Tanker #1, and to borrow up to \$110,000, and to utilize up to \$30,000 from the Fire Truck Replacement Fund, to move the Tank and equipment from the current tanker to the new chassis.

Article 40: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the selectmen to purchase a plow truck with a cost not to exceed \$170,000, and to borrow up to \$110,000, and to utilize up to \$60,000 from the Road Maintenance Truck Fund toward this purchase.

Article 41: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the selectmen to refinance the Mortgage on the Town Garage, and to borrow an additional \$100,000.00 to make necessary repairs.

Treasurer's Financial Statement, Town of Washington

1. Total Town Indebtedness


<i>a. Total Mortgage – Municipal Garage</i>	
<i>(4 years remaining)</i>	<i>\$48,631.69</i>
<i>b. Fire Pumper Truck loan (8 years remaining)</i>	<i>\$249,680.77</i>
<i>c. Plow Truck loan (4 years remaining)</i>	<i>\$75,399.90</i>


2. Costs


<i>a. Town Garage Repair</i>	<i>\$100,000.00</i>
<i>b. Garage Repair Interest (15 year loan @ 2.6%)</i>	<i>\$22,042.66</i>
<i>c. Fire Truck Chassis</i>	<i>\$110,000.00</i>
<i>d. New Chassis Interest (6 year loan @ 2.4%)</i>	<i>\$9,422.55</i>
<i>e. New Plow Truck</i>	<i>\$110,000.00</i>
<i>f. New Plow Truck Interest (6 year loan @ 2.4%)</i>	<i>\$9,422.55</i>
<i>Total Payment</i>	<i>\$360,887.76</i>

Article 42: To see if the Town will vote to permanently increase the property tax levy limit established for the Town of Washington by State Law in the event that the municipal budget approved under the preceding articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that tax levy limit.

Given under our hands on this 26th day of February, 2020:


Wesley F. Daniel
Chairman, Board of Selectmen


Berkley Linscott
Selectman


Thomas N. Johnston
Selectman


Attest:
Mary Anderson, Town Clerk



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WEDNESDAY 2-6:45
CLOSED ALL STATE HOLIDAYS & SCHOOL SNOW DAYS**

***SELECTBOARD MEETS EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 7PM IN
THE BRYANT ROOM OF THE GIBBS LIBRARY – ALL ARE
ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!**

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