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TOWN OFFICERS

SELECTMEN

Richard Meserve, Chairman
Kathleen Ela - Second
Susan Smith - Third

Term Expires 2018
Term Expires 2017
Term Expires 2019

TOWN CLERK, TAX COLLECTOR, EXCISE TAX COLLECTOR

Christine Carone

Term Expires 2017

TREASURER

Diana Davis

Term Expires 2019

BOARD OF ROAD COMMISSIONER

Board of Selectmen

DOG OFFICER

Stanley Mc Donald (207) 890-6992
(appointed)

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Ronald McAllister – Plumbing
Ronald McAllister – Building
(appointed)

AUDITOR

Smith & Associates, CPAs
500 US Route One – Suite 102
Yarmouth, Me 04096
(207) 846-8881

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Jay Robinson

MSAD #72 DIRECTORS

3 year term

Louise Myrback - resigned
Judith Brain
Sharon Fisher – Alternate

Term Expires July 1st 2017
Term Expires July 1st 2017

PLANNING BOARD

4 year term

Samuel Nesbitt, Jr. - resigned	Term Expires 2017
William Edmunds - resigned	Term Expires 2017
Michael Mendonca, Secretary	Term Expires 2018
Alden Brown, Jr, Chairman	Term Expires 2020
Melvin Peterson	Term Expires 2020
Tony Higgins, Alt.	
Steve Dupuis, Alt.	

CEMETERY COMMISSION

3 year term

Richard Meserve	Term Expires 2017
Steven Dupuis	Term Expires 2018
Peggy Walker	Term Expires 2019

BUDGET COMMITTEE

3 year term

Robert Carone, Chairman	Term Expires 2017
Janice Mendonca	Term Expires 2017
Kirsten Brown	Term Expires 2017
Maureen Reilly	Term Expires 2018
Sharon Peterson	Term Expires 2018
Carl Lindblade	Term Expires 2018
William Edmunds	Term Expires 2019

BOARD OF APPEALS

(appointed)

James Wilfong
Carl Lindblade
Samuel Nesbitt, Jr
William Bain
Paul Lusky
Jeffrey Blake, Alt.

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

3 year term

Steven Dupuis	Term Expires 2017
Jane Nesbitt	Term Expires 2018
Maureen Reilly	Term Expires 2019

CIVIL EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS DIRECTOR

Board of Selectmen

E-911 COMMITTEE

Eugene Tenney, Jr.

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stowmaine.org

**REPRESENTATIVE TO THE LEGISLATURE
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WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING

To Christine Carone, Town Clerk of the Town of Stow, County of Oxford, State of Maine,
Greetings

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby requested to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town of Stow, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Town House on Saturday the 18th day of March, AD 2017 at 1 PM in the afternoon to act on the following articles to wit.

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

Article 2: To choose a Town Clerk-Excise Tax Collector-Tax Collector for a three year term and vote salary for the ensuing year.

Selectmen recommend: Not to exceed \$16,400.00 with all fees going to General Fund (3-0)

Budget committee recommends: Same (5-0)

Article 3: To vote salary for Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Selectmen recommend: \$4,000.00 (3-0)

Budget committee recommends: Same (5-0)

Article 4: To choose a Selectman, Assessor, and overseer of the poor to serve three years.

Article 5: To vote salaries of Selectmen effective for fiscal year 2017.

Selectmen recommend: \$4000.00 chair, \$3500.00 second, \$3,000.00 third (3-0)

Budget committee recommends: Same (5-0)

Article 6: To choose all other Town Officers for the ensuing year and vote salaries.

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12 of the budgeted amount in each category of the 2017 annual budget during the period from January 1, 2018 to the 2018 annual Town meeting. The only exceptions being the Snow Removal Account and the General Assistance Account.

Selectmen recommend: Yes (3-0)

Budget committee recommends: Same (5-0)

Article 8: To see what disposal the Town will vote to make of any money received from the National Forest Reserve Fund during the present fiscal year. This money must be used for schools or roads to comply with the law.

Selectmen recommend: All money going to Highway Account (3-0)

Budget committee recommends: Same (5-0)

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to put 2017 Excise Tax money into Equity Account.

Selectmen recommend: Yes (3-0)

Budget committee recommends: Same (5-0)

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to charge 7.00 % interest on all taxes not paid before December 1, 2017.

Selectmen recommend: Yes (3-0)

Budget committee recommends: Same (5-0)

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to allow any Tax payment to be applied to the oldest Tax bill and not to the current year Tax bill.

Selectmen recommend: Yes (3-0)

Budget committee recommends: Same (5-0)

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow in anticipation of taxes and if so, to pay the interest on same from equity.

Selectmen recommend: Yes (3-0)

Budget committee recommends: Same (5-0)

Article 13: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to sell and dispose of property acquired by tax process at public auction or bid, except where it is being sold back to the former owner or to a party who has succeeded to title of the former owner, when private sale may be utilized. In each case conveyance to be made by quitclaim deed.

Selectmen recommend: Yes (3-0)

Budget committee recommends: Same (5-0)

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to accept the categories of funds listed below and any others that may come available as provided by the Maine State Legislature.

State Revenue Sharing

Education Block Grant

Roads Block Grant

Tree Growth Reimbursement

Snowmobile Refund

National Forest Reserve

Veterans Exemption

Taxation Reimbursement

Homestead Property Tax Exemption

General Assistance

Property Tax Relief

Selectmen recommend: Yes (3-0)

Budget committee recommends: Same (5-0)

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to use any moneys received from the State Treasurer for Snowmobile refund to maintain the snowmobile trails within the town.

Selectmen recommend: Yes (3-0)

Budget committee recommends: Same (5-0)

Article 16: To see what sum of money the Town will take from equity for the Highway Account.

All road accounts are to be balance forward accounts. Breakdown as follows:

\$ 18,600.00 for New Sand and Salt Shed	
\$ 5,000.00 for Equipment	Using \$ 9,576.00 from Block Grant
\$ 43,750.00 for Snow Removal	Using \$ 9,609.36 from Nat'l Forest Reserve
\$ 0 for Tar Account	Using \$ 0 from Taxes
\$ 16,300.00 for Town Roads and Bridges	Using \$ 64,464.64 from Equity
\$ 83,650.00 Total	\$ 83,650.00 Total

Selectmen recommend: The above breakdown (3-0)

Budget Committee recommends: Same (5-0)

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to transfer any unneeded moneys from the New Sand and Salt Shed account to the Equipment account as needed.

Selectmen recommend: Yes (3-0)

Budget committee recommends: Same (5-0)

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to take from equity \$3,644.00 to cover overdraft in Town Officer's account in 2016.

Selectmen recommend: Taking \$3,644.00 from equity (3-0)

Budget committee recommends: Same (5-0)

Article 19: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to grant and raise for Town Officer's bills for the ensuing year.

Selectmen recommend: Raising \$70,000.00 (3-0)

Budget committee recommends: Same (5-0)

Article 20: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to grant and raise for maintenance of the Municipal Building and grounds.

Selectmen recommend: Raising \$10,000.00 (3-0)

Budget committee recommends: Same (5-0)

Article 21: To see if the Town will authorize any income or expense from the sale of gravel from the New Sand and Salt Shed property be allocated to the New Sand and Salt Shed account.

Selectmen recommend: Yes (3-0)

Budget committee recommend: Same (5-0)

Article 22: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to grant and raise for the Town Planning Board Budget. Requested no money.

Selectmen recommend: Raising no money (3-0)

Budget committee recommends: Same (5-0)

Article 23: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to grant and raise for the Conservation Committee for the ensuing year. Requested \$200.00

Selectmen recommend: Raising \$200.00 (3-0)

Budget committee recommends: Same (5-0)

Article 24: To see if the Town will grant and raise up to \$1,500.00 for General Assistance for the ensuing year.

Selectmen recommend: Raising \$1500.00 (3-0)

Budget committee recommends: Same (5-0)

Article 25: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to take from equity for Disposal of Rubbish & Recyclable for the ensuing year.

Selectmen recommend: \$37,700.00 (3-0)

Budget committee recommends: Same (5-0)

Article 26: To see if the Town will vote to grant and raise \$3,678.30 towards the support of the Fryeburg Resue Unit for the ensuing year. Requested \$3,678.30

Selectmen recommend: Raising \$3,678.30 (3-0)

Budget committee recommends: Same (5-0)

Article 27: To see if the Town will vote to grant and raise \$1,000.00 for the Fryeburg Rescue, so that Fryeburg Rescue may invest this money into an interest bearing account. These funds are solely to be used towards the purchase of a newer Rescue Vehicle.

Requested \$1,000.00

Selectmen recommend: Raising \$1000.00 (3-0)

Budget committee recommends: Same (5-0)

Article 28: To see if the Town will vote to grant and raise \$9,900.00 for the Saco Valley Fire Association for the ensuing year. Requested \$9,900.00

Selectmen recommend: Raising \$9,900.00 (3-0)

Budget committee recommends: Same (5-0)

Article 29: To see if the Town will vote to grant and raise \$2,000.00 for the Saco Valley Fire Assoc. for the future purchase of a newer fire truck. Requested \$2,000.00

Selectmen recommend: Raising \$2000.00 (3-0)

Budget committee recommends: Same (5-0)

Article 30: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to grant and raise this year for the Care of Cemeteries. Requested \$1320.00

Selectmen recommend: Raising \$1320.00 (3-0)

Budget committee recommends: Same (5-0)

Article 31: To see if the Town will vote to grant and raise \$600.00 for Community Concepts, Inc. to provide a local match for federal, state, or private grants and help defray the cost of providing services to the residents of Stow. Requested \$600.00

Selectmen recommend: Raising \$600.00 (3-0)

Budget committee recommends: Same (5-0)

Article 32: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to grant and raise for the Charlotte Hobbs Memorial Library in Lovell. Requested \$1,685.00

Selectmen recommend: Raising \$1,685.00 (3-0)

Budget committee recommends: Same (5-0)

Article 33: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to grant and raise for support of Harvest Hills Animal Shelter. Requested \$385.00

Selectmen recommend: Raising \$385.00 (3-0)

Budget committee recommends: Same (5-0)

Article 34: To see if the Town will raise the unpaid balance owed to the Lovell Recreation Department not raised through fund raising for the ensuing year.

Selectmen recommend: Raising no money (3-0)

Budget committee recommends: Raising \$3.00 per capita, not to exceed \$1155.00 (4-1)

Article 35: To see if the Town will vote to have the Friends of Lovell Recreation fund the \$2,500.00 requested by the Lovell Recreation Committee. Using the \$202.80 previously allocated, plus the remaining \$2297.20 to be raised by the Friends of Lovell Recreation by December 1, 2017 and any excess funds raised to be carried forward in the Friends of Lovell Recreation account for the 2018 request. Requested \$2,500.00

Selectmen recommend: Yes (3-0)

Budget committee recommends: Same (4-1)

Article 36: To see if the Town will vote to grant and raise \$250.00 for Seniors Plus.

Requested \$250.00

Selectmen recommend: Raising \$200.00 (3-0)

Budget committee recommends: Same (5-0)

Article 37: To see if the Town will vote to grant and raise \$385.00 for Lifeflight Foundation to help defray operating costs. Requested \$385.00

Selectmen recommend: Raising \$200.00 (3-0)

Budget committee recommends: Same (5-0)

Article 38: To see if the Town will vote to grant and raise \$175.00 for Western Maine Veterans of South Paris. Requested \$175.00

Selectmen recommend: Raising \$0 (3-0)

Budget committee recommends: Same (5-0)

Article 39: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to grant and raise for the Brownfield Food Pantry to help offset the cost of providing services to town residents.

Requested \$500.00

Selectmen recommend: Raising \$0 (3-0)

Budget committee recommends: Same (5-0) requesting more info next year.

Article 40: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to grant and raise for the Sweden Food Pantry. Requested \$250.00

Selectmen recommend: Raising \$250.00 (3-0)

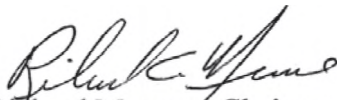
Budget committee recommends: Same (5-0)

Article 41: To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit established for Stow 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 property tax limit. (must be by written ballot)

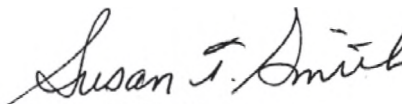
Selectmen recommend: Yes (3-0)

Budget committee recommends: Same (5-0)

**Given under our hands at
Stow, Maine
March 2017**


Richard Meserve, Chairman


Kathleen Ela


Susan T. Smith

Proposed Budget 2017

Account	Total Budgeted	Carry Forward	Amount Asked For	From Taxes	From Equity
Highway Account					
New Sand & Salt Shed	39,976.76	21,376.76	18,600.00		18,600.00
Equipment	5,000.00		5,000.00		5,000.00
Snow	54,004.15	10,254.15	43,750.00		43,750.00
Tar	5,187.29	5,187.29	-		
Summer Roads	<u>39,967.42</u>	<u>23,667.42</u>	<u>16,300.00</u>		<u>16,300.00</u>
	144,135.62	60,485.62	83,650.00		83,650.00
Road Block Grant	(9,576.00)		(9,576.00)		(9,576.00)
National Forest Reserve	<u>(9,609.36)</u>		<u>(9,609.36)</u>		<u>(9,609.36)</u>
	124,950.26		64,464.64		64,464.64
Town Officers Bills	70,000.00		70,000.00	70,000.00	
Municipal Office	10,068.58	68.58	10,000.00	10,000.00	
Planning Board	898.67	898.67	-		
Computer System	1,451.92	1,451.92	-		
Conservation Committee	240.51	40.51	200.00	200.00	
General Assistance	1,500.00		1,500.00	1,500.00	
Rubbish & Recyclable	40,010.69	2,310.69	37,700.00		37,700.00
Fryeburg Rescue	3,678.30		3,678.30	3,678.30	
Fryeburg Rescue - New Unit	1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00	
Saco Valley Fire	9,900.00		9,900.00	9,900.00	
Saco Valley Fire - truck fund	2,000.00		2,000.00	2,000.00	
Cemeteries	1,499.93	179.93	1,320.00	1,320.00	
Community Concepts	600.00		600.00	600.00	
Charlotte Memorial Library	1,685.00		1,685.00	1,685.00	
Harvest Hills Animal Shelter	385.00		385.00	385.00	
Lovell Recreation Committee	2,500.00	202.80	2,297.20	2,297.20	
Seniors Plus	250.00		250.00	250.00	
Lifelight Foundation	385.00		385.00	385.00	
Western Maine Veterans	175.00		175.00	175.00	
Brownfield Food Pantry	500.00		500.00	500.00	
Sweden Food Pantry	250.00		250.00	250.00	
Overdraft Town Officers	<u>3,644.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,644.00</u>		<u>3,644.00</u>
Totals	277,572.86	65,638.72	211,934.14	106,125.50	105,808.64

Report of the Board of Selectmen

2016 was a very busy year, some of the projects were:

New Sand and Salt Shed: We purchased 11.6 acres on Rt 113 across from the Emerson Cemetery and received approval to use the State Clean Water Revolving Loan Fund from DEP (Department of Environmental Protection) with a DOT (Department of Transportation) partial cost share.

We have cut and removed the trees and brush from the property and part of the Town Office lot. This included 110 thousand board feet of mixed logs and 1,050 ton of chips for an income of \$21,065.14.

We have piled stumps and rough graded the building site and entry roadway, approximately three acres.

Road Projects: We completed the third and for now final section of Union Hill Rd. We have been granted a "Permit by Rule" from DEP for culvert and drainage work on Lake Rd and started removing trees and brush in preparation for our next road project starting in 2017.

We applied for a "Clean Water Stream Crossing Infrastructure Improvement Grant" for the Long Meadow Brook culvert. We didn't succeed on the first round of grants but have reapplied for the second round this year.

Safety Equipment: We applied for and received a Maine Municipal Association Safety Enhancement Grant for signage, safety cones, safety vests, etc. Costs were \$471.45 and reimbursement was \$314.30.

Oil Spill: Thanks to the Saco Valley Fire Department, several other local fire departments and private citizens, we were successful in containing a 1,600 gallon heating oil spill on Meadow Rd and kept any oil from entering Cold River. Through DEP 500 yards of soil was removed, the road way rebuilt, and the asphalt relayed.

Compliance with State Requirements: The Board of Selectmen attended a "Hazard Mitigation Planning Meeting" at the Denmark Fire Department which keeps us compliant with State requirements and helps our eligibility for future State and Federal grants.

The Town of Stow is now NIMS (National Incident Management System) compliant which allows the Saco Valley Fire Association to apply for FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) grants.

Barbour Road: The board of Selectmen requested a legal opinion from the Town's attorney, Peter Malia, concerning the Barbour Rd. After reviewing the background information, Land Use Zoning Ordinance, and the Street Acceptance Ordinance, etc.

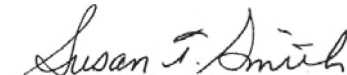
Attorney Malia's analysis was:

- I. The Town does not have any responsibility or liability for the Barbour Rd.
- II. Despite the fact that the Barbour Rd is less than 66 feet wide, it is appropriate for the Town to issue building permits for lots along Barbour Rd.

Respectfully Submitted,
Board of Selectmen


Richard Meserve,


Kathleen Ela


Susan T. Smith

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Real Estate Valuation	52,465,848.00	
Homestead Exemption	684,750.00	
Personal Property Valuation	<u>69,975.00</u>	
	53,220,573.00	
ASSESSMENTS		
Highway Account from Taxes	8,000.00	
Town Officer's Bills	67,000.00	
Municipal Office	-	
Planning Board	1,500.00	
Computer System	-	
Conservation Comm.	-	
General Assistance	-	
Rubbish & Recyclables	-	
Fryeburg Rescue	3,667.32	
Fryeburg Rescue - new unit	-	
Saco Valley Fire Department	9,350.00	
Saco Valley Fire - truck fund	-	
Cemeteries	-	
Community Concepts	-	
Charlotte Hobbs Mem. Library	-	
Harvest Hills Animal Shelter	385.00	
Lovell Recreation Committee	-	
Lifelight Foundation	385.00	
Safe Voices	150.00	
REACH Rape Education & Crisis	150.00	
Western Maine Veterans	175.00	
Brownfield Food Pantry	275.00	
Sweden Food Pantry	<u>275.00</u>	91,312.32
County Tax	37,807.00	
MSAD #72	480,439.00	
Overlay	<u>24,104.36</u>	<u>542,350.36</u>
		633,662.68
Less: Homestead	(7,977.34)	
Less: State Revenue Sharing	<u>(13,643.00)</u>	<u>(21,620.34)</u>
Total Original Commitment		612,042.34
Less: Abatements		953.77
Supplemental Taxes		<u>-</u>
Net Assessment for Commitment		612,996.11

TOTAL RECEIPTS

2017 Prepaid Taxes	2.88
2016 Property Taxes	544,365.13
2016 Personal Property Taxes	698.72
2015 Property Taxes	56,524.02
2015 Personal Property Taxes	446.35
2014 Tax Liens	5,510.02
2013 Tax Liens	1,860.64
Fish & Wildlife	2,110.75
Boats, ATV & Snowmobile Reg.	2,016.00
Animal Welfare Board	515.00
Vital Statistics - State	20.00
Maine Sales Tax	2.75
Building Permits	1,272.60
Plumbing Permits	900.00
Variance	-
Tax Anticipation Note	180,000.00
New Sand & Salt Shed -	
Land Purchase Interim Loan	40,000.00
Reimbursement Maine Bond Bank	5,143.84
Stumpage Income	21,065.14
Excise Tax - Automobiles	66,023.90
Excise Tax - Boats	566.80
State Revenue Sharing	13,999.11
Homestead	7,336.00
Nat'l Forest Reserve Fund	9,609.36
Dog Licenses	315.00
Town Clerk Fees	1,441.75
Vital Statistics - Town	125.00
Interest - General Fund	179.27
Interest - Property Taxes	2,498.74
Misc. Revenues	2,184.54
Friends of Lovell Recreation	915.22
Roads Block Grant	9,576.00
State of Maine - Tree Growth	12,958.36
Tree Growth Penalties	1,200.00
State of ME - Veterans Refund	397.00
Cemetery Donation	100.00
Snowmobile Refund - 2015	125.78
	992,005.67
Cash on Hand 1/1/16	195,974.64
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	1,187,980.31

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

Fish & Wildlife	2,211.75
Boats, ATV & Snowmobile Reg.	1,979.00
Animal Welfare	472.00
Vital Statistics	26.40
Maine Sales Tax	2.75
Building Permits	1,344.60
Plumbing Permits	900.00
Tax Anticipation Note	180,000.00
Tax Anticipation Note - Interest	2,685.00
Tax Anticipation - Bond Council	925.00
Town Officer's Bills	67,007.13
Payroll Tax Expense	3,636.87
Municipal Office Expense	4,601.88
Planning Board	988.00
Computer System	35.00
Conservation Committee	187.31
General Assistance	-
Fuel for Neighbors	62.54
Tax Relief for Elderly - Gibson	1,641.04
Rubbish & Recyclables	37,842.20
Fryeburg Rescue	3,667.32
Fryeburg Rescue - new truck	1,000.00
Saco Valley Fire Department	9,350.00
Saco Valley Fire Dept. - new truck	-
Snow Removal	57,161.70
New Sand and Salt Shed	50,672.22
Summer Roads	54,694.38
Tar Account	2,364.00
Cemeteries	1,067.50
MSAD #72	480,438.95
Oxford County Tax	37,807.00
Lifeflight Foundation	385.00
Safe Voices/Abused Women Advocacy	150.00
Community Concepts	600.00
Charlotte Hobbs Mem. Library	1,650.00
Harvest Hills Animal Shelter	385.00
Lovell Recreation Committee	2,000.00
Seniors Plus	100.00
InterState Snowgoers	125.78
REACH	150.00
Western Maine Veterans	175.00
Brownfield Food Pantry	275.00
Sweden Food Pantry	275.00
	1,011,042.32
Ending Balance 12/31/16	176,947.99
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	1,187,990.31

ITEMIZED EXPENSES

HIGHWAY ACCOUNT

From Equity	96,024.15	
From Taxes	8,000.00	
National Forest Reserve	9,355.85	
Road Block Grant	9,620.00	
		<u>123,000.00</u>
Total Available	123,000.00	

Transferred to:

Snow Account	54,000.00	
Tar Account	-	
Town Roads & Bridges	69,000.00	
		<u>123,000.00</u>
Total Available	123,000.00	

SNOW ACCOUNT

Balance from 2015	13,415.85	
Transferred from Highway Acct.	54,000.00	
		<u>67,415.85</u>

Total Available 67,415.85

Paid: Morton Salt	10,025.40	
Southern Maine Region Planning-admin bid fee	19.68	
K & W Aggregates, LLC - winter sand	3,146.00	
Clyde Watson Inc. - snow contractor	42,213.12	
William Ela - labor	600.00	
Ela Services - equipment	1,037.50	
Ela Services - plowing	120.00	
		<u>57,161.70</u>
Balance to 2017		10,254.15

NEW SAND & SALT SHED

Balance from 2015	5,000.00	
Land Purchase Interim Loan	40,000.00	
Reimbursement from Maine Bond Bank	5,143.84	
Stumpage Income	21,065.14	
		<u>71,208.98</u>

Total Available 71,208.98

Bliss & Associates, Inc - surveying, field work, & drafting	4,147.50	
Bernstein Shur - bond counsel	2,500.00	
Community Dynamics - engineering services	1,004.75	
Craig Holden Trustee - land purchase	40,026.00	
Dow's Law Office - title search	325.00	
Registry of Deeds - land record copies	30.00	
Richard Meserve - reimburse - copies & recording fees	48.90	
Bank wire transfer fee	15.00	
Archer Tree Service - removing trees	1,250.00	
William Ela - reimbursement	5.07	
William Ela - labor	700.00	
Ela Services equipment	620.00	
		<u>50,672.22</u>
Balance to 2017		20,536.76

TAR ACCOUNT

Balance from 2015	7,551.29	
Transfer from Highway Account	-	
		<u>7,551.29</u>

Total Available 7,551.29

Paid: C H Stevenson Inc - cold patch	2,364.00	
		<u>2,364.00</u>
Balance to 2017		5,187.29

TOWN ROADS & BRIDGES

Balance from 2015	9,361.80	
Transfer from Highway Account	69,000.00	
		<u>78,361.80</u>

Total Available 78,361.80

Paid: Roads & Bridges - Maintenance		
William Ela - reimbursement	438.03	
William Ela - labor	7,145.00	
Ela Services - equipment	13,297.25	
Central Maine Power Co - street lights	384.32	
K & W Aggregates, LLC - gravel	1,188.00	
Archer Tree Service - remove trees	1,000.00	

Q Team, Inc - remove brush	800.00	
Union Hill Machine grate for Lake Rd	240.00	
Coleman Rental & Supply	172.00	
Treasurer State of Maine	74.00	
Swan Screen Printing - Heavy Load posters	54.50	
White Sign - barricades	253.77	
Bliss & Associates, Inc	220.00	
Jennifer Zulker - title search	51.00	
Craig Holden - legal services	405.00	
Richard Meserve - Registry of Deeds	86.00	
Susan Smith copies	48.63	
Susan Smith - reimbursement safety equip order	303.43	26,160.93
		<u>52,200.87</u>
Paid: Union Hill Project		
Khriel Excavation- gravel/excavator/labor	25,981.00	
K & W Aggregates, LLC - crushed gravel & trucking		
All States Asphalt, Inc - calcium	1,944.00	
Paris Farmers Union	608.45	28,533.45
		<u>23,667.42</u>
Balance to 2017		
TOWN OFFICER'S BILLS		
Appropriation		67,000.00
Paid: Smith & Associates - audit	3,694.00	
John O'Donnell - tax maps	777.75	
John O'Donnell - support & upgrade	1,200.00	
John O'Donnell - assessing	8,500.00	
MMA - Dues	1,393.00	
MMA - Workers Comp	1,037.00	
MMA - Insurance	4,473.00	
MMA - Susan Smith workshop	55.00	
Oxford County Officers Assoc. - dues	15.00	
Kyes Agency Inc. - Forest Fire Ins.	944.00	
Salaries: Christine Carone - Town Clerk/Tax Collector	15,000.00	
Diana Davis - Treasurer	4,000.00	
Diana Davis - Bookkeeper	3,000.00	
Diana Davis - Secretary to Selectman	960.00	
Richard Meserve - Head Selectman	4,000.00	
Kathleen Ela - Selectman	3,500.00	
Susan Smith - Selectman	3,000.00	
Ballot Clerks: Jean Magee	290.00	
Margaret Robbins	240.00	
Christine Carone - election warden & registrar	530.00	
Ballot Counters - 7 x \$40.00	280.00	
Christine Carone-reimbursement Notary renewal & stamp	97.98	
Diana Davis - reimbursement Notary renewal	50.00	
FairPoint Communications	1,773.14	
Registry of Deeds	828.50	
Cardinal Printing - Town Reports/supplies	278.76	
Hutchins Brothers - Treasurer's Receipts	200.00	
Marks Printing House	186.50	
Price Digests - Auto Red Book	41.00	
Hasting Law Office	3,533.50	
Porter Office Machines Corp. maintenance contract	77.21	
Staples Credit Plan-office supplies	485.16	
U.S. Post Office	923.70	
Petty Cash	132.44	
Fernald's Hill Homeowner's Assoc - dues on foreclosure	200.00	
Alpine Web Design - website	259.40	
Harris Computer System Maintenance TRIO	858.16	
Checks Unlimited	105.18	
Bridgton News & Conway Sun	82.75	
Miscellaneous Expenses	5.00	
Payroll Tax	3,636.87	70,644.00
		<u>(3,644.00)</u>
Overage - see Warrant - Article #18		

MUNICIPAL OFFICE EXPENSES

Balance from 2015		10.46
Appropriation		<u>5,500.00</u>
	Total Available	5,510.46
Paid: Central Maine Power	720.95	
B & L Oil - fuel	622.68	
B & L Oil - cleaning furnace	116.55	
Firesafe Equipment Inc - fire extinguisher inspection	59.00	
Annette Myers - cleaning	60.00	
Jean Magee	520.00	
Richard Meserve - reimbursement - lights	73.95	
Ela Services- plowing & sanding	770.00	
William Ela - labor - tree work & landing	440.00	
Ela Services - equipment tree work & landing	747.50	
William Ela - labor mowing & cleanup	295.00	
Ela Services - equipment mowing & cleanup	<u>176.25</u>	<u>4,601.88</u>
Balance to 2017		908.58

PLANNING BOARD

Balance from 2015		386.67
Appropriation		<u>1,500.00</u>
	Total Available	1,886.67
Paid: Southern Maine Regional Planning - dues	358.00	
Alden Brown, Jr	160.00	
Melvin Peterson	180.00	
Michael Mendonca	160.00	
Anthony Higgins	120.00	
Henry Neddenriep	<u>10.00</u>	<u>988.00</u>
Balance to 2017		898.67

COMPUTER SYSTEM

Balance from 2015		1,451.92
Appropriation		<u>-</u>
	Total Available	1,451.92
Paid:		<u>-</u>
Balance to 2017		1,451.92

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

Balance from 2015		227.82
Appropriation		<u>-</u>
	Total Available	227.82
Paid: Central Maine Power - xmas tree		<u>187.31</u>
Balance to 2017		40.51

FRIENDS OF LOVELL RECREATION

Balance from 2015		1,287.58
Donations	828.32	
Returnables donated - Woitkos Redemption	<u>86.90</u>	<u>915.22</u>
		2,202.80
Paid: Lovell Recreation		<u>2,000.00</u>
Balance to 2017		202.80

GENERAL ASSISTANCE

Paid:		-
		-
FUEL FOR NEIGHBORS		
Balance from 2015		1,306.50
Paid: B & L Oil		<u>62.54</u>
Balance to 2017		1,243.96

TOWN ASSISTANCE:

FUEL FOR NEIGHBORS - GIBSON		
Balance from 2015		5,000.00
Transferred to Tax Relief for Elderly - Gibson		<u>2,500.00</u>
Balance to 2017		2,500.00

TAX RELIEF FOR ELDERLY - GIBSON		
Balance from 2015		1,907.09
Transferred from Tax Relief for Elderly - Gibson		<u>2,500.00</u>
Total Available		4,407.09
Paid: one voucher		<u>1,641.04</u>
Balance to 2017		2,766.05
RUBBISH & RECYCLABLES		
Balance from 2015		2,152.89
Taken from Equity		<u>38,000.00</u>
	Total Available	40,152.89
Paid: Mid -Maine Waste Action Corp.	10,354.27	
Town of Lovell	<u>27,487.93</u>	<u>37,842.20</u>
Balance to 2017		2,310.69
FRYEBURG RESCUE		
Appropriation		3,667.32
Appropriation - new unit		<u>1,000.00</u>
	Total Available	4,667.32
Paid: Fryeburg Rescue		<u>4,667.32</u>
		-
SACO VALLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT		
Appropriation		9,350.00
Appropriation for newer truck		-
	Total Available	9,350.00
Paid: Saco Valley Fire Department		<u>9,350.00</u>
		-
CARE OF CEMETERIES		
Balance from 2015		397.43
Taken from Equity		750.00
Donation		100.00
Interest - Key Bank		-
	Total Available	1,247.43
Paid: William Ela - mowing & cleanup	610.00	
Ela Services - equipment - mowing & cleanup	<u>457.50</u>	<u>1,067.50</u>
Balance to 2017		179.93
SCHOOLS		
Appropriation		480,438.95
Paid: MSAD #72		<u>480,438.95</u>
		-
COUNTY TAX		
Appropriation		37,807.00
Paid: Oxford County Treasurer		<u>37,807.00</u>
		-
LIFEFLIGHT FOUNDATION		
Appropriation		385.00
Paid: Lifeflight Foundation		<u>385.00</u>
		-
SAFE VOICES/ABUSED WOMEN		
Appropriation		150.00
Paid: Safe Voices/Abused Women		<u>150.00</u>
		-
COMMUNITY CONCEPTS		
Appropriation		600.00
Paid: Community Concepts		<u>600.00</u>
		-
CHARLOTTE HOBBS MEMORIAL LIBRARY		
Appropriation		1,650.00
Paid: Charlotte Hobbs Library		<u>1,650.00</u>
		-
HARVEST HILLS ANIMAL SHELTER		
Appropriation		385.00
Paid: Harvest Hills Animal Shelter		<u>385.00</u>
		-

SENIORS PLUS	
Raised by Friends of Lovell Recreation	100.00
Paid: Lovell Recreation	<u>100.00</u>
	-
INTERSTATE SNOGOERS	
Rec'd - Secretary of State for 2015	125.78
Paid: Interstate Snowgoers	<u>125.78</u>
	-
REACH Rape Ed. & Crisis	
Appropriation	150.00
Paid: REACH	<u>150.00</u>
	-
WESTERN MAINE VETERANS	
Appropriation	175.00
Paid: Western Maine Veterans	<u>175.00</u>
	-
BROWNFIELD FOOD PANTRY	
Appropriation	275.00
Paid: Brownfield Food Pantry	<u>275.00</u>
	-
SWEDEN FOOD PANTRY	
Appropriation	275.00
Paid: Sweden Food Pantry	<u>275.00</u>
	-
FISH & WILDLIFE	
Balance from 2015	277.00
Rec'd - Town Clerk	<u>2,110.75</u>
	2,387.75
Paid: Treasurer of State	<u>2,211.75</u>
Balance to 2017	176.00
RV, BOAT, ATV REGISTRATIONS	
Balance from 2015	(2.00)
Rec'd Town Clerk	<u>2,016.00</u>
	2,014.00
Paid: Treasure of State	<u>1,979.00</u>
Balance to 2017	35.00
ANIMAL WELFARE BOARD	
Balance from 2015	151.00
Rec'd Town Clerk	<u>515.00</u>
	666.00
Paid: Animal Welfare Board	<u>472.00</u>
Balance to 2017	194.00
VITAL STATISTICS	
Balance from 2015	8.40
Rec'd Town Clerk	<u>20.00</u>
	28.40
Paid: Treasure of State	<u>26.40</u>
Balance to 2017	2.00
MAINE SALES TAX	
Rec'd Town Clerk	2.75
Paid: Treasurer of State	<u>2.75</u>
	-
STATE WITHHOLDING	
Balance from 2015	105.00
Payroll Deductions	<u>516.00</u>
	621.00
Paid: Treasurer of State	<u>491.00</u>
Balance to 2017	130.00

FICA/ MED / FWH		
Payroll Deductions		5,112.87
Paid:		<u>5,112.87</u>
		-
BUILDING PERMITS		
Balance from 2015		72.00
Rec'd: Ronald McAllister		<u>1,272.60</u>
		1,344.60
Paid: Ronald McAllister		<u>1,344.60</u>
		-
PLUMBING PERMITS		
Rec'd: Ronald McAllister		900.00
Paid: Ronald McAllister	675.00	
Treasurer of State	<u>225.00</u>	<u>900.00</u>
		-
VARIANCE		
TAX ANTICIPATION NOTE		
Rec'd: TD Bank		180,000.00
Paid: TD Bank	180,000.00	
Interest	2,685.00	
Bernstein Shur - Bond Counsel	<u>925.00</u>	<u>183,610.00</u>
		(3,610.00)
Taken from Equity		<u>3,610.00</u>
		-
NATIONAL FOREST RESERVE		
Balance from 2015		9,355.85
Rec'd: Treasurer State of Maine		<u>9,609.36</u>
	Total Available	18,965.21
Transfer to Highway Account		<u>9,355.85</u>
Balance to 2017		9,609.36
ROADS BLOCK GRANT		
Balance from 2015		9,620.00
Rec'd: State of Maine		<u>9,576.00</u>
		19,196.00
Transfer to Highway Account		<u>9,620.00</u>
Balance to 2017		9,576.00

TAX COLLECTORS REPORT

Original Commitment	\$612,042.34
Paid Treasurer	
Unpaid Taxes as of Dec 31, 2016	\$67,677.21

15+ Alliance Lending LLC	\$1,221.04
*Algieri, Rhonda L.	\$564.56
Anderson, Michael & Tracy	\$1,004.46
Association for Parrot C.A.R.E.	\$455.86
Baker, Matthew & Cheryl	\$198.05
Benes, Robert C. Jr	\$412.41
Benes, Robert C. Jr	\$2,111.43
***Berg, Shirley	\$385.73
Brayman, David M	\$1,315.40
Buzzell, Cheryl A.	\$2,200.69
Carrier, Maurice J. & Betsy N.	\$2,888.36
Cassisi, Francis M. & Patricia	\$433.38
Crivello, Dominic	\$813.87
Davison, Richard A	\$1,094.98
Demaio, Justin P	\$1,260.12
***Derby, Thomas & Nancy	\$1,533.75
***Doyle, Marion	\$947.84
Eastman, Anna	\$585.41
Erickson, Dana E.	\$332.42
Espinola, Dawn E.	\$419.40
Flagg, Richard J	\$268.28
Franey, Myles & Claire	\$156.58
Genimatas, Vicki M.	\$1,112.74
Grant, Charlene	\$935.38
Graves, Peter L. Sr & Gail M	\$701.91
Graves Peter Jr	\$761.68
Gray, Joel D & John F.	\$455.25
Great Land Associates Inc	\$152.85
Hassler, Daniel	\$164.73
Hefler, John	\$169.16
***Hill, Michael & Alexandra	\$463.36
Hubley, Robert & June	\$1,306.31
Ireland, Mariah J. Geneseo, William J.	\$49.51
Jensen, Jens	\$276.69
Johanson, Brigit	\$243.58
Johanson, Brigit	\$402.06
JPDSMB LLC	\$973.36
Knapp, Timmy	\$721.67
Labonte, Albert	\$272.84
Labonte, Albert	\$257.93
Lacouture, Mark J.	\$694.92

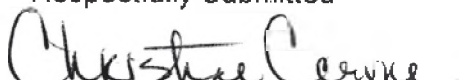
Lagasse, Ann-Marie	\$1,687.18
Lewis, Lonna L & Laurie K	\$416.49
*Mahoney, Robert J. & Jayne S.	\$257.22
Manfredi, Dana S. & Deana L	\$1,075.18
*Meier, Donald K	\$111.84
***Moore, Jr Richard & Lisa	\$1,214.36
Moore, Jr Richard & Lisa	\$1,105.47
***Moran, John & Susan	\$1,615.27
Morlock, Richard D. & Cynthia A.	\$2,104.54
Myrback, Louise S.	\$20.62
O'Neil, Tamsen & Bryan, Kimberlee	\$271.76
*Parker, James & Laurie	\$87.79
Parmenter, Dorothy	\$561.30
Pelkie, Terry	\$326.20
Plowden, John S. & Carolynn A,	\$1,538.97
Quackenbush, Lee & Linda J.	\$2,003.57
Regan, Jennifer L.	\$157.51
*Reilly, Maureen	\$1,449.38
Robertson, Mitchel	\$268.01
Rogers, Karen E. & Brian K.	\$365.81
Routhier, Marcel & Christina	\$1,078.56
Routhier, Marcel & Christina	\$233.18
*Scott, Timothy	\$13.98
*Scott, Timothy	\$83.06
Seymour, Janet	\$2,914.36
Smith, Errol S.	\$1,281.27
***Temm, William S. & Dale L.	\$995.07
Three Girls Realty Trust, Douglass Scott	\$561.65
***Walker, Peggy	\$2,491.70
Whidden, Louise	\$4,320.75
White, Brian	\$26.21
Whitmore, Samatha	\$2,220.72
*Wilkie, Robert & Lee Ann	\$164.50
Willoughby, Gary & Anna	\$1,230.12
Wong. Jr. Don R.	\$161.24

* Paid after Books Closed

** Partial Payment

*** Parial Payment after Books Closed

Respectfully Submitted


Christine Carone Tax Collector

TOWN CLERKS REPORT


There were no births in Stow in 2016

There were four deaths in Stow in 2016

There were two marriages in Stow in 2016

There were 110 dogs licensed in 2016

Respectfully submitted,


Christine Carone/Town Clerk

Treasurer's Report

Balance in Treasury - January 1, 2016	195,974.64	
Received:		
Key Bank of Maine		
Cemetery Trust Interest	-	
TD Bank		
Public Finance Moneymarket	163.12	
Checking - interest	16.15	
Tax Anticipation Loan	180,000.00	
New Sand & Salt Shed		
Land Purchase Interim Loan	40,000.00	
Reimbursement Maine Bond Bank	5,143.84	
Stumpage Income	21,065.14	
State Treasurer		
Revenue Sharing	13,999.11	
Roads Block Grant	9,576.00	
National Forest Reserve	9,609.36	
Veterans Reimbursement	397.00	
Tree Growth Refund	12,958.36	
State of Maine Snowmobile 2015	125.78	
Homestead Reimbursement	7,336.00	
Town Clerk		
Auto Excise	66,023.90	
Boat Excise	566.80	
Boat, Snowmobile,ATV Registration	2,016.00	
Sales Tax	2.75	
Fish and Wildlife	2,110.75	
Dogs(state)	515.00	
Dogs (town)	315.00	
Vital Statistics(state)	20.00	
Vital Statistics(town)	125.00	
Clerk Fees	1,441.75	
Plumbing Permits	900.00	
Building Permits	1,272.60	
Variance	-	
Tree Growth Penalties	1,200.00	
Miscellaneous	2,184.54	
Friends of Lovell Recreation	915.22	
Cemetery Donation	100.00	
Tax Collector		
2013 Tax Liens	1,860.64	
2014 Tax Liens	5,510.02	
2015 Property Taxes	56,524.02	
2015 Personal Property Taxes	446.35	
2016 Property Taxes	544,365.13	
2016 Personal Property Taxes	698.72	
2017 Prepaid Taxes	2.88	
Supplemental Taxes	-	
Interest from Taxes	2,498.74	1,187,980.31
Less Warrants 1-26		<u>1,011,032.32</u>
Balance to 2017		176,947.99

Tax Lien:	2014	
	Eastman, Anna	\$676.26
	Labonte, Albert	\$351.21
	Labonte, Albert	\$335.70

Tax Lien:	2015	
	Assoc for Parrot C.A.R.E.	\$452.52
	Brayman, David M.	\$1,402.11
	Crivello, Dominic	\$451.00
	Eastman, Anna	\$661.16
	Grant, Charlene	\$1,016.38
	Johanson, Brigit	\$267.60
	Johanson, Brigit	\$463.03
	Labonte, Al lbert J.	\$343.89
	Labonte, Albert J.	\$328.75
	Parmenter, Dorothy	\$636.67
	Pelkie, Terry	\$398.04
***	Plowden, John S & Carolynn A.	\$1,707.02
	Rogers, Karen & Brian	\$438.25
	Smith, Errol	\$1,445.44
	Whidden, Louise	\$4,452.64
	White, Brian	93.55

* Paid after books closed ** Partial payment

*** Partial Payment after books closed

Respectfully submitted,



Diana Davis, Treasurer

CEMETERY COMMISSION

Cemetery Commission

RE: Cemetery Commission, FY 2016 Annual Report

To the Selectmen, Budget Committee and Residents of the Town of Stow

This is to advise:

1. That no Lots were sold during fiscal year 2016
2. That the Commission's operating expences were as follows:
Mowing & Maintenance \$1,067.50
3. That the Commission's Account had an ending balance of \$179.93
4. That the Commission requests \$1,320.00 for FY 2017 to cover anticipated operating expences.

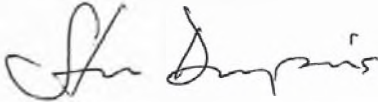
Respectfully,

Cemetery Commissioners,


Richard Meserve

Peggy Jo Walker


Steven Dupuis



Fryeburg Rescue Town Report for 2016

To the citizens of Fryeburg, Brownfield, Lovell, Stow, and Chatham

2016 has come to a close on the books of Fryeburg Rescue. It was an extremely busy year for us as the number of calls for service increased from 833 to 888 a 6.6% increase. . The breakdown was as follows: Fryeburg 535, vs 519 in 2015; Brownfield 176, vs 137 in 2015; Lovell 95, vs 90 in 2015; Stow 35, vs 25 in 2015; and Chatham 35, vs 30 in 2015; others/mutual aid 12.

865 of these calls were emergency response, 16 were for standbys, 12 were for Mutual Aid and 1 was for a Paramedic intercept. Unfortunately 16 patients were deceased at the scene. We transported 508 patients.

Our building expansion is nearly completed and we welcome you to come over and visit our new space. It looks great and will certainly work out well for us.

Our Rescue Barn is physically staffed from 8:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M 7 days a week and we have 2 people on call 24 hours a day 7 days a week.

If any organization or person needs a CPR course or a Basic First Aid class please call us and we can arrange to do a class. Several of our members are American Heart Association Instructors and we would be glad to sponsor these classes.

We are always looking for people who would like to join our squad. We offer a way for you to serve your community while learning some very valuable skills. We have applications in the Rescue building, if you are interested please stop by and fill one out.

We also have a Junior Rescue program and if you are interested in this we also have application in the rescue building.

The EMS officers for the 2016 calendar year were the following (New officers will be voted on in February 2017)

Chief, Stephen Goldsmith
Assistant Deputy Chief, Phil Remington

The Board of Directors for the 2017 Calendar Year Are:

President, Roberta Lord
Secretary, James Oliver
Treasurer, Bob Ramsay

Other Board Members-Bill Kane, Michael Hatch, Joann Sparks and Julie Ontengco

Anyone willing to contribute to Fryeburg Rescue can send their donations to Fryeburg Rescue, P.O. Box 177, Fryeburg Maine 04037

If you have any questions or concerns about Rescue please feel free to call me.
Thank you again for all of your support.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Stephen Goldsmith, Chief of Fryeburg Rescue 2016

January 29, 2017

SACO VALLEY FIRE ASSOCIATION

148 North Fryeburg Road
Fryeburg, Maine 04037

Greetings to the citizens of Stow, Chatham and Fryeburg,

The Members of the Saco Valley Fire Association wish to thank you for your continued support. Through the dedication of our volunteers we have responded to 58 calls for service. We have had a busy year in service to our community, from traffic control at utility problems, several structure fires, and a major oil spill. The relationship between the emergency service agencies and local governments has made mitigating these events work flawlessly.

Our members are entirely volunteer, taking considerable time from work and family to ensure the safety of our community. We continue our commitment to the readiness of our members by ensuring they have excellent training, safe, high quality protective gear, and fully functional equipment. It is paramount to their safety and yours that the equipment used is up to date. A set of turnout gear for an interior firefighter costs upwards of \$5000.00 and has to be replaced when worn out or damaged. We have purchased several new sets as members become trained and proficient.

Additionally, there are multi gas meters, thermal imagers, extrication tools, hoses and hand tools. All of this equipment needs to be ready for use on a moment's notice. We utilize funding received from the towns as well as donations, fundraisers, and grants for these purchases. Our department currently has three fire engines, a 3000 gallon tanker and forestry trailer, all of which we maintain to specifications required by the Bureau of Labor standards, OSHA and NFPA.

As first responders and providers of emergency services, we hope for your continued safety. Please remember to test your smoke alarms, store and dispose of chemicals properly, ensure you have two clear exits available at all times, and that fire extinguishers are tested and maintained. However, should the need arise, know that we stand ready to aid at any time, and that your contribution aids our readiness and our community.

Thank you,

Chief John Plowden, for the Saco Valley Fire Association

	Stow	Chatham	Fryeburg
structure fire			5
unpermitted burn	1		
investigation	1		
chimney fire			2
mva	3		11
vehicle fire	1		2
carry out	1	2	
CO alarm	3	1	
wires down/utility problem	4	5	3
rescue assist/AED		2	1
brush/Woods fire			4
Propane odor			4
mutual aid			1
bomb threat			1
oil spill	1		
general fire alarm	1		
total calls per town	14	10	34

Oxford County Sheriff's Office

Wayne J. Gallant Sheriff

Sheriff
Wayne J. Gallant

Chief Deputy
Dart L. Daley



P.O. Box 179
South Paris, Maine 04281
(207) 743-9554 or 1-800-733-1421
Fax (207) 743-1510

January 25, 2017

Board of Selectmen
Town of Stow
710 Stow Road
Stow, ME 04037

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Stow:

The enclosed document packet is a summary of law incidents, offenses and times reported where the Oxford County Sheriff's Office has performed or assisted in law enforcement functions within your municipality from January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016.

The totals on the law incident analysis time reported will be lower in number than the totals on the law incident total report. The reason for the difference in the two totals is that in the law incident analysis report some of the calls may have generated more than one offense or multiple similar offenses during the time of the call or assistance.

In addition to the law enforcement incidents I have included a one page report that shows the number of emergency medical and fire calls received at the Oxford County Regional Communications Center for the calendar year of 2016 for your municipality.

If you ever have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Wayne J. Gallant
Sheriff



Oxford County Sheriff's Office

Law Incident Analysis, Time Reported

Hour	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Total
00:00-00:59	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
01:00-01:59	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
02:00-02:59	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2
03:00-03:59	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
04:00-04:59	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
05:00-05:59	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
06:00-06:59	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
07:00-07:59	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
08:00-08:59	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	5
09:00-09:59	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	3
10:00-10:59	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	3
11:00-11:59	2	1	0	3	1	1	0	8
12:00-12:59	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
13:00-13:59	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	6
14:00-14:59	1	0	1	2	1	2	0	7
15:00-15:59	0	0	0	3	1	1	0	5
16:00-16:59	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	2
17:00-17:59	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	4
18:00-18:59	0	2	0	1	1	1	0	5
19:00-19:59	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
20:00-20:59	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	4
21:00-21:59	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2
22:00-22:59	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
23:00-23:59	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
Total by Day	8	9	8	15	10	13	1	64

Report Includes:

All dates between "00:00:00 01/01/16" and "23:59:59 12/31/16", All agencies matching "0900", All offenses observed, All offenses reported, All offense codes, All nature of incidents, All location codes matching "STOW"

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Oxford County Sheriff's Office

Law Total Incident Report, by Location, Nature

Location: Stow

<u>Nature of Incident</u>	<u>Total Incidents</u>
Accident	1
Agency Assistance	2
Burglar Alarm	1
Animal Noise	1
Animal Problem	1
Assault	1
Civil Complaint	2
Internet Crimes	1
Criminal Mischief	1
Detail	1
Detail White Mtn Nat Forrest	2
Disabled Vehicle	1
Domestic Problem	2
TELEPHONE HANG UP CALL	5
Accidental Fall	1
Domestic	1
Fraud	2
Gaming And Weapons	1
Theft of Person's Identity	1
Wrong Number	1
Service Of Papers	2
Traffic Accident w/ Damage	5
Traffic Accident, w/ Injuries	3
Property Damage, Non Vandalism	1
Request Call	1
Request Officer	1
Subpoena Service	3
Illegal Shooting Weapons	4
Illness	1
Suspicious Person/Circumstance	3
Threat	4
Traffic Violation	2
Trespassing	2
Unwanted Tenant	2
Welfare Check	1
Total Incidents for This Location	64

Total reported: 64

Report Includes:

All dates between '00:00:00 01/01/16' and '23:59:59 12/31/16', All agencies matching '0900', All natures, All locations matching 'STOW', All responsible officers, All dispositions, All clearance codes, All observed offenses, All reported offenses, All offense codes, All circumstance codes

TOWN	2016 EMS	2016 FIRE
Adamstown	1	1
Albany Twp	31	19
Andover	132	39
Andover North	1	1
Bethel	298	126
Brownfield	168	66
Buckfield	157	73
Byron	19	8
Canton	193	33
Denmark	92	35
Dixfield	236	40
Fryeburg	484	138
Gilead	26	11
Grafton Notch	5	3
Greenwood	115	31
Hanover	27	10
Hartford	86	29
Hebron	62	24
Hiram	53	24
Lincoln Plant	1	1
Lovell	91	68
Magalloway		1
Mason Twp	5	2
Mexico	424	88
Milton Twp	15	2
Newry	130	67
Norway	742	167
Otisfield	134	54
Oxford	514	229
Paris	1132	236
Peru	126	47
Porter	44	16
Riley Twp	3	2
Roxbury	25	13
Rumford	1447	243
Stoneham	36	7
Stow	30	19
Sumner	73	35
Sweden	22	22
Township C	3	0
Upton	3	4
Waterford	113	47
West Paris	344	66
Woodstock	222	42

NOTE: These numbers do not include calls for service that were taken directly by the responding agency and these numbers do include calls taken where an emergency agency was not dispatched.

Greater Lovell Land Trust

Robert Upton, President

Once again, we are delighted to be able to offer two paid summer internships in 2017. The goal of the intern program is to introduce local young people to all the aspects of the work we accomplish, with the goal of developing future conservation-minded leaders. Interested students should visit [www.gllt.org](#) for job description and application details. Preference is given to individuals residing in Lovell, Stoneham, Stow and Sweden. This is a unique summer job that is fun, educational and allows students to be immersed in the natural world around us. Apply early in 2017 as interviews will occur in mid February-early March.

The GLLT has an enthusiastic and talented group of volunteer docents that offer guided walks throughout the year. These are great ways for us to get outdoors, in our lovely surroundings with family and friends and to meet new folks and share our love of nature. I encourage everyone to discover something new this year from these dedicated and knowledgeable folks.

In 2017 we are continuing our various partnerships with the Lovell Summer Rec Dept., the Maine Environmental Science Academy and the Charlotte Hobbs Memorial Library to deliver Environmental Education programs to area youth. The field trips introduce the kids to cool local places filled with unexpected surprises, delights and guided discoveries.

If your family would like a peaceful get away at our cabin at Whitney Pond and enjoy an extended stay in nature, reservations are now open for the 2017 season. This off the grid cabin sits on the shore of Whitney Pond surrounded by 64 acres of conservation land. It is the perfect place for a fun family adventure off the grid. Rates are established in an attempt to make it affordable for all, with children 12 and under being free of charge.

We added two new reserves in 2016, with plans to install trailheads and hiking trails on each over the next two years. The 98 acre Long Meadow Brook property is scheduled for opening by mid summer and is host to magnificent wildlife viewing and views of Baldface, Mt Kearsage and surrounding mountains. A 147 acre reserve at Lower Bay is scheduled for opening with a trail and trailhead in the summer of 2018. In addition, the GLLT received a donated conservation easement on 62 acres with significant road frontage along an undeveloped section of West Lovell Road. The GLLT continues to work with landowners and their families who seek to set aside their special places for specific and limited uses now and into the future.

The GLLT is grateful to the many volunteers and donors that help make living, working and playing here so special. For more information on how you can participate, please contact Tom Henderson, Executive Director at 925-1056, [925-1056](tel:925-1056) or visit our office at 208 Main St in Lovell Village. For up-to-date information on properties, activities and events visit our website at: www.gllt.org.

Dear Friends of Stow,

Since being sworn into the Senate in 2013, I have made it my mission to address at the federal level the most important issues facing our great state. Working closely with my colleagues in the Maine Congressional Delegation, we've been able to successfully secure a number of legislative victories that support our state's economy, our rich traditions, and the hardworking people I am proud to represent.

In an increasingly polarized Congress, my goal as an Independent is to put partisanship aside, build consensus and further common-sense solutions to address the needs of the American people. To this end, I have co-founded the Former Governors Caucus, a group of former state executives who are frustrated with legislative gridlock and eager to find bipartisan solutions. And as always, I aim to bridge the partisan divide by hosting barbeque dinners in Washington with colleagues ranging from Ted Cruz to Elizabeth Warren. If you know a person's children, then you see them as a mother or father and not a rival vote, and working to further personal dialogue and build relationships can lay the foundation for successful legislation.

One of the accomplishments of which I am most proud is the legislative victory that protects our college students and their families from an expensive hike in student loan interest rates. In 2013, as students faced a significant spike in interest rates that would have taken thousands of dollars out of their pockets, I brought together colleagues from across the political spectrum to broker compromise legislation called the Bipartisan Student Loan Certainty Act. Thanks to this bill, students will save \$50 billion over the next 10 years by lowering their interest rates, which means that a student in Maine will now save between \$3,000 and \$6,000 over the life of their loan.

Being an Independent in the Senate has allowed me to make calls and vote on policies that are best for Maine, but it has also made it possible to play key roles in finding simple solutions and legislative fixes that make good commonsense to both parties. Of course, much of what we do in the Senate doesn't happen on the Senate floor, or even in committee. Instead, it involves working across all levels of government to ensure the State of Maine receives attention and support from the federal government.

Take, for example, the opioid and heroin epidemic devastating communities across our state. While Congress has passed legislative solutions aimed at expanding access to medical treatment, I've also pressed for other changes that can be accomplished more quickly and make a more immediate difference in Maine. For example, I successfully urged the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to increase the number of patients to whom a doctor can provide medication-assisted treatment, and in 2015 brought the Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy to Brewer to meet directly with Mainers and hear their stories. I've also engaged law enforcement – including the Drug Enforcement Agency – to crack down on the production of opioids and work to limit their diversion. Together, Senator Collins and I helped pass the Northern Border Security Review Act to combat drug and human trafficking along our border with Canada.

While the opioid epidemic is certainly our biggest public health crisis, job loss in Maine is still our number one economic problem and that's why we need to focus on bringing good paying jobs back to Maine and protecting the ones we still have. As a member of the Armed Services Committee, I teamed up with Senator Collins and Representative Poliquin to successfully secure a provision in the defense bill that can help domestic shoe manufacturers like New Balance. The three of us also worked together with the Department of Commerce to establish an Economic Development Assessment Team, known as an EDAT, to assist Maine's forest industry in the wake of several mill closures. We have an incredible spirit of innovation and ingenuity in Maine and I believe finding ways to invest in that spirit will reignite Maine's forest products sector and our economy. Part of our economic path forward must also include expanding access to high-speed broadband, which can help connect our businesses and communities to information and economic opportunities.

As a member of the Senate Armed Services and Intelligence Committees, I work to keep Maine and our nation safe. Part of that important work means continuing to work for funding for the construction of Navy ships that will be used to protect American interests across the globe. We all know that "Bath Built is Best Built," which is why I've fought to authorize funding for Navy ships built at BIW. The best way to preserve peace is by deterring war through unassailable strength, and to do that we must support our shipbuilders and our brave service members and invest in our military. I strive to meet this solemn responsibly every day as a member of these committees, which is why I hardly ever miss a hearing and take great care in overseeing the agencies sworn to keep us safe. Armed Services Chairman John McCain called me "one of the most serious and hard-working members" of the Committee, and that's a humbling compliment from a true American hero.

As always, please call or write me with thoughts or concerns with matters currently before Congress, or if you need assistance navigating a federal agency. As a public servant, it is critical to me to listen and learn from you, which is why staying connected with people from all over our beautiful state remains a top priority for my work in the Senate. Please call my toll-free line at 1-800-432-1599 or one my offices: Augusta: (207)622-8292, Bangor: (207)945-8000, Presque Isle (207)764-5124, Scarborough (207)883-1588, or Washington, D.C. (202)224-5344. You can also write me on our website at www.king.senate.gov/contact.

It is an honor and a privilege serving the people of Maine in the Senate, and I look forward to working with you in our search for a more perfect Union.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Angus S. King, Jr." The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized initial 'A'.

Angus S. King, Jr.
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Dear Friends:

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

Growing our economy by encouraging job creation remains a top priority. The tax relief bill enacted during this last Congress contains provisions I authored to provide small businesses with the certainty that they need to invest, grow, and, most important, hire new workers. The 2017 National Defense Authorization Act includes a provision the Maine delegation worked together to champion requiring that military recruits be provided with athletic footwear made in America, as is required for other equipment and uniform items whenever possible. This is a great victory for our troops and for the 900 skilled workers at New Balance factories here in Maine.

Maine's contributions to our national security stretch from Kittery to Limestone. As a senior member of the Appropriations Committee, I successfully advocated for critical funding for projects at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard and \$1 billion towards the construction of an additional ship that will likely be built at Bath Iron Works. This funding will strengthen the Navy and our national security, and the additional destroyer will help meet the Navy's goal of a 355-ship fleet.

Maine's growing population of older individuals creates many challenges. That's why, as Chairman of the Senate Aging Committee, my top three priorities are fighting fraud and financial abuse directed at our nation's seniors, increasing investments in biomedical research, and improving retirement security.

The Aging Committee's toll-free hotline (1-855-303-9470) makes it easier for senior citizens to report suspected fraud and receive assistance. Last May, a call to the hotline helped lead to the arrest of a national crime ring targeting seniors, and in June I worked to secure the humanitarian release of a Maine senior who had been imprisoned in Spain after being victimized by an international drug smuggling scam.

The Aging Committee also released an extensive report detailing the findings of our bipartisan investigation into the abrupt and dramatic price increases for prescription drugs whose patents expired long ago.

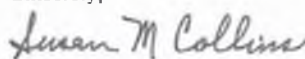
I advocated strongly for the \$2 billion increase in funding for the National Institutes of Health to advance research on such diseases as diabetes and Alzheimer's. I also championed and authored portions of the 21st Century Cures Act that will further support biomedical innovation and make significant reforms to our mental health system.

The Senate also took steps in the past year to combat the nation's heroin and opioid epidemic by passing the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA), which I was proud to cosponsor. CARA is a monumental step forward in our effort to address the devastating addiction crisis affecting countless families and communities across the country and right here in Maine.

A Maine value that always guides me is our unsurpassed work ethic. In December 2016, I cast my 6,236th consecutive vote, continuing my record of never missing a roll-call vote since my Senate service began in 1997.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve Stow and Maine in the United States Senate. If ever I can be of assistance to you, please contact my Lewiston state office at 207-784-6969 or visit my website at www.collins.senate.gov. May 2017 be a good year for you, your family, your community, and our state.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins
United States Senator



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Paul R. LePage
GOVERNOR

Dear Citizens of Stow:

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

My vision for Maine is prosperity, not poverty. For this reason, one of my top priorities continues to be the reduction and eventual elimination of the income tax. Raising the minimum wage is not the path out of poverty; I want Mainers to earn a career wage. Reducing the income tax is the biggest and most immediate pay raise for all hard-working Mainers.

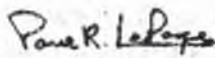
Not only does an income tax cut put more money back in your pockets, but it will also attract businesses that can offer good-paying careers to keep our young people here. It shows the nation that we are serious about wanting people and businesses to come—and stay—in Maine.

Unfortunately, voters approved a referendum question to raise the income tax to 10.15% on successful Maine households and small businesses. Enacting the second highest income tax rate in the country shows the nation we are eager to punish people for being successful. It will drive them out of our state and make it even more difficult to attract much-needed doctors, dentists, scientists, engineers and other professionals to Maine. They can live in neighboring New Hampshire, which takes no income tax from their paychecks. Even worse, there is no guarantee the extra revenue from this tax will go to fund education, as proponents promised.

As successful people leave Maine, state and municipal government will lose the significant amount they pay in property, sales and incomes taxes. This will put even more upward pressure on local property taxes. Municipalities will have to get more creative to provide local services without increasing property taxes. Reforming the tree growth program, collecting property taxes on land in conservation or preservation programs, charging a payment in lieu of taxes on state land that is taken off the property tax rolls and having non-profit organizations pay a two-percent tax on their net revenues are all ways for municipalities to increase revenues.

Such bold measures would take strong leadership and commitment from local officials and residents. If ever I can be of assistance to you or if you have any questions or suggestions, I encourage you to contact my office by calling 287-3531 or by visiting our website at www.maine.gov/governor.

Sincerely,


Paul R. LePage
Governor



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Dear Friends and Neighbors:

Let me begin by thanking you for the honor of serving you in the Maine Senate. I can assure you I will work diligently on your behalf, holding uppermost in my heart the concerns of western Maine and our communities. I treasure our state's way of life and feel blessed to have raised my family here.

My fellow legislators and I have much to accomplish in the 128th Legislature. The most important item on our to-do list is clear: our state needs more jobs at all levels of the pay scale, so it is our responsibility and my promise to work to expand economic opportunity for all Mainers. An essential component of a strong economy is efficiency in allocating state government's scarce resources, and you have my commitment to be an attentive steward of your tax dollars.

I believe the success of the past Legislature in banning the purchase of alcohol, tobacco and lottery tickets with welfare benefits was a great step forward in reforming our welfare system, and I hope we can build on that momentum to make further improvements this year. We must also continue fighting the drug epidemic threatening our state and hurting our families. Last year, the Legislature approved putting 10 new drug enforcement agents on the street, as well as provided funding for treatment programs and drug use prevention efforts. I believe such a comprehensive approach is essential and hope the legislature can once again work in a bipartisan fashion to craft good solutions to this widespread problem.

Throughout my term, I encourage you to reach out to me with your thoughts, concerns and ideas about state government. Your input will help me to best represent your interests and those of the community. I also encourage you to contact me with news about community events and get-togethers. You may contact me by phone at 287-1505 or by email at Lisa.Keim@legislature.maine.gov.

Once again, thank you for the privilege of representing your interests in Augusta.

Sincerely,



Lisa Keim
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