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TOWN OFFICERS

SELECTMEN

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

Term Expires 2018
Term Expires 2020
Term Expires 2019

TOWN CLERK, TAX COLLECTOR, EXCISE TAX COLLECTOR

Christine Carone

Term Expires 2020

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

Judith Brain
Patricia Chatman – Alternate

Term Expires July 1st 2020
Term Expires July 1st 2020

PLANNING BOARD

4 year term

Michael Mendonca, Secretary
Alden Brown, Jr, Chairman
Melvin Peterson
Anthony Higgins
Steven Dupuis
Cynthia Butters, Alt.
Lori Capanelli, Alt.

Term Expires 2018
Term Expires 2020
Term Expires 2020
Term Expires 2021
Term Expires 2021

CEMETERY COMMISSION

3 year term

Steven Dupuis
Peggy Walker
Richard Meserve

Term Expires 2018
Term Expires 2019
Term Expires 2020

BUDGET COMMITTEE

3 year term

Carl Lindblade, Chairman
Maureen Reilly
Sharon Peterson
William Edmunds
Andrew Myers
Janice Mendonca
Kirsten Brown

Term Expires 2018
Term Expires 2018
Term Expires 2018
Term Expires 2019
Term Expires 2020
Term Expires 2020
Term Expires 2020

BOARD OF APPEALS

(appointed)

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

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

3 year term

Jane Nesbitt
Maureen Reilly
Steven Dupuis

Term Expires 2018
Term Expires 2019
Term Expires 2020

CIVIL EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS DIRECTOR

Board of Selectmen

E-911 COMMITTEE

William Bain

Town of Stow Website

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 17th day of March, AD 2018 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 vote salary for Town Clerk-Excise Tax Collector-Tax Collector for the ensuing year.

Selectmen recommend: \$16,400.00 with all fees going to General Fund (3-0)

Budget committee recommends: Same (4-0)

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

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

Budget committee recommends: Same (4-0)

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 2018.

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

Budget committee recommends: Same (4-0)

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 2018 annual budget during the period from January 1, 2019 to the 2019 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 (4-0)

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 (4-0)

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to put 2018 Excise Tax money into Equity Account.

Selectmen recommend: Yes (3-0)

Budget committee recommends: Same (4-0)

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to charge 8.00 % interest on all taxes not paid before December 1, 2018.

Selectmen recommend: Yes (3-0)

Budget committee recommends: Same (4-0)

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 (4-0)

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 (4-0)

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 (4-0)

Article 14: To see if the Town will authorize the selectmen to sell and dispose of the “Drake” property (Map 2, Lot 40) by bid or private sale.

Selectmen recommend: Yes (3-0)

Budget committee recommends: Same (4-0)

Article 15: 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 (4-0)

Article 16: 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 (4-0)

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to grant and raise \$149,200.00 for the Highway Accounts. Anticipated Breakdown as follows:

\$ 15,000.00 for New Sand and Salt Shed	
\$ 15,000.00 for Equipment	Using \$ 9,728.00 from Block Grant
\$ 72,000.00 for Snow Removal	Using \$ 7,016.40 from Nat'l Forest Reserve
\$ 2,200.00 for Tar Account	Using \$ 22,455.60 from Taxes
\$ 45,000.00 for Town Roads and Bridges	Using \$110,000.00 from Equity
\$149,200.00 Total	\$149,200.00 Total

Selectmen recommend: The above breakdown (3-0)

Budget Committee recommends: Same (4-0)

Article 18: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to grant and raise for road base construction.

Selectmen recommend: \$50,000.00 (3-0)

Budget Committee recommends: Same (4-0)

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to take from equity \$12,627.78 to cover overdraft in Snow account in 2017.

Selectmen recommend: Taking \$12,627.78 from equity (3-0)

Budget committee recommends: Same (4-0)

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to take from equity \$3,357.44 to cover overdraft in Roads and Bridges account in 2017.

Selectmen recommend: Taking \$3,357.44 from equity (3-0)

Budget committee recommends: Same (4-0)

Article 21: 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 \$75,000.00 (3-0)

Budget committee recommends: Same (4-0)

Article 22: 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 (4-0)

Article 23: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to grant and raise for the Town Planning Board Budget. Requested \$1,500.00

Selectmen recommend: Raising \$1,500.00 (3-0)

Budget committee recommends: Same (4-0)

Article 24: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to grant and raise for the Town Computer System. This account will be a carry forward.

Selectmen recommend: Raising \$500.00 (3-0)

Budget committee recommends: Same (4-0)

Article 25: To see if the Town will vote to replace and adopt as the Town's Shore Land Ordinance, the Department of Environmental Protection Guidelines for Municipal Shore Land Zoning Ordinances 2015 revision, including Option 2, regarding timber harvesting.

Selectmen recommend: Yes (3-0)

- Article 26:** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to grant and raise for the Conservation Committee for the ensuing year. Requested \$300.00
Selectmen recommend: Raising \$300.00 (3-0)
Budget committee recommends: Same (4-0)
- Article 27:** To see if the Town will take from equity up to \$1,000.00 for General Assistance for the ensuing year.
Selectmen recommend: Yes (3-0)
Budget committee recommends: Same (4-0)
- Article 28:** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to grant and raise for Disposal of Rubbish & Recyclable for the ensuing year.
Selectmen recommend: Raising \$42,000.00 (3-0)
Budget committee recommends: Same (4-0)
- Article 29:** To see if the Town will vote to grant and raise \$3,510.80 towards the support of the Fryeburg Rescue Unit for the ensuing year. Requested \$3,510.80
Selectmen recommend: Raising \$3,510.80 (3-0)
Budget committee recommends: Same (4-0)
- Article 30:** To see if the Town will vote to grant and raise \$1,250.00 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 \$1,250.00
Selectmen recommend: Raising \$1,250.00 (3-0)
Budget committee recommends: Same (4-0)
- Article 31:** To see if the Town will vote to grant and raise \$12,100.00 for the Saco Valley Fire Association for the ensuing year. Requested \$12,100.00
Selectmen recommend: Raising \$12,100.00 (3-0)
Budget committee recommends: Same (3-1 abstained)
- Article 32:** 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 \$2,000.00 (3-0)
Budget committee recommends: Same (3-1 abstained)
- Article 33:** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to grant and raise this year for the Care of Cemeteries. Requested \$2,500.00
Selectmen recommend: Raising \$2,500.00 (3-0)
Budget committee recommends: Same (4-0)
- Article 34:** 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 (4-0)

Article 35: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to grant and raise for the Charlotte Hobbs Memorial Library in Lovell. Requested \$1,750.00

Selectmen recommend: Raising \$1,750 (3-0)

Budget committee recommends: Same (4-0)

Article 36: 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 (4-0)

Article 37: To see if the Town will vote to grant and raise the unpaid balance owed to the Lovell Recreation Department not raised through fund raising for the ensuing year.

Requested \$2,500.00 - \$104.70 (donations) = \$2,395.30

Selectmen recommend: Raising \$2,395.30 (2-1)

Budget committee recommends: Same (4-0)

Article 38: To see if the Town will vote to grant and raise \$500.00 for Seniors Plus.

Requested \$500.00

Selectmen recommend: Raising no money (3-0)

Budget committee recommends: Same (4-0)

Article 39: 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 \$100.00 (3-0)

Budget committee recommends: Same (4-0)

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 \$100.00 (3-0)

Budget committee recommends: Same (4-0)


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)

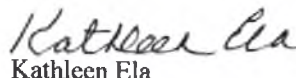
Given under our hands at

Stow, Maine

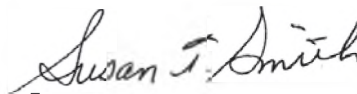
March 2018



Richard Meservé, Chairman



Kathleen Ela



Susan T. Smith

Proposed Budget 2018

Account	Total Budgeted	Carry Forward	Amount Asked For	From Taxes	From Equity
Highway Account					
New Sand & Salt Shed	15,000.00		15,000.00		15,000.00
Equipment	15,000.00		15,000.00		15,000.00
Snow	72,000.00		72,000.00	-	72,000.00
Tar	5,011.29	2,811.29	2,200.00	-	2,200.00
Town Roads & Bridges	<u>45,000.00</u>		<u>45,000.00</u>	<u>22,455.60</u>	<u>22,544.40</u>
	152,011.29	2,811.29	149,200.00	22,455.60	126,744.40
Road Block Grant	(9,728.00)		(9,728.00)		(9,728.00)
National Forest Reserve	<u>(7,016.40)</u>		<u>(7,016.40)</u>		<u>(7,016.40)</u>
	135,266.89		132,455.60		110,000.00
 Road Base Construction	 50,000.00		 50,000.00	 50,000.00	
 Town Officers Bills	 75,000.00		 75,000.00	 75,000.00	
Municipal Office	10,000.00		10,000.00	10,000.00	
Planning Board	1,500.00		1,500.00	1,500.00	
Computer System	500.00		500.00	500.00	
Conservation Committee	300.00		300.00	300.00	
General Assistance	1,000.00		1,000.00		1,000.00
Rubbish & Recyclable	42,000.00		42,000.00	42,000.00	
Fryeburg Rescue	3,510.80		3,510.80	3,510.80	
Fryeburg Rescue - New Unit	1,250.00		1,250.00	1,250.00	
Saco Valley Fire	12,100.00		12,100.00	12,100.00	
Saco Valley Fire - truck fund	2,000.00		2,000.00	2,000.00	
Cemeteries	2,500.00		2,500.00	2,500.00	
Community Concepts	600.00		600.00	600.00	
Charlotte Memorial Library	1,750.00		1,750.00	1,750.00	
Harvest Hills Animal Shelter	385.00		385.00	385.00	
Lovell Recreation Committee	2,500.00	104.70	2,395.30	2,395.30	
Seniors Plus	500.00		500.00	500.00	
Lifeflight Foundation	385.00		385.00	385.00	
Sweden Food Pantry	<u>250.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>250.00</u>	<u>250.00</u>	<u>-</u>
Totals	343,297.69	2,915.99	340,381.70	229,381.70	111,000.00
Other Expenditures					
Overdraft Snow Account	12,627.78				
Overdraft Roads & Bridges	<u>3,357.44</u>				
	15,985.22				

2017 Report of the Board of Selectmen

Every year seems to bring its own set of challenges, and this year was no exception.

We are pleased to report that the Sand and Salt Shed project was completed just before the deadline set by the state. This was not a project of our choosing, but one dictated by the state or face heavy fines. The end result, however, is a facility which we feel will be a great asset to the town and a money saver in the long run.

The unexpected storm in October washed out the ailing culvert on Lake Road. This was a \$15,000 expense which we were not expecting. The storm was declared a disaster, and we have applied to FEMA in hopes of securing some funds to partially recover this unplanned expense.

Initial work has begun on Lake Road with cutting brush and stumping. The center of the road will be realigned to its original and proper position. The plan is to begin rebuilding road base on Lake Road if money is made available.

A big THANK YOU to the town folks for prompt payment of taxes which supplied the funds needed to keep the town running.

Respectfully Submitted,
Board of Selectmen



Richard Meserve, Chairman



Kathleen Ela



Susan T. Smith

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Real Estate Valuation	52,743,666.00	
Homestead Exemption	913,000.00	
Personal Property Valuation	<u>69,435.00</u>	
	53,726,101.00	
ASSESSMENTS		
Town Officer's Bills	70,000.00	
Municipal Office	10,000.00	
Planning Board	-	
Computer System	-	
Conservation Comm.	200.00	
General Assistance	1,500.00	
Rubbish & Recyclables	-	
Fryeburg Rescue	3,678.30	
Fryeburg Rescue - new unit	1,000.00	
Saco Valley Fire Department	9,900.00	
Saco Valley Fire - truck fund	2,000.00	
Cemeteries	1,320.00	
Community Concepts	600.00	
Charlotte Hobbs Mem. Library	1,685.00	
Harvest Hills Animal Shelter	385.00	
Lovell Recreation Committee	2,228.63	
Seniors Plus	200.00	
Lifelight Foundation	385.00	
Western Maine Veterans	175.00	
Brownfield Food Pantry	250.00	
Sweden Food Pantry	<u>250.00</u>	105,756.93
County Tax	38,682.00	
MSAD #72	496,734.53	
Overlay	<u>25,144.63</u>	<u>560,561.16</u>
		666,318.09
Less: Homestead	(11,092.95)	
Less: State Revenue Sharing	<u>(13,545.96)</u>	<u>(24,638.91)</u>
Total Original Commitment		641,679.18
Less: Abatements		(5.47)
Supplemental Taxes		<u>-</u>
Net Assessment for Commitment		641,673.71

TOTAL RECEIPTS

2018 Prepaid Taxes	581.85
2017 Property Taxes	576,588.35
2017 Personal Property Taxes	1,399.14
2016 Property Taxes	57,606.96
2016 Personal Property Taxes	116.50
2015 Tax Liens	10,864.17
2014 Tax Liens	1,101.82
Supplemental Taxes 2016	74.27
Fish & Wildlife	1,391.75
Boats, ATV & Snowmobile Reg.	2,989.00
Animal Welfare Board	338.00
Vital Statistics - State	8.00
Maine Sales Tax	1,395.29
Building Permits	942.20
Plumbing Permits	1,460.00
Tax Anticipation Note	200,000.00
New Sand & Salt Shed -	
MDOT Cost Share	96,780.00
Reimbursement Maine Bond Bank	194,722.96
Gravel Sales Income	4,456.00
Excise Tax - Automobiles	71,567.50
Excise Tax - Boats	522.40
State Revenue Sharing	13,818.92
Homestead	10,011.00
Nat'l Forest Reserve Fund	7,016.40
Dog Licenses	288.00
Town Clerk Fees	1,592.85
Vital Statistics - Town	62.00
Interest - General Fund	395.21
Interest - Property Taxes	3,420.82
Misc. Revenues	3,108.60
Donation for Residents in Need (for xmas)	200.00
Friends of Lovell Recreation	104.70
Roads Block Grant	9,728.00
State of Maine - Tree Growth	12,510.19
Tree Growth Penalties	1,300.00
Sale of Tax Aquired Property	1,556.58
State of ME - Veterans Refund	447.00
Snowmobile Refund - 2016	79.44
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	1,290,545.87
Cash on Hand 1/1/17	176,947.99
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	1,467,493.86

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

Fish & Wildlife	1,524.75
Boats, ATV & Snowmobile Reg.	2,278.00
Animal Welfare	418.00
Vital Statistics	2.00
Maine Sales Tax	1,390.29
Building Permits	942.20
Plumbing Permits	820.00
Tax Anticipation Note	200,000.00
Tax Anticipation Note - Interest	1,207.19
Tax Anticipation - Bond Council	950.00
Town Officer's Bills	65,630.54
Payroll Tax Expense	4,090.35
Municipal Office Expense	10,102.07
Planning Board	794.00
Computer System	1,231.99
Conservation Committee	195.36
General Assistance	-
Residents in Need (for xmas)	200.00
Fuel for Neighbors	-
Tax Relief for Elderly - Gibson	681.25
Abatement	74.27
Rubbish & Recyclables	39,275.83
Fryeburg Rescue	3,678.30
Fryeburg Rescue - new truck	1,000.00
Saco Valley Fire Department	9,900.00
Saco Valley Fire Dept. - new truck	2,000.00
Equipment	1,877.23
Snow Removal	64,191.07
New Sand and Salt Shed	315,442.08
Roads & Bridges	41,224.86
Tar Account	2,376.00
Cemeteries	1,226.52
Buzzell Cemetery	17.50
MSAD #72	496,734.53
Oxford County Tax	38,682.00
Lifelight Foundation	385.00
Community Concepts	600.00
Charlotte Hobbs Mem. Library	1,685.00
Harvest Hills Animal Shelter	385.00
Lovell Recreation Committee	2,228.63
Seniors Plus	200.00
InterState Snowgoers	79.44
Western Maine Veterans	175.00
Brownfield Food Pantry	250.00
Sweden Food Pantry	250.00
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	1,316,396.25
Ending Balance 12/31/17	155,140.32
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	1,471,536.57

ITEMIZED EXPENSES

HIGHWAY ACCOUNT

From Equity	64,464.64
From Taxes	-
National Forest Reserve	9,609.36
Road Block Grant	<u>9,576.00</u>
Total Available	83,650.00

Transferred to:

Equipment	5,000.00
Snow Account	43,750.00
New Sand & Salt	18,600.00
Tar Account	-
Town Roads & Bridges	<u>16,300.00</u>
Total Available	83,650.00

EQUIPMENT

From Equity	5,000.00
Transferred from New Sand & Salt Shed	<u>15,000.00</u>
	20,000.00

Paid: B & L Oil - diesel fuel	302.46
William Ela - labor	360.00
Ela Services - equipment	45.00
William Ela - reimbursements - Napa	169.17
Richard Meserve - reimbursement - Napa	200.60
Richard Meserve - reimbursement - Nortrax	66.73
Richard Meserve - reimbursement - Nortrax	454.65
Fryeburg Auto & Truck Supply - Napa	198.62
Union Hill Machine reinstall track	<u>80.00</u>
	1,877.23
	18,122.77
Transferred to New Sand & Salt Shed	<u>6,000.00</u>
Balance to Equity	12,122.77

SNOW ACCOUNT

Balance from 2016	10,254.15
Transferred from Highway Account	<u>43,750.00</u>
Total Available	54,004.15

Paid: Morton Salt	14,228.48
Southern Maine Region Planning-admin bid fee	20.33
Wilson Excavation - winter sand	5,397.50
Clyde Watson Inc. - snow contractor	28,142.08
G B Watson Trucking, Inc - snow contractor	14,071.04
Peggy Walker - old sand shed site lease 2016	400.00
William Ela - labor	1,230.00
Ela Services - equipment	2,707.50
Ela Services - plowing	<u>435.00</u>
Overage - see Warrant Article #19	66,631.93
	(12,627.78)

NEW SAND & SALT SHED

Balance from 2016	20,537.00
Transferred from Highway Account	18,600.00
MDOT Cost Share	96,780.00
Reimbursement from Maine Bond Bank	194,722.96
Gravel Sales Income	<u>4,456.00</u>
	335,095.96

Transferred to Equipment

	(15,000.00)
Total Available	320,095.96
RUBB Building Systems	123,477.00
Maine Municipal Bond Bank - MDOT Cost Share	96,780.00
Maine Municipal Bond Bank - interest	772.18
Bernstein Shur - bond counsel	2,000.00
Hastings Law Office	92.50
Community Dynamics - engineering & consulting services	4,332.56
Clyde Watson, Inc	43,570.00
K & W Aggregates, LLC - rip rap	608.00
Pac-Van	10,000.00

Union Hill Machine - moving barriers, crane work, and ga	3,500.00	
Dunlea Concrete Cutting & Coring	540.00	
Del R Gilbert & Son Block Co, Inc	390.00	
David Hobbs - electrician	5,478.20	
B & L Oil - diesel fuel	764.07	
Richard Meserve - reimbursements	1,571.44	
Brill Lumber Building Supplies	1,670.71	
Paris Farmers Union	739.37	
R H Wales & Son - stumping	8,500.00	
William Ela - reimbursement	48.55	
William Ela - labor	6,425.00	
Ela Services equipment	3,922.50	
Ela Services - plowing & sanding	260.00	315,442.08
		4,653.88
Transferred from Equipment		6,000.00
Balance to Equity		10,653.88
TAR ACCOUNT		
Balance from 2016		5,187.29
Paid: C H Stevenson Inc - cold patch		2,376.00
Balance to 2018		2,811.29
TOWN ROADS & BRIDGES		
Balance from 2016		23,667.42
Transfer from Highway Account		16,300.00
	Total Available	39,967.42
Paid: Roads & Bridges - Maintenance		
William Ela - labor	4,810.00	
Ela Services - equipment	9,665.00	
Central Maine Power Co - street lights	382.85	
K & W Aggregates, LLC - gravel	4,452.00	
Khriel Excavation- Lake Road Culvert	13,500.00	
Drew Corporation - Union Hill Road culvert	1,550.95	
Clyde Watson, Inc - grading, potholes, Lake Road work	4,765.00	
Paris Farmers Union	1,116.52	
All State Asphalt, Inc	2,100.00	
Susan Smith - reimbursement culvert grant	27.54	42,369.86
		(2,402.44)
Paid: FEMA		
William Ela - labor	310.00	
Ela Services - equipment	645.00	955.00
Overage - see Warrant Article #20		(3,357.44)
TOWN OFFICER'S BILLS		
Appropriation		70,000.00
Paid: Smith & Associates - audit	3,869.00	
John O'Donnell - tax maps	777.75	
John O'Donnell - support & upgrade	1,200.00	
John O'Donnell - assessing	8,500.00	
MMA - Dues	1,443.00	
MMA - Workers Comp	1,531.00	
MMA - Insurance	4,711.50	
MMA - Susan Smith - grant writing class	70.00	
Kyes Agency Inc. - Forest Fire Ins.	1,151.00	
Salaries: Christine Carone - Town Clerk/Tax Collector	16,108.27	
Diana Davis - Treasurer	4,000.00	
Diana Davis - Bookkeeper	3,000.00	
Diana Davis - Secretary to Selectman	920.00	
Richard Meserve - Head Selectman	4,000.00	
Kathleen Ela - Second Selectman	3,500.00	
Susan Smith - Third Selectman	3,000.00	
Ballot Clerks: Jean Magee	290.00	
Margaret Robbins	240.00	
Christine Carone - election warden & registrar	530.00	

FairPoint Communications	1,800.55	
Registry of Deeds	891.21	
Cardinal Printing - Town Reports/envelopes	286.73	
Hutchins Brothers - Treasurer's Receipts	98.00	
Marks Printing House	125.00	
Computer Port - work on computer	47.50	
Craig Holden - tax aquired property	150.00	
Porter Office Machines Corp. maintenance contract	63.30	
Staples Credit Plan-office supplies	526.76	
U.S. Post Office	1,008.94	
Petty Cash	315.40	
Fernald's Hill Homeowner's Assoc - dues on foreclosure	200.00	
Alpine Web Design - website	259.00	
Harris Computer System Maintenance TRIO	892.49	
Diana Davis - reimbursement for check order	74.64	
Conway Sun - office closed	19.50	
Returned Check Fee	30.00	
Payroll Tax	4,090.35	69,720.89
Balance to Equity		279.11
MUNICIPAL OFFICE EXPENSES		
Balance from 2016		908.58
Appropriation		10,000.00
	Total Available	10,908.58
Paid: Central Maine Power	706.27	
B & L Oil - fuel	943.29	
B & L Oil - furnace repair	743.28	
Firesafe Equipment Inc - fire extinguisher inspection	53.00	
Ken Karpowich - pump pressure gauge	138.40	
Jean Magee - cleaning office	560.00	
Paris Farmers Union - 2 culverts & winter rye	492.58	
Perm-A-Pave, LLC - sealing parking lot	2,330.00	
Richard Meserve - reimbursement - windows	294.00	
Ela Services- plowing & sanding	1,675.00	
William Ela - labor stumping, york raking, spreading loam	1,460.00	
Ela Services - equip stumping, york raking, hauling loam	442.50	
William Ela - labor mowing & cleanup	155.00	
Ela Services - equipment mowing & yard cleanup	108.75	10,102.07
Balance to Equity		806.51
PLANNING BOARD		
Balance from 2016		898.67
Appropriation		-
	Total Available	898.67
Paid: Southern Maine Regional Planning - dues	369.00	
Conway Daily Sun - public meeting	65.00	
Steven Dupuis	70.00	
Alden Brown, Jr	60.00	
Melvin Peterson	80.00	
Michael Mendonca	70.00	
Anthony Higgins	70.00	
Cynthia Layne	10.00	794.00
Balance to Equity		104.67
COMPUTER SYSTEM		
Balance from 2016		1,451.92
Paid: Computer Port - AVG Security	100.00	
Computer Port - new computer	1,027.00	
Computer Port - reissue lost check	35.00	
Staples Credit Plan - new printer	69.99	1,231.99
Balance to Equity		219.93

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE		
Balance from 2016		40.51
Appropriation		<u>200.00</u>
	Total Available	240.51
Paid: Central Maine Power - xmas tree		<u>195.36</u>
Balance to Equity		45.15
FRIENDS OF LOVELL RECREATION		
Balance from 2016		271.37
Appropriation		<u>2,228.63</u>
Donations		104.70
	Total Available	2,604.70
Paid: Lovell Recreation		<u>2,500.00</u>
Balance to 2018		104.70
GENERAL ASSISTANCE		
Appropriation		1,500.00
Paid:		<u>-</u>
Balance to Equity		1,500.00
FUEL FOR NEIGHBORS		
Balance from 2016		1,243.96
Paid:		<u>-</u>
Balance to 2018		1,243.96
TOWN ASSISTANCE:		
FUEL FOR NEIGHBORS - GIBSON		
Balance from 2016		2,500.00
Donation for Residents in Need (for xmas)		<u>200.00</u>
		2,700.00
Paid: Shaw's Gift Certificates 2 @ \$100.00		<u>200.00</u>
Balance to 2018		2,500.00
TAX RELIEF FOR ELDERLY - GIBSON		
Balance from 2016		2,766.05
Paid: two vouchers		<u>681.25</u>
Balance to 2018		2,084.80
RUBBISH & RECYCLABLES		
Balance from 2016		2,310.69
Taken from Equity		<u>37,700.00</u>
	Total Available	40,010.69
Paid: Mid -Maine Waste Action Corp.		10,831.25
Town of Lovell		<u>28,444.58</u>
Balance to Equity		39,275.83
		734.86
FRYEBURG RESCUE		
Appropriation		3,678.30
Appropriation - new unit		<u>1,000.00</u>
	Total Available	4,678.30
Paid: Fryeburg Rescue		<u>4,678.30</u>
		-
SACO VALLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT		
Appropriation		9,900.00
Appropriation for newer truck		<u>2,000.00</u>
	Total Available	11,900.00
Paid: Saco Valley Fire Department		<u>11,900.00</u>
		-
CARE OF CEMETERIES		
Balance from 2016		179.93
Appropriation		<u>1,320.00</u>
	Total Available	1,499.93
Trumballs Hardware - flags		71.52
William Ela - labor - mowing & cleanup		650.00
Ela Services - equipment - mowing & cleanup		<u>522.50</u>
Balance to Equity		1,244.02
		255.91

SCHOOLS	
Appropriation	496,734.53
Paid: MSAD #72	<u>496,734.53</u>
	-
COUNTY TAX	
Appropriation	38,682.00
Paid: Oxford County Treasurer	<u>38,682.00</u>
	-
LIFELIGHT FOUNDATION	
Appropriation	385.00
Paid: Lifelight Foundation	<u>385.00</u>
	-
COMMUNITY CONCEPTS	
Appropriation	600.00
Paid: Community Concepts	<u>600.00</u>
	-
CHARLOTTE HOBBS MEMORIAL LIBRARY	
Appropriation	1,685.00
Paid: Charlotte Hobbs Library	<u>1,685.00</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	200.00
Paid: Lovell Recreation	<u>200.00</u>
	-
INTERSTATE SNOGOERS	
Rec'd - Secretary of State for 2016	79.44
Paid: Interstate Snowgoers	<u>79.44</u>
	-
WESTERN MAINE VETERANS	
Appropriation	175.00
Paid: Western Maine Veterans	<u>175.00</u>
	-
BROWNFIELD FOOD PANTRY	
Appropriation	250.00
Paid: Brownfield Food Pantry	<u>250.00</u>
	-
SWEDEN FOOD PANTRY	
Appropriation	250.00
Paid: Sweden Food Pantry	<u>250.00</u>
	-
FISH & WILDLIFE	
Balance from 2016	176.00
Rec'd - Town Clerk	<u>1,391.75</u>
	1,567.75
Paid: Treasurer of State	<u>1,524.75</u>
Balance to 2018	43.00
	-
RV, BOAT, ATV REGISTRATIONS	
Balance from 2016	35.00
Rec'd Town Clerk	<u>2,989.00</u>
	3,024.00
Paid: Treasure of State	<u>2,278.00</u>
Balance to 2018	746.00
	-
ANIMAL WELFARE BOARD	
Balance from 2016	194.00
Rec'd Town Clerk	<u>338.00</u>
	532.00
Paid: Animal Welfare Board	<u>418.00</u>
Balance to 2018	114.00

VITAL STATISTICS		
Balance from 2016		2.00
Rec'd Town Clerk		<u>8.00</u>
		10.00
Paid: Treasure of State		<u>2.00</u>
Balance to 2018		8.00
MAINE SALES TAX		
Rec'd Town Clerk		1,395.29
Paid: Treasurer of State		<u>1,390.29</u>
		5.00
STATE WITHHOLDING		
Balance from 2016		130.00
Payroll Deductions		<u>632.25</u>
		762.25
Paid: Treasurer of State		<u>635.25</u>
Balance to 2018		127.00
FICA/ MED / FWH		
Payroll Deductions		6,225.35
Paid:		<u>6,225.35</u>
		-
BUILDING PERMITS		
Rec'd: Ronald McAllister		942.20
Paid: Ronald McAllister		<u>942.20</u>
		-
PLUMBING PERMITS		
Rec'd: Ronald McAllister		1,460.00
Paid: Ronald McAllister	615.00	
Treasurer of State	<u>205.00</u>	<u>820.00</u>
Balance to 2018		640.00
TAX ANTICIPATION NOTE		
Rec'd: Androscoggin Bank		200,000.00
Paid: Androscoggin Bank	200,000.00	
Interest	1,162.19	
Wire Transfer Fees	45.00	
Bernstein Shur - Bond Counsel	<u>950.00</u>	<u>202,157.19</u>
		(2,157.19)
Taken from Equity		<u>2,157.19</u>
		-
NATIONAL FOREST RESERVE		
Balance from 2016		9,609.36
Rec'd: Treasurer State of Maine		<u>7,016.40</u>
	Total Available	16,625.76
Transfer to Highway Account		<u>9,609.36</u>
Balance to 2018		7,016.40
ROADS BLOCK GRANT		
Balance from 2016		9,576.00
Rec'd: State of Maine		<u>9,728.00</u>
		19,304.00
Transfer to Highway Account		<u>9,576.00</u>
Balance to 2018		9,728.00

TAX COLLECTORS REPORT

Original Commitment	\$641,679.18
Paid Treasurer	
Unpaid Taxes as of Dec 31,2017	\$63,671.39

Algieri, Rhonda L.	\$588.79
Anderson, Michael & Tracy	\$1,047.57
Association for Parrot C.A.R.E.	\$475.43
Baker, Matthew & Cheryl	\$206.55
***Begley, Walter	\$321.25
***Bemis, Eben & Karen	\$1,171.86
Brayman, David M	\$1,371.86
***Buzzell, Cheryl A.	\$2,228.31
Carrier, Maurice J. & Betsy N.	\$3,017.09
*Crivello, Dominic	\$781.97
*Davis, Millard S. Trustee Wiley & Davis	\$2,214.34
*Davis, Millard S. Trustee Wiley & Davis	\$388.80
Davison, Richard A	\$1,141.98
Demaio, Justin P	\$1,338.19
**Derby, Thomas & Nancy	\$2,438.63
*Doyle, Marion	\$988.52
Erickson, Dana E.	\$279.86
Espinola, Dawn E.	\$437.40
Flagg, Richard J	\$279.69
Follett, Howard & Jaren	\$234.74
Franey, Myles & Claire	\$163.30
Garrity, Joseph K. Bereron, Kate J.	\$168.16
Genimatas, Vicki M.	\$1,160.50
Graves, Peter L. Sr & Gail M	\$732.04
Graves Peter Jr	\$794.37
Gray, Joel D & John F.	\$501.99
Great Land Associates Inc	\$159.41
Hassler, Daniel	\$171.80
Hefler, John	\$169.16
*Higgins, Anthony	\$928.50
**Hill, Michael & Alexandra	\$510.30
*Hubley, Robert & June	\$687.08
*Hubley, Robert & June	\$1,362.38
*Hubley, Robert & June	\$1,559.33
Jensen, Michael	\$288.56
Johanson, Brigit	\$267.82
Johanson, Brigit	\$423.06
JPDSMB LLC	\$1,015.13
Kearney, Leo & Pamela	\$1,298.71
Knapp, Timmy	\$773.35
Labonte, Albert	\$284.55
Labonte, Albert	\$269.00
Lacouture, Mark J.	\$724.75


Lagasse, Ann-Marie	\$1,761.19
*Lewis, Lonna L & Laurie K	\$612.12
*Mahoney, Robert J. & Jayne S.	\$285.77
Manfredi, Dana S. & Deana L	\$1,121.32
**Moore, Jr Richard & Lisa	\$1,467.36
Moore, Jr Richard & Lisa	\$1,407.43
Moran, John & Susan	\$1,417.30
*Morlock, Richard D.&Cynthia A.	\$2,206.09
**Murray, Jerusha	\$693.28
**Myers, Annette Ela & Andrew	\$1,884.10
O'Neil, Tamsen & Bryan, Kimberlee	\$309.16
Parmenter, Dorothy	\$585.39
Pelkie, Terry	\$340.20
Plowden, John S. & Carolynn A,	\$1,538.19
*Rogers, Brian & Jaren	\$381.51
*Routhier, Marcel & Christina	\$1,124.85
***Routhier, Marcel & Christina	\$246.06
Scott, Timothy	\$14.58
Seymour, Janet	\$3,039.44
Sherwood, Lynn T.	\$7.29
Smith, Errol S.	\$1,281.16
Smith, Steven & Candace	\$5,202.14
Stone, Terence J.	\$1,152.50
***Tufts, Steven & Spiller, Zoe S.	\$1,039.44
Walker, Douglas	\$396.58
Walker, Peggy	\$2,598.64
White, Brian	\$27.34
Whitmore, Samatha	\$2,048.73
*Wilkie, Robert & Lee Ann	\$171.56
Williams, Sarah fiske, Fiske, Francis III	\$239.36
*Willoughby, Gary & Anna	\$1,216.09

* Paid after Books Closed

** Partial Payment

*** Parial Payment after Books Closed

Respectfully Submitted


Christine Carone Tax Collector

TOWN CLERKS REPORT

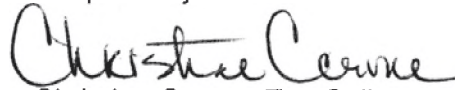
There were no births in Stow in 2017

There were three deaths in Stow in 2017

There was one marriages in Stow in 2017

There were 102 dogs licensed in 2017

Respectfully Submitted


Christine Carone Tax Collector

Treasurer's Report

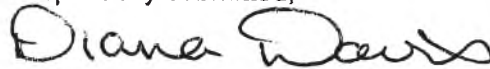
Balance in Treasury - January 1, 2017	176,947.99	
Received:		
TD Bank		
Public Finance Moneymarket	369.43	
Checking - interest	25.78	
Androscoggin Bank		
Tax Anticipation Loan	200,000.00	
New Sand & Salt Shed		
MDOT Cost Share	96,780.00	
Reimbursement Maine Bond Bank	194,722.96	
Gravel Income Income	4,456.00	
State Treasurer		
Revenue Sharing	13,818.92	
Roads Block Grant	9,728.00	
National Forest Reserve	7,016.40	
Veterans Reimbursement	447.00	
Tree Growth Refund	12,510.19	
State of Maine Snowmobile 2016	79.44	
Homestead Reimbursement	10,011.00	
Town Clerk		
Auto Excise	71,567.50	
Boat Excise	522.40	
Boat, Snowmobile,ATV Registration	2,989.00	
Sales Tax	1,395.29	
Fish and Wildlife	1,391.75	
Dogs(state)	338.00	
Dogs (town)	288.00	
Vital Statistics(state)	8.00	
Vital Statistics(town)	62.00	
Clerk Fees	1,592.85	
Plumbing Permits	1,460.00	
Building Permits	942.20	
Tree Growth Penalties	1,300.00	
Miscellaneous	3,108.60	
Friends of Lovell Recreation	104.70	
Donation for Residents in Need	200.00	
Tax Collector		
2014 Tax Liens	1,101.82	
2015 Tax Liens	10,864.17	
2016 Property Taxes	57,606.96	
2016 Personal Property Taxes	116.50	
2017 Property Taxes	576,588.35	
2017 Personal Property Taxes	1,399.14	
2018 Prepaid Taxes	581.85	
Supplemental Taxes	74.27	
Sale of Tax Aquired Property	1,556.58	
Interest from Taxes	3,420.82	1,467,493.86
Less Warrants 1-26		<u>1,315,911.37</u>
		151,582.49
Accounts Payable		<u>3,557.83</u>
Balance to 2018		155,140.32

Tax Lien:	2015	
*	Association for Parrot C.A.R.E.	\$452.52
*	Johanson, Brigit	\$267.60
*	Johanson, Brigit	\$463.03
	Parmenter, Dorothy	\$636.67
*	Rogers, Brian & Karen	\$438.25
*	White, Brian	\$25.43

Tax Lien:	2016	
***	Assoc for Parrot C.A.R.E.	\$542.36
	Carrier, Maurice & Betsy	\$2,690.66
	Espinola, Dawn Adinistratrix	\$504.36
	Flagg, Richard	\$346.73
**	Gray, Joel & John	\$541.73
***	Johanson, Brigit	\$321.09
	Johanson, Brigit	\$486.28
	Labonte, Albert J.	\$351.59
	Labonte, Albert J.	\$366.04
	Parmenter, Dorothy	\$652.27
*	Plowden, John S & Carolynn A.	\$1,684.57
*	Rogers, Karen & Brian	\$448.50
**	Seymour, Janet	\$3,118.26
	White, Brian	\$26.21

* Paid after books closed ** Partial payment
 *** Partial Payment after books closed

Respectfully submitted,



Diana Davis, Treasurer

Fryeburg Rescue Town Report for 2017

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

First and foremost I want to thank all of the citizens of the Towns we cover for your continued support of Fryeburg Rescue. We could not do our job as well as we do without it. Secondly, I want to thank all of the Fire Departments as well as all of the Law Enforcement agencies for assisting us on calls. Whether we need some lifting help or assistance with a carryout of patients hurt on trails we could not complete our task without their willingness and dedication.

The state has changed our reporting system and by doing this we can get detailed information about all of our calls. (This system was implemented for us April 1st, 2017)

The following are some statistics that I thought people would be interested in:

1. We responded to 841 calls for our service in 2017
2. The average en-route time to a call from the time we are requested is 4.25 minutes.
3. The average time to the scene from when we leave the station is 9.44 minutes.
4. The busiest day for calls is Saturday and usually between Noon and 9:00 P.M.
5. 29% of calls were for people under age 30, 25% were for those between 30 and 60, 27% were for people over 60 and 19% were for those over 80.

Our Rescue Station is physically staffed from 6:00 A.M. through 6:00 P.M., 7 days a week with 2 people available. At night we schedule 2 or 3 staff on-call. (We strive to position 1 person in Fryeburg, 1 in Brownfield and 1 in Lovell.)

If any organization or person would like to attend a CPR course or a Basic First Aid class please call us and we will make the appropriate arrangements. Several of our members are American Heart Association Instructors and we are glad to sponsor these classes.

We are always looking for people who would like to join our organization. EMS is an excellent way for you to serve your community, while learning some very valuable skills. Applications are available in our Rescue station, please stop by to inquire or apply.

The Fryeburg Rescue EMS officers for the 2017 calendar year were the following and 2018 Officers will be elected in February.

Chief, Stephen Goldsmith
Deputy Chief, Eric Meltzer

The Board of Directors for the 2018 Calendar Year Are:

President, Julie Ontengco
Secretary, James Oliver
Treasurer, Bob Ramsay

Other Board Members include Bill Kane, Eric Meltzer, Joann Sparks, and Philip Remington

Contributions to Fryeburg Rescue are gladly accepted. Please send donations to Fryeburg Rescue, P.O. Box 177, Fryeburg Maine 04037

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

Respectfully Submitted by,
Stephen Goldsmith, Chief of Fryeburg Rescue 2017
925-2572(home) or 935-3024 (station)

January 14, 2018

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. We consider ourselves fortunate to serve such a strong, supportive, and cooperative community along with our fellow first responders. Through the dedication of our volunteers we have responded to 77 calls for service. This is a 25% increase in call volume over last year, and we expect this upward trend to continue.

A fire department must be ready to respond to any call to action, in all conditions, at all times. To ensure our readiness and the continued safety of our membership, we must be compliant with all state and federal regulations and standards. These require regular replacement of necessary equipment for our personnel and apparatus. We will soon need to replace tires on our trucks, communication equipment will need to be updated, and a specialty washer and dryer capable of washing turnout gear and removing carcinogens will be required.

Through our connections with other local emergency services, we have graciously received equipment at little to no cost to taxpayers. A special thank you goes to Denmark Fire Department, for making available our new Engine 2 at very little cost. Next, we must share our appreciation of Fryeburg Fire Department for donating airpacks as well as a cascade system for filling air bottles. We would be remiss if we did not take this opportunity to recognize the donations we have received from the generous members of our community. Lastly, thank you to the Mulford Fund for providing the means to update our forestry gear, FLIR camera, and gas meter.

Our volunteer membership works hard to maximize fundraising as well. We strive to make our fundraising events focal points in our community calendar. Who doesn't enjoy pancakes on a February morning; and what would August be without Chicken BBQ? This past year we have also added a 5k as a way to gather together for fun and fitness.

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, and ensure you always have two clear exits available. Know that we stand ready to aid at any time, and that your contribution aids our readiness and your community.

Thank you,

Chief John Plowden, for the Saco Valley Fire Association

2017 Fire Calls

	Fryeburg	Stow	Chatham	Totals
no incident found	4			4
Tree On Wires /arching	2	3		5
motor vehicle accident	14	1	2	17
cooking fires	1			1
electrical problem		1		1
building fire	3			3
unauthorized burn	2			2
alarm activation	2	1	1	4
Chimney fire		1		1
power line down	8	3	2	13
tree down	3		1	4
Brush fire	1		1	2
Assist rescue	2	3	4	9
			2 were carry outs	
cancelled enroute			1	1
citizen assist	1			1
smoke/odor removal	2			2
false alarm	2		1	1
Co incident	1			1
water rescue	1			1
Vehicle Fire	2			2
Totals	51	13	13	77

Oxford County Sheriff's Office

Wayne J. Gallant Sheriff

Sheriff
Wayne J. Gallant

Chief Deputy
Hart L. Daley



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

January 22, 2018

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, 2017 to December 31, 2017.

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 2017 for your municipality.

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

Sincerely,

Hart L. Daley
Acting Sheriff



Oxford County Sheriff's Office

Law Incident Analysis, Time Reported, Stow

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	0	0	0	0	0	0
03:00-03:59	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
04:00-04:59	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
05:00-05:59	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
06:00-06:59	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	3
07:00-07:59	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	4
08:00-08:59	0	0	2	2	0	1	0	5
09:00-09:59	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
10:00-10:59	0	2	4	1	0	0	0	7
11:00-11:59	1	1	2	1	0	0	0	5
12:00-12:59	3	1	0	2	2	2	0	10
13:00-13:59	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
14:00-14:59	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15:00-15:59	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	4
16:00-16:59	2	0	0	1	2	0	1	6
17:00-17:59	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
18:00-18:59	1	1	0	1	2	1	0	6
19:00-19:59	1	1	0	2	1	0	0	5
20:00-20:59	0	2	0	0	0	1	1	4
21:00-21:59	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
22:00-22:59	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	3
23:00-23:59	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Total by Day	13	10	14	11	9	9	4	70

Report Includes:

All dates between '00:00:00 01/01/17' and '23:59:59 12/31/17', All agencies matching '0900', All offenses observed, All offenses reported, All offense codes, All nature of incidents, All location codes matching 'STOW'



Oxford County Sheriff's Office

Law Total Incident Report, by Location, Nature, Stow

Location: Stow

<u>Nature of Incident</u>	<u>Total Incidents</u>
Agency Assistance	5
Animal Noise	4
Animal Problem	2
Assault	1
Attempt to Locate	2
Breathing Problems	1
Child Abuse or Neglect	2
Civil Complaint	3
Internet Crimes	1
Criminal Mischief	2
Detail	1
Domestic Problem	1
TELEPHONE HANG UP CALL	2
Domestic	2
Fraud	1
Gaming And Weapons	2
Harassment	1
Juvenile Problem	5
Accident	2
Wrong Number	1
Traffic Accident w/ Damage	1
Traffic Accident, w/ Injuries	1
Request Call	3
Request Officer	1
Seizures	1
Illegal Shooting Weapons	1
Suicide	1
Suspicious Person/Circumstance	3
Auto Theft	1
Threat	1
Traffic Complaint	1
Traffic Violation	2
Trespassing	2
Unwanted Tenant	1
Vehicle Off Rd	1
VIN Number Inspection	1
Welfare Check	7
Total Incidents for This Location	70

Total reported: 70

Report Includes:

All dates between `00:00:00 01/01/17` and `23:59:59 12/31/17`, 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



Oxford County Sheriff's Office

Law Total Incident, by Agency, All Offense Codes, Stow

Agency: Oxford County Sheriff's Office

<u>Offense</u>	<u>Total Incidents</u>
911 hangup call (911H)	2
Ambulance or Medical Assist (AMAS)	2
Assault No Weapon, Agg Injury (ANAI)	2
Animal Problem Barking Dog (ANBD)	1
Animal Problem (ANPR)	1
Assault, Simple (ASIM)	1
Agency Assist (ASST)	4
Attempt to Locate (ATL)	2
Back Ground Employment Invest. (BACK)	1
Citizen Dispute (CDIS)	2
Child Abuse or Neglect (CHAN)	2
Child Watch (CHIL)	3
Civil Dispute (CIDS)	2
Criminal Mischief (CMIS)	3
Computer Crime/Complaint (COMP)	1
Concealed Weapon Permit Check (CWPC)	2
Domestic Incident (DOME)	2
Family Fight ++++ (FAMF)	2
False Information or Report (FIPO)	1
Fraud (FRAU)	1
Harassment (HARS)	1
Juvenile Problem (JVP)	4
Misdialed Number to 911 (MISD)	1
Obstructing Justice (OBST)	2
Request Call (RCAL)	4
Request Officer (ROFF)	1
Suicide (SUIC)	1
Suspicion (SUSP)	3
Traffic Accident NonRep (TANR)	2
Traffic Accident, Prop Damage (TAPD)	2
Traffic Accident, Pers Injury (TAPI)	1
Threatening (THRE)	1
Traffic Offense (TOFF)	3
Trespassing (TRES)	2
Vehicle Serial # Inspection (VIIN)	1
Welfare Check (WELF)	7
Weapons Offense (WOFF)	1
Total Incidents for This Agency: 74	

Total reported: 74

2017 Fire and EMS Calls by Town

Fire	
Town	Total Calls
Adamstown	1
Albany Twp	24
Andover	38
Baldwin	3
Bethel	144
Brownfield	79
Buckfield	80
Byron	3
Canton	49
Denmark	49
Dixfield	64
Fryeburg	168
Gilead	14
Grafton Notch	3
Greenwood	29
Hanover	22
Hartford	34
Hebron	47
Hiram	37
Lincoln Plant	3
Lovell	61
Lynchtown Twp	1
Mason Twp	2
Mexico	126
Milton Twp	1
Minot	7
Newry	86
Norway	191
Otisfield	64
Oxford	222
Paris	250
Peru	56
Porter	20
Riley Twp	1
Roxbury	29
Rumford	208
Stoneham	8
Stow	18
Sumner	32
Sweden	44
Upton	1
Waterford	54
West Paris	59
Woodstock	69
Total	2501

EMS	
Town	Total Calls
Adamstown	2
Albany Twp	34
Andover	86
Baldwin	9
Bethel	296
Brownfield	139
Buckfield	173
Byron	8
Canton	205
Denmark	89
Dixfield	258
Fryeburg	469
Gilead	18
Grafton Notch	3
Greenwood	97
Hanover	39
Hartford	90
Hebron	146
Hiram	58
Lincoln Plant	1
Lovell	107
Magalloway Pln	1
Mason Twp	5
Mexico	451
Milton Twp	4
Minot	6
Newry	99
Norway	861
Otisfield	158
Oxford	615
Paris	987
Peru	129
Porter	42
Riley Twp	2
Roxbury	41
Rumford	1588
Stoneham	21
Stow	21
Sumner	89
Sweden	25
Upton	6
Waterford	136
West Paris	307
Wilson Mills	1
Woodstock	203
Total	8125

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 _____ 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 , _____ 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.

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January 3, 2018

Dear Friends,

Representing Maine in the United States Senate is an honor.

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

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

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

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

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

Best,

Angus S. King
United States Senator

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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 from this past year.

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

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

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

We owe our veterans so much. Last year, I worked to secure the authorization of a Community-Based Outpatient Clinic in Portland to support the health care of Maine's veterans in the southern part of our state. I also worked to secure funding extensions to help veterans throughout rural Maine receive health care within their communities. I also worked to secure funding for housing vouchers for veterans to reduce veterans' homelessness.

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

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

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

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

I appreciate the opportunity to serve Oxford County and Maine in the United States Senate. If ever I can be of assistance to you, please contact my Lewiston office at 207-784-6969 or visit my website at www.collins.senate.gov. May 2018 be a good year for you, your family, your community, and our state.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins
United States Senator



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Governor

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Jonathan P. LaBonté
Director

October 26, 2017

Dear Municipal Stakeholder,

You are receiving this letter to provide further clarification on your potential obligations under a broadened Conservation Lands Registry, which was expanded by the 128th Legislature this year. Given feedback received since the expanded registry opened on October 1, 2017, this letter encourages you to direct additional questions to the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) so we can assist you quickly.

Public Law 2017, chapter 284, section TT amends 33 M.R.S. § 479-A—the Conservation Lands Registry—to read as follows:

"A holder of a conservation easement or a fee owner of land for conservation purposes that is organized or doing business in the State shall annually report to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry the book and page number at the registry of deeds for each conservation easement that it holds or each parcel owned in fee for conservation purposes, the municipality, the approximate number of acres protected under each easement or parcel owned, the approximate number of acres that are exempt from taxation pursuant to Title 36, section 652 for which the municipality or county does not receive payments in lieu of taxes and such other information as the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry determines necessary to fulfill the purposes of this subchapter. The filing must be made by a date and on forms established by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to avoid duplicative filings when possible and otherwise reduce administrative burdens. The annual filing must be accompanied by a \$80 fee."

Following further consultation, we are clarifying that all holders of conservation easements remain obligated to continue their filings pursuant to 33 M.R.S. § 479-C. This includes, but is not limited to, municipalities, state agencies, federal agencies, water districts, watershed associations, and land trusts. Those entities owning parcels that are exempt from taxation under Title 36, section 651 (public property) are not obligated to include those parcels in their annual filing. OPM will aggregate total values for properties they own from the respective municipal valuation returns filed with the Property Tax Division of Maine Revenue Services.

To be respectful of your time as a potential registrant (should you hold conservation easements not yet registered), and to be flexible in the 2017 reporting period based on constructive feedback received to date, the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry will now accept submissions through December 31, 2017. The registry has had some additional changes since its launch, based on feedback and to improve the tool for registrants. Should there be additional questions or a need for assistance as you submit your data, please communicate with OPM at maine.opm@maine.gov or by calling 207-287-2879 and we will gladly assist you.

In its role in support of the first reporting period for the registry, OPM will be preparing a summary report for the Governor as well as the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry. This includes establishing an integration of the data from the registry into the conservation lands layer at the Maine Office of GIS to further improve public access to data and conservation planning for all stakeholders. A draft of that analysis will be provided to you, as a stakeholder, for feedback on the analysis and further improvements to the registry for 2018.

Sincerely,

Jonathan P. LaBonté



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Annual Report to the Town of Stow
A Message from Senator Lisa Keim

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

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

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

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

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

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

While we accomplished much, there is still a lot of work ahead of us next session. Again, thank you for putting your trust in me to represent you in Augusta. Please feel free to contact me if you need my help in navigating the state bureaucracy. I can be reached at home, 562-6023, in Augusta at 287-1505, or by email at Lisa.Keim@legislature.maine.gov.

Sincerely,

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