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**Town of Surry**  
**Annual Report**  
**2017-2018**

Annual Report  
Town of Surry  
Maine  
Fiscal Year Ending  
June 30, 2016  
and the  
Warrant for the  
2017 Annual Town  
Meeting  
April 24, 2017

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**~Scheduled Meetings for the Board of Selectmen  
Fiscal Year July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018~**

July 5 & 18  
August 1 & 15  
September 5 & 19  
October 3 & 17  
November 7 & 21  
December 5 & 19

January 2 & 16  
February 6 & 20  
March 6 & 20  
April 3 & 17  
May 1 & 15  
June 5 & 19

\*All Selectmen meetings are held at the Municipal Office's meeting room on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month beginning at 7pm unless otherwise posted.

These meetings are always open to the public.

\*The Surry Board of Assessors meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Appointments are necessary to see the Assessors. Appointments can be made by calling the Town Office prior to the meeting.

\*Partial payments on taxes are welcome at any time. Payments must be applied to the oldest tax bill. For questions, call the Surry Town Office.

\*Code Enforcement hours are Tuesdays from 4-7PM.

**~Taxes are due September 30<sup>th</sup> and March 30<sup>th</sup> ~**

The Surry Town Office Observes and will be closed on the following Holidays:

Independence Day~ July 4, 2017  
Labor Day~ September 4, 2017  
Columbus Day~ October 9, 2017  
Veteran's Day~ November 11, 2017  
Thanksgiving Recess~  
November 23 & 24, 2017

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day~  
January 15, 2018  
President's Day~ February 19, 2018  
Patriots' Day~ April 16, 2018  
Memorial Day~ May 28, 2018

The Surry Town office will be closed December 25th and will  
remain closed until January 2, 2018

Cover Photo: "Barred Owl" Submitted by Elizabeth Volkwein  
"Milky Way over Morgan Bay" submitted by Alfred Judd

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Thank you to all who contributed to this year's town report.

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The taxpayers list is available at the town office and on our website.

**Town of Surry Officials and Committee Members**

**Selectboard, Assessors & General Assistance Administrators**

Stephen D. Bemiss, Chairman 2017

William I. Matlock 2018

Rebecca K. Collison 2019

**Office Manager, Town Clerk, Registrar, E-911 Addressing Officer**

Angela Smith

**Tax Collector**

Darcel Winslow

**Treasurer**

Tom Welgoss

**Road Commissioner**

Stanley Saunders

**Animal Control Officer, Code Enforcement & Plumbing Inspector**

Timothy Ferrell

**Harbor Master**

William Caddoo

**School Committee**

Marlene Tallent, Chair 2017

Michelle Berger 2018

Donald Driscoll 2019

Patricia Jencks 2019

Joan Welgoss 2017

**Superintendent of Schools**

Mark Hurvitt

**Principal-Surry Elementary School**

Fred Cole

**Recreation Committee**

Valerie Moon, Chair

Brian Folckemer

Michael Bishop (coach)

**Planning Board**

William Barker, Chair

Dan McGraw

Wayne Moon

Robert Wilson

Don Ervin

Phillip Frederick

Margaret Smith

Jordan Shubert, Assoc.

Jacqueline Gray, Assoc.

Darcel Winslow, Secretary

**Board of Appeals**

Daniel Sullivan

Michael Locke

Robert Newman

**Finance Committee**

Theodore Fletcher, Chair

Alfred Judd

David Hollenberg

Moira O'Neill

Dale Sprinkle

**Investment Committee**

Robert Capen

William Doak

Theodore Fletcher

Thomas Grogean

David Snow

Thomas Welgoss

**Conservation Commission**

Nancy Hathaway, Chair

Thomas Minogue

Sharon Minogue

Lucy Leaf

Moira O'Neill

**Alewife Committee**

Charles Guilford  
Joe Hermans  
Barbara Tedesco  
Patrick Tedesco  
Ralph Topham  
Greg Weaver  
Theodore Fletcher  
Norman Mrozicki, Co-Chair  
Susan Shetterly, Co-Chair

**Cemetery Trustees**

Stanley Saunders (North Bend Cemetery)  
Gerald Lord (Village Cemetery)  
Wilbur Saunders ( W. Surry and Cunningham Ridge Cemeteries)  
Darcel Winslow ( Newbury Neck and Morgan Bay Cemeteries)  
Patricia Saunders  
Marjorie Saunders

**Transfer Station Committee**

William Matlock  
Stephen Bemiss  
Rebecca Collison  
Vaughn Leach, Chair  
John Bannister  
Jim Schatz  
Jeff Jewett, Manager  
Darcel Winslow, Secretary

**Old School House Committee**

Sarah Coletti  
Gary Mosley  
Riva O'Rourke  
Jordan Shubert  
Lynne Shubert  
Maria Zeamer  
Rick Zeamer  
Glyneta Thomson, Chair



**Surry Fire Department**

Richard Black, Chief  
Reggie Winslow, Asst. Chief  
Bill Mulhern, Captain  
Wayne Moon  
Russell Smith  
Michael Locke  
Jeff Grantham  
Darren Robinson  
Elizabeth Volkwein  
Pam Morse  
Mark Wark  
Sandra Rhodes  
Bryan McLellan  
Josh Murray  
Fred Allen  
Eric Carlson  
Volante Carlson  
Brian Roach  
~Honorary Members~  
Corey Esposito  
John Kurtz

**Ballot Clerks**

**Republican**

Mark Anderson  
Virginia Gibson  
Gary Mosley  
Marie Macy  
Dan Sullivan  
Marjorie Saunders  
Lois Stevens  
Ruth Waugh  
Katherine Smith  
Diane Capen  
Pat Jencks  
**Democrat**  
Rebecca Collison

Sandra Snow  
Virginia Hawrylycz  
Jane Smith  
Lois Quinn  
Mary Anne Mytar  
Betsy Armstrong  
Sonya Connelly  
Marie Merkel  
Edward Beach  
Loren Snow

**Sealer of Weights & Measures**

John Bannister

**Tree Warden**

Joseph Stockbridge, Chairman  
Ron Poitras

**Constables**

Richard Bishop  
Patrick Kane, Deputy

**Senator Brian Langley**

**(207)287-1505**

**Brian.Langley@legislature.maine.gov**

**Representative Ralph Chapman**

**(207)326-0899**

**Ralph.Chapman@legislature.maine.gov**

*~DEDICATION~*

*This year's Surry Town Report is dedicated to John Larson, our Code Enforcement Officer and Plumbing Inspector since January 2003. John decided to lighten his work load and retired from the Town of Surry in December of 2016. We will miss his extraordinary knowledge and dedication to detail. Thank you John, for a wonderful 14 years of service to the Town.*

### **Board of Selectpersons:**

Once again it's been a relatively quiet year. Perhaps February's snow activities might have shaken some folds, but as I sit here on March first, it looks like things are back to normal.

The administrative budget is complete for all intents, etc. We'll review it for the finance committee this evening.

Later on we'll be talking with the finance members about renovations and enlarging the fire house. If all goes well we are planning for a special town meeting to okay construction starting late summer or early fall. As you will hear in greater depth, the addition is needed for the fire department to come to code, for safety and storage. There will be no change to the town office.

I want to thank the fire men for their work on the Osgood trail last fall and, in advance, say thanks again for their spring work.

Our on-going paving project on the Newbury Neck Rd will go approximately 700+ feet again this year. This portion will be especially difficult in that several culverts will need changing with some of them in odd situations. The road commissioner and I decided to stop close to the pines and complete the job next year at the O'Neill's driveway.

Since I'm talking about land beautification, I want to thank Wesmac for the yard addition that a-joins the town landing. It certainly reminds me of our maritime roots. It fits in nicely thanks to Steve and Linda.

At this time, the broadband age in Surry is just beginning. By town meeting time it may be a reality thanks to Bill Matlock.

Another addition to our town is our own mobile free radar. We did have to pony up for the trailer, but the unit with its own solar panel will be seen this spring, probably in many places around town. We hope the speed reminder can help keep our roads safe.

In closing: My thanks to all of the people that keep the town on an even keel. All the committee folks, Angela and Darcel, the best office folks in Hancock County and beyond. Tom Welgoss, Tim Ferrell, Chief Black and his fire crew, Ken Dugas, Stanley Saunders. All of you, when I look around at other towns, I see how fortunate we are.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Bemiss, Chairman  
Board of Selectpersons

**Town Clerks Report-**  
**Vital Statistics and Records:**

Children born to residents: Female =7 Male = 8

Marriage Licenses issued in Surry: 6

Deaths in Surry: 10

Licenses & Registrations sold in calendar year 2016:

- Hunt and/or Fish=97
- Cars/Trucks/Trailers=1074
- Boats=244
- Snowmobiles=15
- ATV's=57
- Dog tags=116

As always, dog licenses are available beginning **Oct 15** of each year. Avoid late fees by licensing prior to January 31.

And one last final thought-THANK YOU to all of my election workers who are so eagerly willing to help out whenever they are needed.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Angela Smith, Clerk

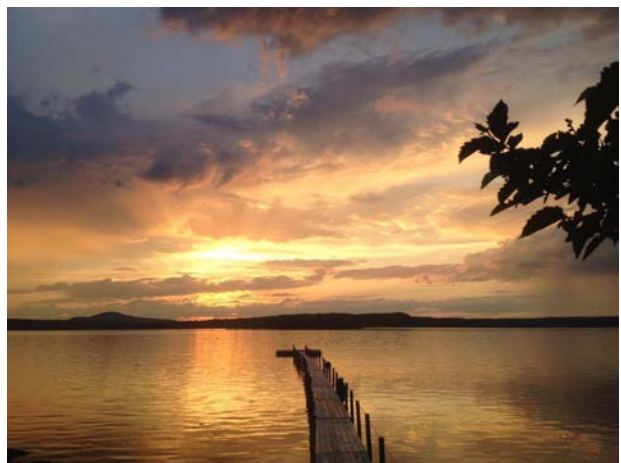


Photo Submitted by Elizabeth Volkwein

**Surry Fuel Assistance Program:**

The mild winter of 2016-2017 has allowed the request for fuel assistance by Surry residents to remain about the same as the previous year. Total expenditures for the year to date (7-1-16 to 3-1-17) were \$742.62. Four households totaling ten people received help.

Generous Surry residents contributed \$1,650.27 to this fund, leaving a current balance of \$22,134.48. It is important to remember that no local tax money is used in the Surry Fuel Assistance program. It's all Surry residents helping other Surry residents.

**General Assistance Report:**

The need for Surry residents to be helped through General Assistance in 2016-2017 (07-01-16 to 03-01-2017) was lower than in the previous year. This is evidence of slowly improving economic times in Maine and a mild winter. The Surry GA clients are a varied group, ranging from young mothers with small children to the elderly. None of these clients want to be in the financial situation in which they find themselves. After an extensive interview by the GA Administrator to insure qualifications of eligibility/ineligibility under State guidelines, the client is helped as much as possible.

Year to date (07-01-2016 to 03-01-2017) the amount GA has expended is \$1,007.62, leaving a current balance of \$8,992.38. This reflected actions in 4 GA cases, helping 6 people. It is important to remember that the State of Maine will reimburse the Town of Surry 70% of the GA expenses or about \$705.33. This results in a net cost to Surry of \$307.29. The 2017-2018 budget for GA was increased to \$11,430, which is a \$30 increase.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rebecca Collison  
GA Administrator

### **Code Enforcement Office:**

The changing economic conditions were reflected in the number of permits issued in the calendar year 2016. The code enforcement office issued 59 building permits in 2016, as compared to 43 in 2015. The estimated cost of construction in 2016 was \$1,820,781 as compared to \$1,705,869 in 2015.

John Larson, the Town of Surry Code Enforcement Officer and Local Plumbing Inspector, retired from service in Surry effective December 31, 2016. John's encyclopedic knowledge of code issues, and his long local memory, were an invaluable resource that will be sorely missed. As his deputy for the past several years, I felt fortunate to work with someone as knowledgeable, and as generous with his knowledge, as John was. His shoes will be hard to fill, and I join with the Town of Surry in expressing our sincere gratitude to John Larson for his many years of service as CEO and LPI. May the wind be always at your back, John.

It is the Code Enforcement Office's continuing goal to assist residents of Surry with all construction projects and answer any questions relating to the Unified Development Ordinance. Please call us at 667-5912 or e-mail [surryceo@roadrunner.com](mailto:surryceo@roadrunner.com)

### **Animal Control Officer:**

During the past year, there were several calls regarding lost dogs, a few cases of dogs-at-large, and several calls regarding nuisance wildlife. the year was fairly calm compared to the previous few years.

All dogs in the Town of Surry must be registered at the Town Office. Proof of current rabies vaccination is required as part of the registration process. The nominal fee, \$6.00 for a neutered dog and \$11 for a non-neutered dog, helps support many worthwhile programs in the State of Maine. These programs include: the investigation of animal cruelty complaints and enforcement of animal welfare laws, compliance with rabies vaccinations for dogs, the return of lost dogs to their owners, and local Animal Control Officers and District Humane agents.

It is important to understand that in the case of stray animals, the Animal Control Officer (ACO) may not be able to collect a stray unless there is a shelter open to receive it. For example, the shelter that the Surry contracts with is closed evenings and weekends. A stray animal may need food and shelter until the ACO can reasonably be expected to collect the animal and deliver it to an accredited shelter. In such cases, the Town Office should also be notified in case the owner comes forward. Both the Town and the ACO are committed to providing good outcomes for stray animals within the appropriate limitations under which they operate.

As a reminder, it is unlawful for any dog to run at large except when it is used for hunting. "At large" means off the premises of the owner and not under control of any person.

Sincerely,

Tim Ferrell  
Animal Control Officer  
Code Enforcement Officer  
Local Plumbing Inspector

### **Planning Board Report:**

For the year of 2016, the Surry Planning Board reviewed 5 applications and all were approved. In the Limited Residential zone we approved applications for 2 new residential homes, 2 additions and 1 garage accessory dwelling. The Board welcomed Jacqueline Gray as our newest alternate member. Currently the board has 7 full voting members and 2 alternates.

2016 presented the board with a challenge of updating the Unified Development Ordinance or "UDO". This needed to be done so it would harmonize with the newly updated comprehensive plan that was voted on and approved previously. There were numerous errors, omissions and inconsistencies within the document that the UDO really needed to "complete overhaul" so to speak. However, it needed to stay consistent with the wishes and vision plan. This was no easy task and there were several work sessions that were held in addition to our regular meetings in order to get this accomplished.

I would be remiss without mentioning the excellent advice from Dave Hollenberg and many others to help complete the over haul. I know without that help, the job would have proved to be much more onerous. A big thank you to all that assisted the board in wading through all of the ordinances to finish it in time for a town vote this past year. In the end, the Town approved the changes made by the planning board that resulted in a much better, clearer and consistent UDO. Many changes were simply housekeeping items and typographical errors. In addition, a new floodplain management ordinance was approved to our UDO as well. That was reviewed by the Department of Agriculture Conservation and Forestry and was found to be compliant with the requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program. NFIP affords flood insurance and disaster assistance to all those in Surry needing it.

I wish to thank all the members of the planning board for all of their hard work and patience. At times things can be trying for certain but being able to work through knowing it is our service to our home town that makes it worth it.

One last thank you is in order and that is to John Larson. John has worked as our CEO for a long time and is now retired. A big thank you to John for working for and with the Town of Surry. Tim Ferrell has now become our full time CEO. Thanks to you both.

Respectfully Submitted,

Williams S. Barker  
Chairman, Surry Planning Board



### **Road Commissioner's Report:**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and help in accomplishing the work that was performed this calendar year.

2016-2017 was a normal year for the highway program, with no major problems.

Sweeping of sand accumulated from salt sand from winter is done annually. This includes sweeping of most all town roads, intersections and town office parking areas.

Ditching and shoulder repair was done on the Jellison Ridge Rd, Newbury Neck Rd, Patten Pond Rd and Surry Play House Rd in the most needed areas. There were several culvert replacements installed as well.

A reconstruction project and paving was done and completed from Bonsey Lane to just before Allen Morse's on the Newbury Neck Rd. Because of necessity, this portion was reconstructed and widened. There will be more reconstruction added to the North end in the upcoming year on above mentioned road.

A crack sealant was applied to the area by Carter Farm Lane which is a continuation of what was sealed last year.

Ray McDonald continues doing our roadside mowing and we are satisfied with the great job he does.

The roadside trees and bush cutting was done on Newbury Neck Rd, where needed.

The snowplow contract with Ken Dugas continues through 2016-2017 season, which includes the plowing and sanding of the Surry roads. He and his crew continue to provide excellent service in keeping our roads open and safe during the winter season.

Our perspective for the upcoming year is to continue concentrating on new projects, roadside ditching, grading, repair of shoulders and replacement of culverts as needed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stanley G. Saunders  
Road Commissioner

## **Report of the Old Surry Village Schoolhouse Rehabilitation Project :**

At the special town meeting in April 2016, the voters overwhelmingly (91-29) voted to allow the Old Surry Village Schoolhouse Preservation Group, with Chester Kane as clerk of the works, to rehabilitate the Old Surry Village School.

In the past year, volunteers have been very busy working on the school. Work accomplished to date: 7 loads of gravel spread to resurface the parking lot, removal of interior downstairs wall sheathing, rest rooms and furnace room. Removal of upstairs kitchen area. East wall foundation replaced and wall repaired. New siding replaced where needed. Flag pole pulley replaced and pole painted. Lower half of building scraped and re-painted. Dan McGraw of Atlantic Engineering donated detailed plans of the building and its requirements to comply with Fire Safety Codes and ADA requirements. These architectural drawings submitted to Selectmen and State Fire Marshal for Barrier Free Permit. The Old School was again perused by Chris Closs of Maine Preservation and suggestions for retaining the buildings historic features were obtained.

In October, our 1st annual "Fall Festival" was a resounding success with 16 craft vendors, live music, and approximately 300 visitors helping us raise over \$2000 for your school. We had a substantial money/donation challenge, we have matched that and more in fundraising for building repairs. We are still in need of funds and are actively seeking grant funds and donations for this Town beautification project. The Osmond Bonsey family, upon his death, asked that donations in his honor be made to the Old Surry Village Schoolhouse Rehabilitation Project. Winter put work on hold.



*Surry Village School 1872-1952*

*Prudence See ©2016*

As you read this report, work should be progressing on downstairs floors, walls, doors, and staircase to bring the building in compliance to be eligible for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places.

You, the residents, placed your trust in us to rehabilitate your building. We are working diligently to uphold that trust. With your continued support monetarily and with volunteer help, we will succeed. Please feel free to call any member of the group with questions or for a guided tour to view your building.

Old Surry Village Schoolhouse Preservation Group

Glyneta Thomson, Gary Mosley, Rick Zeamer, Sarah Colletti, Riva O'Rourke, Silvia Zeamer, John Curtis and Ruth Waugh

### **Surry Alewife Committee:**

In May of last year the alewives came back to Patten Stream and encountered a brand new weir and pool system to help them through the culvert under Route 172. They swam up so quickly they were hard to see. They passed from one weir to another like shadows and were gone upstream.

Our job now is to attempt a fish count, and to keep the beaver dams open so the fish can get through. This means making spillways in the dams that the beavers, come nighttime, build back up. We do not hurt a single beaver in this work.

We invite you to join our committee and help us to continue overseeing our historic alewife run.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Hand Shetterly  
Norman Mrozicki



Photo taken by Elizabeth Volkwein

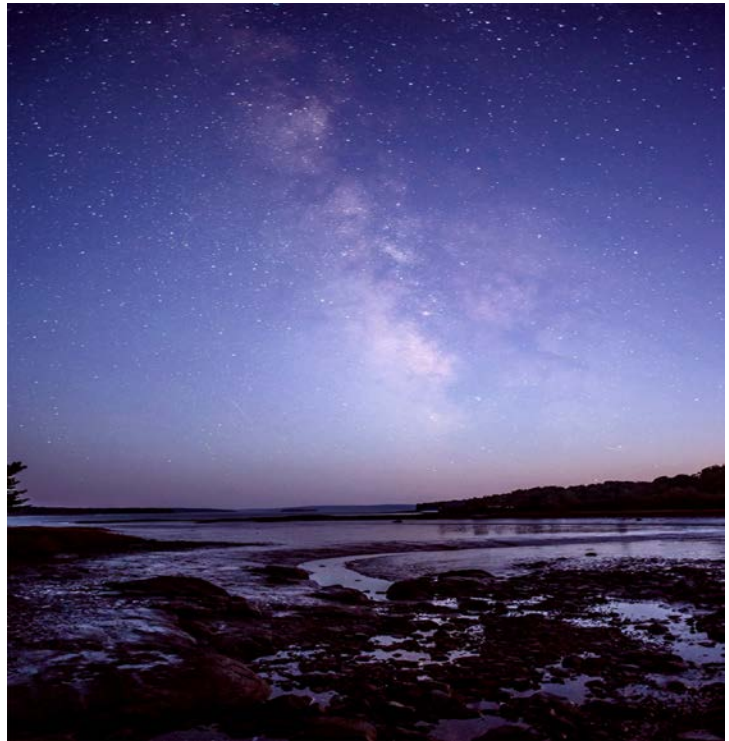
## Surry Conservation Commission:

The members of the Commission are Lucy Leaf, Tom and Sharon Minogue, Moira O'Neill and Nancy Hathaway, Chairperson.

This past year our attention has been given to two items: an event on Carrying Place Beach called Stars of Surry, and some members of the Commission working with the Trash Action Group to help promote and implement the 3 R's of waste management: Reduce, Re-use, Recycle in the Peninsula area. It is our intention in the future to increase our awareness of important and unique animal and plant habitats within Surry, including wildlife corridors relevant to the wider region.

In past years, the event, Stars over Surry beam with camp fire that was extinguished, around sunset, when the sky darkened. In order to see the stars, we need to keep light from shining up to

the sky. With more than 60 participants sitting in chairs or lying on blankets, Charlotte Clews guided us through the summer stars. Surry, across from Acadia National Park, in Downeast Maine, along with the North Maine Woods has the largest area of Dark Sky east of the Mississippi River. The reason, we have less light pollution here, meaning lights shooting up to the night sky, than most of the East Coast enabling us to see stars that



*"Milky Way over Morgan Bay" Submitted by Al Judd*

most cannot see as well as seeing the Milky Way. Maybe you've noticed when guests from away arrive, they look up to the sky and are often in amazement. Something that many of us take for granted is a spectacle for visitors. We are fortunate to have a resource that is becoming rare.

On **Tuesday, September 19th**, around the new moon and in between Acadia Night Sky Festival and Stars over Katahdin, we will host our 5th **Stars over Surry** event. Northern Stars Planetarium will visit Surry School during daylight hours setting up an indoor planetarium that fits 65. John Meader, the director, will guide us through the night sky. Following this indoor event, we encourage folks to bring a picnic to Carrying Place Beach where a campfire will be set up for warmth and cooking. We want the indoor as well as the outdoor events to be open to the public. Meader will guide us again in the evening through the real night sky on Carrying Place Beach. We hope telescopes will be available, too. No rain/cloud date. All are welcome and we hope you'll come.

Nancy Hathaway, Chairperson  
Surry Conservation Commission

### **Surry Recreation Committee:**

The Surry Recreation Committee members: Valerie Moon, Chair, Brian Folckemer and Mike Bishop (Coach) continued efforts to increase and improve recreational opportunities for the citizens of Surry.

We continue to seek parents or community members who would like to coach soccer, basketball, baseball, volleyball, cheering, chess, t-ball and any other recreation in which the residents of Surry would like to participate.

The Surry Recreation Committee would like to express our sincere thanks to all coaches, referees, umpires and volunteers for donating their time and sharing with our children and citizens. These programs would not be possible without their generosity. The Committee would also like to thank all of the athletes who participated in activities and demonstrated excellent sportsmanship qualities. As special thank you to Woodland Studios for all they do to help keep our teams looking ship shape with amazing uniforms for each activity.

The Recreation Committee is in desperate need of new members. Anyone who would like to see recreational activities for Surry residents continue in our community, please fill out a committee application. Without this committee, our residents will have to travel to Ellsworth or Blue Hill to play on other communities teams or other activities when they are available.

If you are interested in joining the recreation committee, or would like to observe a meeting, they are held as needed at the Surry Town Office meeting room.

In addition to attending a meeting, you may contact Valerie Moon at [valeriejmoon@gmail.com](mailto:valeriejmoon@gmail.com) or Angela Smith at the town office if you have questions, concerns or suggestions on activities this committee could offer the Citizens of Surry.

Respectfully Submitted,

Valerie Moon, Chair

### **Cemetery Committee:**

The Cemetery Committee met three times this past year to discuss the condition of the six cemeteries within the town. Three additional members were elected to the committee: Darcel Winslow, Marjorie Saunders and Pat Saunders. The committee reviewed the rules and bylaws that govern the care of the cemeteries, including costs. The committee voted not to increase the cost of plots. An amendment was made to include the new members. Wilbur was elected chair and Darcel was elected secretary.

The committee addressed the ongoing maintenance of the cemeteries as well as mapping of current and new plots. The new section at Cunningham Ridge Cemetery has been marked. Members are continuing to update maps of all cemeteries. There are currently no new plots available in the Newbury Neck and West Surry cemeteries.

The committee voted to begin the expansion of the Morgan Bay Cemetery. This will be achieved in three phases: 1. clear trees and undergrowth. Remove debris as necessary and request the Fire Department assist with a controlled burn. 2. de-stump and level site. Prepare ground and seed. 3. install fence and gate. The committee is requesting an additional \$2,000 this year to complete the first phase.

The Committee discussed a request from a citizen to allow composite vaults to help defray burial costs. Research found that there were issues with these vaults floating or sinking with heavy rain saturation. The committee voted not to accept these vaults at this time.

The Committee voted that lawn mower reimbursement costs be increased to 2016 State rates for chainsaws. There is no State rate for lawn mowers. Additionally, caretakers will continue to be paid at prevailing State wage.

The committee reminds everyone that plots in cemeteries are available to residents or non-resident taxpayers. The exception is old family plots that were established years prior to this change. You must contact a member of the committee to request and select a plot. Payment is made at the town office and a deed is provided.

Respectfully Submitted

Wilbur Saunders  
Gerald Lord  
Stanley Saunders  
Marjorie Saunders  
Darcel Winslow  
Patricia Saunders



## MEMORIAL PARK



In 2006, residents voted to establish an endowment fund  
to honor and memorialize loved ones.  
No donations were received in 2016.

### **Surry Volunteer Fire Department:**

First of all, it has been an honor and a privilege to have served as the fire chief for the Town of Surry. We have a dedicated group of men and women that are just amazing. They respond to calls, many hours of training, and sometimes even take a few hours out of their day to go to the school to teach fire prevention. I want to thank each and every one of you. I also want to thank the ladies and gentlemen of our community for all your continued support as well as our Selectpersons, town clerks, town treasurer, mutual aid departments that are always just a call away and our dispatchers at HCRCC.

In 2016 we had a total of 40 calls. We had 8 motor vehicle accidents, 6 branches/trees on power lines, 2 trees down across the roadway, 1 grass fire, 1 brush fire, 1 flooded basement, 1 furnace explosion, 3 fire alarms, 1 stove fire, 3 chimney fires, 1 dumpster fire, 1 ATV fire, 1 call about glass in the road, 1 possible structure fire, 4 medical calls and 5 mutual aid calls.

As mentioned over the past few years, the Surry Fire Department has severely over grown its space. Over the last year, we have had a group working on a resolution for our problem. We have spent countless hours measuring, brainstorming, tweaking and re-tweaking to get to the point we are at now. We have come up with a final plan to bring to the towns people. This plan not only helps the fire department but it also gives the town office much needed storage space. This plan will give the fire department adequate space for equipment as well as training/working space. The new proposal will also bring the department up to ADA and Fire Marshall Codes.

Again, I would like to thank everyone for your continued support and dedication.

Chief Richard Black



### **Blue Hill/Surry Transfer Station:**

2016 was a busy year at the Transfer Station, several important projects were finished and some started. Many of these projects were visible to our customers and some have not yet had an impact on day to day operations.

The decision on the selection of a vendor for our municipal solid waste (MSW) was agreed upon with the signing of the MRC/Fiberight contract. We will move forward with the MRC/Fiberight solution for disposal of our MSW starting in April of 2018.

We have implemented a single sort solution for all recyclable waste. This means that the Transfer Station customers are no longer required to sort recyclable material into various buckets, i.e. cardboard, paper, cans, etc. All recyclable waste now goes into one common receptacle, including glass, which in the past was not accepted as recyclable. Please see an attendant for a list of acceptable and non-acceptable items or visit the Blue Hill website for information.

The most noticeable change was the new paving around the scales and the Construction Demolition Debris (CDD) area. We have constructed a 50'x100' concrete pad for our scrap metals storage area. This will improve our ability to manage these materials between sending out shipments. We also will be making a few improvements to the loading area of the demo pad to increase capacity and create a pad for the container while loading. Several areas in the driveway have been patched and this spring we will repave the entire area with a final coat of asphalt.

Additional good news, we have had very little turn over in staff at the station this year. The staff will be sporting a new look, with lime green vests (coats in winter). This will allow customers to easily locate Transfer Station staff when needed.

The Transfer Station finished the year within budget. Although there is a loss of revenue from the sale of recyclables, there was also a decrease in expense for maintaining and covering the landfill. The operating cost to supporting communities for 2017 should remain the same as they were in 2016.

The committee meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month at the Blue Hill town office at 7PM. Public participation and input are always welcome. Meeting minutes, once approved, can be viewed on the Town of Blue Hill website at [townofbluehillmaine.org](http://townofbluehillmaine.org). A current price list and a list of accepted items is also available on the Town of Blue Hill website.

The Transfer Station Committee elected Vaughn Leach to serve as the Committee's Chairman at the January 31st meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vaughn Leach, Chairman

### **Surry**

William Matlock  
Rebecca Collison  
Stephen Bemiss

### **Blue Hill**

John R. Bannister  
James M. Schatz  
Vaughn Leach

Dear Friends, Neighbors, and Parents,

Midway through my second year I am grateful for the opportunity to be the Surry Elementary School principal. Every day I make the trek from my home in Sedgwick to Surry, anticipating positive interactions with hardworking teachers, children full of potential, and caring parents... and I'm never disappointed. The town of Surry has an excellent school and community.

This is the second year of our new pre-k program, and it's going strong. We have a full enrollment of thirteen students, so the decision to budget for an ed tech for the program was wise. Thank you.



*Created by Alex Carlson, Grade 5*

All of our students in grades K-8 get daily math, reading, and writing instruction, as well as science, social studies, art, music, and physical education multiple times weekly. K-4 has weekly guidance classes, while 5-8 has weekly Spanish and health. If you're a child in Surry, you are surely offered a full education!



*Created by Rayven Chatto, Grade 8*

Surry saw the departure of some veteran, and excellent, teachers last year. Finding comparable replacements is always a challenge in a small school, but fortunately our hiring process was very successful. Joining us as our kindergarten teacher is Kirstin Weed, a five year teaching veteran coming to us from her previous job in Rockland. Teaching middle school science is East Surry native, and meteorologist(!), Mike Jezak. New part time employees include school counselor Kristin Eberdt, health teacher Mark Ensworth, Spanish teacher Paula Mrozicki, and educational technician David Jolly. That's a lot of new hires, but turnover is often a common challenge in these parts of Maine.



*Created by Jillian Eldridge, Grade 6*

We have received the results of last spring's Maine Educational Assessment results, given to every child in grades 3-8, and our school did very well. Overall, 63% of our students met or exceeded the state reading standards, as compared to the state average of 49% meeting or exceeding standards. In math 43% of our students met or exceeded standards, but the state average was lower at 39% meeting or exceeding standards. While we strive for *all* students to meet the standards, it was good to see

our school scoring amongst the top schools in the state.

We will use this individual, detailed test data to find specific school-wide areas of weakness to be improved, as well as strengths to be built on. This will be made even easier next year when we have two years of data to compare and look for trends. Of course our immediate goal is to improve this current year's scores over last year's, moving more of our students from partially and not meeting, to meeting or exceeding the standards.

If you ever have any thoughts or questions, feel free to call and we can set up a time to chat. At Surry Elementary School we like visitors!

Sincerely,  
Fred Cole, Principal

**Superintendent's Report:**

To the Citizen's of Surry:

This year's proposed expenditure budget for the 2017-18 is down \$9,507.38 or 0.37%.

With both special education and high school tuition down significantly, we were actually able to add some programming while keeping the budget under this year's, expense-wise. Many of our specials programs are at the same level they were at when we had 80 students in 2010; now we are up to 125. Thus, the Pre K program is going from 60% to 80%, the Spanish program is going from 20% to 40%, the art program is going from 40% to 60%, and we are adding another hour per day for the assistant cook. We also propose adding 2 days a week for middle school math to insure that we have algebra 1 available for 8th graders.

We will also be replacing the "condo" roof, which really needs it.

For 2016-17 our State subsidy is \$63,331.67. For 2017-18, the indication is that it will be \$99,381.97, but that will remain an unknown until the legislature adjourns in June.

Surry's large carry forward, which was about a million dollars in 2010, has been spent down, subsidizing the ensuing budgets, and, as of 06/30/2016 it was at \$41,926.00.

Children at Surry Elementary School continue to thrive, and it is a vibrant, happy place to be. You can be proud of your school and its top-notch staff.

Respectfully,

Mark Hurvitt, Superintendent

Dear Citizens of Surry:

Congratulations to the 2016 recipients of the **Robert L. Jordan Scholarships!** The Surry School Committee was pleased to award (3) \$1500 scholarships to graduating seniors residing in Surry who planned to pursue post-secondary education.

Recipients:

Austin Smith graduated from Ellsworth High School and was accepted at EMCC.

Korey Kinney graduated from Ellsworth High School and was accepted at Fitchburg State University.

Wally Moon graduated from Ellsworth High School and was accepted at Fitchburg State University.

The Robert L. Jordan Scholarships are made possible from a generous gift of the late Surry resident Mr. Robert L. Jordan. The amount of the scholarship may change year to year depending on the total fund value.

Here's what's new for **2017** Robert L. Jordan Scholarship applicants. The Surry School Committee is please to offer (3) \$2000.00 scholarships! Surry seniors please do not forget to apply. We are looking forward to receiving your application. Good Luck!

The scholarship committee consists of one (1) representative of the selectmen, one (1) Surry resident and two (2) school committee members. The scholarship committee meets in May to determine the awarding of scholarships.

The Surry School Committee encourages and accepts your donations throughout the year to help support the Robert L. Jordan Scholarship Fund so that it will enable us to provide scholarships into the future and beyond to the wonderful and deserving students of Surry.

Donations may be made out to the Town of Surry and either dropped off or mailed to the Surry Town Office.

Best of Luck and wishes for continued success to Austin, Korey and Wally!

Respectfully Submitted,

**Surry School Committee**

Marlene Tallent, Chair  
Don Driscoll, Vice Chair  
Joan Welgoss  
Michelle Berger  
Pat Jencks

**Robert L. Jordan Scholarship Committee**

Steve Bemiss  
Sherry Fletcher  
Joan Welgoss  
Marlene Tallent

### **Finance Committee:**

The Finance Committee's mission is to periodically advise the selectmen on the town's financial matters. A major role is to assist in the annual budget requests prior to voter approval at the annual town meeting.

The Finance Committee has reviewed all available 2017/2018 budget requests from town committees, departments and community service providers such as the two ambulance corps and two libraries. The school budget process is separate. The committee has no authority in either the town or school budget. However, we do make ourselves available for review and assist the town selectmen to thoroughly examine and assure the process of budget development is sensitive to the needs and resources of the town. When the budget requests for the 2017/2018 fiscal period have finally been added to a spreadsheet, with the addition of the budget for the school, this will lead to the final warrants which will go to town vote. It is hoped that any increase in the total request will be modest.

This year the town's finances were audited in accordance with municipal obligations. The Finance Committee met with the Town Treasurer and representatives of the accounting firm tasked with performing our town audit. We reviewed highlights of the firm's findings. We were informed that the unqualified opinion of the auditor was that there were no exceptions to the financial statements. That means it was a "clean" audit and that Town of Surry's accounting is in order. The town continues to hold reserves, which are in line with municipal governance guidance.

Finally, several years ago, the Treasurer and Finance Committee determined Surry could benefit by investing a portion of the town reserves, as allowed, to maximize town resources. The funds, which have been invested in a relatively conservative portfolio, produced a 2016 return of approximately five percent. That is a considerably higher return than we have experienced in recent previous years. We are grateful for the foresight of our town Treasurer, Tom Welgoss, in that venture.

Theodore Fletcher, Chair  
David Hollenberg  
Alfred Judd  
Moirra O'Neill  
Dale Sprinkle

## 2017 Investment Advisory Committee Report

The Town of Surry initiated an investment program in February 2015 for reserve funds appropriated by the Town for future capital expenditures. The objective of the program is to earn a reasonable income on these funds while minimizing the risk of losing principal over the long term. The Town has contracted with First Advisors (a division of The First National Bank) to manage the program.

The amount invested to date is \$320, 574, which consists of the Reserves for Municipal Capital Outlay (\$147,959) and Fire Department Capital Expenditures (\$172,615).

To achieve the program objectives, First Advisors invests the funds 75% in fixed income investments and 25% in equity investments approximately.

Below is the current status of the program:

### Surry Investment Program Inception to 2/22/2017

	As of 2/22/2017
Initial amount invested 2/18/2015	\$ 264,634.26
Additional amount invested 8/21/2015	30,000.00
Additional amount invested 9/26/2016	25,939.66
Total invested	<u>\$ 320,573.92</u>
First Advisor management fee	(2,283.27)
Interest and dividends received and reinvested	11,961.45
Net Realized Gain (Loss)	<u>(820.50)</u>
Investment balance - cost basis	\$ 329,431.60
Unrealized Market Gain (Loss)	8,445.92
Investment balance - market value	<u><u>\$ 337,877.52</u></u>
Net Income (Loss) to date - realized and unrealized	<u><u>\$ 17,303.60</u></u>

As part of its oversight, the committee held program review meetings with First Advisors on September 15, 2016 and February 4, 2017. The next meeting is planned for August 2017. The committee will continue to advise the Select Board as appropriate.

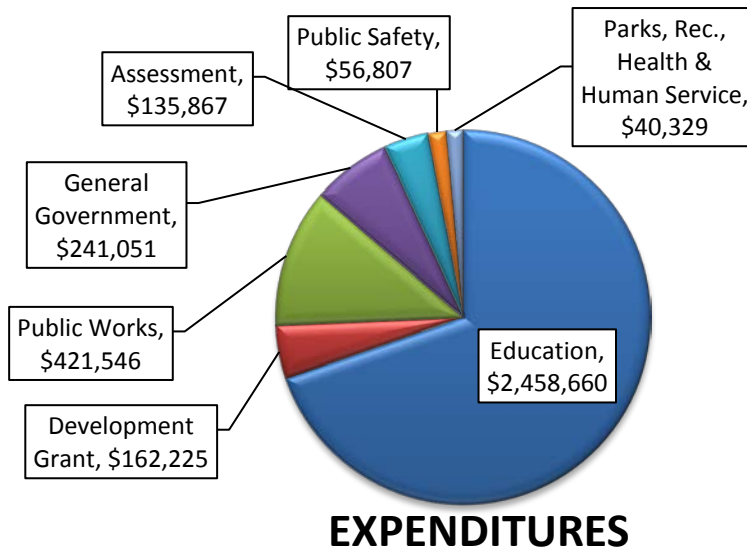
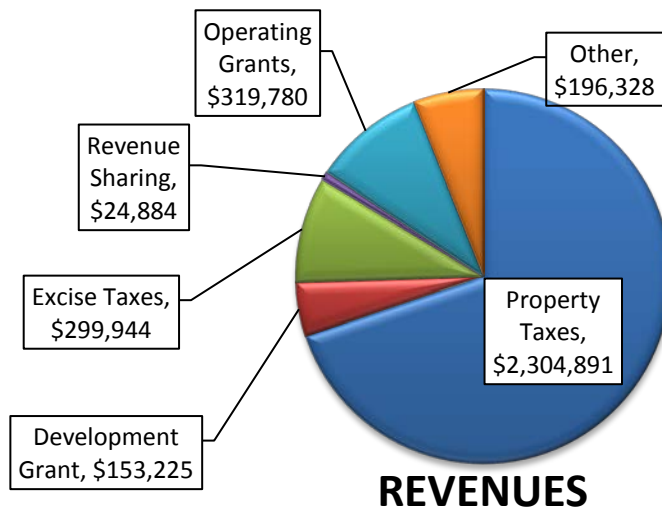
#### Committee Members:

Robert Capen  
William Doak  
Theodore Fletcher  
Thomas Grogan  
David Snow  
Thomas Welgoss

## Treasurer's Report

An independent audit of the financial statements of the Town, for the year ended June 30, 2016, was completed by the accounting firm of James W. Wadman, CPA. For that period, the audited revenues totaled \$3,299,052 (compared to \$3,338,897 in the prior year), and audited expenditures totaled \$3,525,863 (compared to \$3,613,114 in the prior year). Revenues include the receipt of \$153,225 in Federal, State and private grants that were expended to construct the alewife fish passage on Patten Stream during the year.

The excess of expenditures over revenues contributed to a net deficit of \$226,811, decreasing the Town's total fund balances and reserves to \$2,666,915, of which \$599,196 is unassigned. A complete copy of the auditor's report is available on the Town's web site.





**Tax Collector's Report  
Schedule of Valuation, Commitment and Collection  
For Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2016**

Total Taxable Valuation	\$312,457,400
Tax Rate per \$1000 Valuation	<u>\$7.25</u>
Tax Assessment	\$2,265,316

**Collections and Adjustments**

Cash Collections	\$2,164,205
Abatements Granted	\$432
Supplemental Taxes	<u>(\$302)</u>
Total Collections and Adjustments	\$2,164,336
Uncollected taxes as of June 30, 2015	\$100,981

**Taxes are due September 30<sup>th</sup> and March 30<sup>th</sup>**

**Supplements approved in 2015**

Todd Katz	2016	\$24,016.03
Riva O'Rourke	2016	\$2.90
John Davis	2016	\$2,679.20
Howard Morse	2016	\$232.00
Richard & Cheri Robbins	2016	<u>\$66.70</u>
		\$ 29,996.83

**Abatements approved in 2015**

Richard & Cheri Robbins	2016	\$50.03
Andrea Archer	2016	\$15.95
Max Brenninkmeyer Trust	2016	\$134.13
Joan Morse & Timmy Eaton	2016	<u>\$232.00</u>
		\$432.11

**Assessor's Report**  
**July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016**

**Valuation**

Real Estate Valuation	\$ 311,668,300	
Personal Property Valuation	789,100	
Total Taxable Valuation		\$ 312,457,400
50% of Homestead Exemptions Granted		2,250,000
<b>Total Valuation Base</b>		<b>\$ 314,707,400</b>
Rate per \$1,000 Valuation	\$ 7.25	
<b>Tax Commitment</b>		<b>\$ 2,281,629</b>

**Municipal Appropriations**

Administration	\$ 244,740	
Public Safety	76,459	
Public Works	403,135	
CEO	13,040	
Parks & Recreation	38,471	
Non-Profit Organizations	7,780	
Other	86,403	
sub-total	\$ 870,028	
Hancock County Tax	135,867	
Education	1,893,807	
Total Appropriations		\$ 2,899,702
Overlay		47,670
<b>Total Appropriations plus Overlay</b>		<b>\$ 2,947,372</b>

**Less Allowed Deductions**

Boat Excise Tax Reserve	\$ (2,750)	
Fund Balance	(255,090)	
State Revenue Sharing Reserve	(30,000)	
Tax Reserve	(80,000)	
Tree Growth	(12,703)	
UDO Reserve	(450)	
Maine Local Road Assistance Program Reserve	(30,000)	
Vehicle Excise Tax Reserve	(249,750)	
Waterways Reserve	(5,000)	
<b>Total Deductions</b>	.	(665,743)
<b>Net Assessment</b>		<b>\$ 2,281,629</b>

# **Delinquent Taxes 2015 as of 12/31/16**

ALLEN, FREDERICK A. JR.	1,212.36
ASTBURY, MARY R.	1,005.13
ASTBURY, MARY R.	2,211.52
BALYEAT, STEVEN P.	833.07
CARTER, JASPER H	293.96
CERILLI, MARK J.	52.05
CERILLI, MARK J. & JENNIFER	45.44
CLARK, JEFFERY W	134.88
DAVIS, SUZETTE M	52.66
ESTY, DAVID H (III)	428.00
HUNTER, DIANE M	151.97
LISCOMB, ELLIS PETER	838.46
MARTIN-ZBORAY, MICHAEL &	1,213.64
MCDONALD, DENNIS & SUSAN	136.09
MCDONALD, DENNIS & SUSAN	2,434.92
MONTEITH, JOHN C III	179.28
MOON, VALERIE J.	342.36
NEVELLS, RAMONA & CHARLES	404.18
RAFFERTY, JEFFREY & TRACEY	2,035.74
SARGENT, STEPHEN	646.65
SAUNDERS, BRADLEY J.	710.97
SAYRE, NICHOLAS	47.15
SCHMIDT, DOUGLAS F	253.48
SMITH, VICTORIA L.	688.65
STEVENS, LOIS E.	1,754.43
STEVENS, LOIS E.	141.23
STEVENS, LOIS E.	569.96
WEBBER, EUGENE & BRENDA	784.22
	19,602.45

## **Delinquent Taxes FY 2016**

ABRAHAM, RACHEL D.	990.08
ALLEN, FREDERICK A. JR.	1,175.45
ASTBURY, MARY R.	1,027.46
ASTBURY, MARY R.	2,229.99
BALYEAT, STEVEN P.	816.98
CARTER, JASPER H	285.68
CERILLI, MARK J.	33.05
CERILLI, MARK J. & JENNIFER M	27.03
CHATTO, CHRISTOPHER	683.37
CLARK, JEFFERY W	229.76
CLARK, JEFFERY W	239.84

CLARK, JEFFERY W	235.97
CLARK, JEFFERY W	217.34
CLARK, JEFFERY W	233.63
CLARK, JEFFERY W	166.84
CLARK, JEFFREY W	356.36
DAVIS, SUZETTE M	561.42
DIETRICH, MARK	233.63
DUHAIME, ROBERT H.	195.26
ESTY, DAVID H (III)	415.62
FELDKAMP, THOMAS A & CATH	1,942.46
FELDKAMP, THOMAS A & CATH	1,425.93
FELDKAMP, THOMAS A & CATH	934.26
GIANNINOTO, GORDON	278.69
HOMER, RICHARD W	997.94
HUGHES, ELLEN B.	1,662.06
HUNTER, DIANE M	232.86
KANE, ELIZABETH D. (50%INT)	1,576.63
KASPALA, JR., THOMAS W.	1,348.94
LOCKE, MICHAEL F.	48.76
MCDONALD, DENNIS & SUSAN	119.46
MCDONALD, DENNIS R. & SUSAN	3,350.69
MOON, ROBERT	163.73
MORSE, HOWARD & JOAN E.	1,167.88
NEVELLS, RAMONA & CHARLES H.	391.32
RAFFERTY, JEFFREY & TRACEY L.	2,261.70
RHODES, LLOYD E	300.43
ROBERTSON, DENNIS E.	190.91
SANIPAS, MARIE	424.71
SARGENT, STEPHEN	621.68
SAUNDERS, BRADLEY J.	720.65
SAYRE, NICHOLAS	511.71
SCHMIDT, DOUGLAS F	232.29
SCHNALL, PAUL E.	154.96
SMITH, ARTHUR	341.35
SMITH, BENJAMIN & SCOTT, LECA	1,239.51
SMITH, VICTORIA L.	645.30
STANLEY, REBECCA S. & JANET B.	231.52
STEVENS, LOIS E.	1,743.61
STEVENS, LOIS E.	122.57
STEVENS, LOIS E.	552.88
THOMPSON, R. BOYD	952.09
WEBBER, EUGENE & BRENDA	1,457.77
	46,126.88

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**Exemptions-Veterans:**

The following Veteran's receive a \$6,000 exemption on their primary residence. This year's exemption took \$51.30 off each tax bill.

Anderson, Susan	Gray, Wayne	Peterson, Scott R.
Anderson, Mark A.	Grimaldi, Joseph A.	Peva, James M.
Backes, Donald F.	Hannah, Gregg S.	Salminen, Richard H.
Bernstein, S. Ari	Hansen, William P.	Sargent, Maurice E.
Bemiss, Stephen D.	Higgins, Brian A.	Saunders, Clifton
Bixby, Elisabeth	Hillman, Frederick Sr.	Saunders, Wilbur A.
Bousquet, William	Hodgkins, Robert F.	Sederquist, Carl A.
Capen, Ernest E.	Hoffman, Roger W.	Small, Loring W.
Carter, Juanita B.	Johnson, Sandra Fay	Smith, Dawson
Castle, Frederick A. Jr.	Kandutch, Andrew	Somes, John R.
Chapman, Paul	Keiser, Thomas G.	Sprinkle, Dale W.
Dannenberg, Carl	Lane, Raymond	Stanley, Gregory
Doak, William	Lapointe, Walter	Sullivan, Daniel P.
Faust, Richard	Macy, Jack C.	Taylor, Ronald D.
Fox, James	Mann, Lyman E.	Thompson, Boyd R.
Fletcher, R. Theodore	McCormick, Franklin	Torrey, Kenneth & Roger
Gabrielson, Shirley	Moon, Roy	Trundy, Richard C.
Gibbons, Robert J.	Mrozicki, Norman	Volkwein, Edward
Gilley Tree Farms, Inc	Mulhern, William R.	Wuori, David E.
Graham, Frank	Perkins, Bradley	

**Exemptions-Veterans' Widows:**

The following Veterans' widows receive a \$6,000.00 exemption on their primary residence. This year's exemption took \$51.30 off each tax bill.

Abernathy, Doreen	Gaspar, Natalie	Thompson, Patricia A.
Boege, Laura N.	Hawrylycz, Virginia	
Curley, Violet	Jencks, Patricia	
Carlson, Elaine	O'Neill, Ann K. Trustee	

**Exemptions-Blind:**

The following residents received a \$4,000.00 exemption on their primary residence. This year's exemption took \$34.20 off each tax bill

Young, Howard L.

## ***INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT***

Members of the Board of Selectmen  
Town of Surry  
Surry, ME 04684

### ***Report on the Financial Statements***

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Surry, Maine (the Town) as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016, including the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

### ***Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statement***

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### ***Auditor's Responsibility***

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

### ***Opinions***

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Surry, Maine as of June 30, 2016, and the respective changes in financial position for the fiscal year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### ***Required Supplementary Information***

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, budgetary comparison information and pension disclosure schedules on pages 3 through 6 and 24 through 26 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

### ***Supplementary Information***

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Surry, Maine's financial statements. The combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements and supplementary information are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements. The schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by the State of Maine, and is also not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements and supplementary information are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements.

The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements and supplementary information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

Respectfully Submitted,

***James W. Wadman, C.P.A.***

James W. Wadman, C.P.A.  
November 29, 2016

TOWN OF SURRY, MAINE

(Exhibit A-1)

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual Expenditure</u>	<u>Transfers (In)/Out</u>	<u>Unexpended or (Overdraft)</u>
<u>Non Continuing Appropriation Accounts:</u>				
<u>General Government</u>				
Administration	\$194,495	\$176,141	\$8,000	\$10,354
Assessing	\$25,945	\$25,354		\$592
Planning Board & Board of Appeals	\$2,450	\$1,370	\$1,000	\$80
Code Enforcement	\$10,590	\$11,709		(\$1,119)
Municipal Building Operations	\$24,300	\$18,134		\$6,166
Conservation Commission	\$500	\$0		\$500
Comprehensive Plan	\$0	\$0		\$0
	<u>\$258,280</u>	<u>\$232,708</u>	<u>\$9,000</u>	<u>\$16,572</u>
<u>Public Safety</u>				
Fire Department Operations	\$39,625	\$31,427		\$8,198
Fire Department Equipment	\$11,000	\$2,664		\$8,336
Ambulance	\$14,792	\$14,792		\$0
Harbor Master	\$2,750	\$219		\$2,531
Animal Control Officer	\$3,642	\$3,069	\$573	\$0
911 Addressing	\$3,350	\$3,292		\$58
Street Lights	\$1,300	\$1,345		(\$45)
	<u>\$76,459</u>	<u>\$56,807</u>	<u>\$573</u>	<u>\$19,079</u>
<u>Public Works</u>				
Road Commissioner	\$8,600	\$8,602	(\$2)	\$0
Winter Roads	\$140,750	\$131,476	\$9,274	\$0
Town Roads & Bridges	\$40,100	\$40,313	(\$213)	\$0
Cutting Roadside Bushes	\$5,000	\$4,640	\$360	\$0
Road Reconstruction	\$54,000	\$96,212	(\$42,212)	\$0
Paving	\$30,000		\$30,000	\$0
Cemeteries	\$10,750	\$10,432		\$318
Septic Sludge Disposal	\$2,400	\$2,881		(\$481)
Solid Waste Transfer Station	\$111,535	\$111,770		(\$235)
	<u>\$403,135</u>	<u>\$406,326</u>	<u>(\$2,793)</u>	<u>(\$398)</u>
<u>Parks &amp; Recreation</u>				
Recreation Programs	\$7,810	\$4,375		\$3,435
Memorial Park	\$3,500	\$3,203	\$297	\$0
Waterways	\$5,000	\$11,871	(\$6,871)	\$0
Alewife Committee	\$5,500	\$126	\$5,374	\$0
Osgood Lot	\$4,500	\$4,232		\$268
	<u>\$26,310</u>	<u>\$23,808</u>	<u>(\$1,201)</u>	<u>\$3,702</u>

TOWN OF SURRY, MAINE

(Exhibit A-1)

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS - CONTINUED  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual Expenditures</u>	<u>Transfers (In)/Out</u>	<u>Unexpended or (Overdraft)</u>
<u>Health &amp; Human Services</u>				
General Assistance	\$11,403	\$6,007		\$5,396
Libraries	\$10,661	\$10,661		\$0
Community Service Agencies	\$7,780	\$7,780		\$0
Historical Society (Old Town Hall)	\$1,000	\$177		\$823
	<u>\$30,844</u>	<u>\$24,625</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$6,219</u>
<u>Overlay</u>	\$17,670	\$0		\$17,670
<u>Assessments &amp; Debt Service</u>				
County Tax	\$135,867	\$135,867		\$0
Contingency	\$15,000	\$0	\$15	\$14,985
	<u>\$150,867</u>	<u>\$135,867</u>	<u>\$15</u>	<u>\$14,985</u>
<u>Totals</u>	<u>\$963,565</u>	<u>\$880,141</u>	<u>\$5,595</u>	<u>\$77,830</u>



TOWN OF SURRY, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN DESIGNATED FUND BALANCES - GENERAL FUND

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

	<u>7/1/2015</u> <u>Balance</u>	<u>Revenue</u> <u>Appropriations</u>	<u>Interest</u> <u>Earned</u>	<u>Investment</u> <u>Gains/(Losses)</u>
<u>General Administration:</u>				
Legal Services	\$60,326			
Unified Development Ordinance	\$2,420			
Municipal Capital Outlay	\$122,176	\$15,000		\$3,149
Property Tax Reserve	\$80,000			
<u>Public Safety:</u>				
Fire Department Capital	\$141,979	\$15,000		\$3,628
Civil Emergency Preparedness	\$300			
Animal Control	\$2,432			
<u>Public Works:</u>				
Boat Excise	\$9,460			
State Road Assistance	\$74,719		\$665	
Cemetery Capital Outlay	\$1,686			
Town Line	\$860			
Construction Project	\$102,157			
Dock Project	\$0			
<u>Education:</u>				
Education	\$399,959	\$1,893,807	\$147	
School Operation Contingency	\$57,112		\$514	
<u>Parks &amp; Recreation:</u>				
Recreation	\$5,226			
Memorial Park	\$2,787		\$34	
Waterfront Improvement Capital	\$14,025		\$101	
Patten Stream Fishway	\$4,475			
<u>Health &amp; Human Services:</u>				
Old School House Project Contribution	\$0			
Old School House Capital Outlay	\$0	\$15,000		
<u>Other:</u>				
Excise Taxes	\$819,924			
Capital Improvements	\$14,016		\$163	
SISS Sculpture	\$987			
Flag Fund	\$324			
Coffee Fund	(\$9)			
State Revenue Sharing	\$121,792			
<u>Totals</u>	<u>\$2,039,133</u>	<u>\$1,938,807</u>	<u>\$1,623</u>	<u>\$6,777</u>

<i>Other Revenues</i>	<i>Total Available</i>	<i>Transfers In/(Out)</i>	<i>Expenditures</i>	<i>Expenditure Appropriations</i>	<i>6/30/2016 Balance</i>
	\$60,326	\$8,000			\$68,326
	\$2,420	\$1,000		\$450	\$2,970
	\$140,324				\$140,324
	\$80,000			\$80,000	\$0
\$940	\$161,546				\$161,546
	\$300				\$300
\$821	\$3,253	\$573			\$3,826
\$4,909	\$14,369	(\$4,418)		\$2,750	\$7,201
\$28,408	\$103,792	\$30,000		\$30,000	\$103,792
\$420	\$2,106		\$150		\$1,956
	\$860				\$860
	\$102,157	(\$42,212)			\$59,945
\$10,652	\$10,652	\$4,418	\$15,070		\$0
\$291,372	\$2,585,284		\$2,458,660		\$126,624
	\$57,626				\$57,626
\$220	\$5,446				\$5,446
	\$2,821	\$297			\$3,118
	\$14,126	(\$6,871)		\$5,000	\$2,255
\$2,850	\$7,325	(\$3,656)	\$1,096		\$2,572
\$290	\$290				\$290
\$0	\$15,000		\$147		\$14,853
\$295,035	\$1,114,959	\$9,419		\$249,750	\$874,628
	\$14,179				\$14,179
\$62	\$1,050	\$15	\$1,065		\$0
	\$324				\$324
\$61	\$52		\$66		(\$14)
\$24,884	\$146,675				\$146,675
<u>\$660,923</u>	<u>\$4,647,263</u>	<u>(\$3,435)</u>	<u>\$2,476,254</u>	<u>\$367,950</u>	<u>\$1,799,623</u>

	<u>Good Citizen- ship Award</u>	<u>Ministerial School Trust</u>	<u>Cemetery Trust</u>	<u>Jordan Trust</u>	<u>Adams Book Trust</u>	<u>Bicentennial Scholarship</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>2015</u>
<u>Assets</u>								
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$1,955	\$6,089	\$16,172				\$24,216	\$23,999
Investments, at Fair Market Value			\$4,760	\$173,726	\$53,362	\$17,432	\$244,520	\$224,904
Due from Other Funds							\$4,760	\$3,080
<u>Total Assets</u>	<u>\$1,955</u>	<u>\$6,089</u>	<u>\$20,932</u>	<u>\$173,726</u>	<u>\$53,362</u>	<u>\$17,432</u>	<u>\$273,496</u>	<u>\$251,982</u>
<u>Liabilities</u>								
Due to Other Funds			\$5,400				\$5,400	\$5,400
<u>Total Liabilities</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$5,400</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$5,400</u>	<u>\$5,400</u>
<u>Fund Balances</u>								
Restricted	\$1,909	\$1,595	\$16,990	\$109,922	\$43,415	\$16,229	\$190,060	\$186,546
Unrestricted	\$46	\$4,494	(\$1,458)	\$63,804	\$9,947	\$1,203	\$78,036	\$60,036
<u>Total Fund Balances</u>	<u>\$1,955</u>	<u>\$6,089</u>	<u>\$15,532</u>	<u>\$173,726</u>	<u>\$53,362</u>	<u>\$17,432</u>	<u>\$268,096</u>	<u>\$246,582</u>
<u>Total Liabilities and Fund Balances</u>	<u>\$1,955</u>	<u>\$6,089</u>	<u>\$20,932</u>	<u>\$173,726</u>	<u>\$53,362</u>	<u>\$17,432</u>	<u>\$273,496</u>	<u>\$251,982</u>

TOWN OF SURRY, MAINE

COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES & CHANGES

IN FUND BALANCE - PERMANENT FUNDS

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

(Exhibit A-7)

Revenues:	Good Citizen- ship Award	Ministerial School Trust	Cemetery Trust	Jordan Trust	Adams Book Trust	Bicentennial Scholarship	Total 2016	2015
Perpetual Care			\$1,680				\$1,680	\$560
Investment Earnings, net of Fees	\$18	\$55	\$145	\$5,066	\$1,626	\$509	\$7,418	\$4,703
Investment Gains (Losses)				(\$425)	(\$134)	(\$42)	(\$601)	\$1,359
Increase (Decrease) in Fair Market Value				\$14,309	\$4,510	\$1,411	\$20,230	(\$4,436)
<u>Total Revenue</u>	<u>\$18</u>	<u>\$55</u>	<u>\$1,825</u>	<u>\$18,950</u>	<u>\$6,001</u>	<u>\$1,877</u>	<u>\$28,726</u>	<u>\$2,187</u>
Expenses:								
Scholarships				\$3,000	\$2,362		\$5,362	\$7,256
Bank Charges				\$1,309	\$413	\$129	\$1,851	\$1,767
<u>Total Expenses</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$4,309</u>	<u>\$2,774</u>	<u>\$129</u>	<u>\$7,212</u>	<u>\$9,023</u>
<u>Excess Revenue over Expenses</u>	<u>\$18</u>	<u>\$55</u>	<u>\$1,825</u>	<u>\$14,641</u>	<u>\$3,227</u>	<u>\$1,748</u>	<u>\$21,514</u>	<u>(\$6,836)</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses):								
Operating Transfers In							\$0	\$15,828
Excess Revenues and Other Financing Sources	\$18	\$55	\$1,825	\$14,641	\$3,227	\$1,748	\$21,514	\$8,992
Over Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	\$1,937	\$6,034	\$13,707	\$159,085	\$50,135	\$15,684	\$246,582	\$237,590
<u>Beginning Fund Balance</u>	<u>\$1,955</u>	<u>\$6,089</u>	<u>\$15,532</u>	<u>\$173,726</u>	<u>\$53,362</u>	<u>\$17,432</u>	<u>\$268,096</u>	<u>\$246,582</u>
<u>Ending Fund Balance</u>	<u>\$1,909</u>	<u>\$1,595</u>	<u>\$15,310</u>	<u>\$109,922</u>	<u>\$42,018</u>	<u>\$15,792</u>	<u>\$186,546</u>	<u>\$170,212</u>
Analysis of Fund Balance:								
Nonexpendable Principal - Beg of Year	\$1,909	\$1,595	\$1,680	\$109,922	\$1,397	\$437	\$3,514	\$16,334
Additions (Reductions) to Principal	\$46	\$4,494	\$16,990	\$109,922	\$43,415	\$16,229	\$190,060	\$186,546
Nonexpendable Principal - End of Year	\$1,955	\$6,089	(\$1,458)	\$63,804	\$9,947	\$1,203	\$78,036	\$60,036
<u>Total Fund Balance</u>	<u>\$1,955</u>	<u>\$6,089</u>	<u>\$15,532</u>	<u>\$173,726</u>	<u>\$53,362</u>	<u>\$17,432</u>	<u>\$268,096</u>	<u>\$246,582</u>

The Notes to the Financial Statements are an Integral Part of this Statement.

## Blue Hill Public Library - 2016 Municipal Report

One of the best things about working at the Blue Hill Public Library is that there is always so much going on. 2016 was, as much as any year before, a busy, fruitful and rewarding year. Here are some highlights, followed by a statistical summary.

The last year was a period of considerable investment in our facilities. One improvement was to install a backup power generator to keep the library warm and lit even during extended outages. With help from many people who made the project possible, we are ready for the next ice storm.

2016 was also the library's first full year after participating in the Grants to Green Maine program. That program funded the installation of energy-efficient lighting throughout the library, and in the process BHPL saved about 30% in overall electricity consumption. The library still has a ways to go to achieve a goal of carbon neutrality in day-to-day operations, however through incremental changes we have reduced annual electricity use from about 90,000kwh/year a decade ago to 55,000kwh in 2016, even while increasing service hours from 46 to 55 weekly during that same period.

A loss of well water in August brought our attention to the state of our well, which was in need of considerable repairs, and which has been addressed.

Pursuant to recommendations from the Grants to Green Maine program, and with financial help from the Stephen and Tabitha King Foundation, the library replaced its air conditioning compressors in September. This project replaced cooling units that were nearing the end of their expected life and is expected to save 25% of the energy used by the old units.

Our online presence also got a facelift with a new mobile-friendly website. If you haven't seen us online lately, go to [www.bhpl.net](http://www.bhpl.net) to check us out.

Most recently the library increased its Wi-Fi reach; the library's signal should now be available from everywhere inside the building, as well as all over the grounds and nearby parking.

BHPL also had a successful fundraising year in 2016, bringing in \$207,000 in donations. Each year the library raises about 40% of its operating budget through direct contributions and fundraisers. The remaining funds are provided by an endowment (40%), desk receipts (3%) and from local town meetings (17%). Thank you to all who support the library.

Named after the library's chief benefactor and founder of Rowantrees Pottery, the *Adelaide Pearson Society* recognizes bequests that provide perpetual support for the library through its endowment. Phyllis Hamabe and Jean Palmer Messex were inducted as members of the Pearson Society in 2016. They, along with other past contributors, are recognized in a plaque in the library's foyer.

Statistically speaking, all of the Blue Hill Public Library's usage increased considerably in 2016 compared to 2015. In fact, the number of visits to the library was the highest recorded in our history, breaking the previous record set in 2009.

#### During 2016 the Blue Hill Public Library:

- Welcomed 129,885 patron visits, a 9% increase over the 2015 total. In 2016, BHPL averaged 430 visits each business day and issued 643 new library cards, an 11% increase over 2015.
- Loaned 99,275 physical materials (books, audio, & video on disc, etc.), which represents 2.4% growth, and an average of 328 transactions on each of the 302 business days.
- Digital Library use continues to increase. The library provided 7,468 downloads of digital content, audiobooks, Ebooks & sessions on Mango Languages. Digital use increased 11.6% compared to the prior year. Freegal, BHPL's free digital music service provided 15,251 titles (downloads and streaming), 2.5% more over 2015. Approximately 1,270 song files were provided free to the community each month.
- With the community's increased use of technology, the library began tracking technology assistance questions in August. The staff have provided 645 tech help sessions as well as fielded 3,352 reference questions.
- The library sponsored 522 cultural programs that attracted 10,315 attendees, an 12% increase over the 2015 attendance. This includes 236 adult programs with 5,064 attendees, and 286 youth programs enjoyed by 5,251 children, teenagers and parents. Use of the library as a gathering place continues to increase, year after year.
- BHPL also served as a venue for 580 wide-ranging community-sponsored events (lectures, movies, meetings, etc.) with an estimated attendance of 6,017.
- 9,713 computer sessions on our in-house computers and tablets were recorded. The library also provided 23,829 wireless internet sessions. These figures are a 5% and 10% growth, respectively.

The Maine State Library offers a Library Value Use Calculator on their website. Using it, we calculate that the library saved area residents an estimated \$2,228,444 in 2016. We encourage you to try that tool, entering your own library use to see how much using the BHPL saves you.

Respectfully submitted,

***Rich Boulet***

Rich Boulet, MLIS  
Library Director





## **Annual Town Report Letter**

A Message from Senator Brian D. Langley

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

Let me begin by thanking you for allowing me the honor of serving you in the Maine Senate. I am humbled that you have put your trust in me for a fourth term and can assure you I will continue to work tirelessly on your behalf. Please let me provide you with a recap of the 127th Legislature, as well as my hopes for the upcoming 128th Legislature.

Last year we continued the work of reforming our state's welfare system and achieved the long sought-after goal of banning the purchase of alcohol, tobacco and lottery tickets with welfare benefits. While there is more work to be done, I believe these efforts will help to deter such abuse of the system and help ensure that benefits are going to those who truly need them.

The Legislature also worked in a bipartisan fashion to begin addressing the drug crisis affecting our state. We 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 to tackle this awful epidemic.

In the upcoming session, it is clear that we must continue to do all we can to attract more jobs to our state to keep our young people living and working here. To that end, I will work to advocate for proposals which will expand economic opportunity for all Mainers. It is my hope the Legislature can once again work together to find good solutions to the issues facing our state.

You have my humble and sincere thanks for allowing me to represent you in Augusta. Please feel free to contact me at 287-1505 or [senatorbrianlangley@gmail.com](mailto:senatorbrianlangley@gmail.com) if you have comments, questions, or if you would like assistance in navigating our state's bureaucracy.

Sincerely,

Senator Brian D. Langley, District 7

## **PENINSULA AMBULANCE CORPS 2016 Report to the Towns**

Peninsula Ambulance Corps (PAC) has operated continuously for over 48 years. That record is due not only to the dedication of our staff and management, but also to the direct participation and financial support of many people, as well as steadfast support from town governments.

Call volume—the basis upon which we are reimbursed—remained relatively stable in 2016 with only 25 calls less than the previous year. Responses were divided among Blue Hill (264), Brooklin (70), Brooksville (48), Castine (53), Penobscot (124), Sedgwick (101), and Surry (47). Calls to our secondary service areas of Bucksport, Deer Isle, Ellsworth, Orland, and Stonington, together with public service calls, added another 490 for a total of 1,197. Traumatic injuries were the dominant complaints, followed by traffic accidents, general illnesses, breathing problems and cardiac issues. Inter-hospital patient transports, which were 35% of call volume, are also included in call totals.

We are proud of our five full-time and 20 part-time staff—the Paramedics and EMTs who make the program work. PAC provides monies for continuing staff education for federally-mandated and PAC-required classes, and employee turnover is minimal. Our employees like their jobs and provide real benefit to the communities served by PAC.

Our largest customers by far remain Medicare (federal government) and Medicaid/MaineCare (state government). Together, they represent 71% of our billing. However, for every \$1 of that billing, we are paid only \$0.70 at best. Medicaid reimbursements are often less than 50%. This accounts for most of our operating deficit. The remaining shortfall is the result of running a service in a large territory with a small population. The small adjustment that is allowed for rural services like PAC is scheduled to end in January of 2018, making our financial challenge even greater.

We decrease our deficit in three ways: with the support of our town governments, by individual donations to our annual appeals, and by using volunteer board members to accomplish administrative and fund-raising tasks.

This year we are asking for \$12.00 for the operating budget and \$4.43 for the ambulance reserve fund. In the next year we will be further invigorating our annual campaign. We will build on our success this year to cover a larger piece of the operating deficit.

Staff and ambulances are the visible aspects of PAC, but community loyalty and the funds provided by the towns are its lifeblood. Our annual appeal to the public provides an essential and remarkably consistent source of support, but we must rely to the greatest extent on the common sense of town governments and citizens to understand the necessity for an ambulance service, and that, if we don't hang together and make it work, no one else will.

We are truly grateful for your unwavering support.

01.20.2017



## THE WARRANT

July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018

HANCOCK, ss

STATE OF MAINE

To: Patrick Kane, a Deputy Constable in the Town of Surry, in said County.

Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby requested to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Surry, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to assemble at the Surry Municipal Building in said town on Friday, the 21th day of April, 2017, at 7:45 A.M., then and there to act on the following articles, to wit:

1. To choose a moderator to preside at the meeting.
2. To elect designated town officers by secret ballot (M.R.S.A. Title 30-A, Sections 2528 and 2529).

***The polls for voting on Article 2 will open at 8:00A.M. and will close at 8:00 P.M., at the Surry Municipal Building. The business meeting will begin on Monday, April 24, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. at the Surry Civic Center (Surry Elementary School Gym).***

Budget recommendations by the Selectmen appear below in many of the following articles. The Finance Committee reviewed the raised/appropriated amounts and made recommendations to the Selectmen.

3. To see if the Town will vote to continue to pay a stipend to the selectmen \$4,400.00 per year to the Chair and \$3,800.00 per year to each of the other two selectmen. Funding for this article is in Article #7.

***Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend a YES vote.***

4. To see if the Town will vote to continue to pay a stipend to the Assessors: \$1,650.00 per year to the Chair and \$1,050.00 per year to each of the other two assessors. Funding for this article is in Article #7.

***Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend a YES vote.***

5. To see if the Town will vote to pay the selectmen a stipend of \$1,350.00 per year for the Administration of General Assistance. The Chair would receive \$850.00 per year and the other two Selectmen \$250.00 each per year. Funding for this article is under Article #52.

***Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend a YES vote.***

6. To see if the Town will vote to pay the Selectmen a Transfer Station stipend of \$2,250 per year. Each Board member would receive \$750.00 per year. Funding for this article is under Article #33.

***Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend a YES vote.***

7. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$262,210.00 for Administration of the Town which includes: Administrative Costs of \$214,750.00; Assessing costs of \$25,710.00; and Municipal Building Operations of \$21,750.00.

- To Raise from Taxation: \$78,884.00
- To Appropriate from Fund Balance: \$100,000.00
- To Appropriate from Revenue Sharing Reserve: \$40,000.00
- To Appropriate from Excise Tax Reserve: \$25,000.00
- To Appropriate from Legal Reserve: \$18,326.00

***Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend a YES vote.***

8. To see if the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend State and Federal revenue funds and other receipts to operate the schools for the period July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018.
9. To see if the Town will authorize the School Committee to carry forward any surplus verified by the audit from the 2016-2017 fiscal year to be used to reduce the tax commitment for the 2018-2019 budget.
10. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for System Administration Services for the July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 fiscal year.

- School Committee Services
- Office of the Superintendent Services
- Contingency Funds

***School Committee Recommends: \$105,278.66***

11. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for Student Transportation Services for the July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 fiscal year.

***School Committee Recommends: \$140,469.91***

12. To see what sum the town will authorize the School Committee to expend for Regular Instructional Services for the July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 fiscal year.

- Regular Secondary Program
- Elementary Instructional Services
- Gifted and Talented Program

***School Committee Recommends: \$1,392,609.00***

13. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for Student and Staff Support Services for July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 fiscal year.

- Library Services
- Student Health Services
- Instructional Technology
- Instructional Staff Training
- Guidance Services
- Academic Student Assessment
- Curriculum Development

***School Committee Recommends: \$ 83,004.46***

14. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for School Administration Services for the July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 fiscal year.

***School Committee Recommends: \$152,462.98***

15. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for Operation and Maintenance of Plant Services for the July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 fiscal year.

***School Committee Recommends: \$153,882.12***

16. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for Special Education Program for the July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 fiscal year.

- Special Education Instructional Programs
- Office of the Director of Special Education

***School Committee Recommends: \$388,082.50***

17. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for Other Instruction for the July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 fiscal year.

- Co-Curricular
- Extra-Curricular Activities
- After School Program

***School Committee Recommends: \$40,382.70***

18. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for Food Service Operations for the July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 fiscal year.

- Food Service Operations

***School Committee Recommends: \$84,043.73***

19. To see what sum the Town will appropriate for the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act (Recommend : \$1,639,907.58 for the July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 fiscal year and to see what sum the Town will raise as the Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, Section 15688).

***School Committee Recommends: \$1,540,525.61***

Explanation: "The School Administration unit's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act is the amount of money determined by state law to be the minimum amount that a municipality must raise in order to receive the full amount of state dollars."

20. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate in additional local funds for school purposes for the July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 fiscal year.

***School Committee Recommends: \$758,923.48***

(In order to maintain the current educational programs and offerings, the school committee recommends raising the \$758,923.48 in additional funds, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model.)

Explanation: "The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the school administrative unit's local contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and local amounts raised for the annual debt service payment on non-state-funded school construction projects or the non-state portion of a school construction project that will help achieve the town's budget for educational programs."

21. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018 from the school administrative unit's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act , non-state-funded school construction projects, additional local funds for school purposes under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, Section 15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy, and other receipts for the support of schools.

***School Committee Recommends: \$2,540,216.06***

22. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for local nutrition allocation purposes (the school lunch program) for July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 fiscal year.

***School Committee Recommends: \$30,000.00***

23. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$1,250.00 for the position of Harbor Master.

- To raise from Boat Excise Reserve: \$1,250.00  
(With any unexpended money to go to Fund Balance)

***Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend a YES vote.***

24. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$51,625.00 for the Surry Fire Department. This includes \$6,000.00 for Fire Chief's and Assistant Fire Chief's salaries. \$10,500.00 stipend for the firefighters, \$33,850.00 for operating expenses, and SS/Medicare \$1,275.00.

- To raise from Taxation: \$51,625.00

***Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend a YES vote.***

25. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$7,500.00 for a 12-month contract with County Ambulance.

- To raise from Taxation: \$7,500.00

***Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend a YES vote.***

26. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$12,043.00 for a 12-month contract with Peninsula Ambulance Corps.

- To raise from Taxation: \$12,043.00

***Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend a YES vote.***

27. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$3,975.00 for an Animal Control Program.

- To raise from Taxation: \$2,975.00
- To Appropriate from Animal Control Officer Reserve: \$1,000.00

***Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend a YES vote.***

28. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$3,575.00 for the E911 program, to be used for Hancock County dispatching fees, addressing and street signs.

- To appropriate from Tree Growth Reimbursement: \$3,575.00

***Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend a YES vote.***

29. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$1,300.00 for electricity for streetlights.

- To appropriate from Excise Tax Reserve: \$1,300.00

***Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend a YES vote.***

30. To see if the Town will vote to fix compensation of labor and equipment for Public Works Department using the 2017 State Basic Rates as a guideline.

***Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend a YES vote.***

31. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$8,745.00 for the Road Commissioner. This includes a stipend at \$5,590.00 a year, mileage at \$2,725.00 and SS/Medicare at \$430.00.

- To appropriate from Excise Tax Reserve: \$8,745.00

***Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend a YES vote.***

32. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$336,700.00 for the Town road budget which includes winter roads (\$172,200.00), road maintenance (\$39,500.00), road side mowing (\$5,000.00), and road construction (\$120,000.00).

- To appropriate from Excise Tax Reserve: \$306,700.00
- To appropriate from Local Roads Assistance Program Reserve: \$30,000.00

***Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend a YES vote.***

33. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$113,422.00 for its 12-month share of operating the Blue-Hill- Surry Solid Waste Transfer Station for 2017-2018.

- To appropriate from Fund Balance: \$25,000.00
- To Raise from Taxation: \$25,000.00
- To appropriate from Excise Tax Reserve: \$63,422.00

***Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend a YES vote.***

34. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$13,500.00 for cemetery maintenance and improvements.

- To raise from Taxation: \$13,500.00

***Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend a YES vote.***

35. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$800.00 for a 12-month contract with Haslam's Septic of Ellsworth for the right to dump septic waste from Surry households into their DEP licensed holding tanks, and \$2,100.00 for porta-potties in town areas.

- To raise from taxation: \$2,900.00

***Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend a YES vote.***

36. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$12,775.00 for the Code Enforcement Officer(s)' wages and expenses.

- To raise from Taxation: \$11,725.00
- To appropriate from UDO Reserve: \$1,050.00

***Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend a YES vote.***

37. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$1,920.00 for Planning Board, Board of Appeals and UDO revision expenses.

- To appropriate from Revenue Sharing Reserve: \$1,920.00

***Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend a YES vote.***

38. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$700.00 for the Conservation Commission and \$100.00 for the Alewife Committee.

- To appropriate from Tree Growth Reimbursement: \$800.00

***Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend a YES vote.***

39. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$7,587.00 for the Ellsworth City Library.

- To raise from Taxation: \$6,987.00
- To appropriate from Tree Growth Reimburse: \$600.00

***Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend a YES vote.***

40. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$2,994.00 for the Blue Hill Library.

- To raise from Taxation: \$2,994.00

***Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend a YES vote.***

41. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$3,650.00 for the Surry Memorial Park for maintenance.

- To appropriate from Tree Growth Reimbursement: \$3,650.00

***Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend a YES vote.***

42. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$4,950.00 for maintenance of the Osgood Lot.

- To appropriate from Tree Growth Reimbursement: \$4,950.00

***Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend a YES vote.***

43. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$7,900.00 for the maintenance and construction of Town waterways properties.

- To appropriate from Boat Excise Reserve: \$6,450.00
- To appropriate from Revenue Sharing Reserve: \$1,450.00

***Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend a YES vote.***

44. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$500.00 for the utilities at the Old Town Hall. (Surry Historical Society).

- To raise from Taxation: \$500.00

***Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend a YES vote.***

45. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$21,460 for Old School House expenditures, including renovations, repairs and electricity costs.

- To appropriate from The Old School House Contribution Reserve: \$21,460.00

***Selectmen recommend a YES vote.***

46. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$500.00 for the Ellsworth Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry.

- To raise from Taxation: \$500.00

***Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend a YES vote.***

47. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$800.00 for the support of Hospice Volunteers of Hancock County.

- To raise from Taxation: \$800.00

***Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend a YES vote.***

48. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$500.00 for the support of Surry Arts at the Barn (SATB).

- To raise from Taxation: \$500.00

***Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend a YES vote.***



49. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$5,709.00 for the support of the Washington Hancock Community Agency (WHCA).

- To raise from Taxation: \$5,709.00

***Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend a YES vote.***

50. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$2,270.00 for the support of Hancock County Homecare and Hospice.

- To raise from Taxation: \$2,270.00

***Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend a YES vote.***

51. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$7,950.00 for the Surry Recreation Program. This includes YMCA funding of \$3,500.00.

- To raise from Taxation: \$7,950.00

***Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend a YES vote.***

52. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$6,430.00 for General Assistance, which includes a stipend for the General Assistance Administrators.

- To appropriate from Tree Growth Reimbursement: \$3,000.00
- To appropriate from Revenue Sharing Reserve: \$3,430.00

***Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend a YES vote***

53. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$10,000.00 and authorize the Selectmen to use such funds as they deem necessary to meet unanticipated expenses and emergencies that occur during fiscal year 2018.

- To appropriate from Excise Tax Reserve: \$10,000.00

***Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend a YES vote.***

54. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$1,880.00 from Fund Balance to cover the following overdrafts from the budget which were confirmed by the annual audit for fiscal year 2016:

- Code Enforcement: \$1,119.00
- Street Lights: \$45.00
- Septic Sludge Disposal: \$481.00
- Solid Waste Transfer Station \$235.00

***Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend a YES vote.***

55. To see if the Town will vote to establish that taxes will be payable upon commitment.

***Selectmen recommend a YES vote.***

56. To see if the Town will vote that property taxes shall be paid in two equal installments for the fiscal year 2018, the first half being due September 30, 2017, and delinquent thereafter, and the second half being due March 30, 2018, and delinquent thereafter, with interest at an annual rate of 7% charged on delinquent taxes.

***Selectmen recommend a YES vote.***

57. To see if the Town will vote to set the interest rate to be paid by the town on abated taxes at 5% pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. , Sec. 506-A.

***Selectmen recommend a YES vote.***

58. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$15,000.00 to pay for tax abatements and any interest due thereon.

- To raise from Taxation: \$15,000.00

***Selectmen recommend a YES vote.***

59. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector or Treasurer to accept prepayments of taxes not yet committed pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. , Sec. 506.

***Selectmen recommend a YES vote.***

60. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to dispose of any Real Estate acquired by the Town for non-payment of taxes thereon, on such terms as they deem advisable in accordance with state laws and regulations.

***Selectmen recommend a YES vote.***

61. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to dispose of town owned personal property with a value of \$5,000.00 or less under such terms and conditions as they deem advisable.

***Selectmen recommend a YES vote.***

62. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the selectmen to appoint necessary officers and officials not already chosen.

***Selectmen recommend a YES vote.***

63. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen on behalf of the Town to accept any State, Federal or private grants that may become available to the Town or the Blue Hill-Surry Solid Waste Committee.

*Selectmen recommend a YES vote.*

64. To see what action the Town will take regarding the alewives fisheries. (Selectmen recommend the Town renew alewife fishing rights with the Maine Department of Marine Resources for 2018 and that control of alewife fisheries be the responsibility of the Selectmen, including authority to negotiate a contract for a period of up to three years for the taking of alewives as a means of income to the Town).

*Selectmen recommend a YES vote.*

"NON POSTED WARRANT"  
THERE MAY BE ADDITIONAL ARTICLES

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**Blue Hill/Surry Transfer Station: 374-5458**

**Animal Control Officer: 266-0363**

**Surry Post Office: 667-4086**

**Surry Elementary School: 667-9358**

**Superintendent's Office: 374-9927**

**Sheriff (Non-Emergency) 667-7576**

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