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Town of Surry

Annual Report

2018-2019

**Annual Report
Town of Surry
Maine
Fiscal Year Ending
June 30, 2017
and the
Warrant for the
2018 Annual Town Meeting
April 23, 2018**

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**~Scheduled Meetings for the Board of Selectmen
Fiscal Year July 1, 2018-June 30, 2019~**

July 3 & 17
August 7 & 21
September 4 & 18
October 2 & 16
November 6 & 20
December 4 & 18

January 1 & 15
February 5 & 19
March 5 & 19
April 2 & 16
May 7 & 21
June 4 & 18

*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 meets 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 30th and March 30th ~

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

Independence Day~ July 4, 2018
Labor Day~ September 3, 2018
Columbus Day~ October 8, 2018
Veteran's Day~ November 11, 2018
Thanksgiving Recess~
November 22 & 23, 2018

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day~
January 21, 2019
President's Day~ February 18, 2019
Patriots' Day~ April 15, 2019
Memorial Day~ May 27, 2019

The Surry Town office will be closed December 25th and will
remain closed until January 2, 2019

Cover Photo Submitted by Elizabeth Volkwein

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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.

Selectboard, Assessors & General Assistance Administrators

Stephen D. Bemiss, Chairman 2020

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 Officer & Plumbing Inspector

Timothy Ferrell

Harbor Master

William Caddoo

School Committee

Joan Welgoss, Chair 2020

Michelle Berger 2018

Donald Driscoll 2019

Patricia Jencks 2019

Mary-Beth Mitchell 2020

Superintendent of Schools

Mark Hurvitt

Principal-Surry Elementary School

Fred Cole

Recreation Committee

Valerie Moon, Chair

Brian Folckemer

Michael Bishop (coach)

Finance Committee

Theodore Fletcher, Chair

Alfred Judd

David Hollenberg

Dale Sprinkle

Ralph Topham

Planning Board

William Barker, Chair

Dan McGraw

Wayne Moon

Don Ervin

Phillip Frederick

Margaret Smith

Jacqueline Gray, Assoc.

Jordan Shubert, Assoc.

Darcel Winslow, Secretary

Investment Committee

Robert Capen

Theodore Fletcher

Thomas Grogean

David Snow

Thomas Welgoss

William Doak

Robert Strong

Board of Appeals

David Hollenberg

Michael Locke

Dale Sprinkle

Elizabeth Beardsley

Conservation Commission

Nancy Hathaway, Chair

Thomas Minogue

Sharon Minogue

Betsy Armstrong

Kate Mrozicki

Old School House Committee

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

Alewife Committee

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

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

Surry Fire Department

Richard Black, Chief
Reggie Winslow, Asst. Chief
Bill Mulhern, Captain
Russell Smith
Michael Locke
Jeff Grantham
Darren Robinson
Elizabeth Volkwein
Pam Morse
Sandra Rhodes

Bryan McLellan
Eric Carlson
Megan Black
Frank Allen
Robin Allen
~**Honorary Members**~
Corey Esposito
John Kurtz
Wayne Moon
Fred Allen

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

Constable
Patrick Kane

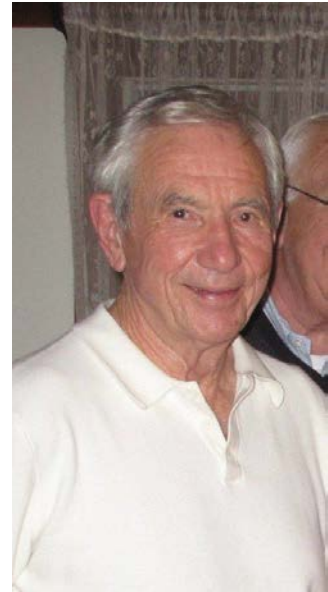
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Dedication

This year, the staff at the Surry Town Office would like to dedicate the town report to our friends and neighbors Dale Sprinkle and Earle Farley.

Dale joined us back in 2005 when he submitted an application to join the Surry Planning Board. Dale served on the Planning Board for 5 years, even becoming Chairman of the Board for a few of those years. In 2010, Dale decided to run for Selectman and was elected. During his tenor as Selectman and Assessor, Dale saw through a number of projects for the Town of Surry. A few of those projects included the acquisition of the Old Surry School House from the Surry Women's Auxiliary, the fire department expansion and updating the town's Unified Development Ordinance. After Dale decided to not run for Selectman for a third term, he joined the town's finance committee and appeals board. Thank you Dale for your many years of dedicated (and continued) service to the Town of Surry!



Earle Farley is a long time Surry resident(45 years) and the "go-to" person in the Town for many of those years. Whenever anything has needed to be done or someone has needed help, Earle has been there. Over the years Earle has worked tirelessly to improve and enhance our town.

For 8-10 years Earle served as secretary to the Planning Board. He worked at the Surry School as a 1-on-1 mentor for a student there. He designed, built and maintained the Osgood Trail, along with a team of volunteers. He also worked on several other trails in Surry. His involvement in the Surry Community Improvement Association (SCIA) as both officer and board member has been endless. Earle is the originator of the Surry Clean-up Day. He is the force behind the Christmas Tree at Memorial Park- hauling, erecting, and decorating it for many years. He continues to help at the park with pruning and trimming as needed. The granite bench at Memorial Park was delivered and installed by Earle and his trusty tractor. Over the years, he has also been involved in the Surry Garden Club.

Earle is the epitome of what a good neighbor and caring community member is. Thank you Earle for your many years of service to Surry!

Board of Selectmen:

Throughout the upcoming year, we will be completing the roadwork on Newbury Neck Rd. We will be updating and paving from the spot we left off in 2017 to the O'Neill's mailbox at the edge of Carrying Place Beach. We will continue to update and repair other areas of town as it becomes necessary.

We have been looking into the idea of putting a cross walk at the intersection of route 172 and the North Bend Rd (in front of Pugnuts). The cross-walk would be 5 yards wide and ADA compliant. The cross-walk would be lit at night using solar power. This project has been approved by DOT.

Again this year we will be placing the radar trailer in various places around town. Why? Simply to give those that care, a chance to gauge a safe speed when traveling in those areas. The information gathered to date from the radar trailer would surprise many of you.

The Fire Department expansion is moving along at a steady pace. The very cold temperatures

and deep snow have slowed things down slightly, but we are pleased with the fine work of the contractors. We look forward to showing our citizens the nearly completed project later this year.



Please consider joining one of our committees, you will be welcomed with open arms. Some take up more time than others but the more committee members we have, the less work for each of the volunteers. It is a great way to meet new people whether

you are new in town or a veteran Surryite.

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, Rebecca Collison and William Matlock. When I look around at other towns, I see how fortunate we are.

Respectfully Submitted,
Stephen D. Bemiss, Chairman
Surry Board of Selectpersons

*Photo: A group of election officials on the steps of Surry's Old Town Hall, 1948.

Front row (l to r): Sadie Mann (ballot clerk), Carrie Floyd (ballot clerk), Janet Carlisle (town clerk), Grace Radloff, (ballot clerk).

Back row (l to r): Earl Bonsey (ballot clerk), Selectmen Alton Carter, Harry Torrey and Maynard Clark.

Photo courtesy of Surry Historical Society

Town Clerk's Report:

Vital Statistics and Records~

- Births-11
- Marriage Licenses issued-5
- Deaths in Surry-21

Licenses & Registrations for calendar year 2017~

- Hunt and/or Fish licenses-99
- Cars/Trucks & Trailers-1926
- Boats-267
- Snowmobiles-17
- ATV's-73
- Dog Tags-181

Dog licenses are available every year beginning October 15. Avoid a \$25 late fee and get your dog(s) licenses prior to January 31.

Thank you to our election workers who help make both Town and State elections run smoothly.

Respectfully submitted,
Angela Smith, Clerk



Storekeeper Willard E. Kane in front of his unforgettable store in 1975. (The building is now Pugnuts Ice Cream Shop.) Photo courtesy of Surry Historical Society.

Surry Fuel Assistance Program:

This has been a busy year for the Surry Fuel Assistance program. There have been more applicants than usual. Total expenditures for the year-to-date (07/01/2017 through 03/01/2018) were \$2,037.00. Eight household, totaling seventeen people received help.

Generous Surry residents contributed \$1,400.00 to this fund, leaving a current balance of \$24,321.00.

It is important to remember that no local tax money is used to fund the Surry Fuel Assistance Program. It is all Surry residents helping other Surry residents.

General Assistance Report:

The need for Surry residents to receive help through General Assistance (GA) has diminished again this year due to improving economic times. The Surry GA applicants are a varied group, ranging from mothers with young children to the elderly. None of these people wants to be in the financial situation in which they find themselves. After an extensive interview by the GA Administrator to ensure qualifications of eligibility/ineligibility, as determined by State guidelines, the client is helped as much as possible.

Year to date (07/01/2017 through 03/01/2018) the amount GA has expended is \$602.00, leaving a balance of \$6,249.00. This reflects one GA case, helping three people. It is important to remember that the State of Maine will reimburse the Town of Surry 70% of the GA expenses or about \$421.00. This results in a net cost to Surry of \$181.00. The 2018-2019 budget for GA was decreased from \$6,430.00 to \$6,000.00.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca K. Collison
Surry General Assistance Administrator

Animal Control Officer Report:

During the past year, there were many cases of dogs-at-large. Letting a dog run free is illegal in the State of Maine, unless the dog is being used for legal hunting. Even so, most dog owners will let their dogs run free from time to time, and the Animal Control Officer tries to use common sense when applying this standard. However, when multiple complaints are received regarding one dog or group of dogs, warning notices are issued. In the future summonses will be issued to repeat offenders.



Dog owners who are unable, for whatever reason, to control their dogs, are encouraged to contact the ACO for information regarding adoption shelters.

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 \$11.00 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.

Sincerely,

Tim Ferrell
Animal Control Officer

Code Enforcement Office:

Code Enforcement was busy in 2017. One hundred two permits, consisting of 59 building permits, 42 plumbing permits and 1 permit for the expansion of an existing gravel pit were issued. Fifteen permits were issued for new houses. There were some challenges in Code Enforcement this year, but these were resolved in a professional and transparent manner by the Town.

Of particular note was the work of the Surry Planning Board during 2017. This group, consisting entirely of volunteers from the community, spent many long hours grappling with the various

code issues before the Town this year. Their steadfast dedication was, and is, a model of the positive effect of community service. We all owe them a debt of gratitude for their volunteer work on behalf of the Town.

It is the Code Enforcement Office's continuing goal to assist the resident of Surry with all construction projects and to answer questions relating to the Unified Development Ordinance. Office hours are 4-7PM every Tuesday. Please call 667-5912 or email surryceo@roadrunner.com.

Sincerely,

Tim Ferrell
Code Enforcement Officer
Local Plumbing Inspector

Surry Planning Board:

In 2017 the planning board was presented with a total of 10 applications that consisted of 5 additions to existing homes, 1 new residence, 1 gravel pit, 1 accessory dwelling and 1 minor subdivision.

The Board had some challenging and spirited meetings this past year. I am glad to see the citizens of the town speak out with their opinions and challenge the planning board to ensure it does its job correctly and accurately.

Despite a lot of recent hard work from citizens in the community, the planning board and CEO, the Unified Development Ordinance still has its conflicts and challenges. These errors, omissions and problems need to be corrected. Therefore, I have suggested the planning board, over this next year, take up specific chapters of the UDO known to be confusing and conflicting, to clarify and decipher the intent. Once a list of changes and/or updates is compiled, those will need to be presented at two (2) public hearings so that the community has a chance to review and or change them. Once the two public hearings are held, a vote will need to be taken at the next Town Meeting for those changes to be officially implemented in to the UDO. Changing the UDO is a process, it cannot be changed on a whim or on an "as needed basis" so work needs to begin soon.

This past year several members of the board, myself included, attended Public Service Training presented by the Maine Municipal Association. Ordinances can be and are becoming more and more complex each year. These training courses help guide board members through the entire planning process. More courses are scheduled for this year.

I want to close by saying Thank You to all the planning board members and the numerous other volunteers for this town who take their personal time, without compensation, to give back to this great community in which we live.

The Board meets every fourth Wednesday of the month at 7PM, except in November and December when it's the third Wednesday of the month.

Respectfully submitted,

William S. Barker
Chairman, Surry Planning Board

Road Commissioner's Report:

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

2017-2018 was a normal year with no major problems in the highway maintenance.

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

Ditching and shoulder repair was completed on Newbury Neck Rd, Cross Rd and Patten Pond Rd in the needed areas. There were several new replacement culverts installed that were in bad condition on the Newbury Neck Rd. The reconstruction, widening and paving, was completed on Newbury Neck from Allen Morse's to Morse Lane. There will be added construction to the north end in the coming year to complete the reconstruction project.

The town roadside mowing was done by Ray McDonald, and he continues to do an excellent job for the Town.

Roadside trees and bush cutting was completed on crossroads where needed.

Ken Dugas and his crew continued their contract keeping our roads plowed and sanded through the 2017-18 season, and they continue to provide excellent service in keeping them open and safe throughout the winter season.

Our perspective for the upcoming year will be to continue roadside ditching, grading, repair of shoulders and replacement of culverts, as necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

Stanley Saunders
Road Commissioner

Old Surry Village Schoolhouse Report:

When concerned citizens in 2016 organized to save the Old Surry Village Schoolhouse, we estimated that we would need three years to complete the project.

The project included phase 1: to rehabilitate the old schoolhouse with the necessary improvements as required for Fire Safety Codes and ADA standards. These improvements and requirements were a must for the building to be used as a public meeting space. During this phase of rehabilitation, we have maintained the essential features of the original two story, two room 1872 schoolhouse. A major goal continues to be that the building will meet the standards to become eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

Phase 2 of the project aims to purchase the adjacent property, which was once the playground for the Old School. This lot is an integral and historic part of the Surry Village School. The existing house would be removed and the land turned into a park, with walking paths around beautiful Meadow Stream, a gazebo, granite benches and picnic tables. The house and property have been for sale for more than 11 years. The 2018 fundraising season will concentrate on raising funds to buy this property.

The corner of Rt. 172 and the Toddy Pond Rd which in years past was referred to as "Schoolhouse Corner", when completed with the park and Old School, will become a focal point of the Town and one of Surry's major attractions.

As of this report, phase 1 is nearly complete. First floor joists have been replaced, the floor has been insulated and sub-floor installed. New 84"x42" doors with transoms have been installed and painted. New electric cable and meter box, 200 amp. breaker box and new wiring has been completed on both floors. Rest room and kitchen plumbing has been roughed in and attached to the holding tank. Stairs removed and the opening to 2nd floor filled in. To restore the building to original condition and conform to ADA requirements, new rest room and kitchen walls, new entry way walls, 2nd floor stair walls, new stairs to 2nd floor and electric closet wall have been roughed in. A new ceiling for upper floor entry way, and pine bead board to cover first floor walls and stairwell have been purchased. This 10,000 feet of pine boards will match sheathing on the second floor. Restoration of the original windows continues; to date, sixteen have been completed. Footings for the fire escape are in and waiting for spring weather to be constructed. The estimated completion date of phase 1 of rehabilitation is August 2018. We look forward to year three of this project with continued enthusiasm, and never forget your trust in us to complete the job.

Thank you Surry residents for your continued support of our fundraising activities. 2017 saw four major fundraisers as well as individual donors which have enabled us to report that we have raised enough money to complete the building phase of the project.

Surry's goal has been to add to the charm of this Downeast town with a much needed historical public meeting place and park for residents and tourists to enjoy for years to come. Plans are being formulated and events scheduled to utilize this vital part of Surry's history.

In conclusion, our committee wishes to thank the Board of Selectmen who have come along side us to encourage, help out and advise us on many of the aspects of this daunting project.

Respectfully submitted,

Old Surry Village Schoolhouse Preservation Group

Surry Historical Society Report:

For 36 years the Surry Historical Society has been pursuing its mission of keeping the Old Town Hall in good repair, preserving its contents, and adding to its collection of artifacts, photos, documents and books relating to Surry's past. Many talented and dedicated townspeople have contributed to this undertaking over the years by serving as officers or board members of the society. Without their vision and hard work, much of Surry's history would be lost to future generations.

A further mission of the society is to popularize town history and make it accessible to the public, moving it out of the shadows of bookshelves and storage closets and into the spotlight at our public meetings, held in June, July, August and September on the third Monday of each of those months at 7:00 p.m. at the Old Town Hall (1217 Route 172 in Surry village).

Public attendance surged at our four meetings in 2017. At meeting #1 we distributed 80 copies of a book documenting miraculous rescues at Schoolhouse Bridge on Meadow Stream. At meeting #2 we learned that Surry has a "sister town" in California where a number of Surry residents who took part in the 1848 Gold Rush settled. For meeting #3 the society produced a commemorative booklet recording the history of the Surry Fire Department and handed out 70 copies. At meeting #4, during our perennial "Local Yokels" program, we paid special tribute to lifelong resident Howard Young, who died in a tragic house fire in May of 2017. (See Sylvia Carter Atherton's painting of Young's farmstead, on right.)



The society videotaped these meetings. Edited versions are available to schools or interested parties. (See the contact information below.)

Much of our ability to preserve and present Surry history depends on people who come forward with old stories, documents, photographs, or anything else of historical interest. Please consider adding your family's slice of history to our collection before it is lost. We treat this material with the greatest care. We will scan documents and pictures, returning originals to the owner.

The society also maintains a collection of over 100 historic tools and farming artifacts, which are cataloged and displayed at the Old Town Hall. We added to this assortment in 2017 when the late Roger Kane's homestead on the Newbury Neck Road was emptied out prior to sale. We are thankful to Roger's son, Larish, for the donation. We also appreciate Janet Black Stanley's gift of several items from her family homestead.

We invite you to join the Surry Historical Society. Membership dues are five dollars per annum (two dollars for full time students). Send a check along with your name and mailing address to SHS, PO Box 17, Surry, ME 04684. Your dues support our work and entitle you to our annual newsletter with articles of interest and a schedule of upcoming events. Also look for signage in front of the Old Town Hall announcing our public meetings.

If you have questions, comments, or ideas please email: president@surryhistoricalsociety.com or phone me at 207-667-4877.

Respectfully submitted,
John Curtis, President, Surry Historical Society

Harbor Masters Report:

The Town Landing and ramp were widened and lengthened using crushed stone.

Several requests for moorings were received and filed at the town office. Moorings should be pulled or inspected by a diver at regular intervals. A chain gauge will be available for residents to borrow (with a deposit) to test your chain gauge if you prefer to inspect it yourself. Contact the Town Office for details.



We had one float and rusted chain wash ashore. If you value your boat check your chain! Mooring information, proper chain lengths and types can be found in the Hamilton Marine catalog or be found on their website at www.hamiltonmarine.com.

We are also looking into creating a boat basin at the town landing; we will try for a depth of ten feet.

Respectfully submitted,
William Caddoo, DMD

Health Officer Report:

The Health Officer had no calls in 2017.

A course on Ticks; Prevention and Disease Control was attended by the Health Officer.

Respectfully submitted,
William Caddoo, DMD

Surry Alewife Committee:

This past year, the Surry Alewife Committee held a very successful Alewife Celebration Day, with Brett Ciccotelli of the Downeast Salmon Federation as speaker. The only downside is that the fish find the weir and pool structure so accommodating and easy to move through, they swim extremely fast and it's hard to see them.

We had a dedicated number of fish counters at the culvert on North Bend Road leading to Lower Patten Pond. Our alewife numbers were good this year: nearly 6,000 were counted during the period May 11 to June 9. Altogether, 105 observations with a duration of 30 minutes each were conducted.

We have purchased a solar battery camera to count the fish this year, and it will be installed beneath that same culvert by Downeast Salmon Federation. The cost of the camera was funded 100% by a grant from the Atlantic Coast Fish Habitat Partnership. We still need human counters, but the camera will allow us a more accurate count. Let us know if you would like to count fish in May and June!

The work on the culvert for the stream at Jellison Ridge is done, with the invaluable help of Scott Craig of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. It is a beautiful culvert that will allow brook trout to expand their numbers and range. The construction was done by K. J. Dugas Construction Inc. of Surry, and 100% of the cost was paid for by grants obtained through the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

We hope to attract more people who are interested in Surry fish runs to become members of our Committee. Surry is a town with many streams and it attracts both fish that swim upstream to spawn, such as alewives, bluebacks, smelt, and fish that swim from ponds into the ocean to spawn, such as the American eel. We also have extended habitats of saved land, thanks to the work of many, including the Blue Hill Heritage Trust. Saving land along streams protects migrating fish!

If you live by a stream with a fish run, do let us know. We would like to see it.

As in the past, we could not have accomplished all this without the dedicated work of Tom Welgoss. Thank you, Tom!

Susan Hand Shetterly
Norman Mrozicki

Co-Chairs, Surry Alewife Committee

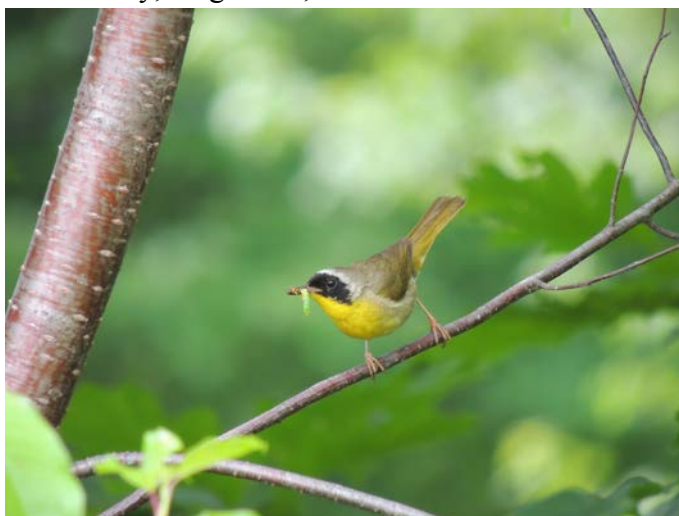
Surry Conservation Commission:

Present members: Tom Minogue, Sharon McGraw, and Nancy Hathaway, Chair.

This past year the SCC put most of its attention on our annual Stars over Surry event celebrating our night sky. Here in Surry and in Downeast Maine we have some of the darkest skies east of the Mississippi River which means because of our low light pollution from outside lighting shooting up to the sky and minimal LED lighting which puts out a blue light which bounces off the ground to the sky, we can see stars here that very few east of the Mississippi can see.

Our 2017 Stars over Surry was partnered with the Surry School, Acadia National Park, Blue Hill Library, Surry Arts at the Barn, and the Blue Hill Heritage Trust, which did much of the publicity, reducing our cost. A private donation helped with expenses. The events included Northern Stars Planetarium holding two inflatable planetarium shows at the Surry School. Michael Marion, a ranger at Acadia National Park and VIP astronomers here for the Acadia Night Sky Festival offered talks at Surry School, the Blue Hill Public Library, and Surry Arts at the Barn where the film “The City Dark” was shown. The telescope viewing over our town beach, Carrying Place Beach was canceled due to rain.

This year’s “Stars over Surry” will be held on Thursday, August 9th, at the new Blue Hill Heritage Trust land, Surry Forest off the Toddy Pond Road. The event is held just before the new moon, which offers the best viewing for the stars because there is no moonlight. Before the event, Northern Stars Planetarium may hold a show. Some events will be held at the newly renovated Old Surry School including an alternative event in case of weather cancelation at the Surry Forest. More details to follow. If anyone would like to help out with this event please contact me at Hathaway.N@gmail.com.



The Surry Conversation Commission is committed to this popular annual event celebrating our starry skies. Please note that if you have outdoor lighting that there is special dark sky lighting that protects our starry skies by placing a shade over the top of the light so the light shines downwards rather than upwards lighting up the sky. Home Depot has such lighting. For more information check DarkSky.org.

The Surry Conservation Commission is also interested and supportive of wild life corridors, the topic of how we deal with our waste, and our Transfer Station. We are especially interested in reducing, reusing, and recycling our waste. We support the TAG (Transfer Action Group) who is putting great effort into decreasing the large amount of plastic in our global environment. We are open to exploring other topics. We became a member of a state wide group of Maine Conservation Commissions.

At present we are inviting new members to join as the town ordinance passed by the town for the Surry Conservation Commission has space for five members; we are now three. Please contact the town office if you are interested.

Nancy Hathaway, Chair

Cemetery Committee:

The Cemetery Committee met only once in 2017 to discuss the annual budget and the condition of the six cemeteries.

The expansion of the Morgan Bay Cemetery was reviewed and it was determined that the expansion will be done in sections over a three year period. The tree cutting of the lot has been completed and is now ready to be burned by the Fire Department. This year, the process will continue.

A small amount of road repair was necessary at Village Cemetery and some gate repair was needed at both Cunningham Ridge Cemetery and at Bay View Cemetery. Some damage at Morgan Bay Cemetery was caused by vehicles tearing up the grass; this problem seems to reoccur almost every year.

Many thanks to cemetery caretakers Hollis and Reggie; the Committee continues to be pleased with the work that they do.

John Curtis was appointed co-sexton with Jerry Lord of Village Cemetery.

The budget for FY-2018 was increased by \$2,400.00 to cover the cutting of the Morgan Bay Cemetery expansion. Labor rates for caretakers remained the same.

Cemetery lots are still available. Only Bay View and West Surry Cemeteries are currently full. The price of each lot remains the same. Contact the Town Office for details.

Respectfully submitted,

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

MEMORIAL PARK



In 2006, residents voted to establish an endowment fund
to honor and memorialize loved ones.
No donations were received in 2017.

Surry Volunteer Fire Department:

First of all it has again been an honor and a privilege to serve as the fire chief for the Town of Surry. The support of the members of our town has been outstanding. It is also a pleasure to work with a great group of men and women that donate a great deal of time to serve and protect our community. With their dedication and hard work we have accomplished a lot over the last year.

2017 was a busy year for the department. Our call volume doubled with a total count of 61. We had 14 down trees, 8 alarms, 7 car accidents, 11 medical/lift assists, 6 forest fires, 1 structure fire, 1 boat recovery, 1 pole/transformer fire, 2 calls of debris blocking roadway, 1 dumpster fire, 1 unpermitted burn, 1 smoke investigation and 7 mutual aid calls.

As most of you know, our space problems are in the process of being rectified. We are in the process of a remodel/addition to our fire house. This will give us some much needed equipment, training, office and fire department/town office storage space. After our building project is complete, we will be hosting an open house to share our new addition with the towns people. This will be an event for all ages. We look forward to seeing you there!

I would like to give a special thanks to Captain Billy Mulhern for 39 years of service. I would also like to thank both Engineer Russell Smith and Safety Officer Michael Locke for 33 years of service to the Surry Fire Department. Congratulations to Lieutenant Bryan McLellan for a well deserved Firefighter of the Year award.

We are proud to announce that last year we delivered 6 Thanksgiving baskets to families and purchased Christmas gifts and clothing for 15 children in our community. We are able to provide this service from fundraisers we host throughout the year such as yard sales and raffles. We are looking for new fundraising ideas. If anyone has any ideas or may be able to volunteer their time to help us out, please call Chief Richard Black at (207)669-5305.

Respectfully submitted, Chief Richard Black

Our current members are as follows:

Chief-Richard Black
Assistant Chief-Reggie Winslow
Captain- Billy Mulhern
Captain-Jeff Grantham
Lieutenant-Bryan McLellan
Safety Officer- Michael Locke
Engineer-Russell Smith
Firefighter-Liz Volkwein
Firefighter-Darren Robinson

Firefighter-Frank Allen
Firefighter-Eric Carlson
Support-Sandy Rhodes
Support-Pam Morse
Support/Rehab- Robin Allen
Office-Megan Black

BLUE HILL / SURRY TRANSFER STATION

Reduce/Reuse/Recycle

The Blue Hill/Surry Transfer Station finished the 2017 year within our budget. The first of the year, we changed our recycling handling process to single-stream recycling. All recyclable items go into a designated hopper and are transported to a facility for sorting and processing. This has given us the ability to get more recyclable items out of our solid waste stream.

Throughout the life of the landfill, a portion of the annual budget at the Station has been used to create an account to cover closing costs and future possible mitigation in case of contamination. Fortunately, the timing of the State's reimbursement program fell within the same time frame when our landfill reached capacity. We plan to use some funds from this account to defray annual adjustments to user-town rates due to population change and increases in the annual Transfer Station budget. As the landfill closure is now completed, we will receive partial reimbursement from the State of Maine for the closing costs of this project. This will be received in incremental payments over a period of time.

We have finished our first year of scale operations and use of our new demolition storage area. Some minor adjustments were made to the area for loading purposes and container placement as well as completion of a concrete pad and retaining wall for the metal and white goods storage area. We feel these areas are working out very well to contain all materials and streamline operations.

Many other capital improvements were made which are much more visible to the everyday user. First, we removed the dilapidated wooden doors and replaced them with overhead garage doors. Vinyl siding and window trim was installed on all buildings as well as safety-yellow paint on all gates/railings and a new gate/wider entrance on the Blue Hill end to create a safer access for the transfer trucks and improved traffic flow. Complete repaving of the entire facility, one new compactor at the commercial loading area, and the addition of a new compactor for the single-stream recycling at the residential loads area finishes out the tasks that were completed.

A few other improvements and changes to look forward to in 2018 will be new roadside signage and some signage for traffic flow within the Transfer Station. We will also be moving forward with our partnership with MRC and Fiberight, LLC for the disposal of our municipal solid waste. New hours of operation will take place this Spring. We will be open 7 am to 5 pm year-round; closed Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day.

The committee meets the 4th Tuesday of each month at 6 pm at the Blue Hill Town Office. Public participation and input are always welcome. Meeting minutes, once approved, can be viewed on the Town of Surry website at surry.govoffice.com. A current price list and list of acceptable items is also available on the Town of Surry website. Thank you for your support and cooperation you continue to extend to the Transfer Station effort.

Respectfully Submitted,


Vaughn Leach,

Chairman, For the Blue Hill/Surry Transfer Station Committee

SURRY: William Matlock, Stephen D. Bemiss, Rebecca Collison

BLUE HILL: Vaughn Leach, James M. Schatz, Ellen Best

Dear Friends, Neighbors and Parents:

A school is a family, especially a small school like ours. Everybody knows everybody, and we spend a lot of time together. We struggle together and we succeed together. That makes it all the harder for us when students move or graduate, and when teachers find other jobs or retire. This year two veteran teachers have announced their retirements, and the school will not be the same. Joan Dwyer (31 years at Surry) and Larry Deans (20 years at Surry) have brought skilled teaching, humor, caring, and love to generations of children of Surry. They have invested themselves in every child they taught, and countless lives are better lives thanks to them. Working with them, struggling and succeeding with them, has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my professional career. Surry has been blessed to have them, and finding worthy teachers to step into their roles is a daunting responsibility. Thank you Mrs. Dwyer and Mr. Deans. Please come back and visit us.

Fortunately, as positions open, we continue to attract talented teachers. This year we hired four new teachers. Grade 5 teacher Courtney Weaver is a Surry parent and resident; she formerly worked as an assistant in our Pre-K program and is off to a fantastic start! Middle school teacher Katie Naude joined us in January, and has 11 years of teaching experience in Isleboro and the British Virgin Isles. We hope she's here a good long while. New music teacher Joe Wainer taught for years at Conners Emerson in Bar Harbor, is a professional drummer himself, and has our band and chorus programs rocking! Finally, Jillian Liversidge has returned to our school as a Spanish teacher at the Wagner School in Winterport. We are glad to have her back.

Our school population currently sits at 126 students, in grades pre-K through 8. This is the same as last year, and up from two years ago. Classroom enrollment ranges from a high of 17 each in kindergarten and grade 2, to a low of 8 in 8th grade. We average around 13 students per grade. We already have 13 students signed up for next year's pre-kindergarten class. Enrollment at Surry is holding steady, and the quality of our school has been cited by families as a reason they chose to settle here.

A challenge facing Surry has been a recent increase in children requiring special education services. These are children for whom specialized instruction is required by law. Because of this influx, we have budgeted for an additional special education teacher next year, taking us from one to two.

Although it isn't a program operated or funded by the school, I want to bring the Surry Backpack Food Program to your attention, if you haven't heard of it already. Currently providing weekend meals to 28 children in Surry, the food program is funded entirely through donations and is revealing something to us all: The heart of Surry. By this I mean the caring, the giving, and the sense of community that the best small towns all possess. After witnessing the growth of this volunteer effort I can tell you, Surry is clearly one of the very best small towns. Thank you to School Board Chairperson Joan Welgoss and her team of volunteers for making this program possible.

As always, if you have questions, concerns, ideas, or would like to volunteer in the school, please contact me or stop by!

Sincerely,
Fred Cole, Principal

To the Citizens of Surry:

This year's proposed expenditure budget for 2018-19 is up, a bit under 4%, on the heels of last year's budget which was down \$10,000.00. As I write, I don't know the exact number yet because we are still working on the final version. However, I will be able to provide that at the SCIA meeting on April 9th and at Town Meeting on April 23rd.

The increases to the budget this year (about \$97,000.00) mostly have to do with the following: high school tuition, teacher health insurance, and two new positions: half time PE, and full time special education. We want to do the PE position; because of special education caseload, and IEP minutes, we have to do the special education position.

Two long time teachers are retiring at the end of this school year, and we wish them well: Larry Deans and Joan Dwyer.

For 2017-18 State subsidy is \$99,280.00. Right now, the projection is for \$120,494.00 for 2018-19. Since we won't know the actual figure until the Legislature adjourns, I am going to plan on \$100,000.00.

Surry's carry forward as of 6/30/17 was \$167,403.00, and that's a good number. On 6/30/16 it was \$41,926.00, and that was too close for comfort. You may remember that we worked our carry forward down from a high of about a million dollars in 2010, and for seven years we were able to subsidize the school budget with carry forward funds.

Children at Surry Elementary continue to thrive. Our enrollment is stable. Our physical plant is well kept up. Our curriculum and our teachers are top notch.

Respectfully,

Mark Hurvitt
Superintendent

Surry Children's Backpack Food Program Committee:

In October 2017, the Surry School Committee, in conjunction with the Surry Elementary School Administration and staff, launched a Backpack Program. The program provides food for weekends to eligible Surry Elementary School students.

While financial constraints are addressed during the school week by offering children free or reduced price meals, weekends often pose a challenge. The goal of the Backpack program is to extend the assistance provided in order to enhance student performance. Data indicates that children who are not hungry participate more fully in school, score better on tests, achieve stronger reading skills, demonstrate an increased attention span, and are less likely to develop behavioral issues.

To be eligible, students must qualify for free or reduced price lunch. In addition, the parent(s) must sign a Backpack Program opt-in/opt-out letter.

Currently we pack approximately 168 meals per week, with significant focus on being discreet to protect the child's privacy. This includes three meals a day plus healthy snacks for Saturday and Sunday. We also provide for those siblings who are not yet in school or are in a school which does not have this program.

Funding is solely by donations. A Mid-Winter Tea and Raffle was held in January to help raise funds for the program. We are most appreciative to Lola Hosler and Mary Bradley for making this fund-raising event possible. Two more events are planned to help fund the program, including a golf tournament tentatively in June.

The following is a program summary through February 28, 2018:

Contributions received	\$9,155.02
Food purchases	<u>-\$3,263.85</u>
Backpack Fund Balance	<u>\$5,891.17</u>
Average number of children assisted per week since inception	26
Number of weekend days for which meals were provided	33
Total assistance days (26 X 33)	858
Average cost per child per day (\$3,263.85/858)	\$3.80

I would personally like to thank the volunteers who come every Friday to pack the bags with food and the Surry Elementary School Principal, teachers, and administrative staff who have been so supportive of our efforts.

Anyone wishing to make a donation to the Backpack Program may send a check to the Town Office made payable to the "Town of Surry" and marked "Backpack Program".
Thank you to all of the residents of Surry who have helped support this successful and worthwhile project.

Joan Welgoss, Chairman
Surry School Committee and Surry Children's Backpack Food Program

Backpack Committee Members:

Michelle Berger
Fred Cole
Joan Dwyer
Cindy Engle
Megan Harmon
Lola Hosler
Pat Jencks
Mary Beth Mitchell
Kate Mrozicki
Phil Roberts
Rita Roberts

Surry Scholarship Committee:

The Surry Scholarship Committee was pleased to award four \$2,000 Robert L. Jordan Scholarships this past year to the following graduating seniors residing in Surry and planning to pursue a secondary education:

Maya Jacques

- Graduated from George Stevens Academy
- Accepted at Western Washington University

Christian Jones

- Graduated from George Steven Academy
- Accepted at Franklin & Marshall College

Hannah Jordan

- Graduated from George Stevens Academy
- Accepted at University of Maine at Orono

Silvia Zeamer

- Graduated from George Stevens Academy
- Accepted at Wellesley College

The scholarships are awarded from a trust fund established through the generous bequest of the late Robert L. Jordan. The trust fund financial statements are included elsewhere in this town report.

Donations towards scholarships for deserving Surry students are accepted at the Town Office throughout the year.

We congratulate and wish success to this year's scholarship recipients as they pursue their academic goals and continue to build on their significant achievements.

School Committee:

Joan Welgoss, Chair
Michelle Berger, Vice-Chair
Don Driscoll
Pat Jencks
Mary Beth Mitchell

Scholarship Committee:

Joan Welgoss, Chair
Michelle Berger
Steve Bemiss
Sherry Fletcher

George Stevens Academy Annual Report to the Community

Since 1803, when known as the Blue Hill Academy, George Stevens Academy has served the citizens of the Blue Hill peninsula. Our task today is to take what is best from that proud tradition, and meld it with what is new and innovative, in order to provide our students with the most useful education possible. We are able to use our heritage as a town academy, a school run as an independent school but enrolling all who live in our sending towns, to create the best educational program possible.

Our curriculum continues to be expansive, and we offer courses for all abilities and goals, whether those be to enter the work force directly after high school, or continue in a college or university. We have recently added to our science and language curriculums, and will be doing a boatbuilding class in the second semester.

<u>GSA Enrollment</u>	<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>	<u>Enrollment by Sending Town and Other:</u>
Grade 9	45	41	Blue Hill 115, Brooklin 24, Brooksville 18, Castine 12,
Grade 10	48	27	Dedham 1, Hancock 1, Isle au Haut 1, Mariaville 1, Orland 13,
Grade 11	33	42	Otis 2, Penobscot 20, Sedgwick 35, Surry 26, Boarding 39,
Grade 12	<u>36</u>	<u>38</u>	Private Pay 2
	162	148	

Governance – Board of Trustees

Samantha Politte, *Chair*, Blue Hill

Mary Tyler Knowles, *Vice Chair*, Blue Hill

Brian van Emmerik, *Treasurer*, Sedgwick

Phyllis Taylor, *Clerk*, Blue Hill

Jeffrey Allen '79, Blue Hill

Michael Astbury, '03, Blue Hill

Margaret Hannah, Blue Hill

Katrina Parson, Blue Hill

Lin Parker, Penobscot

Deborah Ludlow '79, Brooksville

James Markos, Blue Hill

Michael McMillen, Brooksville

Sally Mills '85, Blue Hill

John Richardson, Blue Hill

Jon Woodward '66, Sedgwick

Administration

Timothy J. Seeley, Head of School

Gail Strehan, Asst. to Head of School

Todd Eckenfelder, Dean of Students

Larry Gray, Athletics Director

Frederick Heilner, Business Manager

Michael Foster, Admissions

Elizabeth Moss, Residential Life

David Stearns, Dean of Curriculum

Katy Rinehart, College & Career Counseling

Libby Rosemeier, Asst. Head of School

Rada Starkey, Development

Liffey Thorpe, Communications

It is an exciting time at the school. GSA does excellent work now, but there is much we can do to become even better, to serve our students now, and to prepare them for the changing world ahead, whatever their post GSA plans. We are at the beginning stages of extensive self examination and planning, looking at all we do to be sure we are making the best use of the resources we have, and forming plans to get the resources we need. Our goal is to be an exemplary school in all ways, take advantage of where we are, and of communities we are a part of. We welcome support from community members. If you are interested in getting involved with our school, please contact us at 374-2808, or see us on Facebook.

Finances

The State has set the maximum tuition rate for FY18 at \$11,539.70. Our annual operating budget is \$5,818,000. We depend on a strong fund-raising effort to meet our expenses. In FY17 \$305,000 was raised in unrestricted and restricted funds. Our ability to offer programs and services not funded by state tuition is a distinct advantage of an independent school.

The Annual Fund is successful thanks to the many, generous contributions of GSA's alumni, parents & friends. In FY17, more than 650 donors contributed to this community school.

For up-to-date information about GSA, our programs, and what's happening on campus, visit our Web site at www.georgestevensacademy.org. Thank you!

Timothy J. Seeley
Head of School

Surry 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 recently reviewed all available 2018/2019 budget requests from town committees, departments and community service providers such as the ambulance corps and libraries. The school budget process is separate. The committee has no authority over either the town budget or school budget. However, we do make ourselves available to examine and review budget requests to ensure the process of budget development is sensitive to the needs and resources of the town. When the budget requests for current fiscal period have all finally been added to the working budget 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 once again audited in accordance with municipal obligations. Members of 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 once again 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 reserve funds, which are in line with municipal governance guidance.

Respectfully Submitted,

Theodore Fletcher, Chair
David Hollenberg
Alfred Judd
Dale Sprinkle
Ralph Topham

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

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). The value of the investments as of February 28, 2018 is \$351,037.76, which includes realized and unrealized gains or losses. Since inception, the investments have produced a return of 3.48%. Below is a summary of the change in investment balances for 2017:

Surry Investment Program	
Summary of Investment Activity	
For the year ended 12/31/ 2017	
Beginning Balance, 1/1/2017	\$332,011
Contribution during 2017	\$0
Investment advisory fees paid	(\$1,361)
Net Cash Flow	(\$1,361)
Interest and dividends received and reinvested	\$7,388
Market appreciation	\$14,045
Total 2017 Earnings	\$21,433
Ending Balance, 12/31/2017	\$352,083
2017 Return on Investment	6.47%

As part of its oversight, the committee held program review meetings with First Advisors on August 25, 2017 and February 16, 2018. The next regular meeting is planned for August 10, 2018. The committee will continue to advise the Select Board as appropriate. We welcome the newest member of the committee, Robert Strong, PhD, CFA.

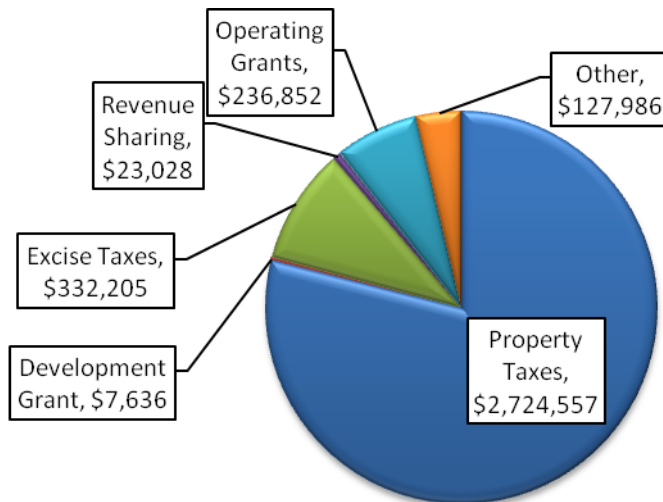
Committee Members:

Robert Capen
William Doak
Theodore Fletcher
Thomas Grogean
David Snow
Robert Strong
Thomas Welgoss

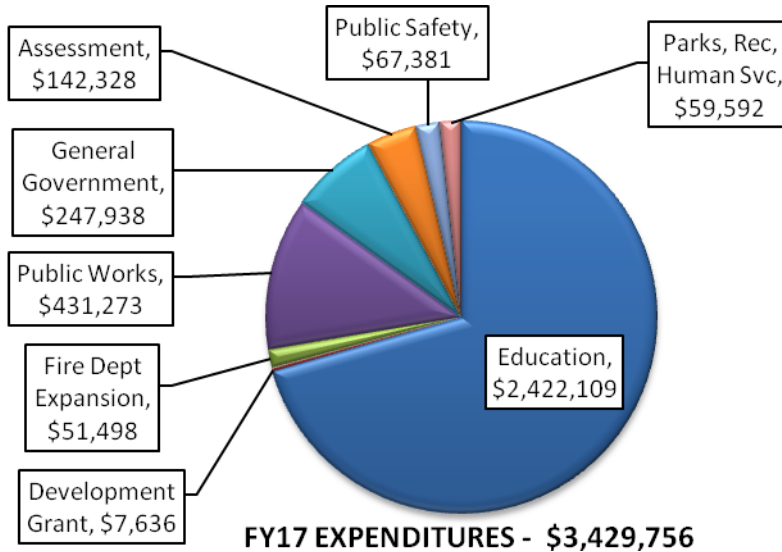
Treasurer's Report

An independent audit of the financial statements of the Town, for the year ended June 30, 2017, was completed by the accounting firm of James W. Wadman, CPA. For that period, the audited revenues totaled \$3,452,263 (compared to \$3,299,052 in the prior year), and audited expenditures totaled \$3,429,756 (compared to \$3,525,863 in the prior year). Expenditures include \$51,498 of fire department expansion pre-construction costs.

The excess of expenditures over revenues contributed to a net surplus of \$22,507. The surplus and anticipated financing of constructions costs of \$51,498 result in an increase of total fund balances and reserves to \$2,740,920, of which \$566,859 is unassigned. A complete copy of the auditor's report is available on the Town's web site.



FY17 REVENUES - \$3,452,263



FY17 EXPENDITURES - \$3,429,756

Assessor's Report
July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017

Valuation

Real Estate Valuation	\$	311,610,100	
Personal Property Valuation		<u>781,600</u>	
Total Taxable Valuation			\$ 312,391,700
50% of Homestead Exemptions Granted			<u>3,262,400</u>
Total Valuation Base			\$ 315,654,100
Rate per \$1,000 Valuation	\$	8.55	
Tax Commitment			<u>\$ 2,698,843</u>

Municipal Appropriations

Administration	\$	237,895	
Public Safety		78,683	
Public Works		535,643	
CEO		13,180	
Parks & Recreation		37,290	
Non-Profit Organizations		9,279	
Other		<u>66,400</u>	
sub-total	\$	978,370	
Hancock County Tax		138,313	
Education		<u>2,349,828</u>	
Total Appropriations			\$ 3,466,511
Overlay			<u>35,736</u>
Total Appropriations plus Overlay			\$ 3,502,247

Less Allowed Deductions

ACO Reserve	\$	(2,432)	
Boat Excise Tax Reserve		(3,500)	
Fund Balance		(203,575)	
State Revenue Sharing Reserve		(117,895)	
Tree Growth		(16,340)	
UDO Reserve		(1,920)	
Maine Local Road Assistance Program Reserve		(75,000)	
Vehicle Excise Tax Reserve		(374,342)	
Waterway Reserve		<u>(8,400)</u>	
Total Deductions			(803,404)
Net Assessment			<u>\$ 2,698,843</u>

Tax Collector's Report
Schedule of Valuation, Commitment and Collection
For Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2017

Total Taxable Valuation	\$312,391,700
Tax Rate per \$1000 Valuation	<u>\$8.55</u>
Tax Assessment	\$2,670,949

Collections and Adjustments

Cash Collections	\$2,516,222
Abatements Granted	\$ 1,267
Supplemental Taxes	<u>(\$879)</u>
Total Collections and Adjustments	\$2,516,611

Uncollected taxes as of June 30, 2015	\$154,338
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Taxes are due September 30th and March 30th

Supplements approved in 2017

Robert & Maribeth Salois	2017	\$ 726.75
Patricia Taniashvili	2017	\$152.19
Lucinda Griffin	2017	\$74.00
Marshall Dodge/Katerine Lane	2017	\$ 2,950.58
Marshall Bolster/S. Straubing	2017	<u>\$ 4,648.59</u>
		\$ 8,552.11

Abatements approved in 2017

Jodi Pierce	2017	\$ 172.71
Jodi Pierce	2017	\$ 82.08
Marianne Millette-Kelley	2017	\$ 152.19
Scott Edgerly	2017	\$ 212.04
Downeast Living Trust	2017	\$ 19.67
Arbutus Grange	2017	\$ 15.39
Robert & Maribeth Salois	2017	<u>\$ 613.04</u>
		\$ 1,267.12

2016 Delinquent Taxes as of 12/31/2017

*Abraham, Rachel	966.00
*Carter, Jasper H.	279.26
*Davis, Suzette M.	548.19
*Dietrich, Mark	228.41
*Gianninoto, Gordon	239.09
*Johnson, Sandra Fay, Trustee	169.27
*McDonald, Dennis & Susan	117.14
*McDonald, Dennis & Susan	2,457.26
*Nevells, Ramona & Charles H.	382.29
Sanipas, Marie	414.86
*Saunders, Bradley J.	703.49
*Schmidt, Douglas	89.86
*Smith, Arthur	53.12
*Smith, Benjamin & Scott, Leca	110.26
*Smith, Victoria L.	630.00
Total:	\$7,388.50

2017 Delinquent Taxes as of 12/31/2017

326 Holdings (1), LLC-Patten	281.72	*McDonald, Dennis & Susan	3,813.86
Abraham, Rachel	1,107.54	*McDonald, Dennis & Susan	155.63
Allen, Frederick A. Jr.	1,263.60	Moon, Valerie J.	385.28
Brown, Sharon L.	325.01	*Mott, David C. & Ellen M.	398.90
*Carter, Jasper H.	328.30	Nevells, Ramona & Charles	405.24
Danico, Lisa L.	747.89	*Rafferty, Jeffrey & Tracey	2,418.80
Davis, Suzette M.	594.91	Robertson, Dennis E.	219.16
*Dietrich, Mark	516.17	Sanipas, Marie	479.46
Duhaime, Robert H.	410.40	Sargent, Stephen	687.96
Feldkamp, Thomas & Catherine	2,236.59	Saunders, Bradley J.	784.58
Feldkamp, Thomas & Catherine	1,075.33	*Schmidt, Douglas F.	233.42
Frost, Heather	1,007.76	Schnall, Paul E.	532.70
Gianninoto, Gordon	278.40	Smith, Arthur	723.74
Hughes, Ellen B.	1,876.94	Smith, Ben & Scott, Leca	1,382.20
Johnson, Sandra Fay, Trustee	3,080.24	Smith, Victoria L.	705.84
Kane, Elizabeth D. (50%int)	1,815.21	Webber, Eugene & Brenda	1,076.58
Kane, Regina M. (83.83%int)	1,815.21	Total:	\$35,958.10
Kaspala, Thomas W. Jr.	1,498.66		
*Krichels, Anne	907.14		
Mahannah, Roger N. Trust	139.50		
*McDonald, Dennis & Susan	2,900.42		

***Denotes payment received after 12/31/17**

Exemptions-Veterans:

The following Veterans receive a \$6,000 exemption on their primary residence. This year's exemption took \$51.90 off each tax bill.

Anderson, Mark A.	Gray, Wayne	Saunders, Wilbur A.
Anderson, Susan	Hannah, Gregg S.	Sederquist, Carl A.
Backes, Donald F.	Hansen, William	Small, Loring W.
Bemiss, Stephen D.	Higgins, Brian A.	Smith, Arthur
Bernstein, S. Ari	Hillman, Frederick P. Sr.	Smith, Dawson
Bixby, Elisabeth	Hodgkins, Robert	Somes, John R.
Bousquet, William A.	Hoffman, Roger	Sprinkle, Dale W.
Capen, Ernest	Kandutsch, Andrew	Sullivan, Daniel
Carter, Donald H.	Keiser, Thomas G.	Swaim, Ollie Davis (Life Est)
Castle, Frederick A. Jr.	Lane, Raymond	Taylor, Ronald D.
Chapman, Paul J.	Lanese, John D.	Torrey, Kenneth & Roger
Claire Agolati Trust	Lapointe, Walter G.	Trundy, Richard
Coffin, Cheryl Fmly Trust	Lebeau, Robert T.	Volkwein, Edward
Crane, Peter J.	Mann, Lyman	Wixon, John V.
Cullinane, Claire	McCormick, Franklin	Woodward, Samuel
Dannenberg, Carl	Moon, Roy	Wuori, David E.
Doak, William	Mrozicki, Norman	Yerkes, James
Faust, Richard	Mulhern, William R.	Young, Howard
Fox, James	Perkins, Bradley S.	Zador, Melanie
Fletcher, R. Theodore	Peterson, Scott R.	Zeamer, R. Warwick
Fox, James	Peva, James M.	Zimmerman, Peter
Gabrielson, Shirley A.	Salminen, Richard	Zissulis, William (Living Trust)
Gibbons, Robert	Sargent, Maurice E.	
Grimaldi, Joseph A.	Saunders, Clifton L.	
Gray, David L.	Saunders, Richard E.	

Exemptions-Veterans' Widows:

The following Veterans widows receive a \$6,000 exemption on their primary residence. This year's exemption took \$51.90 off each tax bill.

Abraham, Rachel D.	Graham, Nancy	Johnson, Sandra Fay-Trustee
Boege, Laura N.	Hawrylycz, Virginia - Trustee	O'Neill, Ann K. Trustee
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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, 2017, 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, 2017, 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 27 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.
January 9, 2018

TOWN OF SURRY, MAINE

(Exhibit A-1)

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONSFOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

	<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	\$191,850	\$175,304	\$1,000	\$15,546
Assessing	\$24,695	\$25,795		(\$1,100)
Planning Board & Board of Appeals	\$1,920	\$1,430		\$490
Code Enforcement	\$11,260	\$8,800		\$2,460
Municipal Building Operations	\$21,350	\$32,818		(\$11,468)
Conservation Commission	\$500	\$0		\$500
	<u>\$251,575</u>	<u>\$244,147</u>	<u>\$1,000</u>	<u>\$6,428</u>
<u>Public Safety</u>				
Fire Department Operations	\$39,625	\$40,363		(\$738)
Fire Department Equipment	\$11,000	\$2,664		\$8,336
Ambulance	\$15,708	\$15,708		\$0
Harbor Master	\$3,500	\$483		\$3,017
Animal Control Officer	\$3,975	\$3,510	\$465	\$0
911 Addressing	\$3,575	\$3,374		\$201
Street Lights	\$1,300	\$1,280		\$20
	<u>\$78,683</u>	<u>\$67,381</u>	<u>\$465</u>	<u>\$10,837</u>
<u>Public Works</u>				
Road Commissioner	\$8,592	\$9,115	(\$523)	\$0
Winter Roads	\$160,750	\$140,355	\$20,395	\$0
Town Roads & Bridges	\$58,700	\$38,659	\$20,041	\$0
Cutting Roadside Bushes	\$5,000	\$4,950	\$50	\$0
Road Reconstruction	\$175,000	\$111,632	\$63,368	\$0
Cemeteries	\$11,100	\$10,826		\$274
Septic Sludge Disposal	\$2,500	\$2,638		(\$138)
Solid Waste Transfer Station	\$114,000	\$113,099		\$901

TOWN OF SURRY, MAINE

(Exhibit A-1)

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS - CONTINUED

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual Expenditures</u>	<u>Transfers (In)/Out</u>	<u>Unexpended or (Overdraft)</u>
<u>Health & Human Services</u>				
General Assistance	\$11,400	\$2,565		\$8,835
Libraries	\$10,810	\$10,810		\$0
Community Service Agencies	\$9,279	\$9,279		\$0
Historical Society (Old Town Hall)	\$1,000	\$177		\$823
	<u>\$32,489</u>	<u>\$22,831</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$9,658</u>
<u>Overlay</u>	\$33,305	\$0		\$33,305
<u>Assessments & Debt Service</u>				
County Tax	\$138,313	\$138,313		(\$0)
Contingency	\$15,000	\$4,015	\$4,417	\$6,568
	<u>\$153,313</u>	<u>\$142,328</u>	<u>\$4,417</u>	<u>\$6,568</u>
<u>Totals</u>	<u>\$1,109,987</u>	<u>\$925,672</u>	<u>\$112,202</u>	<u>\$72,114</u>

TOWN OF SURRY, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN DESIGNATED FUND BALANCES - GENERAL FUND

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

	<u>7/1/2016</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	\$68,326			
Unified Development Ordinance	\$2,970			
Municipal Capital Outlay	\$140,324	\$10,000		\$7,496
<u>Public Safety:</u>				
Fire Department Capital	\$161,546	\$15,000		\$8,733
Fire Department Building Expansion	\$0			
Civil Emergency Preparedness	\$300			
Animal Control	\$3,826			
<u>Public Works:</u>				
Boat Excise	\$7,201			
State Road Assistance	\$103,792		\$724	
Cemetery Capital Outlay	\$1,956			
Town Line	\$860			
Construction Project	\$59,945			
<u>Education:</u>				
Education	\$126,624	\$2,449,828		
School Operation Contingency	\$57,626		\$746	
<u>Parks & Recreation:</u>				
Recreation	\$5,446			
Memorial Park	\$3,118		\$34	
Waterfront Improvement Capital	\$2,255			
Patten Stream Fishway	\$2,572			
<u>Health & Human Services:</u>				
Old School House Project Contribution	\$290		\$14	
Old School House Capital Outlay	\$14,853		\$134	
<u>Other:</u>				
Excise Taxes	\$874,628			
Capital Improvements	\$14,179		\$128	
Flag Fund	\$324			
Coffee Fund	(\$14)			
State Revenue Sharing	\$146,675			
<u>Totals</u>	<u>\$1,799,623</u>	<u>\$2,474,828</u>	<u>\$1,780</u>	<u>\$16,228</u>

(Exhibit A-4)

<i>Other Revenues</i>	<i>Total Available</i>	<i>Transfers In/(Out)</i>	<i>Expenditures</i>	<i>Expenditure Appropriations</i>	<i>6/30/2017 Balance</i>
	\$68,326	\$1,000			\$69,326
	\$2,970			\$1,920	\$1,050
	\$157,820				\$157,820
	\$185,279				\$185,279
\$51,498	\$51,498		\$51,498		\$0
	\$300				\$300
\$784	\$4,610	\$465			\$5,075
\$5,509	\$12,710			\$3,500	\$9,210
\$28,284	\$132,800	(\$30,000)		\$75,000	\$27,800
\$560	\$2,516				\$2,516
	\$860				\$860
	\$59,945	\$93,368			\$153,313
\$208,568	\$2,785,020		\$2,422,109	\$100,000	\$262,911
	\$58,372				\$58,372
\$369	\$5,815		\$259		\$5,556
	\$3,152	\$1,260			\$4,412
	\$2,255	\$6,145		\$8,400	\$0
\$85	\$2,657		\$1,599		\$1,058
\$19,612	\$19,916		\$17,030		\$2,886
	\$14,987		\$162		\$14,825
\$326,696	\$1,201,324	\$39,963		\$374,342	\$866,945
	\$14,307				\$14,307
	\$324				\$324
\$52	\$37		\$91		(\$54)
\$23,028	\$169,703			\$117,895	\$51,808
<u>\$665,044</u>	<u>\$4,957,503</u>	<u>\$112,202</u>	<u>\$2,492,748</u>	<u>\$681,057</u>	<u>\$1,895,899</u>

(Exhibit A-6)

TOWN OF SURRY, MAINE
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - PERMANENT FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2017

	Good Citizen- ship Award	Ministerial School Trust	Cemetery Trust	Jordan Trust	Adams Book Trust	Bicentennial Scholarship	Total 2017	2016
<i>Assets</i>								
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$1,972	\$6,144	\$16,318				\$24,434	\$24,216
Investments, at Fair Market Value				\$178,850	\$55,404	\$18,099	\$252,353	\$244,520
Due from Other Funds			\$7,000				\$7,000	\$4,760
Total Assets	\$1,972	\$6,144	\$23,318	\$178,850	\$55,404	\$18,099	\$283,787	\$273,496
<i>Liabilities</i>								
Due to Other Funds			\$5,625				\$5,625	\$5,400
Total Liabilities	\$0	\$0	\$5,625	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,625	\$5,400
<i>Fund Balances</i>								
Restricted	\$1,909	\$1,595	\$19,005	\$109,922	\$43,925	\$16,396	\$192,752	\$190,060
Unrestricted	\$64	\$4,549	(\$1,312)	\$68,928	\$11,478	\$1,703	\$85,410	\$78,036
Total Fund Balances	\$1,972	\$6,144	\$17,693	\$178,850	\$55,404	\$18,099	\$278,162	\$268,096
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$1,972	\$6,144	\$23,318	\$178,850	\$55,404	\$18,099	\$283,787	\$273,496

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

(Exhibit A-7)

TOWN OF SURRY, MAINE
COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES & CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCE - PERMANENT FUNDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

	Good Citizen- ship Award	Ministerial School Trust	Cemetery Trust	Jordan Trust	Adams Book Trust	Bicentennial Scholarship	Total 2017	2016
Revenues:								
Perpetual Care			\$2,240				\$2,240	\$1,680
Investment Earnings, net of Fees	\$18	\$55	\$146	\$3,857	\$1,192	\$389	\$5,656	\$7,418
Investment Gains (Losses)				\$3,860	\$1,185	\$387	\$5,433	(\$601)
Increase (Decrease) in Fair Market Value				\$311	\$95	\$31	\$437	\$20,230
Total Revenue	\$18	\$55	\$2,386	\$8,027	\$2,473	\$808	\$13,766	\$28,726
Expenses:								
Cemetery Lot Buyback			\$225				\$225	\$0
Scholarships				\$1,500			\$1,500	\$5,362
Bank Charges				\$1,403	\$431	\$141	\$1,975	\$1,851
Total Expenses	\$0	\$0	\$225	\$2,903	\$431	\$141	\$3,700	\$7,212
Excess Revenue over Expenses	\$18	\$55	\$2,161	\$5,124	\$2,042	\$667	\$10,067	\$21,514
Beginning Fund Balance	\$1,955	\$6,089	\$15,532	\$173,726	\$53,362	\$17,432	\$268,096	\$246,582
Ending Fund Balance	\$1,972	\$6,144	\$17,693	\$178,850	\$55,404	\$18,099	\$278,162	\$268,096
Analysis of Fund Balances:								
Nonexpendable Principal - Beg of Year	\$1,909	\$1,595	\$16,990	\$109,922	\$43,415	\$16,229	\$190,060	\$186,546
Additions (Reductions) to Principal			\$2,015		\$510	\$167	\$2,692	\$3,514
Nonexpendable Principal - End of Year	\$1,909	\$1,595	\$19,005	\$109,922	\$43,925	\$16,396	\$192,752	\$190,060
Expendable	\$64	\$4,549	(\$1,312)	\$68,928	\$11,478	\$1,703	\$85,410	\$78,036
Total Fund Balance	\$1,972	\$6,144	\$17,693	\$178,850	\$55,404	\$18,099	\$278,162	\$268,096

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

Blue Hill Heritage Trust

Blue Hill Heritage Trust's mission is "to conserve in perpetuity the land and water resources which support the long-term health and well-being of the natural and human communities on the Blue Hill Peninsula." We welcome use of our properties for a variety of uses including hunting, and we hope that the community is taking full advantage of our land.

I want to express my thanks to the community, for helping make 2017 such a great success. Surry was, in fact, the big story for BHHT this last year, with our purchase of Surry Forest. This was done in collaboration with The Conservation Fund, who bought and held the property while we completed our fundraising. We have dedicated the woodland to Pamela Johnson, who bequeathed half her estate for the purchase and long-term stewardship of Surry Forest. We will be doing a variety of educational and research programming, as well as forest management on the property, but we hope that townspeople will also go out and enjoy the land. We very much want it to be thought of as a community forest.

Currently we own 2555 acres in Surry, most of this being Surry Forest, and Blue Hill Heritage Trust is proud to pay property taxes to all our towns, under the open space rate available to all Maine landowners.

Property Taxes and Fee Land Acreage by Town in 2017



In 2017, we paid \$2839 to Blue Hill and a total of \$13,320 to all seven towns in our service area. We believe that these properties provide returns to our communities beyond the tax payment too: a return in ecosystem services, public health, in recreational and traditional uses, and indirectly in the tourist dollars that flow to our area precisely because our communities protect and preserve land and water.

Once again, thank you to the town, and we are looking forward to 2018!

With regards from all of us at BHHT,

Hans M. Carlson
Executive Director

Dear Friends:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Growing our economy remains a top priority. I supported the comprehensive tax reform bill because it will help lower- and middle-income families keep more of their hard-earned money; boost the economy; and encourage businesses, both small and large, to grow and create jobs here in Maine and around the country. This legislation contains key provisions I authored that are important to Mainers, including preserving the deduction

for state and local taxes, expanding the deduction for medical expenses, and enabling public employees such as firefighters, teachers, and police officers, as well as clergy and employees of nonprofits, to make “catch-up” contributions to their retirement accounts. I led the effort to ensure that the tax cut will not trigger automatic budget cuts to Medicare or any other programs.

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

I appreciate the opportunity to serve Hancock County and Maine in the United States Senate. If ever I can be of assistance to you, please contact my Bangor office at 207-945-0417 or visit my website at www.collins.senate.gov. May 2018 be a good year for you, your family, your community, and our state.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins
United States Senator

Blue Hill Public Library - 2017 Municipal Report

For the second year in a row, the Blue Hill Public Library welcomed more people through its doors than any other prior year. Here is the statistical summary for the library in 2017:

During 2017 the Blue Hill Public Library:

- Welcomed 135,336 patron visits, an increase over the 2016 total of 129,885 (which was then a new BHPL record). The library averaged 448 visits each day and issued 649 new library cards.
- Loaned 94,583 books, audiobooks, movies, etc., a slight decrease compared with 2016 (99,275).
- Digital library use continued to increase. The library provided 7,312 downloads of digital content, e-audiobooks, e-books & sessions on Mango Languages, while Freegal, BHPL's free digital music service, provided 16,262 titles (downloads and streaming), 7% more than in 2016.
- 2,928 reference questions were answered and staff provided 1,654 tech help sessions to patrons.
- 26,160 WiFi sessions were provided in 2017 (+10%). The library also provided 8,961 computer sessions on our in-house computers and tablets (-8%).
- The library sponsored 587 cultural programs that attracted 11,324 attendees, a 10% increase over 2016 program attendance. Of these cultural programs, 295 were geared towards adults with 5,748 attendees, and 292 youth programs were enjoyed by 5,576 children, teenagers and caregivers.
- In addition to the BHPL-sponsored events, the library was also the site for 625 community-sponsored events (lectures, movies, meetings, etc.) with an estimated attendance of 6,507. Community use of the building increased by 8% and event and meeting attendance grew by 8%. Use of the BHPL as a community gathering place continues to increase, year after year.

Economic impact – Many people realize that the Blue Hill Public Library provides educational and cultural opportunities for people of all ages and backgrounds, six days, 55 hours weekly, year-round. Not as obvious is that the library contributes considerably to the local economy. **While just 17% of the library's operating budget is borne by taxpayers, for every tax dollar invested, \$23 is saved by peninsulans** in the form of materials and services provided free of charge.¹ The library also buys locally whenever possible. **In 2017 85% of the operating budget was spent within 50 miles of the library**, most of it right here on the Blue Hill Peninsula in wages paid to employees and goods and services purchased from local businesses.

Thank you for supporting the Blue Hill Public Library.

Rich Boulet

Library Director

¹ Return on investment calculated by dividing the estimated values of BHPL's services using Maine State Library's Library Use Value Calculator (<http://www.maine.gov/msl/services/calculator.htm>) by all municipal support.

January 3, 2018

Dear Friends,

Representing Maine in the United States Senate is an honor.

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

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

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

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

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

Best,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Angus S. King, Jr." The signature is fluid and cursive, with a stylized "A" and "K".

Angus S. King
United States Senator

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to represent you in the Maine Senate. It has been an honor to serve you for four terms and I can hardly believe that I will be termed out after this coming November. I have met thousands of people living in Hancock County that I never would have met any other way. Representing this district with its unique communities ranging from islands to unorganized territories has truly been the best experience of my life.

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Brian D. Langley". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid, with a large, stylized "B" and "L".

Senator Brian Langley

PENINSULA AMBULANCE CORPS

2017 Report to the Towns

Peninsula Ambulance Corps (PAC) has operated continuously since 1968 and will celebrate its 50th anniversary in 2018. 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—dipped slightly from 2016 due in large part to staffing shortages, which are currently endemic in the EMS industry. Responses were divided among Blue Hill (517), Brooklin (58), Brooksville (43), Castine (59), Penobscot (87), Sedgwick (105), and Surry (51). Calls to our secondary service areas of Bucksport, Deer Isle, Ellsworth, Orland, and Stonington, together with public service calls, added another 146 for a total of 1,066. Traumatic injuries remained the dominant complaints, followed by chest pain, 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 ended on December 31, 2017. This, along with the current uncertainty of Medicare's future, make 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 \$14.50 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.

THE WARRANT

July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019

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 20th day of April, 2018, 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 23, 2018 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 \$4,510.00 per year to the Chairman and \$3,895.00 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: \$1,691.25 per year to the Chairman and \$1,076.25 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 \$1,383.75 per year for the Administration of General Assistance. \$871.25 per year to the Chairman and \$256.25 per year to the other two Selectmen. Funding for this article is under Article #54.

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 \$2,310.00 per year. Each Board member would receive \$770.00 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 \$246,130.00 for Administration of the Town which includes: Administrative Costs of \$202,155.00; Assessing costs of \$26,425.00; and Municipal Building Operations of \$17,550.00.

- To Raise from Taxation: \$102,630.00
- To Appropriate from Fund Balance: \$100,000.00
- To Appropriate from Excise Tax Reserve: \$25,000.00
- To Appropriate from Legal Reserve: \$18,500.00

Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend a YES vote.

8. To see if the Town will authorize the School Committee to carry forward any surplus verified by the audit from the 2017-2018 fiscal year to be used to reduce the tax commitment for the 2019-2020 budget.

9. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for System Administration Services for the July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 fiscal year.

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

School Committee Recommends: \$109,082.58

10. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for Student Transportation Services for the July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 fiscal year.

School Committee Recommends: \$143,208.71

11. To see what sum the town will authorize the School Committee to expend for Regular Instructional Services for the July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 fiscal year.

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

School Committee Recommends: \$1,488,175.98

12. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for Student and Staff Support Services for July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 fiscal year.

- Library Services
- Student Health Services
- Instructional Technology
- Instructional Staff Training

- Guidance Services
- Academic Student Assessment
- Curriculum Development

School Committee Recommends: \$ 76,845.12

13. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for School Administration Services for the July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 fiscal year.

School Committee Recommends: \$160,411.50

14. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for Facilities Maintenance for the July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 fiscal year.

School Committee Recommends: \$141,137.05

15. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for Special Education Program for the July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 fiscal year.

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

School Committee Recommends: \$394,422.54

16. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for Other Instruction for the July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 fiscal year.

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

School Committee Recommends: \$40,061.88

17. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for All Other Expenditures for the July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 fiscal year.

- Food Service Operations

School Committee Recommends: \$88,656.55

18. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for local nutrition allocation purposes (the school lunch program) for July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 fiscal year.

School Committee Recommends: \$30,000.00

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 : \$1,714,567.74 for the July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 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).(\$1,614,567.74)

School Committee Recommends: \$1,614,567.74

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, 2018 to June 30, 2019 fiscal year.

School Committee Recommends: \$722,549.17

(In order to maintain the current educational programs and offerings, the school committee recommends raising the \$722,549.17 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, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019 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: \$2,642,001.91

22. In addition to amounts approved in the preceding articles, shall the School Committee be authorized to accept and expend such other sums as may be received from federal and state grants or programs or other sources during the fiscal year for school purposes, provided that such grants, programs, or other sources do not require the expenditure of other funds not previously appropriated?

23. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$1,075.00 for the position of Harbor Master.

- To raise from Boat Excise Reserve: \$1,075.00

Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend a YES vote.

24. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$58,560.00 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, \$40,800.00 for operating expenses, and SS/Medicare \$1,260.00.

- To raise from Taxation: \$58,560.00

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 \$13,876.00 for a 12-month contract with Peninsula Ambulance Corps.

- To raise from Taxation: \$13,876.00

Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend a YES vote.

27. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$4,800.00 for an Animal Control Program.

- To raise from Taxation: \$3,550.00
- To Appropriate from Animal Control Officer Reserve: \$1,250.00

Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend a YES vote.

28. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$3,975.00 for the E911 program, to be used for Hancock County dispatching fees, addressing and street signs.

- To appropriate from Tree Growth Reimbursement: \$3,975.00

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 2018 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 \$8,925.00 for the Road Commissioner. This includes a stipend at \$5,715.00 a year, mileage at \$2,775.00 and SS/Medicare at \$435.00.

- To appropriate from Excise Tax Reserve: \$8,925.00

Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend a YES vote.

32. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$246,100.00 for the Town road budget which includes winter roads (\$161,800.00), road maintenance (\$59,300.00), road side mowing (\$5,000.00), and road construction (\$20,000.00).

- To appropriate from Excise Tax Reserve: \$226,100.00
- To appropriate from Local Roads Assistance Program Reserve: \$20,000.00

Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend a YES vote.

33. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$113,487.00 for its 12-month share of operating the Blue-Hill- Surry Solid Waste Transfer Station for 2018-2019.

- To appropriate from Fund Balance: \$25,000.00
- To Raise from Taxation: \$25,000.00
- To appropriate from Excise Tax Reserve: \$63,487.00

Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend a YES vote.

34. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$15,600.00 for cemetery maintenance and improvements.

- To raise from Taxation: \$15,600.00

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 \$2,700.00 for porta-potties in town areas.

- To raise from taxation: \$3,500.00

Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend a YES vote.

36. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$12,823.00 for the Code Enforcement Officer(s)' wages and expenses.

- To raise from Taxation: \$5,623.00
- To appropriate from Code Enforcement Officer Reserve: \$7,200.00

Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend a YES vote.

37. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$2,000.00 for Planning Board, Board of Appeals and UDO revision expenses.

- To appropriate from Revenue Sharing Reserve: \$2,000.00

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 \$500.00 for the Alewife Committee.

- To appropriate from Tree Growth Reimbursement: \$700.00
- To appropriate from Alewife Reserve: \$500.00

Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend a YES vote.

39. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$7,560.00 for the Ellsworth City Library.

- To raise from Taxation: \$7,560.00

Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend a YES vote.

40. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$3,162.00 for the Blue Hill Library.

- To raise from Taxation: \$3,162.00

Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend a YES vote.

41. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$3,800.00 for the Surry Memorial Park for maintenance.

- To appropriate from Tree Growth Reimbursement: \$3,800.00

Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend a YES vote.

42. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$5,050.00 for maintenance of the Osgood Lot.

- To appropriate from Tree Growth Reimbursement: \$5,050.00

Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend a YES vote.

43. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$4,750.00 for the maintenance and construction of Town waterways properties.

- To appropriate from Boat Excise Reserve: \$4,750.00

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 \$30,240.00 for Old School House expenditures, including renovations, repairs and electricity costs.

- To appropriate from The Old School House Contribution Reserve: \$30,000.00
- To raise from Taxation: \$240.00

Selectmen recommend a YES vote.

46. To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer to designate the remaining funds previously appropriated for the Old School House Restoration Project to now be used for Capital Improvements to the Old School House only.

47. 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.

48. 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.

49. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$5,709.00 for the support of the Downeast Community Partners(formerly 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 \$500.00 from taxation for the financial support of Families First Community Center

- To raise from Taxation: \$500.00

52. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$10,250.00 for the Surry Children's Backpack Program.

- To appropriate from Backpack Contribution Reserve Account: \$10,250.00

Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend a YES vote.

53. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$7,320.00 for the Surry Recreation Program. This includes YMCA funding of \$3,500.00.

- To raise from Taxation: \$7,320.00

Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend a YES vote.

54. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$6,000.00 for General Assistance, which includes a stipend for the General Assistance Administrators.

- To appropriate from Tree Growth Reimbursement: \$1,800.00
- To appropriate from General Assistance Reimbursement: \$4,200.00

Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend a YES vote

55. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$40,000.00, or such other amount that should become due and payable during Fiscal Year 2019, for long term debt incurred for expansion and renovation of the Fire Department and Town Office.

- To appropriate from Excise Tax Reserve: \$40,000.00

Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend a YES vote

56. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$27,500.00 for the Capital Outlay Account. This includes \$10,000.00 to the Fire Department Capital Outlay Reserve and \$17,500.00 for a contribution to a sinking fund for early retirement of long term debt.

- To appropriate from Excise Tax Reserve: \$27,500.00

57. 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.

58. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$12,706.00 from Fund Balance to cover the following overdrafts from the budget which were confirmed by the annual audit for fiscal year 2017:

- Assessing: \$1,100.00
- Municipal Building Operations: \$11,468.00
- Septic Sludge Disposal: \$138.00

Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend a YES vote.

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

Selectmen recommend a YES vote.

60. To see if the Town will vote that property taxes shall be paid in two equal installments for the fiscal year 2019, the first half being due September 30, 2018, and delinquent thereafter, and the second half being due March 30, 2019, and delinquent thereafter, with interest at an annual rate of 7% charged on delinquent taxes.

Selectmen recommend a YES vote.

61. 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.

62. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$10,000.00 to pay for tax abatements and any interest due thereon.

- To raise from Taxation: \$10,000.00

Selectmen recommend a YES vote.

63. 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.

64. 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.

65. 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.

66. 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.

67. 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.

68. 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 2019 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.

Given under our hands this 3rd day of April, 2018.

~NON POSTED WARRANT~
THERE MAY BE ADDITIONAL ARTICLES

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Important Contact Information

Surry Town Office: 667-5912

Surry Fax Line: 667-5187

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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