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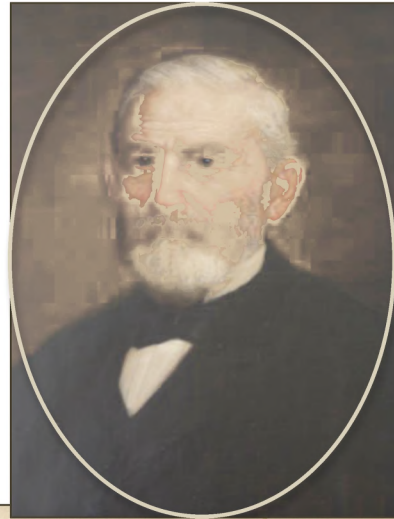
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*Celebrating 100 Years
Watts Block 1915-2015
Thomaston, Maine*



2014-2015 Annual Town Report

Captain Watts' Gift to Thomaston

Samuel Watts (1812-1900), son of Joseph and Sally Watts of St. George, worked on a farm until about 18 years of age before going off to sea as a cook aboard the brig Pensacola for \$10 a month. After he had been master of a few other vessels, Edward O'Brien gave him command of a series of seven brigs and barks. In total, Captain Sam commanded more than a dozen ships before he eventually left the sea at age 39 in order to build ships with millionaire mentor and shipbuilder Edward O'Brien.

As predictable, boatbuilding philosophies between the older and younger generations differed. After a short time, Sam struck off with his brother, Captain Alfred Watts, building a business under the firm name of Watts and Co. His was to be a 30-year shipbuilding success story that provided him with millionaire status as well.

On Feb 5, 1890, Capt. Watts constructed a new block for use by the Town of Thomaston. Town fathers had for years discussed possible ideas for a town hall and Captain Watts brought the idea to fruition.

A deed of gift of the first Watts Block was presented from Captain Watts to the citizens of Thomaston at a town meeting held in Union Hall on Dec 2, 1890. The original Watts Block held three commercial stores on the street level and a large main hall and galleries on the second story, including a stage on the southern end of the hall with anterooms on each wing of the stage. The selectmen's office was at the head of the stairway to the left with a vault in which to keep town records. A large banquet room with a kitchen was on the third story. The hall and rooms, including seats for the halls, were heated by five large stoves and lit by kerosene lamps, all gifts of Captain Watts.

Captain Watts was apparently clairvoyant for he also stipulated the block be insured for the sum of not less than \$15,000 as a means of providing funds for repair or aid in erecting another town building in the event of injury or destruction by fire.

On Jun 5, 1915 the unimaginable happened and a raging fire consumed a large portion of the business district. Catland's livery stable, situated in back of the Knox Hotel, caught fire and quickly spread to the hotel and Telegraph Block adjacent to the 15-year-old Watts Block. All four buildings were consumed within four hours and within a few hours a loss amounting to \$97,350 had devastated the town.

Immediate plans were put into motion to rebuild Watts Hall and the second Watts Block literally arose from the ashes. On Oct 12 the corner stone was laid and by May 24, 1916 – just under a year from the devastating fire- an audience of about 600 attended a highly successful dedication featuring a program of home talent in the new Watts Hall. The following week high school pupils presented a comedy followed by a dance, and three nights later a dance was given at which 70 couples danced to music furnished by Marston's orchestra.

To this day, the Hall continues to play an important role in the community by opening its doors to dances, social gatherings and civic meetings.

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**ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
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THOMASTON
MAINE
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2014/2015**

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***On behalf of the Residents of Thomaston this
2014/2015 Town Report is dedicated to***

BERTIL “ANDY” ANDERSON

A caring and selfless individual, who on any given day may be found walking the streets and roads in Town, carrying his trademark pet food bags as he cleans up the trash he encounters on the roadsides and sidewalks in Thomaston.



“ANDY”

***For the care you show to
the community and the environment***

We thank you for your time and dedication to this endeavor

IN MEMORY

In 2014 Thomaston lost seven notable citizens. This page is to honor their Memory.

Former Employees of the Town of Thomaston

Frederick “Ted” Henry

Ted worked for the Town of Thomaston first as Road Commissioner and then at the Thomaston Pollution Control Plant and as the Sexton at the Village Cemetery, retiring after 40 years of working for the Town. His service to the Town will long be remembered.

Richard Robinson

Richard was a 20 year employee of the Pollution Control Department who retired in 2010. Richard was a true hometown boy dedicated to Thomaston.

Daniel P. Allan

Dan was first a member of the Fire Department and later became a dispatcher for the Town until the Thomaston Dispatch Center closed. He then went on to college and received a Teaching Degree, teaching at the Thomaston Grammar School and Oceanside West. We will miss Dan’s great sense of humor and the ability he had to make everyday events become a humorous story.

Thomaston’s School Teachers

Virginia Frankowski

Miss Frankowski taught first grade at the Lura Libby School from the time she graduated college until her retirement after more than 40 years educating the first grade children of Thomaston.

Nathan King

Nathan King was first a teacher then became the Principal of Thomaston Grammar School (now known as the Thomaston Academy Building) until his retirement after many years working with Thomaston Students.

Thomaston’s Oldest Citizen

William “Bill” Daggett

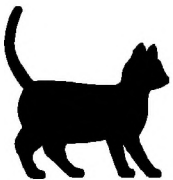
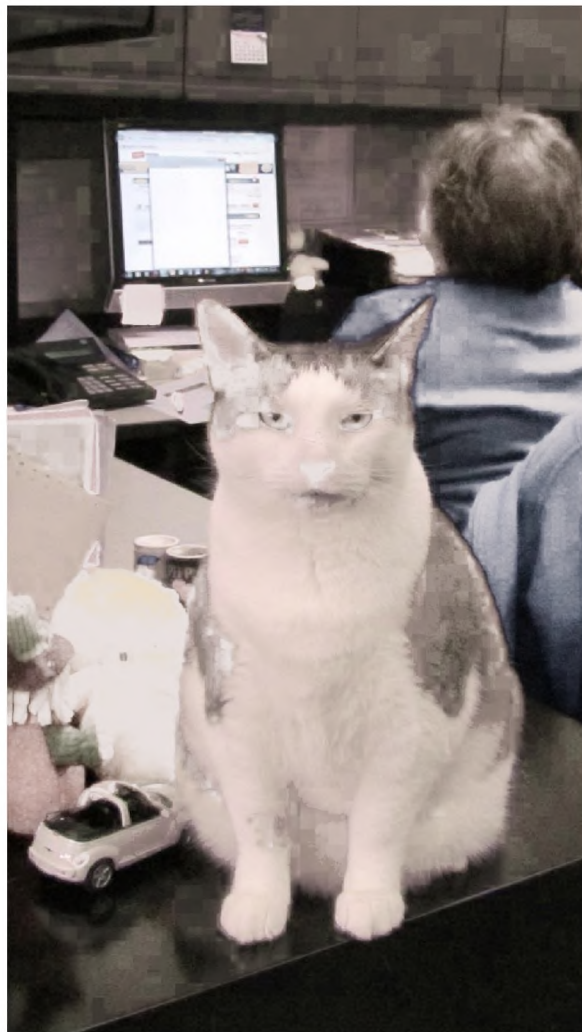
Bill was the holder of the Boston Post Cane as Thomaston’s oldest citizen at 102 years of age. We shall miss Bill’s lively sense of humor. Bill was an avid outdoorsman and it showed when in his ninth decade of life he would still traverse the hill at Mill Creek on foot on his way “uptown”.

Thomaston Volunteer

Sally Foley

Sally was a tireless volunteer on Boards and Committees in the Town of Thomaston working especially hard for the Fourth of July Committee. Sally may not have been a native to Thomaston but she showed a pride in her adopted community as if it were her hometown.

CHLOE P. THOMASTON Thomaston's Newest Employee






HOLIDAYS

LIST OF MUNICIPAL HOLIDAYS

2015/2016

If a holiday falls on a Saturday then the Town Office will be closed the Friday before.

If a holiday falls on a Sunday then the Town Office will be closed the Monday after.

 April 18th Patriots Day	 July 4th	 October 12th Columbus Day
Independence Day	Friday	July 03, 2015
Labor Day	Monday	September 07, 2015
Columbus Day	Monday	October 12, 2015
Veteran's Day	Friday	November 11, 2015
Thanksgiving Break	Thursday & Friday	November 26&27, 2015
Christmas	Friday	December 25, 2015
New Year's Day	Friday	January 1, 2016
Martin Luther King Day	Monday	January 18, 2016
President's Day	Monday	February 15, 2016
Patriot's Day	Monday	April 18, 2016
Memorial Day	Monday	May 30, 2016

 November 26th Thanksgiving	 December 25th Christmas	 May 30th Memorial Day
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MUNICIPAL TELEPHONE DIRECTORY



Town Office

Town Manager	Valmore Blastow, Jr.	354-6107
Tax Collector	Valmore Blastow, Jr.	354-6107
Road Commissioner	Valmore Blastow, Jr.	354-6107
Treasurer	Valmore Blastow, Jr.	354-6107
General Assistance Administrator	Valmore Blastow, Jr.	354-6107
Project Officer	Valmore Blastow, Jr.	354-6107
Assessors Agent	David Martucci	354-6107
Town Clerk	Joan Linscott	354-6107
Registrar of Voters	Joan Linscott	354-6107
Public Information Officer	Joan Linscott	354-6107
Secretary/Office Coordinator	Louise Demers	354-6107
Municipal Accounting Coordinator	Jodell Benson	354-6107
Pollution Control Billing	Donna Culbertson	354-6107
Code Enforcement	William Wasson	354-6107
Building Inspector	William Wasson	354-6107
Plumbing Inspector	William Wasson	354-6107
Addressing Officer	Dave Martucci	354-6107
Alternate Plumbing Inspector	Scott Bickford	354-6107

Public Works/Pollution Control

Public Works Director	Jim Connon	354-2478
Pollution Control Director	John Fancy	354-2136

Public Safety Departments

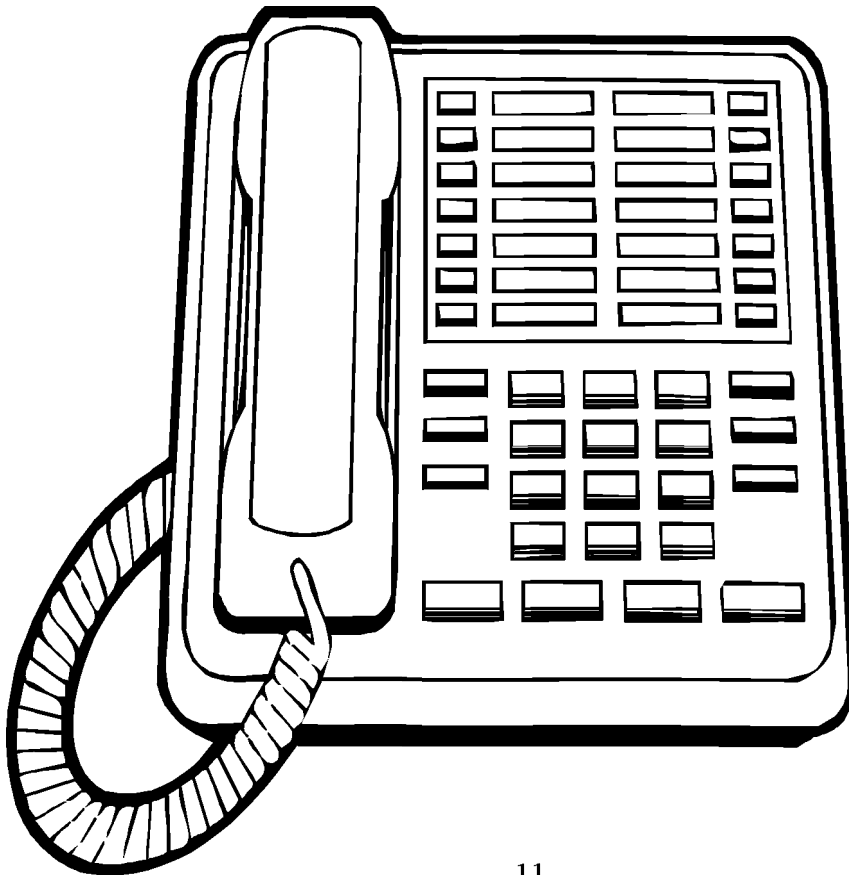
All Emergencies		911
Police Chief	Kevin Haj	354-2511
Fire Chief	Mike Leo	354-6345
Ambulance Director	Ruston Barnard	354-6345
Animal Control	Robert Robinson	390-0080
Non-Emergency	Knox Dispatch	593-9132
EMA Director	Valmore Blastow, Jr.	354-6107

Miscellaneous Departments

Tree Warden	Peter Lammert	691-2900
Recreation Director	Misty Start	354-6107
Harbor Master	Michael Blais	691-1315
Health Officer	Alan Leo	354-6345
Librarian	Ann Harris	354-2453

Selectmen

William Hahn,	62 Water Street, Thomaston	354-6796
Lee-Ann Upham, Vice-Chair	21 Georges Street, Thomaston	354-6347
Peter Lammert	17 Elm Street, Thomaston	354-8000
Greg Hamlin, Chairman	55 Toll Bridge Road	354-6749
Mona Stearns	48 Gleason Street, Thomaston	354-0492



TOWN OF THOMASTON

2014/2015 LIST MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

BOARD OF SELECTPERSONS

Greg Hamlin, Chairman	Term Expires 2015
Lee-Ann Upham, Vice-Chairman	Term Expires 2017
William Hahn	Term Expires 2016
Peter Lammert	Term Expires 2017
Mona Stearns	Term Expires 2016

TOWN MANAGER

Valmore Blastow, Jr.

TOWN CLERK

Joan Linscott

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Joan Linscott	Term Expires 2016
A. Fred Wigglesworth	Term Expires 2017
Peter Lammert	Term Expires 2015

R.S.U. #13 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Ronald Gamage	Term Expires 2015
Noreen Mullaney	Term Expires 2015

MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEES



PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Sandra Jordan	Expires 2016
Elizabeth Watts	Expires 2017
Henry Carey	Expires 2016
Paul Chamberlin	Expires 2015
Peter Lammert	Selectman
Mona Stearns	Alt. Selectman

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Doug Erickson	Expires 2015
Henry Carey	Expires 2016
Betty Watts	Expires 2017
Joanne Richards	Expires 2016
Jodell Benson	

COMP. PLAN COMMITTEE

Cindy Bertocci
Margaret McCrea
Peter Lammert

**GEORGE'S RIVER SHELLFISH
COMMITTEE**

Clifton Weaver	Expires 2017
John Smith	Expires 2016
Mark Colson	Expires 2015

CDBG COMMITTEE

Chris Rector
Doug Erickson
Cabot Lyman
Lee-Ann Upham

TRUST FUND COMMITTEE

Valmore Blastow, Jr., Treasurer
Jodell Benson, Accounting Clerk
Jeff Creighton, Chairman
William Dashiell
Harold Willey
Lee-Ann Upham
Greg Hamlin

Valmore G. Blastow Jr.
Town Manager



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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

To the Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of Thomaston:

It is with pleasure that I submit the Annual Report of the activities and financial transactions for the past year.

This report covers the operations of your Town for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

The audit excerpts for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014 are included herein, and complete reports are available for your review at the Town Office as audited by Runyon, Kersteen and Ouellette, Auditors.

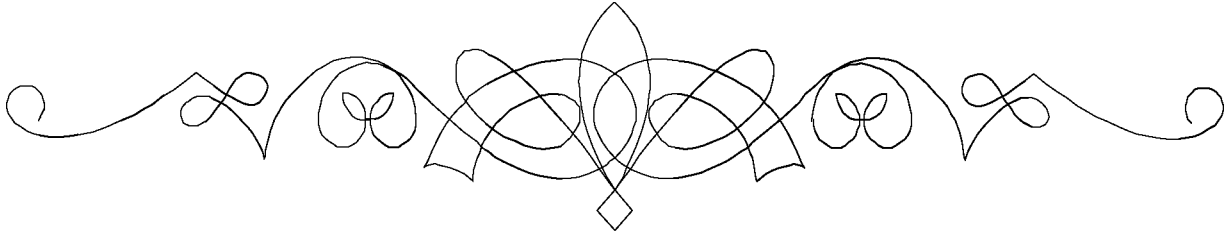
I wish to thank all the employees, officials and citizens who have assisted me during the past year, as well as the Board of Selectmen for their continued support.

Respectfully submitted,
Valmore G. Blastow, Jr.

ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENTS



**Employee List
Town Manager's Report
Town Clerk's Report
Code Enforcement Officer's Report**



TOWN OFFICE STAFF

**Town Manager, Tax Collector, Road Commissioner
Valmore Blastow, Jr.**

**Town Clerk, Registrar of Voters, Public Information Officer
Village Cemetery Contact,
Joan Linscott**

**Code Enforcement Officer
William Wasson**

**Plumbing Inspector
William Wasson**

**Finance Coordinator
Jodell Benson**

**Secretary/Office Coordinator
Louise Demers**

**Motor Vehicle Agent/Pollution Control Bookkeeper
Donna Culbertson**

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

VALMORE BLASTOW, JR.

TOWN MANAGER

It is with pleasure I present the 2014/2015 Annual Town Manager's Report to the citizens and property owners of Thomaston. I wish to thank the Board of Selectmen, trustees, boards, committee members and volunteers for their continued support to ensure the Town functions as a cohesive community.

The major challenge for the upcoming year will be from the potential cost increase for education. RSU #13 has disclosed four potential budget examples with Thomaston's increase ranging from \$379,558 to \$988,851. The latest proposal is \$576,000 which translates to approximately 1.5 mil rate increase. In review of the RSU#13 change to five communities my calculation indicates a \$260,724 increase.

I believe the challenge for the School Board is to identify that they continue to operate all the facilities that educated 2300 students in 2008 and now the enrollment is 1660.

In my fiduciary position as the Town Manager of Thomaston, I have the responsibility to disclose, investigate, and be accountable to the citizens and taxpayers of Thomaston.

In reviewing the discussions to date on the RSU #13 budget process press releases indicate a \$3,200,000 increase for the District, a 17% increase. The indicated increases in dollars per student range from approximately \$1,100 for South Thomaston to \$2,300 for Rockland. This I believe, causes pause in what is occurring with funding the education of the youth of RSU #13.

I reviewed the detailed forty-seven page budget totaling \$27,175,985. In extrapolating all costs directly attributable to St. George and reduced all other pertinent categories by 13.88% which is St. George's proportion of the 1930.5 students. The result was a \$4,048,057 reduction from St. George's commitment of \$4,418,000, a net offset loss of \$370,072 coupled with the State Education Funding reduction of \$557,000 totaling \$927,609 before budget increases are considered. My calculations indicate a \$927,609 increase from St. George's withdrawal and the reduction of State Education Revenue, a \$2,272,391 difference.

I believe the budget is status quo with limited change from restructuring. My calculations prior to budget increases indicate a \$20,112,438 commitment as follows:

	<u>2014-2015</u>	<u>2015-2016</u>	<u>INCREASE</u>
Cushing	\$2,723,505	\$2,916,369	\$192,864
Owls Head	\$2,466,132	\$2,487,397	\$ 21,265
Rockland	\$8,026,291	\$8,505,691	\$479,400
S. Thomaston	\$2,592,376	\$2,565,633	\$ (26,743)
Thomaston	<u>\$3,376,624</u>	<u>\$3,637,348</u>	<u>\$260,724</u>
TOTAL	\$19,184,928	\$20,112,438	\$927,510

In order to present a portrait of what I believe to be a relative budget example recognizing that other complications exist, a review of the current 2014-2015 RSU #13 budget of \$27,175,985 was reviewed by Articles 1 through 11 (see exhibit 4).

The review eliminated all direct cost associated with St. George physically in St. George with RSU #13, totaling \$1,631,187. Those areas of the budget i.e., Oceanside West and East, Transportation,, etc. were all reduced by a factor of 13.88% which is St. George's percentage of the 2014-2015 enrollment.

The result utilizing this analysis totals a \$4,048,057 reduction in the current 2014-2015 budget from \$27,175,985 to \$23,127,628. St. George commitment was \$4,418,000, representing a negative to total offset of \$370,072 for the upcoming year.

It is my intent to continue to inform the Boards and Committee as this budget process of RSU #13 unfolds.

The past few years have been indeed a financial odyssey, especially for some communities based on the tax increases passed on by the reduction of Funding for Education and State Revenue Sharing. Thomaston is receiving an estimated \$799,442.00 less in revenues from the state than was received in 2007-2008. This translates to an approximately 2 plus mil rate increase to Thomaston's taxpayers.

This letter was submitted on February 18, 2015, to the State of Maine 127th Legislature c/o State of Maine Appropriations Committee

The Town of Thomaston through the Board of Selectpersons wishes to have the following submitted into the appropriate record of the State of Maine, this 18th day of February 2015 in regards to the elimination of State Revenue Sharing to municipalities as is being considered at the State level.

Thomaston believes this proposal to be more about TRUST then merely balancing the State budget. When Federal and State Revenue Sharing was first enacted in 1972, it was with debate, discussion and argument for and against intergovernmental fiscal relations. Thomaston fails to see this reciprocity of those ideals to date as they are lacking and therefore, Thomaston has little TRUST in the outcome.

Thomaston has been aggressive in supporting the beliefs of employment, diversity and economic development. Over the past ten years with Federal and State cooperation, over \$100 million of new commercial and industrial property value has been developed in Thomaston while preserving and creating hundreds of jobs. In the past 88 years, cement from Thomaston has potentially been used in the construction of all buildings in Maine and thereby ensuring that all future structures will be part of Thomaston through the utilization of cement. This intergovernmental fiscal relationship is vital to all the citizens of Maine. Without it the voters of Thomaston could have just as easily voted NO and the next project in Maine would more than likely have burdened the citizens with a higher cost without State or foreign cement that comes from the earth and is not renewable.

Thomaston recognizes the plight of State Government balancing the budget based on its history at least back to December 2003 when a former State employee of the Bureau of General Services and Finances Administration stated the “State of Maine would be required to cut 20% of every State Department for 20 years to balance the budget without cuts to education and DHHS.” Therein lies the truth of breaking the State Revenue Sharing promise to address State created budgetary concerns.

Typical of the 2008 State created Board of Corrections’ which agreed to cap all increases to County Jail Budgets and control approval of same to save Maine taxpayers the future increases even though the Board of Corrections was not given authority to negotiate union contracts. Further, not recognizing that County Government still had the ability to potentially double the actual annual percent increase submitted for County Budget approval as approximately half the County Budgets were for jails even though jail expenses were capped. Therefore, all the County Budgets are submitted, i.e. a 9.45% increase appears to be only 4.84% whereby now citizens of Maine daily hear about an issue of Jail Funding of approximately \$18 million may be sent back to the local level for funding.

Thomaston wishes to trust the State; however it is difficult when the \$451,000 received in 2008 has been reduced to \$141,000 increasing the mil rate approximately one mil while property owners receiving Social Security have little or no voice in the matter they simply are trusting the Town of Thomaston’s Board of Selectpersons to do the right thing.

The Town of Thomaston is trusting the State to do the right thing! Fund State Revenue Sharing with the agreed formula by State Sales Tax receipts, which purpose was to fund State mandates. At least debate, discuss and argue the case first at the local level through our elected State Representatives.

Assigned	\$771,837	Amount held as trust unexpendable balance and amount designated for voter approved expenditures
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Unassigned	\$803,778	Formerly Undesignated (Surplus)
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	<u>Actual 2013</u>	<u>Actual 2014</u>
General Government	\$413,077	\$394,221
Municipal Buildings	\$ 90,230	\$102,599
Public Safety	\$580,763	\$641,779
Public Works	\$432,605	\$455,434
Health & Welfare	\$420,800	\$421,746
Ambulance		
Transfer Station		
General Assistance		
Recreation & Leisure	\$ 65,456	\$ 64,816

Local Agencies	\$ 18,251	\$ 16,573
Unclassified	<u>\$495,732</u>	<u>\$535,106</u>
Municipal Oper. Expenditures	\$2,516,914	\$2,632,274
Capital including Reserves	\$588,236	\$454,444
RSU #13	\$3,241,524	\$3,221,566
Knox County	\$ 348,547	\$ 367,738
Total Expenditures	\$6,695,221	\$6,676,022

*For more information please see the Management Discussion and Analysis in the Audit Section included in this report.

The following goals were established by the Board of Selectmen for 2015--2016 as part of the ongoing goal process:

**TOWN OF THOMASTON
2015-2016 GOALS ONGOING**

1. Economic & Community Development

Objectives:

**A. Continue to support economic development in the east commercial development district known as Thomaston Economic Tract;
Status: Ongoing.**

B. Initiated Phase I Clean Water and Sewer Project for Route 1 work required in conjunction with MDOT project #17890. Nitram Contractors awarded contract at a cost of \$349,000. Maine Water Company also is replacing the 1890 water main along Route 1 utilizing Nitram Contractors at the same time.

C. Facilitate Commercial and Business Development

**1. Complete Thomaston Green Development and pursue a developer;
The Town has further contact with two different potential developers during the last half of 2014.**

2. Selectman William Hahn secured the gazebo plans from Lincolnville's project for potential construction at the Thomaston Green Park area.

**D. Develop potential project list through voter approved Downtown TIF District that continues to evolve and becomes comprehensive in preparation for future Town Meeting approval;
Status: The Town has worked with Rodney Lynch on the downtown plan for long range TIF planning still in draft and being reviewed in 2015.**

The Town further initiated Phase II of the Business Block Streetscape Project and constructed a sidewalk adjacent to the Thomaston Grocery and relocated the alleyway road including a new fence and lighting.

The Town was approved for Phase III Safe Routes to School project. Sidewalk along north border of Starr Street from Laura Libby to Beechwood Street, however state had not funded same. The 2015-2016 biannual MDOT approval funds the project.

E. Continue supporting economic development on the east side of Town in the Thomaston Economic Tract;

Status: Thomaston Commons: The Town approved the WalMart Corporation project for \$25-\$28 million total project cost. The project was permitted, constructed, and opened in October 2013. Tractor Supply was also approved, constructed and opened November 1, 2013.

The development has two pads still available for construction.

The Thomaston economic tract with Dragon Products has increased the Town's valuation by \$100 million since 2004.

F. Continue the feasibility and long range plan for Watts Hall;

Status: The Board of Selectmen initiated discussions with Lachman Architects and held a public meeting on historic tax credits and revitalization projects. Initiated the brick façade replacement on a section of the east and south walls.

Sixty lineal feet of structural three wythe brick wall was replaced on the east wall, beginning and including the Main Street corner south sixty feet to the twenty foot section replaced in 1985. The repair was initiated at the marble band and continued up to the roof precipice with eight inch concrete block reinforced vertical and horizontal with bond beams. Installed new brick façade anchored with stainless steel ties. Replaced all interior surfaces.

G. Prepare and submit Comprehensive Plan and zoning amendments to future Town Meetings. Without Gateway 1, continue to prepare and seek grant with the Orton Foundation. Continue the effort for an East/West Town road initiated over ten years ago and becoming a reality by determining the cost of a preliminary engineering study.

Status: Created Gateway 1 Corridor Coalition after the State of Maine disbanded the project and approved land use funds for same through the Regional Planning Commission.

Land Use/Zoning amendments were approved at the 2013 Town Meeting.

Initiated participation in Midcoast Transportation Project with Camden, Rockport, Rockland and Thomaston. A study was completed preparing a limited shopper bus service proposed for the area.

2. Strengthen the Community Core

Objectives:

Parks & Recreation

Status: The Board of Selectmen approved Mill River Park off Fish Street and submitted same jointly with Georges River Land Trust. We receive a \$10,000.00 grant from the Davis Foundation initiating the Mill River Park project in 2014 and completed Phase I of the project.

The Board of Selectmen is pursuing acquisition of the Water Front market lot from the State for preservation of the Lime Kiln and to create a small boat launch and park after completion of the Wadsworth Street bridge project.

A.) Continue the restoration of existing sidewalks and the construction of new sidewalks to complement the riverfront trail;

B.) Continue to fund future sidewalk construction and restoration;

Status: Ongoing

C.) Erect new, aesthetically pleasing signage by the flagpole and review the signage at Town entrances on Route 1;

Status: Ongoing with MDOT project for Route 1.

D.) Continue support of cleanliness of public areas;

E.) Support energy conservation measures;

The Town used 18,052 gallons of #2 heating oil in 2006-2007, and 15,564.8 gallons in 2013-2014. The consumption for 2014-2015 through May 4 was 6,480.7 gallons consumption was reduced from numerous conservation projects over the years. The Academy Trustees with a \$50,000 donation from the Friends of the Library installed a new HVAC system for heating and cooling in the Academy Facility at a cost of approximately \$80,000.00.

F.) Support and work with MDOT in initiating Project No. 1789.00 Route 1 reconstruction from Warren town line to Pine Street and establish sidewalk and underdrain twenty year goal. Support \$200,000 federal earmark request for stormwater upgrade from Allis property across Route 1, through Mall to School Street. Further, work with MDOT in rehabilitating or reconstructing the Wadsworth Street Bridge over the St. George River.

Status: Construction began in the Fall of 2014, The project is on schedule to be completed in 2017 with the removal of the old bridge.

G.) Status: Project 17890 Route 1 is ongoing in final design and contract documents with MDOT earliest start date January 2016.

H.) Continue support of the expansion of an access road from Oyster River Road to Old County Road along with improvements to Old County Road through Rockport, Rockland, and Thomaston Interlocal Agreement of Cooperation.

I.) Support Senior Citizens. Shirley Hamlin assisted this year through the Governor's Round Table Sessions on Aging held in Augusta.

Status: The Town is reviewing with the support of Spectrum Generations the submittal of a grant application for the planning of an "Age Friendly Community" and Shirley Hamlin has been appointed to act as a liaison to assist.

J.) Continue to support the voter approved transfer of Town property to the Thomaston Dog Park Association and assist the non-profit in the implementation phase of constructing the park.

3. Strengthen Municipal Services

Objectives:

A.) Support staff training and cross-training during the 2013-2014 fiscal year;

Status: Ongoing.

B.) Written department goals as well as long-term (one-year and five-year) department goals lists from the Town Manager;

Status: All department heads submitted 2013-2014 goals and five and ten year goals.

The Town continues to formalize the goals in two ways, those that are operational and those that are capital, for example, equipment.

Allowing Status: As above.

D.) Continue monthly meetings with Department Heads and maintain the Risk Management Safety Program;

Status: Continue to comply and maintain the updated Risk Management Safety Program amended by the Board of Selectmen in 2014.

E.) Prepared for a voluntary request to have the Department of Labor evaluate Town departments. This request was made for the summer of 2014, and the inspection was scheduled and completed by the State in August 2014.

The Town facilities were inspected by the State of Maine Department of Labor Safety Works in August of 2014 and the Town corrected the deficiencies found. No major items were in the report.

F.) Energy conservation related efforts:

1. Continue discussion with Dragon Products in regards to natural gas facility at Dragon Products.

G.) State Legislature

1. Continue monitoring the laws as they impact local government

H.) Broadband

1. Continue working with GWI to accommodate high speed internet capability for the Town

2. Consider capital investment required to expand the existing Route 1 broadband or wireless.

January 13, 2014

- **Leased Chambers Jewelry space to Daniel Lane.**
- **Bid sale of 1968 Chevrolet utility truck for \$2,277.**
- **Approved the initiation of MDOT required Route 1 improvements of the Town to be initiated through Rural Development funding.**

January 27, 2014

- Adopted a Municipal Review Committee Resolution to endorse proceeding towards securing an affordable, environmentally sound disposal solution as an alternative to PERC for Transfer Station waste by 2018.

February 24, 2014

- Approved the request of Chuck Fleming to host PenBay ARC-WIPBR fundraiser on the Thomaston Green on June 28 and 29, 2014.
- Approved a contract with the low bidder ParMasonry to complete brick façade replacement on the east wall of Watts Hall.
- Approved \$2,200 stainless steel chimney liner in Chambers Jewelry area chimney for installation by Mr. Parent.

March 24, 2014

- Approved Torch Ride Benefit for Special Olympics on September 20, 2014.
- Approved improvements and park operations program for the Town parks.

April 14, 2014

- Approved 5K Walk to benefit Midcoast Christian Academy.
- Approved filing Rural Development Application for sewer, clean water drain improvements for the Wadsworth Street Bridge and Route 1 MDOT projects.
- Approved revised Risk Management Safety Program update.

April 28, 2014

- Approved the request of Trekkers for a 5K & 10K Run/ Walk on June 7, 2014 to benefit the Midcoast Christian Academy.
- Recognized Maine Lobster Festival for a \$50,000 donation to the Fireman's Association to purchase a utility truck unit and place the image of same on the 2014 Annual Report.

May 8, 2014

- Approved Warrant Article 41: To raise and appropriate an additional \$40,000.00 to the previous \$35,000.00 and utilize Reserve funds to complete repairs to the east wall of Watts Hall. Total \$68,000.00 for façade street wall issues could double the cost.
- Approved \$35,071.31 to reroof the Fire Station.
- Approved \$73,900.00 CDBG Grant to assist Lyman Morse Boatbuilding for employee training on a CNC machine through Workforce Development Program.
- Appropriated \$17,000 from Ambulance Revenues to fund night coverage for Ambulance Service.

June 9, 2014

- Approved the request of Marla McGeady to host outdoor movies at Thomaston Green on behalf of the Friends of Thomaston Public Library.
- Approved low bid of \$9,975 from Hartland Inc. to provide winter road sand. Approved low bid of \$55.89 per ton from Morton Salt to provide winter road salt.

June 23, 2014

- Approved agreement with Dirigo Engineering to provide engineering services for clean water drain and sewer design work in regards to the Route 1 and Wadsworth Street Bridge.

- Amended fixed asset GASB #34 policy from \$500.00 to \$5,000.00.
- Supported a letter to be utilized for support in improving the river for shellfish harvesting as proposed by Jonathan Eaton and Bill Hahn.

July 14, 2014

- Accepted \$26,640 from State of ME VRAP funds to maintain State Aid to Roads.
- Accepted low bid of \$88.50 for 9.5 mm and \$92.50 for 12.5 mm bituminous paving from Lane Construction.
- Approved State bid to purchase Police cruiser for \$24,939 plus \$3,187 road package, \$692.00 decals less \$5,500 trade-in for 2009 Dodge Charger net \$23,318.
- Selectmen's appointments.
- Confirmation of Town Manager's appointments.

July 28, 2014

- Set August 11, 2014 for a Special Town Meeting to vote on \$1,000,000.00 Rural Development loan and \$396,000.00 grant to complete the sewer and clean water drains in conjunction with MDOT Route 1 corridor and Wadsworth Street Bridge projects.

August 11, 2014

- Accepted five pieces of Languais artwork to the Thomaston Public Library with an estimated value of \$25,000.00.
- Approved Resolution following voter approval for \$1,000,000.00 bond and bond anticipation note.

August 25, 2014

- Approved a 1,300 square foot drainage easement on Town property off Water Street with MDOT as part of the Wadsworth St. Bridge Project #16755.
- Approved the low bid of \$349,669 for Phase I of Route 1 clean water drain project and award same to Nitram construction.
- Annual appointments of committees and Boards.

September 22, 2014

- Awarded commendations for Thomaston Police Sergeant Timothy Hoppe and Sergeant John Palmer of Knox County Sheriff's Office and acknowledgement of Thomaston Officer Anne Griffith in avoiding a tragedy during a life threatening situation.

Set November 5, 2014 for a Special Town Meeting to vote on the Dog Park Committee's establishing a dog park and the Town gifting a portion of Map 104 Lot 044 Book 391 Page 498, east of Sunrise for a formal capital investment plan only if same can be voted on with funding. An actual capital investment plan requires funds to be available for all replacement needs of such capital items based on the useful life.

C. Meet with each department head to discuss the above;

- Section of the Thomaston Cemetery.

October 27, 2014

Accepted a citizen's petition to install Stop signs on Elliot Street by the Dunn Street approach and approved same. Police Chief Kevin Haj completed a traffic study with JMAR Equipment averaging 168 vehicles per day.

November 10, 2014

- **Approved \$1,075.00 contract for cemetery database to plot all lots and to be installed on the Town's website.**

APPOINTMENTS, NEW HIRES AND RESIGNATIONS IN 2014:

The Board of Selectmen served on the following committees and boards:

Personnel Committee	Peter Lammert, Mona Stearns Alternate
Inter-Local Clam Board	Bill Hahn, Jonathan Eaton non-Board member
Solid Waste Committee	Peter Lammert
Mid-Coast Regional Planning	Mona Stearns, Bill Hahn Alternate
Maine Water Advisory Committee	Peter Lammert
Main St. Enhancement Committee	Lee-Ann Upham & Greg Hamlin
Trust Fund Committee	Lee-Ann Upham & Greg Hamlin
Redevelopment Committee	All Board Members
Land Use Ordinance Review Committee	Lee-Ann Upham, Greg Hamlin

APPOINTMENTS:

Michael Blais to the Conservation Commission on January 13, 2014

Noreen Mullaney to RSU #13 School Board on August 25, 2014

Shirley Hamlin to the Recreation Committee on September 22, 2014

Tom Mellor to serve on the Knox County Budget Committee

Board of Appeals	Anita Knowlton
	Jeff Armstrong
Budget Committee	Betty Watts
Conservation Commission	Mark Kunz
Georges River Shellfish Committee	Cliff Weaver
Harbor Committee	Jeff Armstrong
	Derek Orff
	Scott Layton
Personnel Committee	Betty Watts
Planning Board	Jeff Creighton
	Carl Danielson
Recreation Committee	Carol Arsenault
	Todd Boynton
Watts Block Trustees	Eve Anderson
	Jim Cuthbertson

NEW HIRES:

None

RESIGNATIONS:

Jonathan Eaton from Gateway 1 Corridor Coalition

Marla McGeady from RSU #13 School Board

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

JOAN LINS COTT

TOWN CLERK



Date of Death	Name of Deceased	Age	Residence	Place of Death
01/10/14	Phyllis Curley	68	Thomaston	Rockport
01/10/14	Hazel Frankowski	89	Thomaston	Camden
01/11/14	Michele Barnes	44	Thomaston	Thomaston
01/12/14	Richard Thibodeau	63	Thomaston	Thomaston
02/01/14	James Knowles	82	Thomaston	Thomaston
02/08/14	Celia Wallace	92	Thomaston	Rockport
03/04/14	James Caven	78	Thomaston	Thomaston
03/11/14	Richard Robinson	67	Thomaston	Thomaston
03/31/14	Percie Fiske	82	Thomaston	Thomaston
04/05/14	Barbara Johnson	91	Thomaston	Thomaston
04/22/14	Nathan King	80	Thomaston	Augusta
04/23/14	Marion Sadler	98	Thomaston	Rockport
05/05/14	William Daggett	102	Thomaston	Thomaston
05/10/14	Donna Robinson	74	Thomaston	Rockport
05/19/14	Ercell Kenney	90	Thomaston	Rockport
05/19/14	Jessica Shaw	37	Thomaston	Waterville
05/22/14	Sally Foley	83	Thomaston	Thomaston
05/23/14	Ellery McCluskey	77	Thomaston	Thomaston
06/27/14	Daniel Allan	61	Thomaston	Thomaston
08/24/14	Frederick Henry	84	Thomaston	Rockport
08/26/14	Virginia Frankowski	79	Thomaston	Owls Head
08/28/14	Sylvia Caven	89	Thomaston	Thomaston
09/22/14	Harold Sawyer	92	Thomaston	Bangor
10/02/14	Douglas Young	92	Thomaston	Rockport
10/11/14	Kenneth Burrige	64	Thomaston	Thomaston
10/22/14	Wayne Sirois	64	Thomaston	Thomaston
11/10/14	Robert Callahan	58	Thomaston	Rockport
11/25/14	Patricia Beckett	67	Thomaston	Portland
12/07/14	Craig Smallwood	77	Thomaston	Thomaston
12/12/14	Irene Caron	83	Thomaston	Camden
12/28/14	Barbara Roberts	69	Thomaston	Rockland

BIRTHS 2014

Boys 18
Girls 9

MARRIAGES 2014

20

DOGS LICENSED

172

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

William Wasson

Code Enforcement Officer

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I present this report of the activity of the Code Enforcement Office for the year 2014 to the Town Manager, Board of Selectmen and the citizens of the *Town of Thomaston*.

Although the local economy has not yet taken off there were 46 building permits issued this year of which 5 were for single family residences and 3 were for commercial structures. These were Dragon Products on US Rt. 1, Central Maine Power on US Rt. 1 and Mainly Lobster and Seafood on Butler Rd. The remainders of the permits were for repairs, renovations, and small accessory buildings. In addition there were 18 plumbing and 5 demolition permits issued. Over the course of the year I made 345 inspections, received 37 complaints and dealt with 65 violations, none of which went to court.

The Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals are to be commended for their many hours of volunteer work to help keep the Town running smoothly.

There were:

- 7 conditional use requests
- 2 zone change requests
- 1 subdivision termination
- 4 site plan reviews
- 4 ordinance review workshops
- 10 public hearings

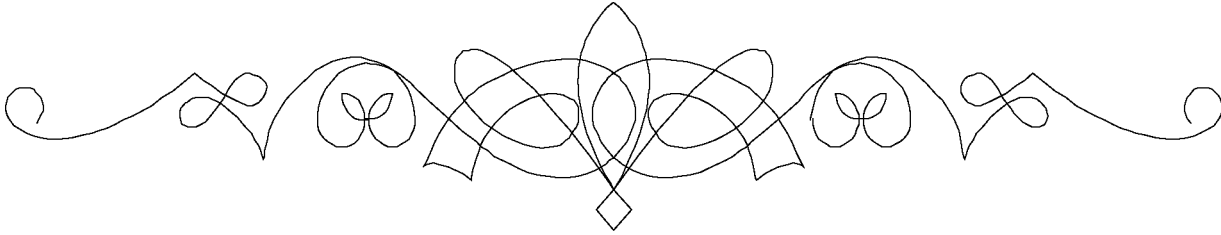
And lastly, I would be remiss if I did not especially thank the Town Office staff and David Martucci, Deputy Code Officer, for all of their assistance in helping to deal with the many and varied challenges presented to this office.

Respectfully submitted,
William Wasson, CEO / LPI

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENTS



**Employee List
Road Commissioner Report
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Tree Warden Report
Solid Waste Report**



ROAD COMMISSIONER

Valmore Blastow, Jr.

PUBLIC WORKS/POLLUTION CONTROL

Public Works Director

James Connon

Public Works Employees

Cliff Eugley

John Smith

Brandon Allen

Mike Davis

Mike Janczura

Stump Dump

Eugene Colson

Pollution Control Superintendent

John Fancy

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

James Connon

Director

It is with great pleasure that I present to the Citizens of Thomaston this report of the Public Works Department for the Year 2014-2015.

This was the thirteenth year the Town plowed the roads as well as salted and sanded them. Before the snow fell we had cut back the shoulders and brush along some of the roads to make it easier to plow. We had a total snow fall accumulation of 90.25 inches of snow for the winter calendar year of 2014. For the eighth year the Town hauled their own winter sand with the Sterling dump truck, International dump truck and the 2002 dump truck saving the extra delivery fees again this year.

The snow storm on November 2, 2014 saw us plowing 12" of snow and removing downed trees and limbs that were blocking roads. We hauled approximately 1,000 yards of limbs and trees to the stump dump at the Village Cemetery from the damage caused during the storm.

We ditched several roads in the Town in preparation for the paving. In 2014, we paved a portion of Buttermilk Lane, then we did upper Booker Street, all of Clark Street including the cul-de-sac to the end of the Town Forest Road, then we did Shibbes Lane, Stoney Brook Lane and half of upper Pleasant Street. Before the paving began we raised the manhole covers, storm drains, catch basins and replaced culverts on these streets. M.D.O.T. repaved portions of Buttermilk Lane and Old County Road where the pavement done by them in 2013 had lifted.

We graveled and graded the Greenhouse Hill Road and the Water Tower Road. We are getting the roads and parking lots back into shape.

Some of our regular duties each year are the continuing clean up out behind the Town Garage to make more room for storage. We also maintain and repair the catch basins, sewer lines and clean water drains. Peter Lammert the Tree Warden has us help in the clean-up of trees and limbs around Town. The summer mowing of the former prison site, Mall and other Town owned property is the responsibility of the department. We also help in the set-up for the July 4th celebration and maintain the planters along the Main St. sidewalk.

Each year the department removes and replaces the floats at the Public Landing. This past year we also did repair work and clean-up for Harbor Master, Mike Blais at the landing. The department installed new signs, graveled and graded the upper parking area and installed new asphalt curbing and sidewalk at the landing.

We rebuilt the sidewalk on Green Street from the railroad tracks to Water Street adding a five foot wide sidewalk with a curbing as we did this work we also repaired and raised the catch basins that had sank well below the grade.

In November along with John Upham we drove to Searsmont to pick-up the Christmas trees for the Mall and downtown planters.

In conjunction with the Conservation Commission and John Fancy we did work for Phase I of the Mill River Park project on Roxbury Street Extension. The department planted trees, filled, graded, loamed and seeded the site. We built a parking area and a walking path made from recycled asphalt as well as a retaining wall from large granite blocks.

Nitram Excavation started on Phase I work on the new clean water drains along Main Street from Pine Street to Beechwood Street last fall and will continue in the spring.

Prock Marine Corp. was awarded the contract for the new Brooklyn Heights Bridge and will start the week of January 1, 2015.

As you can see we are very busy throughout the year and expect the same for the upcoming year.

I would like to thank all of my crew for their hard work and dedication in helping to maintain the Town of Thomaston. Thanks go to Brandon Allen, Cliff Eugley, John Smith, Mike Davis and Mike Janczura. Special thanks go to Tim Hoppe, Rusty Barnard, Eugene Winchenbach and Peter Lammert for their help with plowing and sidewalks during the winter storms.

ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

VALMORE BLASTOW, JR.

ROAD COMMISSIONER

I wish to thank Public Works Director James Cannon and staff Cliff Eugley, John Smith, Brandon Allen, Mike Davis, and Michael Janczura for all the dedicated work and long hours in the winter they provide to ensure the streets and ways of Thomaston are properly maintained in a safe and satisfactory condition at all times.

The next three years should be very busy as MDOT initiated the actual construction of two major projects in Thomaston.

The replacement of the Wadsworth Street Bridge across the St. George River project #116755 was awarded to Prock Marine and started in the fall of 2014 and is scheduled to be completed in 2017 with the removal of the old bridge.

The reconstruction of Route 1 Project #017890 from approximately Thomaston Place Antiques through Town to the intersection of Montpelier with Route 131 with bids scheduled for November 2015 and construction to begin in January 2016 through June 2017.

The Town is completing limited sewer line replacement and clean water drain improvements in coordination with the Maine Water Company's replacement of water mains. The Phase I was awarded to Nitram Construction on the east side. Phase II on the west was awarded to Ranger Construction. Both projects to be completed by fall of 2015.

The Town has 22.21 miles of paved street that the Town maintains the pavement on consisting of 78 street or ways. The Town has repaved 66 of them since 2000. The 12 streets paved before 2000 total 2.52 miles which requires approximately 2,650 tons of bituminous at the cost of \$85.00 per ton with a potential cost of \$225,000. Therefore it will require an expenditure of \$165,000 annually to maintain a 12 year program at a cost of \$85.00 per ton. The Town is currently funding \$90,000 annually. The streets slated for paving in 2015 are Anna Belle Lane and a portion of Beechwood Street from the intersection with Erin Street to Ice House Road.

This year's snow removal was calculated at 155 inches of snow at a cost of \$5,677.29 per mile for the 27.22 miles maintained which includes State Aid Roads. The cost was \$154,535.92 included \$17,802.19 for the purchase of 1396.25 yards of sand and 451.25 yards of salt. It also included 509.25 man-hours of hauling snow off to a different location. The total miles plowed by lane equal 14,448.2.

The Town continues to work towards upgrading major infrastructure. Over the past ten to fifteen years:

- a) Oyster River Bridge was replaced in 2004; the Greenhouse Road Bridge in 1997; the Wadsworth Street railroad overpass bridge in 2002. The Wadsworth Street Bridge over the St. George River is under construction.
- b) Route 1 East 1.89 miles of highway project reconstruction in 2008
- c) Realignment of Buttermilk Lane to Dexter Street with traffic light in 2005
- d) Repair of West Meadow Culvert Bridge was temporary and the box culvert will need replacement
- e) Replacement of Thomaston Street Culvert Bridge by Rockland in 2011
- f) Installed railroad crossing signals at Elliot Street, Green Street, and closed Mechanic Street. We currently have a request before MDOT for safety signals at Knox Street crossing.
- g) Route 1 west is slated for reconstruction to begin January 2016

Project #017890 Route 1 through Thomaston Village for highway reconstruction is funded which includes sidewalks on both the north and south sides of the corridor. Presently, there is a sidewalk only on the north side. The Town voted to fund 20% of the total cost of installing the south side estimated at \$100,000.00 to \$128,000.00 Town's share.

The Town continues to work on a Knox County Transit Plan for providing bus transportation from Thomaston to Camden. Preliminary results indicate potential funding for limited transit from Camden to WalMart in Thomaston. The Town has requested a provider run to downtown Thomaston if the transit is initiated.

M.D.O.T. scheduled work for 2015 beyond the two major projects.

POLLUTION CONTROL DEPARTMENT

John Fancy

Superintendent

The Maine Department of Transportation (MDOT) plans to rebuild Main Street starting in 2015. This project will begin at the Warren Bridge and run through the entire length of the village to Fish Street. Along much of this length there are two pipes that serve most of the buildings – the sanitary sewer and the clean water drain. Except for a short stretch near Kossuth Street all of the sanitary sewers have been replaced in the last 25 years and are in very good shape. When the new sewers were constructed they were connected to the sanitary plumbing in each building and the old sewers were left connected to the buildings cellar drains, sump pumps, roof drains and other clean water sources.

The old sewer lines now clean water drains, on Main Street are mostly under the concrete pavement that will be broken up and removed as part of the MDOT project. These clay pipes are around 100 years old and are not likely to survive the construction work. In September 2014 installation of a new clean water drain from Pine Street to Beechwood Street began. This project is being done in conjunction with Maine Water Company's replacement of the water line as both are being installed on the north side of the street by the same contractor, Nitram Construction.

The department is pleased that Mike Janczura has completed the Management Candidate School sponsored by the Maine Joint Environmental Training Coordinating Committee.

For 17 years the treated wastewater has been land applied during the warmer months. During this time few changes have been made to the spray fields. With the purchase last year of about 133 acres adjacent to the spray fields options for changes and expansion are being explored. In February we met with DEP to discuss steps we could take. Experiments were run during the summer of 2014 and a long term-plan for upgrading the land application program is being developed.

In 2014 the treatment facility treated and discharged about 114 million gallons of wastewater. Of this, 77 million gallons were land applied and an additional 37 million gallons were discharged to the river.

In closing, the Department remains dedicated to the efficient treatment and environmentally sound disposal of Thomaston's wastewater and the protection of our groundwater and surface water. Thanks to the citizens of Thomaston for their support.

TREE WARDEN'S REPORT

Peter Lammert

Tree Warden

The trend of the old trees, especially the sugar maples, having major structural deficiencies continued in 2014. In light of the problem of when a tree could lose a branch, and most of the lower branches are huge, I am forced into a situation of removing the entire tree. Last summer, a huge branch on a sugar maple on Beechwood Street gave up the ghost and in a no wind blowing situation, lost a huge branch that laid down parallel with the road, doing minor damage to the front of the house. That tree is now on a strict "watch" list because if any of the remaining branches decide to follow suit, there will be significant damage. Once again I am caught between the home owners request to "save the tree" and what could potentially happen.

There have been an exceedingly high number of days this summer with wind gusts that appear out of nowhere and are not forecasted. Some of these wreak havoc with branches and some take whole trees apart

Tree work was again limited by the inability to coordinate getting the public works department having time enough to assist the arborist hired to remove or trim branches of suspect trees.

The worst storm event as it relates to tree damage, since I have been living in Thomaston, occurred on November 2nd when a wet snow storm hit the area. Up until that time, there had not been the heavy frosts which allow the Norway Maples to shed their leaves. So when the snow storm hit, Norway maples with a full set of fall colored leaves, followed by any other tree that had a weak crotch was "rent asunder". There is a section of Hyler Street where the Norway's suffered irreparable damage as did the home owners personal property and home. There are several other trees in the vicinity of these that have defects that are serious enough to cause their removal. The worst damage occurred in the Thomaston Village Cemetery where most of the Norway maples planted from Section Five through Section 10 suffered damage. Come next spring possibly as many as 17 of what is left of these trees must come down.

I had the heartbreaking chore of cutting down what was left of trees that I had helped to plant along Route 1 in the late 1970 and early 1980. There remain about 30 trees, as more and more damage is being "discovered" after each succeeding storm that makes some of the trees questionable. Bracing and cabling of these trees may save them but the cables become maintenance issues that will remain long after I am gone.

I am on the watch for indications of two insects, the Hemlock woolly adelgid on Hemlocks and the Emerald Ash Borer that are infecting all species of ash. If you have any ash tree with new multiple sprouts down along the lower trunk, please call me as this could be a sign of the Emerald Ash borer. The woolly adelgid makes a home in little white miniature cotton ball like structures on the bottom of the hemlock branch.

No one has taken me up on my offer of a free elm tree to plant on their Thomaston property. The offer still stands. Please call if you have questions about your trees.

Respectfully, Peter Lammert 691-2900.

SOLID WASTE REPORT

Peter Lammert

Representative

Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) and recyclables as well as what Maine D.E.P. considers “Household Hazardous Waste,” metal, tires and empty propane tanks are collected at the Owls Head, South Thomaston and Thomaston Solid Waste Corporation’s (3 Town) transfer station on Buttermilk Drive. This facility is open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 8AM to 4 PM

Building demolition debris, clean wood, brush, tree parts, leaves and garden waste, some of which are accepted for a fee, at the Thomaston Public Works garage on Anna Belle Lane off Erin Street. Users must obtain a current two year sticker at our town office. This sticker should be displayed in a window so that attendants can see it without having to ask if you have one.

During 2014, the amount of MSW shipped from the facility on Buttermilk Drive was 4335.45 tons which is an INCREASE of 296.17 tons over what was shipped in 2013 . This breaks a pattern in previous years that was almost down to 4000 tons. There were 140 tons of recyclables shipped to Pine Tree Waste’s out of state recycling facility. A new facility will be opening in Lewiston next year.

Several major things happened in 2014 that have led to higher costs to operate the facility. First, the back-up hauler for our present contract hauler (Pine Tree Waste until the end of 2015) ceased hauling for the contract hauler, Pine Tree Waste, which transported the filled 53 cubic yard roll off containers to the Penobscot Energy Recovery Company (PERC) in Orrington for just over \$300 per container. The 3 Town Co-op ships at least one container every day in the summer. PTW’s contract specifies a legal load at between 12 to 14 tons. The back-up hauler, who operated from a nearby town, would come to the site and wait for the container to be crammed full before hauling. When this hauler stopped hauling, PTW had to haul the loads and the weight of these crammed full loads became a problem. If stopped by the state police weights section, and the truck was found to be overweight, any fine would be assessed to the company and also the drivers record would be docked.

Thus started a guessing game as to when a roll off could be hauled as the hauls were now called into the PTW truck dispatcher on Tuesdays for the entire week. To further compound the problem, PTW drivers were not supposed to haul a roll off with less than the minimum weight of 12 tons was in the roll off. As there are no scales under the cans, the only way of guessing actual can weight was to check the pounds per square inch compaction pressure on the roll off being filled. When that pressure reached 1400 PSI that usually meant that the can would be in the legal range of 12 to 14 tons.

However, the rubbish inside of the roll off can do an interesting convolution. As MSW is pushed against the front wall of the roll off , the load builds up” back pressure.” At some point in the compaction process, the load inside the roll off my “roll over” thus reducing the pressure shown on the gauge allowing more MSW to be added. Sometimes the roll over isn’t noticed or may not happen. This is common with winter time loads that are frozen and do not compact well.

This results in roll off cans being hauled to PERC that weigh less than the ideal 12 to 14 tons. During 2014, as best as I could determine, we shipped 47 loads, that we had control over that were less than 12 tons and the contractor hauled 57 loads that were less than the minimum contract weight as we were not open to the public and none of our staff was there on the days these were hauled. This is a cause and effect of having to call for loads to be hauled a week in advance.

The second major event at the Co-op was the opening of the drive thru facility. The new drive through facility was in the planning stage as far back as 2006 with acquisition of two small parcels of land to the South of the existing facility. At that time, the organization of the 3 Town Co-op did not allow for such purchase so it was reincorporated as the Owls Head South Thomaston and Thomaston Solid Waste Corporation. Plans were drawn by Pine Tree Engineering for the new facility. The DEP demanded every abutter sign off to the enlargement of the facility. One person in a multiple owner ownership would not sign off. It took years for D E P to overrule this blocking of the proposed addition. Then came the demand by a D E P staffer to remove the on the ground metal pile in 2011. It took the fall of 2011 and the spring of 2012 and \$52 thousand dollars plus to remove the soil and legally dispose of it and construct a concrete pad for the Conex box that stores the “hazardous waste” T Vs and computer monitors. This money had been in a capital construction fund to build the new facility. To make up for the loss of this money to an unplanned project, a loan was secured to complete the construction.

The two used packer mechanisms for the new facility were purchased back in 2006 when they became available to the then 3 Town Co-op. They were stored in the field where the new facility was eventually built. There were several different arrangements of these mechanisms, an attendants building and extra recycling cans until the present side by side drive through plan was adopted. Contracts were let and construction by the Callahan Co. of Augusta started in September of 2013. The building was finally completed in April of 2014. The packing mechanisms were moved into place and wired and the new facility which contained hot and cold running water and a bathroom with waterless urinal was ready to go by June.

The startup date of July 2nd 2014 was set and the facility’s new entrance gate swung open for the first time on that date. A great deal of planning went into traffic flow and room for two lanes of users on each side of the packers but I forgot one critical thing. We were about to change not only where users were to place recycling and MSW as they had for the past 6 years but the way into the facility was new and the exit was the former “in” gate. As is with cows entering a burning barn to be milked, users finally got the message to use the new in gate but drove right past the new packers to get up on the hill to deposit their MSW etc.

Turns out that just about everything was figured out except that the users did not or would not read the signs, which instructed them where to put their rubbish etc., and like the cows, went to their former site to unload. This behavior was unpleasant at times and it took several months of using the new facility until the staff started to receive compliments on how nice it was to use the facility and not having to be in the horrible jam that used to occur at the old facility.

I noticed that in Cape Elizabeth, where the retired director of their public works department was apparently backed into and who subsequently died of his injuries, had a traffic flow as we did at the old site. For the past two years ,at least one user has been injured by another user in

the unloading process. I for saw that this was going to be a problem and pushed for the drive through traffic flow that we now have. Now if we could only figure out a way for users to form two lines on each side of the packers when the facility experiences its high usage on Saturday mornings.

The 2013-14 user stickers expired at the end of last year and it was quite evident that users were not reading the warning signs to get their new stickers before Jan 2nd. These stickers had been available at the three town offices since September. With only about 25% of the users showing the new stickers by the end of December, attendant Doug McNight made the suggestion to grant amnesty for those without new stickers on January 1st. For those of you who got in that day without your new sticker, thank Doug for that.

Also during the 6 months that the new facility was open, the staff heard many users state that the sticker fee should be much higher. When asked how much higher, \$10 was the usual suggested amount so the fee for the 2015-16 sticker was set at \$10. This sticker expires on December 31, 2016 but few (about 25 %) users will remember that so again, the three towns will have the new 2017-18 sticker available starting in September 2016.

There are a few problems with the packer cans and the steps at the new facility. The recycling self-contained compactor does not have the strength to pop open plastic containers that have their caps still screwed on. An effort next year to have users remove the caps and to squash these containers will be started next year. The steps up to the packer openings are causing problems with users that have difficulty walking and climbing steps. They continue to ignore the signs that say if your bag is too heavy to leave it at the bottom of the steps and the attendants will heave it for you or they struggle up the steps with huge 55 gallon bags crammed full of MSW or smaller bags that are loaded with what we have found to be wet garbage and kitty litter. The attendants at the new facility are always available to help you unload and if they are not visible, on the side at which you chose to use to unload, please toot you horn just once.

The compactors at the old site are wearing out. They were bought used when the facility opened and have been replaced several times since it was built in 1984. They have been in use six days a week since then. The steel walls and floors in the packing ram area have worn through several times and this metal has been repeatedly patched. In the fall of 2015, the heavy duty electric motors, that run the hydraulic compactors, started experiencing problems. It is far time that these packers are replaced and a super structure be built over the tops of the two hoppers to help eliminate rain water that has plagued the facility since it was opened.

This will be a new facility with new compactors and a roof over it to keep rain out and blowing trash in.

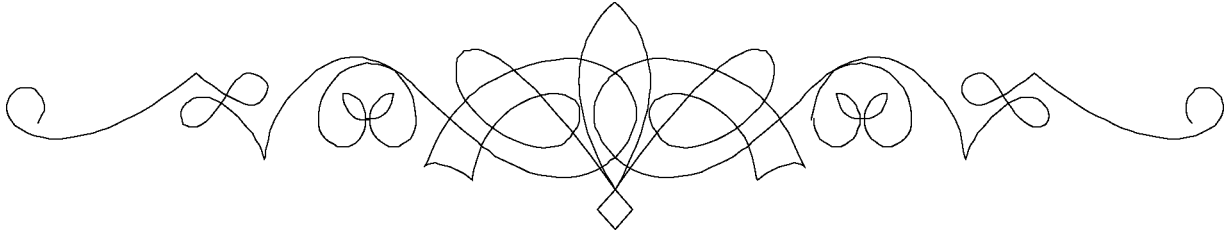
In closing, I thank the residents of Thomaston for their patience in using and really good comments about, our new facility. In due time, the roads will be paved and traffic lines will be painted which just might help the users speed up the process of unloading.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with questions at 691-2900 or Ronny Porter, who is the civilian representative to the board, which governs the facility. If you have any problems at the facility you now have to call the chair of the facility board, Bruce Colson, in Owls Head, at 975-1850 as I have been removed by our lawyer as the site manager for "potential conflict of interest."

PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENTS



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Fire Department Personnel
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E.M.A. Director
E.M.A. Director's Report**



POLICE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL

CHIEF

Kevin Haj

SERGEANT

Tim Hoppe

PATROL OFFICERS

Michael Blais

Olaf Sigaud

RESERVE OFFICERS

John Palmer

Rod Grindell

Thomas Eager

Jeremy Joselyn

TRAFFIC CONTROL

Peter Lammert

Phil Netzorg

John Fochtman

CHAPLINS

Wayne Sawyer

Peter Jenks

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Kevin Haj

Police Chief

Greetings:

It gives me pleasure to submit to you the annual report for the Thomaston Police Department. This past year we saw Officer Max King depart to accept a position with Maine Drug Enforcement. We have been unable to find a qualified candidate to replace him. We have several reserve officers who have been filling shifts along with the full time officers. Finding a qualified candidate is problem that has been noticed across the state. We will continue to attempt to fill the position.

This winter has been a winter to remember. It seemed that our calls for cars off the road and motor vehicle accidents were extremely high. Public Works did a fine job on the roads with the amount of snow that we received. Depending on the season, we still get calls for excessive speed throughout the town. We have the opportunity to have a device that will help us identify different traffic trends throughout the town. The results will be tabulated and presented to the Board of Selectmen.

With the arrival of Wal-Mart, our calls for service there range from parking lot fender benders, shoplifters, domestics, drugs, suspicious activity and assisting the ambulance on medical calls. Thefts and scams seem prevalent. However, most of the people I spoke with in relationship to scams have been too smart to fall for them. Some of the ones we see are, you get a check that says you won a lot of money, but you have to pay a service fee or a tax to get it. Then they give you a check to help pay for the fee, you cash it, send the required fee, just to find out you are out the money. There are scams of people impersonating the IRS, scams of people impersonating police from different states saying you owe fines, just to mention a few.

A lot of the thefts that we see are crimes of opportunity; homes are left unlocked, vehicles are left unlocked, property left out in yards, garages left unlocked etc. then the people discover that they are missing money or items and have no idea how long it's been gone. One of the big requests we receive is turning in of unwanted, unneeded, or expired medications. I just found out at the time of this writing that The Maine Sheriffs Association will continue the drug take back program. This was previously conducted by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration. You may turn in unwanted medications, any time prior to the take back.

Up through December 31st 2014, we had logged in 4078 incident reports. Again these range from assaults, burglaries, domestics, motor vehicle accidents, thefts, traffic stops, house checks, agency assists, citizen assists, administrative reports/actions, warrants and welfare checks just to name a few.

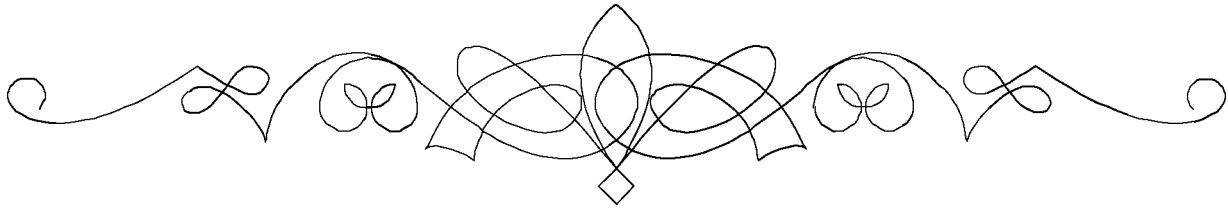
Training is a continuous process here. We are mandated to complete a certain amount of hours to maintain our licensure with the state. Then there is the in house training that must be met for insurance purposes. We also have elective training for professional development. Sometimes I wonder how we squeeze it all in.!!

Hopefully you have seen the new Ford Cruiser on the road. It is all wheel drive and has been a blessing this winter!

At the time of this writing there are still several months to go before Town Meeting. We will continue to provide the best service possible to the citizens of Thomaston. I wish to thank all those who have supported us throughout the year, those that volunteer, to make sure we can set up a shelter if we need it, the traffic control officers who come out at all hours to direct traffic around accidents and hazards on the road.

This upcoming year sees a lot of construction on our roadways. Please be patient. Be courteous, be safe.

On a lighter note, our face book page has been going good. I will try to find new and interesting items to post when I can.



FIRE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL

Fire Chief

Michael Leo

Deputy Chief

Mikial Mazzeo

Assistant Chief

Jamie Leo

Captains

Peter Lammert

Robert Coombs

Lieutenants

Albert Grant

Ben Adams

Firefighters

Carl Anderson

Francis Brandon

Michael Cole

George Erickson

Rod Grindell

Tony Leo

Phil Netzorg

Earl Sutherland

Chris Winters

Ed Worthley

Charles Ball

Ethan Chittim

Harley Colwell

Sean Goodine

Floyd Lawrence

Colby Miles

Tom Shook

Katy Vanorse

Stuart Woodman

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Mike Leo

Fire Chief

To the Town Manager, Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of Thomaston, it is with pleasure that I present to you the report of the Thomaston Fire Department.

In 2014 we responded to 125 fire calls.

On July 4th we handed out fire prevention information to people visiting the activities. During Fire Prevention Week in October we went to the grade schools and passed out information to the children and gave tours of the station and the fire trucks.

Again this year the Firemen's Association put up Santa and the Elves on the hill by Montpelier. We would like to thank those of you that made a donation to the association during the year.

Training is done in house and out of town allowing us to gain the certifications that are required. The training consisted of hose advancement, search and rescue, chimney fire, ventilation, SCBA, warm and cold water rescue training with and without our boat, use of tools and equipment and annual Maine Department of Labor required training. Again this year we have three members that are taking the FF1 and FF2 class.

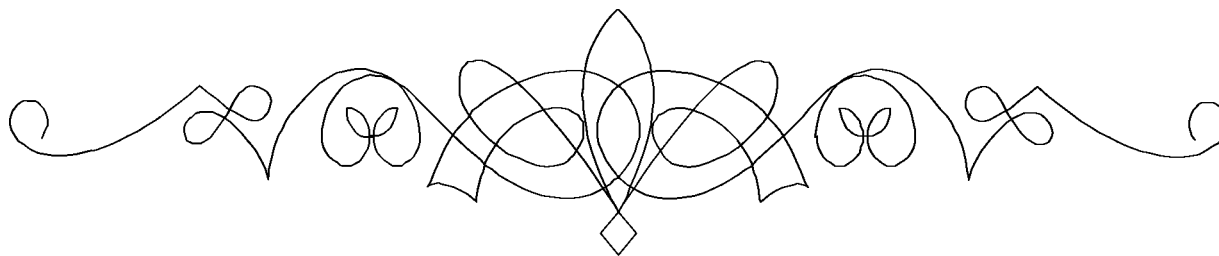
This year we had a new roof installed and some brick work done to the front of the station, we are also starting to paint the inside and outside of the station.

The department is always looking for new members if you would like to join the department or would like more information please call 354-6345. We also have monthly meetings held at the station on the first Monday of the month starting at 18:30 hours and training classes are held on the 2nd and 3rd Mondays of the month.

I would like to thank the Fire Department members for their support, hard work and dedication as well as the Town Manager and his staff, Board of Selectmen and the various departments for their help during the year.

Please remember that any and all burning requires a permit under Maine State Law.

Chief Mike Leo



AMBULANCE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL

Director

Ruston Barnard – EMS - Paramedic

Deputy Director

Abby Planeta –EMS - Paramedic

MEMBERS

Francis Brandon –Paramedic
Charlie Ball - AEMT
Vanessa Colesworthy – Recruit
Sean Goodine – Driver
Alan Leo -EMT -B
Jamie Leo -AEMT
Mikial Mazzeo – Paramedic
Ellin Schooley - EMT
Leela Thiem - Driver

Lisa Brandon –EMT-B
Kelly Ball –EMT-B
Jody Dinsmore -AEMT
Theresa Lash – AEMT
Tony Leo – EMT-B
Floyd Lawrence -EMR
Colby Miles - Driver
Earl Sutherland -AEMT

EMT – Emergency Medical Technician
AEMT – Advance Emergency Medical Technician
EMR – Emergency Medical Responder

AMBULANCE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Ruston Barnard

Director

To the Town Manager, Board of Selectman and Citizens of Thomaston, it is with great pleasure that I present to you the Annual Report of the Thomaston Ambulance Service for 2014-2015. Thomaston Ambulance Service responded to approximately 475 calls this past year, which is in line with other years. The top three patient requests for EMS services were traffic accidents, falls and, sick persons.

We have approximately 20 volunteer and per-diem members, and most are licensed as Drivers and EMT's at various levels. We would like to welcome Vanessa Colesworthy, Leela Thiem, Colby Miles, Sean Goodine, Theresa Lash, and Jonathan Blum to both our volunteer and per-diem staff this year, of which three of them will be starting EMT school and will be near completion by the time this report is published. We are always looking for more volunteer members as we continue the struggle of covering our evening shifts.

All of our members work very hard to balance family life, full time employment, and the life as a pre-hospital health care provider, for the citizens of this town.

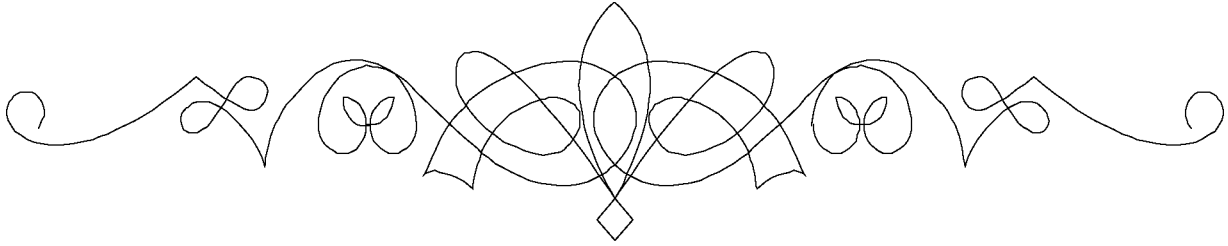
Our meetings are on the first Tuesday of each month. If you would like more information, please call me at 354-6345 ext.230.

During the year we have provided many training sessions to our members. One of our members attended the annual three day Mid-Coast EMS Educational Seminar held at the Samoset in Rockport, two members attended the JEMS national EMS conference in Baltimore, and 1 member attended a two week course on Advanced Leadership Issues in EMS at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, MD. Some of our members traveled to other in state areas for training as well, and all this to become better Pre-Hospital Healthcare providers for this community.

We also must comply with yearly OSHA mandated training classes, the Town of Thomaston's Risk Management Training program, as well as many Federal and State mandated trainings. All of this training amounts to hundreds of hours annually, most of which can only be obtained on nights or weekends.

I cannot begin to thank the members for all that they provide to the town throughout the year. The sacrifices that they make for this community are great, and they are proud of their commitment to our community, and our community should be proud that they are here for them.

Please remember" Your Life Is Our Life" and that is what we pride ourselves on.



ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Robert Robinson

207-542-5301

SHELTER PROVIDER

Pope Memorial Humane Society of Knox County

594-2200

REPORT OF THE ANIMAL CONTROL DEPARTMENT

Robert Robinson

ACO

It is with pleasure that I present the report of the Animal Control Department.

This past winter was especially harsh and many of you taking your pets with you in your cars do not always take into consideration that your dog when being left in the car while you run errands can become cold extremely quickly when the temperatures are below zero. So unless your dog is a Nordic breed such as a Husky, like breed it cannot stand prolonged exposure to the cold. This is also true of the heat in the summer time. The best thing to do on extremely cold or hot days would be to leave your pet at home.

On more than one occasion it has come to my attention that pet owners may not be following the quarantine guidelines in the cases of a cat or dog biting a child or adult. There may be a quarantine period that may be as few as 10 days to six months to be determined by the veterinarian who exams the animal after the bite has occurred. In any and all cases the quarantine guidelines must be followed or the owner will be subject to a summons to court.

The Municipal Animal Control Department is primarily responsible for domestic animals, dogs, cats, rabbits, chickens etc., not wild animals. In some cases there may be an issue with raccoons, skunks, bats and foxes suspected of having rabies, only if they come in contact with you or your pet please call me.

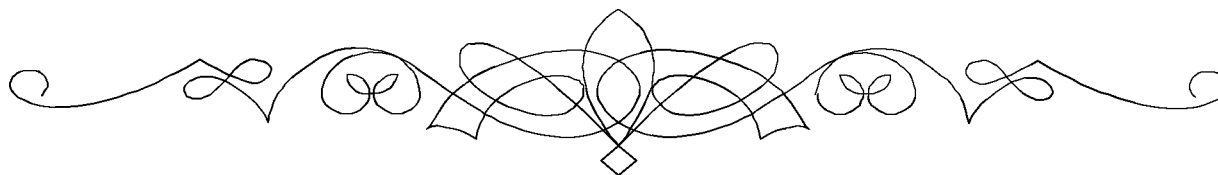
Animal Control Officers are on call 24 hours a day, however we cannot make a living working as the Animal Control Officer so we have other jobs and cannot always respond as soon as we would like to be able to but will get there as soon as possible. If it is an emergency situation please call the local dispatch center making sure to tell them this is an animal related call and they will contact me as well as the local police if I am not available to handle the emergency.

Owning a pet is a lifetime responsibility and has associated costs for food, shelter, vet care and other items needed to keep your pet healthy and happy. Potential pet owners are urged to keep these considerations in mind before getting a pet.

Remember to treat your pets with the love and care they deserve and you will see it returned in kind.

I am available at 390-0080 if you have an animal related complaint, concern or question.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Robinson
Thomaston Animal Control



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

Valmore Blastow, Jr.

354-6107

EMERGENCY CONTACT LIST:

Town of Thomaston

Emergency Fire/Ambulance/Police CALL 911

Administrative Calls:

EMA Director:	Valmore Blastow	354-6107
Fire Chief:	Michael Leo	975-0096
Police Chief:	Kevin Haj	354-2511
Ambulance Director:	Ruston Barnard	542-0494
Knox County EMA:	Ray Sisk	594-5155
Knox County	Sheriff Dept.	594-0429

Knox RCC 593-9132

State Police: 1-800-452-4664

HazMat Spill reporting-

National Response Center 1-800-424-8802

REPORT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Valmore Blastow, Jr.

EMA Director

During the Federal year ending September 31, 2014 the Town expended \$12,658.23 on E.M.A. related activities, of which up to \$6,329.12 was reimbursable from F.E.M.A. The major expenditure was \$4,031.32 to purchase a JAMAR Technologies Radar Recorder which accounts for all vehicles by the hour and at what speed they are traveling. The Town is utilizing the data in several ways, first to ensure safety for the citizens, through identifying speeding issues, the degree of traffic and then finally the peak period by time of day in considering emergency response plans.

The Town's (E.M.P.G.) Emergency Management Performance Grant submission approved for 2014/2015 is \$11,400 of which and in-kind match of \$4,270 is required by the Town.

Winter began on November 1st & 2nd 2014 with a 12" snow storm and ended with half the impact on April 9th with 6" of snow. The Town calculated 155" of snow for the winter of 2014/2015 costing \$154,605.05 for the winter maintenance.

The storm caused power outages and downed trees. The storm created so much devastation the Town initiated a Town wide clean-up of trees and brush for the citizens who placed the material in the Town's right of way for removal. The Public Works Department expended 598 hours of clean-up time and removed 1,043 yards of trees and brush costing \$15,661.14. The Tree Warden worked 47 hours and the Town paid \$1,200.00 for a private contractor to chip wood. The Town expended \$5,127.76 during the storm event on emergency protective measures of Police, Fire and E.M.S. along with Public Works. The total impact cost was \$22,439.65 however the State did not declare it as an emergency since there was not enough damage reported State wide. So M.E.M.A. will not reimburse the Town all of the costs.

A table top exercise was held at Dragon Products to deal with a mock sulfuric acid spill. Attending were members of the Thomaston Fire Department along with Deputy Chief Mike Mazzeo and Assistant Chief Jamie Leo. The event was hosted by E.M.A. Director Ray Sisk under the Hazardous Materials, Communication and Emergency Response Facility Plan.

The Town has scheduled a September 2015 table top exercise and it will involve all public safety departments as well as Public Works, Tree Warden, Animal Control, Selectmen and the shelter agency. The exercise will be for a mock snow storm.

The State commissioned the MS Comm Net (Maine State Communications Network) in 2014 which provides state of the art land radio communication for all Emergency State Agencies excepting M.D.O.T. the system provides interoperability with local public safety partners through a "Region Net" service which is provided through VHF narrowband analog repeater. The system for CONOPS Simplex Frequencies this is (line of sight, not repeated) frequencies that have a day-to-day operational use, controlled by MEMA, that upon request can be temporarily assigned to a local incident commander for use of the system authorized through

M.E.M.A. with criteria being met by three of the four requirements below for authorization during an emergency:

- Involves response from four agencies
- Anticipate duration of six hours
- Involves response from three levels of government
- Local simplex channels not adequate

Hazard Mitigation Plan:

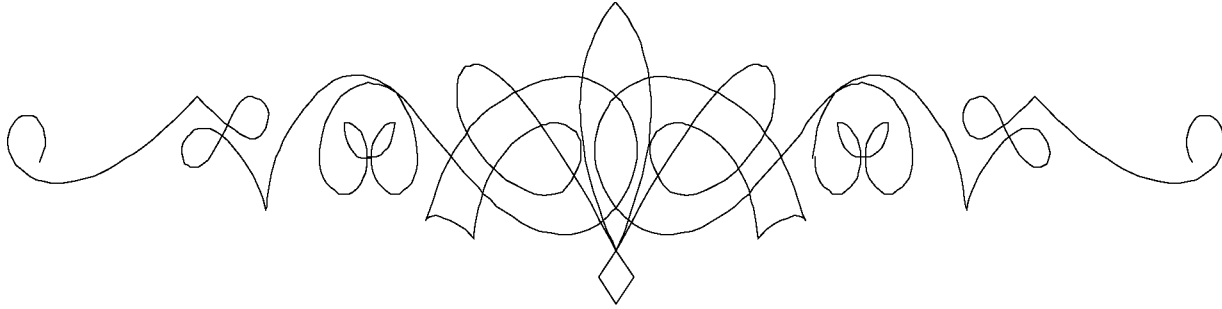
1. **Main Street to School Street drainage project crosses Route One at the Mall area proposed new 42" storm drain culvert & catch basins related to M.D.O.T. Project #017890 cost \$220,000**
2. **West Meadow Road upsize existing 8" X 45" arch culvert to 7" X 10, last repaired in 2008 with partial concrete vertical walls to extend life requires ultimate replacement cost of \$133,000 plus is estimated and the Town is applying for a grant.**

Copies of "Your Family Emergency Preparedness" guide are available at the Town Office or on the website at <http://town.thomaston.me.us>.

ASSESSING DEPARTMENT



**Assessing Personnel
Valuation & Assessment
Abatements
Board of Assessor's Report
Assessor's Agent Report
Outstanding Taxes
Property Tax List**



ASSESSING PERSONNEL

Assessors

A. Fredrick Wigglesworth – Term Expires 2015
Peter Lammert - Term Expires 2017
Joan Linscott – Term Expires 2016

Assessor's Agent

David Martucci

VALUATION AND ASSESSMENT YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2014

David B. Martucci, CMA

Assessor's Agent

AMOUNT NEEDED TO PAY BILLS

County Tax	373,969
Municipal Budget	2,989,427
TIF Financing Plan Amount	750,089
Education	3,389,803
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	7,503,288



DEDUCTIONS

Estimated State Revenue Sharing	143,778
Homestead Reimbursement*	60,230
BETE Reimbursement**	32,794
Other Revenues	643,234
LESS ADDITIONAL REVENUES	880,036
TOTAL TAX NEEDED	6,623,252

OVERLAY† 7,751

TOTAL TAX RAISED (see below) 6,631,002

Tax Rate Calculation

Total tax plus Overlay	6,631,002	=	0.01664
Total Taxable Valuation	398,497,742		

Tax rate is per dollar but can be expressed as \$16.64 per Thousand Dollars of Valuation

VALUATION & TAX

Real Estate Value	396,061,575
Less Exemptions	(50,410,897)
Personal Property Value	55,268,515
Less BETE Exemptions	(2,421,451)
TOTAL VALUATION	398,497,742
TIMES TAX RATE	x .01664
TOTAL TAX RAISED	6,631,002

EXEMPTIONS	VALUE	TAX VAL
Benevolent & Charitable	3,331,424	55,435
Blind	20,000	333
Fraternal Organizations	1,011,415	16,830
Homestead	7,239,233	120,461
Literary & Scientific	2,366,329	39,376
Environmental Control	6,714,309	111,726
Religious	4,782,183	79,576
United States of America	1,739,775	28,950
State of Maine	1,882,470	31,324
RSU 13	5,536,627	92,129
Town of Thomaston	14,654,923	243,858
Veteran's Estates	714,000	11,881
Veteran's Posts	418,209	6,959
TOTAL EXEMPTIONS	50,410,897	838,837

Taxes Committed October 3, 2014

* The Homestead Exemption is now \$10,000 per homestead which amounted to a reduction in tax of \$166.40 per receipt. The State of Maine reimburses the Town \$83.20 of this which is 50%. The rest is paid for by all taxpayers.

** The Business Equipment Tax Exemption (BETE) is for some business equipment first placed into service as of 4/1/08. The State reimburses for lost taxes on a sliding scale, this year the base is at least 50%, although we are eligible for a base rate of 56.48% due to the high percentage of personal property we rely on for taxes plus 90% reimbursement on items in the TIF Districts per State law.

† Overlay is the amount raised above needed taxes. By law, it cannot be more than 5% of the minimum tax needed. It is used to pay for abatements and adjustments to valuation.

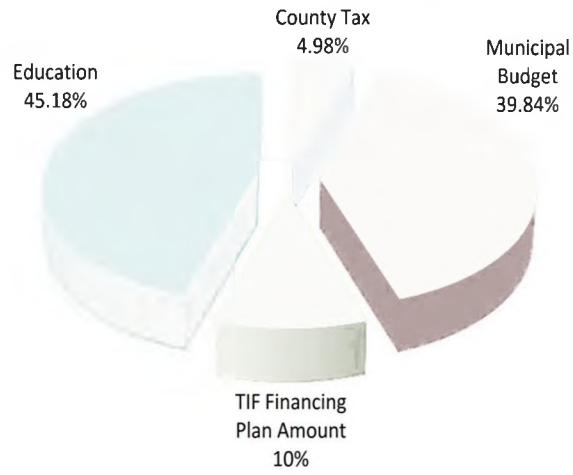
Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 8 am - 5 pm
PO Box 299, Thomaston ME 04861-0299

(207) 354-6107 ext. 228
assessor@midcoast.com

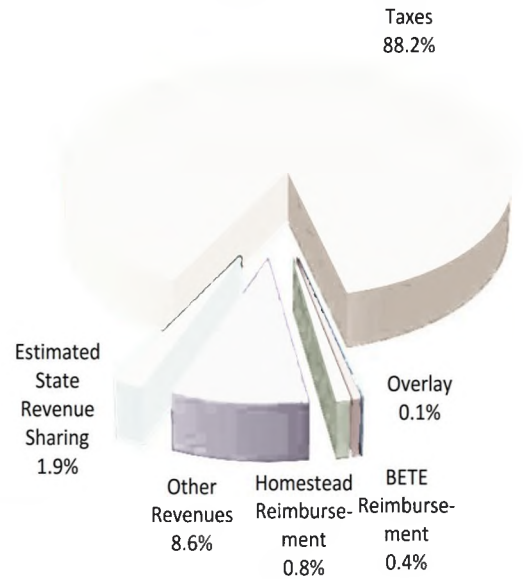
Calendar Year 2014 ABATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTALS

REAL ESTATE ABATEMENTS			SUPPLEMENTAL TAX ASSESSMENTS		
Bank of America	1,507.74	Error in Assessment.	Jacqueline Harjula	4,612.59	Foreclosure redemption
Brenda J. Cotton	229.74	Error in Assessment.	Margo Maloney	193.92	Farmland withdrawal Penalty
Grace J. Crosby	229.37	Error in Assessment.	Forest Poland Estete	971.49	Foreclosure redemption
Benjamin B. Mathis Estate	101.04	Error in Assessment.	US Bank Nat Assn Trustee	1,499.97	Foreclosure redemption
Stephen K. & Diane C. Mazzeo	89.68	Error in Assessment.			
James Murdock & Cynthia McGuirl	29.36	Error in Assessment.			
Ernest E. Roebke Estate	4,124.84	Error in Assessment.			
Tom Thomas 11-12	491.83	Select Board Abate.*			
Tom Thomas 12-13	467.82	Select Board Abate.*			
Wayne S. Thorndike	81.75	Error in Assessment.			
Wayne, Robert & Donald Thorndike	224.42	Error in Assessment.			
<i>* Abatements by Selectmen to clear bookkeeping.</i>					
TOTAL ABATEMENTS		7,577.59	TOTAL SUPPLEMENTS		7,277.97

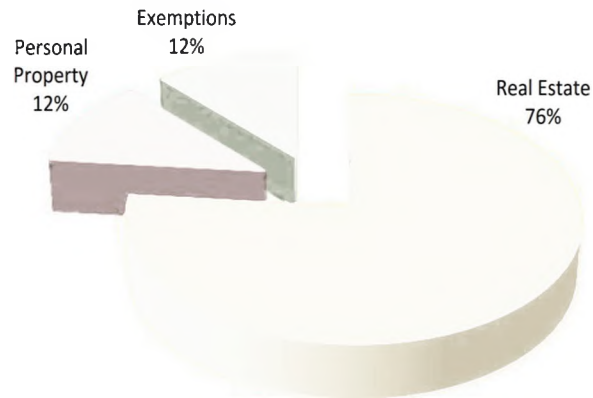
2014-15 Expenditures



2014-15 Income



2014-15 Valuation Analysis





THOMASTON BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Fred Wigglesworth

Peter Lammert

Joan Linscott

Where the Money Goes

Money is voted by the citizens of Thomaston at Town Meeting for all municipal services with the exception of Pollution Control, which is paid for by user fees. The total Municipal Appropriation as voted at Town Meeting for 2014/2015 was \$2,989,427 up from \$2,836,216 for 2013/2014.

The Knox County Tax is based on Thomaston's total value as determined by the State Tax Assessor multiplied by the County's mil rate. The Knox County Tax bill for 2014/2015 was \$301,950. Dispatch service for Fire, Ambulance and Police was billed separately for \$72,019, bringing the County total to \$373,969, up from \$367,738 for 2013/2014.

Thomaston's share of the RSU #13 budget totals \$4,588,164 for 2014/2015 as compared to \$4,450,620 for last year. However, the State of Maine contributes \$1,198,361 (down from \$1,229,054 last year). After deducting the State share, Thomaston's share to educate our children is \$3,389,803, up from \$3,221,566 for 2013/2014.

This year the Dragon Cement TIF agreement plus the Downtown TIF has an effective appropriation of \$750,089, down from \$806,551 for 2013/2014.

These amounts are added together to make up the total tax liability for the Town of Thomaston, which is \$7,503,288 for 2014/2015, up from \$7,232,071 for 2013/2014.

Where the Money Comes From

However, before taxes are assessed there are some estimated revenues that are deducted to reduce the Property Tax Burden (these numbers may not accurately reflect the amounts actually taken in; we use the best guess on some of them).

<i>Revenue from the State of Maine</i>	<u>2014/2015</u>	<u>2013/2014</u>
● Municipal Revenue Sharing.....	\$143,778.....	\$140,000
● Homestead Reimbursement	60,230.....	61,329
● BETE Reimbursement	32,794.....	33,023
● Local Road Assistance.....	27,304.....	27,304
● Veteran's Reimbursement.....	3,000.....	3,000
● General Assistance Reimbursement	10,000.....	10,000
● Gas Tax Refund	6,200.....	6,200
● Tree Growth Reimbursement	1,500.....	1,500
● Snowmobile Reimbursement.....	400.....	400
<i>Revenue raised in the Town</i>		

● Interest on Taxes and Lien Costs	41,000	41,000
● Permit Fees	25,000	73,600
● Thomaston Academy Rent and Utilities Reimbursement	24,000	
● Verizon Tower Lease	13,200	13,200
● Excise Taxes	398,000	354,000
● Other Income	93,630	84,030
TOTAL REVENUE USED TO OFFSET TAXES	\$880,036	\$872,586

This leaves \$6,623,252 (which is \$7,503,288 less \$880,036; last year's total was \$6,359,485) to be raised by taxes to cover the Town's financial responsibilities. To this we add the "Overlay," an additional amount authorized by law to be no more than 5% above the minimal needs in order to pay for unexpected things like abatements, etc. This year we added \$7,751 (\$12,897 last year) in Overlay, bringing the total for tax commitment to \$6,631,002 (which is \$6,623,252 plus \$7,751; last year the total was \$6,372,382).

How We Determine the Mil Rate

The "Mil Rate" is the percentage of the Value of property in the town used to determine everyone's fair share of the tax. We take the amount needed to be raised (\$6,631,002) and divide it by the total valuation (\$398,497,742, which is up from \$380,667,988 last year). This yields a decimal percent of .01664, which is better understood when expressed as "\$16.64 per thousand valuation". In other words, for every thousand dollars of value you own, you are assessed \$16.64 as your fair share of the tax. This rate is down ten cents from last year, even though the total amount needed to be raised is up \$258,620 from last year.

The two big factors in this change are the major decrease in the State Revenue Sharing, which by itself would have meant a major increase in the tax rate, tempered by the final valuation of the new Super Walmart, the new Tractor Supply Co. and all of the personal property associated with both. Those new values and the taxes they generated are:

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Company		PP Value	Tax @ 16.64/M
Wal-Mart Stores East LP		5,755,143	95,765.58
Footlong Enterprise LLC (Subway)	<i>at Walmart</i>	52,853	879.47
Gulfstream Tax Group (Hewett Tax)	<i>at Walmart</i>	9,283	154.47
Hillman Group, Inc.	<i>at Walmart</i>	7,955	132.37
Mobile Mini, Inc.	<i>at Walmart</i>	2,271	37.79
Outerwall Inc. (Coinstar)	<i>at Walmart</i>	8,354	139.01
Primo Water Corp	<i>at Walmart</i>	8,184	136.19
Redbox	<i>at Walmart</i>	12,800	212.99
Smartstyle	<i>at Walmart</i>	25,965	432.06
Verizon Credit	<i>at Walmart</i>	3,695	61.48
Bangor Coca Cola	<i>at Walmart & TSC</i>	15,809	263.06
Grayhawk Leasing (Pepsi)	<i>at Walmart & TSC</i>	25,376	422.26
Tractor Supply Company		291,007	4,842.36
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Personal Property TOTAL:		6,218,695	104,100.96

	LAND	BUILDING	TOTAL VALUE	Tax @ 16.64/M
208-059 Walmart	2,011,500	14,600,000	16,611,500	276,415.36
208-060 Tractor Supply Co.	850,000	1,610,000	2,460,000	40,934.40
208-058 Greeley Associates	457,188		457,188	7,607.61
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Real Estate TOTALS:		3,318,688	16,210,000	19,528,688
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GRAND TOTAL REAL ESTATE & PERSONAL PROPERTY:			25,747,383	428,436.46

We are concerned that the State of Maine is considering eliminating Municipal Revenue Sharing, which will hamper our ability to keep the tax rate down. If this comes to pass, expect much higher property tax rates in the future.

Valuation of Property is reviewed annually and the State of Maine requires it to be as of April 1st. For example, if you and your neighbor are building identical homes, but yours is complete on March 31st and your neighbor's isn't, you can expect a difference in the tax for that year. Values are derived, by Maine law, by a strange method that begins with so-called "replacement value" figures, modified by "market forces" data. The Assessor's Agent will explain this process further.

There are different types of property and two basic classes, Real Estate and Personal Property. Not all property is taxable; municipal or State property, non-profit organizations, religious institutions and others are exempt from all or partial taxes. However, the Governor's proposal to partially assess certain types of exempt properties would increase taxes on a few presently exempt institutions. They are The Orient Association, The General Henry Knox Museum, The Pope Memorial Humane Society of Knox County, and The Volunteers of America. In addition certain value amounts of property are exempt under certain circumstances, for example for

your Homestead or if you're a veteran or blind. Again, however, the Governor has proposed eliminating the Homestead Exemption for all householders under age 65 and doubling it for those over 65. A new exemption on personal property was instituted by the State of Maine a few years ago, the Business Equipment Tax Exemption or BETE. We are reimbursed a portion of the lost taxes by the State at the present time. Certain types of business equipment may be exempt if the business makes an annual application. Contact the Agent for more information.

In addition, State Law allows the municipality to raise up to 5% more in taxes than we appropriated, in order to cover abatements and adjustments in valuation. This is called the "Overlay". This year, the maximum overlay we could have raised was \$335,814 but we chose an overlay of \$7,751 which is used to cover abatements and the like. Last year we raised \$12,987.

The Board has its monthly meetings on the FOURTH Tuesday, now at 5:00 pm to decide on abatements or supplemental tax assessments and to review the progress of the work conducted by the Agent. We feel the current Agent, Dave Martucci, is working out well and we appreciate his hard work. We hope you agree with us.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Fred Wigglesworth , Chairman
Peter Lammert
Joan Linscott**

THOMASTON ASSESSOR'S AGENT



Dave Martucci

Certified Maine Assessor

I have been on the job as your Agent for the Board of Assessors for twelve years now, since February 2003 and would like to thank the citizens of Thomaston for being so nice to me. I would especially like to thank the Assessors, Joan Linscott, Pete Lammert and Fred Wigglesworth, Town Manager Val Blastow, CEO Bill Wasson, and the others in the office, Louise, Jodell, and Donna, for helping to make my job easier. Dealing with the Assessor, I know, can be somewhat unsettling and I hope I have been able to listen to each and every one who has come forward and that I have answered your questions.

The past year has seen about the same volume of home sales but a drop in values. Local sales prices compared with our assessments have remained steady keeping us at 100% of value. Mostly what is selling are the low-end “starter” type homes. Let me know if you want more details.

GOALS

My job is to look at the assessments on land, buildings and personal property and make sure that they are:

1. Fair and equitable;
2. Thorough and complete; and
3. In accordance with the standards established by the State of Maine.

It is my goal to see that each and every assessment is done according to the exact same formula and that, in the end, everyone is assessed for taxes in the proper proportion. To this end, I invite you to call or come by with your questions about how we do your assessment and to review anything that you think may be done wrong. Don't hesitate to question what has been done! We will fix any problem, error or inconsistency on any card!

ASSESSMENTS

Residential buildings are valued according to the current Maine Assessment Manual. Each of ten categories of construction quality are rated (foundation, basement, framing, roof, exterior, interior, floors, heating, plumbing and electrical) to arrive at a grade for the home, then the actual condition ranging from 100% (new) down to below 50% (unlivable) is figured.

The Maine Manual has charts for square footage of each grade and type of home (1 story, 2 story, split-level, etc.) and a figure is arrived at and discounted by the actual condition and any other extenuating factors, such as location (next to a railroad track or cement plant for example). Additional value for outbuildings are also figured and added in. Please let me know if you want a digital copy of the manual.

Commercial, industrial, farm and other non-residential properties are done in a similar manner, but each different kind of structure and use has its own chart that gives a square foot value that is multiplied by the actual footage to arrive at the value. Then similar discounts and factors as for residential properties are applied.

You should note that residential sales are looked at by location and commercial sales are also looked at separately. Our studies show the residential real estate market is still trying to come back (average selling price is down slightly from last year—\$151,267 versus \$167,681—but the number of qualified sales is down—15 versus 16) although keep in mind by law we can only consider the sales of the last full fiscal year for the current assessments, which means the values for the 2014-15 fiscal year reflect the sales during the period 7/1/13 to 6/30/14. Our State-audited Sales ratio came in at 101% of full value this year, which is exactly where they consider us to be at full value (between 97% and 103%). In addition we have a quality rating this year of 14, which is considered good. By law, it cannot be above 20 and anything 14 or below is considered good. This rating is determined by the range of assessment ratios from one value to the next in the ratio study. Contact me for more information.

Most people don't seem to realize most every kind of building is assessed for tax purposes. If you tear down an old shed or rip off an old deck or remove an old pool or sauna, it's likely your valuation could be reduced. But I can't do that if I don't know about it! Especially if you don't take out a Demolition Permit. Valuation of your property is certified as of April 1st, so if there have been any changes, be sure to let me know before April 1st.

Also, if your property has changed in other ways, your valuation could be affected. Any general degradation or upgrade to the property should be reported so your property can be reexamined for valuation purposes. Most of the new construction is documented on the building permits, but downgrading is seldom documented.

Maine law allows some limited tax relief in the form of Exemptions and Current Use Programs. For all of these, the filing date to be effective is on or before April 1st for the tax year. There are some key things to know about each of these and I will take each item up separately. As always, do not hesitate to ask about anything if you have further questions.

There are three basic categories of exemption from Real Estate valuations, *Homestead*, *Blind*, and *Veterans*. The latter has several different subsets—World War I or earlier; Post-World War I; Widows, Widowers, Minor Children and Widowed Mothers of Veterans; and Paraplegic. All exemptions except the Business Equipment Tax Exemption will be carried on the books each year you live here; you do not need to reapply each year.

Some people can qualify for more than one exemption and they are each deducted separately from the valuation. Qualifications for each category can be somewhat complex; do not hesitate to call or come in to discuss any of this in detail. I will always try to help you qualify.

The Homestead Exemption is the most common and it is available to anyone who has owned a homestead in Maine for one year or longer and who currently lives in their homestead here in Thomaston full-time, provided your application is received on or before April first to be valid for the present year. The Legislature mandates each exemption will be worth \$10,000, although half of that amount is to be paid for out of your property taxes and the rest paid for by the State. This adds approximately 1.2% to the Mil Rate.

It has been proposed to eliminate the Homestead Exemption for any householder under the age of 65 and to double it for those 65 or older. This would mean an automatic tax hike for most who are presently receiving this exemption. Hopefully this will not pass.

Anyone who is certified by a Doctor to be legally blind can receive an exemption of \$4,000, provided your application is received on or before April first to be valid for the present year.

Veterans can get one of several exemptions providing they meet certain requirements. For any exemption they must have been honorably discharged and a resident of the municipality where taxes are assessed, meaning your name must be on the deed, unless you live in Congregate Housing in which case you may also qualify; the process is somewhat complicated so please ask for details if you have such a living arrangement. Unless disabled during active service and receiving disability benefits from Uncle Sam, you also have to be age 62 or older and have served during a recognized War Period. A chart listing these is available on request. The veteran's exemption is a reduction of \$6,000 from your valuation before taxes are computed. Paraplegic veterans who have specially adapted housing units get a special exemption of \$50,000. All applications must be received on or before April first to be valid for the present year.

The un-remarried widow, widower, or widowed mother or the estate of minor children of veterans can also claim the same exemptions that would have been granted to the veteran if still alive. Veterans Exemptions are personal to the Veteran so that if both a husband and wife are qualified veterans, they will get two exemptions. If a widow, widower, or widowed mother remarries, she or he will lose the exemption.

Two new periods of service are now covered (August 24, 1982 to July 31, 1984 and December 20, 1989 to January 31, 1990) and anyone who was awarded the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal. Vietnam-era Veterans who served between February 28, 1961 and August 5, 1964 no longer have to have served in the Republic of Vietnam, although they still have to have served on active duty for 180 days or more. Overall the Vietnam-era period is still listed as February 27, 1961 to May 8, 1975. Veterans still have to be 62 years of age or have been disabled in the line of duty to qualify.

There is now one exemption to Personal Property Taxes, the Business Equipment Tax Exemption or BETE. A business with qualifying equipment placed in service on or after April 1, 2008 may annually file for the exemption. Please let me know if you have any questions or want the application form.

It has been proposed to move all business property into BETE, which would eliminate about 12% of the present tax base. If this passes, you can expect your property tax to go up sharply.

CURRENT USE PROGRAMS

The State of Maine now offers four current use programs that result in lower taxes: *Tree Growth*, *Open Space*, *Farmland*, and *Working Waterfront*. For complete details see Maine Revenue Service Property Tax Bulletins 21 (for Open Space), 20 (for Farmland) and 19 (for Tree Growth). The Working Waterfront is a new classification and new rules are now in effect, but no Tax Bulletin has yet been issued. Contact me for details on this program.

Basically, these programs allow the assessors to value the participating land according to its present use rather than at its highest possible use, as required by law.

In Tree Growth, parcels of 10 acres or more managed for commercial wood production according to a Forest Management and Harvesting Plan certified by a Licensed Professional Forester will be valued according to rates set by the Maine Revenue Service. These rates are typically 80 to 90% lower than the regular undeveloped land prices applied throughout the Town. These participants have to recertify their plan every 10 years.

Farmland works much the same way, in parcels of 5 acres or more producing a specified minimum income, with rates for different kinds of productive acreage also set by the Service, except that a local study indicating different rates may be done by the assessors. We have not done this. In addition, a report must be submitted every 5 years giving the income produced by the property for the previous five years. You must show an average of at least \$2,000 in either income or produce consumed each year, excluding wood products.

Open Space has no minimum size but the Assessors must believe the property meets certain criteria. Basically there are three categories of Open Space, *Regular* (which really means just filing the application) qualifies for a 20% reduction in taxes; *Permanently Protected* (meaning there is a Conservation Plan or Easement in place), a 50% reduction; and *Forever Wild* (again, an easement guaranteeing the designation), a 70% reduction. An additional 25% reduction can be applied if the land is available for Public Access, with the maximum reduction being 95% reduction in value for tax purposes.

Working Waterfront also has no minimum size. It is defined as a parcel or portion of a parcel of land abutting tidal waters or is located in the intertidal zone between the high and low water mark the use of which is more than 50% related to providing access to or in support of the conduct of commercial fishing activities. Basically there are two categories of Working Waterfront: *Predominantly Working Waterfront* (meaning used 90% or more for the qualified purposes) qualifies for a 20% reduction in taxes; and *Primarily Working Waterfront* (meaning used 50% or more for the qualified purposes), a 10% reduction. An additional 30% reduction

can be applied if the land is permanently protected from a change in use through deeded restrictions.

All of these programs have substantial penalties associated with them when the land is withdrawn for other uses. The only exception to this is if the land is moved from one program to another, for example if you remove it from Farmland or Tree Growth and place it in Open Space.

BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY

Businesses are required by State Law to file a Personal Property Declaration for all items used in business except vehicles or vessels on which you have paid excise tax, all stock in trade held for resale, or real estate (which is otherwise taxable as above). Even property held for rental must be declared as well as any property you lease, even if it is taxable to someone else. If your property has no value, you still must declare it. We have been updating our records on Thomaston's business community; if you have not heard from me this year, please contact the office for a form or for more information. All business property owned as of April 1st must be declared; the deadline for reporting is June 1st. Notices usually go out sometime in March. Please note that if you do not file the town form, you will waive your right of appeal for any tax that may be assessed. We put all property on a depreciation schedule, like what you declare on your IRS Depreciation Schedule, so that as your equipment and tools age, their value drops, ultimately to 30% or less depending on the type of property.

You should note two things: businesses are asked to report their personal property voluntarily, but as I do my inspections, anything not reported will be noted and you could be liable for failure to report. If you have any equipment that qualifies for the new BETE exemption, you must file for that program every year. If you have any questions or have not filled out a personal property tax form, please contact me at once.

ABATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMTALS

If there is some error in figuring your valuation, the Town of Thomaston is committed to fixing it. If this lowers your value and the condition clearly existed before the current assessment year began, then we will abate your tax for the difference. Under the law, you have the right to request abatement within 185 days of commitment for the present tax year; the Board of Assessors will be happy to consider your request. The request for abatement must be on a specific form, available from the Town Office or let me know and I'll mail you a copy. Copies are also available on the Town's web site, <<http://town.thomaston.me.us>>. The Assessors can make any abatement they see fit to correct values at any time during the present tax year, regardless whether you have asked for it or not. The form includes specific instructions, but if you have any questions I'll be happy to help you fill it out.

After one year from the commitment date, you may request abatement from the Selectmen for up to the last three years taxes for any illegality, or irregularity in your assessment (such as assessment of the wrong person or an exempt owner but not errors in assessment values). The Selectman can also act on requests for abatement of taxes at any time due to poverty or infirmity. Special forms for this are also available as above.

ABATEMENT APPEALS

If you apply for abatement and the Board of Assessors does not agree with you and denies the request, you have the right to file an appeal of their decision within 60 days to the Knox County Board of Assessment Review. This board is made up of assessors, appraisers, and other citizens of the county.

STATE CERTIFIED RATIO AND EQUALIZATION

Every year, the State of Maine reviews past real estate sales in the town and compares them to our assessed values. By a simple formula, they develop our State Certified Ratio. This number is used in determining Revenue Sharing, School Subsidy, Exemption Reimbursements and other figures. If the ratio is below 100%, so are the other figures. This includes what you get as a Homestead Exemption, Veteran's Exemption, etc. In other words, the Homestead Exemption will be pegged at \$10,000 this year at 100% Ratio. But if the Ratio falls to 80%, for example, then it is worth only \$8,000. Up until now, we have been able to certify at 100%.

By State Law the overall average Municipal Ratio cannot be less than 70% or more than 110%. This past year we were at 101% average assessment ratio, which is considered excellent. We will be able to continue to certify at 100% with no problems. As real estate prices change, we may revalue our land prices either upward or downward but that may not affect your taxes too much as we will still have to raise the amount authorized by town meeting. Usually the only effect a declining market has is to raise the mil rate.

We also have a "Quality Rating" of 14, which is good. Basically this rating is figured from the average deviation between each assessed ratio; by law we must be below 20 for our rating. Anything 14 or below is considered good.

OTHER ISSUES

The Assessors' office has been given expanded duties over the last few years in a number of areas. We are working towards getting the Assessing cards online, and are now doing more of our own GIS Mapping (updating the parcel files and editing and printing of updated tax maps). Our in-house tax maps have been published since 2012 and are available on the town web site.

In addition to assessing, I now email notices, agendas, and newsletters and have been known to spend some time on basic office computer troubleshooting.

OFFICE HOURS & ASSESSORS MEETINGS

My office hours are Tuesday through Thursday 8 am to 5 pm, or by appointment. I am in some other days as well sometimes. The Board of Assessors meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 5 pm in the Town Office, Knox Street entrance. Call, write or email if you have any questions or comments.

Thanks for your support.

OUTSTANDING PROPERTY TAXES

Real Estate

2011 Tax Year

Archer, Michael	\$ 557.60
Buxton, Melanie & Todd	756.81
Lillian Wotton Estate	323.13
Lillian Wotton Estate	202.49

TOTAL REAL ESTATE TAXES DUE \$1,083.22

OUTSTANDING PROPERTY TAXES

Real Estate

2012 Tax Year

Archer, Michael	\$ 576.19
Benner, Terry	539.36
Buxton, Melanie & Todd	756.81
Lillian Wotton Estate	327.43
Lillian Wotton Estate	205.18

TOTAL REAL ESTATE TAXES DUE \$ 2404.97

OUTSTANDING PROPERTY TAXES

Real Estate

2013 Tax Year

Archer, Michael	\$ 620.61
Barbour, M. Sylvia Estate	1,259.09
Benner, Terry	1,183.95
Buxton, Melanie & Todd	2,390.12
Harjula, Jacqueline	6,058.26
Hathorne, Charles & Rosalie	2,466.04
Little, Andrea	2,780.06
Wotton, Lillian Estate	344.23
Wotton, Lillian Estate	251.71

TOTAL REAL ESTATE TAXES DUE \$ 17318.07

OUTSTANDING PROPERTY TAXES

Real Estate 2014 Tax Year

Barbour, M. Sylvia Estate	2,777.03
Barnes, Susan	941.65
Beattie, Robert & Debra	1,484.47
Beattie, Robert & Debra	970.02
Beattie, Robert & Debra	1,087.77
Bedell, Michael & Sandra	3,475.36
Benner, Terry	1,208.71
Bernier, Albert & Marie-Denise	3,680.96
Berry, Melody & Rickey	2,062.95
Bird, Robert	2,474.76
Bishop, Peter	3,289.24
Black, Brenan & Bryce	607.19
Black, Brenan & Bryce	1,106.03
Black, Brenan & Bryce	859.38
Black, Brenan & Bryce	779.28
Black, Brenan & Bryce	877.01
Black, Brenan & Bryce	602.77
Bruce, Susanne	1,317.41
Brylar, LLC	4,847.25
Buxton, Melanie & Todd	2,381.58
CSD Propertie, LLC	11,105.27
Delmonico-Reed, Rosemary	1,764.88
Ferrin, Elizabeth	58.38
Foltz, Sara	1,091.79
Goodnow, Justin	11,431.58
Goodnow, Justin	6,023.81
Hall, Peter & Lisa Poppe-Hall	3,360.92
Harjula, Jacqueline	6,036.63
Haskell, Donald & Maureen	796.57
Hathorne, Charles & Rosalie	2,457.23
Jacques, John & Mary Jane	3,612.69
Jones, Norene & George	2,343.53
Lawson, Janis & Robert	1,452.88
Little, Andrea	2,770.14
Marriner, Steven II & Tina Sanders	2,353.79
McWilliams-Hale, Denita & Steven Hale	447.16
Molloy, Callyn	2,244.83
Nassau Broadcasting Holdings	2,288.30
Overlock, Dwight & Sheryl	1,770.54
Overlock, Dwight & Sheryl	2,372.84
Parent, Christopher & Alina	1,021.83
Payson, Timothy	5,071.82
Philbrook, Mark	3,270.36
Prentiss, George Jr	1,859.91
Rich, James & Carol	1,209.29

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Roebke, Ernest Estate	3,319.05
Roscoe, Frank	1,663.81
S&S Properties Trust	5,629.90
Sanfilippo, James Estate	1,286.32
Smart Properties, LLC	8,588.36
Smart Properties, LLC	3,780.45
Stafford, Robert & Patience Sampson	5,418.42
Sylvester, Jerry S.	2,093.42
Sylvester, Jerry S.	927.01
Talbot, David & Donnalee	1,580.47
Titus, Earl & Joan Estate	2,739.69
Townsend, Darryl & Heidi	4,965.84
Vigue, John	4,780.76
Vigue, John	921.37
Wagner, Teresa	5,955.00
Wilson, Timothy	2,946.94
Wooster, Milton & Shirley	2,165.27
TOTAL REAL ESTATE TAXES DUE	\$ 17,318.07

OUTSTANDING
PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES
2011 Tax Year

Angelique's Fine Used Furniture	10.21
Billy's Tavern/William & Chris Burke	342.13
Bryan's Body & Fender/Bryan Marshall	203.72
Capstone Electric Inc/ Michael Bedell	83.80
Chemrock Corp.	255.66
Coastal Child Care Center, Inc	3.69
Creek Hill Auto Repair/Craig Hoppe	1,269.90
Entertainment Resources Inc/Chuck Kruger	2.08
First Data Merchant Services	1.28
GCN Holding LLC	1.31
Jon Bonjour Photography LLC	358.66
Maine Web Design & Development/Dirigo Employment LLC	4.40
Nature's Nest Child Care/ Richard & Stacy Burnett	133.57
New England Vending	6.21
Pitney-Bowes Inc	25.24
Rock City Cycle	208.16
Shoreline Home Sales/Robert Bird	46.77
Sparta Vending Dist. ME	372.09
Studio 54/Michael Martineau	126.41
Thomaston Grocery/John Vigue	4.98
Traction Heavy Duty Parts	30.61
Verizon Wireless	155.44
William E Dornan & Sons/ Robert Beattie	380.97
TOTAL 2011 PERSONAL PROPERTY DUE	\$4,027.29

OUTSTANDING
PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES
2012 Tax Year

Angelique's Fine Used Furniture	23.59
Athen's Mediterranean Pizza	559.64
Billy's Tavern/William & Chris Burke	541.16
Bryan's Body & Fender/Bryan Marshall	227.08
Capstone Electric Inc/ Michael Bedell	93.40
Chemrock Corp.	129.93
Coastal Child Care Center, Inc	197.66
Creek Hill Auto Repair/Craig Hoppe	1,415.49
J. Miller & Associates PLLC	13.99
Maine Web Design & Development/Dirigo Employment LLC	4.91
New England Vending	6.92
Postcard Dude/Michael Blood	19.21
Rock City Cycle	232.03
Sea Street Graphics	636.13
Shoreline Home Sales/Robert Bird	63.63
Sparta Vending	414.76
Studio 494/Michael Martineau	140.91
Thomaston Grocery/John Vigue	5.56
Traction Heavy Duty Parts/Genuine Parts Co.	450.65
Verizon Wireless/Portland Cellular Partnership	416.90
William E Dornan & Sons/ Robert Beattie	424.65
TOTAL 2012 PERSONAL PROPERTY DUE	\$ 6,018.20

OUTSTANDING
PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES
2013 Tax Year

Adian Editing/Jennifer Blood	67.20
Angelique's Fine Furniture/Patricia Shaw	27.27
Athens Mediterranean Pizzeria/ Joshua Smith	647.19
Billy's Tavern/ William & Chris Burke	625.83
Bryan's Body and Fender/ Bryan Marshall	262.60
Bryant Construction	336.00
Capstone Electric/Michael Bedell	108.02
Catalano Construction, Inc.	388.13
Coastal Child Care Center Inc.	228.58
Creek Hill Auto Repair/Craig Hoppe	1,636.94
Charles Walsh	16.80
Chemrock, Corp	150.26
Dusty's Hardwood Flooring/Todd Winterbottom	16.80
Ferraiolo Construction Inc	10,337.04
Frost Gully Gallery/Thomas Crotty	184.80

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Gliders Take Out/Mike Smallidge	67.20
HFSS Biz/Wind Tran	18.48
Highland Coffee Shop/Tracey Beaudry	840.00
Isaac Rhode Painting	33.60
J. Miller & Associates PLLC	34.54
Jeff's Autobody & Restoration/Jeff Clough	125.97
Local Color Salon/Ruth Carney	15.02
New England Vending	8.00
Nails Salon	252.00
Post Card Dude/Michael Blood	52.43
Rock City Cycle/Peter Bishop	268.33
Safety-Kleen Systems Inc.	7.97
Shoreline Home Sales/Robert Bird	62.80
Sparta Vending Dist. ME	479.66
Studio 494/Michael Martineau	162.96
Sea Street Graphics	1,060.08
Stubby's Service Center/ Tom Jones& Wendy Meklin	1,176.00
Thomaston Grocery/ John Vigue	36.96
Traction Heavy Duty Parts	521.15
Treeworks	33.60
Verizon Wireless	65.81
William E. Dornan & Sons/Robert Beattie	491.10
TOTAL 2013 PERSONAL PROPERTY DUE	\$20,847.12

OUTSTANDING
PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES
2014 Tax Year

Adian Editing/Jennifer Blood	67.20
ADT LLC	.55
ADW Maker/Andy White	25.11
AMG Transport	20.26
Aimee's Haircuts/Aimee Tyler	.61
Athens Mediterranean Pizzeria/ Joshua Smith	709.36
Billy's Tavern/ William & Chris Burke	685.95
Boat Shop/Christopher & William Biggart et all	296.57
Bryan's Body and Fender/ Bryan Marshall	287.83
Bryant Construction/Sheldon Bryant	368.28
CCR Distribution and Wholesale/ David Reckards IV	184.14
Capstone Electric/Michael Bedell	118.40
Catalano Construction, Inc.	100.27
Chambers Jewelers of Thomaston	35.66
Charles Walsh	18.41
Chemrock, Corp	119.32
Coastal Child Care Center Inc./ Ken & Tammy Rolfe	250.53
Creek Hill Auto Repair/Craig Hoppe	1,794.21
Dusty's Hardwood Flooring/Todd Winterbottom	18.41

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Ferraiolo Construction Inc	22,660.27
Gorham Leasing Group	79.93
Green Line LLC	283.36
HFSS Biz/Wind Tran	20.26
Highland Coffee Shop/Tracey Beaudry	920.70
Isaac Rhode Painting	36.83
Maine Coast Family Dentistry/ Jeffrey Jordan DMD	2,146.34
Nails Salon	276.21
Oak Run Heating	109.83
On the Edge Fitness/ Emily Lawry	4.19
Oyster River Landscape/ Bernard Shaw	184.14
Pitney Bowes Inc	2.34
Post Card Dude/Michael Blood	33.26
Rock City Cycle/Peter Bishop	294.11
Rock Coast Plumbing and Heating	230.30
Safety-Kleen Systems Inc.	14.55
Shoreline Home Sales/Robert Bird	68.83
Sparta Vending Dist. ME	525.74
Studio 494/Michael Martineau	162.96
Scientific Games International	45.15
Sea Street Graphics	1,161.92
Seal Harbor Contstruction/Patrick Hurley	55.24
Shepard Sales, Inc.	146.30
Strong Agency	15.51
Studio 494/ Michael Martineau	178.62
Thomaston Grocery/ John Vigue	40.51
Thomaston Laundromat	22.31
Treeworks	36.83
Verizon Wireless	152.13
Wabasha Leasing LLC	16.85
Western Union Financial Service	5.40
William E. Dornan & Sons/Robert Beattie	538.27
wceDesign/wcePublishing	8.51
TOTAL 2014 PERSONAL PROPERTY DUE	\$ 35,451.04

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Abbott, Walter M. & Mildred L.	2,305.02	Armstrong, Jeffrey B. & Nancy	4,609.05
Achorn, Myra S. & Harold A. Jr.	2,578.62	Arrg, LLC	4,987.52
Achorn, Nancy A.K. & Bradley M.	4,007.00	Arsenault, Scot & Carol L.	3,241.72
Achterhof, Carol A.	7,245.09	Art Tibbetts Marine Contractors.....	515.52
Ackor, Jefferson D. & Susan J.	2,490.18	Arteaga, Ana Maria.....	2,021.18
Adams, Aaron G.	3,325.17	Arthur D. Henry, Inc.	1,421.87
Adams, Charles W. III & Donna J.	2,836.15	Ashworth, Amy & Whitney, Benjamin..	1,013.39
Adams, Gerald A.	3,627.14	Athearn, Mollie A.	1,954.75
Adams, Linda L.	3,807.55	Athens Mediterranean Pizzeria LLC.....	341.82
Adian Editing	80.54	Atkinson, Jennifer F.	1,432.04
ADW Maker.....	27.46	Atkinson, Wendell R. & Brenda J.	3,632.06
Adz Partnership	1,572.81	B&S Recycling LLC	2,388.84
Aimee's Haircuts	9.14	B.F.E. LLC	42,257.33
Airwaves Inc.	120.81	Baio, Dora Irrevocable Trust.....	792.06
Albert J. Zimba Trust	6,883.80	Baiza, Lawrence T.	3,576.62
Albertson, Thomas	3,360.45	Baker, James W. & Lisa T.	2,398.07
Alcott Boat Co, LLC	2,490.79	Baker, Nancy T.....	4,492.28
Alex, George S. & Gwendolyn M.	2,802.11	Ball, Charles & Kelly.....	2,137.77
Alex, Gwendolyn & Gregory	1,969.03	Bangor Coca Cola.....	729.78
Allaire, John.....	2,998.64	Bank of America, NA	363.65
Allan, Daniel P. & Kay E.....	3,669.15	Banks, Christina C.	2,863.51
Allen, Daniel H.	2,385.16	Banta, Frederic E. & Laurel K.....	1,788.63
Allen, Daniel R. & Ann M.	2,477.55	Barbee, Suzanne S. & Hotho, Victor Albert.....	4,044.83
Allen, Lamont L. Jr. & Alana J.	2,245.52	Barbour, Marie Sylvia Estate.....	2,760.44
Allen, Lamont S. & Alana J.	3,781.27	Barbour, Susan et al	4,030.20
Alley, David C.	2,412.13	Barlow, Albert L. & Kari P.	4,636.85
Allis, Jeffrey R. & Valerie	8,647.23	Barlow, Shirley R.	2,212.37
Amerigas Propane LP	1.33	Barnard, Elizabeth L.	6,473.66
Ames, Victor U. & Joan S.	3,061.31	Barnes, Brian P.	8,325.83
AMG Transport.....	22.15	Barnes, James L.	8,247.48
Anderson, Bertil K. & Jeanie M.	2,964.80	Barnes, Michele	2,169.51
Anderson, Charlene S.	2,959.34	Barnes, Paul H. & Priscilla.....	2,979.21
Anderson, Olof L. & Evelyn G.	3,277.93	Barnes, Perry M. & Lauren M.	2,450.27
Anderson, Sally B. & Walter A.....	2,039.86	Barnes, Susan A.	1,872.05
Anthony, Beth & David	155.10	Barnett, Richard M. & Ruth DeBoer	4,449.65
Antique Village at Redmill, Inc.	10,219.12	Barra, Andrea P. & Michael J.....	3,221.17
Applebee's.....	6,256.26	Barreto, Carmen G.	4,839.88
Arbour, Lawrence M. & Georgene D....	3,013.85	Barrett, Kathleen A.	2,275.04
Arcana Lodge #102 K of Pythias	1,268.13	Barstow, Andrew J. & Amy	2,982.42
Armbrecht, Cheryl D. & Thomas H.	3,777.65	Barter, Tracie N. & Laatz, Susan.....	1,805.84
Armstrong Properties, Inc.	10,029.46		

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Barthelette, Jane H. & Hirsch, Christopher	1,187.03	Blum, Harold & Kristine	2,054.09
Bartlett, Brian & Tracy A.	2,525.49	Boat Shop	324.28
Baudanza, Michael J.	2,685.61	Boggs, Leland E. II	372.15
Bayview Press	23.38	Boggs, Leland E. II & Valerie R.	6,230.88
Beach, Diana L.	5,602.50	Boggs, Leland E. II et al.	2,299.97
Beal, Gerald W. & Nancy L.	623.05	Boivin, Stephen H. & Bethany R.	3,063.81
Beasley, George & Constance T.	5,508.41	Boivin, Stephen H. Jr. & Susan W.	1,730.51
Beattie, Robert & Debra L.	3,521.09	Bosworth, Janet R.	2,218.34
Beaupre, Jean-Louis L. & Meredith	1,743.94	Bournival Woodwork	12.21
Because of You	11.43	Bournival, Linda A.	3,620.08
Beckett, Eileen K.	2,244.72	Boyer, Leslie A.	2,581.45
Beckett, Lloyd E. & Maxine L.	3,947.77	Boyle, George H.	3,253.30
Beckett, Patricia W. & Hyatt, Melanie A. & Erik M.	2,031.69	Boynton, Mark E. & Alyce E.	2,732.82
Beckett, Shawn & Amy	2,728.51	Braestrup, Elizabeth K.	3,226.65
Bedell, Michael S. & Sandra G.	6,449.80	Brandon, Francis X. & Foley, Sally M.	3,891.70
Beechwood Apartments	13,868.84	Bray, Diana S.	3,452.72
Bell, Nathaniel S. & Susan L.	3,590.11	Breen, Daniel P. & Karyl S.	2,970.17
Benjamin D. Knight Software Development	8.95	Breen, Walter D. & Sheila	2,908.91
Benkin, Ellen & Earl, Mary Clark 2003 Trust	852.32	Bridal Bouquet Floral	49.92
Benner, Jane E.	1,455.12	Brooks Forest Products	562.70
Benner, Lorraine A.	1,607.47	Brooks Trap Mill	6,367.75
Benner, Raymond & Lois	2,118.70	Brooks, Lawrence A. & Kay F.	12,315.19
Benoit, François	2,539.15	Brooks, Lawrence A. & Kay F., Ryan, Terrance L. & Cheryl B. & Frye, Kim F.	2,693.15
Bernier, Albert L. Jr.	1,269.20	Brooks, Lawrence, Kay F., Raynold F. & Jean O.	1,998.90
Bernier, Albert L. LE & Marie-Denise ..	3,595.74	Brooks, Raynold	1,042.28
Berry, Melody L. & Rickey	2,050.63	Brooks, Raynold II	167.37
Bertocci, Thomas A. & Cynthia S.	4,767.81	Brooks, Rodney R. & Kari E.	3,751.11
Berube, Paul & Jenni	3,046.42	Brooks, Sally G.	4,063.29
Best Felts Inc.	7,275.42	Brooks, Stephen T.	2,657.32
Beverage, Robert W. & Kathy J.	3,114.36	Brooks, Stephen T. & Janelle M.	5,265.20
Biggart, Christopher	4,341.66	Brown & Brown Gunsmithing	33.28
Billings, Aimee	2,250.53	Brown, Ann	5,310.29
Bird, Robert E.	5,146.05	Brown, Cindy A.	1,900.25
Bishop, Jarrod C. & Angela S.	1,835.08	Brown, James S. & Claire L.	2,783.17
Bishop, Peter R.	6,026.06	Brown, Joyce M.	1,763.66
Bisset, Scott F. & Carol J.	790.85	Brown, Milton C. Sr. & Beverly A.	2,499.86
Bittner, Daniel L. & Amelia L.	1,986.20	Brown, Mitzi & Glenn	2,298.12
Black Dirt Guy	15.92	Brown, Rhonda J.	2,927.38
Black, Brenan D. & Bryce J.	7,417.29	Brown, William J. & Mary A. Estate	1,856.11
Blackman, James S. & Lynn	3,307.82	Bruce, Susanne M.	1,485.75
Blackman, Stephen R. & Virginia L.	3,225.73	Bryan's Body & Fender	314.71
Blais, Michael F. & Kathleen	3,645.36	Bryant Construction	402.69
Blaisdell, Maryann B.	1,851.68	Bryant, Florine P. (LE) & Chadwick, Jean B. & Bryant, Daniel J.	980.43
Blanchard, Kimberly S.	7,910.29	Bryant, Sheldon & Cynthia	1,902.75
Blastow, Clifford L. & Cindy C.	2,823.97	Brylar, LLC	4,827.45
Blood, Michael G. & Maxwell, Brandi L.	4,406.62		

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Buchanan, Lance C. & Kathleen W.	2,313.29	Carty, Jeffrey W. &	
Buck, Jason K. &		Haimila, Sandra	3,108.83
Hutchison, Amie L.	2,775.39	Cash Depot	25.24
Bull, Elizabeth K. &		Castonguay, James & Marcia	2,159.31
Ladley, Samuel M.	2,041.25	Catalano's Construction Inc.	89.77
Burakowski, Jeffrey P.	1,053.99	Cave, Cynthia	2,455.13
Burd, Helga U.	2,406.96	CCR Distribution & Wholesale	201.34
Burgess & Hooper LLC	9,643.05	Central Maine Power Co.	57,131.01
Burgess, Betty J.	2,234.60	Cesarini, Diana	2,620.95
Burgess, Joel T. & Sara P.	2,437.26	Chamberlin, Mark	3,284.14
Burke, Christopher &		Chamberlin, Paul E. & Beth A.	5,034.15
Williams, Brooke	3,934.01	Chambers Jewelers of Thomaston LLC	3.84
Burnell, Carleton F. & Sandra J.	1,779.45	Chan, Saifook	1,994.44
Burnett, Richard & Stacey A.	1,281.91	Chapman, Diana A.	1,964.17
Burtis, Michelle A. & Dwight G.	4,231.69	Chapman, Robin L.	2,115.74
Burton, Nancie E. Trust	6,092.54	Charles M. Walsh	20.13
Burton, Robert A. & Marietta G.	11,616.82	Charlton, Samuel E. & Emily B.	5,089.91
Butler, Lawrence E. & Linda	3,837.33	Charlton, Scott A.	2,512.14
Butler, Walter K. Jr.	3,146.62	Chase, Lynnette P.	2,104.43
Cabot, Louis W. & Mabel H.	10,822.72	Chemrock Corp. of Delaware	21.30
Callahan, Robert A. & Andrea G.	2,723.93	Chep USA	46.56
Callahan, Wanda L.	1,812.84	Childers, Debbie	2,035.67
Camargo, Manuel B. & Karen E.	3,804.84	Childers, John V. & Tena P.	3,506.51
Camber, Dennis	2,483.19	China Fortune Inc.	156.62
Cambrex Corp.	491.21	Chipman, Tracy L.	1,228.41
Camden National Bank	6,612.56	Christ, Nicholas	2,769.83
Campbell, Illona	2,313.41	Christensen, Susan B.	1,608.26
Campbell, Eva	1,156.20	Cigaret Shopper	51.23
Capstone Electric Inc.	129.46	Cisco Systems Capital Corp.	8.65
Carey, Henry R. & Lucy	3,090.75	CIT Financial LLC	120.61
Carlson Family Trust	1,420.56	Clark, Janet S.	2,717.46
Carlson, Randy	997.15	Clark, Richard A. & Barbara G.	3,140.43
Carmichael, Lewis T. Jr. & Roberta A.	2,417.13	Clark, Robert A. & Emily M.	2,506.17
Carney Electric	7.89	Clarke, Karen R. & Daniel	6,673.82
Carney, Anna M.	2,738.26	Clement, Blair M.	1,978.78
Carney, James M. & Ruth M.	16,027.39	Clough, Jeffrey W.	3,198.82
Carney, James M. III	3,390.47	Clukey, Dana T. & Jean E.	1,434.00
Caron, Louis C. & Sandra R.	2,986.25	Coastal Child Care Center	47.31
Carpenter, Toni K. & Christopher N.	1,777.09	Coates, Earl E. II.	833.20
Carr, Kelly M.	5,592.07	Coca-Cola Company	45.58
Carr, Melissa J. &		Cohen, Stephen M.	2,329.20
Durity, Arthur	1,804.91	Colby, Jason E. & Jennifer L.	1,841.68
Carroll, Bernadette	2,758.61	Cole, Michael	1,822.18
Carroll, Blaine	652.25	Collemer, Frank & Deborah	2,053.28
Carroll, Robert J.	2,146.81	Collins, Douglas E. & Dorothy D.	1,655.66
Carter, Allen A. & Barbara M.	8,045.54	Collins, Michael D. & Arvilla P.	1,845.84
Carter, Barbara M.	3,744.50	Colson, Christopher K.	1,469.91
Carter, Nancy M. &		Colson, Clifford O. III.	2,237.50
Basco, Edward R.	3,946.92	Colson, Eugene E. & Lista J.	1,814.48
Carter-Boynnton, Amy S.	4,149.25	Colson, Mark & Michelle	2,373.71
		Colson, Sharity	1,614.06

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Colvin, William S. & Benie B.....	6,261.03	Danielson, Carl F. &	
Colwell, Elaine G.	1,939.97	Whittaker, Carolyn	7,137.71
Conlogue, John & Kathy	2,829.96	Darney, Stephen C. & Kathleen M.	1,174.65
Connolly, Patricia I.....	1,654.25	Dashiell Living Trusts.....	4,735.33
Connon, James R.....	199.60	David Hynes Inc.	3,708.22
Conroy, Mary Catherine Inter Vivos Trust	3,998.36	Davidson, Christopher & Lisa M.....	2,395.14
Coombs, John H. & Pamela R.....	3,479.94	Davis, Gregory M. & Mindy L.....	1,916.33
Corcoran, Julie A.....	1,072.55	Davis, James Perry.....	4,214.91
Corey, Joseph R.....	379.71	Davis, Jonathan & Dena.....	2,461.67
Corey's Vending.com	3.51	Davis, Victorine E.....	1,966.78
Corning, Helen D. Estate	3,605.94	Day, Holly C. & Sawyer, Ross E.....	2,327.02
Cotton, Brenda J.....	2,474.90	Dean, Ralph I. Sr. & Loretta J.	3,401.38
Cowan, Jody L. & William L.....	4,932.68	Dearborn, Janet R.	1,768.92
Crandall, Wayne.....	229.53	Dearborn, Lawrence S. & Ellen M.	2,111.85
Crane, Maria L.	1,373.10	Deicke, Sharon L.	121.19
Crane, Stephen N.....	4,030.89	Dell Equipment Funding LP.....	188.85
Creative Images Hair Salon	72.60	Delmonico-Read, Rosemary A.....	1,754.34
Creek Hill Auto Repair.....	1,961.84	DeLoe, Ronna L.L. & Harry W.L.....	3,459.97
Creighton, Jeffery L. & Hope E.	3,175.36	Delony, Billy G. & Gayle A.....	3,290.54
Creighton, Jeffrey L.;		Denault, Alberta J.	1,388.54
Everett A. & Marlene LE	4,809.82	Dennen, John E.....	3,203.62
Crittenden, Brian & Dawn	2,265.05	Dennison, David A. Sr.	77.99
Cronin, Wayne S. & Kirsten	2,887.91	Dennison, Elizabeth A. &	
Crosby, Grace J.	2,247.70	Sawyer, Darlene	1,758.80
Crosman, Christopher B. & Janet T.	2,709.03	Devlin, Frank J. & Susan J.	6,215.12
Cross, Daniel C. & Rachel M.....	2,172.90	Dickson, Elizabeth A. &	
Cross, John H. & Gail L.	1,877.84	Strickland, Rodger R.	3,089.32
Cross, John H. Jr.	1,062.05	Dillabough Family Trust	3,401.55
Crute, Karl S. Sr. & Laraine S.....	4,360.08	Dimauro, Heidi	1,137.11
Crystal Spring Water Co.....	12.06	Dinapoli, Robert J.....	4,412.38
CSD Properties, LLC.....	11,043.67	Dinofrio, Michael A. & LeeAnn H.	2,485.85
CSI Leasing, Inc.....	7,598.02	DIRECTV LLC	235.52
Cunningham, Dennis J. & Gloria	2,125.23	Dish Network LLC	119.23
Curley, William H. & Phyllis M.	2,989.06	dishNet Satellite Braodband LLC.....	2.45
Curran, Jacqueline I.....	1,761.44	Dobson, Sarah J.	2,258.50
Curtis, Karen K.	3,724.78	Dodd, Ivy W.....	541.32
Curtis, Michelle E.....	1,282.44	Dodge, Betty J.	415.47
Curtis, Toby R.....	1,452.21	Dodge, Richard M. & Sandra E.....	1,294.18
Cushman, Kara M.....	1,633.65	Doherty, Kathi W.....	1,609.30
Custom Coatings, Inc.	144.19	Donald E. Mcklin & Sons Excavation ...	3,660.80
Cuthbertson, James H. & Katherine B... 2,736.66		Donaldson, Blake A. & Alethe L.....	3,845.02
Cuthbertson, Robert & Glenice B.	443.62	Donna's Little Darlings Daycare.....	98.29
Daggett, Ann & Wesley C.	4,254.95	Dorman's Dairy Dream	107.13
Daggett, Barbara M.	2,632.65	Dorr, Clayton G. & Janice L.	4,997.06
Daggett, William E.....	3,056.49	Dorr, Erick C. & Naomi A.	2,458.21
Daley (LE), Jones, & Hawkins.....	2,190.99	Doubleday, Raymond J. & Jamie E.	4,374.04
D'Amato, Anthony & Maria		Doughty, Sheril G.....	1,273.49
Revocable Trust	2,547.85	Douty, Marshalee Wood	4,521.29
Daniello, Mont T. III	1,982.41	Downer, Jesse J. & Amanda R.	1,955.25
Daniello, Ronald E. & Joanne E.....	2,048.42	Dragon Products Co. LLC	1,500,848.18
Danielson, Carl F.....	1,997.35	Drake, Donald Jr.....	1,018.98

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Drinkwater, Jason.....553.16
DRT Properties, LLC 14,323.71
Duff, Harold C. 3,041.19
Dunkin' Donuts 968.02
Durgin, John M. & Nannina L. 2,637.29
Dusty's Hardwood Flooring 20.13
Dyer, Bernard..... 321.30
Dyer, Kurt S. Jr. & Sarah J. 2,212.12
Earley, Jerry E. II &
 Davis-Earley, Barbie 812.56
East Coast Rover Co..... 4,329.56
Eastern Construction, Inc..... 4,425.29
Eaton, Johnathan F. & Mariellen L. 4,241.57
Eberle, William C. & Ernest, Dagney C. 1,940.96
Eddy, Janelle M. & Christopher B. 2,550.76
Edward J. Harshman, MD, MBA 73.95
Edwards, Jaime R. 1,621.02
Elavon..... 35.81
Elizabeth's Cuts and Styles 19.74
Ellard, Robert & Jacqueline 1,552.83
Ellis, David A. & Constance M..... 2,285.82
Ellis, Michelle 1,552.13
Emerson, Roy H. 2,986.51
Emery, Robert R. Jr. & Gloria J. 1,569.38
Emery, William A. 2,679.41
English, Cheryl J. & J. Timothy..... 2,506.95
Enterprise Rent-A-Car Co. of Boston LLC 331.55
Epifanes N.A., Inc. 1,231.03
Erickson, Ian C. & Janette B. 2,780.61
Erickson, Pauline O. Trust 6,977.02
Ervin Koenig 87.23
Ervin, Richard G. & Corinne E. 3,610.13
EverBank 3,900.47
F & A's Market..... 61.37
Fabian Oil, Inc..... 4,046.14
Fahy, Christopher W. & Davine S..... 2,838.45
Fairbanks, Mary 2,104.38
Falstrom, Keith J. & Cynthia 770.50
Farley, Francis G. & Judith S..... 2,366.97
Farmer Jones Organics 36.64
Farthing, Christopher E. & Jane L..... 1,941.42
Fastenal Company 552.18
Feed Store Inc. 30.92
Feraco, Michael P. &
 Wilkas, Elizabeth A..... 1,924.13
Ferlauto, Amy E. &
 Davis, Patrick H. & Nancy D..... 2,792.54
Ferraiolo Construction Co..... 15,530.49
Ferrin, Elizabeth M..... 144.37
Feyler, Betsy A..... 3,476.83

Field, Johnna &
 Charlson, David..... 1,280.98
Finnegan, Edwin D. 130.89
First Data Merchant Services Corp..... 4.68
Fish, Donald G..... 1,999.50
Fitzgerald, Mark A. & Ann E. 4,247.93
Flagg, James D. 274.56
Flagship Cinema 4,143.94
Flanagan, Michael S. & Martha G. 4,993.10
Fleming, Charles B. & Phyllis J. 5,542.77
Fochtman, John A. 2,582.63
Foltz, Sara E. 2,170.52
Foster, Alton E. Jr. 1,524.84
Fowles, Donald D. & J. Elizabeth 1,078.70
Fowlie, Clayton L. III 844.01
Franklin, Glen P..... 2,411.69
Frankowski, James E..... 1,415.96
Frankowski, Tony Trust..... 8,096.79
Fraughton, John L. (LE) &
 Fales, James H. Sr. & Carolyn L. 3,140.17
Fred's Coffee..... 12.88
Freeman, John R. & Paula J. 2,876.74
Frisbie, Ann M..... 1,687.94
Frost, David J..... 2,161.67
Fuller, Dylan M. &
 Foster, Zoe A..... 2,374.13
Galipeau, Judith M..... 3,180.15
Gallace, Melissa J. 1,683.88
Gallagher, Jon A. 2,328.63
Gamage, Ronald S. & Jacqueline E. 2,906.96
Garcia-Renart, Prudence R..... 1,925.13
Garrigan, Richard M. & Valerie J..... 2,961.87
Gauthier, LeeAnn 107.66
Geele, Jeannine M..... 2,611.55
Genevicz, Robert &
 Breault, Susan..... 3,066.79
Genthner, Ashley L. Jr. & Monica H. 3,297.48
George C. Hall & Sons, Inc..... 34,210.71
Gerard, Philip & Frazer, Gail S. 2,559.08
Getman, Judith F..... 2,774.07
Gibbs, Allison F..... 1,809.25
Giese, Diane Family Trust..... 1,898.36
Gilbert, Bruce A..... 2,086.36
Gilson, Robert P. & Marion Marie 4,239.14
Giustra, Betsy M. Trust..... 1,631.05
Glenn, James M. & Carolyn A. 2,904.25
Glidden, Dustin & David 6,911.64
Godfrey, Donna L. 1,575.81
Goodnow, Justin E..... 24,546.96
Gorman, Nathan M. &
 Moreau, Emily V..... 2,000.93

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Gould, Anita T.	1,913.38	Hamlin, Gregory J. & Shirley L.	5,196.34
Gould, Kristin S. & David P.	2,095.03	Hampton Inn & Suites/ Thomaston Hotel LLC	100,235.11
Gould, William A. Jr. & Shiela B.	1,556.72	Hanc, David J. & Donna G.	2,756.65
Grafton, George G. & Ruth.	3,095.09	Hanley, Jill	232.96
Grafton, Ward M. Sr. & Hortense M.	2,163.10	Hannemann, Paul T.	1,113.13
Grant, Dale E.	2,022.23	Harding, Beniah C.	2,412.47
Grant, Michelle A.	1,300.05	Harjula, Cheryl Ann	1,672.55
Grant, Richard W. & Nancy L.	451.78	Harjula, Christopher N.	2,293.76
Gray, Melissa M.	1,695.42	Harjula, Jacqueline L.	10,585.61
Gray, Peter J. Jr.	1,829.38	Harjula, Neil A. & Joan M.	2,392.93
Grayhawk Leasing LLC.	680.51	Harjula, Sylvia Life Est. & Kangas, Elaine et al	2,097.19
Great Heron Works.	343.07	Harlow, Bryce L. & Lindsay K.	2,810.15
Greeley Associates, LLC	48,420.29	Harlow, Ricky, Joan & Bryce.	2,062.15
Green Line, LLC	260.63	Harn, Guy & Catherine	2,449.26
Green Tree Servicing LLC.	876.96	Harper, David	301.85
Greenberg, Howard & Elizabeth	4,514.05	Harper, Jeffrey A. & Victoria L.	3,030.29
Gregory, Robert E. Estate	3,127.77	Harper, Joseph A. & Diana L.	990.46
Gregston, Maureen A. Estate & Michael F. & Meredith	4,368.67	Harper, Patricia	2,737.65
Grierson, George W. & Karen L.	3,863.81	Harrington, Harold H. & Marilyn D.	2,339.15
Griffin, Benjamin J. & Mary A.	7,579.04	Harris, Elaine C.	3,345.17
Griffin, Nancy	1,518.23	Harris, Paul	585.03
Griffin, Sherri E.	869.89	Harris, Paul & Elaine C.	574.83
Grindell, Roderick H. & Catherine D.	3,571.96	Harris, Richard T.	3,477.83
Grindle, Torey Renee	1,599.17	Harshman, Edward J. & Sheila C.	11,308.16
Groth, Ashley E. & Adam W.	1,832.81	Haskell, Donald A. & Maureen E.	1,583.63
Grout, Jonathan T. & Vivian.	1,973.67	Haskins, Jaime J.	1,647.74
Grubbs, Dale A. Jr.	290.87	Hastings, Edward A.	3,490.97
Grubbs, Dana L.	1,524.16	Hastings, Richard E. & Marilyn S.	2,457.98
Guinther, Stuart H. & Kim L.	5,536.01	Hastings, Ronnie L. & Judith W.	2,320.17
Guite, Ryan M. & Kelley L.	2,409.99	Hastings, Sheila W.	2,414.13
Guyer, Neal & Sheilagh N.	4,682.85	Hatch, Doris L.	1,986.92
Hackett, Bernadette	2,802.11	Hatch, Stephen.	1,708.89
Hahn, William S. & Daryl L.	6,606.94	Hathorne, Charles E. & Rosalie A.	2,442.55
Hall Family LLC	921.02	Haynes Galleries	426.77
Hall Funeral Home & Cremation Services .	61.70	Haynes, Gary R. & Joanne E.	4,696.12
Hall, Adrian N. & Tammy E.	1,971.94	Haynes, Raechelle S. & Matthew S.	3,265.78
Hall, Albert C. (LE) & Dorr, Janice L.	2,585.74	Headley, Patricia R.	4,489.44
Hall, Barbara B.	4,189.89	Healy, Joseph B. & Migdelany, Robin	3,316.85
Hall, Bradford C.	2,726.43	Hedstrom, Christopher C. & Holly D.	3,491.69
Hall, Dolores H.	1,494.11	Held, Allen E. & Jody M.	1,906.91
Hall, Marion.	232.13	Henderson, Elwyn F.	3,912.25
Hall, Michael J. & Lizbeth A.	6,364.03	Henderson, Frank E.	2,447.59
Hall, Peter L. & Poppe-Hall, Lisa C.	3,362.33	Hendrick, Shane W.	2,518.73
Hall, Richard S. & Jolene	2,207.45	Henry, Arthur D.	5,204.32
Hall, Rolland B. & Elaine C.	823.88	Henry, Diane A. Estate.	2,653.48
Hallowell, Terri H. & Timothy W.	3,230.36	Henry, Dwight R.	3,795.97
Hall-Stone, Gretel.	2,562.09	Henry, Dwight R. & Michelle M.	2,332.70
Halvorsen, Corrine A. & McGill, Donald J.	3,933.40	Henry, Frederick J.	4,088.31

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Henry, Justin	699.28	Jackson, William & Carolyn	1,753.96
Henry, Susan M.....	2,483.37	Jackson, William S., Carolyn, Ronald, & Gerald.....	562.73
Herbert, Darlene B. & Evan R.	2,657.32	Jacob, John P. & Butler, Lorri J.	2,103.16
Hernandez, Galo J. III & Frances	2,660.85	Jacques, John N. & Mary Jane	3,591.11
Herridge, Keith Van & Brenna K.....	289.95	Jaget, Frances J.	2,634.99
Hersey, Linda J. & Michael L.	3,861.79	Jameson, Dorothy A.....	1,811.40
Hershey's Ice Cream	102.07	Jameson, Ellen W.	2,226.12
Hersom, Lisa	994.04	Janes, Phillip F. & Margaret J.	2,634.08
Hewlett-Packard Financial Services	586.76	Jarossi, Arthur & Sarah.....	5,446.93
HFSS Biz	22.15	Jarvis, Jamie S.	1,165.37
Hibbert, Robert M. & Hibbert-Caravello, Stephanie M.	694.14	Jean, Robert E.....	1,362.75
Highland Coffee Shop	1,006.72	Jeff's Marine, Inc.	1,152.40
Hilchey, Kristan	1,780.81	Jenks, Peter Q. & Emily A.	8,223.34
Hiller, Steven A. & Delores D.	3,482.02	Jennings, Mark J. & Hoxie, Susan D.....	2,436.10
Hillgrove, David.....	1,493.97	Jennings, Thomas J. & Catherine M.	3,998.92
Hillman Group Inc.....	151.89	Jessop, John W. & Kathleen.....	1,188.01
Hilt, Douglas K. & Joni L.	2,035.02	Jlinn LLC	9,247.49
Hines, Ralph B. & Judith H.	4,101.19	Johanson, David C. & Susan B.....	3,827.25
Hi-Tech Communications	64.58	Johnson, Alfred M. Jr. & Dorothy A.	2,971.35
Hocking, Janet L. & Bryan T.	1,708.46	Johnson, Barbara H.....	2,173.45
Hoing, Patrick J. & Holly	5,236.13	Johnson, Chad S. & Candi L.	2,090.38
Holloway, Matthew	1,826.16	Johnson, Jerrold P. & Tricia	1,833.21
Home Depot USA, Inc.....	4,592.64	Johnson, Mark R. Sr. & Gower, Vicki L.....	1,797.14
Hooper, Lloyd M. Sr. & Shirley J.	2,244.45	Jones, Anthony & Doreen	1,418.66
Hooper, Shirley Makie & Lloyd M.	669.76	Jones, Bryan L. & Spieler, Elaine E.	2,960.26
Hooper, Wesley R.	3,521.09	Jones, Deborah R.	1,710.33
Hopkins, Larry M. & Roxana J.	3,020.44	Jones, Faith H.	2,539.33
Hoppe, Craig	3,506.43	Jones, Herbert T. & Jill A.....	2,832.51
Horch, Peter	2,224.00	Jones, Lillian L. & Babbidge, Lewis W.	461.31
Horse & Hound Veterinary Services	3,494.40	Jones, Lorelyn.....	1,373.78
Houtsma, Lars T.....	1,571.78	Jones, Norene H. & George E.	2,329.53
Howard, H. John & Lindley-Howard, Susan.....	1,888.06	Jones, Richard A. Jr. & Christienne.....	2,280.21
Howland, Phyllis A. Revocable Trust ...	4,075.75	Jones, Robert E.	2,159.24
Howlett, Judith M.....	3,678.52	Jones, Ryan L.	3,956.91
Hoyt, Jean & Kenneth	3,110.07	Jones, Thomas E. & Meklin, Wendy J.	2,068.24
Hubbard, Patricia F.....	2,791.06	Jones, Timothy & Allyson.....	2,907.86
Hunt, Richard S.....	1,563.39	Jordan, David C. & Sandra A.	2,079.90
Hunt, Tammy L. & Wilcox, Stephen A.	2,012.66	Joslyn, Steven & Debra.....	354.33
Huntley, Allen E.....	296.99	Joyce, Mark E.....	2,913.83
Hyler Agency	90.52	JPMorgan Chase Bank, NA	2,138.71
Hyler, Edwin P. & Luann	4,653.79	Jurkowski, Michael A. & Lindsey	2,246.03
Hynd, David & Gaylea	2,702.87	Kaler, Janet L.....	2,078.14
Hynd, Heather P.....	937.81	Kalloch, James.....	3,075.82
Hynd, Timothy	5,722.55	Kaserman, Fred & Linda.....	2,944.50
Images Hair Salon	161.34		
Ingerson, Ami M. & Benner, Michael B.	1,750.64		
Interstate Septic Systems, Inc.	4,430.43		
Isaac Rhode Painting	40.27		

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Kaufmann, Janice M.....	1,574.11	Landi, Alicia M.....	1,726.23
KDK, LLC	787.06	Lang, Mary M. Trust.....	2,568.50
Kehoe, John P. & Brooke E.	2,536.07	Laporte, Stephen R. & Syldra.....	2,515.42
Keizer, Beatrice.....	1,273.34	Larsen, Peter A.	6,039.24
Keizer, Clayton E. & Bette	581.04	Lary, David P. & Heather A.	2,663.78
Kelley, Richard C. & Serena M.	2,834.86	Lash, Fay E. & Christopher.....	1,913.32
Kellogg, Frederic R. Trust of 1995	2,678.61	Laslavic, Thomas E. & Lucy M.....	2,795.30
Kendra L. Potz, Esq.....	7.80	Lauterbach, Grant & Lori.....	3,673.86
Kennedy, Ruth E.H.....	2,043.01	LaVallee, Alan J. & Patricia L.....	2,795.15
Kenney, Ercell M.	1,532.64	Lavertu, Carmen	1,424.23
Kent, Arlene D.	2,938.36	Lawson, Janis C. & Robert H.	1,444.20
KeyBank National Association	17.67	Leach, Phillip C. & Stearns, Becky W.	3,013.57
Keyes, Sigrid C.	2,370.92	Lear, Mary M.....	2,341.76
Kiley, Margaret M.	1,707.68	Lebreck, Tracy	521.06
King, Mallory & Max.....	1,547.70	Lee, S. Steven & Jeannine K.	3,688.87
King, Nathan M. & Tamara S.	3,718.81	Lehman, Peter M.	2,023.22
Kinghorn, Robert W.	3,190.97	Leidenroth, Kim E.	106.75
Kingsley, Scott.....	3,700.74	Leino, James K. & Sandra L.	2,494.77
Kinney Rentals	48.31	Leo, Barbara A. & Alan P.	2,767.80
Kinney, Shannon K.	3,096.20	Leo, Jamie N.....	2,514.15
Kinney, Sumner W. & Marjorie H.	9,126.88	Leo, Michael A. & Belinda M.	2,187.24
Kinney, Sumner W. & Marjorie H. & Gould, Christopher.....	5,413.82	Leonard, Douglas A. & Catherine L.	3,173.63
Kirkham, Nikolai D.	1,956.61	Leonard, William F. & Rebecca J.	3,099.40
Kitching, Carl M. & Lesa A.....	1,627.59	Leporati, Carole	2,284.29
Klein, Stanley & Gray, Camilla M.	4,806.06	Les Pecheries de Chez-Nous	54.08
Kleschick, Mary Ann.....	3,984.35	Levett, Ross & Susan.....	4,272.99
KMB, LLC (Brooks Trap Mill).....	27,339.49	Levine, Richard L. & Myrna G.	1,330.67
Knight, Benjamin D.....	2,954.65	Lewis, Lauren R. & Mark R.	3,006.07
Knight, Lucas E.....	2,181.50	Lewis, Robert O.....	938.65
Knowles, Catherine F.	2,512.79	Lewis, Vernon L.	3,688.04
Knowlton, Anita L. & Malcolm A.	3,050.59	Libby, Ronald & Lorraine	2,170.26
Knowlton, Sharon L.	2,100.65	Lilienthal, Stephen K. & Emily	3,434.08
Knox Hotel Assoc., LP	39,222.13	Linscott, Wayne.....	3,458.87
Knutson, John A. & Muriel D.	5,484.11	Linscott, Wayne & Joan.....	1,487.77
Koenig, Ervin D. & Diane L.	1,412.09	Little Lady Electrolysis Shop	10.72
Korhonen, Gwendolyn R.	2,428.54	Little, Andrea K.....	2,753.59
Krane, Neil D.	2,249.16	Little, Peter M.....	2,099.74
Kristiansen, David W. & Patricia L.	3,045.20	Little, Stephen A. & Carol A.	5,224.53
Kruger, Charles B. Jr. & Linda Bell	3,328.38	Living Center at Thomaston LLC	7,064.61
Kunces, Carl P. & Nils J.	3,463.55	Ljunggren, Paul W. & Barbara E.....	3,096.34
L.L. Lazaroff Revocable Trust.....	2,309.73	Llewellyn Family Trust.....	2,548.72
Labree, Kathleen R. & Kevin J.	3,237.58	Logan, Hedley D. & Annie D.....	496.30
Lachance, Conrad.....	199.11	Lombardo, Jamey K. & Karen M.	2,010.68
LaCombe, Charles A. & Lisa J.	2,414.00	Lopez-Brochu, Krista R.	2,449.03
Lacombe, Lester A. & Pauline J.....	1,482.21	Lorenzen, Justin S.....	3,006.47
Ladd, Gail M. & Schiot, Peter.....	2,892.55	Lorleberg, Thomas J. & Gloria.....	2,929.14
Lakeman, Daniel R. & Faye.....	1,120.12	Lowe's Home Centers, Inc.	293,030.26
Lammert, Peter R.	2,707.28	Luce, Irville E. & Marlene	7,057.51
		Lucette Boarding Home Inc.	667.68
		Luckman, David & Nancy.....	1,999.51

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Lucky One Three VII, LLC (Fabian Oil) 7,882.50
 Ludwig, Edward A. & Nancy S. 4,347.18
 Ludwig, Helen 1,560.58
 Ludwig, Lora S. 3,937.61
 Ludwig, Raymond E. & Helen 3,206.88
 Lukasewicz, Stanley 2,264.17
 Lundin, Erik 2,190.39
 Lundy, Linda L. 3,930.53
 Luu, Heng Yuk, Ping, &
 Minh K., Vinh K., Karen 2,824.44
 Lyman, Cabot, Cabot & Heidi,
 Lyman & Sons LLC &
 Lyman Morse Boatbuilding Co. Inc. 148,531.96
 Lyman, Drew 4,081.26
 Lynch, Joseph Jr. 730.98
 Lynch, Patrick J. Estate 1,580.62
 MacDonald, Michael & Ruth 2,513.26
 Mac-Gray Services, Inc. 48.61
 MacIntosh, Craig D. & Dyer, Ellen S. 4,745.43
 MacMillan, Maureen J. 1,435.58
 Magrogan, Francis J. 1,957.13
 Maine Coast Family Dentistry 2,346.87
 Maine Fiber Co., Inc. 304.28
 Maine Water Company 59,943.63
 Malin, Richard C. 380.19
 Malmstrom, Timothy J. 2,149.74
 Maloney, Margo 2,631.62
 Maltais, Sandra L. 2,542.41
 Manson, George P. & Carol L. 2,040.61
 Marchessault, David L. & Katherine A. 3,325.17
 Maritime Energy 3,189.79
 Marr, Robert A. Sr. 2,793.09
 Marr, Walter E. III & Linda M. 344.20
 Marriner, Steven II &
 Sanders, Tina L. 2,339.72
 Marriner, Zachary 2,203.62
 Marsh, Melanie 1,798.88
 Marshall, Colin S. & Janet P. 10,119.28
 Marshall, Jennifer D. 3,372.21
 Martin, Kevin & Lillas Rose 3,068.37
 Martineau, Michael P. & Morang, Donald
 N. 3,189.64
 Mason's Creations 12.58
 Master, William E. & Lena Kay. 10,528.18
 Mather, Jerry L. Revocable Trust. 7,041.02
 Mather, Signe 6,221.63
 Matlack, Edward T. & Anne H. &
 Berndt, Eric H. 1,735.27
 Matthews, Kimberly J. & Craig S. 3,332.66
 Matthews, Nhan & Arlene D. 3,343.54
 Mayo, Michael E. 3,721.79

Mayo, Michael M. Jr. &
 Buteau, Lori A. 3,230.67
 Mayo, Michael M. Sr. 306.41
 Mayo, Michael M. Sr. & Patricia P. 1,922.07
 Mayo, Robert K. 585.21
 Mazzeo, Anthony S. 2,880.88
 Mazzeo, Mikial N. 3,408.09
 Mazzeo, Stephen K. & Diane C. 3,302.81
 McCallum Overlock Young LLC 5,027.73
 McCarthy, Stephen G. & Ursula M. 4,529.62
 McClean, Robert 5,765.78
 McCluskey, Mary L. 2,176.38
 McCrea, Peter F. & Margaret S. 2,835.34
 McCreedy, Bruce R. 3,343.14
 McDonald, Darlene M. 1,903.60
 McDonald's #35296 8,984.58
 McGeady, Joseph K. Jr. &
 Marla Jane Cardone 4,570.09
 McKearney, Christopher D. M. 1,707.41
 McKenzie, Paige 2,291.58
 McKown, George W. & Susan W. 2,211.59
 McLain, George E. & Dolores J. 2,487.90
 McLeod, Jacqueline L. 2,008.08
 McWilliams-Hale, Denita &
 Hale, Steven 444.49
 Mead, Alan R. & Gretchen F. 2,795.64
 Meadows Auto Body 68.56
 Meklin, Judith E. 1,172.02
 Meklin, Judith E. & Bruce 9,474.67
 Meklin, Kevin P. 2,630.45
 Meklin, Ryan G. & Bruce G. 3,310.54
 Mellor, G. Thomas & Patricia A. 3,112.81
 Mellor, Noreen M. 3,958.59
 Mendez, Antonio & Haylene J. 2,487.05
 Merrifield, Travis 2,070.60
 Merrill, Daniel D. &
 Dwelley, Janet M. 1,587.11
 Meservey, Brent A. & Georgia E. 1,816.97
 Messier, Michelle A. &
 Anderson, Fremont F. Jr. 2,267.13
 Michaud, Ronald P. & Paula G. 3,904.13
 Micue, Alta D. 2,492.42
 Midcoast Federal Credit Union 34,916.59
 Midcoast Marine Supply 72.30
 Miller, Douglas E. & Grace E. 4,674.31
 Miller, John E. & Lynette S. 4,371.44
 Miller, Nathan A. 1,025.41
 Millett, Jill & Riley, Ainslee 2,720.07
 Mills, Bruce J. & Paula J. 5,474.11
 Mills, Charlotte M. 1,390.04
 Mills, Christopher R. & Paula M. 4,046.71

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Mills, Stephen & Lewis		Northern New England Telephone Ops	320.10
Arthur & Margaret W. (LE)	2,833.34	Nouria Energy	3,523.52
Mills, Susan J., Stephen J. & Karen M.	1,255.07	NuCo2 Supply Inc.	16.17
Mitchell, John J. & Ann E.	1,533.88	Oak Run Heating LLC	120.81
Mitchell, Mary	180.34	Ocean Way Inc.	3.48
Mitchell, Peter B. & Denise	6,035.38	Olmsted, Robert W. & Elaine B.	3,006.32
Mlynarski, Kathleen J. & Edmund T.	2,515.85	Olson, Virginia M.	1,686.91
Mobile Mini, Inc.	37.79	Omni Construction	85.05
Moholland, Kevin T. & Chandra R.	2,330.86	On the Edge Fitness	4.58
Molloy, Callyn	2,231.42	One Hundred Fifty Main Salon	93.18
Monkey-Doo Daycare	33.28	O'Neil, James F. & Harriet W.	2,359.72
Moody, Linwood L. & June O.	2,972.59	Orcutt, Arlene S.	1,941.49
Moore, Elwood D. III & Rebecca L.	2,381.87	Orcutt, Thomas S. & Carolyn X.	1,819.62
Moore, Mimi R.	2,369.10	Orluk, Sandra F.	2,842.16
Moore, Sandra E.	1,999.43	Osterday, John M. & Sara J.	2,784.37
Moorman, Anna C. & Kenneth B.	2,844.29	Outerwall Inc.	139.01
Morelli, Tony & Laura	1,851.55	Overlock, Dwight L. & Sheryl L.	4,118.63
Morey, David C. & Amy C.	6,743.69	Oyster River Landscape	201.34
Morse, E. Roger & Rose Marie	3,112.50	Paolino, Aaron D.	2,560.23
Morse, Jason	818.09	Paradis, Armand J. & Mary E.	4,203.06
Morse, Jeffrey N.	1,445.35	Param, LLC & Dave, Chetan	6,928.73
Morse, Linda E. &		Parent, Christopher & Alina	1,127.71
Edelstein, Mark J.	156.33	Parisi, Roseann	4,543.56
Morse, Timothy A. & Holly	1,956.61	Park Place Investments Inc.	3,051.29
Moss, Carol J.W.	3,032.04	Parsons, Pamela M.	2,397.86
Moss, Eivind Roy Jr. & Linda L.	4,360.24	Pattison Sign Group Inc.	192.62
Mr. Tire Company	514.28	Payson, Timothy	5,041.52
Mullaney, Noreen & Richard	1,840.23	Pease, Arnold S. Jr.	1,415.65
Mullen, Christopher R.	2,044.81	Pease, Arnold S. Sr. & Donna	4,052.49
Murdock, James L. &		Pease, Arthur E. & Marie F.	5,178.75
McGuirl, Cynthia	3,417.56	Peasley, Renee L.	1,939.71
Murgita, Bruce A. & Donna L.	760.31	Peck, Daria M.	3,347.83
Murray, Donald M.	1,840.57	Pedreira, Margaret P.	2,808.35
Murray, Tara S.	3,450.20	Penitentiary Holding III, LLC	5,366.40
Muzak LLC	39.90	Penney, Russell A. & Priscilla M.	3,924.34
Myers, Philip Jr. & Raeberta M.	3,612.04	Penobscot Electric Inc.	42.95
Myers, Phillip E. & Priscilla E.	3,020.91	Pensco Trust Co	
Nails Salon	302.02	FBO Lynn M. Crowell, IRA	4,280.57
Nance, James R. III &		Pepper, Harvey	8,084.16
Smithson, Tracy L.	2,808.35	Pepsico Sales, Inc.	261.93
Nassau Broadcasting Holdings Inc.	2,697.34	Perkins, Brian D. & Anne E.	4,912.56
NC Shepard LLC	11,497.24	Perkins, Paul R. & Carole G.	2,296.50
Neagle, Carolyn C.	1,228.00	Perry, Benjamin C. & Mary A.	2,909.07
Nedderman, Dolores R. Property Trust	3,638.45	Perry, Marian	99.67
Neilson, Gena N. & Bonjour, Jon E.	3,476.50	Peter Stearns Sales & Leasing LLC	13,283.88
Nelson, Joanne E. & Daren M.	1,753.92	Peters, Clyson L. & Dyann J.	2,491.87
Netzorg, Phillip & Prudence L.	3,355.59	Peterson, Mark E. & Neala F.	6,474.65
Nightingale, Richard & Mary	27,173.47	Peterson, Mark R.	445.12
Northeast Patients Group	1,003.44	Peterson, Monalisa	1,326.51
Northern Leasing Systems Inc.	8.70	Petit, Jennifer & Haskell, Mark	2,640.72
Northern NE Tel Ops LLC	5,190.52	Pfander, Erika B.	1,161.01

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Philbrook, Leroy W.....	1,328.09	Ricci, Patrick J. & Chananad.....	4,027.03
Philbrook, Mark E.....	3,250.82	Rich, James A. & Carol A.....	2,404.48
Philbrook, Maxine H.....	2,489.89	Richards, Joanne L.....	3,118.74
Philip, Charles B. & Amy V.....	920.81	Richards, Martha J.....	1,207.22
Pick Qwik.....	1,240.46	Richards, William J.....	3,570.31
Pietroski, Donald F. & Anne A.....	2,082.28	Richardson, Mark D.....	2,039.78
Pietroski, Matthew D.....	2,071.51	Richardson, Seth.....	390.14
Pine State Trading Co.....	388.84	Ricoh USA Inc.....	106.61
Pinkham, Muriel M.....	2,661.19	Riff, Judith A.....	1,722.06
Pinkham, Paul A. & Susan E.....	1,620.97	Rifkind Family Trust.....	8,648.64
Piper, Jane S. Revocable Trust.....	3,704.90	Rinehart, Roger L. & Dawn M.....	822.05
Pitney Bowes Global Financial Svcs LLC..	22.91	Ripley, Lorice F.....	2,367.16
Platt, Lawrence D. Jr.....	1,892.05	Rising Properties, LLC.....	4,699.35
Plummer, Evelyn T.....	1,681.77	Risteen, Jesse A. & Sage L.....	1,903.12
Podmaniczky, Michael S.....	3,420.19	Ritchie, Donna M.....	2,556.04
Poland, Forest Estate.....	965.69	River, Kella.....	2,079.95
Polk, Pamela J.....	3,618.07	Rizkalla, Kristine L. & Bull, Sondra D.....	692.72
Port Clyde Seafood Co.....	7,206.17	Roberson, Jacquelyn & Terrance F.....	3,439.45
Porter Family Thomaston Trust.....	3,691.82	Roberts, Adam L. & Catherine M.....	1,556.99
Portland Cellular Partnership dba Verizon Wireless.....	2,118.77	Roberts, Calvin & Barbara.....	1,542.64
Powell, Douglas L. & Carr, Barbara.....	1,496.73	Roberts, Lance J. & Jennifer A.....	2,089.62
Prater, Willard & Phyllis.....	3,377.65	Robertson, Kevin P. & Patricia P.....	3,887.77
Prentiss, George A. Jr.....	1,848.80	Robertson, Sarah E.....	1,704.24
Prescott, Lorna Berry.....	4,334.20	Robertson, Walter A.....	2,891.72
Preston, Mark W.....	3,129.65	Robinson, Charles B. & Tina M.....	990.06
Pretzel, Carol Ann.....	2,167.93	Robinson, Ernest F. & Sharon L.....	2,142.85
Primo Water Corp.....	136.18	Robinson, Eva M.....	2,770.74
Pritchard, Constance R.....	3,188.47	Robinson, Gail D.....	2,602.41
Proctor, Loring E. & Debbie A.....	1,707.86	Robinson, Keith A. & Susan M.....	1,723.42
Putansu, Sharon E.....	2,266.77	Robinson, Marian A.....	3,918.82
Qian, Jian Ping.....	6,902.28	Robinson, Michael L. & Valerie J.....	2,555.26
R&R Perelman Judaica Foundation ...	15,933.47	Robinson, Paul D. & Becky J.....	3,646.01
Rahaim, George L. & Laura Renee.....	3,915.28	Robinson, Percy C.....	1,297.24
Ranney, Mark W.....	3,843.22	Robinson, Richard R.....	1,433.60
Ranney, Tacy T.....	3,039.36	Robinson, Sarah E. & Nardone, Richard J.....	5,297.68
Ranquist, Donna.....	927.70	Robinson, William E. & Beverly A.....	2,204.93
Ranquist, Gwendolyn M. & Robinson, Beverly A.....	1,852.98	Robinson, William E. Jr. & Lynette C...	1,979.86
Rapalyea, Richard G. & Walden-Rapalyea, Diane.....	4,886.14	Robinson, William L. & Donna F.....	1,333.08
Raynes, Eleanor D. & Bernard E.....	2,353.46	Robison, Ann L.....	5,258.07
RealD, Inc.....	303.93	Rock City Cycle.....	321.58
Rector, Christopher W. & Elizabeth P...	5,926.45	Rock Coast Plumbing & Heating.....	253.39
Rector, Marian E.....	2,881.37	Rockland Downtown.....	12,038.62
Redbox.....	212.99	Rockland Ford Lincoln Mercury.....	1,567.75
Reed, Mark.....	718.85	Rockland Realty LLC.....	2,427.68
Reinhold, Tracy E. & Karl G.....	6,046.01	Rockville Realty, Inc.....	1,717.90
Renton, Lisa J. & Redfern, Scott.....	3,891.58	Roebke, Ernest E. Estate.....	3,299.23
Reynolds, Linda D.....	1,493.64	Rogers, Jean F. & Tremblay, Kimberly M.....	1,171.24
		Rohr, Peter M. & Wanda J.....	7,511.13

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Rolfe Enterprises, LLC.....	5,491.83	Sawmill Lane, LLC	4,926.14
Rolfe, Kenneth J.....	3,203.88	Sawyer, David & Michelle B.	2,592.05
Roman, Wilbur E. Sr. & Jean.....	826.11	Sawyer, Harold	2,207.70
Rootie Kazootie LLC.....	24,974.98	Sawyer, Maurice Estate.....	41.88
Roscoe, Barbara G.....	1,689.31	Sawyer, Ross E.	3,765.40
Roscoe, Frank E.	1,666.51	Sawyer, Thomas M. & Rhonda S.	2,219.86
Ross, Cindy L.....	1,810.80	Scanlan, Katherine E.....	2,241.27
Ross, Leslie	2,211.66	Schmidgall, Richard & Dolores.....	3,378.40
Ross, Thomas & Janette M.	11,711.47	Schooley, Lawrence C. & Ellin	4,146.60
Rousselle, Buffy S. & Roland P. & Anne Marie	3,189.87	Schroeder, Frances L. (LE) & Merrifield, Cynthia	1,244.36
Route, Jeannine L.	1,294.99	Schulberg, Cinda H.....	3,446.63
Royer, Bruce A.....	2,096.32	Scientific Games Int. Inc.	108.39
Rubenstein, Julian S.	3,627.64	Scott B. Kingsley DMD	745.14
Rucevice, Thomas E. & Estey-Rucevice, Terri L.....	3,027.70	Sea Street Graphics	1,123.10
Rudolph, David L. & Judith N.	4,365.86	Seal Harbor Construction LLC	5,959.92
Rule, Laurie A. & Philip T.....	3,335.79	Seavey, Christopher S. & Sarah M.	3,272.61
Rush, Don & Lauren.....	3,908.07	Secotte, Kevin & Cocks, Jill.....	4,083.82
Russo, Julie B. & Brooks, Mark F. & Stephen T.....	2,635.04	Sedler, Shirley A.....	5,386.25
Russomano, Philip J. Jr.....	2,192.00	Seekins, Pearle E. Irrevocable Trust	1,999.00
Ryan, Jane F.....	1,998.65	Seekins, Wayne D. & Claire F.....	4,570.76
Rytky, Marcia A.....	342.10	Seiders, Guy & Diane	4,324.57
S&S Properties Trust	5,596.26	Senecal, Daniel	8,303.56
Sadler, Robert E. & Marion E.	2,516.65	Sequin, Dawn M.	2,765.88
Sady, Ian	2,458.33	Sevon, Arthur E. & Edith	1,353.03
Safety-Kleen Systems Inc.	12.73	Sevon, Russell E. Estate.....	4,661.33
Sala, Tracy Ann & Mergendahl, Peter P.	2,886.07	Shacklett, Brian G.....	1,521.31
Sally, Catherine S.	2,268.61	Shaw, Bernard G.....	3,316.55
Sanborn, Darryl & Julie; Cross Janice D. Life Estate	6,055.68	Shaw, Daniel B. & Sharon D.....	1,827.04
Sanborn, Darryl E.....	8,423.12	Shay, Daniel C.....	1,943.27
Sanborn, Darryl E. & McCollett, Kurt A.	2,690.39	Shepard Brothers Partnership/Storage/Chevrolet/Sales.....	63,929.42
Sanborn, David E. & Joan M.	3,249.99	Sherwood, Penny	2,485.23
Sanborn, Eleanore M. Life Est. & Sanborn, Jacalyn D. & Reed, Cynthia.....	1,461.91	Shields, Donald & Mary Ann	2,141.04
Sanborn, Herbert E. & Marion	2,680.02	Shields, John E. & Joanne M.....	965.12
Sanborn, Herbert E. & Marion & Spring, Ellen R.....	421.57	Shook, Thomas G.	4,106.74
Sanborn, Herbert E. & Marion Life Est. & Reynolds, Linda D. & Melissa J.	3,138.42	Short, Robert E. & Jeanne V.	3,118.49
Sanborn, Jacalyn D.....	1,225.40	Shortall, Keith T.	1,587.44
Sanders, Tina L.	2,280.13	Simeone, James J. & Althea H.	2,837.57
Sanderson, Stewart J. & Belajonas, Cynthia J.....	1,091.12	Simmons, Darcy M.	2,442.14
Sanfilippo, James Estate	3,144.34	Simmons, Scott W.	1,352.62
Saucier, Daniel P.	2,189.82	Simmons, Virginia C.....	1,335.28
Saunders, Derek J. & Melanie A.	2,148.32	Simmons, Wallace D. & Roxanne T.....	3,006.71
		Simms, Elizabeth C. & Jeffery J.....	3,420.83
		Simoneau, Craig N.....	6,313.73
		Simoneau, Jo Ann	5,329.46
		Simoneau, Mary G.....	5,876.23
		Sirois, Wayne A. & Paula J.....	2,119.07
		SLA, L.L.C.	3,361.68
		Slipway Restaurant	1,006.72
		Smalley, Brian & Jean Ann	2,552.66

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Smallidge, Michael & Laurie	4,028.81	Stinson, Toby E. & Katherine	3,398.89
Smallwood, Carolyn M. & Craig B.	1,838.39	Stinson, Wayne W. & Brenda W.	4,630.36
Smart Properties, LLC	12,899.06	Stites, William & Sara	5,204.31
Smartstyle #2172	432.06	Stone, Eleanor &	
Smist, Mark & Peggy	2,167.36	Kaufman, Janice M.	827.72
Smith, David C.	1,404.98	Stone, Marion H.	2,425.51
Smith, Glenn M.	2,403.15	Stone, Sayward & Valerie	2,903.88
Smith, Heath	330.15	Stopper, Roger C. & Virginia E.	2,353.98
Smith, Jerry A. & Victoria C.	3,256.75	Storer, Paul E.	2,316.84
Smith, John H.	1,659.86	Strong & Hokkanen Attorneys	100.81
Smith, Keith K. & Kimi L.	3,508.79	Strong Agency, Inc.	72.28
Smith, Martin R.	2,596.14	Strong, Mark W. & Julie C.	4,950.42
Smith, Nancy E.	2,468.29	Strong, Mary H.	8,200.04
Smith, Patricia J.	1,540.73	Strong, Scott V. & Corinna M.	3,090.18
Smith, Russell J. &		Strong, Tiffany M.	2,672.28
Worley-Smith, Brett	3,499.08	Stuart-Libbey, Rosemary	300.30
Smith, Samuel R.	1,204.05	Studio 494	195.32
Smith, Spencer E. & Barbara E.	3,005.07	Sturks, James C.	2,104.88
Smith, Theresa	3,310.20	Sturks, James L. & Diana	2,585.04
Snow, Lynn M.	204.41	Styles, George Estate	2,896.89
Snow, Robert C. & Lynn M.	3,317.83	Sullivan, John R. & Elizabeth A.	2,927.28
Soule, George E.	1,803.29	Sunset Terrace Association	3,574.32
Spaulding, Patricia L.	2,655.91	SuperCuts	603.78
Spear, Gloria M. & Olsen, Sandra Leigh	3,599.50	Surek, Peter L. & Sonja K.	2,207.46
Spearin, Donn D.	1,490.00	Surek, Shawn D. &	
Spicer, Justin J. &		Hersom, Lisa L.	3,952.50
Vanorse, Holly J.	1,414.78	Sutherland, Earl Allen	2,391.28
Spofford, Barry A. & Stacy J.	2,159.01	Swan, Kyle &	
Spooner, Jana L. & Daniel F.	2,625.28	Johnson, Julee.	2,787.33
Spring, Ellen R.	2,171.50	Swanholm, S. Roy and Nancy H. (LE) &	
Spring, Robert E.	3,095.44	Larrabee, Elaine A.	3,289.93
St. Clair, Beverly	2,256.13	Swanson, Anita L.	1,428.39
Stackpole, Julie	6,041.10	Swanson, Roy J. & Anita K.	3,140.85
Stafford, Robert E. &		Sylvester, Jerry S.	3,002.39
Sampson, Patience	5,386.05	Sylvester, Joanna G.	2,355.67
Staples, Carol M.	1,390.04	Sylvester, Kay K.	2,418.06
Staples, Eugene W. & Lorrie B.	1,967.85	Tabbutt, Donald L. & Myah L.	2,334.03
Staples, Larry C. & Jean A.	3,574.46	Taft, Janek S.	2,844.29
Steam Ship Associates LLC	51,922.29	Tahincioglu, Brandon & Kimberly	2,683.38
Stearns, Richard & Mona F.	3,175.21	Talbot, David C. & Donnalee S.	1,571.03
Steele, Steven R. & Donna D.	2,298.27	Talkin, Mari E.	3,224.80
Steel-Pro Land LLC	3,615.04	Tarbox, Doreen	2,181.87
Steeves, Jamie	3,348.97	Tardif, Gail P.	1,751.89
Steiner, Christopher A.	2,021.79	Tardiff, Laurie	5,990.65
Stephens, Marlene L.	1,200.66	Tassinari, Richard C. & Jennie M.	2,575.04
Stern, Kenneth M. & Abigail E.	6,127.05	Tax Services of America Inc.	154.47
Sternberg, David B.	2,004.74	Taylor, Alan K. & Wanda D.	3,527.73
Stevens, James W. & Maureen P.	7,961.19	Taylor, James R.	1,580.05
Stewart, Suzanne L.	2,303.58	Taylor, Patricia A.	2,036.74
Stilwell, Nicholas S. & Megan J.	2,341.30	Temple, John & Shelly	1,638.79
Stine, Gregory & Sherry	3,317.42	The Black Dirt Guy	621.59

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The First, N.A.	6,818.57	Upham, Paula L.	1,353.71
The Flower Goddess	97.89	US Bank National Association, Trustee	10,284.32
The Postcard Dude	21.32	Uyttewaal, Justin R. & Cassandra A.	3,302.12
Theobalds, Doug	4,832.61	Valliere Design Studio	75.99
Theobalds, Douglas C. & Zonjee, Paul F.	11,152.83	Van Campen, Timothy & Susan H.	3,926.88
Thomaston Auction Properties LLC ...	15,068.72	Van Horn, Leon D.	2,949.04
Thomaston Baptist Church	2,510.09	Vanorse, Katy	1,650.55
Thomaston Boat & Engine Works	102.62	Vargas, Miguelangel N. & Bethany E.	2,255.80
Thomaston Café	105.96	Vargas, Richard A. & Joan K.	2,495.72
Thomaston Federated Church	2,899.44	Varsano, Martha G. & Barbara G.	3,117.69
Thomaston Grocery	31.85	Veilleux, Brian T. & Andrea M.	2,270.96
Thomaston Laundromat	381.09	Veit, Karen S.	3,755.58
Thomaston Place Auction Galleries, Inc.	1,015.41	Verge, Dana R. & Donalene	3,336.59
Thomaston Property Holdings, LLC ...	44,096.00	Verizon Credit Inc.	61.48
Thomaston Realty, LLC	13,051.58	Verizon Wireless	119.94
Thomaston Recycling	2,023.72	ViaSat, Inc.	4.18
Thomaston Subway	879.17	Vigue, John H.	6,583.93
Thomaston Yoga Studio, LLC	12.73	Vision Quest Productions	65.38
Thorbjornson, Travis & Renee	2,723.00	Von Kamecke, Nobuko	2,692.17
Thorndike, Annie & Donald R.	1,784.14	Vose, Nichole E.	2,070.50
Thorndike, Wayne S.	686.40	Wagner, Teresa Ann	5,919.43
Thorndike, Wayne S., Robert A. & Donald R.	1,493.69	Walker, Judith M. & McCarthy, Daniel	1,912.39
Tibbetts, Paul E. Living Trust	3,534.50	Walker, Melissa M.	2,403.96
Tibbetts, Art	3,073.67	Walker, Stephen E. & Etta A.	3,328.75
Tibbetts, Mathew A.	2,910.72	Wallace, Celia S. Estate	3,147.21
Tilbury House Publishers	34.94	Wallace, Lindy L.	1,765.07
Time Warner Cable Internet LLC	244.82	Wallace, Raymond L. & Ann S. LE & Wallace, Lindy L.	837.76
Time Warner Cable Northeast LLC	4,547.46	Wallace, Raymond L. Jr. & Raymond L. Sr. & Ann S. LE	2,445.00
TimePayment Corp.	103.08	Wal-Mart Real Estate Business Trust & Wal-Mart Stores East LP	276,445.31
Titus, Earl R. Jr. & Joan C. Est.	2,723.32	Walsh, Richard E. & Catherine L.	1,907.19
Todd, Western A. Jr. & Goddard, Jana	4,095.47	Ward, Neil K. & Polly A.	4,736.94
Tokarz, Peter P. & Donna E.	6,394.97	Warford, Faye F. & Bill J.	2,414.16
Toler, Larry L. & Cynthia M.	2,848.77	Washburn, Frances	2,587.80
Townsend, Darryl J. & Heidi L.	4,936.17	Wass, Jeffrey D.	2,674.43
Townsend, John B. & Claudette M.	1,563.66	Wasses Hot Dogs	16.09
Tractor Supply Co.	4,842.36	Wasson, William M. & Judith A.	2,614.71
Treeworks	40.27	WaterDog Tavern	750.05
Trolleboda Group	9,340.36	Watkins, Jonathan M. & Kendra L.	1,926.90
Trout, Stuart F.	1,354.58	Watkins, Kendra L. & Jonathan M.	6,904.08
Tucker, Brenda L.	3,677.46	Watson, Zachary & Mary	1,880.79
Tung, Sanhuang	3,235.32	Watts, Bentley M.	1,082.73
Turner, Richard P. & Carmen H.	1,726.12	Watts, James M. & Elizabeth	2,282.03
Tyco Integrated Security LLC	4.18	Watts, Robert F. Jr.	1,987.81
Tyler, Aimee E.	2,512.62	Watts, Watts & Thorndike	1,229.63
Tyler, William R. & Sarah A.	2,369.54	Wayport, Inc.	40.98
Union Block Property, LLC	9,476.00	WBIN Media Co., Inc.	795.18
Upham, Gary	2,352.71	wceDesign and wcePublishing	137.61
Upham, John W. & Lee Ann M.	2,133.75		

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Weaver, Donald J. & Laurel B. 6,168.26
 Weaver, Julia M. Estate 2,176.86
 Webster, Craig H. & Mary D. 2,637.07
 Weddle, Jacqueline E. 1,675.25
 Weed, Curtis B. Jr. & Karen S. 1,240.40
 Wells, John F. & Roxanne 3,071.19
 Wescott, Kevin 7,943.94
 Wes's Glass 49.92
 Western Union Financial Services Inc. 9.52
 Westover, Gerald F. & Coleen A. 3,180.80
 Wheaton, B. Thomas 1,513.89
 Wheaton, George W. & Katharine S. 2,601.88
 White, Leona 1,794.36
 Whithead, Michael W. &
 Wolfe, Kathryn S. 3,130.22
 Whiting, Scott K. 2,843.69
 Whitney, Barbara G. 5,782.60
 Whitten, Leroy R. Jr. & Susan M. 4,815.78
 Wiggin, Harold L. & Phyllis E.
 Living Trust 1,657.46
 Wigglesworth, Allan F. & Laurel B. 2,599.82
 Wiley, Donald E. & Geraldine M. 2,541.68
 William E. Dornan & Sons 588.57
 Williams, Irene Brooks 1,006.20
 Williams, J. Vance &
 Luchetti, Carol Q. 5,347.93
 Williams, Melvin & Douglas 3,232.57
 Williams, Warren & Harriet 2,243.52
 Willis, Paul J. & Karen E. 2,467.63
 Wilson, Janice F. 3,043.24
 Wilson, Paul G. & Sandra A. 6,910.44

Wilson, Timothy H. 2,929.34
 Wincapaw, Karen 2,011.14
 Winchenbach, Eugene F. III & Leila C. 2,548.03
 Winslow, Lisa C. 2,921.24
 Winslow, Richard C. & Nancy L. 2,014.36
 Winsor Consulting 4.23
 Winston, Mark D. & Jody E. 2,233.97
 Witham, Troy H. & Dawn M. 3,002.41
 Wojtul, Peter 2,244.07
 Wolfe, Christopher W. 1,988.45
 Wolfertz, Melody 1,785.41
 Wood, Timothy & Harkins, Amanda 2,023.61
 Wood, Wendy Jo W. 1,826.76
 Woodcraft Shop, Inc. 78.49
 Woodman, Chandler S. & Arlene C. 2,834.74
 Woodman, Jeffrey M. & Christina L. 7,768.38
 Wooster, Henry T. &
 Dallman, Laura 2,237.23
 Wooster, John Jr. & Lewis, Shirley J. 296.06
 Wooster, Milton H. & Shirley A. 2,152.33
 Workman, Robert & Joan & Noah 884.95
 Wotton, Sherwood L. Jr. &
 Patricia J. Moran 2,618.35
 Wotton, William G. & Christina M. 1,860.87
 Yakovenko, Scott W. 3,307.13
 Young, Douglas G. & Marjorie A. 2,625.01
 Young, Gary C. & Lois J. 3,262.50
 Young, Michael S. & Amy K. 2,611.32
 Young, Tammi L. 1,873.18
 Zwick, Gerald D. & Micaela B. 4,477.96

2014-2015 EXEMPT LIST

The following entities are exempt from taxes.

Apostolic Christian Life Center
Assembly of God Church
Baptist Missionary Association of
America
Coastal Workshop
Elm Grove Cemetery Association
Georges River Land Trust
Georges River Tidewater
Association
Knox Scouters Association
Midcoast Habitat for Humanity
Orient Association
Pope Memorial Humane Society of
Knox County
Regional School Unit #13
Southern Maine Wetlands
Conservancy &
Education Center
Solid Waste Corporation of Owls
Head,
South Thomaston, & Thomaston

St. James Catholic Church & Cemetery
St. John's Episcopal Church
State of Maine Department of
Administration & Financial Services
State of Maine Department of
Inland Fisheries & Wildlife
The General Henry Knox Museum
Thomaston Baptist Church
Thomaston Conservation Commission
Thomaston Federated Church
Thomaston Historical Association
Town of Thomaston
United States of America (USCG)
Volunteers of America
William Brazier Post, American Legion

2014-15 Property Tax Exemption Values	
Benevolent & Charitable	\$3,331,424
Blind	\$32,000
Churches	\$4,762,183
Fraternal Organizations	\$1,011,415
Homestead	\$7,239,233
Literary & Scientific	\$2,366,329
Maine	\$1,882,470
Non-Town Owned Cemeteries	\$105,570
Parsonages	\$20,000
Pollution Control	\$6,714,309
RSU 13	\$5,445,954
Solid Waste Corp.	\$90,673
Tax Acquired Property	\$280,706
Thomaston	\$14,204,527
Unknown Owners	\$64,120
USA	\$1,739,775
Veterans	\$696,000
Veterans Posts	\$418,209
TOTAL	\$50,404,897

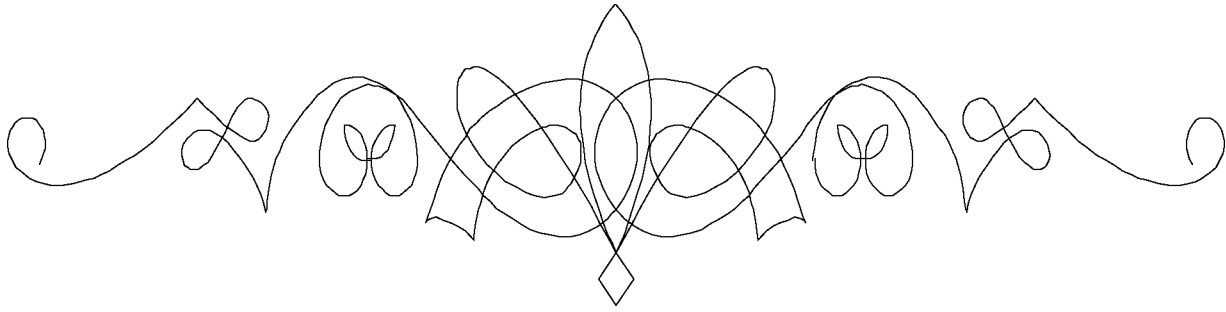
Top 20 Thomaston Tax Payers 2014-2015

Owner	\$179,984,420	\$2,899,175	% of	Accum
	TAX VAL	TAX	Total Tax	% of Tot Tax
1. Dragon Products Co. LLC	90,195,204	1,500,848.18	23.0%	23.0%
2. Wal-Mart Real Estate Business Trust & Wal-Mart Stores East LP	22,368,443	276,445.31	4.2%	27.2%
3. Lowe's Home Centers, Inc.	17,609,992	293,030.26	4.5%	31.7%
4. Lyman, Cabot, Cabot & Heidi, Lyman & Sons LLC & Lyman Morse Boatbuilding Co. Inc.	8,926,200	148,531.96	2.3%	34.0%
5. Thomaston Hotel LLC (Hampton Inn & Suites)	6,023,745	100,235.11	1.5%	35.5%
6. Shepard Brothers Partnership/Storage/Chevrolet/Sales	3,841,912	63,929.42	1.0%	36.5%
7. Maine Water Company	3,602,382	59,943.63	0.9%	37.4%
8. Central Maine Power Co.	3,433,354	57,131.01	0.9%	38.3%
9. Steam Ship Associates LLC (Flagship Cinema)	3,120,330	51,922.29	0.8%	39.1%
10. Greeley Associates, LLC (Tractor Supply Co. Land & Building)	2,909,873	48,420.29	0.7%	39.8%
11. Thomaston Property Holdings, LLC (McDonald's/Lil Mart/Nouria Energy/Carwash)	2,650,000	44,096.00	0.7%	40.5%
12. B.F.E. LLC (Greenfield Apts/Midcoast Marine/Fastenal/Northeast Patient's Group/Subdivision)	2,539,503	42,257.33	0.6%	41.1%
13. Knox Hotel Assoc., LP	2,357,099	39,222.13	0.6%	41.7%
14. Midcoast Federal Credit Union	2,098,353	34,916.59	0.5%	42.3%
15. George C. Hall & Sons, Inc.	2,055,933	34,210.71	0.5%	42.8%
16. KMB, LLC (Brooks Trap Mill)	1,642,998	27,339.49	0.4%	43.2%
17. Nightingale, Richard & Mary (Water Street Apartments/Pine Street Apartments)	1,633,021	27,173.47	0.4%	43.6%
18. Rootie Kazootie LLC (Applebee's)	1,500,900	24,974.98	0.4%	44.0%
19. Goodnow, Justin E. (Sail Loft Apartments/Main Street Apartments/Home)	1,475,178	24,546.96	0.4%	44.4%
20. Carney, James M. & Ruth M.	963,184	16,027.39	0.2%	44.6%

MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS



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ACADEMY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Term Expires 2015
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***There are currently two vacancies on this Board of Trustees**

THOMASTON ACADEMEY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Henry Carey

Chairman

Thomaston Academy continues to be a viable educational resource for the surrounding communities as well as Thomaston in particular. We appreciate the support and largess contributed to the Academy to enable it to serve as the home base of the Thomaston Library, the Midcoast Christian Academy and the Penobscot Family Church. Angela Pomerleau an artist in residence, Ron Fortin an artist in residence and the Midcoast Hall of Fame are year round users of the space. Steven and Katherine Aimone lease the gym in the summer for their art classes and their own professional art work.

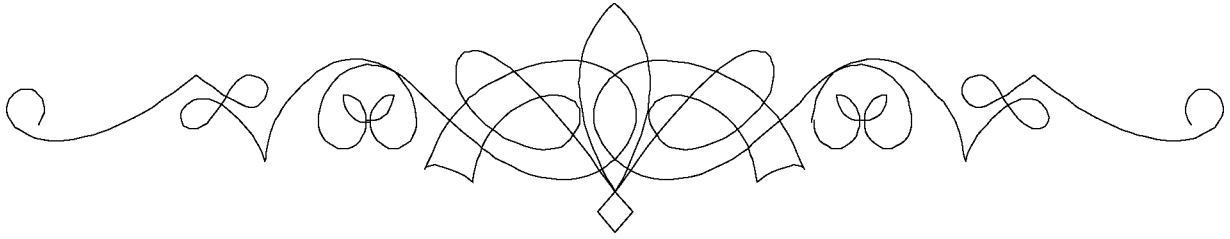
The installation of the heat pump system has been a boon for year round climate control. It has completed its first full year and we are sure that it will be financially beneficial.

This past winter stressed the building and its equipment as well as its users. Once the weather changes we will assess the structure and its equipment and take appropriate measures to continue its viability. We know that we must work to renovate the columns on the front porch. Repairing them will be a priority this year. Wayne and his weekly jam sessions have been providing seed money for this particular problem. We will put the problem in the hands of the builders for the solution.

We are seeking three (3) new trustees to work with the board so that the needs of the Academy can continue to be spoken to through the years to come and the Academy will continue to be an educational stalwart in the future.

The Trustees wish to thank all who have assisted this year. Particular thanks to Blake Donaldson and Mike Mayo for their years of service.

Developing and sustaining an integral part of the community providing access to educational and life embellishing information and activities requires people with vision and the itch to help others. We need people like that to enhance our Trustees' work. Is this you????????? Apply to the town office to start the process of becoming a member and an asset to the important work of the Trustees.



WATTS BLOCK TRUSTEES

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Olof Anderson
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REPORT OF WATTS BLOCK TRUSTEES

William Hahn

Chairman

The Watts Block turns 100 this year. The original wood building, built in 1890, succumbed to fire in 1915, and was immediately rebuilt. Since that time the building has provided space for Town Offices, a clothing store, drug store, beauty salon, and post office among others, and has provided meeting and function spaces for public use. The trustees are considering a celebratory event and will welcome participation and ideas from all; please call Eve Anderson at 354 8835 with your thoughts.

Use of the hall was curtailed for much of the season by repair work required on the east wall; the east wall receives the worst of storm activity, with east driven rains that were able to penetrate the old brick and mortar, ultimately after many years, causing the upper wall to fail. The repairs made improve the structural integrity of the building and new materials will offer much better protection against the elements for years to come. I would particularly like to commend Fred Wigglesworth for his work in restoring inner walls and trim in the hall; the hall looks wonderful, and if there is a silver lining, it's just in time for the birthday.

The hall was used about 30 times through March 2014. This included some Town functions, dances, a wedding and several other private functions, and is available again at modest rental rates. Again, arrangements can be made with Eve Anderson who has been invaluable for many years in helping with scheduling use of the hall and selectmen's room; thank you Eve.

The boiler was replaced this past winter after the previous one, installed in 1996, failed catastrophically. High efficiency Heat pumps to supplement the existing heating system are being researched this season; they would provide efficient summer cooling as well as an economical heating source, and may be able to be purchased and operated for the fuel savings.

As always, we welcome any suggestions or assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

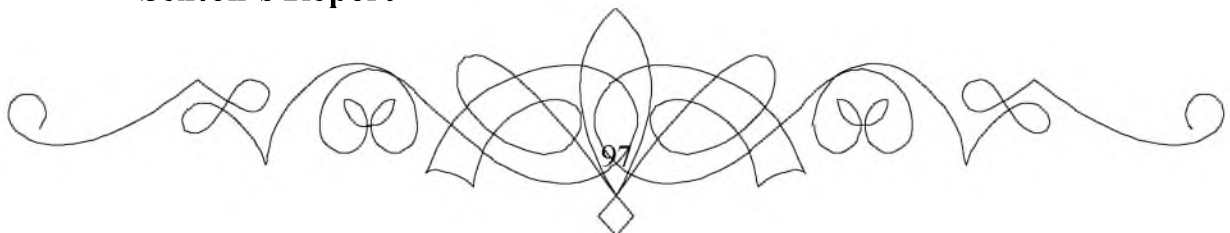
Bill Hahn
Watts Block Trustees

Thomaston Village Cemetery



Cemetery Trustees List

Sexton's Report



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Joanne Richards
Rod Grindell
Joan Linscott**

SEXTON
Peter Lammert

ANNUAL REPORT OF VILLAGE CEMETERY

Peter Lammert

Sexton

There were 28 burials during 2014, eight were full body and 20 were cremains. As usual there was the spring burial rush to get those who died over the winter interred before Memorial Day. The local Scout Troops again helped the Thomaston American Legion Post decorate veteran's graves with American flags. I try to have a pipe flag holder on those veterans' graves that do not have a regular flag holder. If you know of a veteran who does not get a flag placed on their grave, please let me know. The flag supplier used a different species of wood for the flag staffs and they swelled up to the point where many of the staffs had to be sawed from the holder. There are about 700 plus veteran's graves in the Thomaston Village Cemetery and more in the Butler Cemetery on Thomaston Street, and in the cemetery off Anderson lane on West Meadow Road taken care of by arrangement with Achorn Cemetery in Rockland.

We were extremely lucky to have Claybrook Landscaping as our maintenance provider for 2014. As you may recall, the contractor for 2013 did not pan out and the mowing was completed by a group of local landscapers who mowed different sections. The person mowing sections three and four brought a problem to light that has existed for years. The lots in these sections are raised with narrow walkways between the lots which are almost impossible to mow with anything but a push mower. To remedy this situation, our public works department brought in 55 yards of screened material suitable for filling these walkways. My neighbor, Lew Carmichael, started filling these walkways with the material using his Kubota Tractor that just fit in these walkways. That project is yet to be finished but the walkways that were filled were much easier to mow this year.

During the course of the summer, three different Sugar Maples lost significant parts of their canopies. One tree, that borders the Elm Grove Cemetery, South of Section One, lost half of the tree which luckily fell on bare ground but inaccessible to trucks. I removed that tree using my cart. The other two losses were on the corner of Avenue two and the middle of Avenue three. Again I removed these fallen sentinels. Old age and the sudden wind gusts that occurred during the summer were the culprits.

The wrap-up of the year was just waiting for the leaves from the Norway maples to fall when the November 2nd snow storm hit. Sugar maples had been planted from Section One up thru avenue four. For some reason, from Avenue four on, Norway Maples were planted both in the sections and along the avenues. The leaves of this species need at least three hard frosts before they will fall. Up until November 1st, there had not been even one frost in the cemetery. These trees full of leaves acted like the sails on a ship and instead of gathering wind they gathered the heavy wet snow. Almost every tree in sections and avenues five through section 10 lost some or a lot of branches. The town asked for bids on branch removal. Claybrook was low bidder and for two consecutive days, their ground crew augmented by a licensed arborist and a log truck literally logged the downed tree parts. The final branch cleanup was halted by the next snow storm that froze everything in

place. This means that the final leaf clean-up also did not happen. Hopefully Claybrook will get the contract for 2015 and can finish up what they started this year.

However, there are at least 17 Norway Maples that will have to come down as some are so damaged that the next leaf season will cause more sections to fall or in some cases, there is only one branch left in the tree.

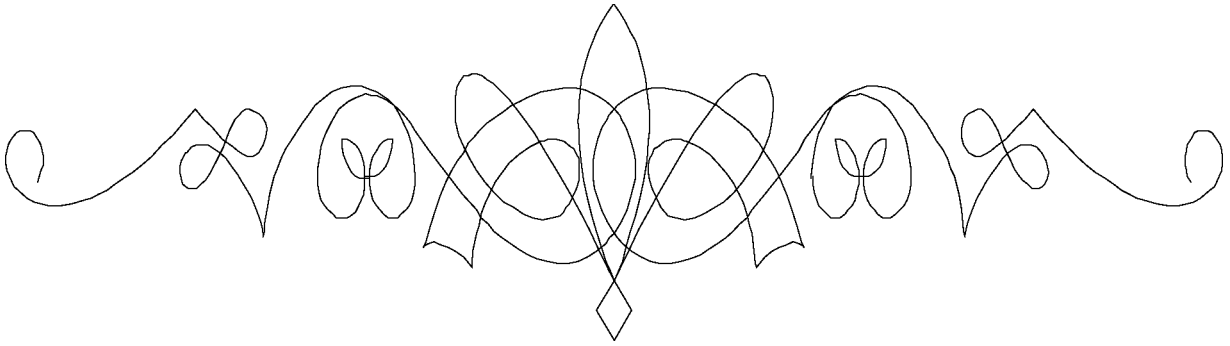
On a very positive note, residents Greg and Shirley Hamlin, who have entered the data from more than 6000 burials in the Village Cemetery in a most useful book, are proceeding to correlate this data to maps of the different sections that hopefully will be in the town's website soon. I have a copy of this "Where are they buried" book and have used it often on weekends when visitors from away are exploring the cemetery.

As a reminder to those of you who decorate graves in the cemetery, it is most helpful if you do not place summer decorations before spring cleanup and again in the fall, if you would please refrain from placing winter decorations until the leaves are cleaned up. Feel free to contact me with cemetery related questions at 691-2900.

THOMASTON HARBOR



Harbor Personnel Harbor Committee Annual Report



Harbor Committee

James Cuthbertson	Expires 2015
Jeff Armstrong	Expires 2017
Sandra Jordan	Expires 2016
Peter McCrea	Expires 2016
Scott Layton	Expires 2017
Doug Theobalds	Expires 2015
John Snyder, 1st Alternate	Expires 2017

Harbor Master

Michael Blais

691-1315

REPORT OF THE HARBOR COMMITTEE

Peter McCrea

Chairman

In May of 2014 the US House of Representatives passed legislation in which Thomaston's long-standing request to have its harbor de-authorized from its Federal Project status was granted, returning the regulation of the harbor to control under state and local ordinances. Following the de-authorization, the Harbor Ordinance has been modified to reflect the change and to have commercial mooring licensees apply for combined service and rental moorings, making increased mooring space available for limited seasonal use by both locals and maritime visitors.

The Harbor Ordinance was further modified to acknowledge the successful "open to all" status of the Public Landing parking areas after the two-year experiment with unrestricted maritime user parking.

In addition to the planned carry-in water access site for paddle craft at the Mill River Park, the Committee advocated the possibility of an additional water access site at the historic lime kiln site adjacent to the replacement bridge over the St George River at the foot of Wadsworth St. A resolution was presented to the Board of Selectmen recommending the balance of the kiln site left after construction in 2016 should be acquired for use as public water access due to its excellent protected location, long deep water access, ample parking space, potential access to upriver mooring sites, and alleviating some user access pressure at the Public Landing.

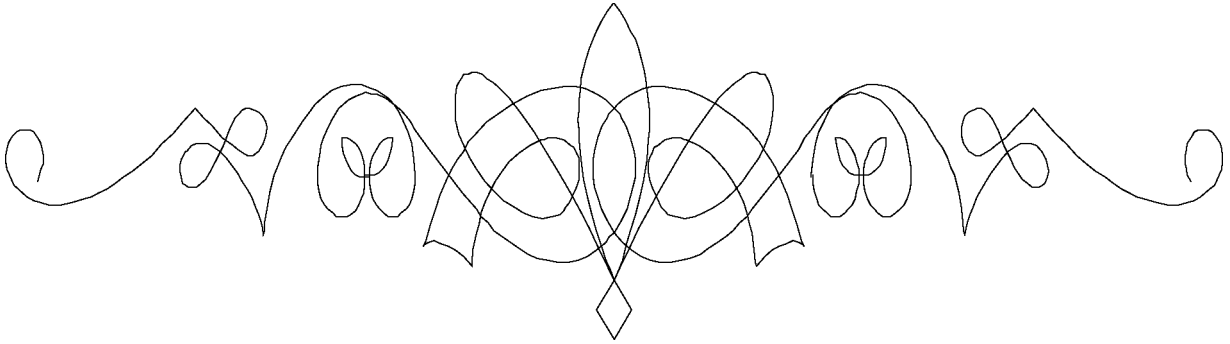
The Public Landing grounds appearance has improved significantly through the combined efforts of Harbor Master Michael Blais with support from Public Works employees and especially through the gardening magic of Roxanne Wells, who has put many hours of volunteer effort into creating attractive plantings.

Peter McCrea Chairman, Thomaston Harbor Committee

RECREATION & LEISURE



**Recreation Personnel
Recreation Director's Report
Conservation Commission Members
Conservation Commission's Report**



RECREATION COMMITTEE

Darryl Townsend	Term Expires 2015
Carol Arsenault	Term Expires 2017
Tara Truelson	Term Expires 2016
Todd Boynton	Term Expires 2017
Ricky Jones	Term Expires 2016
Shirley Hamlin	Term Expires 2017
Chris Barstow	Term Expires 2017
Scott Strong, Alternate	Term Expires 2016
Vacant, 2nd Alternate	
John Chandler, Senior Citizen	Term Expires 2015
Anthony Moore, High School Student,	

RECREATION DIRECTOR

Misty Start

REPORT OF THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Misty Start

Director

INTRODUCTION

On behalf of the Thomaston Recreation Department and the Thomaston Recreation Committee, I present the Town Manager, Board of Selectman, and the Citizens of the Town of Thomaston with a detailed report of operations during the 2014-2015 fiscal year.

GOALS

The Thomaston Recreation Department saw increases in program participation, program offerings, and opportunities for community engagement during the 2013-2014 fiscal year. With such developments, the department chose to use the current year to focus on sustainability and long term growth by instituting a volunteer retention program, creating new partnerships with the business community, developing current business relationships, and crafting community outings that attract people of all ages.

YOUTH ATHLETIC PROGRAMS

Program offerings and program participation numbers stayed consistent from last year which was good news for our department considering national and state recreation participation numbers have been on the decline. We in fact saw an increase in numbers in co-ed k-2 soccer, 5/6th grade boys' basketball, and minor league baseball and softball.

The business community played an important role in keeping cost of programs down for taxpayers. This is the second year that 5/6th grade basketball teams have been sponsored by businesses and the first year that 3/4th grade and k-2nd grade basketball teams were open to sponsorship. Tee ball teams will also be open to business sponsorship in 2015.

Basketball business sponsors included: Rockcoast Plumbing and Heating, Sawyer Brothers Concrete, R&D Trash Removal, Highlands Coffee House, KDK Printing, Brooks Trap Mill, Dragon Cement, Domino's, The Chocolate Moose, Touch of Glass, Target Marketing, and Black Brothers Builders.

Spring sports sponsors are not available at the time this report went to print.

SPORTS CLINICS AND CAMPS

During the off season, our department offered sports camps and clinics for kindergarten through sixth grade students. Oceanside High School coaches, assistant coaches, and players instructed the majority of the camps and clinics.

Summer clinics included RESULTS Basketball, instructed by Matt McKenzie and Mark Baxter; Oceanside Soccer, instructed by Darryl Townsend, Dave Banda, Peter Mitchell, and the Oceanside Lady Mariners; Oceanside Lacrosse, instructed by Angela Vachon and the Oceanside Lacrosse Team; Oceanside Baseball, instructed by Don Shields, Steve Hiller, Shawn Hiller, and the Oceanside Baseball team; Oceanside Tennis, instructed by Dan Wiley and the Oceanside Boys Tennis team; Tee ball, instructed Misty Start, Recreation Director; and Tumbling, instructed by the North Atlantic Gymnastics Academy at the Pen Bay YMCA. Spring and fall clinics included Lacrosse and Tennis, instructed by the Oceanside High School coaches.

SENIOR CITIZENS PROGRAMMING

Though our department is seemingly focused on youth and family programming, we continued to offer an exciting program for senior citizens in Thomaston.

In August, seniors were taken on a lovely tour of Hope Elephants just weeks before the tragic closing of the facility. Hope Elephants was a rehabilitation and learning center focused on the care of two retired circus elephants, Rosie and Opal.

In September, seniors were invited on a winery tour of Savage Oakes and Sweetgrass wineries in Union. Folks were able to have free tastings at both businesses as walking tours of the farm.

In November, we hosted our annual senior holiday shopping trip to Portland to visit the Maine Mall, the Christmas Tree Shop, Marden's and Target.

Monthly Community Luncheons geared towards our senior residents began in February at the Thomaston Federated Church on the last Friday of the month from 12:00-1:30pm. Attendees enjoyed piano playing, a wonderful potluck lunch, card games, and the opportunity to learn about upcoming events for Thomaston residents.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

The Thomaston Recreation Department had another successful Field of Dreams night at the Thomaston Little League Field which appeals for minor and major league baseball and softball players. This year, however, we offered activities to tee ball players. In addition to a scavenger hunt, we hired Just Jumpin', LLC of Belfast to have a Balloon Animal tent free of charge to our littlest athletes. Our department also contributed to a dunk tank at the Fourth of July in Thomaston and participated in the Thomaston Children's Festival.

Through the generosity of residents of Thomaston, the Thomaston Recreation Department was able to offer community trips and events that would appeal to a wide age range.

Our first trip was in August of 2014, to the Forks, ME for a White Water Rafting Trip with Three Rivers Rafting Company. Adults participating on this trip were given transportation from Thomaston to the rafting site, four hours of rafting on the Kennebec River, and an all you can steak and lobster cookout. The trip was a hit and may become an annual event!

Our second trip was oriented toward children and families participating in our basketball program. We partnered with the Boston Celtics for a trip of a lifetime. We provided transportation on a coach bus to TD Garden in November for a Celtics vs Bulls game where all children participating from Thomaston could watch warm ups from the side lines and then stand on the court with the Boston Celtics during the National Anthem. Local television station VsTv later interviewed the participating kids which aired on Channel 88 in February.

Our third excursion appealed to families and small groups. Residents could transport themselves to Portland to watch a Portland Pirates Game and receive an 80% discount on tickets, a 10% discount on Pirates Merchandise, the opportunity to high five all of the players before they took the ice and have a tour of the locker room at the start of the third quarter.

Our last excursion of the year was on Memorial Day weekend to Fenway Park to watch the Boston Red Sox take on the Los Angeles Angels. Thomaston residents received deeply discounted rates to the game and transportation via chartered coach bus.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

In additions to our family oriented excursions, we continued our partnerships with local recreation facilities including the Camden Snowbowl and the Pen Bay YMCA.

In 2014, our department first offered Thomaston residents free access to the Pen Bay YMCA on Wednesdays in February. As this was a popular program, we continued and extended this offering in 2015, by giving this opportunity to residents on Tuesday in February and March.

To achieve our annual goal of building more relationships with local businesses, we began conversation with administration at the PITCH, a new indoor sports complex which opened in Rockport in 2014. Our first event at the complex was our Fall K-2 Soccer Clinic instructed by Darryl Townsend, Oceanside Girls Varsity Soccer coach, Dave Banda, Oceanside Girls Junior Varsity Soccer Coach, and the Oceanside Lady Mariner Soccer Team. Future collaborations with the PITCH are in works for soccer, lacrosse, baseball, and softball.

Our department worked loosely with the Midcoast Recreation Center in Rockport in 2014 by promoting their “free learn to skate program” to youth in Thomaston. In 2015, we have developed that relationship by offering Thomaston Residents a free skate night in March.

VOLUNTEER RETENTION PROGRAM

Our department would not be able to offer such programs and events without the continued support of the business community and volunteers of all ages. It was important to the department to develop a program with a small series of gestures to show our gratitude for the time and talent they share with our community. The first step was to set aside time each season to draft personal thank you notes and acknowledgements to each person who assisted in that sports season. Secondly, we began an annual Volunteer Appreciation Dessert Buffet to honor those who contributed to our programs during the current year. At the ceremony, persons were recognized for their contributions, given a certificate of thanks, and were entered to win a number of gifts donated by the business community. Lastly, through the generosity of the citizens of Thomaston, we offered volunteers several development opportunities, including CPR, AED, and First Aid training, basketball refereeing training, and umpire training. The retention program has made an incredible difference in our ability to offer qualified, passionate individuals to lead our growing youth sports programs.

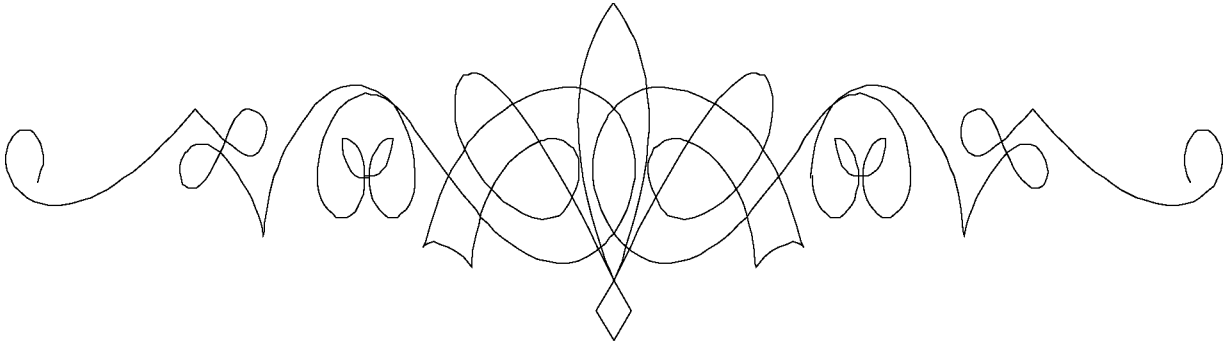
ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

In closing, I would like to acknowledge a few individuals who have assisted the recreation department in various degrees this year, and some over many years; Committee President Darryl Townsend, Vice President Carol Arsenault, and the Recreation Committee for their support, encouragement, and time; RSU 13 Administrative Assistants Laura Curtis, Aimee Sanfillipo, Valerie Stone, and Janice Miller for their assistance in scheduling Recreation events and activities at various facilities, distribution of recreation information, and their commitment to serving our youth. Rene Dorr, Benjie Blake, and Ben Vail for their commitment to developing the Midcoast Basketball League; Sam Grinnell and Troy Curtis for offering Thomaston residents

opportunities for low-cost access to the Pen Bay YMCA; Robbie Krul for collaborating with us to build programs at the PITCH; Brooks Trap Mill for their financial support and volunteered time during each sports season; VsTv for featuring us on their network; Hall's Funeral Home of Thomaston for sponsoring children to attend professional sporting events and for use of their microphone system at several events this year; Thomaston Public Works for offering their time, muscle, and equipment whenever needed; Jodell, Louise, Donna, and Joan for all of their laughs, smiles, answers, and advice; and most of all, thank you to all of our volunteers who keep our programs running. I would also like to thank Valmore Blastow, the Board of Selectmen, and the residents of Thomaston for the opportunity to serve as the Recreation Director. It has truly been a pleasure.



The Thomaston Kids stand with the Celtics at their November game against the Bulls



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Philip Janes	Term Expires 2016
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Mark Kunz	Term Expires 2017
Cliff Blastow	Term Expires 2016
Sarah Tyler	Term Expires 2016
Elaine Larrabee	Term Expires 2016

REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

John Fancy

Advisor

Construction of the new Mill River Park at the confluence of the Mill and St. George Rivers was begun this summer using both private contractors and the Town's Public Works Department. In 2012-2013 the Thomaston Conservation Commission (TCC) working with a landscape architect developed a plan for a park with two goals: to encourage use of this location with its wonderful river views, opportunities for nature observation (osprey often dive for fish in the river here) and



access to the rivers for fishing and small boat use. The second goal was to promote recreational walking and hiking on the existing Village Trail by providing a destination or resting point on the trail.

In the work done this year a four foot wide walking path has been completed from the Village Trail on Thatcher Street through and looping around the park overlooking the water. A new parking

Tree planting on a foggy day

area has been developed and granite retaining blocks have been placed around its edge. Ten trees ranging from 12 to 18 feet tall have been planted along the western side on the park. A kiosk has been installed near the parking/entrance area. The central part of the park has been covered with 4 inches of loam and seeded.

Additional work planned for next year will be to finish the kiosk area with benches and plant shrubs. In next year's budget will be funds for more shrubs and two more trees. Construction of a new 6 foot wide path down to the water's edge on the south side of the park to allow easier launching of kayaks and canoes is also planned in the future.

As authorized by the Selectboard the Conservation Commission in conjunction with the Harbor Committee and the Recreation Department did a study of the four parks in town. The study looked at



The new park begins to take shape

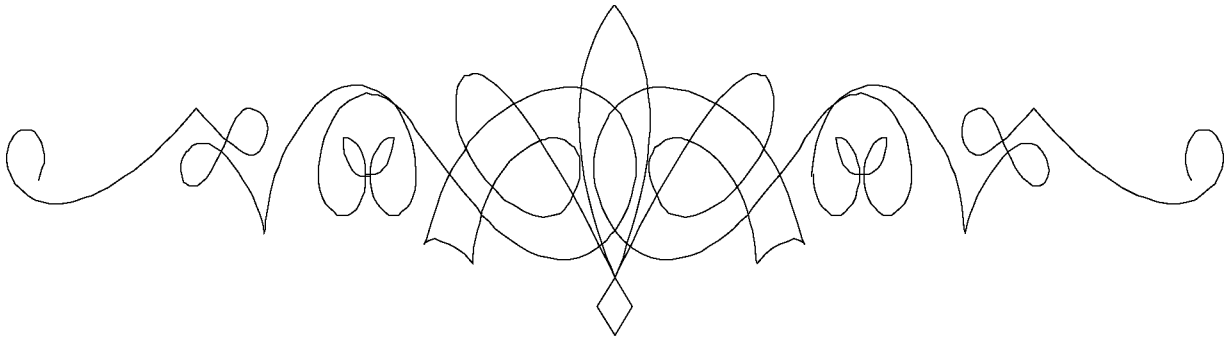
what upgrades and improvements should be made and how the parks should be maintained. What could be done to improve and encourage usage and how would any changes be financed. One of the major recommendations was to construct a bandstand or gazebo at Thomaston Green Park, add benches and walkways.

With the acquisition of 134 acres west of the Town Forest the town now owns waterfront on the Oyster River. Planning was begun in 2014 to expand the portion of the Georges Highland Path to provide access to this area. Construction of the additional hiking trails is projected for 2015.

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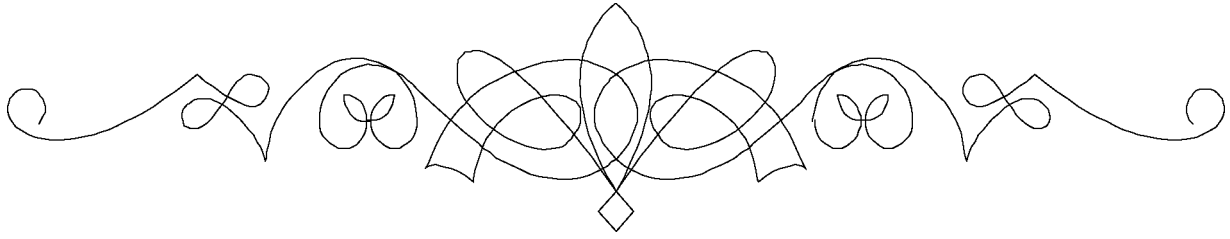
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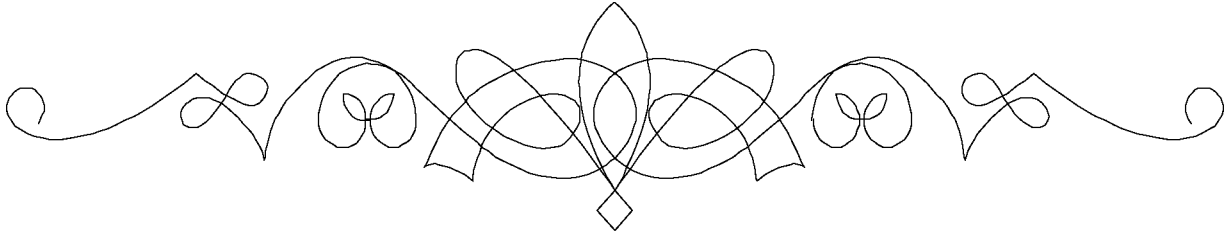
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REPORT OF THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

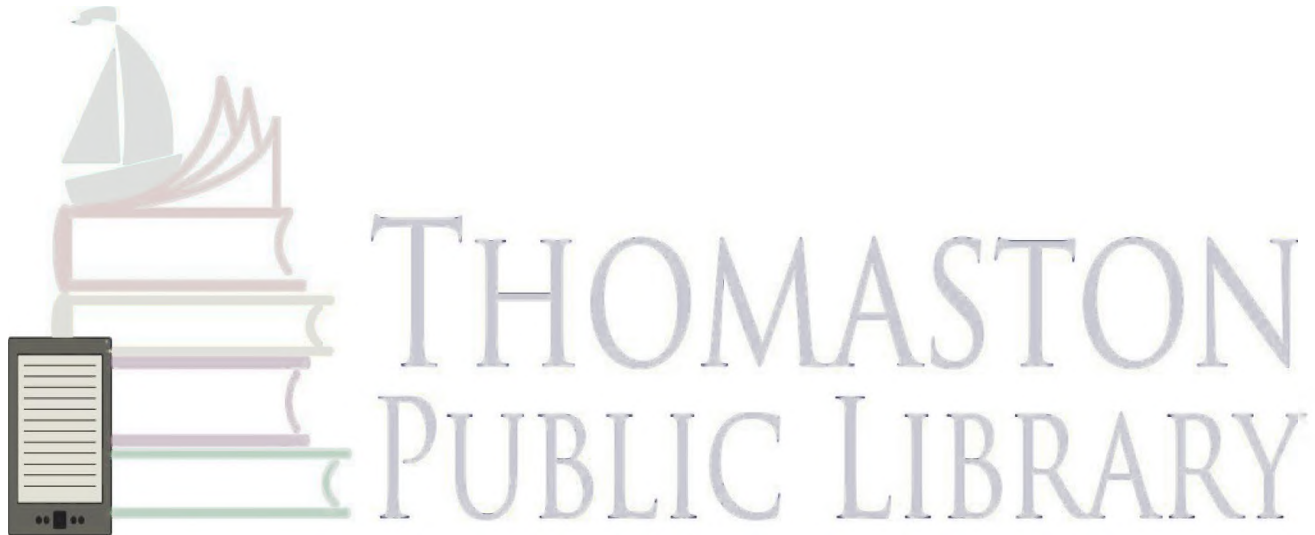
Bill Hahn

Chairman

There was some interest in development possibilities at the Green this past season, although none of the interest resulted in construction.

Looking at other locations in the area, notably Rockport and Camden, there is movement in the market and if the economy continues to improve, the result may be positive for development at the Green. Today's residential buyers are reportedly desirous of being within walking distance of town centers, and part of the community, as opposed to remote subdivisions; the Green property is ideal in that regard.

With an approved subdivision plan, and a portion of required infrastructure in place the Green has much to offer, and ultimately will be a major asset to the Town.



2014-2015
Library Personnel
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Library Staff

Head Librarian - Ann Harris

Interlibrary Loans & Circulation Coordinator - Jocelyn Callaghan (resigned 12/24/14)

Assistant Librarian, Children's Dept. - Joanna Hynd

Tech Coordinator/Circulation – Alex Nimon

Library Assistant - Blake Donaldson

Library Assistant - Judy Hines

Library Volunteers

Lysbeth Andrews

Bill Burke

Karen Clarke

Vanessa Colesworthy

Alice and William

Dashiell

Marie Finnegan

Diane Giese

Shirley Hamlin

Sue Howard

Patty McDonald

Missy McMahan

Paula Michaud

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Judy Riff

Meg Sawyer

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Wednesday	11:00	to	7:00
Thursday	11:00	to	7:00
Friday	11:00	to	7:00
Saturday	9:00	to	1:00

Total Library Patrons: 3503

Total New Patrons in 2014: 208

Total Circulation: 41,127

Interlibrary loans: 804

Digital Downloads (Audio & E-books): 744

Total Material: 25,099

Total New Material for 2014: 1,514

New Adult Books Added: 969

New Children's Books: 278

New TV & Movies: 267

Perhaps no place in any community is so totally democratic as the town library. The only entrance requirement is interest.

–Lady Bird Johnson

With a library you are free, not confined by temporary political climates. It is the most democratic of institutions because no one – but no one at all – can tell you what to read and when and how.

–Doris Lessing

When I got my library card, that's when my life began.

–Rita Mae Brown

The Changing Face of Libraries

Although supplying the public with great books and movies is still a large part of what libraries are all about, like everything else libraries change with the times. More and more, libraries are becoming multi-purpose community hubs.

Many people visit Thomaston Public Library each week because it *is* their community living room, a place they can count on finding welcoming faces, neighbors and friends, comfortable couches and chairs, stimulating resources, soft rugs, soft music, an abundance of green, leafy plants, and comfortable heat or nice, cool air, depending upon the season. Today libraries are fun, relaxing, sociable places to be. We're not as quiet as we used to be – but we do have quiet areas if you need to study or take a test.

The public “face” of our library acquired a new look this year too, thanks to local resident Sue Howard, who donated her outstanding graphic-design talents and her time to provide us and The Friends of TPL with new logos (you can see the library's new logo on the cover of this report), a snazzy new library brochure, a visually stunning annual-appeal letter, and a steady supply of eye-catching promotional flyers and posters for library events.

Here's Exactly What Thomaston Public Library Has to Offer You:

- **Printing, faxing, scanning, copying**
- **Readers' advisory – name your interests and we'll help you find the right book.**
- **Resource sharing (access to thousands of downloadable books, a variety of online databases, and, via TPL's interlibrary loan service, library collections across the nation)**
- **A variety of newspapers and magazines**
- **Cultural events**
- **Monthly displays**
- **A full range of children's services including Story Hour, daily school-break events, and a healthy food-and-fresh-air summer reading program**
- **Reference services**
- **A meeting room for tutoring, CSC classes, IGBC book club discussions, Job Corps meetings, counseling sessions, teacher work sessions, organizational meetings, etc.**
- **Beginners' tech classes**
- **Delivery of materials to the housebound**
- **Free passes to the Farnsworth Art Museum**

Three Rooms Loaded with Books – Our library comprises three large rooms: a Children's Room, a Main Room upstairs, and a third room, filled with Adult Department books, downstairs. These three areas offer the following:

Main Room (Adult Department):

- **New fiction and nonfiction**
- **Mysteries**
- **Largeprint collection**
- **Maine fiction, Maine nonfiction, and Maine reference collections**
- **Kindles**
- **Audiobooks (on CD)**
- **DVDs**
- **Newspapers: Sunday *New York Times*; *Christian Science Monitor*; and Bangor, Portland, and local papers**
- **Magazines: *Downeast, Maine, Time, New Yorker, Smithsonian, Consumer Reports, People, Architectural Digest, Yankee, Better Homes & Gardens, and WoodenBoat.***
- **Collection of back issues of *WoodenBoat* and *Island Journal* for in-library use**
- **Public computers and color printer/copier/fax machine/scanner**
- **Main display case**

Downstairs Adult Room:

- **A browser's paradise of fiction and nonfiction**
- **Oversize books**
- **Quiet study carrels**
- **Small meeting room**
- **World globe**
- **Additional displays**

Children's Room:

- **Shelf filled with new books for children of all ages**
- **Board, picture, easy-reader, and chapter books for children**
- **Chapter books for young adults**
- **Graphic novels**
- **Nonfiction books for three age groups**
- **DVDs and VHS tapes**
- **Permanent display of U.S. monuments in mini-models**
- **Carpeted play area and arts-and-crafts area**

A Friendly, Tech-savvy Staff – Our staff offers reference and research assistance, readers' advisory services, computer and other technology troubleshooting, and help for special-needs patrons. We present or host a variety of programs each month.

Good Books & DVDs – The library houses over 25,000 items, with about a third of those items for children. The library regularly purchases large-print books, books on CD, popular and classic films and TV series, literary and best-selling fiction and nonfiction, award-winning children's literature, graphic novels, and books about Maine and by Maine authors.

Ebooks, Audiobooks, and Kindles – In addition to borrowing from our audiobook collection, patrons may download audiobooks and eBooks directly through our website. We offer Kindle

eReaders for check-out as well, each Kindle pre-loaded with a selection of books that includes the Inter-Generational Book Club's line-up for 2013, 2014, and 2015, along with titles by Maine authors, the complete works of Nathaniel Philbrick, and a number of literary classics.

Public Computers and Wi-fi – The library offers wireless internet on both floors and eight computers for public use, all of which are online and can print in color and B&W. Each computer offers either the Libre Office or Microsoft Office suite of software programs.

Technology Help & Tech Classes – Staff routinely helps patrons with technology issues ranging from accessing wi-fi and navigating the Internet to setting up email, downloading books, enrolling in classes, making online reservations, and accessing government forms and data. This year the library has also offered the following classes:

- Kindle/eReader
- Facebook
- iPhone
- Android phone

A Regularly Updated Website – Library news can be found on our easy-to-navigate website, www.thomaston.lib.mie.us, which is updated every month with all the next month's happenings. A form on the Catalog & ILL page allows you to request materials through interlibrary loan, a free service of the library. On the Home, Facebook, and Book Clubs pages, we publicize all upcoming events for adults and children. The website houses our catalog and permanent information about the library's history and also serves as a dynamic community newsletter.

2014 Facility & Furnishings Accomplishments:

- **New Technology:** With substantial support from The Friends of TPL's Ruby Morrison Bequest, all of the library's public computers were upgraded. The library now offers patrons eight identical PCs, all running a current operating system, offering a current version of the Office suite, and printing to a high-quality central printer.
- **Heat Pumps Up and Running:** The heat pumps have been operational most of this year. Operating at 300% efficiency, they provide air conditioning and dehumidifying in the summer and an even heat in the winter. To acquire the pumps, The Friends of TPL, again through their Ruby Morrison Bequest, matched a \$25,000 grant from the Stephen and Tabitha King Foundation. This amount was augmented by the Town. The result is an unprecedented level of comfort for TPL and the entire Thomaston Academy building.
- **TPL a Recognized Stop on the Langlais Art Trail:** TPL acquired five pieces of art by renowned Maine artist Bernard Langlais. Assistance from The Friends of TPL enabled TPL to become a recognized stop on the Langlais Art Trail (www.langlaisarttrail.org).

2014 Programs:

40 Days of Summer Pilot Program: Led by an enthusiastic team of volunteers and staff members and supported by area organizations and individuals, RSU 13, the federal summer food program, and local farms and grocers, *40 Days of Summer* was an exciting pilot program and a smashing success. We fed, read-to, and entertained attending children five days a week for forty days. The program featured events and activities galore, but the best parts were the free play in the fresh air and sunshine, the wholesome food, and the harmonious interactions and high energy of the children. The library hosted the daily events (occurring Monday through Friday for two hours each day) and packed them with fun, fresh air, crafts, animals, games, books, stargazing, music, and free, healthy lunches. Children, and their parents, were invited to participate for a day, a week, or all eight weeks. We are thrilled and proud to announce that over 70 children signed up and each day we had 15 to 25 children attending. Over 700 lunches were served to attending children over the course of the 40 days.

Presentations & Lectures: The library arranged many lectures, readings, and other presentations this past year. Among the writers who read from and/or discussed their works were:

- Novelist Elizabeth Macalaster, author of *Reckoning at Harts Pass*
- Poet Ellen Goldsmith, who offered a “Vision and Revision” poetry presentation
- Andrew Vietze, author of *Boon Island: A True Story of Mutiny, Shipwreck, and Cannibalism*
- Novelist Vicki Doudera, author of the mystery novel *Deal Killer*
- Novelist Joan MacCracken, author of *The Winter House*
- Len Yannielli, author of the Vietnam memoir *Moon Shadow of War*
- Poet Martha Rhodes, poet and novelist Chris Fahy, poet Martha Webster, and nonfiction writer Jane Brox, who read as part of a special literary event
- Gale Eaton, author of *The Education of Alice M. Jordan: Navigating a Career in Children's Librarianship* (co-hosted with the Thomaston Historical Society)

Other Eclectic Offerings:

- “Introduction to the Rockland Career Center” Event
- Biologist Geri Vistein slideshow on *Predators and Prey*
- Meghan Vigeant's *Writing a Readable Memoir* class
- Community New Year's Reception
- New “Writers' Corner” of children's and adult books on writing and the creative process.
- New “Tilbury Corner” of brand-new Tilbury House (of Thomaston) books
- New “Classics Shelf” featuring classics in fiction
- “Movies on the Green” outdoor films on the old prison grounds
- Dena Davis's *Family Stories: Families Writing Together* six-week workshops

Great Ongoing Programs in 2014:

Friday Night Film Series:

Presenter Erika Pfander and The Friends of the Thomaston Public Library continued their eclectic mix of classic, foreign, and award-winning films each Friday evening in Room 200 of the Academy building. Each month's offerings reflect that month's theme. This past year's themes ranged from *Bacall & Bogart* to *Lives of the Poets*, from *Politics of Oppression* to *Out of This World* (spooky and supernatural), from *Tracy & Hepburn* to *Westerns*.

Hallway Books:

The Friends of the Library maintain a used bookstore in the corridors of the library, where they sell used paperback and hardcover books, audio books, movies, and more. The bookstore is open during all of the library's open hours and most months features special sales on particular types of items. All proceeds go to library programs and supplies.

Story Hours:

The library hosts weekly Thursday Story Hours all year long with a few special Saturday events. Story Hours take place at 11 AM.

Intergenerational Book Club:

The IGBC meets on the third Tuesday of each month to discuss a book all participants have read. Among the twelve 2014 selections were such fine works of fiction as *Cutting for Stone* by Abraham Verghese and *A Constellation of Vital Phenomena* by Anthony Marra, the YA novel *Hitting the Road* by Caroline Cooney, nonfiction works including *Townie* by Andre Dubus III and *Dakota: A Spiritual Geography* by Kathleen Norris, and works by Maine authors, including *The Snoring Bird* by Bernd Heinrich and *Orphan Train* by Christina Baker Kline.

Lunch Time Book Group at Lura Libby:

Spring semester of 2014, Library Media Specialist Kathy Perkins and Assistant Librarian Joanna Hynd hosted a book club for advanced readers in third grade at Lura Libby Elementary School. The group read Maine Student Book Award favorites.

Qi Gong:

The library continues to sponsor Tim English's weekly Qi Gong classes held on Saturday mornings in the Thomaston Academy building's gym. Qi Gong, a Chinese practice, involves a combination of slow rhythmic movement and breathing that provides the dual benefits of exercise and meditation.

Saltwater Film Society Screenings:

The library hosts the Saltwater Film Society's monthly screenings the third Thursday of each month. 2015's eclectic collection included *Belle Epoque*, *Donnie Darko*, *The Big Lebowski*, *Moonrise Kingdom*, *Broadway Danny Rose*, *The Lady Vanishes*, and many more.

Thomaston Farmers' Market:

The library shared its neighborhood with the Farmers' Market again last year, from May into October. Staff set up a library tent outside during the market, read stories to kids, and, through our Friends' Hallway Bookshop, sold books.

School Break Events

During winter-break week, we offered daily events for children exploring such subjects as “Cool Collections,” and we wrapped up the week's events with one of Dena Davis's excellent Story Cube sessions. Spring-break-week events included visits from Tracy Sala and a kitten from the Pope Memorial Humane Society of Knox County, David and Gigi Hynd of Playin' Possum band, and Megan Rogers of Midcoast Music Together.

Martin Luther King Jr. Food Drive:

The library partnered with St. John's Episcopal Church to sponsor a food drive honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The food drive benefited the Thomaston Inter-Faith Food Pantry.

Community Displays Program:

The Community Displays Program provides display space in the library for any person to sign up and use and has brought several artists to the library to display their work. During 2014 the library hosted:

- Annual Christmas train display of Neil Shively, Leroy Jones, and Henry Groth.
- Sea-glass jewelry of Valerie Allis
- Peter McCrea's wood-turned vessels
- Paul Perkins' carved wooden decoys
- Peggy McCrea's watercolors
- Thomaston Historical Houses
- Vintage Halloween display
- Humane Society display
- Ceramics display by Margaret Harris and Jeffrey Flug

Grants, Awards, Donations, and Contributions:

The library is extremely grateful to all the following entities and individuals for their generous contributions and gifts to the library over the past year:

Friends of the Thomaston Public Library 2014 Contributions from the Ruby Morrison Bequest

- \$13,680 to Library Operating Budget – We received a generous contribution from the Friends of the Thomaston Public Library, allowing us to continue consistent staff coverage of the Children's Dept. and Circulation Desk and to afford the cost of a part-time Technology Coordinator on staff.
- \$1772 for library technology needs, including newer PCs.
- \$165 for Farnsworth Art Museum and \$263 for movie-license renewal.

Other Donations/Fundraisers/Grants:

- *Flower Goddess* gift shop regularly donated fresh flowers, winter-time artificial arrangements, and a Christmas boxwood centerpiece.
- Library bake sale proceeds: \$500.00
- Sports Hall of Fame donation: \$100
- Coastal Senior College donation: \$100.00
- Auction of Kevin Smith painting: \$100.00
- *WoodenBoat* Magazine collection
- *Island Journal* collection

- *Smithsonian* subscription donated by Melvaney Dinsmore
- Friends' donations of new potting soil and larger pots for library plants
- David, Gigi, and Peter Hynd of Playin' Possum trio donated many performances
- Fundraising dinner hosted by Thomaston Cafe, donated \$200 in proceeds to TPL
- Rudman grant for writing-related books in the amount of \$400
- Tilbury House book donations
- Sue Howard donated many hours of graphic design work for the library's and the Friends' new logos, brochure, annual appeal letter, and publicity posters.
- The Strand Theatre donated popcorn and equipment for projecting and publicizing our Movies on the Green outdoor film series.

40 Days of Summer Donations/Grants:

- Agnes Lindsay Trust grant in the amount of \$1500
- Hannaford's Gift Card: \$100.00
- Hannaford's Gift Card donated by Federated Church: \$50.00
- WalMart Gift Card: \$50.00
- Rockland Kiwanis Club donation: \$500.00
- Patrisha McLean donation: \$500.00
- Rockland Emblem Club donation: \$100.00
- Karen Clarke donation: \$100.00
- Frances Hernandez donation: \$25.00
- Nancie Burton donation: \$25.00
- David Hynd: picked up and assembled picnic tables, repaired picnic table, donated wood, and built raised garden bed.
- Jane Farthing, Sue Howard, and The Strand Theatre donated publicity help.
- Ellsworth Building Supply donated a picnic table worth \$105.00.
- Bolduc Correctional Facility donated dirt for the children's garden.
- Beth Heidemann loaned hula hoops and donated craft supplies.
- Weskeag Farms donated cucumbers, strawberries, blueberries, tomatoes, and bananas.
- The First Baptist Church donated healthy snacks
- Thomaston Grocery donated groceries for children's lunches
- Midcoast Federal Credit Union donated promo items (water bottles, bags, frisbees, etc.)

Finally, and as always, the library extends *enormous* thanks to all our patrons, supporters, Friends, board members, and volunteers, who have given untold hours to the library over the past year, doing everything from cleaning, painting, decorating, and baking through running events and arranging displays to culling, shelving, setting up booksales, and keeping our plants vibrant and healthy. We extend a warm Thank You! To every one of you as well as to everyone who responded to The Friends of the Thomaston Public Library's Annual Appeal. You are the "community" in our community living room!

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS



Thomaston Historical Society

Pope Memorial Humane Society of Knox County



Thomaston Dog Park Committee

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THOMASTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Kathleen Daley

President

The Thomaston Historical Society continues to show growth and positive change. Our board has several new members: Rod Grindell, chairperson of building and grounds committee, Ursula Kruse-Vaucienne, treasurer, Nicole Look, financial chairperson and Sandra Stetson Overlock, member at large. Sandra, a native of Thomaston, is of great value to us in our historical research and identification of photos. The board also has a new president, Kathleen Daley. The other board members are Susan Devlin, curator and vice-president, Aleta Kilborn, secretary, Mimi Zwick, membership chairperson, Donna Tokarz, Knox Day chairperson and Eve Anderson publicity, and web site. Peggy McCrea remains our highly valued and respected historian. All are dedicated, hardworking members of THS who give their all and are a joy to work with! Thank you so very much, one and all!

THS has obtained a grant to plan how to digitize our collection for easy access/search. With the help of Ursula Kruse-Vaucienne, THS will apply for other grants to make several improvements at the museum. THS has received a few donations, but these have not been significant enough to accomplish all our needs, not wants but needs. Thus THS is in great hopes of obtaining grants to achieve those goals. Wish us success in obtaining these grants.

Though we have lost some members, we also have new members which has resulted in a small increase. Member categories are: individuals, \$18; family, \$25; and business/organization, \$50. Members are entitled to discounts at house tours and museum store. Receipts from membership dues go directly towards office and operating expenses for our building and grounds. If you wish to become a member, please contact Mimi Zwick at 354-7029 or mzwick@myfairpoint.net. If you wish to be a volunteer, please contact Kathleen Daley at 691-2419 or galwaylass12@gmail.com. New members are always wanted and welcome, and volunteers are very much needed. Museum hours are June through September, 2-4 PM on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays and Saturdays 1-3 PM. October through May the museum is open on Tuesdays 2-4 PM weather permitting. The number of visitors continues to increase each. This past year was exceptionally well attended. Our visitors came from all areas of the country from California in the west, midwestern states and all over the eastern areas and also Canada. There is no fee to visit the museum, but donations are gratefully accepted and much needed to sustain the ongoing work.

THS annual meeting will be June 9, 2015 at 7 PM. Members are greatly encouraged to attend, as we will vote on a new slate of board members at this time. THS will also have a program after the meeting guaranteed to be very interesting.

This past year we participated in the state wide Maine Civil War program partnering with the Thomaston Public Library. It was huge success. Thanks to Blakie Hines and Susan Devlin for putting this program together. THS also partners with the Thomaston Public Library where there is a changing, permanent exhibit. Thanks to Ann Harris and the library staff for all their help. All THS programs were very well attended this past year. THS members and volunteers were very pleased with the wonderful attendance.

From May through October, THS offers once a month programs to the community of Knox County or to anyone who wishes to attend. These are free, but donations are greatly appreciated. Programs for 2014 are: 5/13 Thomaston Education in the 19th Century by Peggy McCrea; 6/10 Maine's Early Female Physicians by author Annette Dorey; 7/26 Celebrating the birthday of Gen. Henry Knox; 8/16 100 Years of Quilts by Bonnie Dwyer, bring your quilts to be identified; 9/9 Constructions of Early Chimneys and Fire Places by mason, Rich Irons; 10/14 Evolution of the Thomaston Fire Department by Pete Lammert; 12/5-12/6 Home For the Holidays.

Home For the Holidays this past December featured the Levensaler home on Knox St next to the Fire Station owned presently by Shirley Sedler. We had many comments from attendees that it was warmest and most fun of all of our Home for the Holidays events. THS began a new offering last summer of featuring a summer house tour. We will continue to do the summer house tours, but it has been decided to do a day other than the 4th of July the date to be announced. THS seeks suggestions from the community as to how to engage and better and serve you.

Pope Memorial Humane Society of Knox County

Saving Lives and Creating Families since 1989

Tracy Sala

Executive Director

2014 was a very busy year for the Pope Memorial Humane Society of Knox County and an eventful one too. Most notably, we celebrated twenty five years of saving lives and creating families. Who would have imagined twenty five years ago when the shelter was first started, when serving a hundred animals in a year's time was a lot that we would grow to serve and be a safe haven for so many. Just shy of 1,300 animals were admitted into our care in 2014 from the twenty one communities we serve in Knox and Waldo counties, and when spaced allowed from neighboring Maine shelters and from high risk shelters down South. All animals admitted received high quality care, shelter and a second chance. Although we primarily care for dogs and cats, we helped a variety of other animals too. We had rabbits and birds, Guinea pigs, a potbellied pig, ferrets, pet rats, chickens, hamsters, ducks and even a goat. Nine hundred and twenty eight of these wonderful animals were adopted in 2014. Another 146 were reunited with their frantic families. Of course, none of this would be possible without the support of our community.

As you may know, we don't receive any federal funding, nor do we receive money from national animal welfare organizations. We rely on the kindness and generosity of our community to help these animals. In addition to financial contributions, we were fortunate enough to have a strong group of volunteers who donated an amazing 11,283 hours of their time and skill to help us accomplish all that we do.

We continue to strengthen and grow our programs and services. Throughout the year we continued to respond to reports of feral colonies in our service areas and trap, neuter and return (TNR) them. This program is a key component in our fight to stop the overpopulation of unwanted animals. In addition, we offer financial assistance to those who need it to get their owned pets spayed or neutered. And, thanks to our collaboration as a convenient, local pickup/drop-off site for the Low Cost Spay Neuter Clinic, 231 owned pets in the area were spayed or neutered.

As our communities grow and the demands on the services we provide increases, we must grow too to make sure that all that need our help receive it. In 2014 our capital campaign for a new building was in full swing. We are fortunate to have received wonderful support from the community with over 500 individuals, businesses and foundations contributing to our project. Most significant was the end of the year gift of \$1 million from Mr. Lyman Pope Jr. This generous gift has given us the ability to fulfill our vision of a new facility sooner rather than later. Although we still have additional funds to raise to purchase furnishings for the new facility, estimated at \$200,000, we are confident that the community will continue to support us in this important project for the homeless animals we serve. Construction of the new facility will begin in mid-June of 2015.

We are proud to be your community animal shelter and will continue to work hard for the animals and the people we serve. We encourage you to stop by the shelter, see the work we do, volunteer, and adopt a new family member.

Call 207 594-2200

www.hskcme.org

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NEW SHELTER UNDER CONSTRUCTION

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THOMASTON DOG PARK ASSOCIATION

Polly Armstrong

President Thomaston Dog Park Association

An Exciting New Attraction in Thomaston

On November 5, 2014, a special Thomaston Town Meeting was held at the American Legion building to officially vote on the use of over three acres of town land to be dedicated to the creation of a new dog park in Thomaston. It was resoundingly approved by almost 100 residents who enthusiastically embraced this exciting new addition to our area.

Months of hard work by many Thomaston residents and others from the surrounding region have gone into creating the design and implementation of this project. We now have a formal organizational structure, a park design, a budget and a fundraising process fully in place. We also have applied for the 501C3 nonprofit status, which will be approved shortly. This legal step will allow all donations to be tax exempt. Lawyers, accountants, graphic designers, journalists, fundraisers and dozens of other excited residents are on board to help us reach our goal.

We will need \$40,000 for the initial startup costs which include 6' tall galvanized chain link fencing and a shaded parking lot. One generous Thomaston dog lover has already stepped forward and made a sizable contribution to be used for matching funds.

The park will include double gated safety entrances, water, a generous shaded parking lot, trash receptacles, a large fenced in, well maintained mowed area for larger playful dogs, a smaller fenced in area for shy or smaller dogs and walking paths outside the fenced areas. Not only do dogs, which are highly social beings, greatly benefit from socializing and exercising with their friends, so do humans. It is a wonderful way to meet neighbors and make new friends. Having a safe place out of doors is also an asset for elderly and physically challenged dog guardians who are not easily able to safely walk their dogs without assistance. In other words, everyone benefits.

Fundraising is well under way in the form of television shows, public interviews and news articles. Our first fundraising event was held at the Thomaston Cafe. Ryan Jones, owner and chef at the popular Thomaston Cafe, is a staunch supporter of the dog park. He opened his doors to hold our first, highly successful "Happy Hound Hour" followed by dinner and a silent auction. In addition, he regularly makes "homemade", highly nutritious dog biscuits and donates proceeds to the dog park. Many other fun and exciting projects are being planned in the coming months.

No tax dollars will be used for this project. Support of local residents and businesses from Thomaston and the surrounding communities will make this dream a reality. We will also be applying for larger grants to help us succeed.

Everyone is welcome to join our enthusiastic and excited group of dog lovers who are making the Thomaston dog park a reality.

May all dogs and people have an attractive safe place to exercise, socialize and enjoy life in the beautiful natural world right here in our own backyard.

Anyone wishing to offer their time or a donation, please contact us at either our Facebook page or website:

www.facebook.com/ThomastonDogParkAssociation

www.thomastondogpark.org





ELECTED STATE OFFICIALS

**Letter from Govenor Paul LePage
Letter from State Senator Dave Miramant
Letter from Representative Charles Kruger**



Paul R. LePage
GOVERNOR

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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
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04333-0001

March 30, 2015

Town of Thomaston
PO Box 299
Thomaston, ME 04861-0299

Dear Citizens of Thomaston,

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

My vision for Maine is prosperity, not poverty. For this reason, one of my top priorities is the reduction and eventual elimination of the income tax. Not only does an income tax cut put more money back in your pockets, but it will attract businesses that can offer good paying careers to keep our young people here in Maine. Further, this tax cut maximizes one of our existing resources — tourism — and ensures the millions of visitors who come to Vacationland each year contribute their small part to our economy.

Simply put, this proposal results in an immediate pay raise for all of you hard-working Mainers. It creates stronger and even more vibrant communities as we show people that we are serious about wanting people and businesses to come — and stay — in Maine.

If we are to make Maine prosperous, we must also work hard to reduce our heating and energy costs. I am committed to lowering the cost of energy, not only to attract job creators, but also to allow Maine people to affordably and effectively heat and power their homes.

And finally, it is of utmost importance that we begin to address the growing drug problem in our state. Maine's people are its most precious commodity, and our safety is being threatened by the drugs that are entering our state each and every day. My goal is to face the problem head on by employing more drug agents, prosecutors and judges before the epidemic destroys our communities.

It is a pleasure serving as your Governor. If ever I can be of assistance to you or if you have any questions or suggestions, I encourage you to contact my office by calling 287-3531 or by visiting our website at www.maine.gov/governor.

Sincerely,

Paul R. LePage
Governor



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Dear Friends of Thomaston,

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your State Senator. I appreciate the support and look forward to representing our community. As I traveled around the district over the past year, it was a pleasure to meet with many of you and to hear your thoughts. The feedback is invaluable for me to best represent you.

Maine is a great place to call home. Our natural beauty and quality of life are unmatched. But it is the people who make this a special place. Mainers believe in family, hard work and community. We all know when times get tough, our neighbors and communities come together and work together for what is best – and I will do the same with my colleagues in the Legislature. Maine is full of promise and potential and I will work hard for the people, businesses, and interests of our region.

As part of my effort to bring matters happening in Augusta back home to our district, I am pleased to email a legislative newsletter to share information about ongoing legislative issues and useful resources. Please contact me to join. I can be reached locally at (207) 236-4845 or by email at davemiramant@gmail.com.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to represent you in the Legislature. I look forward to seeing you around town.

Sincerely,

Dave Miramant



June 2015

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

It is an honor to serve the residents of Thomaston as your State Representative in Augusta. With the first session of the 127th Legislature well underway, I encourage you to contact me with your thoughts on the many important issues we will consider this year.

I have been appointed to serve again as House Chair of the Government Oversight Committee (OPEGA). This keeps me busy but I'm enjoying the process and the opportunity to serve the people of District 92 very much. In addition, I will be voting on many diverse pieces of legislation and I look forward to hearing your opinions.

With the challenges and opportunities before us, we can continue to make accomplishments for Maine people by setting priorities based on fundamental Maine values and common sense. Please feel free to contact me to share your thoughts on state issues or if you need assistance with state services. I can be reached at my office, 354-8239, at the State House in Augusta at 1-800-423-2900, or by e-mail at chuck.kruger@legislature.maine.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chuck", is placed below the "Sincerely," text.

Rep. Chuck Kruger

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Millicent M. MacFarland
Clerk of the House

STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
CLERK'S OFFICE
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Augusta, Maine 04333-0002

TO: Town of Thomaston
Municipal Officers
Editor, Annual Report

FROM: Millicent M. MacFarland
Clerk of the House

Many municipal annual reports include the category of "Representative to Legislature" at the conclusion of the listing of Municipal Officers.

In the belief you may want to aid citizens to more readily contact their House member, we are hopeful that you will include the following information in the Municipal Officers section:

Representative to the Legislature
(term exp. December 3, 2014)

District: 48

State Representative: Chuck Kruger

Home Address: 37 Green Street
Thomaston, ME 04861

Residence: (207) 354-8239

Business: (207) 354-8928

E-Mail: cbkruger@myfairpoint.net

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Augusta, ME 04333-0002

State House E-Mail: RepChuck.Kruger@legislature.maine.gov

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(207) 287-4469 (TTY)

Year-Round Toll Free House of Representatives Message Center 1-800-423-2900
Maine Legislative Internet Web Site - <http://www.maine.gov/legis/house>

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TOWN OF THOMASTON FINANCIAL REPORTS



**General Assistance Report
Trust Fund Report
Municipal Spending 1994 -2013/2014
Valuation Comparison
Auditor's Letter
Audit Report**

GENERAL ASSISTANCE

Valmore G. Blastow, Jr.

General Assistance Administrator

The requests for General Assistance appear to be trending back to historical levels. The request totaled 43 with 12 being denied primarily based on being over the income guidelines. The Town approved 31 of the requests totaling \$9,830.66 for 2014. The prior six year period averaged 95 requests approved and dropped to 65 last year and 31 this year.

The economy continues to impact the Town's and State's costs to assist individuals who find themselves in need of financial assistance. The total average number of requests was 49 per year with an average cost of \$235 each, totaling \$11,515 average per year from 1992 through 2007. The past seven years the average number of requests has decreased to 85 with a cost of \$289 each. In 2014 with 31 requests totaling \$9,830, it appears to be trending back to historical levels.

The Legislature continues to debate reform of General Assistance which is controlled by State Law under Title 22 through the Department of Health and Human Services. Communities typical of Thomaston are reimbursed 50% of the total expenditures under a formula. However, communities that expend more than three hundredths of a percent (.03%) of their State Valuation receive a 90% reimbursement. Thus, if Thomaston's average expenditure was \$97,350 it would generate an \$87,750 reimbursement which would require the Town to authorize three to four times the expenditures of 2009 to receive the 90%. In my opinion, this portion of the law was written specifically for four communities, Portland, Bangor, Lewiston/Auburn. The Legislature continues to debate General Assistance under Title 22 through the Department of Health and Human Services. I have written the following in a prior year "I believe there is a built-in incentive for a larger metropolitan area to expend more to exceed the formula and then be reimbursed 90% of the cost. The formula should be a simple straightforward percent for all communities with a cap."

What I found to be truly astounding this year per the press is that Portland issues \$13,000,000 in General Assistance with a population of 66,000 or \$197 per capita. In comparison, Lewiston/Auburn issues \$750,000 in General Assistance with a population of 59,000 or \$13.00 per capita. Thomaston would be a \$4.00 per capita. Based on this, I would estimate Portland with 66,000 residents is utilizing 80% plus of the General Assistance in the state of 1,300,000 residents. Clearly, if all the communities of the State of Maine disbursed at the same rate per capita, the cost would be 19.69 times as much or \$25,606,000, an amount approximately the State Revenue Sharing loss to communities.

The State audits the Town's review of approval and requires contact with the State Department of Health and Human Services to ensure based on Social Security numbers applicants are eligible in comparison to the information the State controls versus the information the General Assistance Administrator has received from the applicant, etc.

The State is proposing to cap the current year and refund 40% of the expenditure versus the current 50%. My opinion is this will only impact communities typical of Thomaston that have complied with the guidelines and ordinance propagated by the State. Shorthand for Portland would be limited to only 40% of the \$13,000,000 instead of the 90% the State

now reimburses. Thomaston's 40% of \$9,800 versus 50% of \$9,800. Factually, does the legislature really understand the difference and at what point will the majority of communities working hard to assist our citizens and balancing the impacts on taxpayers say enough is enough?

The amount of eligibility total is based on the number of individuals in the household and is set for 30 days less ANY income, which is \$709 for one person, \$719 for two persons and \$877 for three persons, etc. Clearly, these amounts will not support one in this economy. Rent alone is \$500 to \$1,000 per month.

	Total Expended	No. of Applicants	Average Payment for 30 day period per request
1992	\$24,844		
1993	\$23,038	58	\$397
1994	\$13,007	90	\$144
1995	\$ 6,454	51	\$126
1996	\$10,223	57	\$179
1997	\$12,310	80	\$153
1998	\$ 6,442	37	\$174
1999	\$ 9,406	38	\$248
2000	\$19,353	63	\$307
2001	\$ 9,391	31	\$302
2002	\$ 3,877	27	\$143
2003	\$ 8,228	48	\$171
2004	\$12,044	49	\$246
2005	\$ 9,562	35	\$273
2006	\$11,591	31	\$374
2007	\$10,223	35	\$292
2008	\$25,419	85	\$299
2009	\$36,053	118	\$305
2010	\$20,497	88	\$233
2011	\$31,959	106	\$302
2013	\$16,254	65	\$250
2014	\$ 9,830	31	\$317

The Town issued assistance for specific requests as follows for 2014:

Heating Fuel	4	Water	2
Food/Personal	5	Electricity	9
Rent	11	Sewer	0

The Town also received 2 additional requests not meeting eligibility requirements of General Assistance, yet in need. Of those, \$794.89 was expended from the Samuel Watts Fund. The Fund also continues to fund \$1,250 towards the annual Thanksgiving Day baskets provided by the Thomaston Food Pantry and \$360 for District Nursing Blood Pressure Clinics. The Town also supported sixteen requests for other assistance totaling a cost of \$4,788.08 from the Charitable Fund.

THOMASTON TRUST FUNDS
ENDING BALANCES 6/30/14

CEMETERY FUNDS

Operating Fund – Checking	\$ 4,628.53
Helen McBride Flower Fund	\$ 471.06
Addie Guild Stone Cleaning	\$ 823.39
Leighton CD	\$ 4,732.44
Thomaston Cemetery/Leighton fund – Market Value	<u>\$ 477,324.16</u>
TOTAL CEMETERY FUNDS	\$ 487,979.58

DIETZ SCHOLARSHIP

Dietz Savings	\$ 797.94
Dietz CD	<u>\$ 64,729.60</u>
TOTAL DIETZ SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$ 65,526.88

CHARITY FUNDS

Lions Club	\$ 1,933.22
Charitable CD	\$ 116,898.78
Watts Fund	
Mary E. Campbell	
E.P. George Hospital Fund	
Cassandra A. Washburn	
Mary Watts Fund	
Samuel Watts – Checking	\$ 2,603.27
* Maine Community Foundation	\$ 84,425.50
Thomaston Charity Fund – Market Value	\$ 284,863.26
Charitable Fund – Market Value	<u>\$ 415,126.24</u>
TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS	\$ 905,850.27

THOMASTON PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS

Petty Cash	\$ 150.00
Operating Fund – Checking	\$ 2,291.64
Book Fund – Checking	\$ 1,573.83
Public Library Book Fund – Market Value	\$ 368,016.05
Library Agency Fund – Market Value	\$ 1,043,776.70
TOTAL LIBRARY FUNDS	\$ 1,415,808.22

TOTAL THOMASTON TRUST FUNDS **\$ 2,875,164.95**

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND	\$ 879,389.41
TIF	\$ 466,554.90
	\$ 1,345,944.31

* These Funds are held independently by Maine Community Foundation

Municipal Spending

TAX YEAR	MUNICIPAL LESS REVENUES	TOTAL MIL RATE	MUNICIPAL MIL RATE	KNOX COUNTY MIL RATE	SAD #50 MIL RATE	MUNICIPAL MIL RATE W/O UNDESIGN.	REVENUE FROM UNDESIGN.	VALUATION	TOTAL TAX COMMITTED
2001/2002	1,873,428			237,136	2,453,107				3,515,723
	<u>931,504</u>	25.30	6.58 ¹	1.52	17.2		0	138,961,350	(129,106)
	941,924			191,505					3,644,829
				45,631					
2002/2003	1,959,979			234,087	2,608,015				3,766,920
	<u>968,397</u>	22.8	6.13 ²	1.37	15.3			170,457,660	(119,221) ³
	991,582			178,849					3,886,141
				*55,238					
2003/2004	1,981,032			246,226	2,586,197				3,746,062
	<u>994,144</u>	22	5.82 ⁴	1.41	14.77			175,050,552	(105,050) ⁵
	986,888			185,433					3,851,112
				60,793					
2004/2005	2,086,574			262,383	2,581,807			191,845,085	3,847,301
	<u>1,040,044</u>	20.55	5.72 ⁶	1.37	13.46				(95,116) ⁷
	1,046,530			204,994					3,942,417
				57,389				31,586,850	649,110
							Total	223,431,935	4,496,411
2005/2006	2,171,182			259,234	2,487,157			200,989,447	3,837,112
	<u>1,012,793</u>	19.55	5.88 ⁸	1.29	12.38				(92,231) ⁹
	1,158,389			201,272					3,929,343
				57,962				45,134,667	882,383
							Total	246,124,114	4,719,495

¹ Includes overlay in the amount of \$12,661.76

² Includes overlay in the amount of \$ 52,457.

³ For tax year 2002/2003 the Homestead Exemption represents a \$5,229,000 valuation which translates into a savings to the taxpayers of \$119,221.

⁴ Includes overlay in the amount of \$ 31,801.

⁵ For tax year 2003/2004 the Homestead Exemption represents a \$4,775,000 valuation which translates into a savings to the taxpayers of \$105,050.

⁶ Includes overlay in the amount of \$ 51,696.

⁷ For tax year 2004/2005 the Homestead Exemption represents a \$4,650,000 valuation which translates into a savings to the taxpayers of \$95,558.

⁸ Includes overlay in the amount of \$23,239.

⁹ Homestead Valuation \$9,435,440 divided by 2 with Homestead Exemption savings of \$92,231

Municipal Spending

TAX YEAR	MUNICIPAL LESS REVENUES	TOTAL MIL RATE	MUNICIPAL MIL RATE	KNOX COUNTY MIL RATE	RSU #13 MIL RATE	MUNICIPAL MIL RATE W/O UNDESIGN.	REVENUE FROM UNDESIGN.	VALUATION	TOTAL TAX COMMITTED
2006/2007	2,378,216	20.10	6.27	277,406	2,670,118			213,048,078	4,183,288
	1,055,659			1.30	12.53				(98,979)
	1,322,557			216,749					4,282,266
Overlay	12,185			60,657				46,778,692	940,252
	1,334,743							259,826,770	5,123,540
2007/2008	2,543,116	15.80	5.28	307,939	2,868,303			301,818,271	4,692,480
	1,107,474			1.02	9.50				(76,249)
	1,435,642			238,316					4,768,729
Overlay	156,845			69,623				48,767,766	770,531
	1,592,487							350,586,037	5,463,011
2008/2009	2,682,073	14.95	5.02	326,176	2,891,520			323,941,118	4,747,893
	1,102,474			1.01	8.92				(72,244)
	1,579,599			250,613					(22,783)
Overlay	45,625			75,563				49,676,516	4,842,920
	1,625,224							373,617,634	742,663
									5,490,556
2009/2010	2,669,769	15.48	5.17	339,046	3,004,355			324,440,191	4,942,828
	1,034,032			1.05	9.26				(79,132)
	1,635,737			264,971					(373)
Overlay	43,196			74,075				51,516,074	5,022,334
	1,678,933							375,956,265	797,469
									5,740,297
2010/2011	2,723,125	15.77	5.18	362,865	3,081,598			325,421,025	5,068,734
	1,065,257			1.12	9.47				(59,747)
	1,657,868			279,685					(3,409)
Overlay	29,559			83,180				49,182,864	5,131,890
	1,687,427							374,603,889	775,614
									5,844,348
2011/2012	2,723,738	15.98	5.34	369,443	3,115,596			327,506,758	5,172,865
	987,978			1.13	9.51				(59,344)
	1,735,760			282,193					(1,348)
Overlay	12,758			87,250				49,408,196	5,233,557
	1,748,518							376,914,954	789,543
									5,962,408

Municipal Spending

TAX YEAR	MUNICIPAL LESS REVENUES	TOTAL MIL RATE	MUNICIPAL MIL RATE	KNOX COUNTY MIL RATE	RSU #13 MIL RATE	MUNICIPAL MIL RATE W/O UNDESIGN.	REVENUE FROM UNDESIGN.	VALUATION	TOTAL TAX COMMITTED
2012/2013	2,844,543	16.80	5.94	348,548	3,241,524			330,678,358	5,465,321
	897,368			1.06	9.80				(63,565)
	1,947,175			279,934					(26,511)
Overlay	18,150			68,614				49,730,802	5,555,396
	1,965,324							380,409,160	835,477
									6,300,798
2013/2014	2,836,216	16.74	6.12	367,738	3,221,566			338,123,260	5,565,831
	778,234			1.09	9.53				(61,329)
	2,057,982			297,530					(33,023)
Overlay	12,897			70,208				48,181,055	5,660,183
	2,070,879							386,304,315	806,551
									6,372,382
2014/2015	2,989,427	16.64	6.16	373,969	3,389,803			359,010,680	5,880,914
	787,012			1.04	9.44				(60,230)
	2,202,415			301,950					(32,794)
Overlay	7,751			72,019				45,077,467	5,973,938
	2,210,166							404,088,147	750,089
									6,631,003
Estimated 2015/2016	3,094,302	18.61	6.45	395,310	3,970,221			359,010,680	6,577,151
	787,012			1.10	11.06				(67,361)
	2,307,290			322,776					(36,676)
Overlay	8,368			72,534				45,077,467	6,681,189
	2,315,658							404,088,147	838,892
									7,416,043

Valuation Comparison

	2013/2014	2014/2015	ESTIMATE 2015/2016
Valuation			
Real Estate	333,588,086	345,650,678	345,650,678
Personal Property	47,079,902	52,847,064	52,847,064
Total Valuation	380,667,988	398,497,742	398,497,742
Homestead Exemption	3,663,622	3,619,617	3,619,617
BETE Exemption	1,972,705	1,970,789	1,970,789
Total Taxable Valuation Base	386,304,315	404,088,148	404,088,148
90% captured value in TIF Dist	47,178,093	44,180,981	44,180,981
70% captured value Downtown TIF	1,002,962	896,486	896,486
Non TIF Value	338,123,260	359,010,681	359,010,681
Revenues			
Tax Commitment	6,372,382	6,631,002	7,416,043
Anticipated Revenue	638,234	643,234	643,234
State Revenue Sharing	140,000	143,778	143,778
Homestead Reimbursement	61,329	60,230	67,361
BETE Reimbursement	33,023	32,794	36,676
Total Revenue	7,244,968	7,511,038	8,307,092
Revenue Commitments			
Appropriations Municipal	2,836,216	2,989,427	3,094,302
Dragon Reserve	789,761	735,171	822,208
Downtown Reserve	16,790	14,918	16,684
MSAD #50	3,221,566	3,389,803	3,970,221
Knox County Tax	367,738	373,969	395,310
Overlay	12,897	7,751	8,367
Total	7,244,968	7,511,038	8,307,092
Pollution Control			
Debt Service	50,000	50,000	50,000

AUDIT REPORT FOR FISCIAL YEAR 2013-2014

Independent Auditor's Report

Board of Selectmen
Town of Thomaston, Maine

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Thomaston, Maine as of and for the year ended June 30, 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town of Thomaston, Maine's basic financial statements, as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

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

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

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Thomaston, Maine as of June 30, 2014, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof and the budgetary comparison for the general fund for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

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

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Thomaston, Maine's basic financial statements. The combining and individual fund financial statements are presented for the purpose of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The combining and individual fund financial statements are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining

and individual fund financial statements are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 3, 2015, on our consideration of the Town of Thomaston, Maine's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Town of Thomaston, Maine's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Remya Kristen Ouellette". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

March 3, 2015
South Portland, Maine

Statement 1

TOWN OF THOMASTON, MAINE
Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2014

	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 38,124	425,453	463,577
Investments	4,721,788	-	4,721,788
Receivables:			
Taxes receivable	592,031	-	592,031
Tax liens	164,712	-	164,712
Accounts receivable	118,693	148,759	267,452
Loans	69,958	-	69,958
Internal balances	(62,943)	62,943	-
Capital assets not being depreciated	372,069	728,643	1,100,712
Capital assets being depreciated, net	5,850,451	10,307,235	16,157,686
Total assets	11,864,883	11,673,033	23,537,916
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable and payroll withholdings	70,406	6,313	76,719
Taxes collected in advance	15,093	-	15,093
Accrued compensated absences	94,474	-	94,474
Accrued interest	-	49,601	49,601
Noncurrent liabilities:			
Due within one year	65,637	241,121	306,758
Due in more than one year	379,891	4,008,602	4,388,493
Total liabilities	625,501	4,305,637	4,931,138
NET POSITION			
Net investment in capital assets	5,776,992	6,786,155	12,563,147
Restricted	3,406,249	-	3,406,249
Unrestricted	2,056,141	581,241	2,637,382
Total net position	\$ 11,239,382	7,367,396	18,606,778

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

TOWN OF THOMASTON, MAINE
Statement of Activities
For the year ended June 30, 2014

		Program Revenues			Net (expense) revenue and changes in net position		
			Operating	Capital	Primary Government		
		Charges for	grants and	grants and	Governmental	Business-type	Total
Functions/programs	Expenses	services	contributions	contributions	activities	activities	
Primary government:							
Governmental activities:							
General government	\$ 451,235	-	-	-	(451,235)	-	(451,235)
Municipal buildings	102,599	-	-	-	(102,599)	-	(102,599)
Public safety	675,613	-	-	-	(675,613)	-	(675,613)
Public works	727,505	5,899	109,120	85,660	(526,826)	-	(526,826)
Health and welfare	421,746	136,694	-	-	(285,052)	-	(285,052)
County assessment	367,738	-	-	-	(367,738)	-	(367,738)
Education	3,221,566	-	-	-	(3,221,566)	-	(3,221,566)
Leisure services	73,810	-	-	-	(73,810)	-	(73,810)
Local agencies	16,573	-	-	-	(16,573)	-	(16,573)
Library	116,239	2,250	-	-	(113,989)	-	(113,989)
Cemetery	37,097	11,425	-	-	(25,672)	-	(25,672)
Credit enhancement - tax increment financing	631,809	-	631,809	-	-	-	-
Unclassified	86,881	-	-	-	(86,881)	-	(86,881)
Employee benefits	434,929	-	-	-	(434,929)	-	(434,929)
Interest on debt	14,086	-	-	-	(14,086)	-	(14,086)
Capital maintenance and other	59,046	-	-	146,841	87,795	-	87,795
Total governmental activities	7,438,472	156,268	740,929	232,501	(6,308,774)	-	(6,308,774)
Business-type activities:							
Pollution control	1,055,206	446,971	-	-	-	(608,235)	(608,235)
Total business-type activities	1,055,206	446,971	-	-	-	(608,235)	(608,235)
Total primary government	\$ 8,493,678	603,239	740,929	232,501			
General revenues:							
Property taxes	\$	5,736,261	-	-	5,736,261	-	5,736,261
Excise taxes		404,295	-	-	404,295	-	404,295
Licenses, permits and fees		28,690	-	-	28,690	-	28,690
Cable TV franchise fee		19,517	-	-	19,517	-	19,517
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs:							
State revenue sharing		158,163	-	-	158,163	-	158,163
Homestead exemption		46,557	-	-	46,557	-	46,557
Other		12,009	80,070	-	92,079	-	92,079
Rental income		40,520	-	-	40,520	-	40,520
Investment income		217,497	553	-	218,050	-	218,050
Unclassified		453,734	5,416	-	459,150	-	459,150
Loss on disposal of assets		(5,522)	(15,280)	-	(20,802)	-	(20,802)
Transfers		(194,072)	194,072	-	-	-	-
Total general revenues and transfers		6,917,649	264,831		7,182,480		
Change in net position							
		608,875	(343,404)		265,471		
Net position - beginning							
		10,630,507	7,710,800		18,341,307		
Net position - ending							
	\$	11,239,382	7,367,396		18,606,778		

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

TOWN OF THOMASTON, MAINE
Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds
June 30, 2014

	General Fund	TIF Fund	"Non-TIF" Economic Development	Library Operating Fund	All Other Governmental Funds	Totals
ASSETS						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 23,453	-	-	2,442	12,229	38,124
Investments	2,832,671	-	-	1,043,777	845,340	4,721,788
Receivables:						
Taxes	592,031	-	-	-	-	592,031
Tax and sewer liens	164,712	-	-	-	-	164,712
Accounts	118,693	-	-	-	-	118,693
Loans	-	-	-	-	69,958	69,958
Interfund receivables	-	466,555	879,389	-	88,053	1,433,997
Total assets	\$ 3,731,560	466,555	879,389	1,046,219	1,015,580	7,139,303
LIABILITIES						
Accounts payable and payroll withholdings	68,912	-	1,275	219	-	70,406
Taxes collected in advance	15,093	-	-	-	-	15,093
Interfund payables	1,496,940	-	-	-	-	1,496,940
Total liabilities	1,580,945	-	1,275	219	-	1,582,439
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES						
Unavailable revenue - property taxes	575,000	-	-	-	-	575,000
Total deferred inflows of resources	575,000	-	-	-	-	575,000
FUND BALANCES						
Nonspendable	-	-	-	66,609	329,576	396,185
Restricted	-	466,555	878,114	979,391	686,004	3,010,064
Assigned	771,837	-	-	-	-	771,837
Unassigned	803,778	-	-	-	-	803,778
Total fund balances	1,575,615	466,555	878,114	1,046,000	1,015,580	4,981,864
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balances	\$ 3,731,560	466,555	879,389	1,046,219	1,015,580	
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:						
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.						6,222,520
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current period expenditures and, therefore, are unavailable in the funds.						575,000
Long-term liabilities that are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds:						
Accrued compensated absences						(94,474)
Bonds payable						(445,528)
Net position of governmental activities					\$	11,239,382

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

TOWN OF THOMASTON, MAINE
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Governmental Funds
For the year ended June 30, 2014

	General Fund	TIF Fund	"Non-TIF" Economic Development Fund	Library Operating Fund	All Other Governmental Funds	Totals
Revenues:						
Taxes	\$ 5,962,590	806,551	-	-	-	6,769,141
Licenses, permits and fees	28,690	-	-	-	-	28,690
Intergovernmental	477,881	-	-	-	-	477,881
Charges for services	142,593	-	201,250	2,095	11,580	357,518
Investment income	488	257	587	47,030	16,565	64,927
Net investment gains	-	-	-	73,115	79,455	152,570
Other revenues	288,233	-	2,000	31,948	19,033	341,214
Total revenues	6,900,475	806,808	203,837	154,188	126,633	8,191,941
Expenditures:						
Current:						
General government	394,221	-	-	-	-	394,221
Municipal buildings	102,599	-	-	-	-	102,599
Public safety	641,779	-	-	-	-	641,779
Public works	455,434	-	-	-	-	455,434
Health and welfare	421,746	-	-	-	-	421,746
Education	3,221,566	-	-	-	-	3,221,566
County assessment	367,738	-	-	-	-	367,738
Recreation and leisure	64,816	-	-	-	-	64,816
Local agencies	16,573	-	-	-	-	16,573
Employee benefits	434,929	-	-	-	-	434,929
Library	-	-	-	87,074	19,314	106,388
Cemetery	-	-	-	-	37,097	37,097
Credit enhancement - tax increment financing	-	631,809	-	-	-	631,809
Unclassified	100,177	-	-	7,381	5,898	113,456
Debt service	-	51,983	-	-	-	51,983
Capital outlays and other	454,444	20,928	41,822	-	13,422	530,616
Total expenditures	6,676,022	704,720	41,822	94,455	75,731	7,592,750
Excess of revenues over expenditures	224,453	102,088	162,015	59,733	50,902	599,191
Other financing uses:						
Transfers out	(50,000)	(62,383)	(81,689)	-	-	(194,072)
Total other financing uses	(50,000)	(62,383)	(81,689)	-	-	(194,072)
Net change in fund balances	174,453	39,705	80,326	59,733	50,902	405,119
Fund balances, beginning of year	1,401,162	426,850	797,788	986,267	964,678	4,576,745
Fund balances, end of year	\$ 1,575,615	466,555	878,114	1,046,000	1,015,580	4,981,864

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

TOWN OF THOMASTON, MAINE
Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures,
and Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds
to the Statement of Activities
For the year ended June 30, 2014

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds (from Statement 4)	\$	405,119
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities (Statement 2) are different because:		
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlays (\$541,570) exceeded loss on sale of assets (\$5,522) and depreciation expense (\$447,528) in the current period.		
		88,520
Revenues in the governmental funds that are not reported in the statement of activities, change in unavailable property tax revenue.		55,000
Change in accrual for vacation and sick pay recorded on the statement of net position, but not on the governmental funds - balance sheet.		(4,236)
Repayment of bond principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net position. This represents the principal repayments.		64,472
Change in net position of governmental activities (see Statement 2)	\$	608,875

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

TOWN OF THOMASTON, MAINE
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance--
Budget and Actual--General Fund
For the year ended June 30, 2014

	Budget		Actual	Variance with final budget positive (negative)
	Original	Final		
Revenues:				
Taxes	\$ 5,982,330	5,982,330	5,962,590	(19,740)
Licenses, permits and fees	22,370	22,370	28,690	6,320
Intergovernmental	321,486	321,486	477,881	156,395
Charges for services	38,750	38,750	142,593	103,843
Investment income	700	700	488	(212)
Other revenues	72,780	72,780	288,233	215,453
Total revenues	6,438,416	6,438,416	6,900,475	462,059
Expenditures:				
Current:				
General government	395,585	405,626	394,221	11,405
Municipal buildings	93,925	94,087	102,599	(8,512)
Public safety	593,235	600,417	641,779	(41,362)
Public works	441,000	446,071	455,434	(9,363)
Health and welfare	345,440	347,065	421,746	(74,681)
Education	3,221,566	3,221,566	3,221,566	-
Intergovernmental - county tax	367,738	367,738	367,738	-
Recreation and leisure	78,142	77,942	64,816	13,126
Local agencies	20,233	20,233	16,573	3,660
Employee benefits	424,410	424,410	434,929	(10,519)
Unclassified	131,299	107,418	100,177	7,241
Capital outlays and other	337,743	337,743	454,444	(116,701)
Total expenditures	6,450,316	6,450,316	6,676,022	(225,706)
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	(11,900)	(11,900)	224,453	236,353
Other financing sources (uses):				
Transfers out	(50,000)	(50,000)	(50,000)	-
Utilization of fund balance and capital reserves	61,900	61,900	-	(61,900)
Total other financing sources (uses)	11,900	11,900	(50,000)	(61,900)
Net change in fund balance	-	-	174,453	174,453
Fund balance, beginning of year			1,401,162	
Fund balance, end of year	\$		1,575,615	

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Statement 7

TOWN OF THOMASTON, MAINE
Statement of Net Position
Proprietary Fund
June 30, 2014

Business-type Activities - Enterprise Fund		Pollution Control
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	425,453
Accounts receivable		148,759
Interfund receivable		62,943
Total current assets		637,155
Noncurrent assets:		
Pollution control capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation		11,035,878
Net noncurrent assets		11,035,878
Total assets	\$	11,673,033
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable		6,313
Accrued interest		49,601
Current portion of long-term debt		241,121
Total current liabilities		297,035
Long-term liabilities:		
Bonds and notes payable		4,008,602
Total long-term liabilities		4,008,602
Total liabilities		4,305,637
NET POSITION		
Net investment in capital assets		6,786,155
Unrestricted		581,241
Total net position	\$	7,367,396

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Statement 8

TOWN OF THOMASTON, MAINE
Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Position
Proprietary Fund
For the year ended June 30, 2014

Business-type Activities - Enterprise Fund	
	Pollution Control
Operating revenues:	
Charges for services	446,971
Other income	5,416
Total operating revenues	452,387
Operating expenses:	
Salaries and benefits	135,941
Utilities	56,710
Administration	22,488
Maintenance	21,250
Miscellaneous	8,319
Lab operations	3,557
Transportation	6,122
Town forest	665
Insurance	11,003
Sewer line connections and inspection	3,783
Amortization	12,829
Depreciation	596,425
Total operating expenses	879,092
Operating loss	(426,705)
Nonoperating revenues (expenses):	
Investment income	553
Rural Development grant proceeds	70,070
Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund grant	10,000
Sewer projects	(8,800)
Thorndike land purchase	(14,674)
Gain(loss) on sale of assets	(15,280)
Interest expense	(152,640)
Total nonoperating revenues (expenses)	(110,771)
Change in net position before transfers	(537,476)
Other financing sources:	
Transfer in from General Fund	50,000
Transfer in from TIF and non-TIF funds	144,072
Total other financing sources	194,072
Change in net position	(343,404)
Net position, beginning of year	7,710,800
Net position, end of year	7,367,396

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Statement 9

TOWN OF THOMASTON, MAINE
Statement of Cash Flows
Proprietary Funds
For the year ended June 30, 2014

Business-type Activities - Enterprise Fund		Pollution Control
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Receipts from customers and users	\$	414,157
Payments to suppliers		(142,515)
Payments to employees		(135,941)
Net cash provided by operating activities		135,701
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Investment income received		553
Net cash provided by investing activities		553
Cash flows from noncapital financing activities:		
Interfund transactions with General Fund		131,130
Net cash provided by noncapital financing activities		131,130
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:		
Grant proceeds		80,070
Sewer projects		(8,800)
Principal paid on bond maturities		(233,659)
Interest paid on bonds		(154,543)
Acquisition of capital assets		(235,692)
Net cash used in capital and related financing activities		(552,624)
Net decrease in cash		(285,240)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year		710,693
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$	425,453
Reconciliation of operating loss to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Operating loss		(426,705)
Adjustments to reconcile operating loss to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization		609,254
Increase in receivables		(38,230)
Decrease in payables		(8,618)
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$	135,701

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Statement 10

TOWN OF THOMASTON, MAINE
Statement of Fiduciary Net Position
Fiduciary Funds
June 30, 2014

		Agency Funds
	Private-purpose Trust Funds	4th of July
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 184,359	33,587
Investments	699,990	-
Total assets	884,349	33,587
LIABILITIES		
Amounts held for others	-	33,587
Total liabilities	-	33,587
NET POSITION		
Held in trust for other purposes	884,349	-
Total net position	\$ 884,349	-

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Statement 11

TOWN OF THOMASTON, MAINE
Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position
Fiduciary Funds
For the year ended June 30, 2014

	Private- purpose Trust Funds
Additions:	
Investment income:	
Interest	\$ 27,725
Investment gains	50,654
Total additions	78,379
Deductions:	
Current:	
Dietz	2,000
Charity	8,432
Total deductions	10,432
Change in net position	67,947
Net position, beginning of year	816,402
Net position, end of year	\$ 884,349

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Exhibit A-1

TOWN OF THOMASTON, MAINE
General Fund
Comparative Balance Sheets
June 30, 2013 and 2014

	2014	2013
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 23,453	22,682
Investments	2,832,671	2,376,594
Receivables:		
Taxes	592,031	587,192
Tax liens	164,712	176,425
Accounts	118,693	129,842
Total assets	\$ 3,731,560	3,292,735
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	68,912	65,657
Taxes collected in advance	15,093	7,117
Interfund payables	1,496,940	1,298,799
Total liabilities	1,580,945	1,371,573
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Unavailable revenue - property taxes	575,000	520,000
Total deferred inflows of resources	575,000	520,000
FUND BALANCES		
Assigned	771,837	656,034
Unassigned	803,778	745,128
Total fund balances	1,575,615	1,401,162
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balance	\$ 3,731,560	3,292,735

TOWN OF THOMASTON, MAINE				
General Fund				
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance				
Budget and Actual				
For the year ended June 30, 2014 (with comparative actual amounts for 2013)				
	2014		Variance	2013
	Revised	Actual	positive	Actual
	Budget		(negative)	
Revenues:				
Taxes:				
Property taxes	\$ 5,565,830	5,561,519	(4,311)	5,467,206
Change in unavailable taxes	-	(55,000)	(55,000)	(168,000)
Supplementals	-	7,445	7,445	3,985
Interest and costs on taxes	41,000	44,331	3,331	30,939
Excise:				
Motor vehicle	371,500	400,408	28,908	369,021
Recreation	4,000	3,887	(113)	3,866
Total taxes	5,982,330	5,962,590	(19,740)	5,707,017
Licenses, permits and fees	22,370	28,690	6,320	30,954
Intergovernmental:				
State revenue sharing	140,000	158,163	18,163	242,277
Homestead exemption	61,329	46,557	(14,772)	63,565
Local road assistance	26,184	26,640	456	25,860
General assistance reimbursement	15,000	12,009	(2,991)	12,681
Gas tax refund	6,200	3,589	(2,611)	3,831
Veteran's exemption	3,000	3,454	454	3,205
Snowmobile reimbursement	250	291	41	245
Tree growth	1,500	2,403	903	2,458
PERC performance credit	35,000	50,100	15,100	53,523
CDBG Grant - Façade	-	141,622	141,622	20,878
BETE reimbursements	33,023	33,053	30	26,539
Total intergovernmental	321,486	477,881	156,395	455,062
Charges for services:				
Stump dump fees	9,500	5,899	(3,601)	6,019
Ambulance	29,250	136,694	107,444	113,327
Total charges for services	38,750	142,593	103,843	119,346
Investment income:				
Interest earned - reserve accounts	-	220	220	314
Other interest income, net	700	268	(432)	608
Total investment income	700	488	(212)	922
Other revenues:				
Rental income	31,600	34,079	2,479	43,164
Utility reimbursement--tenants	5,000	6,441	1,441	6,243
Cable television franchise fee	19,500	19,517	17	19,713
Tower lease	15,180	24,380	9,200	15,180
Wal-Mart Grant	-	2,000	2,000	-
Samuel Watts Fund	-	2,890	2,890	2,730
Reimbursement - Pollution Control - Public Works	-	59,020	59,020	57,300
Reimbursement - Insurance	-	29,768	29,768	449
Reimbursement - Senior Citizens	-	-	-	300
Reimbursement - Knox County Sheriff	-	24,000	24,000	-
MMA workers comp refund	-	2,716	2,716	4,217
Georges River Tidewater grant	-	-	-	30,000
Davis Conservation Foundation Grant	-	-	-	10,000
Police MDT Connectivity Grant	-	-	-	2,175
EMS Computer Equipment Grant	-	-	-	416
FEMA Grant	-	5,219	5,219	17,419
Maine DEP Installation	-	-	-	16,058
Friends of the Library donation	-	50,000	50,000	-
Miscellaneous	1,500	28,203	26,703	39,091
Total other revenues	72,780	288,233	215,453	264,455
Total revenues	6,438,416	6,900,475	462,059	6,577,756

TOWN OF THOMASTON, MAINE
General Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
Budget and Actual, Continued

	2014		Variance positive (negative)	2013 Actual
	Revised Budget	Actual		
Expenditures:				
Current:				
General government:				
Selectmen	\$ 27,687	26,715	972	45,939
Town Manager	129,248	130,991	(1,743)	123,034
Clerk's office	42,319	39,010	3,309	37,000
General office	28,813	27,306	1,507	29,028
Finance	50,999	54,333	(3,334)	46,395
Administration	16,900	16,414	486	21,115
Contingency	750	755	(5)	944
Computer	18,000	16,567	1,433	17,505
Code enforcement	44,348	44,092	256	25,441
Assessor	46,362	38,038	8,324	66,575
Planning Board	200	-	200	101
Total general government	405,626	394,221	11,405	413,077
Municipal buildings:				
Watts Block	52,762	68,895	(16,133)	51,721
Academy buildings	41,325	33,704	7,621	38,509
Total municipal buildings	94,087	102,599	(8,512)	90,230
Public safety:				
Fire department	101,286	104,871	(3,585)	97,444
Police department	303,368	339,967	(36,599)	291,719
Protection and safety	195,763	196,941	(1,178)	191,600
Total public safety	600,417	641,779	(41,362)	580,763
Public works	446,071	455,434	(9,363)	432,605
Health and welfare:				
Ambulance	109,065	183,432	(74,367)	184,402
Transfer station	214,000	224,052	(10,052)	207,203
General assistance	24,000	14,262	9,738	29,195
Total health and welfare	347,065	421,746	(74,681)	420,800
Education - RSU No. 13	3,221,566	3,221,566	-	3,241,524
Intergovernmental - county tax	367,738	367,738	-	348,547
Recreation and leisure	77,942	64,816	13,126	65,456
Local agencies	20,233	16,573	3,660	18,251
Employee benefits	424,410	434,929	(10,519)	390,928
Unclassified:				
Overlay/abatements	12,897	7,504	5,393	13,285
Insurances	48,100	41,801	6,299	41,494
Public restrooms	1,800	1,379	421	888
Ambulance billing	-	6,943	(6,943)	7,410
Computer	1,425	448	977	473
Memberships	4,500	4,406	94	4,504
Regional Planning Commission	600	600	-	600
Maine Service Coalition	500	-	500	500
Fourth of July	10,000	10,000	-	10,000
Flags	500	-	500	-
Public library	27,096	27,096	-	25,650
Total unclassified	107,418	100,177	7,241	104,804

Exhibit A-2, Cont.

TOWN OF THOMASTON, MAINE
General Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
Budget and Actual, Continued

	2014		Variance positive (negative)	2013 Actual
	Revised Budget	Actual		
Expenditures, continued:				
Capital outlays and other: \$				
Fire apparatus - pumper truck	-	-	-	224,597
Paving projects	81,000	81,000	-	80,631
Public works siding and insulation	-	-	-	34,963
Police cruisers (2)	-	-	-	39,636
Police radio transmission	3,800	3,800	-	-
Watts Hall brick repointing	-	17,983	(17,983)	-
Sidewalk replacement	30,000	7,931	22,069	-
Computers	-	4,959	(4,959)	15,233
Cemetery	19,000	19,000	-	19,000
Power Pro ambulance cot	-	-	-	-
Stormwater System - High St/Marsh Rd (Fluker St.)	-	-	-	449
Protective clothing	7,000	7,000	-	6,830
2010 EMA work plan	4,043	380	3,663	3,709
Thomaston/Brooks	-	-	-	10,000
Shellfish management	3,000	3,000	-	2,500
Fire equipment (SCBA)	2,400	2,277	123	2,100
CDBG - Streetscape Phase II	-	129,274	(129,274)	19,967
Georges River Tidewater	-	-	-	30,005
Maine DEP installation	-	-	-	15,550
2010 water main - Cross Street	-	-	-	25,367
Academy central air system/roof repairs	51,900	105,563	(53,663)	-
CDBG match	-	12,500	(12,500)	-
Downtown TIF	-	-	-	-
Expended from assigned fund balance amounts:				
Administration	-	43,589	(43,589)	27,120
Equipment	-	-	-	13,977
Fire station heating system	-	-	-	9,929
EMA workplan	-	1,508	(1,508)	-
Police forfeiture	-	-	-	3,095
Recreation donations	-	-	-	1,401
Watts Hall rental	-	-	-	952
Police Connectivity grant	-	1,441	(1,441)	-
Planters	-	-	-	-
Public infrastructure	-	13,090	(13,090)	766
Informed growth	-	-	-	459
Police training	-	149	(149)	-
Raised to increase reserves (assigned fund balances):				
Academy building	12,600	-	12,600	-
Ambulance	15,000	-	15,000	-
Dump truck	10,000	-	10,000	-
Computers	10,000	-	10,000	-
Police cruiser	13,000	-	13,000	-
Municipal facilities	50,000	-	50,000	-
Fire apparatus	25,000	-	25,000	-
Total capital outlays and other	337,743	454,444	(116,701)	588,236
Total expenditures	6,450,316	6,676,022	(225,706)	6,695,221
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	(11,900)	224,453	236,353	(117,465)

Exhibit A-2, Cont.

TOWN OF THOMASTON, MAINE
General Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
Budget and Actual, Continued

	2014		Variance positive (negative)	2013 Actual
	Revised Budget	Actual		
Other financing sources (uses):				
Transfers out - pollution control	\$ (50,000)	(50,000)	-	(100,000)
Utilization of prior capital reserves and carryforward balances	61,900	-	(61,900)	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	11,900	(50,000)	(61,900)	(100,000)
Net change in fund balances	-	174,453	174,453	(217,465)
Fund balance, beginning		1,401,162		1,618,627
Fund balance, ending	\$	1,575,615		1,401,162

TOWN OF THOMASTON, MAINE
Nonmajor Governmental Funds
Combining Balance Sheet
June 30, 2014

	Nonmajor Special Revenue Fund		Nonmajor Permanent Funds		
	Thomaston Green Fund	CDBG Loan Fund	Library Book Fund	Cemetery Fund	Totals
ASSETS					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ -	-	1,574	10,655	12,229
Investments	-	-	368,016	477,324	845,340
Loans receivable	-	69,958	-	-	69,958
Interfund receivables	21,511	66,542	-	-	88,053
Total assets	\$ 21,511	136,500	369,590	487,979	1,015,580
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES					
Liabilities:					
Accounts payable	-	-	-	-	-
Total liabilities	-	-	-	-	-
Fund balances:					
Nonspendable, principal	-	-	97,172	162,446	259,618
Nonspendable, non-current receivables	-	69,958	-	-	69,958
Restricted	21,511	66,542	272,418	325,533	686,004
Total fund balances	21,511	136,500	369,590	487,979	1,015,580
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$ 21,511	136,500	369,590	487,979	1,015,580

TOWN OF THOMASTON, MAINE
Nonmajor Governmental Funds
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
For the year ended June 30, 2014

	Nonmajor Special Revenue Fund		Nonmajor Permanent Funds		Total
	Thomaston	CDBG	Library	Cemetery	
	Green Fund	Loan Fund	Book Fund	Fund	
Revenues:					
Charges for services	\$ -	-	155	11,425	11,580
Investment income:					
Interest	-	-	16,555	10	16,565
Net investment gains	-	-	25,777	53,678	79,455
Other revenues	14	-	-	19,019	19,033
Total revenues	14	-	42,487	84,132	126,633
Expenditures:					
Current:					
Library	-	-	19,314	-	19,314
Cemetery	-	-	-	37,097	37,097
Fees	-	-	2,600	3,298	5,898
Capital outlay	13,422	-	-	-	13,422
Total expenditures	13,422	-	21,914	40,395	75,731
Net change in fund balances	(13,408)	-	20,573	43,737	50,902
Fund balances, beginning of year	34,919	136,500	349,017	444,242	964,678
Fund balances, end of year	\$ 21,511	136,500	369,590	487,979	1,015,580

Exhibit C-1

TOWN OF THOMASTON, MAINE
Private-purpose Trust Funds
Combining Statement of Fiduciary Net Position
June 30, 2014

	Dietz Scholarship Fund	Charity Fund	Total
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 65,527	118,832	184,359
Investments	-	699,990	699,990
Total assets	\$ 65,527	818,822	884,349
NET POSITION			
Held in trust for other purposes	65,527	818,822	884,349
Total net position	\$ 65,527	818,822	884,349

Exhibit C-2

TOWN OF THOMASTON, MAINE
Private-purpose Trust Funds
Combining Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position
For the year ended June 30, 2014

	Dietz Scholarship Fund	Charity Fund	Total
Additions:			
Investment income:			
Interest	\$ 114	27,611	27,725
Net investments gains	-	50,654	50,654
Total additions	114	78,265	78,379
Deductions			
Current:			
Dietz	2,000	-	2,000
Charity	-	8,432	8,432
Total deductions	2,000	8,432	10,432
Change in net position	(1,886)	69,833	67,947
Net position, beginning of year	67,413	748,989	816,402
Net position, end of year	\$ 65,527	818,822	884,349

Exhibit D-1

TOWN OF THOMASTON, MAINE Agency Funds Schedule of Changes in Assets For the year ended June 30, 2014	
	4th of July
Assets, June 30, 2013	\$ 44,916
Additions:	
Contributions	22,062
Interest and gains	84
Total asset additions	22,146
Deductions:	
Withdrawals	33,475
Total asset deductions	33,475
Assets, June 30, 2014	\$ 33,587

TOWN OF THOMASTON, MAINE

**Reports Required by *Government*
*Auditing Standards***

For the Year Ended June 30, 2014



Certified Public Accountants and Business Consultants

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL
REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN
AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE
WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

Select Board
Town of Thomaston, Maine

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Thomaston, Maine, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town of Thomaston, Maine's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated March 3, 2015.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Town of Thomaston, Maine's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified. We did identify certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses as items 2014-001 and 2014-002 that we consider to be significant deficiencies.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL
REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN
AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE
WITH *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS*, CONTINUED

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Town of Thomaston, Maine's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

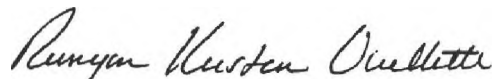
During our audit, we also became aware of certain opportunities for strengthening internal controls and operating efficiency. They have been identified on the attached schedule as "Other Comments".

Town of Thomaston, Maine's Responses to Findings

The Town of Thomaston, Maine's responses to the findings identified in our audit are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses. The Town of Thomaston, Maine's responses were not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Town's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



March 3, 2015
South Portland, Maine

TOWN OF THOMASTON, MAINE
Schedule of Findings and Responses

Findings Required to be Reported Under *Government Auditing Standards*

SIGNIFICANT DEFICIENCIES

2014-001 - Segregation of Duties (repeated)

Segregation of duties involves the assignment of responsibilities in such a way that different employees handle different parts of the same transaction. Anyone who records transactions or has access to assets ordinarily is in a position to perpetrate errors or irregularities. Appropriate segregation of duties helps to detect errors in a timely manner and deter improper activities. For example, having an employee with no cash receipts responsibility open the mail is considered more effective in meeting the applicable specific internal accounting control objectives. Additionally, someone who records transactions in the general ledger should not have access to assets such as cash.

Because of the small size of the Town's accounting staff, ideal segregation of duties is not practical. We wish to inform you that certain functions, ideally performed by separate individuals, cannot be accomplished and therefore, internal accounting controls are not as strong as they might otherwise be. Currently, the Town Manager and Selectmen review a number of reports for unusual items or fluctuations, which provide a compensating control for the weaknesses that exist. To further compensate for these weaknesses, we recommend that perhaps the Town should consider closing the separate checking account for Pollution Control and running the activity through the Town's general operating account. The Town's accounting system would adequately account for the activity in the Pollution Control department by use of a separate fund within the general ledger system. By combining these accounts, it would also allow the Town to eliminate the current "separate company" general ledger set up currently being used. One warrant could be prepared encompassing both General Town operations and Pollution Control operations. We feel this would not only save on a great deal of staff time, but would streamline many operating and review functions and eliminate some of the "segregation of duties" conditions currently in place.

Management response/corrective action plan:

The 2012-2013 audit completed by Runyon Kersteen Ouellette also had two deficiencies; one on the Segregation of Duties and second on the Preparation of Financial Statements. The auditor presented concepts to mitigate the Segregation of Duties to a certain degree through combining the separate Pollution Control accounts under the General Fund as a separate company and to change the duties and responsibilities of the Accounting Clerk to a position ultimately determined by the Board as Municipal Finance Coordinator. These changes were implemented in 2013-2014 to allow for improved Segregation of Duties without hiring additional staffing and move the Town towards completing all financial statements internally prior to the annual audit.

TOWN OF THOMASTON, MAINE
Schedule of Findings and Responses, Continued

Section II - Findings Required to be Reported Under *Government Auditing Standards*, continued

2014-002 Preparation of Financial Statements (repeated)

Auditing Standards require external auditors to determine whether or not client personnel designed as having responsibility over the financial reporting process possess the expertise to identify all financial reporting matters in compliance with generally accepted accounting principles without the reliance on external auditors. This means that these individuals would need to have the knowledge of all the various financial statement disclosure requirements in addition to an understanding of fund financial statements and government-wide financial statements. From a practical standpoint, the costs of maintaining the expertise in-house to meet these requirements often exceed the benefit. As a result, it is common practice for governmental entities to rely on assistance from their auditing firm to assist in the preparation of the financial statements and the related disclosures. When the auditing firm prepares the financial statements, the Town must assign a competent, management level individual to oversee this service. Additionally, management must review, approve and accept responsibility for the financial statements and related notes.

Because the Town currently takes this approach, it is considered to have a control deficiency in the design of internal controls over the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

We recommend that in future years, to the extent practical, sections of the financial statements, including the governmental fund financial statements, the Pollution control (proprietary fund) statements, the entity wide statements (Statement 1 and 2) and the footnotes be mastered.

Management response/corrective action plan:

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OTHER COMMENTS

Credit Card Accounts

During the course of the audit, it came to our attention that the Town utilizes various credit card and store card charge accounts. Since having these accounts circumvents the Town's approval process for cash disbursements, we would recommend that the Town develop a policy on the use of charge accounts and how those charges should be authorized.

Management response/corrective action plan:

The Town is in the process of refining a policy on the use, however limited. Currently, 95% of all charges in the Town's name are no different than any other transaction. They are completed with a Purchase Order and the vendor submits a monthly statement, which are approved as a component of the Warrant. Those transactions outside this process are the Internet transactions that are paid upon the action of the transaction.

TOWN OF THOMASTON, MAINE
Schedule of Findings and Responses, Continued

Section II - Findings Required to be Reported Under *Government Auditing Standards*, continued

Fund Balance

As part of a comprehensive financial policy, the Town should establish a formal policy regarding the level of fund balance in the General Fund that the Town should maintain for contingencies and other purposes. The fund balance of the General Fund is considered to be the difference between General Fund assets and General Fund liabilities. Further, portions of fund balance represent expendable, available financial resources that can be used to meet contingencies and working capital requirements. Sufficient levels of unassigned fund balance can ensure the continued orderly operation of government, provision of services to residents, and the continued stability of the tax structure. Local governments that have a sufficient level of unassigned fund balance can avoid or reduce budget cutbacks and tax increases if budget shortfalls develop during the fiscal year.

Management response/corrective action plan:

The Town of Thomaston is in the process of responding to your request by establishing a formal policy for Fund Balance in General Fund. For the past 20 years, the Town has maintained a Fund Balance of between 10% and 15% of the annual total commitment, which is approximately \$750,000 to \$1 million.

TOWN MEETING



Citizen's Guide to Town Meeting Town Meeting Procedures Warrant 2015 / 2016

LOCAL GOVERNMENT *begins with*

A Citizen's Guide to Town Meeting - Ten questions you've always wanted to ask.

When was the last time you attended Town Meeting? When was the last time you stayed for the whole meeting? When was the last time you asked a question during the meeting? Proposed an amendment to an article? Asked the selectmen to include an article in the warrant?

This guide to Town Meeting is offered to those who have never attended before and do not know what the word "article" means. It is also meant to help voters who have attended but were reluctant to ask a question for fear of sounding "silly." Either way, the idea is for voters to attend, participate and understand Town Meetings in Maine, which represent a fundamental and important part of governance. Local government really does begin with you.

WHAT HAPPENS AT TOWN MEETING?

Town Meeting serves many of the same functions as the Legislature in Augusta and the Congress in Washington, passing laws and adopting budgets. But Town Meeting is more than just the "legislature;" it is also the "electorate," electing the selectmen and other town officials. In fact, under state law, the only thing required of the annual town meeting is the election of the municipal officials.

Elections may occur in two ways. The traditional way is to nominate officials from the floor of the meeting and to vote by a show of hands or by writing names on a paper ballot. A more recent way (1890) is to require candidates to declare their candidacies prior to the Town Meeting by taking out nomination papers. Voting is then done by secret ballot in the privacy of a voting booth.

Unlike the state Legislature and Congress, Town Meeting is not a representative body. It's just what it says it is: a meeting in which participation is the right and responsibility of every voter. Some say Town Meeting is the "purest form of democracy" because citizens, not their representatives, participate directly in the making of laws and the raising and spending of their taxes.

Since colonial times, the Town Meeting has been a staple of local government in New England. Today, in Maine, most towns still operate under the Town Meeting form of government.

WHY SHOULD I PARTICIPATE IN TOWN MEETING?

The best and perhaps most colorful answer to this question appeared in the Biddeford Journal Tribune in March 1994:

“If you ask why town meetings are so poorly attended, people will tell you they go if there’s something exciting on the warrant. They’ve been watching too much television. When it comes to doing your civic duty (which is the key to accountability in self-government) there’s no room for channel surfing. On town meeting day, town meeting is the only show in town.

“Or they’ll say town meeting is held at the wrong time, or that there are too many issues decided by secret ballot, or that the selectmen do what they want no matter what people say. Well, the way to get things changed (including town meeting scheduling and secret ballot votes) is to attend town meeting and put up a fuss. And it’s no wonder the selectmen and other officials take control of municipal affairs. Somebody has to....

“The purest form of democracy is participatory democracy, in which you put your butt in the chair at the meeting house or the high school gym and you have your say and you cast your vote on every last blessed item on the warrant... You might slip out for a coffee but you don’t slip out for the whole day. If you do, you’re part of the problem and somebody else is going to solve it...”

DO I HAVE TO KNOW PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE TO PARTICIPATE?

No. That’s why you elect a moderator at the opening of the meeting. The moderator is familiar with parliamentary procedure and is there to keep the meeting moving forward properly until all of the “articles” or items of business have been acted upon. Voters may not talk without being recognized by the moderator. You should direct all of your questions to the moderator. If an item of business is not on the “warrant,” the name given to the list of articles, Town Meeting cannot act on it.

To approve an article: It is customary for the moderator to read the article aloud and ask if someone will make a motion on the article; usually someone will respond by saying “I move the article;” the moderator then asks, “Is there is a second?” Someone will usually respond, “I second the motion.”

This formality sets the stage for the discussion that follows. The moderator then rereads the motion and calls for a vote. It is best not to make a negative motion because people get confused when a “yes” vote means “no.” The best approach, if you oppose an article, is to move the article and vote against it.

To amend an article: Sometimes, during the discussion, someone will propose a change. For example, in a so-called “open-ended” money article, they may want to increase or decrease the amount of money recommended by the budget committee or selectmen. The amendment must be seconded; there must also be an opportunity to discuss the amendment before voting on it. If the amendment passes, then the motion, as amended, is voted on. If the amendment does not pass, and there are no further amendments, then the original motion is voted upon.

It should be noted that amendments to so-called “capped” money articles – articles in which the amount of money is contained in the actual wording of the article – are limited: The amount may only be decreased. Also, ordinances may not be amended from the floor; the vote on an ordinance must be up or down with no amendment.

Also, over the years Town Meeting moderators and Town Meeting practices themselves may have evolved in ways that are slightly different from what happens in the town next door. That is to be expected with a practice that has been around for more than 200 years! And, that makes it easier for you to ask questions about protocol during Town Meetings that you attend. Many people do so by raising their hands, saying “point of order” and then asking a polite procedural question of the moderator.

WILL I SEEM SILLY IF I ASK QUESTIONS?

No. Most articles in the warrant are less than brief and are written to comply with legal requirements. Which is to say, many articles are not self-explanatory. That’s why some towns include a reader-friendly “explanation” along with the article. But even if your town does this, if you want or need more information before you vote, you have a duty to ask for it. Voting for something you do not understand is worse than not voting at all. Most likely your neighbor has the same questions you do. Once you break the ice with your question, others will feel more comfortable asking their questions. Some of the commonly asked questions are:

- ►How much did we spend last year on this? How does this compare with last year and can you explain the difference? ►Can we set up a committee to study this? I don’t think the town has enough information to vote on this article.
- ►Should we establish a reserve account and build for this instead of borrowing money or raising taxes this year?
- ►Are we taking too much from surplus? How much will this leave us with in surplus?
- ►Is this ordinance really necessary? What’s really the problem?
- ►Why is work being done on the “_____ Road” this year?

Some tips for asking questions: Keep your questions short and to the point. Ask one question at a time. Direct your questions to the moderator. Don’t interrupt the person who is trying to answer your question. Don’t get personal.

SUPPOSE I DON’T WANT PEOPLE TO KNOW MY VOTE?

There are several methods of voting used at town meeting:

- Voice Vote (yeas and nays)
- Show of Hands (when a voice vote is questioned)
- Standing Vote (if the show of hands is indecisive)
- Division of the House (the most decisive of the first four methods; the moderator asks those voting in the affirmative to move to one side of the room and those voting in the negative to move to the other)

Some people say it makes them uncomfortable when they are asked to raise their hands to vote at town meeting; they don't want their neighbors to know how they are voting on certain issues. If that is the case, there is a fifth method of voting that takes care of that:

Written ballot (not to be confused with statutory secret ballots that must be prepared ahead of time and are used when voting is done at the polls.) By law, the moderator, selectmen, and school board members must be elected by written ballot. However, any voter can move that any other article be voted on by written ballot, at any time before the article is voted upon. The motion must be seconded, and no discussion is allowed before voting on the motion to vote by written ballot. Some argue that it takes too much time to vote by written ballot.

SUPPOSE I DON'T WANT TO VOTE ON A PARTICULAR ARTICLE?

There is nothing in the law that requires you to vote, and you should know that. Your non-vote is not considered a negative vote. But you should be clear why you are not voting.

- ▶Is it because you think you are the only one to vote as you will and you don't want to call attention to yourself? Call for a written ballot.
- ▶Is it because you aren't sure how you want to vote because you haven't got enough information? Ask questions.
- ▶Is it because you think the real issue hasn't been addressed? You can say so.

While the decision to vote is yours alone to make, remember democracy is about having and respecting differences of opinion. It is also about asking questions. It is about casting an informed vote. It is also about becoming part of the solution.

The law, however, is quite clear when it comes to "absentee" voting. There is no absentee voting during a traditional open town meeting. It is only permissible when an item is being considered by secret ballot referendum.

HOW CAN I PREPARE FOR TOWN MEETING?

Most towns publish the warrant in their annual report. Get a copy before the meeting and read it. If you have questions, you may wish to ask them of the manager or selectmen before the meeting. But some of the answers may be found in that section of the annual report that indicates in detail the various spending accounts and how much was spent in the previous year; compare it with what is being requested this year. Also check as to how much money is in the so-called surplus or undesignated funds account.

ASIDE FROM RUNNING FOR OFFICE, HOW CAN I GET MORE INVOLVED?

There are at least two ways:

Become a member of the budget committee. These committees are granted special and early access to the proposed budget. Their roles, with a few exceptions, are advisory. Your town may or may not have a budget committee; there is no law requiring it to have one. However, towns that do say they serve as a “piece of Town Meeting” or that they serve as a “pre-Town Meeting.” If an item is not acceptable to the budget committee, it often will not be acceptable to the voters. Ideal committees are critical, not adversarial. Above all, they should not be rubber stamps. Some argue that budget committees where everything is thrashed out in advance make for bland town meetings; they argue that town meeting is the “ultimate form of budget committee.” Members are either elected or appointed to the committee. Seeking appointment to your town’s Planning Board or Board of Appeals is another way to get involved.

Propose an article for the warrant. If you feel there is something you would like Town Meeting to consider, such as the creation of a budget committee or the hiring of an administrative assistant, you can approach the selectmen with your idea and ask them to put it on the warrant. They may agree to do so or they may ask you to indicate support for the idea by circulating a petition to have the particular (stated) article in the warrant. According to state law, the petition must be signed by a number of voters of the town equal to at least 10 percent of the number of votes cast for governor in the last election. The selectmen are not required to put it on the warrant if the article seeks something that is beyond the legal powers of the town.

WHAT DO THE FOLLOWING WORDS MEAN?

Amendment. This is technically a secondary motion and must be acted on before the main motion is voted upon. It must be seconded and allowed for discussion before it is voted upon.

Annual meeting. This is the meeting at which municipal officers and other officials are elected. No law requires that the annual municipal budget be voted on at this meeting, although many towns do so. A “special” town meeting is any other meeting called by the selectmen.

Annual report. The annual report must be available at least three days before the annual meeting or the annual budget (business) meeting. It must contain the following: a record of all financial transactions during the past fiscal year, a statement of assets and liabilities, including a list of all delinquent taxpayers and the amount due from each, and portions of the audit.

Audit. An examination of the financial statements of a municipality by a public accountant to see if they fairly reflect the financial conditions of the municipality. State law requires that audits be conducted annually.

"Capped" money article vs. open-ended money articles. This is an article in the warrant which states an amount to be raised (“To see if the Town will vote to raise and

appropriate the sum of \$10,000.”). Capped articles can only be reduced by amendment. They cannot be increased like open-ended articles (“To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate.”).

Excise tax. There is a motor vehicle excise tax and a watercraft excise tax. They are for the privilege of operating the equipment on public ways and waters.

Home rule. It is the constitutionally guaranteed right of towns and cities to adopt and amend their charters, choose their forms of government and adopt laws that are not already covered by state law or which state law does not prohibit municipalities from adopting. Home rule is intended to ensure local control.

Mandates. These are federal or state laws that require local governments to undertake specific actions or provide specific services. For instance, the requirement that municipalities build salt-sand storage sheds is a mandate that must be paid for with local funds as well as state funds. In 1990, Maine passed a law to require state funding of future mandates.

Ordinance. A law or a regulation enacted by a municipal government, usually targeting a specific subject, as in a dog-control ordinance, a parking ordinance or a zoning ordinance. Most ordinances (less than 10 pages) must be posted in a public place at least seven days before Town Meeting. No ordinance may be amended on the floor of Town Meeting; it may only be voted up or down.

Overdraft. To be avoided if possible. It’s when the audit indicates that the amount spent on an item turns out to be greater than that approved by Town Meeting. It is indicated by a parentheses () around the amount.

Revenues and expenditures. Revenue is a fancy word for incoming monies. Most of the money spent by town meeting comes from property taxes; other monies come from excise taxes on vehicles, and from the state in the form of revenue sharing and road assistance. “Expenditure” is a fancy word for outgoing money or on what the money is spent; most of the money is spent on schools, roads and solid waste disposal.

Surplus. Also known as “undesignated” or “un-appropriated fund balance.” It often results from not spending monies that were approved; it also results from getting more revenues than expected. There can be a tendency to “raid surplus” instead of raising taxes. But surplus is not a savings account; it is an “operating cushion” to be used only in times of emergency, say some. The rule of thumb is to make sure surplus contains at least 8 percent of the total operating budget for the town or an amount equal to one month’s operating expenses. The optimum is 10 percent. If you do dip into it one year, make sure you build it up again the next year. Only the Town Meeting can authorize the spending of surplus.

Secret ballot. The clerk prepares this for use at the polling place in secret (Australian) ballot elections, which can be for referendum questions (issues) as well as for candidates. Open town meeting towns become secret ballot towns by a Town Meeting vote to adopt secret ballot voting at least 90 days before the annual meeting. There are

several towns in Maine that act on their entire warrant by secret ballot; many others use secret balloting for large ticket items, like bond issues.

Tax anticipation note (TAN). Often referred to as “hired money,” it is money borrowed from a bank to run the town while waiting for taxes to be collected. Towns that collect taxes only once a year are the greatest users of this; towns that have two tax collections a year and therefore an earlier flow of cash into the town coffers usually do not have to rely on hired money. No Town Meeting vote is required in order to authorize the selectmen to take out a TAN.

Tax rate. The tax rate determines how much you pay in property taxes. It is stated in “so many dollars per thousand dollars of valuation.” For example, in a town with a tax rate of \$14 per thousand dollars, the owner of a house valued at \$100,000 would pay \$1,400 ($\$14 \times 100$) in taxes.

To raise. A vote to raise a sum of money is a vote to get the money through municipal taxation of real and personal property. Typically, the motion is “to raise and appropriate” the money for some stated purpose identified in the article.

To see what sum. An article that asks “to see what sum” is said to be an open-ended article and signals the need for someone to make a motion to set an amount for the discussion. Often the selectmen and the budget committee recommend on the warrant the amount that they think is in the best interest of the town.

Warrant. The written notice, signed by at least a majority of the selectmen, which calls a town meeting and lists all the articles or items of business which will be voted on at the meeting. It must be posted in at least one public and conspicuous place in the town at least seven days before the town meeting.

WHAT ARE THE DIFFERENT FORMS OF TOWN MEETING GOVERNMENT?

Town Meeting-Selectmen

This is the most common form. This form of government relies on a board of selectmen to function as the executive arm administering, enforcing and carrying out the decisions made by the town meeting. Some towns find that a part-time board of selectmen is not enough and that a full-time manager is too much, so they hire an administrative assistant to the selectmen.

Town Meeting-Selectmen-Manager

This is the second most common form of local government in Maine. As municipalities grow in size, and as state and federal regulations increase in number and complexity, many municipalities have hired a manager to administer the town’s government. Under this form, the board of selectmen continues to serve as the town’s executive body; the difference is that now they have an administrator to oversee the daily operations of the municipality so they can attend more to issues of policy.

Town Meeting-Council-Manager

In this variation, the legislative functions of government are shared between the town meeting and an elected council. The exact delegation of powers differs from one municipality to another. However, the most common scenario is to have the town meeting vote on the budget while the council tends to all the other legislative functions.

Representative Town Meeting

Also known as the “limited Town Meeting,” persons are elected from each of several districts to attend the town meeting. Any voter may still speak, but only the elected representatives may vote.

TOWN MEETING PROCEDURES

Town Meeting Warrant

Posting of the Town Meeting Warrant

A Town Meeting Warrant must be posted seven (7) days prior to the meeting under Maine State Law. The reason for posting a warrant is to allow those voters who wish, the right to see what business is to be conducted at the meeting and to decide if they wish to attend or not.

Warrant Articles

A warrant article that reads "To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate" are open ended articles that allow the bottom line total of the article to be raised or lowered by an amendment from the floor of the meeting.

A warrant article that reads "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate" are capped articles and the bottom line total can not be raised but may be lowered.

An amendment from the floor of the meeting to reduce an article will result in a reduction of the bottom line total only (line items included within the articles are explanations only of the article's total).

Conducting of the Open Floor Meeting

First, rules of procedure are not rules of law. Their purpose is to facilitate the conduct of the meeting.

- 1.Distinguishing or Separating Voter and Non-Voters - Please respect any measures in effect for distinguishing or separating the voters from non-voters*
- 2.Unanimous Consent – To expedite procedure, the moderator may from time to time invite or suggest that the meeting give "unanimous consent" to proceeding in a certain way. Cooperation where you can freely give it will usually save time and avoid unnecessary complication, but if you do not wish to give consent simply call out "Objection" or "I object" when the moderator asks for unanimous consent. The moderator may then suggest or invite a motion and vote on procedure and you will then have the opportunity to speak in opposition to the procedure.*
- 3.Rules of Debate – Maine law makes three rules. (1) A person may not speak without being recognized by the moderator. (2) Everyone shall be silent at the moderator's command. (3) A person who is not a town voter may not speak without the consent of two-thirds of the voters present. In addition the moderator may as*
- 4.that one or more of the following rules, be observed, and may invoke others to maintain good order and decorum. Raise your hand or stand as directed by the moderator, to be*

recognized and then state your name and what you would like to do. Stand while speaking unless otherwise directed or authorized by the moderator. Refrain from making negative motions ("I move that article 16 be defeted"0. After a motion has been made and seconded, the moderator will open the floor for discussion. The moderator may call on the Selectmen or to speak first on a main motion (a motion to approve an article as printed for example). Thereafter, the affirmative side speaks. A person who makes a motion is entitled but not required to be the first speaker on the motion and may not vote against the motion but may seek consent to withdraw the motion. A person seconding a motion may both speak against it and vote against it. Do not make a speech and conclude it with a motion, rather, make the motion and then speak to it after the moderator has put it to floor for debate.

Address all remarks and all questions to the moderator alone. Remarks must be relevant to the motion. Debate will generally alternate between those in favor and those opposed. No one should address the same subject more than twice without express permission of the moderator. The meeting may establish a time limit per speaker per question and an overall time limit on a motion. No one may speak a second time until all that wish to speak a first time have done so. Speak to those issues, not to the person, and do not question motives or speak ill of another. Profanity is always out of order. Do not read from any document except the warrant without first obtaining the moderator's consent. Listen attentively, do not whisper in the seats, and do not interrupt a speaker. Take conversation outside, and mute all but emergency worker's cell phones.

- 5.Written Ballot – On a motion and a majority vote, or by unanimous consent, the meeting can determine to require written ballot voting on any business or article on the warrant.
- 6.Appeal – A voter who thinks it appropriate to follow a procedure other than one announced by the moderator may seek to be recognized and then move the procedure the voter feels is more appropriate.
- 7.Methods of Voting – These are in increasing order of certainty (and for most of the time required) voice vote, show of hands, rising or standing vote, division of the house and written ballot vote.
- 8.Challenge – A voter who thinks the moderator has not correctly determined the outcome of a voice or other vote short of an actual count and who wishes to challenge the moderator's determination should immediately seek to be recognized and when recognized say "I doubt it". The moderator will then determine whether at least six other voters agree. If so, the moderator will make the determination more certain by using a designated other method of voting.

MAINE MODERATOR'S MANUAL

RULES OF PROCEDURE

(Revised 2005)

TYPE/MOTION	SECOND REQUIRED	DEBATABLE	AMENDABLE	VOTE REQUIRED	RECONSID- ERABLE	RANK/NOTES
PRIVILEGED						
Adjourn (sine die)	Y	N	N	M	N	1
Recess or Adjourn to Time Certain	Y	Y	Y	M	N	2
SUBSIDIARY						
Previous Question	Y	N	N	2/3	N	3
Limit Debate	Y	N	Y	2/3	Y	4
Postpone to Time Certain	Y	Y	Y	M	Y	5
Amend	Y	Y	Y	M	Y	6
INCIDENTAL						
Appeal	Y	Y	N	M	Y	A, B, D
Fix the Method of Voting	Y	N	N	M	N	B
Withdraw a Motion	N	N	N	M	See Notes	B, C, D
MAIN						
Main Motion	Y	Y	Y	M	Y	
Reconsider	Y	See Notes	N	M	N	A, D, E
Take up Out of Order	Y	Y	N	2/3	N	

Y — Yes, this action is required or permitted.

N — No, this action cannot be taken or is unnecessary.

M — Majority vote required

A — This motion may be made when another motion has the floor.

B — Same rank as motion out of which it arises.

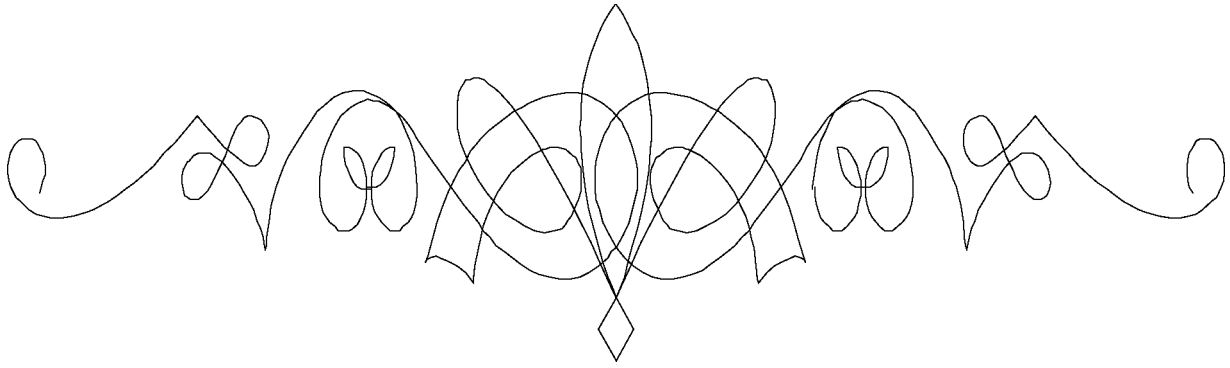
C — Only a prevailing negative vote on this motion may be reconsidered.

D — This motion has the same rank, and is debatable to the same extent, as the motion being reconsidered.

E — Only a person who voted on the prevailing side may make this motion.

None of the motions in the table should interrupt a speaker.

This table does not include the statutory procedure for challenge (to question a vote), mentioned in the "Notes for Voters" and discussed in the Maine Moderator's Manual.



***PRESENTING
THE
ANNUAL
TOWN MEETING
WARRANT FOR
F/Y
2015-2016***

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
FOR FISCAL YEAR
JULY 1, 2015 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2016**

TO: Joan Linscott, a Resident of the Town of Thomaston in the County of Knox and State of Maine.

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of the Town of Thomaston, in the County of Knox and State of Maine, qualified to vote by law in Town affairs, to meet at the **AMERICAN LEGION HALL** at 10 Watts Lane in said Town on **TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2015 AT 8:00 AM** prevailing time, then and there to act upon **ARTICLES 1 AND 2 OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT. POLLS WILL OPEN AT EIGHT (8) O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING AND WILL CLOSE AT EIGHT (8) O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING PREVAILING TIME.**

You are also hereby required to notify and warn voters of the Town of Thomaston, in the County of Knox, State of Maine, qualified to vote by law in Town affairs, to meet at the **AMERICAN LEGION HALL** at 10 Watts Lane in said Town on **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 2015 at 7:00 PM** prevailing time, then and there to proceed with **ARTICLES 3 through 43.**

ARTICLE 1: To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting. **THE MODERATOR MUST BE CHOSEN PRIOR TO THE OPENING OF THE POLLS FOR ELECTING TOWN OFFICERS.**

ARTICLE 2: To choose by ballot, one Selectperson for a three year term, one School Board Member for a three year term, one School Board Member for a two year term and one Assessor for a three year term.

June 10, 2015 – 7:00 PM – AMERICAN LEGION HALL

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to accept the categories of funds listed below as provided by the Maine State Legislature and to expend same:

DESCRIPTION AND COMPARISON:

	2015/2016	2014/2015
State Local Road Assistance	\$ 27,862.63	\$ 26,184.00
Gasoline Refund	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 2,200.00
State Revenue Sharing	\$144,333.17	\$143,748.00
General Assistance	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
Snowmobile Reimbursement	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
Tree Growth Reimbursement	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Veteran's Exempt Reimbursement	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Property Tax Relief Funds	Unknown	Unknown

State Grants & Other Funds

Unknown

Unknown

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to lapse all non-real estate/personal property tax revenues to Undesignated Fund Balance (surplus), and to see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate to reduce the property tax assessment for Fiscal Year July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016:

DESCRIPTION AND COMPARISON:

	2015/2016	2014/2015
Appropriated from Fund Balance and Transfer		
Unknown		Unknown
From Anticipated State Revenue Sharing		
		<u>\$143,748.00</u>
TOTAL		\$143,748.00

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$375,603.67 for GENERAL GOVERNMENT for Fiscal Year July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016:

DESCRIPTION AND COMPARISON:

	2015/2016	2014/2015
Selectpersons	\$10,647.03	\$10,647.03
Legal	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
Selectmen's Office	\$ 4,250.00	\$ 3,850.00
Town Manager	\$74,113.04	\$74,113.04
Exec. Secy./Office Coord.	\$37,213.49	\$37,213.49
Manager's Office	\$22,015.01	\$22,015.01
Clerk	\$37,459.86	\$37,459.86
Clerk's Office	\$ 5,950.00	\$ 5,950.00
General Office	\$31,000.00	\$30,000.00
Municipal Accounting Clerk	\$44,031.26	\$44,031.26
Finance Office	\$ 9,750.00	\$ 9,550.00
Administration	\$18,530.00	\$17,430.00
Planning Board	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Contingency	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 750.00
Computer	\$18,500.00	\$18,500.00
Code Enforcement Officer	\$41,068.98	\$41,068.98
Code Enforcement Office	<u>\$ 4,875.00</u>	<u>\$ 4,875.00</u>
TOTAL	\$375,603.67	\$372,653.67

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$93,762.00 for maintenance and operation of MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS for Fiscal Year July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016:

DESCRIPTION AND COMPARISON:

	2015/2016	2014/2015
Watts Block	\$51,762.00	\$52,762.00
Academy Building	<u>\$42,000.00</u>	<u>\$41,325.00</u>
TOTAL	\$93,762.00	\$94,087.00

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$262,577.70 for the POLICE DEPARTMENT WAGES for Fiscal Year July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016:

DESCRIPTION AND COMPARISON:

	2015/2016	2014/2015
Chief's Salary	\$ 61,285.49	\$ 61,285.49
Patrolmen Wages (3)	\$121,249.95	\$121,249.95
Reserves Wages	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
Overtime	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00
Traffic Control	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Sergeant Wages	\$ 47,842.26	\$ 47,842.26
Special Details	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Court Time	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,400.00
Sick Leave	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Vacation Buyback	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Holiday Pay	<u>\$ 8,300.00</u>	<u>\$ 8,300.00</u>
TOTAL	\$262,577.70	\$262,577.70

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$48,300.00 for GENERAL EXPENDITURES – POLICE DEPARTMENT for Fiscal Year July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016:

DESCRIPTION AND COMPARISON:

	2015/2016	2014/2015
Transportation	\$17,000.00	\$19,300.00
Supplies & Equipment	<u>\$31,300.00</u>	<u>\$30,800.00</u>
TOTAL	\$48,300.00	\$50,100.00

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$115,168.83 for the FIRE DEPARTMENT for Fiscal Year July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016:

DESCRIPTION AND COMPARISON:

	2015/2016	2014/2015
Fire Chief	\$14,110.18	\$14,110.18
Deputy Chief	\$ 6,998.99	\$ 6,998.99
Assistant Chief	\$ 4,159.66	\$ 4,159.66
Call Members	\$22,000.00	\$21,053.50
Operations	\$19,500.00	\$15,800.00
Communications	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Fire Equipment	\$ 8,250.00	\$ 8,250.00
Fire Vehicle Maintenance	\$16,900.00	\$13,400.00
Station Building	\$21,250.00	\$21,250.00
TOTAL	\$115,168.83	\$106,022.33

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,400.00 to purchase self-contained breathing (SCBA) bottles for the Fire Department.

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,000.00 to purchase protective clothing for the Fire Department.

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$187,238.76 for PROTECTION AND PUBLIC SAFETY for Fiscal Year July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016:

DESCRIPTION AND COMPARISON:

	2015/2016	2014/2015
Street Lighting	\$ 40,257.00	\$ 40,257.00
E.M.A.	\$ 899.60	\$ 899.60
Health Officer	\$ 1,320.53	\$ 1,320.53
Animal Control	\$ 9,761.63	\$ 9,761.63
Hydrant Rental	\$135,000.00	\$146,000.00
TOTAL	\$187,238.76	\$198,238.76

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,043.00 for the Emergency Management Work Plan, and to accept a grant of \$7,835.00 from the State for same.

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$468,709.58 for PUBLIC WORKS for Fiscal Year July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016:

DESCRIPTION AND COMPARISON:

	2015/2016	2014/2015
Director	\$ 59,482.66	\$ 59,482.66
Full Time Employees (3)	\$118,303.33	\$118,303.33
Shared Employees	\$ 38,905.98	\$ 38,905.98
Overtime	\$ 6,200.00	\$ 6,200.00
Public Works General	\$ 7,300.00	\$ 7,050.00
Operations	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 61,500.00
Winter Roads	\$ 89,700.00	\$ 89,700.00
Summer Roads	\$ 29,100.00	\$ 28,150.00
Stump Dump	\$ 39,217.61	\$ 39,217.61
Town Garage	<u>\$ 10,500.00</u>	<u>\$ 11,400.00</u>
TOTAL	\$468,709.58	\$459,909.58

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$242,000.00 for Transfer Station Fees for Fiscal Year July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016:

DESCRIPTION AND COMPARISON:

	2015/2016	2014/2015
Transfer Station Fees	<u>\$242,000.00</u>	<u>\$234,046.80</u>
TOTAL	\$242,000.00	\$234,046.80

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$62,415.16 for the AMBULANCE DEPARTMENT for Fiscal Year July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016:

DESCRIPTION AND COMPARISON:

	2015/2016	2014/2015
Director	\$ 8,998.79	\$ 8,998.79

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Assistants	\$ 6,602.64	\$ 6,602.64
Call Attendants	\$11,107.01	\$11,107.01
Meetings and Drills	\$ 1,586.72	\$ 1,586.72
Training	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
Transportation	\$ 6,200.00	\$ 6,200.00
Administration and Office Supplies	\$ 6,370.00	\$ 6,370.00
Operations	\$11,550.00	\$11,400.00
Communications	<u>\$ 2,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 2,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$62,415.16	\$62,265.16

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$34,323.82 for per diem weekend ambulance coverage.

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$15,000.00 to reimburse Rockland for Ambulance coverage at the rate of \$250.00 per call and to authorize charging the same \$250.00 per call for coverage when Thomaston's Ambulance responds to calls outside of Thomaston.

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$41,772.36 for the ASSESSOR'S OFFICE for Fiscal Year July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016:

DESCRIPTION AND COMPARISON:

	2015/2016	2014/2015
Assessors' Compensation	\$ 2,911.26	\$ 2,911.26
Assessors' Agent	\$28,331.10	\$28,331.10
Office Supplies	\$ 550.00	550.00
Book Binding	\$ 250.00	250.00
Mileage	\$ 250.00	250.00
Training	\$ 200.00	200.00
Memberships	\$ 30.00	30.00
Computer Maintenance	\$ 3,250.00	3,250.00
Mapping	\$ 500.00	500.00
Legal and Professional Services	\$ 3,000.00	3,000.00
Commercial Assessments	<u>\$ 2,500.00</u>	<u>8,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$41,772.36	\$47,272.36

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$68,005.33 for the RECREATION DEPARTMENT for Fiscal Year July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016:

DESCRIPTION AND COMPARISON:

	2015/2016	2014/2015
Director's Salary	\$34,755.33	\$34,755.33
League Fees	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Office Supplies	\$ 650.00	\$ 650.00
Field Maintenance	\$ 9,100.00	\$ 9,100.00
Senior Citizen's Account	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
Supplies and Equipment	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 6,500.00
Basketball Referees	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Mileage	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Education and Training	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Community Events	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
TOTAL	\$68,005.33	\$68,005.33

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$16,024.68 for LEISURE SERVICES for Fiscal Year July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016:

DESCRIPTION AND COMPARISON:

	2015/2016	2014/2015
SHADE TREES		
Tree Warden	\$ 868.18	\$ 868.18
Tree Removal	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Dead Limb Sanitation	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Stump Removal	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Tree Planting	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Equipment	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Publications, Licensing, Mileage	\$ 125.00	\$ 125.00
SUBTOTAL	\$6,593.18	\$6,593.18
HARBOR SERVICES		
Harbor Master	\$3,851.50	\$3,851.50
Education/Training	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00
Public Landing Maintenance	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
Float Maintenance	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
Facility Maintenance	\$2,300.00	\$ 800.00
Boat Maintenance	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
Float Removal	\$ 650.00	\$ 650.00
Telephone	\$ 280.00	\$ 280.00
SUBTOTAL	\$9,431.50	\$7,931.50

TOTAL	\$16,024.68	\$14,524.68
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SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$635,724.00 for UNCLASSIFIED ACCOUNTS for Fiscal Year July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016:

DESCRIPTION AND COMPARISON:

	2015/2016	2014/2015
Workers' Compensation	\$ 48,803.00	\$ 48,803.00
Unemployment Insurance	\$ 4,900.00	\$ 4,900.00
FICA	\$ 84,000.00	\$ 80,000.00
Health Insurance	\$320,000.00	\$320,000.00
Retirement	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,500.00
Wage Increase	<u>\$ 38,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
SUBTOTAL	\$501,203.00	\$459,203.00

INSURANCE

Commercial Package/Auto	\$41,000.00	\$41,000.00
Public Official Liability	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 6,500.00
Employee Dishonesty Bond	<u>\$ 600.00</u>	<u>\$ 600.00</u>
SUBTOTAL	\$48,100.00	\$48,100.00

Public Restrooms	<u>\$ 1,800.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,800.00</u>
SUBTOTAL	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00

COMPUTERS

Computers and Printers	<u>\$ 1,425.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,425.00</u>
SUBTOTAL	\$ 1,425.00	\$ 1,425.00

TAN Interest	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Memberships	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00
Regional Planning Commission	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
Maine Service Coalition	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Debt Service	<u>\$50,000.00</u>	<u>\$50,000.00</u>
SUBTOTAL	\$55,600.00	\$55,600.00

Thomaston Public Library	\$ 27,096.00	\$ 27,096.00
Thomaston Flags	<u>\$ 500.00</u>	<u>\$ 500.00</u>
SUBTOTAL	\$ 27,596.00	\$ 27,596.00

TOTAL	\$635,724.00	\$593,724.00
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SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$157,000.00 for CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS/RESERVE ACCOUNTS for Fiscal Year July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016:

DESCRIPTION AND COMPARISON:

	2015/2016	2014/2015
Police Cruiser Reserve	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 13,000.00
Ambulance Reserve	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Fire Apparatus	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
Academy Maint. Reserve	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 14,000.00
Dump Truck Reserve	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Computer Reserve	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Municipal Facilities Reserves	<u>\$ 50,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 50,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$157,000.00	\$137,000.00

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$20,000.00 for FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE for Fiscal Year July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016:

DESCRIPTION AND COMPARISON:

	2015/2016	2014/2015
General Assistance	<u>\$20,000.00</u>	<u>\$24,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$20,000.00	\$24,000.00

As administered under Title 22 M.R.S.A. SUB 4305.4 Department of Human Services.

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$20,233.10 for PROVIDER AND LOCAL AGENCIES for Fiscal Year July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016:

DESCRIPTION AND COMPARISON:

PROVIDERS AGENCIES

	2015/2016	2014/2015
Coastal Workshop	\$ 237.50	\$ 237.50
Penquis CAP	\$2,850.00	\$2,850.00
Mid-Coast Children's Services	\$ 665.00	\$ 665.00
New Hope for Women	\$ 950.00	\$ 950.00
Coastal Transportation	\$1,710.00	\$1,710.00
Spectrum Generations	\$2,158.40	\$2,158.40
Pope Memorial Humane Society.	\$ 475.00	\$ 475.00
ADAPT	\$ 190.00	\$ 190.00
Home Counselors	\$ 190.00	\$ 190.00
Trekkers	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Knox County Homeless Coalition	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
American Red Cross	\$ 442.20	\$ 442.00
Broadreach Family& Community	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
Midcoast ME Comm Action	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00

Rockland District Nursing	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
SUBTOTAL	\$13,868.10	\$13,868.10

LOCAL AGENCIES

Historical Society	\$ 712.50	\$ 712.50
Christmas Lighting	1,140.00	1,140.00
Memorial Day Committee	712.50	712.50
Friends of Montpelier	1,900.00	1,900.00
Landscaping Committee	1,900.00	1,900.00
SUBTOTAL	\$ 6,365.00	\$ 6,365.00

TOTAL	\$20,233.10	\$20,233.10
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SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 26: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$90,000.00 for Fiscal Year July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 to pave the following streets:

DESCRIPTION:

Anna Belle Ln.	305 tons	\$ 30,500.00 est.
Beechwood St. – Erin to Ice House Rd.	725 tons	\$ 72,500.00 est.
Total		\$103,000.00 est.

EXPLANATION: Estimate utilizing \$100 per ton. **NOTE:** Market prices continue to fluctuate.

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 27: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$28,000.00 to purchase one 2015 Police Cruiser and to utilize \$18,000 from the Police cruiser reserve and trade in a cruiser for \$10,000.

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 28: To see if the Town will vote to authorize Selectpersons, on behalf of the Town, TO SELL AND DISPOSE OF ANY REAL ESTATE ACQUIRED BY THE TOWN for non-payment of the taxes thereon and to execute quit claim deeds for said property, said real estate to be sold as follows:

1. A notice of intent to sell such property shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in Knox County at least three weeks prior to such sale, inviting interested parties to submit sealed bids thereon.
2. The parties from whom the property has been taken for non-payment of taxes thereon may purchase said real estate from the Town at any time during the process, the purchase price in the latter case being all unpaid taxes on said property, plus interest, lien costs and the cost of the publication of the notice plus the cost of the quit claim deed.
3. In the event the parties from whom the real estate was taken by the Town for unpaid taxes fails to redeem the property as provided in Paragraph 2, the Board of Selectpersons may sell the property to the highest sealed bidder.

SELECTPERSONS RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 29: To see if the Town will vote to permit acceptance of PREPAID TAXES and to fix the dates of December 2, 2015 for the first payment and June 1, 2016 for the second payment, when the taxes shall become due and payable; and, to see if the Town will fix the rate of interest at 7 percent to be charged on taxes unpaid after said date; and to see if the Town will fix the rate of interest for overpayments of taxes at 3 percent for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. **NOTE:** Pursuant to Title 36 M.R.S.A. Section 506-A “Overpayment of Taxes”. **DECISION:** When a tax collector has demanded and received from a taxpayer more than is due and more than appears to be due according to his lists, he must refund the excess to the taxpayer, even though he has paid the amount into the Town Treasury.

SELECTPERSONS RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 30: To see if the Town will vote to set the interest rate to be paid by the Town on abated taxes pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. Section 506-A.

EXPLANATION: If taxes are paid but later abated, the municipality must refund the abated taxes and pay interest on them. Title 36 M.R.S.A § 506-A provides that the rate of interest set by the municipality to be paid on overpayments *may not exceed* the rate set for delinquent taxes, *nor be less* than that rate reduced by 4%. For instance, if the unpaid rate is 7%, then the Town Meeting may set a rate not higher than 7% and not lower than 3%; it may pick either of those numbers or any number in between. From this you can see that this article would be appropriately placed on the warrant immediately *after* the article choosing a delinquency rate. The statute governing the delinquency interest rate is 36 M.R.S.A. § 505(4).

SELECTPERSONS RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 31: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectpersons to accept, on behalf of the Town, GIFTS, DONATIONS AND CONTRIBUTIONS in the form of money, personal services and materials for the benefit of the Town, its government including legal departments and public facilities thereof, for the purpose of aiding and enhancing the delivery of public services. Said gifts to be without conditions and not require the voters to raise additional maintenance money.

SELECTPERSONS RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 32: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectpersons TO MOVE UP TO 10% OF UNEXPENDED BALANCES from various accounts as needed to provide for the smooth transition of Town business.

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 33: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$3,000.00 TO SUPPORT THE SHELLFISH MANAGEMENT PROGRAM.

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 34: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from undesignated fund balance the sum of \$10,000.00 TO ASSIST THE FOURTH OF JULY COMMITTEE in continuing the annual celebration.

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 35: Shall an ordinance entitled “June 2015 Amendments to the Town of Thomaston Chapter Seven Thomaston Land Use and Development Ordinance” be enacted?

A copy of this ordinance certified by the municipal officers and the Planning Board has been on file with the municipal clerk’s office at least seven days before the Town Meeting. A certified copy of this ordinance is available for review in the Office of the Town Clerk during regular business hours.

SELECTPERSONS AND PLANNING BOARD RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 36: Shall an ordinance entitled “June 2015 Amendments of the Town of Thomaston Chapter 10 Definitions” be enacted?

A copy of this ordinance certified by the municipal officers and the Planning Board has been on file with the municipal clerk’s office at least seven days before the Town Meeting. A certified copy of this ordinance is available for review in the Office of the Town Clerk during regular business hours.

SELECTPERSONS AND PLANNING BOARD RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 37: Shall the ordinance entitled “June 2015 Amendments of the Thomaston Harbor Ordinance” be enacted?

This proposed amended ordinance has been certified by the Board of Selectmen and delivered to the municipal clerk at least seven days before this meeting. Copies of this ordinance are available for review in the office of the Town Clerk during regular business hours.

SELECTPERSONS RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 38: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$30,000.00 towards the ongoing Thomaston Sidewalk Program to construct and maintain sidewalks in Thomaston.

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 39: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$19,000.00 for the operating budget of the Thomaston Village Cemetery.

EXPLANATION: The total operating budget for the Village Cemetery for 2015/2016 is set at \$41,775.00. The Town of Thomaston Trust Fund Policy enacted in 2000 only allows 4.5% to 5% of the Trust Funds income to be used for yearly operations. This in conjunction with the income generated from lot sales and grave opening fees for cremations leaves us in need of asking the voters for an appropriation to fulfill the budget.

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 40: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$60,000.00 and authorize any remaining amount to be funded from existing Reserve Funds to replace the roof on Watts Hall.

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 41: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$15,000.00 and authorize the expenditure of Ambulance Revenues and accept such grants as applicable to purchase a Cardiac Monitor for the Ambulance Service at a cost not to exceed \$30,000.00.

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 42: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate up to \$38,314.00 in additional funds to operate the Thomaston Library and to restrict all withdrawals from the Public Library Trust Fund and the Library Book Fund, to the first 4% of the Trust Fund total return, based on a five (5) year average, as determined by the Trust Fund Committee.

EXPLANATION: The Library budget is \$113,010.00 for 2015-2016 of which \$27,096.00 is funded by the Town in Article 23 of this Warrant and other revenues of \$17,600.00, leaving a balance of \$68,314.00 to be funded by the Library Trust. Interest and dividends of \$30,000.00 from the operating Library Fund reduces the shortfall to (\$38,314.00).

The current Public Library Trust Fund balance as of April 30, 2015 is \$1,048,426.69. It is therefore anticipated \$68,314.00 will be required or 6.5% to be withdrawn from the Trust Fund for 15/16 without voter approval.

The intent of this article is to ensure that the principle balance of the Library and Book Fund Trust grows at the rate of at least 4% long term. The Town will be funding up to \$65,410 of the annual cost for operations.

ARTICLE 43: To see if the Town will appropriate \$14,000.00 from Municipal Facilities Reserve to replace floor covering in the Town Office, Police Department and foyer at Watts Hall.

EXPLANATION: The current floor covering was last replaced in 2003 and has deteriorated to an unsafe condition in some areas.

Given under our hands this _____ day of _____ in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand Fifteen.

THOMASTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

Greg Hamlin, Chairman

Lee-Ann Upham, Vice Chairman

Peter Lammert

Bill Hahn

Mona Stearns



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