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PART 1:

Introduction



*Thomaston Town Clock
(Photo Courtesy of Kara George)*

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Annual Report Dedication

Joan Linscott



Joan Linscott, Thomaston Town Clerk from 1989-2017
(Photo Courtesy of Beth Birmingham/Courier Publications)

For 28 years, 1989 to 2017, Joan Linscott has been a fixture in the Thomaston Town Office. Starting as part-time Town Clerk and later filling that job as a full-time employee, which included the responsibilities of Registrar of Voters and front counter person as well. She has been on the Planning Board, worked tirelessly with the Cemetery Committee and currently is one of the three elected Assessors. Her service to Thomaston is not done yet.

Joan grew up in Thomaston, residing on the corner of Beechwood and Erin Streets, graduating from Georges Valley High School in 1973. After school, she married her sweetheart, Wayne Linscott who unfortunately passed away in April 2016.

Prior to becoming Town Clerk, she spent ten years at the Thomaston Public Library, as assistant librarian, and also worked as a teacher's and librarian's aide at the Lura Libby and St. George Schools after that. A hard worker, Joan never shied away from learning new skills and improving her knowledge and understanding of her various jobs.

The job at the Town Office evolved over the years and Joan evolved with it from hand tallied ballots and hand written receipts to electronic voting machines and computers. She witnessed many changes in Thomaston during her tenure, working under four Town Managers and with five Police Chiefs, but the biggest change happened when she resigned from her job in June 2017 due to medical issues and difficulties following the loss of her husband.

Joan is missed by many who have come in to the Town Office as well as the Town staff and everyone who has known her wishes the best for her.

Municipal Directory

Addressing Officer	David Martucci	354-6107
Alternate Plumbing Inspector	Scott Bickford	354-6107
Animal Control Officer	William Demmons	542-3057
Assessors' Agent	David Martucci	354-6107
Building Inspector	William Wasson	354-6107
Cemetery Sexton	Peter Lammert	691-2900
Code Enforcement Officer	William Wasson	354-6107
EMA Director	Valmore Blastow, Jr.	354-6107
EMS Chief	Ruston Barnard, Jr.	354-6345
Fire Chief	Mike Mazzeo	354-6345
General Assistance Administrator	Valmore Blastow, Jr.	354-6107
Harbor Master	Michael Blais	354-8035
Health Officer	Alan Leo	354-6345
Librarian	Diane Giese	354-2453
Motor Vehicle Agent	Donna Culbertson	354-6107
Municipal Finance Coordinator	Jodell Benson	354-6107
Plumbing Inspector	William Wasson	354-6107
Police Chief	Tim Hoppe	354-2511
Pollution Control Billing	Donna Culbertson	354-6107
Pollution Control Director	John Fancy	354-2136
Project Officer	Valmore Blastow, Jr.	354-6107
Public Information Officer	Kara George	354-6107
Public Works Director	Jim Connon	354-2478
Recreation Director	Rene Dorr	354-6107
Registrar of Voters	Kara George	354-6107
Road Commissioner	Valmore Blastow, Jr.	354-6107
Secretary/Office Administrator	Donna Culbertson	354-6107
Tax Collector	Valmore Blastow, Jr.	354-6107
Town Clerk	Kara George	354-6107
Town Manager	Valmore Blastow, Jr.	354-6107
Treasurer	Valmore Blastow, Jr.	354-6107
Tree Warden	Peter Lammert	691-2900

2018-2019 Municipal Holidays

Independence Day	Wednesday, July 4, 2018
Labor Day	Monday, September 3, 2018
Columbus Day	Monday, October 8, 2018
Veterans Day	Monday, November 12, 2018
Thanksgiving Break	Thursday, November 22 & Friday, November 23, 2018
Christmas	Tuesday, December 25, 2018
New Year's Day	Tuesday, January 1, 2019
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	Monday, January 21, 2019
Presidents' Day	Monday, February 18, 2019
Patriots' Day	Monday, April 15, 2019
Memorial Day	Monday, May 27, 2019



Thomaston 4th of July Parade

(Photo Courtesy of Dagney Ernest/Courier Publications)

Valmore Blastow, Jr.
Town Manager



170 Main Street
P.O. Box 299
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Letter of Transmittal

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

It is with great 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, 2017 through June 30, 2018. The audit excerpts for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 are included herein, and complete reports are available for our 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 Select Board for their continued support.

Respectfully Submitted,

Valmore Blastow, Jr.

Thomaston Select Board



Vice-Chairman Peter Lammert, Selectperson Peter McCrea, Selectperson Lee-Ann Upham, Selectperson William Hahn, Chairman Greg Hamlin, Town Manager Valmore Blastow, Jr., Recording Secretary Kara George

(Photo Courtesy of Peggy McCrea)

Select Board Members hold 3-year terms

Greg Hamlin, Chairman	2018
Peter Lammert, Vice-Chairman	2020
William Hahn	2019
Peter McCrea	2019
Lee-Ann Upham	2020

The Select Board meets on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 7 p.m. in the Watts Hall Conference Room at 174 Main Street, Thomaston, ME.

Meetings occur only when there are items on the agenda.

2017-2018 Boards & Committees

Board of Assessors

A. Fred Wigglesworth, Chair	2020
Peter Lammert	2018
Joan Linscott	2019

RSU #13 School Board

Ron Gamage	2018
Vacancy	

Academy Board of Trustees

Henry Carey, Chair	2019
Thomas Mellor	2018
Lynn Snow	2018
Robert Snow	2018
Diane Giese	2020
Vacancy	
Vacancy	

Library Board of Trustees

Janet Bosworth, President	2018
Greg Hamlin, Secretary	2020
Albert Bernier	2019
Karen Clarke	2019
William Dashiell	2018
Marie Finnegan	2020
Patricia Smith	2019
Harold Willey	2018
Diane Giese, Head Librarian	

Village Cemetery Board of Trustees

Rod Grindell
William Hahn
Greg Hamlin
Sandra Jordan
Margaret McCrea

Village Cemetery Board of Trustees-Continued

Peter McCrea
Joanne Richards
Lee-Ann Upham
Peter Lammert, Cemetery Sexton
Kara George, Town Clerk

Watts Block Trustees

William Hahn, Chair	2018
James Cuthbertson	2020
Neal Guyer	2019
Chris Hirsch	2020
Neil Krane	2020
Donna Culbertson, Watts Hall Rentals	

Board of Appeals

Anita Knowlton, Chair	2020
Douglas Erickson, Vice Chair	2018
William Dashiell	2018
Beverly St. Clair	2020
Gerald Zwick	2019
Vacancy, 1st Alternate	
Vacancy, 2nd Alternate	

Budget Committee

Henry Carey	2019
Doug Erickson	2018
Patricia Hubbard	2020
Joanne Richards	2019
Beverly St. Clair	2018
Betty Watts	2020
Vacancy	
Jodell Benson, Finance Coordinator	

2017-2018 Boards & Committees

CDBG Committee

Cindy Bertocci
 Jeff Creighton
 Doug Erickson
 Greg Hamlin
 Cabot Lyman
 Chris Rector
 Lee-Ann Upham
 Vacancy

Comprehensive Plan

Daryl Hahn, Co-Chair
 Margaret McCrea, Co-Chair
 Shirley Barlow
 Diana Beach
 Cindy Bertocci
 Jonathan Eaton, Non-Selectman
 Ben Griffin
 Andrew Josephs
 Joanne Richards
 Jean Short
 Greta Van Campen
 Peter Lammert, Selectman
 Peter McCrea, Selectman
 Vacancy
 Vacancy
 Bill Wasson, CEO

Conservation Commission

Beverly St. Clair, Chair 2018
 Nancy Hill 2018
 Elaine Larrabee 2019
 Valerie Stone 2019
 Sarah Tyler 2019
 John Fancy, Pollution Control Supt.

Friends of Thomaston's Dog Park Committee

Rev. Diana Beach
 Liz Burch
 Mei-Ling Cheung
 Jane Farthing

GRRSM Inter-local Joint Board

William Hahn
 Jonathan Eaton, Alternate
 Val Blastow, Jr., Administrative

Georges River Shellfish Committee

David Hynd	2018
John Smith	2019
Clifton Weaver	2020

Harbor Committee

John Snyder, Chair	2020
Robert Armstrong	2020
Nancy Armstrong, Alt.	2020
Jim Cuthbertson	2018
Sandra Jordan	2019
Peter McCrea	2019
Derek Orff	2020
Doug Theobalds	2018
Mike Blais, Harbor Master	

Personnel Committee

Henry Carey	2019
Paul Chamberlain	2018
Sandra Jordan	2019
Elizabeth Watts	2020
Daryl Hahn, Alternate	2019
Peter Lammert, Selectman	
Lee-Ann Upham, Alt. Selectman	

2017-2018 Boards & Committees

Planning Board

Joanne Richards, Chair	2018
Melissa Reynolds, Vice-Chair	2018
Joan Sanborn	2019
Noreen Mullaney	2019
Jeff Creighton	2020
Virginia Blanchard, 1st Alt.	2020
Vacancy, 2nd Alternate	

Recreation Committee

Darryl Townsend, Chair	2018
Carol Arsenault, Vice-Chair	2018
Chris Barstow	2020
Todd Boynton	2020
Shirley Hamlin	2020
Ricky Jones	2019
Jared Porter	2019
Patricia Smith	2020
High School Student Vacancy	
Rene Dorr, Recreation Director	

Redevelopment Committee

William Hahn, Chair
Cindy Bertocci
Jeff Carty
Davene Fahy
Sumner Kinney
Chris Rector
Greg Hamlin, Selectperson
Peter Lammert, Selectperson
Peter McCrea, Selectperson
Lee-Ann Upham, Selectperson

Solid Waste Board

Ronald Porter
Peter Lammert, Selectperson

Standing Municipal Facilities Committee

Zel Bowman-Laberge, Chair
Henry Carey
Susan Devlin
Daryl Hahn
William Hahn
Greg Hamlin
Shirley Hamlin
Anita Knowlton
Peggy McCrea
Noreen Mullaney
Joanne Richards
Larry Schooley
Lynn Snow
Robert Snow
John Snyder

Thomaston Historical Society

Susan Devlin, President
Bill Gay, Vice-President
Eve Anderson
Bill Eberle
Rod Grindell
Aleta Kilborn
Ursula Kruse-Vaucienne
Margaret McCrea
Sally Ploski
Brooks Stevens
Mimi Zwick

Trust Fund Committee

Jeff Creighton
William Dashiell
Greg Hamlin, Selectperson
Lee-Ann Upham, Selectperson
Valmore Blastow, Jr., Treasurer
Jodell Benson, Finance Coordinator

PART 2:

Thomaston Department Annual Reports

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Ambulance & Fire Department
Emergency Management Director
Library
Police
Pollution Control
Public Works
Solid Waste



Watts Hall Block
(Photo Courtesy of Kara George)

Thomaston Town Office



*Back: Recreation Director Rene Dorr, Town Manager Val Blastow, Jr., CEO Bill Wasson, Assessors' Agent David Martucci
Front: Town Clerk Kara George, Finance Coordinator Jodell Benson, Secretary/Office Coordinator Donna Culbertson,
Secretary Elizabeth Cole (Photo Courtesy of Police Chief Tim Hoppe)*

Town Manager, Tax Collector, Treasurer, Road Commissioner, EMA Director, Project Officer,
General Assistance Administrator

Valmore Blastow, Jr.

Town Clerk, Voter Registrar, Public Information Officer, Village Cemetery Contact

Kara George

Assessors' Agent & IT Support

David B. Martucci, CMA

Code Enforcement Officer & Plumbing Inspector

William Wasson

Finance Coordinator & General Assistance Alternate

Jodell Benson

Recreation Director

Rene Dorr

Secretary/Office Coordinator, Motor Vehicle Agent, Pollution Control Bookkeeper

Donna Culbertson

Secretary

Elizabeth Cole, Temp.

Town Manager's Report

Valmore Blastow, Jr., Town Manager

It is with pleasure, pride, and humility that I present my 25th Annual Town Manager's Report to the Citizens of Thomaston. The word gratitude comes to mind as I reflect over those years in which I have been given the opportunity to serve you! Therefore, I note of the 68 years since the 1950 inception of the Town Manager Plan, I found myself referring to the 1979 Town Report of Town Manager, John S. Taylor, as he retired after 13 years and 1 month. John S. Taylor wrote, "As I look to the future of Thomaston, I see further change, not only physical, but psychological. Government in the decades ahead will require greater managerial knowledge and expertise than I feel I can provide." I was left in awe as his record preceded him and wonder when I, too, will follow in his footsteps.

The Route 1 Maine Department of Transportation (M.D.O.T.) reconstruction project finished its second year of intrusion on the community and the traveling public. From the 15 plus or minus nights of night paving and the on and off one-way traffic, the Town heard plenty of complaints and some support and understanding. I believe the project will require approximately a month to complete in the spring of 2018 and the citizens of today have borne the burden, therefore, future generations will benefit.

I would like to thank M.D.O.T. for all the hard work and complexities of dealing with a "Wiscasset" in Thomaston, as we are one in the same. I would like to also thank Lane Construction and Nitram Construction as they deserve high marks for their patience and product. Last but not least, I would like to thank Audrey Lovering from Lovering Associates, Pollution Control Superintendent John Fancy and Public Works Director Jim Connon, as they all managed the Town's needs of communication logistics and quality product for the citizens.

One of the most significant changes to Thomaston beyond all of the projects in 2017 was the loss of 100 years of collective experience from dedicated employees: Town Clerk, Joan Linscott with 28 years; Police Chief, Kevin Haj, with 26 years; Public Works Heavy Equipment Operator, Clifford Eugley, with 25 years; Police Officer, Mike Blais, with 13 years; and Administrative Secretary/Office Coordinator, Louise Demers, with 12 years. The Town wishes them all well in their future endeavors.

The Thomaston Ambulance Service continues to have an issue maintaining response staffing of volunteers. Specifically, from Thomaston Ambulance Service members. Currently the Town engages per diem employees for 12-hour shifts, seven days per week, from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. The current data indicates that of the approximate 450 to 500 calls annually, 20% occur between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m.

The Town implemented paid Per Diem EMS coverage 6 a.m. – 6 p.m. Monday through Friday in the 2000/2001 budget year. The next step in 2009/2010 was to hire per diem coverage for 6 a.m. – 6 p.m.,



*Town Manager Valmore Blastow, Jr.
(Photo Courtesy of Kara George)*

Saturdays and Sundays in that budget year. Also, the initiation of Rockland billing \$250 per response call as opposed to the prior no cost mutual aid system. In 2013, this was increased to \$300 per call, then they were increased to \$500 per call in 2016 and now it has risen to \$800 per call as of January 9th 2018.

Finally, several years ago, the Thomaston Ambulance Service adopted, through voters, the approved budget process funding for a sign-up roster for night time coverage 6 p.m. – 6 a.m., seven days per week, utilizing the volunteer service. This allowed for the Town to fund \$24 per night for 365 days to two members per evening, for 730 slots per year, totaling an estimated \$17,520. This was intended to ensure response and it appears to have accomplished the opposite effect.

The member signing-up is paid the \$24 per evening amount, irregardless of responses. However, if a response is needed, the two members signed-up are the first responders and are additionally paid for the call at their regular, pay rate and time as normal.

All of the above mentioned measures taken have not stabilized the service. The Town of Thomaston runs between 450 and 500 ambulance calls annually. Rockland had been responding to between 60 and 70 of Thomaston's 450 to 500 calls annually. During this period a \$250 per call fee was initiated by Rockland, increasing to \$300 and eventually increasing to \$500 per call. As of January 9, 2018 the fee increased to \$800 per call with an overture of an increase of up to \$1000 per call. Note that the agency responding to the call receives any and all rights to the billing of the patient, currently \$558 per call.

Therefore, a review of the current year's first six month billing 6/1/17 through 11/30/17 billed in January at the previous \$500, depending on the nature of the 66 responses cost the taxpayers \$32,150 against a budget for the year of \$20,000. This is further compounded by the fact that the new rate as of 1/9/18 is between \$700 and \$800 per call.

Therefore, the same 66 responses would have cost \$51,400 for the same six month period, or \$102,800 annually. Plus the loss of billing 66 calls at \$558, totaling \$140,728, or \$243,528 annually with the direct cost and the indirect loss of ambulance billing fees.

The Ambulance Service increase of \$84,000 arises from the estimated cost of Rockland handling approximately 130 of Thomaston responses to calls. The Town needs to reassess the service in the short term while determining the future operations.

Therefore, I propose the following 5 options for the community to assess in order to address the ambulance service issues:

1. Have Per Diem At Will coverage 24 hrs. per day, seven days per week.
2. Prepare a request for proposals to have a private/public agency handle all Thomaston Ambulance calls and disband the current Thomaston Ambulance Service.
3. Reorganize the current Thomaston Ambulance Service with consideration of a Full-time Service Director responding to calls, as well as managing the service with a consideration of increasing the pay of volunteers, and moving away from per diem At Will employees.
4. Create a Full-time Ambulance Service 24 hrs. per day, seven days per week with benefits covering 8,760 hours.
5. Continue to operate as usual increasing the ambulance coverage cost with Rockland for a total of \$104,000, without any assurance that these costs will not continue to escalate.

Lura Libby School was officially acquired by deed transfers from RSU #13 in January and the Board of Selectpersons approved the concept of a Standing Municipal Facility Committee (S.M.F.C.) to make recommendations on all Municipal Facility projects of \$250,000 or more in cost or value. The Board further engaged John Hansen to complete an Architectural Code Compliance Assessment of the facility. Once completed, a directive was drafted outlining the responsibilities of the S.M.F.C in receiving Lura Libby for a Town Office, Food Pantry, Recreation Offices, Police Department Offices and function room as Phase I. The S.M.F.C. also is to consider the planning of Phase II to relocate the Fire and Ambulance Departments, which would require an annex of garage bays on the north side of the facility. A traffic engineer was engaged through Civil Engineers, Landmark Inc.

By the year's end, draft plans were completed and the former Lura Libby School was opened to the community to tour the facility and hear a presentation on the project. Zel Bowman-Leberge, the chairperson of the S.M.F.C., noted the traffic study as a concern of the schools nearby. The financial review of Phase I at approximately \$900,000 will be presented to the voters at a Special Town Meeting for approval of Phase I only in the summer of 2018.

The Recreation Director was authorized by the Board of Selectpersons to hold summer camp at the Facility from June to September for children 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. weekdays in the Function Room. Rene has been invaluable this past year in assisting my office with a number of projects and issues that arose in regards to the Facility.

The Town installed a one year-old boiler donated by RSU #13 in Lura Libby at a cost of \$13,000, completed by Rock Coast Plumbing and Heating.

A major project is being undertaken by the 15-member Comprehensive Planning Committee led by Daryl Hahn and Peggy McCrea, to update the 2005 Comprehensive Plan, which will guide the community for the next 15 years.

The Town placed "The Safe Routes to School" Project out to bid in December. The low bidder was George C. Hall & Sons at \$138,999. The Town received a \$100,000 grant to install a sidewalk along the north side of Starr Street and partially on Watts Lane up to the American Legion Hall. The work is expected to start after the 4th of July and after the Route 1 Project is completed in 2018.

The voters approved the expenditure of \$362,675 for capital equipment, primarily from Reserve and other unexpended fund sources. To clarify, the use of funds is as follows: Ambulance \$182,346, Dump Truck Plow & Sander \$155,573 and Police Cruiser \$24,576. In addition, \$100,000 was raised for paving projects.

The Municipal Budget was approved by the voters for 2017/18 at \$3,259,455, a 2.83% increase or \$89,741.60, representing a Municipal mil rate of 6.79 of the total mil rate committed at 19.40.

The Unassigned Fund Balance (surplus) was \$1,157,287 as audited. This represents approximately 17% of the Annual Expenditures. The Town has not borrowed a tax anticipation note since 2005.

The RSU #13 Budget was \$4,095,417 at a 5.8% increase or \$225,331 and the Knox County Budget was \$450,349 at a 4.5% increase or \$19,404. A comparison review of the three budgets, Municipal, RSU #13 and Knox County respectfully, over the last 9 years since SAD #50 was dissolved, indicates the Municipal has increased 21.5%, RSU #13 has increased 41.6% and Knox County has increased 38.1%.

BUDGET	MUNICIPAL	RSU #13 (SAD 50)	KNOX COUNTY
2017/18	\$3,259,455	\$4,095,417	\$450,349
2008/09	\$2,682,073	\$2,891,520	\$326,176
9 Year Increase	\$577,382	\$1,203,897	\$124,173
% of INCREASE	21.5%	41.6%	38.1%

Economic Development continues to advance. The Town has six new business owners in the Business District: Chambers Jewelers & Gemologist, Indigo, Moondance, Sandra L. Hoekstra Booksellers, Thomaston Café, Thyme to Talk. Plus an additional business, The Block Saloon, opening this summer. New businesses are opening as the Town places the finishing touches on the Route 1 highway with new sidewalks on the north and south side of Route 1 and granite curbs from the Thomaston Green to Fish St.

In addition, the east side of Town continues to advance with a new Ford Garage planned and a storage facility. The valuation of the East Economic Tract was \$69,527,217 in 2004/2005 and with the voter approval of the Dragon Products T.I.F. which funded the Wastewater Construction project allowing for all the new commercial construction. The valuation of the same area has increased \$94,637,990 to \$164,165,207. This growth has allowed for the new construction and has reduced the mil rate down approximately 5 mills in taxation.

The new commercial development has raised questions about the need for more police services. The Select Board has heard on more than one occasion the need for additional Police staffing. Specifically, two additional officers based on the impacts of Walmart from an impact study that was completed.

The study was called the "Comprehensive Economic Impact Study by Planning Decisions of Portland, Maine- June 27, 2011." It identified seven activity driven expenses:

EXPENSE CATEGORY	ESTIMATED COST OF WALMART
General Government	\$39,197
Municipal Buildings	\$4,778
Fire	\$20,561
Police	\$59,787
Protection & Safety	\$11,502
Public Works	\$26,546
Capital Outlay Other	\$37,788
TOTAL	\$200,158

It further states, "It would be incorrect to attribute this rising marginal cost solely to the proposed Walmart expansion. Nonetheless, it seems accurate to say that continued growth of commercial activity of the sort proposed by Walmart in the proposed development area is likely to move the town along a path toward higher public safety costs. These may not be entirely internal staffing costs, but could ultimately involve costs for the shared expenses of cooperative agreements with neighboring communities."

Nowhere does the study state that two additional Police Officers would be required in the future. Therefore, I have analyzed the number of calls, thefts, and burglaries based on the data available from previous Town Reports from 2000 to 2017. Specifically, based on the fact the Local #340 Teamsters Union in 2015 when the last contract was negotiated requested the following clause be added to the contract: "The Town of Thomaston shall budget for six officers plus a Police Chief. Police officers will have the right to attend 40 hours of paid training per year on average." Plus, the Union requested full family health insurance as after 2005, the Town funds health insurance for the single employee only. These two items would increase the budget approximately \$270,000.

POLICE DATA			
YEAR	CALLS	THEFTS	BURGLARIES
(4 Staff) 1993	2,002	75	18
(5 Staff) 2000	3,494	59	12
2001	4,731	61	16
2002	4,678	69	9
2003	4,346	59	19
2004	4,238		
2005	4,848	64	14
2006	4,125		
2007	3,930	86	6
2011	4,400		
2012	5,000		
2013	3,800		
2014	4,078		
2015	3,085		
2016	4,043		
2017	4,081	71	
TOTAL:	64,933	530	93
AVE PER YEAR:	4,058	68	11

According to the U.S. Bureau of Justice Statistics Census of State and Local Law Enforcement Agencies, the State of Maine had 146 Law Enforcement Agencies employing 2,569 sworn officers. There were 195 officers for each 100,000 residents. Thomaston has 2,700 residents, which indicates a total of 5.26 sworn officers. Thomaston currently has five full-time officers.

The Town funds all the annual costs for officers to maintain their State Certification of training annually, as well as, new officers and the overtime costs to cover them for 18 weeks. When a new officer attends the Maine Criminal Justice Academy the Town funds the course costs.

The Town voted to withdraw from the Municipal Review Committee (M.R.C.) of 100 plus towns and cities that were charter members since the 1980s and managed the handling of solid waste.

Ecomaine will be the new provider of waste handling beginning April 1, 2018 in Portland, for the three town (Owls Head, South Thomaston and Thomaston) Co-operative Transfer Station, at approximately \$70 per ton.

M.R.C. partnered with Penobscot Energy Recovery Corporation (P.E.R.C) in 1991 as 21% owners. This entitled the charter members to share in the profits as Performance Credits. The Town of Thomaston alone received \$802,999.99 through November 8, 2017. These funds were used to decrease the cost per ton of waste through reducing taxes. The Town still has approximately \$300,000 to \$350,000 being held until August 2018 in the Town's name that will ultimately be reimbursed by M.R.C. This is only a portion of a total of approximately \$26,000,000 being held by M.R.C. for all the approximately 100 members. Bangor alone had \$5,000,000.

The communities that stayed with the new M.R.C. are supporting a facility being constructed in Hampden, Maine that was slated to open April 1, 2018. Those communities will not receive the Performance Credits still being held by M.R.C.

To date, of the \$26,000,000 held, approximately \$11,000,000 belonged to members typical of Thomaston that withdrew. This left the remaining members with \$15,000,000, as M.R.C. pledged \$12,000,000 for the cost of the new Fiberight Facility \$5,000,000 to purchase the land and install the infrastructure road, sewer, water and electricity and \$7,000,000 for the building.

My office could not support the Fiberight endeavor, as M.R.C. with \$26,000,000 was in a position to control the waste handling of the Fiberight Facility and Process. The \$26,000,000 would have allowed M.R.C. to have ownership of 37% of the \$70,000,000 facility and controlled as partners with Fiberight the oversight, and operations. This would have allowed for M.R.C. to be in a position to reduce the waste handling cost of approximately 100 communities as we had with P.E.R.C. for 27 years, thereby, saving taxpayers in excess of \$60,000,000-\$70,000,000.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Valmore Blastow, Jr.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Valmore Blastow, Jr.
Town Manager

2017 Select Board Actions

January 9, 2017

- Approved the RSU #13 property transfer of the Lura Libby School Facility.
- Approved the creation of the Standing Municipal Facility Committee.
- Advised the public of the February 16, 2017 Public Hearing and set the Referendum vote for February 28, 2017, contingent upon the final decision of the RSU #13 School Board Bond Referendum for up to \$23 million.
- Approved the Risk Management Safety Program addition of Chapter 7's "Emergency Action for Active Shooter."
- Approved the contract renewal with Interstate Septic Systems, Inc., for waste disposal at \$2,300.

February 27, 2017

- Approved the expansion of the Comprehensive Plan Committee from 13 members to 15 members.
- Approved the request from M.D.O.T. for an overweight movement permit under Title 29-A §2382 MRSA for Project #018846.10 to .55, on Old County Road beginning at Route 1 extending north 2.49 miles to the Rockland line.
- Approved the 4th Annual Trekkers Trek 5K Walk and 5/10K Run Fundraiser for June 4, 2017.
- Set the date of June 13th and 14th, 2017 for the Annual Town meeting in conjunction with the State of Maine Referendum Election.

March 13, 2017

- Approved the proposal from LCI Fiber Optics Network for consideration of the Internet Protocol Television Agreement.
- Authorized the Town Manager to engage Architect John Hansen to complete a "Preliminary Facilities Study" for cost, space, etc. of the former Lura Libby School.
- Accepted the low bid of \$148,600 for the upgrade of the Ship Street Pump Station to Apex Construction as recommended by Project Engineer Timothy Sawtelle of Dirigo Engineering.

March 27, 2017

- Accepted the proposal from Hall Funeral Home and set for a public hearing and town meeting vote.
- Approved the amendments to the Risk Management Safety Program Chapter 17 to change references of "Active Shooter to Active Threat."
- Set the Public Hearing date for May 25, 2017 contingent upon the Planning Board's final ordinance review process.
- Accepted the bid specifications for a Public Works Truck with plow, wing, and a 7 yard dump body with sander; as recommended by Public Works Director, Jim Connon, contingent upon Town Meeting voter approval.

April 10, 2017

- Approved and signed the Quit Claim Deed and discharge of the foreclosure lien on 11 Sunrise Terrace, Book 2245, Page 194.
- Approved and signed the CDBG mortgage discharges dated 12/18/2006, Book 3729, Page 114 for Robert Stafford and Patience Sampson. Mortgage date 6/16/2008, Book 3972, Page 283 for Sumner W. Kinney, Marjorie H. Kinney and Christopher Gold. Mortgage date 9/1/2010, Book 4281, Page 159 for Robert Stafford and Patience Sampson for submission to the State Community Development Office.

- Accepted the 2017/2018 Sand Bid of \$8.00 per yard to Hartland Inc. as recommended by Public Works Director, Jim Connon.
- Accepted the 2017/2018 Salt Bid of \$60.13 per ton, to New England Salt Co., Inc. as recommended by Public Works Director, Jim Connon.
- Accepted the 2017/2018 Municipal Budget of \$3,259,455 as recommended by the Thomaston Budget Committee with an increase of 2.83% or \$89,741.60.

April 24, 2017

- Accepted the low bid of \$3,440.20 from Hi-Way Safety Systems to complete the annual centerline road painting as recommended by Public Works Director, Jim Connon.
- Approved and placed out to bid the 2017-2018 Paving Bid Proposal subject to Town Meeting voter approval to pave 8,500 feet of Beechwood Street and Studley Lane.
- Approved the Annual Town Meeting Warrant for fiscal year July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 and set same for Town Meeting vote on Tuesday, June 13, 2017 by ballot and Wednesday, June 14, 2017 by open town meeting vote.
- Accepted the final recommended Planning Board amendments to Chapter 7 and Chapter 10 of the Land Use Ordinances and set the Public Hearing for May 25, 2017 at 6 p.m. at Watts Hall.
 - Article 40- Amendments to Sections 707.4, 710.4, Cemetery Uses
 - Article 41- Amendments to Sections 709.3, 709.4, and 712.5
 - Article 42- Amendments to Section 718.2 Signs in the R1 and R2 Districts
 - Article 43- Amendments to Sections 704.9.2, 712.4, 713.4, and 716.16.7 Retail Marijuana or Cannabis Facilities Regulations
 - Article 44- Amendments to Chapter 10 Definitions, Section 1003 Specific Definitions

May 8, 2017

- Issued the Liquor License renewal for Slipway Restaurant.

May 22, 2017

- Issued the Liquor License renewal for Thomaston Café.
- Approved the request of Daryl Hahn on behalf of the Watts Hall Community Players to have the Recreation Directors office relocated temporarily to the Lura Libby School from 2nd story former dressing room.
- Approved the request of the Red Knights Motorcycle Club to utilize the Municipal parking area behind the Business Block on June 10, 2017 for a fundraiser ride for the Thomaston Ambulance Association.
- Accepted the low bid of \$10,400 to Pro-Concrete to install the Gazebo's concrete slab at the Thomaston Green. Funding is from the Downtown TIF.
- Approved the abatement of personal property taxes as recommended and as submitted by the Board of Assessors pursuant to MRSA §760A for businesses closed, bankrupt, errors to small or burdensome to collect.
- Acknowledged the receipt of the citizen's petition to prohibit crematories in Thomaston.
- Awarded Jordan Mini the \$4,000 Dietz Scholarship for Veterinary Sciences at Becker College.

June 12, 2017

- Approved the request of Jared Porter to hold a 5K Memorial Run for Nathan Robertson on August 13, 2017.
- Approved the 2017/2018 Paving Bids for award contingent upon the June 13, 2017 Town Meeting approval.

- Approved to place out to bid the specifications for the purchase of a 2017 Type 3 ambulance as submitted by EMS Director Rusty Barnard.
- Approved the request of Michael Courtney to use the Thomaston Green on June 24 and June 26, 2017 for the PenBay ARC (PenBay Amateur Radio Club.)
- Approved the donation of \$3,000 for support to the Downtown Alliance.

June 26, 2017

- Accepted the bid to purchase a 2018 Public Works Dump Truck/plow as recommended by Public Works Director Jim Connon.
- Approved proceeding with the bid process for a new 2018 ambulance as recommended by EMS Director Rusty Barnard.
- Approved the Pollution Control budget for 2017-2018 as recommended by Superintendent John Fancy.
- Placed two foreclosed properties out to bid:
 - 363 Main Street, Thomaston, Tax Map 106, Lot 41 and Knox County Registry of Deeds Book 2053, Page 254
 - 129 Booker Street, Thomaston, Tax Map 107, Lot 40 and Knox County Registry of Deeds Book 4521, Page 230

July 10, 2017

- Accepted the low State of Maine bid for a 2017 All-Wheel Drive Dodge Police Cruiser at \$24,756.78 vs. the next lowest State of Maine bid for a 2017 Ford at \$25,015.00 prior to trade.

July 24, 2017

- Approved the purchase of a 2017 Ambulance as specified to Professional Vehicle Corp. Rumford, Maine, for the low bid of \$182,346.00 with trade-in of 2007 unit.
- Approved MDOT up to a maximum of 15 more nights of night paving.
- Reviewed and signed the Quit Claim Deeds for redeemed foreclosed property per Article 27 of the June 14, 2017 Town Meeting.
 - Property located at 127 Booker Street, map 107, Lot 40 by discharge Liens Book 4719, Page 165 and Book 4561, Page 124 in Knox County Registry of Deeds, and receipt of \$15,900.05 for taxes and all other costs.
 - Property located at 363 Main Street, Map 106, Lot 41 by discharge of the Liens Book 4837, Page 228, and Book 5078, Page 115, and Sewer liens Book 4918, Page 254, Book 5014, Page 52 in Knox County Registry of Deeds, with receipt of \$9,532.96 for taxes and all other costs.
- Approved the Annual Local Road Assistance Program (LRAP) Certification for the Maine Department of Transportation and accepted \$24,572, as submitted by Public Works Director Jim Connon.

August 14, 2017

- Issued Liquor License renewal to Applebee's Neighborhood Bar and Grill.
- Approved the request of Erin Dugan on behalf of the Oceanside High School Class of 2018 to utilize the Thomaston Green at the end of the month of September to hold a Movie Screening Fundraiser.
- Accept the outline of draft directives for the newly approved Thomaston Standing Municipal Facilities Committee in regards to the Town Office, Emergency Services, and the Recreation Department relocations.
- Approved the amendments to the Ambulance Service Fee Schedule as recommended by the EMS Director Rusty Barnard.

September 11, 2017

- Approved Rollie's Café in Belfast a one-time application for a catering permit to serve liquor for an event to be held on September 30, 2017 at the Henry Knox Museum at 30 High Street.
- Approved the Annual General Assistance Ordinance Appendix A thru D.
- Accepted the dividend funds of \$2,581 from Maine Municipal Association.
- Approved a 4-way stop sign at Gleason Street and Pine Street.

September 25, 2017

- Issued new liquor license to Saybelle Corp. d/b/a Thomaston Café.
- Authorized Architect John Hansen to complete the Preliminary Draft Design of the Town Office/ Police Department for the Standing Municipal Facility Committee.
- Approved Thomaston Conservation Commission to partner with the Georges River Land Trust to create a mountain/fat bike trail in conjunction with the existing Thomaston Forest Hiking Trail.
- Approved the request of Maine State Prison Employees to hold a Family Day on the Thomaston Green on October 13 and 14, 2017, as submitted by Lori DesSureault.

October 23, 2017

- Reviewed and approved the new Boards & Committees Application for annual appointments.
- Approved the request of Director Roberta Carmichael, Thomaston Food Pantry, to fund \$1400 for Thanksgiving Food Baskets.
- Approved the leasing of the former Chamber's Jewelry space in Watts Hall for a period of six months to Andrew and Gina Josephs, and Shirley Barlow at a rate of \$600 per month.

November 13, 2017

- Authorized the Town Manager to initiate the withdrawal agreement between M.R.C. and the Town of Thomaston, for the management of solid waste through Attorney Paul Gibbons.
- Authorized the Town Manager to initiate the PUT Option through the PERC Agreement, as a M.R.C. Equity Charter Member, allowing for the receipt of Thomaston's share of funds from the Debt Service Reserve Fund estimated at approximately \$15,000.
- Approved placing the 2007 Ford Ambulance out to bid with a minimum bid of \$6,000 as recommended by the EMS Director, Ruston Barnard.
- Accepted the personal property tax abatement request of Creek Hill Auto Repair with the amendment that all personal property taxes due be paid first, before the abatement for the years 2016-2017, 2015-2016, 2015-2014, totaling \$5,617.23 will be applied.
- Authorized the purchase of a Radar Message Sign as requested by the E.M.A. Director for the sum of \$5,498 and to accept a grant of \$7,500 from M.E.M.A. total cost of \$13,590.

November 27, 2017

- Issued Liquor License for the General Henry Knox Museum events on December 1, December 6, and December 7, 2017.
- Set a special town meeting for December 12, 2017 for the PUT Option Agreement.
- Authorized the expenditure of up to \$11,000 to replace seven windows on Watts Hall as recommended by Bill Hahn.

December 11, 2017

- Accepted the high bid of \$8,517 for the sale of the 2007 Ambulance to the Town of Aurora Volunteer Fire Department.
- Approved the request from Trekkers, Inc. to hold the annual Thomaston Trek 5/10K Run and Walk Event on June 3, 2018 throughout Town.
- Approved the recommendation of the Standing Municipal Facility Committee to request from Civil Engineers a R.F.P. to determine the suitability based on traffic and pedestrians to locate the Fire and Ambulance service at the former Lura Libby Facility as Phase Two of planning as submitted by Architect John Hansen.

2017 Appointments, New Hires, & Resignations

2017 APPOINTMENTS

1/09/2017 Jared Porter	Recreation Committee
2/27/2017 John Hansen	Regional Shellfish Warden
2/27/2017 John Eaton	Comprehensive Plan Committee
2/27/2017 Andrew Joseph	Comprehensive Plan Committee
3/13/2017 Joe LaBranche, Jr.	Addressing Officer, Alternate
3/13/2017 Virginia Blanchard	Planning Board, Alternate
5/08/2017 Christopher Hirsch	Watts Block Trustees
5/08/2017 Diana Beach	Comprehensive Plan Committee
5/08/2017 Jean Short	Comprehensive Plan Committee
6/12/2017 Donna Culbertson	Temporary Town Clerk
6/12/2017 Joanne Richards	Temporary Town Clerk
6/12/2017 Neil Krane	Watts Block Trustees
6/26/2017 Justin Hills	Regional Shellfish Warden
8/14/2017 Timothy Hoppe	Police Chief
8/14/2017 Olaf Sigaud	Sergeant/Investigator
8/14/2017 Valmore Blastow, Jr.	Tax Collector
8/14/2017 Valmore Blastow, Jr.	Treasurer
8/14/2017 Valmore Blastow, Jr.	General Assistance Administrator
8/14/2017 Jodell Benson	General Assistance Administrator Alternate
8/14/2017 Valmore Blastow, Jr.	Road Commissioner
8/14/2017 Valmore Blastow, Jr.	Affirmative Action Officer
8/14/2017 Valmore Blastow, Jr.	Emergency Management Director
8/14/2017 Kevin Haj	Deputy Emergency Management Director
8/14/2017 Donna Culbertson	Interim Town Clerk
8/14/2017 Donna Culbertson	Interim Registrar of Voters
8/14/2017 Donna Culbertson	Public Information Officer
8/14/2017 Peter Lammert	Tree Warden
8/14/2017 William Wasson	Code Enforcement Officer
8/14/2017 Scott Bickford	Alternate Plumbing Inspector/CEO
8/14/2017 Alan Leo Jr.	Health Officer
8/14/2017 David Martucci	E-911 Addressing Officer
8/14/2017 Mikial Mazzeo	Fire Chief
8/14/2017 Jaime Leo	Deputy Fire Chief
8/14/2017 Robert Coombs	Assistant Fire Chief
8/14/2017 Ruston Barnard	EMS Chief
8/14/2017 Christopher Hast	Reserve Officer
8/14/2017 Thomas Eagar	Reserve Officer
8/14/2017 Noah Stevens	Reserve Officer
8/14/2017 Michael Blais	Harbormaster
8/14/2017 William Demmons	Animal Control Officer

8/14/2017 Rene Dorr	Recreation Director
9/25/2017 Jeff Creighton	Planning Board
9/25/2017 Anita Knowlton	Board of Appeals
9/25/2017 Elizabeth Watts	Personnel Committee
9/25/2017 Elizabeth Watts	Budget Committee
9/25/2017 Patricia Hubbard	Budget Committee
9/25/2017 Cliff Weaver	Shellfish Committee
9/25/2017 James Cuthbertson	Watts Block Trustees
9/25/2017 Mark Kunz	Conservation Commission
9/25/2017 Greg Hamlin	Library Board of Trustees
9/25/2017 Mimi Zwick	Library Board of Trustees
9/25/2017 Lynn Snow	Standing Municipal Facilities Committee
9/25/2017 Zel Bowman-Laberge	Standing Municipal Facilities Committee
10/23/2017 Larry Schooley	Standing Municipal Facilities Committee
10/23/2017 Beverly St. Clair	Board of Appeals
10/23/2017 Patricia Smith	Senior Representative for Recreation Committee
12/11/2017 Robert Armstrong III	Harbor Committee
2/12/2018 Joanne Richards	Comprehensive Plan Committee
9/25/2027 Noreen Mullaney	Standing Municipal Facilities Committee
9/25/2017 Kara George	Town Clerk, Voter Registrar, Public Information Officer

2017 New Hires

1/25/2017 Elizabeth Cole	Town Office Administrative Temp.
3/27/2017 Dean Camber	Public Works Department
8/14/2017 Thomas Hoepner	Patrol Officer
8/14/2017 Jacob Labo	Patrol Officer
8/14/2017 Jacob Grinnell	Patrol Officer
9/25/2017 Kara George	Town Clerk

2017 Resignations

1/09/2017 Cliff Eugley	Public Works Department
1/09/2017 Michelle Winchenbach	Town Office Administrative Temp.
3/13/2017 Kevin Haj	Police Chief
5/08/2017 Jaime Doubleday	Comprehensive Plan Committee
5/08/2017 Karen Clarke	Comprehensive Plan Committee
5/22/2017 Carl Danielson	Planning Board
6/12/2017 Joan Linscott	Town Clerk
6/26/2017 John Hansen	Regional Shellfish Warden
7/24/2017 Kella River	RSU #13 School Board
2/12/2018 Patricia Hubbard	Comprehensive Plan Committee
2/12/2018 Anne Perkins	Comprehensive Plan Committee
2/12/2018 Davene Fahy	Comprehensive Plan Committee
2/12/2018 Amy Beers	Comprehensive Plan Committee

Town Clerk's Report

Kara George, Town Clerk

Thank you to everyone for all your warm welcomes and support during my first year as your Town Clerk. I sincerely appreciate the opportunity to serve this wonderful community and look forward to many more years to come as your Town Clerk. We have a hardworking and outstanding team here at the Town Office that I am happy to be a part of.

In addition, we have an excellent crew of dedicated Election Ballot Clerks and Election Warden that I would like to recognize for their outstanding support during the November Election. Thank you to Joanne Richards, Lucy and Henry Carey, Lee-Ann Upham, Muriel Pinkham, Shirley Hamlin, Pete Lammert, and Election Warden Mike Mayo.

There are new services in our office that I am pleased to offer Thomaston residents. First, the Online Boat Registration Renewal Service is now available through Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. It's simple and easy to use and is available online 24 hours, 7 days a week at <https://www5.informr.org/online/boat/>.

Secondly, our office is now processing marriage licenses online through the Database Application for Vital Events (DAVE) as is required by the Department of Health and Human Services. DAVE is a central filing system for all birth, death, and marriage vital records.

2017 Licenses, Registrations, and Vital Statistics Recorded

Hunting & Fishing Licenses

Hunting (All types)	35
Fishing	40
Combination	38
Saltwater Only	14
Total Licenses:	127

Voter Registrations as of 03/16/18

Democratic	637
Green Independent	129
Libertarian	7
Republican	546
Unenrolled	685
Total Voters:	2004

ATV's, Boats, Dogs, Snowmobiles

Registrations

ATV's	36
Boats	162
Dog Registrations	180
Snowmobiles	37
Total Registrations:	415

Vital Statistics

Births	27
Marriages	12
Deaths	35
Certified Copies Sold	132
Burial Permits	21
Total Vital Statistics:	227

Assessors' Agent Report

David B. Martucci, CMA

AMOUNT NEEDED TO PAY BILLS

County Tax	450,349
Municipal Budget	3,259,456
TIF Financing Plan Amount	789,457
Education	4,095,417
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	8,594,679

DEDUCTIONS

Estimated State Revenue Sharing	156,402
Homestead Reimbursement*	140,393
BETE Reimbursement**	89,170
Other Revenues	663,799
LESS ADDITIONAL REVENUES	1,049,765
TOTAL TAX NEEDED	7,544,915

OVERLAY† 10,366

TOTAL TAX RAISED (see below) 7,555,281

VALUATION & TAX

Real Estate Value	412,227,460
Less Exemptions	(68,417,227)
Personal Property Value	51,179,709
Less BETE Exemptions	(5,542,466)
TOTAL VALUATION	389,447,476
TIMES TAX RATE	x .01940
TOTAL TAX RAISED	7,555,281

Taxes Committed October 3, 2017

The Homestead Exemption is now \$20,000 per homestead which amounted to a reduction in tax of \$388.00 per receipt. The State of Maine reimburses the Town \$194.00 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 56.55% 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.



Tax Rate Calculation

Total tax plus Overlay	7,555,281	= 0.01940
Total Taxable Valuation	389,447,476	

Tax rate is per dollar but can be expressed as \$19.40 per Thousand Dollars of Valuation

EXEMPTIONS	VALUE	TAX VAL
Benevolent & Charitable	5,379,249	104,357
Blind	8,000	155
Fraternal Organizations	1,073,535	20,827
Homestead	14,473,546	280,787
Literary & Scientific	2,361,056	45,804
Environmental Control	6,714,309	130,258
Religious	4,970,355	96,425
United States of America	1,739,775	33,752
State of Maine	1,762,527	34,193
RSU 13 & Solid Waste	12,555,853	243,584
Town of Thomaston	16,312,813	316,469
Veteran's Estates	648,000	12,571
Veteran's Posts	418,209	8,113
TOTAL EXEMPTIONS	68,417,227	1,327,294

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Calendar Year 2017 ABATEMENTS & SUPPLEMENTS

REAL ESTATE ABATEMENTS		
Diane Henry Estate	686.15	Error in Assessment.
Theresa Smith	769.62	Error in Assessment.
Richard & Mary Nightingale	428.35	Error in Assessment.
Richard & Mary Nightingale	947.08	Error in Assessment.
Elwyn F. Henderson	1,279.04	Error in Assessment.
Perry M. & Lauren M. Barnes	388.00	Error in Assessment.
Lawrence A. & Kay F. Brooks	929.88	Error in Assessment.
TOTAL REAL ESTATE ABATEMENTS		\$5,428.12

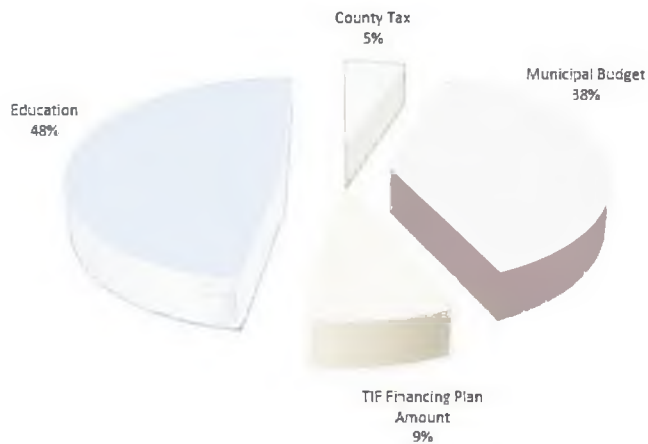
PERSONAL PROPERTY ABATEMENTS		
<i>Prior Years too small or burdensome to collect economically abated by Select Board</i>		
Adian Editing	317.39	Out of Business - Moved Away
Biggart's Boat Shop	1,007.36	Out of Business - Moved Away
Billy's Tavern	2,768.45	Out of Business - Closed
Bryan's Body & Fender	1,714.19	Out of Business - Moved Away
Capstone Electric	827.84	Out of Business - Closed
CCR Distribution & Wholesale	385.48	Out of Business - Closed
Country Primitives	27.05	Out of Business - Moved Away
Crossfit Crossover	640.29	Out of Business - Moved Away
Dusty's Hardwood Flooring	79.35	Out of Business - Closed
Gorham Leasing Group	79.93	Out of Business - Moved Away
Green Line LLC	498.99	Out of Business - Closed
HFSS Biz	87.28	Out of Business - Moved Away
Highland Coffee Shop	3,967.32	Out of Business - Closed
Images Hair Salon	427.42	Out of Business - Closed
Maine Coast Family Dentistry	6,174.28	Out of Business - Closed
Maine Country Home	16.05	Out of Business - Moved Away
Nails Salon	1,190.19	Out of Business - Closed
Northeast Patient's Group	205.24	Out of Business - Closed
Sea Street Graphics	601.30	Out of Business - Closed
Seal Harbor Construction	55.24	Out of Business - Moved Away
The Flower Goddess	214.57	Out of Business - Moved Away
Touch of Glass	24.02	Errors in Assessments
<i>Current Year abated by Board of Assessors</i>		
Vision Quest Productions	50.72	Error in Assessment.
TOTAL PERSONAL PROPERTY ABATEMENTS		\$21,359.95

TOTAL ABATEMENTS	\$26,788.07
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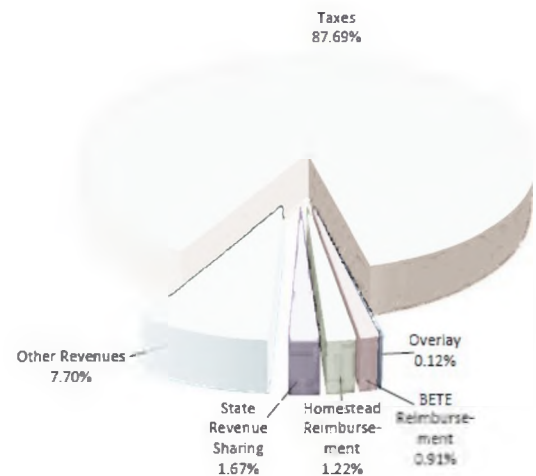
SUPPLEMENTAL TAX ASSESSMENTS		
Frank & Diane Henderson	1,074.60	Assessed to Wrong Owner
TOTAL SUPPLEMENTAL TAX ASSESSMENTS		\$1,074.60

2017-2018 Expenditures, Income, and Valuation Analysis

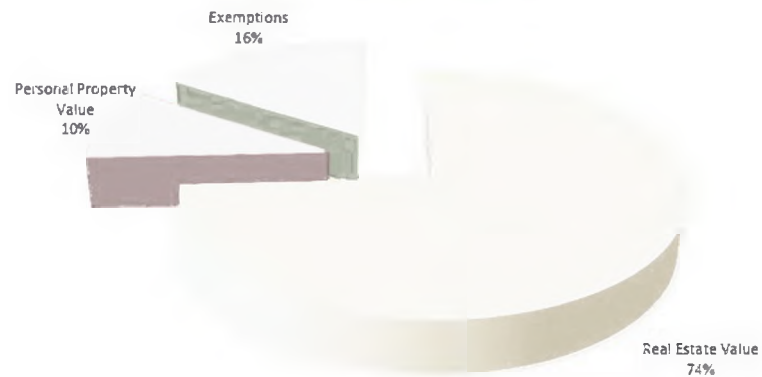
2017-18 Expenditures



2017-18 Income



2017-18 Valuation Analysis



I have been on the job as your Agent for the Board of Assessors for fifteen 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, Kara, Jodell, Elizabeth 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 an increase in both volume of home sales and 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 somewhat stagnant (average selling price is down from last year—\$151,715 versus \$168,902—but the number of qualified sales is up slightly from 24 to 26) 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 2017-18 fiscal year reflect the sales during the period 7/1/16 to 6/30/17. Our State-audited Sales ratio came in at 97% 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 16, which is the same as last year. By law, it is not supposed to be above 20 and anything 14 or below is considered very good. This rating is determined by the range of assessment ratios from one value to the next in the ratio study.

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.

EXEMPTIONS

There are three basic categories of exemption from taxable 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 raised each exemption last year from \$15,000 to \$20,000 and the State reimbursement is 50%.

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 veterans 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, or 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 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 on or before **May 1st**. Please let me know if you have any questions or want the application form. Essentially business equipment used in a non-retail or service business will generally qualify.

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 SUPPLEMENTALS

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 an 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 is \$20,000 this year at 100% Ratio. But if the Ratio falls to 80%, for example, then it is worth only \$16,000. Up until now, we have been able to certify at 100%.

By State Law the overall average Municipal Ratio can not be less than 70% or more than 110%. This past year we were at 97% 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 16, which is acceptable. 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. I thank you for authorizing the additional hours.

OFFICE HOURS & ASSESSORS MEETINGS

My office hours are Monday through Thursday 8 am to 5 pm, and Friday 8 am to 2 pm, or by appointment. The Board of Assessors meet 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.



Respectfully submitted,

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Outstanding Property Taxes

2016 TAX YEAR REAL ESTATE TAXES

Drinkwater, Jason.....	568.52
Flagg, James D.	297.50
Nassau Broadcasting Holdings Inc.....	2,922.66
Philbrook, Mark E. & Goldberg, Nathan	3,522.38
Rolfe Enterprises, LLC.....	3,645.17
Stone, Eleanor & Kaufmann, Janice M.	896.87
Wagner, Teresa Ann	6,052.90

TOTAL 2016 PAST DUE..... \$17,906.00

2017 TAX YEAR REAL ESTATE TAXES

Adams, Gerald A. Estate; Adams, Cheryl & F. William, Pers Reps.....	3,982.92
Barnes, Michelle	1,311.14
Beattie, Robert & Debra.....	2,975.33
CSD Properties, LLC	12,397.58
Delmonico-Read, Rosemary A.....	954.65
Drinkwater, Jason.....	620.98
Flagg, James D.	308.22
George C. Hall & Sons, Inc.	25,737.92
Harshman, Sheila C.	57.07
Henry, Arthur D.	4,918.20
Henry, Dwight R.	2,969.47
Henry, Justin D.	1,601.83
JPMorgan Chase Bank, NA	3.19
Johnson, Chad S. & Candi L.	1,654.79
Jones, Norene H. & George E.	1,478.65
Kaufmann, Janice M.....	1,767.09

2004 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

William E. Dornan & Sons/ Robert Beattie	22.00
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TOTAL 2004 PAST DUE \$22.00

2005 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

William E. Dornan & Sons/ Robert Beattie.....	20.55
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TOTAL 2005 PAST DUE..... \$20.55

Lawson, Janis C. & Robert H. Estates

Lawson, Holly D., Pers. Rep.....	1,526.70
Matlack, Edward T. & Anne H. Berndt, Eric H.	1,132.59
Mills, Stephen & Lewis Arthur & Margaret W. Life Estate	3,340.08
Nassau Broadcasting Holdings Inc.....	3,028.03
Olmsted, Robert W. & Elaine B.	16.04
Pease, Arnold S. Jr.	747.90
Perry, William A.....	134.52
Peterson, Mark E. & Neala F.	7,809.00
Philbrook, Mark E. & Goldberg, Nathan	3,649.36
Risteen, Jesse A. & Sage L.....	2,025.10
Rolfe Enterprises, LLC.....	6,165.11
Roscoe, Frank E.	1,947.63
Stone, Eleanor & Kaufmann, Janice M.	929.20
Sylvester, Jerry S.....	3,370.47
Talbot, David C. & Donnalee S.....	1,583.60
Vigue, John H.....	5,334.80
Wagner, Teresa Ann.....	6,551.73
Wilson, Timothy H.	3,306.38

TOTAL 2017 PAST DUE..... \$115,337.57

GRAND TOTAL

REAL ESTATE

TAXES PAST DUE \$133,243.57

Note: Past due amounts do not include interest or costs.

2006 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

Creek Hill Auto Repair/Craig Hoppe.....	977.50
William E. Dornan & Sons/ Robert Beattie.....	293.25

TOTAL 2006 PAST DUE..... \$1,270.75

2007 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

Creek Hill Auto Repair/Craig Hoppe.....	1,105.50
William E. Dornan & Sons/ Robert Beattie.....	331.65

TOTAL 2007 PAST DUE..... \$1,437.15

2008 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

Jake Barbour, Inc.	8,137.00
Creek Hill Auto Repair/Craig Hoppe	995.90
Thomaston Grocery/John Vigue.....	4.03
William E. Dornan & Sons/ Robert Beattie	286.77

TOTAL 2008 PAST DUE..... **\$9,423.70**

2009 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

Creek Hill Auto Repair/Craig Hoppe	994.92
Thomaston Grocery/John Vigue.....	3.90
William E. Dornan & Sons/ Robert Beattie	298.48

TOTAL 2009 PAST DUE..... **\$1,297.30**

2010 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

Chemrock Corp. of DE/ Dicaperl Mineral	141.01
Creek Hill Auto Repair/Craig Hoppe	1,133.21
Thomaston Grocery/John Vigue.....	4.44
William E. Dornan & Sons/ Robert Beattie	339.97

TOTAL 2010 PAST DUE..... **\$1,618.63**

2011 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

Chemrock Corp.	255.66
Creek Hill Auto Repair/Craig Hoppe	1,269.90
Rock City Cycle/Peter Bishop	208.16
Studio 54/Michael Martineau	114.58
Thomaston Grocery/John Vigue.....	4.98
William E. Dornan & Sons/ Robert Beattie	380.97

TOTAL 2011 PAST DUE..... **\$2,234.25**

2012 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

Chemrock Corp.	129.93
Coastal Child Care Center, Inc	152.30
Creek Hill Auto Repair/Craig Hoppe	1,415.49
Rock City Cycle.....	232.03
Studio 494/Michael Martineau	140.91
Thomaston Grocery/John Vigue.....	5.56

William E. Dornan & Sons/ Robert Beattie	424.65
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TOTAL 2012 PAST DUE..... **\$2,500.87**

2013 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

Athens Mediterranean Pizzeria	165.80
Bryant Construction.....	336.00
Charles Walsh	16.80
Chemrock Corp.	150.26
Coastal Child Care Center Inc.	228.58
Creek Hill Auto Repair/Craig Hoppe	1,636.94
Ferraiolo Construction Inc	10,337.04
Isaac Rhode Painting.....	33.60
Local Color Salon/Ruth Carney	15.02
Rock City Cycle/Peter Bishop.....	268.33
Safety-Kleen Systems, Inc.	0.64
Studio 494/Michael Martineau	162.96
Thomaston Grocery/John Vigue	36.96
William E. Dornan & Sons/ Robert Beattie	491.10

TOTAL 2013 PAST DUE..... **\$13,880.03**

2014 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

ADT, LLC.....	0.55
AMG Transport	20.26
Athens Mediterranean Pizzeria	709.36
Bryant Construction.....	368.28
Catalano Construction, Inc.	100.27
Charles Walsh	18.41
Chemrock, Corp	119.32
Coastal Child Care Center Inc.	250.53
Creek Hill Auto Repair/Craig Hoppe	1,794.21
Ferraiolo Construction Inc	22,660.27
Isaac Rhode Painting.....	36.83
On the Edge Fitness/Emily Lawry	4.19
Rock City Cycle/Peter Bishop.....	294.11
Safety-Kleen Systems, Inc.	14.55
Studio 494/Michael Martineau	178.62
Thomaston Grocery/ John Vigue	40.51
William E. Dornan & Sons/ Robert Beattie	538.27

TOTAL 2014 PAST DUE..... **\$27,048.27**

2015 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

AMG Transport	22.15
Athens Mediterranean Pizzeria	170.91
Bryant Construction.....	402.69
Charles Walsh	20.13
Chemrock, Corp.....	21.30
Coastal Child Care Center Inc.	47.31
Creek Hill Auto Repair/Craig Hoppe	1,961.84
Farmer Jones Organics	18.32
Ferraiolo Construction Inc.....	15,530.46
Horse & Hound Veterinary Service/ Margo Maloney, DVM.....	3,097.90
Isaac Rhode Painting	40.27
On the Edge Fitness/Emily Lawry	4.58
One Hundred Fifty Main Salon/ Valerie Jackomino	8.82
Rock City Cycle/Peter Bishop.....	321.58
Safety-Kleen Systems, Inc.....	12.73
Studio 494/Michael Martineau	195.32
Thomaston Grocery/ John Vigue.....	31.85
William E. Dornan & Sons/ Robert Beattie	588.57

TOTAL 2015 PAST DUE.....\$22,496.76

2016 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

AMG Transport	26.40
Arthur D. Henry, Inc./ Arthur & Dwight Henry	1,694.71
Athens Mediterranean Pizzeria	203.71
Bryant Construction.....	479.96
Chamber's Jewlers of Thomaston	4.04
Charles Walsh	24.02
Chemrock Corp	18.53
Coastal Child Care Center Inc./ Kenneth & Tammy Rolfe	56.38
Creek Hill Auto Repair/Craig Hoppe	2,338.29
Ferraiolo Construction Inc.....	18,510.59
Guardian Lawn Care/Jonathan Grout.....	180.30
Horse and Hound Veterinary Service/ Margo Maloney, DVM.....	240.41
Isaac Rhode Painting	48.00
KDK, LLC/Katrina Johnson.....	1,079.33
On the Edge Fitness/Emily Lawry	5.46
One Hundred Fifty Main Salon/ Valerie Jackomino	111.06
Patriot Builders/Patriot Automall/ Frank Bowen	198.33

Rock City Cycle/Peter Bishop.....	383.30
Studio 494/Michael Martineau	58.45
Thomaston Grocery/John Vigue.....	37.95
William E. Dornan & Sons/ Robert Beattie	701.51

TOTAL 2016 PAST DUE.....\$26,400.73

2017 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

AMG Transport	30.07
Advanced Roof Systems, Inc./ Steve Faulcon	46.70
Arthur D. Henry, Inc./ Arthur & Dwight Henry	1,931.38
Athens Mediterranean Pizzeria	464.33
Boat Shop/Christopher & Wm Biggart	440.49
Bryant Construction.....	546.99
Charles Walsh	27.38
Chemrock Corp	17.20
Coastal Child Care Center Inc./ Kenneth & Tammy Rolfe	38.91
Creek Hill Auto Repair/Craig Hoppe	2,664.85
Dorman's Dairy Dream/ Janice D. Cross.....	145.52
Ferraiolo Construction Inc	14,364.14
George C. Hall & Sons, Inc.	344.78
Guardian Lawn Care/Jonathan Grout.....	205.48
Horse and Hound Veterinary Service/ Margo Maloney, DVM.....	231.02
Isaac Rhode Painting	54.70
KDK, LLC/Katrina Johnson.....	1,936.72
KeyBank National Association	1.13
Northeast Patients Group.....	11.44
Oak Run Heating/Chris Colson.....	164.10
On the Edge Fitness/Emily Lawry	6.22
One Hundred Fifty Main Salon/ Valerie Jackomino	126.58
Patriot Builders/Patriot Automall/ Frank Bowen	599.63
Rock City Cycle/Peter Bishop.....	436.83
Studio 494/Michael Martineau	66.61
Thomaston Grocery/John Vigue	25.89
Wabasha Leasing LLC.....	19.43
William E. Dornan & Sons/ Robert Beattie	799.49

TOTAL 2017 PAST DUE.....\$25,748.01

GRAND TOTAL**PERSONAL PROPERTY****TAXES PAST DUE.....\$135,399.00**

Note: Past due amounts do not include interest or costs.

2017-2018 Real Estate Property Taxes

As Assessed 10/3/2017

16 Gay Street, LLC.....	3,425.73	Ashworth, Amy & Whitney, Benjamin	987.48
19 Mechanic St, LLC.....	2,663.17	Athearn, Mollie A.	2,084.98
305 State Street, LLC	4,197.68	Atkinson, Jennifer F.	1,669.56
82 Water St, LLC	13,360.39	Atkinson, Wendell R. & Brenda J.....	4,040.50
Abbott, Veronica L.	1,697.31	Atwood, Diane C.	2,795.54
Abdulla, Karen A.	4,909.73	B&S Recycling LLC.....	2,785.06
Achorn, Myra S. & Harold A. Jr.	3,002.67	B.F.E. LLC	51,535.99
Achorn, Nancy A.K. & Bradley M.....	4,671.62	Bailey, Robert G.....	1,945.45
Achterhof, Carol A.	8,252.80	Baio, Dora Protection Trust.....	948.66
Ackor, Jefferson D. & Susan J.	2,783.51	Baiza, Lawrence T.	4,126.11
Adams, Donna J.	2,924.47	Baker, Nancy T.....	4,849.40
Adams, George H. Jr. LE &		Ball, Charles & Kelly.....	2,104.36
Adams, Aaron G.	3,566.30	Banks, Christina C.	3,282.36
Adams, Gerald A. Estate; Adams, Cheryl &		Barbour, Ashley E.	19.28
F. William, Pers Reps.....	4,715.85	Barbour, Susan et al	6,980.12
Adams, Linda L.....	4,042.40	Barlow, Albert L. Jr. & Kari P.....	3,342.37
Adz Partnership	2,030.91	Barlow, Shirley R.....	2,987.95
Ahearn, John & Brown, Rachael.....	2,856.81	Barnard, Elizabeth L.....	7,353.41
Albert J. Zimba Trust.....	8,001.72	Barnard, Jennifer & Ruston	1,300.01
Albertson, Thomas	4,251.53	Barnes, Brian P.	9,512.79
ALC Investment Trust,		Barnes, James L.	7,192.59
Craven, Ann L. Trustee	14,470.17	Barnes, Michele.....	2,723.35
Alcott Boat Co, LLC	2,887.69	Barnes, Paul H. & Priscilla.....	3,279.36
Alex, George S. & Gwendolyn M.	3,072.88	Barnes, Perry M. & Lauren M.....	6,529.52
Alex, Gwendolyn & Gregory	2,295.62	Barnes, Susan A.	2,169.17
Allaire, John	3,496.02	Barnett, Richard M. & Ruth DeBoer	4,799.70
Allan, Daniel P. & Kay E.	4,561.02	Barra, Andrea P. & Michael J.....	3,949.45
Allan, Kay E. & Ames-Allan, Holly L.....	2,510.48	Barreto, Carmen G.	8,557.90
Allen, Daniel H.	2,795.83	Barrett, Kathleen A.....	2,410.37
Allen, Daniel R. & Ann M.	2,694.49	Barstow, Andrew J. & Amy.....	3,283.10
Allen, Elizabeth J. & Mathias, Jeffrey D.	4,731.19	Barter, Tracie N. & Laatz, Susan	1,961.26
Allen, Heather M. & Jamie S.....	3,627.76	Barthelette, Jane H. & Hirsch, Christopher	
Allen, Lamont L. Jr. & Alana J.	2,423.97	1,219.81
Allen, Lamont S. & Alana J.....	4,408.46	Bartlett, Brian & Tracy A.....	2,944.38
Ames, Joshua	1,444.74	Baudanza, Michael J.	2,937.06
Anderson, Bertil K.....	3,658.32	Baughman, Crystal B. & Cote	2,304.84
Anderson, Charlene S.	3,256.19	Beach, Diana L.	6,337.77
Anderson, Olof L. & Evelyn G.	3,753.34	Beal, Craig.....	158.63
Anderson, Sally B. & Walter A.	2,184.21	Beal, Gerald W. & Nancy L.	643.42
Anthony, David	24.46	Beasley, George & Constance T.	6,228.06
Arbour, Lawrence M. & Georgene D.....	3,504.82	Beattie, Robert & Debra L.	4,350.63
Arcana Lodge #102 K of Pythias	1,478.47	Beckett, Eileen K.....	2,423.04
Armbrecht, Cheryl D. & Thomas H.	4,383.74	Beckett, Maxine L.	4,206.06
Armstrong Properties, Inc.	11,686.87	Beckett, Patricia & Brian.....	3,669.22
Armstrong, Nancy Lee & Jeffrey B. Estate.....	5,276.00	Beckett, Patricia W. & Hyatt, Melanie A.....	2,251.35
Armstrong, Nancy Lee Miles	4,154.82	Beckett, Shawn & Amy	3,321.92
Arrg, LLC.....	5,814.78	Bedell, Michael S. & Sandra G.	3,104.00

Bell Atlantic Mobile Systems dba Verizon Wireless 2,470.20
 Bell, Nathaniel S. & Susan L. 4,185.59
 Benkin, Ellen &
 Earl, Mary Clark 2003 Trust 993.69
 Benner, Jane E. 1,502.47
 Benner, Lorraine A. 1,874.10
 Benner, Raymond & Lois. 2,131.69
 Benner, Terrance L. Jr. 1,654.16
 Bernier, Albert L. Jr. 1,285.72
 Bernier, Albert L. LE & Marie-Denise 3,998.15
 Berry, Melody L. & Rickey 2,352.35
 Bertocci, Cynthia S. 5,376.09
 Bertrand, William Ellis 1,700.55
 Berube, Paul M. & Jenni L. 3,357.71
 Best Felts, Inc. 8,316.59
 Beverage, Robert W. & Kathy J. 3,630.92
 Billings, Aimee 2,235.81
 Bird, Robert E. 3,131.61
 Bishop, Peter R. 4,578.83
 Bisset, Scott F. & Carol J. 922.02
 Bittner, Daniel L. 1,857.80
 Black Dirt Guy 18.57
 Black, Brenan D. & Bryce J. 2,948.45
 Blackman, James S. & Lynn 3,662.47
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Todd, Western A. Jr. & Goddard, Jana ..	4,418.93	Watts, Robert F., Bentley M. & Timothy M.	
Tokarz, Peter P. & Donna E.	7,321.83	1,433.58
Toler, Larry L. & Cynthia M.....	3,127.28	Weaver, Benjamin M.....	1,609.23
Trolleboda Group	12,280.20	Weaver, Donald J. & Laurel B.	7,001.05
Trout, Stuart F.	1,579.26	Weaver, Julia M. Estate;	
Tucker, Brenda L.....	4,481.42	Weaver, Clifton W., Heir	2,343.93
Tung, Sanhuang.....	3,577.94	Webster, Craig H. & Mary D.	3,089.39
Turner, Richard P. & Carmen H.	1,818.42	Weddle, Jacqueline E.....	1,736.16
Tyler, Aimee E.....	2,735.38	Weed, Curtis B. Jr. & Karen S.....	1,431.58
Tyler, William R. & Sarah A.....	2,762.56	Weintraub, Harry E., Ilene F. & Paul A. .	2,626.95
Union Block Property, LLC.....	8,357.93	Wells, John F. & Roxanne	3,386.60
Upham, Gary	2,548.95	Wescott, Kevin.....	9,261.56
Upham, John W. & Lee Ann M.	2,293.66	Westover, Gerald F. & Coleen A.....	3,615.17
Upham, Paula L.	1,384.25	Wheaton Family Trust	2,956.75
US Bank Nat'l Assn., Trustee Aegis Asset Backed		Wheaton, B. Thomas.....	1,578.75
Securities Trust, 2005-5	3,853.17	Whipple, Betty.....	408.87
Valliere, Marcel & Jill.....	1,135.31	White, Leona	1,897.98
Van Campen, Timothy & Susan H.	4,400.21	Whithead, Michael W. &	
Van Dine, Lee C. & Wendy-Jo	2,354.81	Wolfe, Kathryn S.	3,375.43
Van Horn, Leon D.	3,438.18	Whiting, David D. & Judith	2,168.88
Vanorse, Katy	1,952.11	Whiting, Scott K.	3,121.36

Whitney, Barbara G.	6,547.73
Whitten, Leroy R. Jr. & Susan M.	5,420.55
Wiggin, Harold L. & Phyllis E. Living Trust	1,738.38
Wiggin, Ruth A.	1,954.43
Wigglesworth, Allan F. & Laurel B.	2,837.04
Wiley, Donald E. & Geraldine M.	2,769.25
Willett, Jerry L.	2,023.28
Williams, Irene Brooks	1,328.86
Williams, J. Vance & Luchetti, Carol Q. ...	6,040.96
Williams, Melvin & Douglas	3,768.74
Willis, Jason & Karen M.	2,646.00
Willis, Paul J. & Karen E.	2,682.92
Wilson, Janice F.	3,246.65
Wilson, Paul G. & Sandra A.	7,420.93
Wilson, Timothy H.	3,457.25
Wincapaw, Karen	2,146.18
Winchenbach, Eugene F. III & Leila C. ...	2,970.66
Winslow, Lisa C.	3,405.77
Winslow, Richard C. & Nancy L.	2,154.47
Winsper, Alexandra	2,424.69
Winston, Mark D. & Jody E.	2,427.17
Witham, Troy H. & Dawn M.	3,325.08
Wojtul, Peter	2,616.28
Wolfe, Christopher W.	2,124.26

Wolfertz, Melody	1,888.16
Wood, Nancy M.	3,091.45
Wood, Timothy & Harkins, Amanda	1,971.25
Wood, Wendy Jo W.	1,935.75
Woodman, Chandler S. & Arlene C.	3,110.93
Woodman, Jeffrey M. & Christina L.	16,428.89
Woodward, Michael J. & Dominique K. ...	2,898.17
Wooster, Henry T. & Dallman, Laura	2,633.43
Wooster, Shirley A. Estate; Benner, Lorraine Ann, Pers. Rep.	2,315.33
Workman, Robert & Joan & Noah	1,031.73
Worley-Smith, Brett & Smith, Russell J. Estate	3,431.53
Wotton, Sherwood L. Jr. & Patricia J. Moran	3,303.88
Wotton, William G. & Christina M.	1,975.52
Yakovenko, Scott W.	3,855.67
Yates, Jason R.	3,407.24
Young, Gary C. & Lois J.	3,803.64
Young, Marjorie A. & Bradford D. & Libby, Noreen	2,842.35
Young, Michael S. & Amy K.	2,656.44
Young, Robert O. & Cynthia L.	4,559.27
Young, Tammi L.	1,989.88
Zwick, Gerald D. & Micaela B.	4,809.67

2017-2018 Personal Property Taxes as Assessed 10/3/2017

101 Park Avenue Partners, Inc.	417.91
Advanced Roof Systems, Inc.	106.70
Aimee's Haircuts	10.26
Alcott Boat Co.	7.70
Amerigas Propane LP	1.55
AMG Transport	34.36
Applebee's	3,924.64
Art Tibbetts Marine Contractor	799.98
Arthur D. Henry, Inc.	2,206.40
Aspen Dental	5,304.48
Athens Mediterranean Pizzeria	530.43
Bangor Coca Cola	604.62
Bayview Press	26.58
BBK Plumbing & Heating, Inc.	23.55
Beechwood Apartments	192.72
Beneficial Equipment Finance Corp.	485.00
Benjamin D. Knight Software	1.82
Best Felts, Inc.	84.37
BG Shaw Enterprises, Inc.	312.44
Bissell Rental LLC	35.83
Branch Brook Farm	164.42
Bridal Bouquet Floral	14.94

Brooks Forest Products	573.66
Brooks Trap Mill	9,881.25
Bryant Construction	624.87
Camden National Bank	1,367.43
Carney Electric	18.57
Casco Bay Vending	353.08
Cash Depot	26.93
Catalano's Construction Inc.	78.32
Central Maine Power Co.	71.61
CH Rich Inc.	63.05
Charles M. Walsh	31.27
Chemrock Corp. of DE	19.65
Chep USA	354.54
China Fortune Inc.	138.52
Cigaret Shopper	156.64
CIT Finance LLC	140.22
Coastal Child Care Center	26.11
Coca-Cola Company	40.37
Coinstar, LLC	133.45
Conopco, Inc.	68.07
Core-Mark Midcontinent	76.38
Corey's Vending.com	0.39

Creative Images Hair Salon..... 74.03
 Creek Hill Auto Repair 455.30
 CSC Service Works 24.70
 Custom Coatings, Inc. 116.03
 Custom Museum Publishing, Inc. 56.92
 DIRECTV LLC..... 229.83
 Dish Network LLC..... 77.08
 dishNet Satellite Broadband LLC..... 2.06
 Donna's Little Darlings..... 152.54
 Dorman's Dairy Dream 166.24
 Dragon Products Co. LLC 546,252.39
 Dunkin' Donuts 856.90
 East Coast Rover Co..... 35.00
 Eastern Construction, Inc. 78.71
 ECN Financial LLC..... 1,429.92
 EdgeTech 116.40
 eFunds Corporation..... 1.14
 Elavon 87.14
 Elizabeth's Cuts and Styles 30.65
 Enterprise Rent-A-Car Co LLC..... 319.93
 Epifanes N.A., Inc..... 1,490.25
 EverBank Commercial Finance 37.05
 F & A's Market 248.96
 Fabian Oil Co..... 80.35
 Fastenal Company 926.35
 Feed Store Inc..... 24.25
 Ferraiolo Construction Co. 16,409.57
 First Data Merchant Services..... 15.00
 Flagship Cinema..... 10,287.68
 Fleetmatics USA LLC 12.96
 Fred's Coffee..... 12.40
 Fujifilm North America Corp..... 49.00
 Gemstone Goddess 18.82
 George C. Hall & Sons, Inc. 12,979.09
 Grayhawk Leasing LLC 1,155.77
 Great Heron Works 68.07
 GreatAmerica Financial Services 97.85
 Guardian Lawn Care 234.74
 Hall Funeral Home & Cremation 42.16
 Hampton Inn & Suites 9,039.31
 Haynes Galleries..... 295.44
 Hershey's Ice Cream 57.93
 Hewlett-Packard Enterprise Co 10.38
 Hewlett-Packard Financial Services 291.16
 Hillman Group Inc..... 125.13
 Hi-Tech Communications 122.80
 Horse & Hound Veterinary Services..... 285.78
 Hughes Network Systems, LLC 5.55
 Hybrid Fitness..... 485.00
 Interstate Septic Systems Inc. 706.35
 Isaac Rhode Painting 62.49
 Jeff's Marine, Inc..... 1,137.71

KDK, LLC.....2,212.51
 Kendra L. Potz, Esq.2.79
 KeyBank National Association.....18.64
 Knox Hotel Apartments.....425.64
 Ladco Leasing14.55
 Little Lady Electrolysis Shop13.81
 Lowe's Home Centers Inc.....27,153.73
 Lucette Boarding Home Inc.....1,036.08
 Lyman Morse Boatbuilding Co.7,233.84
 Maine Fiber Co., Inc.296.24
 Maine RSA#1 Inc.764.40
 Maine Water Company60,842.92
 Mason's Creations.....58.84
 Mattress Firm, Inc.859.89
 McDonald's #352968,682.88
 Meadows Auto Body126.53
 Merge MD Solutions LLC.....128.04
 Midcoast Federal Credit Union4,503.24
 Midcoast First Aid, LLC49.08
 Midcoast Marine Supply87.82
 MidCoLab252.74
 Mobile Mini, Inc.14.94
 Monkey-Doo Daycare44.76
 Mr. Tire Company621.50
 Muzak LLC32.84
 National Entertainment Network23.90
 Neopost USA Inc.....1.16
 Northeast Coffee Company.....36.20
 Northern Leasing Systems Inc.....15.62
 Northern New England Telephone
 Operations, LLC.....323.69
 Nouria Energy.....5,467.70
 NuCo2 Supply Inc.11.31
 Oak Run Heating LLC.....187.46
 Ocean Way Mental Health Agency170.72
 Omni Construction16.55
 On the Edge Fitness.....7.10
 One Hundred Fifty Main Salon.....144.61
 OPNAD Fund, Inc.....199.14
 Patriot Builders/Patriot Auto685.01
 Pattison Sign Group Inc.231.19
 Penobscot Electric Inc.66.66
 Pick Qwik.....171.75
 Pitney Bowes Global Financial Services51.10
 Pitney Bowes Inc.....29.16
 Primo Water Corp135.16
 Prog Leasing, LLC.....40.04
 RealD, Inc.261.09
 Redbox203.60
 Rock City Cycle499.05
 Rock Coast Plumbing & Heating.....393.22
 Rockland Ford1,685.10

Safety-Kleen Systems Inc.	9.02
Scientific Games Int. Inc.....	54.16
Scott B. Kingsley DMD.....	228.75
Semper Fi Functional Fitness	360.67
Shepard Brothers Storage.....	4.27
Shepard Motors Inc.	533.50
Shepard Sales Inc.	346.78
Slipway Restaurant	1,562.19
Smartstyle #2172	310.34
Strong & Hokkanen Attorneys	41.90
Strong Agency, Inc.	52.55
Studio 494	76.11
SuperCuts.....	496.29
Tax Services of America Inc.	79.15
The Black Dirt Guy	566.52
The Postcard Dude.....	25.72
Thomaston Boat & Engine Works.....	244.34
Thomaston Cafe	226.22
Thomaston Grocery	23.05
Thomaston Laundromat	397.20
Thomaston Place Auction Gallery.....	1,600.09
Thomaston Recycling	1,334.02
Thomaston Subway	928.25
Thomaston Yoga Studio, LLC.....	11.80
Tilbury House Publishers.....	40.74

Time Warner Cable Internet LLC.....	158.94
Time Warner Cable NE LLC.....	6,182.72
TimePayment Corp.....	160.01
Tractor Supply Co.	4,556.07
Tyco Integrated Security LLC.....	1.38
US Bank National Association	363.01
Varney Agency.....	71.37
Verizon Wireless.....	567.59
ViaSat, Inc.	2.79
Vision Quest Productions	101.44
Visual Art Imaging	123.99
Wal-Mart Stores East LP.....	80,253.61
Wasses Hot Dogs	9.95
Wayport, Inc.....	24.64
WBIN Media Co., Inc.	1,233.94
wceDesign and wcePublishing	74.77
Wells Fargo Financial Leasing.....	1,444.52
Wes's Glass	55.46
Western Union Financial Services	8.13
Wild and Alive LLC	142.47
William E. Dornan & Sons.....	913.33
Williams Scotsman, Inc.....	127.36
Woodcraft Shop, Inc.....	69.34
Zack Shack.....	588.89

2017-2018 Top 20 Tax Payers

Owner	2017-2018 Total Taxable Value	2017-2018 Total Taxable Value as % of Total Taxable Value	2017-2018 Total Taxable Value as % of Total Taxable Value
2. Wal-Mart Stores East LP/Wal-Mart Real Estate Business Trust	388,507	5.1%	26.9%
3. Lowe's Home Centers Inc.	305,583	4.0%	30.9%
4. Lyman Morse Boatbuilding Co. Inc./Cabot Lyman/Lyman & Sons, LLC/Adz Partnership	154,785	2.0%	33.0%
5. Hampton Inn & Suites/Thomaston Hotel LLC	115,450	1.5%	34.5%
6. Tractor Supply Co./Greeley Associates, LLC	101,233	1.3%	35.9%
7. Central Maine Power Co.	90,908	1.2%	37.1%
8. Maine Water Company	84,056	1.1%	38.2%
9. Shepard Bros Partnership/Shepard Motors Inc./Shepard Sales Inc./Shepard Bros Storage	83,949	1.1%	39.3%
10. Flagship Cinema/Steamship Associates LLC	70,822	0.9%	40.2%
11. McDonald's/Nouria Energy/Thomaston Property Holding, LLC	65,561	0.9%	41.1%
12. B.F.E. LLC /Greenfield Apts/Midcoast Marine/Fastenal/China Fortune/Subdivision	52,689	0.7%	41.8%
13. Knox Hotel Assoc., LP	45,433	0.6%	42.4%
14. George C. Hall & Sons, Inc.	39,709	0.5%	42.9%
15. Midcoast Federal Credit Union	38,784	0.5%	43.4%
16. Applebee's/Rootie Kazoutie LLC	33,042	0.4%	43.9%
17. Brooks Trap Mill/KMB, LLC/Sawmill Lane LLC	31,874	0.4%	44.3%
18. Nightingale, Richard & Mary	30,252	0.4%	44.7%
19. Goodnow, Justin E.	28,796	0.4%	45.1%
20. Chemrock Corp. of DE/RRP Judaica Asset Holdings, LLC	18,596	0.2%	45.3%

Code Enforcement Report

William Wasson, CEO

It is with pleasure that I present this report of the activity of the Code Enforcement Office for the year 2017 to the Town Manager, Board of Selectmen and the citizens of the *Town of Thomaston*.

There were a total of 88 Building Permits issued, 4 commercial, 11 single family dwellings, 10 garages, 12 sheds and 51 various renovations and additions. In addition, there were 36 Plumbing Permits and 3 Demolition Permits issued.

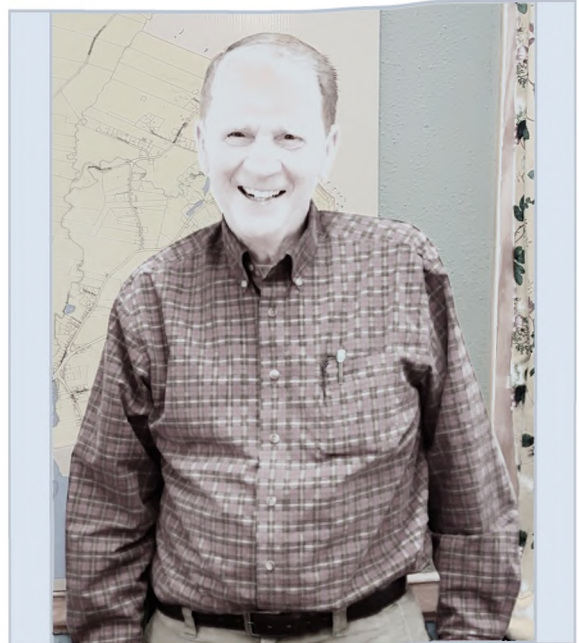
During the year I made 425 inspections, received 33 complaints, and dealt with 48 violations, one of which has been referred to court.

The Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals spend many hours of their own time hearing various requests and dealing with amendments to the Land Use Ordinances. These volunteer citizens are to be commended as this is part of what is required by laws to keep the *Town* operating. Some of the activities are conditional use requests, site plan reviews, public hearings, appeals, subdivision reviews and various Land Use Ordinance amendments.

And lastly, I would be remiss if I did not especially thank the Town Office staff and my Deputy Code Officer, David Martucci, 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



*Code Enforcement Officer Bill Wasson
(Photo Courtesy of Kara George)*

General Assistance Report

Valmore Blastow, Jr., General Assistance Administrator

Total expenditures for General Assistance (G.A.) were one of the lowest since at least 1992. This year \$5,830.77 was expended on 16 applicants that met State of Maine Department of Health & Humans Services (D.H.H.S.) Title 22 guidelines. Only the year 2002 was lower, with 27 applicants at a cost of \$3,877.

The Town approved 16 requests totaling \$5,830.77 and averaging \$364.42 each: 9 were for rent, \$4,096; 3 for electricity, \$725.92; 1 for food, \$44.68; 2 for water, \$179.17; and 1 cremation, \$785.00.

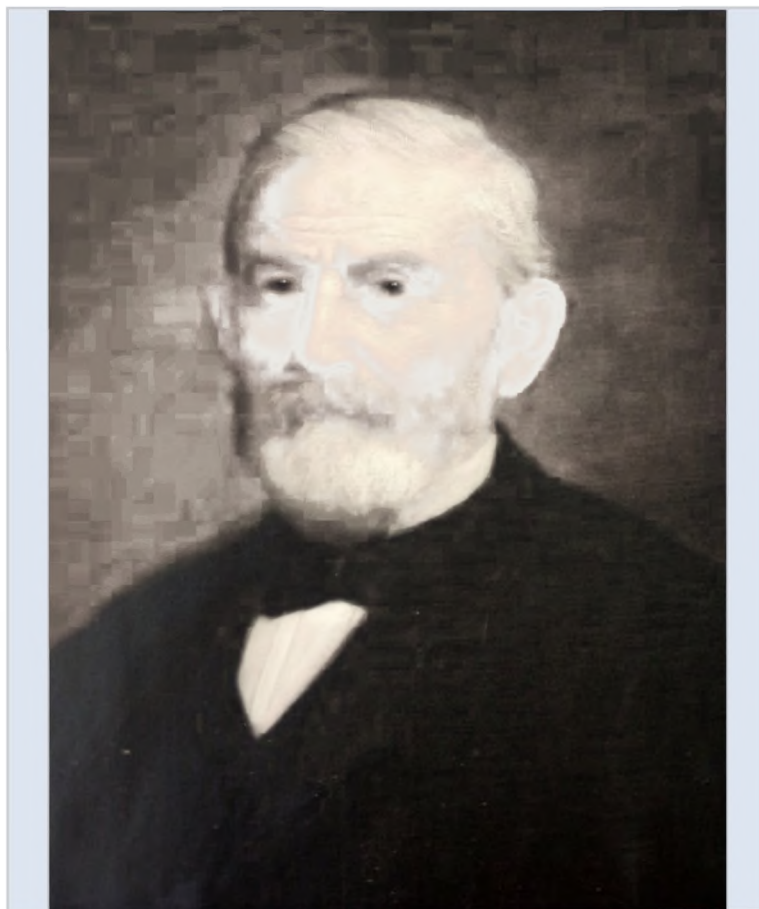
This is a major reduction in applicant costs from 2009, when the Town received 118 applicants at a cost of \$36,053, averaging \$305 per request.

Year	Total Expended	Number 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
2012	\$34,114	106	\$322
2013	\$16,254	65	\$250
2014	\$9,830	31	\$317
2015	\$9,889	44	\$341
2016	\$8,871	24	\$370
2017	\$5,831	16	\$365

The Deputy G.A. Director, Jodell Benson, continues to be a valuable asset as she calls into D.H.H.S. for almost all applicants, which allows me to have exact information on an applicant's status.

The Town's other two assistance funds that are utilized for individuals that exceed the G.A. guidelines in income, yet have a need, are the Charitable Fund and the Samuel Watts for the Worthy Poor Fund. The Charitable Fund received 7 requests totaling \$2, 652.65: 1 for rent, \$457; 2 for Central Maine Power, \$231.00; 1 for water, \$112.86; 1 for childcare, \$200; 1 for taxes, \$851.79; and 1 for electrical panel replacement, \$800.00.

The Samuel Watts for the Worthy Poor Fund was utilized for the 12-monthly Blood Pressure Clinics totaling \$360 and \$1400 funded the Thomaston Food Pantry to assist with Thanksgiving Baskets. Total expenditures were \$1760.00.



Captain Samuel Watts

Photo Courtesy of the Thomaston Historical Society

Recreation Department Report

Rene Dorr, 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 2017-2018 fiscal year.

GOALS

I have been the Recreation Director for the past 2 years and I am very excited that I have had and will have the opportunity to work with this community. I will be working very hard to keep the programs that are already in place going strong and adding new programs over the next couple of years. The Recreation Department will strive to provide programming for all ages and all interests as much as possible. This means youth sports, adult programs and senior programs that will range from sports to art to basic leisure activities.

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. Sponsorships continued this year for the 5th/6th basketball teams and for the 3rd/4th basketball teams. The K/2nd grade teams had a different program this year since I was not on board until January. The K-2 basketball program runs as a clinic and we work on skill development and fundamentals. With the limited time that we have in the gym, this program will continue to run on Sundays as a clinic for the near future.

Basketball business sponsors included: Fullers Auto, Thomaston Grocery, R&D Trash Removal, Hampton Inn, Camden Financial, Brooks Trap Mill, and S.D. Ryan and Son.

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 Soccer instructed by Boys Coach Matt Petrie.

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.

Spring and fall clinics included Lacrosse and Tennis, instructed by the Oceanside High School coaches.

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

SENIOR CITIZENS PROGRAMMING

Senior programs went very well last year with the monthly Friday Lunch and a handful of trips around the area. We went to the Botanical Gardens, Union Fair, a Sunset Cruise, The Theater in Brunswick, Acadia National Park and finished with the yearly shopping trip. The trips went very well and we had good weather for most of the adventures. The trips for this summer are in the works, I am working on the new schedule of trips with the help of Ben Vail from the St. George Parks and Rec.

There were a handful of senior trips last summer and they will continue into next year. 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 2014 at the Thomaston Federated Church on the last Friday of the month from 12:00-1:30pm. They continue to happen each month and seem to be a great success. Attendees enjoyed piano playing, a wonderful potluck lunch, card games, and the opportunity to learn about upcoming events for Thomaston residents.

SUMMER DAY CAMP

The Summer Day Camp (SDC) program was in its first year as a new program. To be brutally honest, this program was not as successful as I thought it should of or could have been. The SDC program ran out of the Lura Libby School in the multi-purpose room. There were 2 major hitches I ran into with this program. The first was we were running the program out of a school that was in the midst of shutting down. The second was the sign-ups could not take place until after the school vote. The vote for the school closing was on the 14th of June and school got out for the summer on the 18th of June. This gave us little time to sign up and parents needed a place for their kids well in advance of that. Thomaston SDC program had 16 kids registered over the summer. Some of those children were full-time some were part-time and some showed up for different weeks. The program itself was well run by the staff and we received many compliments from the parents. It is my feeling that we can build this program from the foundation that has been laid so far and with a PR campaign that will get sign-ups out starting in April. There is also the fact that we have the use of the Lura Libby building as a permanent home base.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

In additions to our family oriented excursions, we continued our partnership with local recreation facilities including the Camden Snowbowl.

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 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. Benjie Blake, and Ben Vail for their commitment to developing the Mid-coast Basketball League; 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; Thomaston Public Works for offering their time, muscle, and equipment whenever needed; Jodell, Elizabeth, Donna, and Kara 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.



Photos shared from the Thomaston Recreation Department Facebook page.

Thomaston Ambulance Department



EMS Chief Ruston Barnard, Lt./Paramedic Francis X. Brandon III, AEMT Salina Wallace, FF Christopher Winters, FF/AEMT Ellie Adams, FF Floyd Lawrence, and Fire Chief Paramedic Mikial Mazzeo (Photo Courtesy of Kara George)

EMS Chief Ruston Barnard, Jr.

AEMT Ellie Adams

AEMT Ben Adams

AEMT Jamie Leo

AEMT Earl Sutherland

AEMT Salina Wallace

AEMT Christopher Winters

Paramedic Francis X. Brandon III

Paramedic Mikial Mazzeo

Paramedic Katy Vanorse

EMT Sean Goodine

EMT Anthony Leo

EMT/Local Health Officer Alan Leo

EMT Ellin Schooley

EMT Liam Siguard

EMT Shawn Wallace

EMT Rebecca White

EMT Vanessa Winters

Operator Amanda Gardner

AEMT - Advanced Emergency Medical Technician

EMT - Emergency Medical Technician

Ambulance Department Report

Ruston N. Barnard, Jr. , EMS Chief

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 2017-2018.

The ambulance responded to approximately 416 calls for service this past year, of which 80% of those were during the day and 20% of those were at night. The top 3 requests for an Ambulance this past year were for “sick person”, “fall”, and “breathing problems”. All together, those account for 40% of the call volume.

We have approximately 25 staff members between our volunteer and per-diem crews who are licensed from Emergency Medical Technician through the level of Paramedic. We are always looking for new members, both volunteer and per-diem. We continue to struggle covering calls at night. Due to our low member numbers, we have turned over 94 calls to our mutual aid partners. That is a significant burden for the mutual aid partners and for the town financially, as there is a cost to answer those calls. That cost was approximately \$47,000.00. The ambulance service was able to bill out \$15,500.00 in mutual aid billing, bringing the balance to \$31,500.00. We budget \$20,000.00 for outside mutual aid responding to Thomaston. That leaves a balance of \$11,500.00 over that budget line. With more staffing, we can turn that negative number into a positive number.

As I have stated before, all of our members work very hard to combine work, family life, and life as a pre-hospital health care provider, to provide the best care possible for the citizens of this town.

Our meetings are on the first Tuesday of each month, and if you would like more information in reference to joining or any other information about the Ambulance Service, please feel free to call me at 354-6345 ext.230.

During the year we have provided many training sessions to our members. In this current and upcoming year, we are focusing on high efficiency CPR, mass casualty incidents, and pediatric emergencies. Several of our members attended the annual three-day APEMS Educational Seminar held at the Samoset in Rockport. Each year we must also comply with annual OSHA mandated trainings, the Town of Thomaston’s Risk Management Training program, and other Federal and State mandated training. All of this training amounts to hundreds hours annually, most of which can only be obtained on nights or weekends.

Members are proud of their commitment to this community, and the community should be proud to have them.

As we have done in years past with the help of the Thomaston Ambulance Association, the Thomaston Ambulance Service was able to give back to the community this year by providing needy families with holiday meals this year over Thanksgiving and Christmas. We also offer hands only CPR to the public, which we try to do every couple of months.

In December, our new ambulance arrived and was put into service. The Ambulance Committees spent many hours building the ambulance on paper, and with input from the members of the department, as well as traveling to the manufacturer's facility, were able to develop the ambulance that we now have. The ambulance has a new state of the art patient loading system on it to reduce injuries, as well as a safer and more efficient patient care compartment. On the 18th day the new ambulance was in service, it, as well as the crew earned a "stork" for delivering a baby in the back of the ambulance. This was something that had not been done here in Thomaston for over 20 years.

In closing, I personally would like to say thank you to the members for responding to the calls, and for giving up their time away from their families. I would also like to say thank you to the citizens of Thomaston. Without your support we would not have been able to purchase items such as a new ambulance, which continues to allow us the ability to provide safer and more efficient medical care.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ruston Barnard
EMS Chief



Thomaston Ambulance service receives stork pins

"Chief Rusty Barnard and wife Jennifer; AEMT Lina Wallace and husband Shawn, also an EMT; and driver Chris Winters and wife Vanessa, also a licensed EMT."

(Photo Courtesy of Beth Birmingham/Courier Publications)

Thomaston Fire Department



*Fire Chief Paramedic Mikial Mazzeo, FF/AEMT Ellie Adams, Lt./Paramedic Francis X. Brandon III, FF Christopher Winters, Lt. George Erickson, Jr. FF Aubrey Johnston, FF Floyd Lawrence, Capt. Pete Lammert (Emeritus), FF Ed Worthley, Fire Police Phil Netzorg, Asst. Fire Chief Robert Coombs, EMS Chief Ruston Barnard, AEMT Salina Wallace
(Photo courtesy of Kara George)*

Fire Chief Mikial Mazzeo

Deputy Fire Chief Jamie Leo

Assistant Fire Chief Robert Coombs

Capt. Ben Adams

Capt. Anthony Leo

Capt. Emeritus Peter Lammert

Lt. Francis X. Brandon III

Lt. Earl Sutherland

Lt. George Erickson

Fire Police Phil Netzorg

Chaplain Vanessa Winters

FF Ellie Adams

FF Sean Goodine

FF Floyd Lawrence

FF Brian Soiett

FF Katy Vanorse

FF Christopher Winters

FF Stewart Woodman

FF Ed Worthley

Probationary FF Jess Ward

Fire Department Report

Mikial Mazzeo, 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 2017-2018 Annual Report for the Thomaston Fire Department.

This past year we have enhanced our mutual aid adding some automatic responses from our mutual aid towns when we have fires. This has been a trend around the country as the fire service nationwide is seeing fewer and fewer people joining and staying with volunteer departments. Of note, we have added the automatic response of Waldoboro for a rapid intervention team or RIT. On the fire ground, we are required to have a team of firefighters standing by dedicated to saving a firefighter who becomes trapped or lost inside a burning building. This team, as we all do, has special training in rescuing down firefighters. Utilizing Waldoboro to fill this necessary role doesn't interrupt the normal flow of our mutual aid to fight the fire, but they are close enough to get here fairly quickly. Enhancing or adding to our mutual aid and calling mutual aid earlier on in an incident has become necessary. Many of our personnel are working during the day and we often don't have sufficient personnel during the day to accomplish all tasks and do that to standard and safely. We are always accepting applications and need your help, please apply today.

This year we were visited by the Insurance Services Office or ISO. ISO reviews all aspects of fire protection for a community from dispatching and communication equipment to mutual aid, training, personnel, the public water system and hydrants, and most notably in this particular review, fire apparatus. The insurance industry then uses the rating to set insurance rates. Our last review was conducted around 1992 and we received a fire protection rating of Class 6/8B: Class 6 in the hydrant district and a Class 8B in the rural areas. Since the review in 1992, we have replaced all apparatus in the fleet. This along with other improvements in equipment inventories, and communications equipment improved the town rating to 4/4Y: Class 4 in the hydrant district and 4Y in the rural district. If you were wondering the answer is, yes! Yes, the insurance industry essentially understood at the time they began this year's review that your homes and businesses were still being protected by the 1937 Buffalo fire truck that Fireman's Association now owns and uses in parades. The oldest truck in the current fleet is a 1994 which is up for replacement in 2019.

We train throughout the year on a variety of topics including hose advancement, search and rescue, chimney fire, ventilation, driver training, SCBA, water rescue, tools and equipment and annual Maine Department of Labor required training.

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 6:30 PM.

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, Select Board, and the various departments for their help during the year.

Thank you to all the citizens who assisted the department with shoveling hydrants near their homes. The firefighters really appreciate the help.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mikial Mazzeo

Fire Chief

Local Health Officer Report

Alan P. Leo, EMT/Local Health Officer

To the Town Manager, Board of Selectman and the Citizens of the Town of Thomaston,

I present to you the report of the Local Health Officer. The position of LHO is mostly one without a lot of activity, which is really a good thing as when we receive complaints it has usually gotten to a serious situation and all other avenues have failed. When there is an issue I work with other departments both locally and at a State level to resolve them. If an issue needs to be handled with legal proceedings, I will handle them as well.

In 2017, I was contacted twice with regards to issues that posed a health concern. One issue concerned debris left at a now abandoned house and another dealt with unsanitary conditions in a home.

I attended training for LHO's this year both in person and online and continue to train as the classes come up. I monitor the Centers for Disease Control notifications and updates and this year focused on updates regarding, Infectious Disease, especially any Flu information, Zika Virus, and general health information and alerts.

If anyone is in need of my services you may call me at 207-596-5120.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alan P. Leo, EMT,
Local Health Officer

Emergency Management Director

Valmore Blastow, Jr., EMA Director



Emergency Contact List

Emergency Ambulance/Fire/Police CALL 911

Administrative Calls

EMA Director:	Valmore Blastow, Jr.	354-6107
EMS Chief:	Ruston Barnard, Jr.	542-0494
Fire Chief:	Mikial Mazzeo	542-9400
Knox County EMA:	Ray Sisk	594-5155
Knox County Sheriff Dept.:		594-0429
Knox Regional Communication Center:		593-9132
Police Chief:	Timothy Hoppe	354-2511
State Police:		1-800-452-4664
HazMat Spill Reporting:		1-800-424-8802

Emergency Management Report

Valmore Blastow, Jr., EMA Director

The Emergency Management Agency (E.M.A.) federal year was from October 2016 through September 30, 2017. Maine Emergency Management Agency (M.E.M.A.) did not fund Emergency Management Performance grants for the 2016/2017 year as the work plans were discontinued. The Town still funded health safety and traffic emergency items in excess of \$30,857 in 2017.

Through Maine Municipal, the Town continues its Risk Management Safety Program and has started an annual review of the nineteen chapter program with all employees in attendance. The meetings were held at the proposed new Town Office Facility (Lura Libby) on two different days, Wednesday and Saturday to allow for all staff to attend. The Fire Department assisted with fire extinguisher training at the same time. The Town initiated an active shooter policy and amended same to an active threat policy. Furthermore, the Town is implementing an updated harassment and discrimination policy.

The Town purchased a traffic speed sign with assistance from Ray Sisk, the Knox E.M.A. Director. The sign cost \$12,998 of which an M.E.M.A. grant funded \$7,500 and the Town funded \$5,498. Funds came from the Designated Reserve from prior years and \$1,455 from the current budget. This is the second traffic speed tabulator of moving vehicles the Town has purchased. The first tabulator records every vehicle by time of day, speed, and whether the vehicle is a passenger car or truck. The second tabulator has the same capabilities; however, it can also record a photo and convey the information to a remote computer located in a patrol cruiser.

The Town further funded Lovering Associates to assist with communications and safety for the traveling public in regards to the Maine Department of Transportation (M.D.O.T.) Route One Project at a cost of \$7,923.

The purchase of a 2017 Ambulance was funded at a cost of \$184,346 with \$167,000 from Capital Reserves and the remaining \$17,346 from tax increment financing (T.I.F.) funds.

The October 29th and 30th, 2017 storm event was declared a disaster on January 2, 2018 by the President. The declaration is DR-4354-ME and the Town submitted a request for Public Assistance totaling \$20,800 on Form 7. Tree limb clean-up was the primary expense as detailed by the Public Works Director, Jim Connon. Central Maine Power Company reported 6,422 customer's service interruptions, 44 outage cases, and 12 poles down from the storm. The Town will receive approximately \$15,000 plus of the amount as outlined.

The Town continues to work on procuring the Hazard Mitigation for one of the last major infrastructure projects- the culvert bridge on West Meadow Road at Branch Brook. The estimated replacement cost is \$313,800 with a concrete box culvert. A 25% grant match is required of \$78,450 in funds, or Public Works in-kind assistance.

The West Meadow Road Culvert System, M.D.O.T. project #5876, is a replacement of the 57-year old Meadow Brook Stream crossing bridge. M.D.O.T. rated the 15' wide steel bolted structure plate arch on concrete footing in poor to serious condition with immeasurable amount of distortion on the inlet chamber in an April 2014 report.

To resolve the structural issues and increase habitat quality and climate resiliency the Town's plan is to install a new crossing with an open bottom precast concrete box culvert, installed to match the natural stream grade, 1.2 times wider than the bank fill width of the stream and capable of handling a 100-year storm event.

The Town applied for a D.E.P. Grant and was unsuccessful in 2015. Prior to this, the Town had engaged Pro Concrete to install concrete vertical repair sections of the concrete footing until a complete replacement could be accomplished. However, the collapse of the steel arch top would be catastrophic. The residents and business activity would be diverted 2.1 miles and impact 490 trips per day. The 10-year loss benefit cost ratio from 2005 through 2014 was a loss of \$760,637. This indicated a ratio of 4.2 based on mitigation costs at the time of \$181,102 for a replacement arch culvert system.

The Town will be working with Knox E.M.A. Director, Ray Sisk, on whether to apply for the Arch Culvert Design or the Concrete Box Culvert based on the chances of receiving a grant. The grant application is due November 2, 2018 and the Town is considering a concrete box culvert 100-year system as designed by Gartley and Dorsky at \$313,800.

The Town is considering an emergency shelter in the community center area of the proposed Town Office Complex (Lura Libby) if not a regional shelter. The facility would have a food pantry, limited kitchen area, adequate restrooms, Police Department, space for potentially 100 cots, and a generator for the facility.

The Board of Selectpersons approved the annual Pen Bay Amateur Radio Club (Pen bay ARC) request to utilize Thomaston Green for the American Radio League field day exercise. Approximately 40,000 ham radio operators set up temporary stations to demonstrate ham radio science, skill and service to the public. It was held on June 24th – 26th, 2017 by Michael Courtney. The 2018 exercise has been approved for June 23rd and 24th, 2018 for the upcoming year as requested by Vice President, Matthew Perry.



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Library Personnel

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Library Staff

Blake Donaldson
Diane Giese
Melissa Harjula
Hillary Johansen
Caroline Ward-Nesbit

Library Volunteers

Lysbeth Andrews
Maddie Bollinger
Karen Clarke
Patty McDonald
Paula Michaud
Bailey Noble-Ray
Erika Pfander
Owen Forrest Shay
Mimi Zwick

40 Days of Summer Staff

Hana Baker
Toby Mergendahl
Caitlin Raye

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Monday	11:00	to	7:00
Tuesday	11:00	to	5:00
Wednesday	11:00	to	5:00
Thursday	11:00	to	5:00
Friday	11:00	to	7:00
Saturday	9:00	to	1:00

Total Library Patrons:	2,512
Total New Patrons in 2017:	145
Total Circulation:	24,956
Interlibrary Loans:	1,817
Digital Download (Audio & Ebooks) Circulation:	492
Total Material Onsite:	25,381
Total eBooks and Audiobooks Available Online:	14,537
Total New Material for 2017:	1,319
New Adult Books Added:	810
New Children's Books Added:	247
New Digital Media Added:	262

"The only thing that you absolutely have to know, is the location of the library." — Albert Einstein

"Books are a uniquely portable magic." — Stephen King

"Google can bring you back 100,000 answers, a librarian can bring you back the right one."

— Neil Gaiman

"A library is a good place to go when you feel unhappy, for there, in a book, you may find encouragement and comfort. A library is a good place to go when you feel bewildered or undecided, for there, in a book, you may have your question answered. Books are good company, in sad times and happy times, for books are people - people who have managed to stay alive by hiding between the covers of a book." — E. B. White

A Season of Change

Thomaston Public Library is delighted to welcome two new staff members, Assistant Librarians Caroline Ward-Nesbit and Hillary Johansen this past year. They have brought with them wonderful energy, enthusiasm, ideas, and knowledge.

The library continues to be a multi-purpose hub of community life. Our monthly Communi-TEA events have grown in attendance, and have become a wonderful opportunity to enjoy neighbors' company, welcome new members to the community, and savor some delicious treats and cups of tea. To better serve our purpose as the community living room, we are excited to share that one of our former storage areas has been renovated into a kitchenette!

Last spring, facilitated by a gift from the Friends of the Thomaston Public Library a gazebo provides a peaceful site for our patrons to enjoy the outdoors comfortably and some much needed shade for the kids during 40 Days of Summer.

We have added new programming, including a family-friendly monthly film & pizza series that is rapidly growing in popularity for kids and adults in the community.

Our staff has embarked on extensive preparatory work required before we migrate to a new circulation system that will allow us to join the statewide shared library system known as MILS, including weeding outdated books, purging old patron records, and re-barcoding our entire materials collection. We expect to join MILS in Fall 2018.

We recently integrated our Maine fiction and mystery into the regular fiction and mystery collections, though they can still be easily identified by the green Maine state logo spine label.

This year, we have also updated our website to a cleaner, easier to use interface, and all of our latest news and events can be found on our homepage. We post regular updates to our social media channels, so make sure to like our Facebook page and follow us on Instagram to see all the library's latest happenings.

We held our 4th successful 40 Days of Summer program for the community's kids in 2017, where we served a total of 133 children, and are hard at work planning our 5th for the summer of 2018.

We were awarded a grant from the Maine Community Foundation to offer bookmobile home delivery services to our homebound patrons. This service is now available twice a week, Tuesdays and Thursdays, and is open not only to Thomaston residents but to the surrounding community as well.

What Thomaston Public Library Has to Offer You:

- An outstanding collection of print books, audiobooks, DVDs, magazines, and newspapers
- **New!** Bookmobile home delivery services to homebound patrons
- **New!** Family Movie & Pizza Night – monthly family-friendly movie selections and free pizza in the main reading room
- Readers' advisory – our extremely knowledgeable staff is always happy to help you find your next book to read or DVD to watch
- Resource sharing (downloadable books, online databases, and library collections across the nation via interlibrary loan services)

- Friday Night Films – carefully curated foreign, classic, and indie films
- Printing, faxing, copying and scanning
- Reference services
- Drop-in technology troubleshooting and assistance
- Eight computers available for patrons and community members to use
- Children’s services, including a weekly family story time, special school vacation programming, and our wildly popular summer reading, activity, and lunch program
- Monthly displays
- Cultural events
- A meeting room available to local non-profit organizations for tutoring, CSC classes, counseling sessions, teacher work sessions, etc.

Three Rooms Loaded with Books - Our library comprises three large rooms: the Main Library with circulation desk upstairs, a lower level, and our Children’s Room, all filled with fiction, non-fiction, biographies, and graphic novels.

Upstairs in the Main room, we house our newest books, a growing DVD collection, large print books, and the first parts of our fiction and mystery collections. Magazines and newspapers are available, as are our public computers and a color printer for copying, faxing, and scanning. Our display case features community talents and interests: local art, Finnish heritage, and even library history. We have rotating book displays as well, featuring reading challenges, Black History Month, women’s history, holidays, and other fun themes. Comfortable oversized chairs in welcoming arrangements invite curling up with a good book, or settling in for a great discussion with a friend.

On the lower level, our quiet area offers carrels for studying and a small meeting room, as well as reference and non-fiction sections, and the remainder of our extensive fiction and mystery collections.

The Children’s Room, often a hive of activity, offers shelves filled with new board, picture, early reader and chapter books for children. We offer a great collection of middle grade and young adult fiction and non-fiction, and a growing collection of graphic novels. We also have some wonderful toys for children’s enrichment while parents browse.

Great Books & DVDs – The library houses over 25,000 items, approximately a third of those materials are for children (though we certainly won’t judge adults checking out our great middle grade or young adult novels). Our staff holds a monthly advisory committee to discuss which items to add to the collection, and we regularly purchase large-print books, audiobooks on CD, popular and classic films and TV series, Maine authors’ works, literary and best-selling fiction and non-fiction, award-winning children’s literature, and the latest graphic novels. We encourage readers’ suggestions, and we’ve added a recommendation form to our website.

Ebooks, Audiobooks, and Kindles – In addition to borrowing audiobooks CDs from our collection, patrons can access downloadable audiobooks and eBooks through cloudLibrary online. Our staff is happy to assist patrons in accessing the app on their devices and logging in to the service. Patrons can also borrow Kindle Fire tablets and access the Intergenerational Book Club’s selections for this year as well as 2014 – 2017, titles by Maine authors, Nathaniel Philbrick’s complete works, and a number of literary classics.

Public Computers and WiFi – Wireless internet access is available throughout the library. We also have eight desktop computers for public use, all of which are online, have either Microsoft Office or the compatible equivalent, USB ports for thumb drives, and can print in color or black & white. All of our public computers have access to Ancestry.com and the plethora of digital databases available through the Maine State Library.

Active Social Media, Newsletter and Website Updates – Library news can be found on our recently redesigned website, www.thomaston.lib.me.us. Our electronic card catalog is available on the website, and if a patron is unable to find the material they would like in our catalog, there is also a form to request materials through interlibrary loan at no charge to the patron. We recently re-launched our monthly newsletter, and patrons and other community members can sign up on the website. We have expanded our social media presence considerably and new posts can be found regularly on Facebook and Instagram.

2017 Programs:

Programming: In August, we hosted our annual Poetry Reading, organized by Martha Rhodes, publisher of Four Way Books. Martha read a selection of her own poetry, and we also heard wonderful works from Bruce Willard, Stephen Motika, and Thomaston's own Christopher Fahy.

We were awarded a grant called Public Libraries Advancing Community Engagement (PLACE) from the Califa Group that enabled us to partner with a representative from NOAA and host a public book discussion series for last fall about climate change and environmental literacy. These meetings, along with the horrifying flooding Houston, Puerto Rico, and Florida experienced during the hurricanes at the time, sparked discussion among the participants about Thomaston's emergency preparedness. The library now has guides to emergency preparedness and information from the Knox County Emergency Management Agency available at our circulation desk.

We also hosted several author talks, including:

- Local historian Renny Stackpole, discussing his book about his discovery of the family letters and business papers of the Thomaston Gillchrests in a trunk in his attic
- Maine mystery writers Lea Wait and Barbara Ross
- Kevin Mannix & Linda Rota, talking about their book Weathering Shame and their work to dispel the stigma of mental illness
- Alex Myers, Harvard graduate, Maine native, and author of Revolutionary, a historical fiction novel based on the life of Myers' ancestor Deborah Samson, who disguised herself as a man to serve in the Revolutionary War and became the first woman to be honorably discharged and receive a posthumous pension from the US military

40 Days of Summer: During the summer of 2017, TPL hosted the 4th annual 40 Days of Summer Program, which was funded outside of the library budget by grants, generous donations of money and in-kind supplies and sponsorships from community organizations and churches. The program engaged a staff led by Missy Harjula and Caroline Ward-Nesbit, kept busy by the great children who attended. A number of talented community members also donated their time to present compelling programming for the children. Because Thomaston qualifies as a community with over 50% of their children receiving either free or reduced meals when school is in session, 40 Days was able to receive free Federal summer food. This was enhanced by healthy snacks and produce from local farmers and grocery stores.

We fed, read-to, and entertained attending children five days a week for forty days. The program featured events and activities galore, including among others:

- Chewonki Foundation taught us about tide pools and the creatures that live in them
- Northern Stars Planetarium showed us our solar system
- Chris Dorman from Maine State Library taught us how to code and joust with robots
- Maine State Beekeepers demonstrated beekeeping basics

In addition, we offered science experiments, ran obstacle courses, built rockets and launchers, made slime, and even turned the library into Hogwarts, complete with Platform 9 3/4, Sorting Hat, Potions class, and a Whomping Willow.

We're busy planning 40 Days of Summer activities for Summer 2018, and are excited for more games, science, art, sports, animals, and of course books!

Great Ongoing Programs in 2017-18:

Communi-TEA

Held on the third Friday of every month, Communi-TEA is a popular recurring event and a great opportunity to gather and gossip with neighbors and friends, as well as enjoy wonderful food and tea. The library encourages attendees to help support the community by bringing a donation to the local food pantry as well.

Friday Night Films

Film guru Erika Pfander and the Friends of the Thomaston Public Library have continued to host their eclectic mix of classic, foreign, and award-winning films each Friday evening in Room 200 of the Academy building.

Family Movie & Pizza Night - NEW!

The library has begun hosting a monthly family-friendly film series on the second Monday of every month. Families can enjoy free pizza and new movies like Despicable Me 3, Zootopia, Coco, and 2017's live action version of Beauty and the Beast in the main room of the library. Open to all community members, and pajamas are welcome!

Storytime

The library hosts a weekly family storytime every Thursday at 11 am.

Intergenerational Book Club:

The IGBC meets the third Tuesday of each month to discuss a book all participants have read. This year's selection include fiction: News of the World by Paulette Giles, The Light Between Oceans by M. L. Stedman, Anne of Green Gables by L. M. Montgomery, and Small Great Things by Jodi Picoult - and non-fiction: Daring to Drive by Manal al-Sharif and Unearthed: Love, Acceptance, and Other Lessons from an Abandoned Garden by Alexandra Risen.

Let's Talk About It

A grant from the Maine Humanities Council has helped support an ongoing discussion series that takes on different topics. The subject of the February - June 2018 series is *The Gilded Age: A Tale of Today?* and the group will be reading and discussing books such as Edith Wharton's The Age of Innocence, Erik Larson's The Devil in the White City, and The Gilded Age, by Mark Twain and Charles Dudley Warner. The group meets the second Tuesday of each month and enjoys light refreshments as well as lively discussion facilitated by local author, friend of the library and mentor Lee Heffner.

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.

School Break Events

During school breaks, we offer daily activities and events for children. For February 2018's break, we offered a week-long "Blood & Bones" program - fun body science activities built from a trunk provided by Cornerstones of Science - as well as slime-making and a showing of the new film Wonder.

Community Displays

The library provides display space in the main room for any community member to sign up and use, and has often featured local artists and history.

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

We are most fortunate to have the unflagging generosity of the Friends of the Thomaston Public Library. The library received over \$12,000 from them to support its operating budget as well as monies to enhance the scope of the community offerings including our Hallway Bookstore, Friday Night Films, and other expenses not covered by the regular budget. The Friends gifted both our gazebo and kitchenette and are actively involved in other library upgrades.

40 Days of Summer Donations/Grants

- St. John the Baptist Church in Thomaston: \$500
- Rockland Kiwanis Club: \$500
- American Legion Post 1 in Rockland, various committees: \$50
- Many community members also donated money, time, in-kind support to the program which made the fourth year of this activities and lunch program successful

The Rudman Grant was awarded to the library and allowed us to add lots of titles focusing on Maine authors (both for adults and children) and award winners, large-print books and other books to fill out series.

The PLACE Grant was awarded to TPL as one of the public libraries chosen to advance community engagement in environmental literacy through climate change discussions. It consisted of professional development aiming to create a public program series that would develop strategies for the reality of climate change and severe weather events. We were paired with a NOAA representative from Gray, ME, and our successful three-part discussion series last fall resulted in a community conversation and awareness of emergency preparedness in the face of extreme weather events.

A Maine Community Foundation Grant was awarded to create a bookmobile home delivery service for library patrons, which we began offering last summer. Twice weekly, library staff will deliver books, audiobooks, or DVDs to homebound patrons in Thomaston and the surrounding community.

Finally, and as always, the library extends gratitude 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, baking, running events, arranging displays, culling, shelving, setting up book sales, 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!

Thomaston Police Department



*Police Chief Timothy Hoppe, Sergeant/Investigator Olaf Sigaud, and Patrol Officer Jacob Labo
(Photo Courtesy of Kara George)*

Police Chief

Timothy Hoppe

Sergeant/Investigator

Olaf Sigaud

Patrol Officer

Jacob Labo

Reserve Patrolmen

Noah Stevens

Juan Alcala

Jamie Wilson

Traffic Control

Peter Lammert

Phil Netzorg

John Fochtman

John Grout

Rod Grindell

Chaplains

Wayne Sawyer

Peter Jenks

Animal Control Officer

William Demmons

Police Department Report

Timothy Hoppe, Police Chief

To the Citizens of Thomaston,

I would like to start off by saying thank you for letting me be a part of this wonderful community for many years.

The Police Department had a very eventful year with the retirement of Chief Haj last June and the hiring of new police officers in 2017.

I was extremely excited to be promoted to your new Chief of Police, along with Olaf Sigaud being promoted to Sergeant. I would not be able to do my job without Sgt. Sigaud, Officer Labo, and Reserve Officer's Noah Stevens, Juan Alcala, and Jamie Wilson. These Officers really make it enjoyable to serve. THANK YOU.

The Police Department continues to grow and be proactive in the community. We encourage folks to stop by our office with questions or to advise us of things in our community that may need to be addressed.

The Police Department responded to 4,081 calls in 2017. Some of the calls for service were as follows:

2017 Service Calls			
1604 Traffic Stops	52 OUI Arrests	391 Agency Assists	15 Assault
30 Domestic Assaults	194 Alarms	96 Traffic Crashes	71 Thefts
42 Citizen Assist	59 Lockouts		

Through a partial grant, the Police Department was able to purchase a mobile speed sign with all the latest technology. You will see this new sign throughout the spring, summer, and fall on the side of the road. This is a great tool to add for traffic enforcement which has been of great concern over the years.

You may have also noticed more than one officer on the road at a time. This was in response to traffic concerns. I have utilized reserve officers to come in and work traffic shifts. The call volume has grown over the years as would be expected with the town's growth. Calls that are being answered take considerable time and/or investigation depending on the nature, so the duty officer can focus on the case or cases that come in on any given day.

In closing, I would like to thank you again for a great year and enabling us to serve the community.

Respectfully Submitted,

Timothy Hoppe,
Chief of Police

Animal Control Officer's Report

William Demmons, Animal Control Officer

There were two reports of rabies: one raccoon in South Hope and one fox in Union.

As a reminder, in the State of Maine, all dogs over the age of six-months are required to have a current rabies shot and be licensed. A dog license is issued for each calendar year (January 1-through December 31.) The State of Maine allows the owner (s) until January 31st before the late fee of \$25.00 per dog is assessed along with the licensing fees.

This past winter was extremely cold. We received a number of stray dog complaints. If your dog has a collar, it should be worn at all times, so if the animal is caught, we can return it home versus taking it to the shelter.

The Town now allows for the keeping of up to 12 small animals in the Residential Zone, such as chickens and/or rabbits. The ordinance requires the animals be provided with the proper shelter and substances, as well as being confined to the owner's property.

The Municipal Animal Control Department is primarily responsible for domestic animals such as 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. If they come in contact with you or your pet, please call me at 207-542-3057.

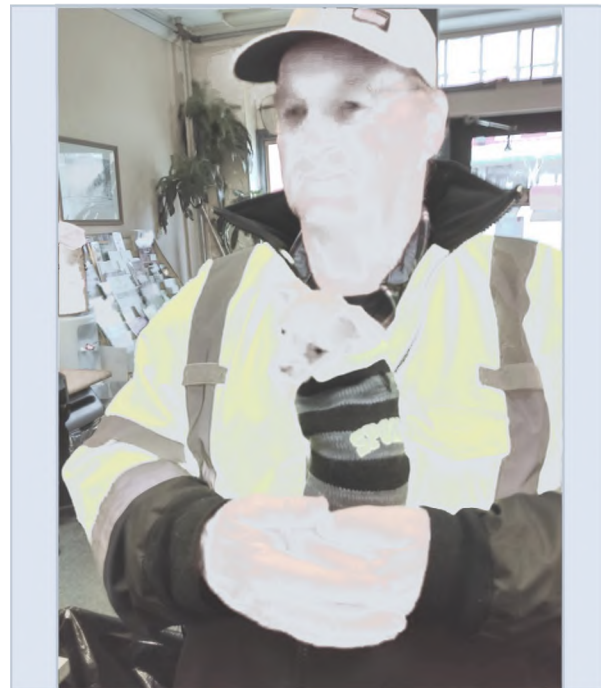
The Town of Thomaston now has a dog park that is open to the public, where you can take your dog to meet other dogs and play. Please remember you

are responsible for your dog. Please report any altercations at the park to the Animal Control Officer.

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 207-542-3057 if you have an animal related complaint, concern or question.

Respectfully Submitted,

William A. Demmons, Animal Control Officer



William Demmons and "Harry"
(Photo Courtesy of Elizabeth Cole)

Pollution Control Department Report

John Fancy, Superintendent

The “new” treatment facility celebrated twenty years of operation in December 2017. Hard to believe that it’s been that long.



*New manhole being installed on Main Street
(Photo courtesy of John Fancy)*

This year saw the completion of the multi-year project to rebuild Thomaston’s ninety-year-old Main Street. After two years of preparation work replacing sewer lines, water mains and other underground utilities, and a year of Maine Department of Transportation’s contractor installing new storm drains that replaced the open ditches the final year resulted in a new road surface, curbing, sidewalks, new traffic signal and amenities. Between the Town’s work and MDOT’s contractor, the tops of 88 manholes were rebuilt to match the new surface of the road.

An application was filed with the Maine Department of Environmental Protection to renew our wastewater discharge license for another five years. In the application a request was made to allow some of the treated water to be discharged to a small wetland located adjacent to the treatment facility. If approved this would pave the way for the elimination of discharging treated wastewater to the St. George River.

The Ship Street Pump Station conveys all the wastewater from Thomaston to the treatment facility. This went on line in December 1997. The pumps were worn and the controls obsolete. Two new 100 hp submersible pumps were installed. New controls with computer controlled variable frequency drives will allow the pumps to start and stop much more smoothly. They will also run with less electric demand. This will help cut power use. The project cost \$160,000 and was completed in January 2018.

In 2017 the treatment facility treated and discharged about 117 million gallons of wastewater. Of this, 86 million gallons was land applied and an additional 31 million gallons was 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.



*New pump being installed at Ship Street Pump Station
(Photo courtesy of John Fancy)*

Thomaston Public Works Department



Operator John Smith, Operator Dean Camber, Operator Mike Davis, Operator Jerry Grover, and Public Works Director Jim Cannon (Photo courtesy of Kara George)

Public Works Director

James Cannon

Operator/Truck Driver

John Smith

Operator/Truck Driver

Dean Camber

Operator/Truck Driver

Mike Davis

Operator/Truck Driver

Jerry Grover

Operator/Pollution Control

Michael Janczuara

Stump Dump Attendant

Eugene Colson

Public Works Department Report

James Cannon, Director

It is with great pleasure that I present to the Citizens of Thomaston this report of the Public Works Department for the year 2017-2018.

We were up for the challenge to keep the roads salted, sanded and plowed this season. Before the snow began to fall, we cut the shoulders on some of the roads to make it easier to plow. We also trimmed bushes and limbs on many trees around the Town, in preparation for winter weather. We had a total snow fall accumulation of 130.5 inches of snow for the winter calendar year of 2017. The Town hauled their own winter sand using the Sterling Dump Truck, International Dump Truck and the 2002 Dump Truck, saving the extra delivery fees, once again this year.

We replaced culverts and ditched several roads in preparation for paving some of the roads in the Town during 2017. We paved the surface on Beechwood St. from the Dunbar Road to the Warren/Thomaston Town Line, Studley Lane, Fish St. and the Branch Brook Road. We raised nine sewer manholes to grade and paved around them on Old County Road.

The M.D.O.T. paved Old County Road from Route 1 to the Greenhouse Hill Road and installed the final coat of asphalt pavement on Route 1 from Fish St. to Old Tollbridge Road. They finished installing the asphalt pavement on the sidewalks on both sides of Route 1 from Fish St. to Ridgeview Drive. They also installed asphalt pavement at the entrance of the New Brooklyn Heights Road Bridge on the Wadsworth St. side because the approach had settled about 2". We raised and repaired all the sewer manhole covers, cleaned water drain manhole covers, catch basin covers and replaced culverts on the streets before we had them paved.

We graveled and graded the Greenhouse Hill Road and the Water Tower Road. We are in the process of getting the gravel roads and gravel turn-arounds back into pretty good condition.

Each year the Public Works Department removes and replaces the floats at the Public Landing. We also did many repairs and work for the Harbor Master, Mike Blais, to clean up the Public Landing. We graveled and graded the upper parking lot at the Public Landing for easier parking.

We dug holes at the Cemetery and in areas around Town for the Tree Warden, Peter Lammert, so that trees could be planted. We also cleaned up debris from trees in the Town that were taken down by tree removal companies.

We repaired several of the catch basins in the town, cleaned many more storm drain pipes and cleaned water drains and sewer pipes in the Town using the Jetta from the Pollution Control Department.

Nitram Excavation completed the Phase 3 work on the new Route 1 Project which entailed removing the concrete from the road on Route 1 and installing new gravel in the road from the Old Tollbridge Road to Green St. They completed graveling the sidewalks from Green St. to Ridgeview Drive on both sides of Route 1.

They also finished the installation of the screened loam on both sides of Route 1 from the Old Tollbridge Road to Wadsworth St. on the south side and the Old Tollbridge Road to Ridgeview Drive on the north side of Route 1.

Lane Construction Corporation installed new granite curbing on both sides of the road on Route 1 from Green St. to the Water Tower Road. They also installed the asphalt curbing from the Water Tower Road to the Oyster River Road on both sides of Route 1.

The Public Works Department installed asphalt pavement patches on some of the badly worn areas in the roads. We also finished excavating and backfilling around the new building going to the spray pipes in the spray fields at Pollution Control and cleaned up behind the town garage some to make more needed space for storage. We also helped with the installation of the new gazebo at the former prison property. The gazebo has not been completed yet, however, we will include news of its completion in a future Town newsletter.

The Public Works Department completed regular maintenance of mowing the Mall, Academy Grounds, Pump Stations, Pollution Control, Prison Property and the Public Landing. They painted the crosswalks and stop bars, swept the streets and cleaned up the winter sand left on the roads, mowed the sides of the roads in the town, set up for the 4th of July and cleaned up after the 4th of July, cleaned up the leaves in the town in the fall of the year and the other day to day maintenance for the Town.

As you can see by this Report, the Town Crew was pretty busy this year and expects the same this coming year with all the construction that is going on in Town.

I would like to thank all of my Crew for their hard work and dedication in helping to keep Thomaston running. Thanks to John Smith, Mike Davis, Jerry Grover Jr., Dean Camber and Mike Janczura. I would also like to thank Eugene Winchenbach and Peter Lammert for helping us out with the snow plowing when warranted.

Should you have any questions or concerns please call me. I can be reached at the Town Garage at 354-2478 or Mobile 691-1316.

Thank You All,

James R. Connon
Thomaston Public Works Director

Road Commissioner's Report

Valmore Blastow, Jr., Road Commissioner

The major project for the second year was the reconstruction of Route 1 (Project #017890) by Maine Department of Transportation (M.D.O.T.) through Thomaston. This has been a major intrusion on the citizens and traveling public alike. However, the citizens and travelers of today are bearing this burden, so the generations for the next 80 years will not have to experience it.

The highest traffic count in all of Knox County is at Route 131 south and Route 1 by Montpelier, with approximately 14,000 plus vehicles per day.

Thomaston, as with Wiscasset, has only one way in and one way out of Town. There are no other parallel roads to divert traffic. Therefore, the Town needs to consider the ongoing discussion and planning for an alternate route. By my historical reviews, the Board of Selectpersons has had discussions since at least 1945 on this subject and in the long range, it is imperative to address this issue.

The Board of Selectpersons and my office wish to acknowledge Audrey Lovering, James Connon, and John Fancy for all their efforts during this arduous process of reconstructing Route 1. Thank you to them all.

Lovering Consultants was engaged early on in the process with voter funding to assist in the necessary communication process that would be required once construction was initiated. Lovering Consultants informed the citizens and general public with updates, as well as coordinated and fielded all the calls that occurred over the past two years. Not always being appreciated as Audrey stood in the front lines, a much deserved kudos to her for a job well done.

The Public Works Director, Jim Connon, is truly invaluable based on his knowledge of earth construction projects, his ability to communicate the issues of the day to my office, as well as co-ordinate and work with M.D.O.T. and Lane Construction.

John Fancy was the direct contact between Audrey and the Town to ensure all communication through e-mail and telephone that Audrey received were transmitted to the appropriate parties. He also coordinated all sewer lines, sewer manhole issues, and kept discussions going on all other items, as they arose.

By the end of the construction season in December, approximately 95% of the project was completed down to the sidewalks. It is anticipated that roughly a month of work remains in the spring and, finally, it will all be behind the Town. Only a grand opening of the reconstruction of the original 1928 highway will remain, with hopefully, the M.D.O.T. Commissioner, David Bernhardt, in attendance for a job well done.

The second major project completed simultaneously with the ongoing Route 1 project was Old County Road. M.D.O.T. widened the road area by extending and compacting the shoulders, and repaving the entire 1.8 miles in Thomaston, extending .69 miles into Rockland at Thompson Road for a total of 2.49 miles.

The third M.D.O.T. Project entailed the resurfacing of the Warren-Thomaston, James Andrew Griffith Bridge on Route 1.

The Town paved 8,448 feet of Beechwood Street and 3,885 feet of Studley Lane at a cost of \$148,562, at \$62.95 per ton this year.

The Town is budgeting \$120,000 for the upcoming year, and is reviewing the following roads for paving:

TYPE	FEET	ROADS	TONS	TONS OF SHIM
Pave & Shim	1,056'	Beechwood Street	164 Tons	82 Tons of Shim
Pave	2,165'	Bobolink Lane	400 Tons	
Pave	634'	Broadway	85 Tons	
Pave	800'	Greenhouse Hill Road	200 Tons	
Pave & Shim	792'	Dwight Street	76 Tons	38 Tons of Shim
Pave	898'	Elm Street	140 Tons	
Pave	160'	Elm Street Court	18 Tons	
Pave	370'	Gay Street	66 Tons	
Pave	475'	Knox Ridge Avenue	97 Tons	
Pave	317'	Knox Street Extension	50 Tons	
Pave	317'	North Street	60 Tons	
Pave	370'	Valley Street	106 Tons	
Pave & Shim	2,271'	Water Street	364 Tons	

Ultimately, the cost per ton is always the unknown factor as it has been as high as \$100 per ton in recent years.

The Town continues to work on procuring a Hazard Mitigation Grant for one of the last major infrastructure projects; the culvert bridge on West Meadow Road at Branch Brook. The estimated replacement cost is \$313,800 with a concrete box culvert. A 25% grant match is required of \$78,450 in funds or Public Works in-kind assistance.

The West Meadow Road Culvert System, M.D.O.T. project #5876, is a replacement of the 57 year-old Meadow Brook Stream crossing bridge. M.D.O.T. rated the 15' wide steel bolted structure plate arch on concrete footing in poor to serious condition with an immeasurable amount of distortion on the inlet chamber in an April 2014 report.

To resolve the structural issues and increase habitat quality and climate resiliency, the Town's plan is to install a new crossing with an open bottom precast concrete box culvert. It will be installed to match the natural stream grade, 1.2 times wider than the bank fill width of the stream and capable of handling a 100-year storm event.

The Town applied for a D.E.P. Grant and was unsuccessful in 2015. Prior to this, the Town had engaged Pro Concrete to install concrete vertical repair sections of the concrete footing until a complete replacement could be accomplished. However, the collapse of the steel arch top would be catastrophic. The citizen and business activity would be diverted 2.1 miles and impact 490 trips per day. The 10-year loss benefit cost ratio from 2005 through 2014 was a loss of \$760,637. This indicated a ratio of 4.2, based on mitigation costs at the time of \$181,102 for a replacement arch culvert system.

The Town will be working with Knox E.M.A. Director, Ray Sisk, on whether to apply for the Arch Culvert Design or the Concrete Box Culvert based on the chances of receiving a grant. The grant application is due November 2, 2018 and the Town is considering a concrete box culvert 100-year system as designed by Gartley and Dorsky, at a cost of \$313,800.

Tree Warden's Report

Peter Lammert, Licensed Maine Arborist & Forester

The major problem to Thomaston's street trees in 2017 was not the continued removals caused by the rebuilding of Route One, as it was in 2016, but it was the infrequent wind storms, coming from all compass points, that raised havoc with trees all around town. It seemed that we would just finish up repairing cracked and broken limbs from one storm before the next one hit. The major storm that hit on October 30th, dropped a tree on a house and car in Sawyerville, destroyed a multiple leader tree on Wadsworth Street and literally broke a tree from its root pad by the parking lot overlooking the public landing.

In addition to that, many homeowners lost back and side yard trees due to wind throw. It did not help the blowing over situation that five days previous to that big wind storm, there had been a severe rain event that dropped about four inches of rain on Thomaston. This excessive rain weakened the trees ability to anchor their roots for the big blow five days later.

The Maine D. O. T. made a unilateral decision to plant trees along the Northerly side on the East end of the newly constructed Route One. Starting at the first house on the North side, Japanese Silk Lilacs were planted one after the other in the new esplanade between the granite curb and the sidewalk. When those ran out, they switched to planting "Patriot" elms which are a Dutch Elm disease resistant cultivar.



Tree Warden Peter Lammert (Photo Courtesy of Val Blastow, Jr.)

In one space, a new Patriot Elm was planted a few feet away from where we planted an elm in 2005. The DOT planting effort petered out about half way from the beginning to the post office. There was one oak planted on the East side of Pik-Qwik to replace the old red oak that had grown there for a century.

I have no idea if they will continue planting in this green space on the North side of Route 1, but the state snow plows christened their presents by breaking off all the support stakes from the beginning of the planting to Elm Street.

I will be closely watching the trees along the South side of the Route 1 construction area for signs of dieback due to the Route 1 traffic driving over what was left of their roots. The two trees in front of the Masonic Hall also had their roots on the South side severely amputated to accommodate the new sidewalk in that location. A big gust of wind coming up Green Street can now tip these trees over.

Another sugar maple tree on Hyler Street will have died due to old age by next summer. There will have to be a major planting effort to replace the 11 trees along the South side of the street that have been removed due to storms and old age.

If you have questions about street trees in front of your property, please do not hesitate to contact me at 691-2900.

Peter Lammert,
Tree Warden



Solid Waste Report

Peter Lammert, Thomaston Select Board Representative

During 2017, the Owls Head, South Thomaston and Thomaston Solid Waste Corporation (3-Town Co-op) shipped 3,777 tons of solid waste to the Penobscot Energy Recovery Corporation in Eddington, Maine. This is a 314 ton decrease from the previous year. If you divide the 2018 budget assessment of \$533,551 by the total 2010 census population of 5,921 residents, the per person cost is \$90.12. The proportional assessment is Owls Head-26.72 %, South Thomaston is 26.31 %, and Thomaston is 46.97 %.

Before you start patting yourself on the back for this decrease, probably the majority of it came from the Maine State Prison, which, as of the beginning of December 2017, is no longer using our facility to dispose of their solid waste. The prison has reduced the amount of their solid waste thru both recycling and serious composting efforts. To read more about their efforts at reducing waste and undertaking extensive composting, read the story about their efforts in the November 2017, DOWN EAST Magazine, (the issue with the big hamburger on the cover) in the story about the current warden. The 3-Town Co-op regrets their departure not only as their participation helped defray the per person cost of operating the transfer station but the prison always had a crew that would come over each spring to help with the removal of the winter accumulation of flying paper and bag geese on the 3-Town Co-op property.

The facility is run thru an inter-local agreement with Owls Head, South Thomaston and Thomaston. Each town appoints both a select person and a civilian representative to the board that runs the facility. Our civilian representative is Ronnie Porter who also represents the five commercial haulers that convey Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) from both residential and commercial accounts in the three towns to the facility.

The amount of recycling material that was shipped to ecomaine (small "e") and other recycling facilities was 149.27 tons which is up 4 tons from 2016. In addition, about 280 tons of cardboard and 50 tons of scrap metal were recycled by Thomaston Recycling Inc. which is the contracted hauler for the 3-Town Co-op. Commercial haulers that pick up your rubbish are not required to separate the recyclables that you might keep separated at the curb. You need to transport your recyclables to the transfer station and put them in the recyclable compactor. Please remove the caps from all plastic containers and step on them to reduce their size. The compactor is not strong enough to do this and if the containers are not squashed flat before they are placed in the recycling container, we will be shipping air to ecomaine.

In addition to the items mentioned above, there were 328 four foot and 86 eight foot fluorescent bulbs recycled; 591 CPUs and laptops as well as 5 miscellaneous electronic devices; 748 pounds of monitors, 8 printers and a whopping 22,667 pounds of televisions recycled. The fall "E-Waste" collection by E-waste Recycling Solutions was again held on Route 1 where an unknown amount of E-waste from Thomaston residents was recycled.

Returnable bottles and cans are accepted at the 3-Town Co-op. There is a utility trailer by the cardboard recycling roll off cans into which you can place your returnables. The money from the returnables is donated to the Pope Memorial Humane Society of Knox County.

If you do not know what goes into the single stream compactor, contact one of the employees for a printed list of what does and does not go into the recycling compactor. See attachment "A" for that list.

The 3-Town Co-op transfer station, located at 34 Buttermilk Drive, is open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Staff is available to help you unload both your Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) and recyclables. If there is a winter storm occurring on one of the open days, please call the facility at 594-0748 to find out if it is open. Fees are charged to handle tires of any size, televisions, computers, printers and other E-waste.

Beginning on April 1st of 2018, our MSW will be hauled to ecomaine in Portland where our recyclables are currently going. The distance is further than to PERC but the tipping fee (the cost to dump a ton of MSW in their waste to energy facility) is lower than the cost to dump at PERC. The increased trucking the extra distance is offset by the lower tipping fee.

To round out the full picture of waste disposal in Thomaston, we maintain a "stump dump" beside the Public Works garage on Anna Bell Lane off Erin Street. It is open on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Brush, round wood, leaves, and garden waste are accepted free of charge. There is a charge for demo debris, furniture, lumber, rope, water hose, toilets, tubs and sinks and other materials that are not taken at the 3-Town Transfer Station. Metal goes into the metal can at the 3-Town Co-op. During 2017, 260.66 tons of demo debris was collected and hauled to a landfill. The costs for trucking and tipping this amount was \$27,159.50. Additional costs for Maine State fee and fuel surcharge were \$1,223.12, totaling \$28,382.62. In addition, there are supervisory costs. If you are unsure of what goes where contact the employees at either facility and separate your loads before you haul.

Please do not hesitate to call me at 691-2900 with questions about how the 3-Town Co-op operates.

SEE ATTACHMENT "A" ABOUT WHICH ITEMS TO RECYCLE ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE



Single Stream Recycling Program Sheet

With single sort recycling nothing needs to be sorted or kept separated. Everything is placed in the same container. Items that are currently accepted are:

Paper, Paperboard, Cardboard, Glass, Cans, Aluminum, and #1 Thru #7 Plastic Containers

- **Old Mail**
- **Catalogs**
- **Books** (Soft & Hard Cover)
- **Magazines**
- **Office Paper & Envelopes**
- **Pizza Boxes** (Clean)
- **Cereal Boxes/Paperboard**
- **Newspapers & Inserts**
- **Phone Books**
- **Paper Bags & Plates** (Clean)
- **Egg Cartons** (Not Styrofoam)
- **Milk & Juice Cartons**
- **Wrapping Paper**
- **All #1-#7 Rigid Plastic Containers**
 - **Milk Jugs**
 - **Water Jugs & Bottles**
 - **Detergent Bottles**
 - **Bleach Bottles**
 - **Empty Oil Containers**
 - **Yogurt Cups**
 - **Shampoo Bottles**
- **Metal Cans**
- **Aluminum Foil, Trays, & Pans**
- **Clear or Colored Glass**
- **Drink Boxes** (Juice, Shelf Milk, Broth)
- **Aerosol Cans**

All Containers Should be Emptied

NO Garbage; **Plastic Bags of any type** (including but not limited to: frozen vegetable, bread, newspaper, chips or snacks, sandwich/Ziplock, potato chip, grocery, trash; the exception being shredded paper in clear plastic bags tied off at the top), hypodermic needles or sharp objects; vinyl siding; bubble wrap; food; toys; plastic film/wrap; tarps & boat wrap; diapers; Styrofoam or expanded polystyrene containers, packaging, peanuts or meat trays (even if marked #6), garden hoses; baby pools; CDs/DVDs, porcelain or window glass; paper napkins/towels; waxed paper/boxes; wood/lumber; Propane/Helium/Gas cylinders; large metal parts (car, boat, truck, etc.); clothing/shoes; kitty litter; knives; light bulbs (any type, return CFLs to store); Plastic/Tyvek envelopes; Pipes (plastic/metal)

PART 3:

Boards, Committees, Community Annual Letters & Reports

TRUSTEES
BOARDS & COMMITTEES
COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS
LETTERS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS



Thomaston Board of Assessors, from left, Joan Linscott, Assessors' Agent David Martucci, Fred Wigglesworth and Peter Lammert (Photo Courtesy of Beth Birmingham/Courier Publications)

Thomaston Academy Board of Trustees Report

Henry Carey, Chairman

The Academy is fortunate that it is able to continue on its course in providing space for education and continuing education. You, the townspeople, have provided for the needed facelift and internal changes which have increased the use and acceptability of this historic building as a valuable educational site since 1845. It is the function of the Board of Trustees to assure that this Academy continues as a viable asset for the Town surrounding communities.

The Library has increased and enhanced their programs covering all ages. Spatially, it is at its max and making excellent use of the inside and outside areas for all age groups. Programs have been well attended. Two artists continue with individual and teaching space. The Mid-Coast Christian Academy currently uses space for high school students and is in its 5th year. The Penobscot Bay Family Church fill the niche for assisting spiritual growth.

The gym provides space for recreational activities for the School, program space for special events, and is rented for three months in the summer for art classes by Steven and Katherine Aimone.

The face is nearly finished and the Trustees will be looking at interior projects to enhance the building. Our showcases will be completed this spring. The front foyer will showcase Thomaston High School memorabilia and Georges Valley artifacts. The 2nd floor landing will showcase Thomaston Grammar School artifacts. Make a date to review them as they are an important part of the Thomaston educational history.

We will be looking at freshly painted areas, murals relevant to Thomaston history, redoing rug areas and worn and weary floor coverings along with landscaping modification.

Many thank to main office staff for their assistance. Thanks to the tenants for helping in the care and use of the building. Thanks to town workers throughout the year. Thanks to the Trustees for realizing a community need and carrying on the work.

The Board of Trustees consists of Thomas Mellor, Bob Snow, Lynn Snow, Diane Giese, and Henry Carey.

Watts Block Trustees

Bill Hahn, Chairman

The Trustees, with the help of many citizens, continued to work at improving the Block this year. Major improvements were completed in the auditorium including a new sound system and new LED theater lighting. The sound system was installed in time for the production of Joseph and the Technicolor Dreamcoat in July, which played to sold out audiences; the improvement in the listening experience is dramatic. Over the past month, new, energy efficient LED theater lighting and a digital control board have been installed.

These projects were completed with supporting grants from the Maine Community Foundation and the Davis Foundation totaling \$ 13,190. Our thanks go out to the team of Davene Fahey, Eliza Bailey, Ursula Kruse-Vaucienne and Daryl Hahn whose successful applications made the improvements possible.

The exterior trim of a portion of the building was painted last summer with trim on the rear of the building scheduled for completion in June of this year. The installation of energy efficient insulated windows was completed as well.

The Trustees continue to work with the Municipal Standing Committee to develop a plan for the use of the Block in the coming years. As part of that effort, the building is being analyzed for necessary improvements, code requirements, and energy systems upgrades, costs associated with those items, and possible returns to the Town in the market. We are excited to see new activity in the downtown area and believe the Block has a major role to play in the advancement of a healthy business environment.

We welcomed Chris Hirsch and Neil Krane as new members to the Board this year. I want to thank them for their participation and efforts on behalf of the Town.

One part of the mission of the Trustees is to make the auditorium and selectmen's room available for meetings and events at affordable costs to our citizens. For more information and scheduling please call Donna Culbertson in the Town Office at 354-6107.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill Hahn

Village Cemetery Report

Peter Lammert, Cemetery Sexton

During 2017, there were 21 burials in the Village Cemetery, 17 were cremations and four were full body. Funerals started in April and ended in November.

A major improvement occurred during the last of the winter of 2016-17 in that the trees on 8 avenues in the cemetery had a thorough pruning of problem branches and whole leaders. Seven of the trees were in such poor shape that they were completely removed. The stumps were ground out and Thomaston Public Works picked up the stump grindings and loamed and seeded the areas.

Claybrook Enterprises continued as our mowing contractor and will also do the mowing and branch clean up in 2018.

The Thomaston Historical Society again held a celebration of Major general Henry Knox's Birthday on July 22nd.

As the Route 1 construction winds down, the North end of the cemetery should return to normal. Projects for 2018 include repairing wood trim in the white building and replacing the broken windows in the green building. I am hoping to get help from our public works department to plant trees in the area where trees have died or been removed.

As always I thank John Upham for being available when I cannot be there for funerals. Do not hesitate to contact me at 691-2900 if you have questions about anything to do with the cemetery.

Board of Assessors Report

Fred Wigglesworth - Chairman, 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 2017/2018 was **\$3,259,456**, up from \$3,169,714 for 2016/2017.

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 2017/2018 was \$374,911. Dispatch service for Fire, Ambulance and Police was billed separately for \$75,438, bringing the County total to **\$450,349**, up from \$430,945 for 2016/2017.

Thomaston's share of the RSU #13 budget totals **\$5,603,934** for 2017/2018 as compared to \$5,237,878 for last year. However the State of Maine contributes \$1,508,517 (up from \$1,367,792 last year). After deducting the State share, Thomaston's share to educate our children is **\$4,095,417**, up from \$3,870,086 for 2016/2017.

This year the Dragon Cement TIF agreement plus the Downtown TIF has an effective appropriation of **\$789,457**, down from \$809,505 for 2016/2017.

These amounts are added together to make up the total tax liability for the Town of Thomaston, which is **\$8,594,679** for 2016/2017, up from \$8,280,250 for 2016/2017.

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>	<i>2017/2018</i>	<i>2016/2017</i>
Municipal Revenue Sharing	\$ 156,402	\$ 138,972
Homestead Reimbursement	140,393	101,107
BETE Reimbursement	89,170	75,212
Local Road Assistance	24,572	24,684
Veteran's Reimbursement	3,510	3,355
General Assistance Reimbursement	2,955	6,557
Gas Tax Refund	1,724	3,354
Tree Growth Reimbursement	992	1,332
Snowmobile Reimbursement	285	424
<i>Revenue raised in the Town</i>		
Interest on Taxes and Lien Costs	31,094	38,981
Permit Fees	19,529	36,306
Thomaston Academy Rent and Utilities Reimbursement	30,523	32,911
Verizon Tower Lease	17,457	15,180
Excise Taxes	474,974	445,401
Cable TV Franchise Fee	20,736	19,290
Other Income	35,448	21,959
TOTAL REVENUE USED TO OFFSET TAXES	\$1,049,764	\$965,025

This leaves **\$7,544,915** (which is \$8,594,679 less \$1,049,764; last year's total was \$7,315,225) 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 **\$10,366** (\$9,586 last year) in Overlay, bringing the total for tax commitment to **\$7,555,281** (which is \$7,544,915 plus \$10,366; last year the total was \$7,342,811).

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 (**\$7,555,281**) and divide it by the total taxable valuation (**\$89,447,476**, which is down from \$392,120,482 last year). This yields a decimal percent of .01940, which is better understood when expressed as "**\$19.40** per thousand valuation". In other words, for every thousand dollars of value you own, you are assessed \$19.40 as your fair share of the tax. This rate is up \$0.54/M from last year.

The tax rate this year is up 2.9% over last year. The respective changes are School budget up 5.8%; County Tax & Fees up 4.5%, Town spending up 2.8% and the TIF costs down 2.5%.

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.

Last year, the Homestead Exemption increased from \$15,000 in value to \$20,000. This year, the State reimbursement remained at 50% of these lost taxes and 50% is included in the Mil rate that everyone pays, whether they receive the exemption or not. If you have lived in a Maine Homestead for a year or more and you declare a homestead in Thomaston as your permanent and only residence, then you may claim the exemption if you are not already getting it. The application is a simple form and it must be submitted on or before April 1st for it to apply to that year's taxes (which are committed at the end of September usually).

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. 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 \$388,724 but we chose an overlay of **\$10,366** which is used to cover abatements and the like. Last year we raised \$9,586.

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

Comprehensive Plan Committee Report

Margaret McCrea & Daryl Hahn, Co-Chairs

Every ten years, the Town of Thomaston updates its Comprehensive Plan to reflect changes in the Town and to help plan for the future. To this end the Town's current Comprehensive Plan Committee was formed in 2016 and continued its work throughout 2017.

One of the major tasks undertaken by the Committee this year was the gathering and assimilation of public input into the development of the plan. A detailed public survey was prepared and distributed in hard copy and by electronic means to Town residents. By summer, a total of 194 surveys had been returned, representing about 11.5 percent of the Town's approximately 1700 voters. The survey responses were summarized and categorized and provided to Committee members for study and guidance. Summaries were made available to the public at the meetings discussed below and have been posted on the Town's website.

To further gather public input, during October and November, a series of four "Thomaston Talks" sessions were held on separate evenings to address specific topics about the future of the Town. Notices of the meetings were posted on the Town website, on various social media websites, and at the Town Office, the Library and various Thomaston businesses. Signs announcing the meetings were placed at strategic traffic intersections, and local media ran articles announcing the meetings. For each of the four sessions, an energetic and engaged group of Thomaston residents numbering between 70 and 100 individuals attended to voice their opinions on the selected topics. The meetings were facilitated by the director of the Mid-Coast Planning Commission.

The session dates and topics were:

- October 4, 2017: Main Street Matters
- October 11, 2017: What do we want our Town to be
- October 25, 2017: The Harbor and Thomaston Green
- November 1, 2017: Economic Development

Following the meetings, the Committee worked to summarize the input and circulate the summaries. The summaries have been posted to the Town website.

Based on the public input and the data that has been gathered, the Committee now is involved in drafting the Chapters of the Comprehensive Plan dealing with the Town's history, population, housing, employment and economy, transportation, community services, natural and marine resources, recreation, fiscal capacity and land use. Once these Chapters are further developed, the Committee will hold additional public meetings to discuss the findings and recommendations with Town residents. Notices of these meetings will be widely posted in various locations, websites and media.

The Committee is hopeful that the final Comprehensive Plan can be presented for voter approval at a Town meeting to be scheduled in late 2018.

The Committee is grateful for the enthusiastic responses and suggestions we have received from Thomaston residents. We look forward to your continued input and support to guide us toward completion of your plan for Thomaston's future.

Respectfully submitted,

Ben Griffin,
Secretary



*Citizens attending a "Thomaston Talks" Session at Watt's Hall
(Photo courtesy of Daryl Hahn)*

Conservation Commission Report

Beverly St. Clair, Chair

This year the Thomaston Conservation Commission (TCC) voted 5-0 to accept an offer from the Georges River Land Trust (GRLT) to construct a bike trail loop in the Town Forest. The TCC feels that a biking trail will be a good use of this property and a great start for some mountain biking in the area along with getting citizens to use the trails who perhaps are not utilizing them now. A letter of recommendation was sent to the Select Board from TCC requesting approval at September 14, 2017 meeting.



Thomaston Town Forest Trail. Photo courtesy of Beverly St. Clair.

Mountain bikes (bicycles made specifically for off-road and soft terrain) have gained popularity over the years. GRLT constructed a trail for mountain bikes in Camden and it has been very successful. This idea was well received and approved by the Select Board. The project will begin by flagging out a loop to see how it responds to the existing walking trail. Once that is done, work can begin. If all goes well, it should be complete by the close of 2018.

The TCC in conjunction with the Harbor Committee and the Recreation Department will meet to discuss the town parks in the upcoming year as authorized by the Select Board. Maintaining the town park and green space has always been split between these departments. The goal is to coordinate improvements, maintenance and growth of the existing parks in a collective format to see if this arrangement could be improved upon.

Effort's are also being made to update the town web page to reflect the latest TCC agendas and minutes so the public can access this information freely.

Harbor Committee Report

John Snyder, Chair

The Thomaston Harbor Committee continues in its work as stewards of our harbor, one of our Town's most precious resources.

The committee, which is comprised of residents, fishermen, and business stakeholders has worked on a variety of issues this year including those involving moorings, navigational hazards, and long range planning for the public and private use of the harbor.

We have also worked on routine infrastructure repair and maintenance projects. The roof on the public restroom was replaced and much needed, albeit temporary, repairs were completed to secure the perimeter fence at the town landing. 2018 budget allocations will hopefully see a replacement of the aging fence with a new structure in place before the summer. Float maintenance will also be prominent on the spring list of maintenance tasks.

Other ongoing projects include researching grant funding for a new skiff for the Harbormaster, building a cooperative working relationship with the Thomaston Conservation Committee in the oversight of Mayo and Mill River Parks, and future plans for the Wadsworth bridge/kiln site.

New members of the committee in 2017 include Robert Armstrong of Lyman-Morse Boatbuilding, replacing Scott Layton as an alternate member, and Nancy Armstrong of Jeff's Marine stepped up to serve as secretary.

As always, Thomaston Harbor Committee meetings are open. We welcome any and all input or comments. Meeting dates and agendas are available from the Town Office.

Working together, we hope to preserve this precious resource so that it can be shared and enjoyed by all, today and for generations to come.

John Snyder

Planning Board Report

Joanne Richards, Chair

It is with pleasure that I present this report of the activity of the Planning Board for the year 2017 to the Town Manager, Board of Selectmen and the citizens of the *Town of Thomaston*.

The Planning Board spent many hours of their own time hearing various requests and dealing with amendments to the Land Use Ordinances. I wish to thank these volunteer board members for their continued commitment to the citizens of Thomaston. I would also like to thank the citizens of Thomaston for their input and support as the Planning Board worked through projects that came before us.

There were:

- 6 conditional use requests
- 1 zone change requests
- 8 site plan reviews
- 2 public hearings

I especially want to thank Bill Wasson the Code Enforcement Officer, the Town Office staff and Dave Martucci, Deputy Code Officer, for all of their assistance in helping to deal with the many and varied challenges presented to the Planning Board this year.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Richards,
Chair

The THOMASTON DOG PARK now has year round water! Having water available for the dogs was our next goal and after looking at having a MAINE WATER waterline brought in over neighbors land, it was decided to have a well drilled and install a freeze proof well pump.

On September 25, a crew from Hatch Well Drilling, Nobleboro, Maine, arrived early and the drill bit started the well at the dowsed location at 8 AM. By 11 AM, they had drilled a hole 260 feet deep, all but 6 feet in limestone ledge. When the drilling crew returned the next day, a pebble was dropped into the well casing with the drill bit still in the hole and a guess as to the water level in the hole was made at 15 feet down from the top of the casing. This was deemed a sufficient amount of water so the well drillers left.

By the next morning, the water level in the well casing had risen to just 10 feet down from the top. We almost had a true artesian well! Several weeks later, two of the well drilling crew returned to install the all weather Bison hand pump. The intake to the pump is 76 feet down which means there is 66 feet of water over the intake.

Fred Jones, who had been hauling water from his nearby home, for almost two years, had the honor of christening the pump.

It is truly amazing on a frosty morning to, in just 6 or 7 pumps of the handle, have water flowing into the dog dish.

We also contracted with a porta-potty service in Warren to supply and maintain a "facility" at the site. The road into and out of the park as well as the parking area was regraded several times during the year as water from the cemetery flows down the park road. Two water bars were installed to divert the water from the road into the woods.

The Thomaston Dog Park is operated by a board of directors whose major job is the fund raising events throughout the year. No town tax money goes toward operating and maintaining the Dog Park.

Membership in the park is voluntary and as time passes, more folks with dogs are signing up.

The Thomaston Dog Park is located near the end of Dwight Street on the East side of the Sunrise section of the Thomaston Village Cemetery. Access is from both Dwight Street and from Anna Belle Lane off Erin Street.

Even if you presently do not have a dog you should come up and visit and watch the dogs socialize. There is a covered shelter for rainy and snowy weather. You can be inside while your dogs play outside.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns about the Dog Park at 691-2900.

Submitted by:

Peter Lammert, *One of Three Dog Park Caretakers*



Thomaston Historical Society

Susan Devlin, President

The Thomaston Historical Society has continued to expand the activities and services it offers, beyond just the museum and lectures. This has resulted in strong growth in participation and membership. We continue to seek opportunities for cross organizational projects. Recent examples include annual tours of businesses with close links to Thomaston history (Lyman Morse in 2016, Dragon Cement in 2017 and Brooks Trap scheduled for 2018);

The veterans walk in the July 4th parade with the DAR, Civil War reenactors, and of course veterans; Plans underway for a veterans reception next fall, with the Masons and the DAR already on board; and Converting recovered old trolley rails to mementoes for sale, with help from the town, Lane Construction and Rockport Steel.

Attendance packed the museum for three of our five talks this year. Starting next spring, our talks will be held at Watts Hall to better meet the demand. We had standing room only for Hope Creighton's photographic timeline of the demolition of the old and construction of the new Wadsworth Street Bridge, and for Stephen Gifford's talk on Midcoast Maine's Finnish History and Culture. Perhaps the most rewarding program featured three who gave their lives for their country, Tauno Brooks (Korea), Arthur "Jack" Elliot (Vietnam) and Sayward Hall (Vietnam). The stories shared by family members and friends during the presentation was memorable.

Attendance was also strong at our annual memorial service at Major General Henry Knox's grave site, for our summer tour of several Thomaston gardens, and for the 11th annual Home for the Holidays (H4H) house tour and gala. At this year's H4H gala we honored Hank Carey for the many ways he has served Thomaston, including the instrumental role he played in the preservation and maintenance of Montpelier and the Thomaston Academy Facility. The presentation was made on behalf of the Thomaston Historical Society and the Thomason Board of Select Persons.

We also are expanding a new museum feature – Retired History, the name suggested by Pete Lammert when we found old fence footings in 2016 during the excavation and restoration of the Knox gravesite. The public works department saved for us some of the buried bricks from the Georges Hotel and a piece of the marquee of the original Watts Hall which burned in 1915. Finally, we have some artifacts from the old Wadsworth Street Bridge, including the sign from the bridge. These represent just some of the new things that have been donated for the historical society archives, allowing us to refresh or expand our displays and research resources at the museum.

We are kicking off two new projects.

- Bradley Beckett Local History Fund: Planning is underway for this fund to support joint projects with the Middle School. The idea for this fund came about because of the donation by his family of a case of Brad's book, A History of Thomaston, Maine for Young Readers. Initial donors receive a free book.
- Sunday Trivia: A Thomaston history question is launched each Sunday on the THS Facebook page with the first person with the correct answer receiving an item from the Museum Store.

Grants from the Belvedere Fund and the Davis Foundation, along with sales from the trolley rail parts, the Dragon Tours and H4H, provided much needed additional revenue towards the restoration of our Farmhouse Museum building. The Farmhouse is on the National Historic Register as the only surviving original building from the Knox Estate and possibly the oldest building in the US to have been a railroad station. The engineering plan designed by Gartley & Dorsky to address a serious moisture problem coming through the foundation, and the replacement of the wheel chair ramp, was approved last summer by MDOT, as we only own the foot print of our building within MDOT property. Work will start in May. Immediately following the moisture abatement project, we will be pulling up the rug in what is now the archives room, sealing the floor to avoid penetrating moisture, replacing the worn out furnace, replacing gutters and rotting fascia, and replacing the poorly functioning temperature and humidity control unit with an expanded unit to cover both floors for our irreplaceable archives.

Based on a review of the building with Fire Chief Mike Mazzeo, we will also be upgrading our security system. Chief Mazzeo also gave us a green light to open the first floor of the ell to the public after the new and safer temperature/humidity unit is installed. Hopefully late summer or next fall we will be opening the first floor ell as the Thomaston Historic Library and Gallery. This new use will make the many books, maps, and framed pieces easily accessible and properly displayed.

A key to our continued success is having an active, committed Board and volunteers:

Susan Devlin	President, Curator, temporary Publicity Chair and DAR liaison
Bill Gay	Vice-President
Aleta Kilborn	Secretary, Museum Shop and Program Chair
Ron Gamage	Treasurer and liaison to the Masons
Bill Eberle	Website Editor and Farmhouse Restoration Chair
Sally Ploski	Membership and Facebook page
Rod Grindell	Technical Support
Brooks Stevens	Financial Chair, Knox Day Chair, and Grounds
Mimi Zwick	House Tours
Kathy Daley	Nominations Chair
Eve Anderson	President Emeritus
Peggy McCrea	Historian
Frank Devlin	Building

We are looking for a publicity chair replacement and an expert or intern to help create online exhibits and self-directed walking tours. Also, consider offering to help with one of our projects – either just for a couple of hours or on an on-going basis to have some fun and to learn about and help preserve our town's history.

We are a fully volunteer organization, committed to keeping our fees low and many activities free to meet the diverse needs of our community. If you are not a member, please consider joining at one of the membership categories: Individuals, \$18, families. Our basic business membership is \$50 and we are adding a Gold Level Business Membership for \$100, with more member benefits.

Watt's Hall Community Players

Daryl Hahn

Watts Hall Community Players (WHCP) began its 2017 season with a rollicking fun July production of *Joseph and the Amazing Dreamcoat*. With close to a hundred people of all ages involved in putting on the show and an audience of over 650 people seeing it, it was indeed a true Community Theater experience.

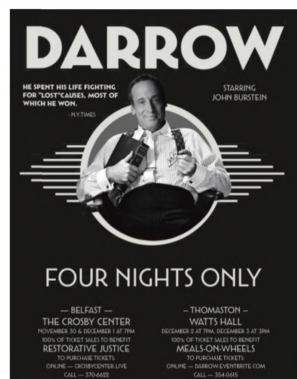
After the success of *Joseph*, the group decided that it wanted to be more active and present more than just one show a year, so we did just that. In November, we presented an Evening of Wicked Good Fun with local storyteller Ben Perry and the ladies of the barbershop chorus "Harborside Harmony." In early December, WHCP brought you the astounding one-man show, *Darrow*, with John Burstein bringing to life the well-known lawyer Clarence Darrow. In April, Watts Hall saw the stirring, poetic story of *Etty's Song* as created and performed by Off the Page theater group based in Portland.

Along the way we also achieved our 501c3 status so that we are now an official non-profit organization.

With all this going on, members of the Board of Directors, Eliza Bailey, Davene Fahy, Daryl Hahn and Ursula Kruse-Vacienne, still found time to write two successful grants to fund the installation of a desperately needed new lighting system. The grant funds, combined with \$6000 of profits from our shows, allowed an investment total of \$14,500 in the stage lighting. The old system was patched together from used equipment most of which we rescued over 25 years ago when it was being torn out of local high schools. The new system includes LED lights and a computerized console; we have joined the 21st century! Combined with the sound system we installed in Watts Hall last year, Watts Hall Community Players has contributed almost \$25,000 to improvements in Watts Hall in just two years.

This summer Watts Hall Community Players will bring you *The Pirates of Penzance*! "Gilbert & Sullivan's hilarious farce of sentimental pirates, bumbling policemen, dim-witted young lovers, and an eccentric Major-General." Once again, many of you, your friends and your neighbors are pulling out all the stops to put on a terrific show. We'd love to have you join us. You can do so by contacting us at darylhahn@gmail.com or by going to our Facebook page.

We hope you'll support our community and get involved. At least be sure to join us at Watts Hall, June 29, 30, & July 1, 6, 7 for an evening of great entertainment.



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January 3, 2018

Dear Friends,

Representing Maine in the United States Senate is an honor.

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

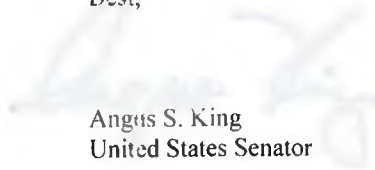
While my committee work is important, working to combat the opioid epidemic is one of my top priorities. Although Congress has made some important strides, much remains to be done to provide additional funding for prevention, treatment and enforcement. I am working with colleagues on both sides of the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

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

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

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

Best,



Angus S. King
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Dear Residents of Thomaston,

I hope 2018 finds you and your family doing well. It is an honor to represent you and this community as your State Senator.

This past year, the Legislature made progress in providing direct property tax relief to Maine homeowners. I fought tirelessly to increase the Homestead Property Exemption from \$15,000 to \$20,000. In addition to direct property tax relief, we also protected state funding for local services such as fire departments and road maintenance, and increased public K-12 education funding by \$162 million over the biennium. These efforts will decrease the pressure on municipalities to increase mil rates. I know this is a top priority for many in our district and I will continue to work towards greater relief.

I would also like to share some information about the state's unclaimed property list. "Unclaimed property" is money owed to Maine people by third parties, such as former employers, banks or utility companies. Organizations are required to give unclaimed property to the State Treasurer after a specified period of time, after which the owner of the unclaimed property can retrieve it from the state. Even if you have done everything right, you could have unclaimed property. It could be from a forgotten account, an overpaid bill or uncollected wages. This money could be unclaimed as a result of a change in name, addresses or bank account. Visit maine.gov/unclaimed or call 1-888-283-2808 to see if you have any unclaimed property.

In the first session of the 128th Legislature, we considered over 1,600 pieces of legislation on a variety of issues. 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Miramant".

Dave Miramant
State Senator



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Dear Thomaston Residents,

In this, my second letter for inclusion in your annual Town Report, I again wish to thank you for the honor of serving as your Representative to the State Legislature. I certainly learned a great deal in my first legislative session, which finally came to a close last October. The session was in large part shaped by the four citizen initiative referenda that were approved by Maine voters in November 2017. Many lawmakers filed bills to amend or repeal all of these initiatives.

The Legislature did repeal the citizen initiative that would have increased State funding for education to 55%, by placing a 3% surcharge on incomes over \$200,000. However, absent that initiative, I believe an additional \$162 million in education funding, which will benefit our schools and property taxpayers, would never have been included in the biennial budget.

Ranked choice voting, another of the citizen initiatives, was also amended. But instead of amending it to address the specific constitutional problems, the Legislature voted to delay its implementation and repeal it entirely in 2021, if a constitutional amendment to solve the issues is not passed by that time. I did not support this delay and was dismayed that the Legislature rejected a proposed compromise remedy that would have embraced the will of the voters.

Legislative attempts to repeal the citizen initiative that increased the minimum wage were not successful; although elimination of the “tip credit” for restaurant workers was repealed- a measure I supported based on the overwhelming response from local restaurant workers. Implementation of marijuana legalization, another of the citizen initiatives, remains as unfinished business.

The second session, the so-called *short session*, began January 3. The short session is, in general, limited to bills carried over from the previous session and bills that are deemed as “emergencies.” This session will have an added twist as the Legislature will have to deal with the implementation of the Medicaid expansion as approved by Maine voters in November 2017.

As always, please contact me anytime at johnspear.dist92@gmail.com or 207-596-7720. I also send out e-newsletters from time to time. Let me know if you would like to receive them.

Sincerely,

John Spear

State Representative

District 92 Cushing, South Thomaston, St. George, Thomaston and Matinicus Isle Plantation,
Plus the unorganized territories of Criehaven and Muscle Ridge Islands Townships

PART 4:

Auditor's Report & Municipal Spending

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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

Board of Selectmen
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, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Thomaston, Maine as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017, 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 26, 2018.

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 of Thomaston, Maine's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town of Thomaston, Maine'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 Town's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a 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. We did identify certain deficiencies in internal control (2017-001 through 2017-002), described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs that we consider to be significant deficiencies.

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Compliance and Other Matters

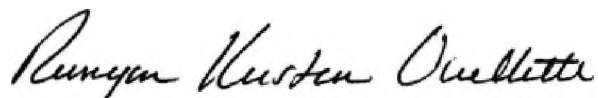
As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Town of Thomaston, Maine's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct 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* and which are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as items.

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 questioned costs. 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 entity'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 entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



March 26, 2018
South Portland, Maine

TOWN OF THOMASTON, MAINE
Schedule of Findings and Responses
June 30, 2017

SIGNIFICANT DEFICIENCIES

2017-001 - 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 and 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.

Management response/corrective action plan:

The Town has implemented the auditor's recommendations to mitigate the segregation of duties by instituting a change to the Enterprise Pollution Control Fund and combining it with the General Fund. Long-term, ideally, the Town will have the new position of Municipal Finance Coordinator duties changed to handling only those areas of finance that allow for further segregation which also would allow for the time to complete the financials internally prior to the audit.

2017-002 Preparation of Financial Statements (repeated)

Auditing standards require external auditors to determine whether or not client personnel designated 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.

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

SIGNIFICANT DEFICIENCIES, Continued

Management response/corrective action plan:

We believe that the Town's financial statements could be completed in house, if time allowed. Currently, to fit the auditor's schedule, our audit is done the fourth week of July. The Town's year end is June 30th. The Town is still receiving invoices for the audit period right up until the auditors arrive, which requires posting them back to the previous year. The Municipal Finance Coordinator has many tasks to complete in the four weeks after year end gathering data and producing spreadsheets to be used in creating the financial statements. During the month of July, the Municipal Finance Coordinator is completing the various spreadsheets, collecting data from other government agencies, posting prior year data, covering vacations (as July is a time when other office staff request time off) and doing all of the regular daily, monthly, and quarterly functions.

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, 2017, 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, 2017, 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, schedule of Town's proportionate share of the net pension liability, and schedule of Town contributions, 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.

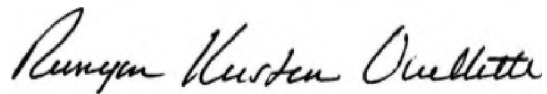
Other Information

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 purposes 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 26, 2018, 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.



March 26, 2018
South Portland, Maine

TOWN OF THOMASTON, MAINE
Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2017

	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 38,552	258,060	296,612
Investments	6,105,692	-	6,105,692
Receivables:			
Taxes	607,518	-	607,518
Tax liens	127,684	-	127,684
Accounts	83,905	141,361	225,266
Internal balances	(4,191)	4,191	-
Capital assets not being depreciated	349,830	2,073,048	2,422,878
Capital assets being depreciated, net	8,382,732	8,687,777	17,070,509
Total assets	15,591,722	11,164,437	26,856,159
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions	252,946	-	252,946
Total deferred outflows of resources	252,946	-	252,946
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	109,983	210,396	320,379
Taxes collected in advance	13,772	-	13,772
Accrued compensated absences	91,293	-	91,293
Accrued interest	-	32,537	32,537
Noncurrent liabilities			
Due within one year	69,753	304,836	374,589
Due in more than one year	769,111	4,109,835	4,878,946
Total liabilities	1,053,912	4,657,604	5,711,516
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions	44,420	-	44,420
Total deferred inflows of resources	44,420	-	44,420
NET POSITION			
Net investment in capital assets	8,487,843	6,346,154	14,833,997
Restricted	3,691,897	-	3,691,897
Unrestricted	2,666,596	160,679	2,827,275
Total net position	\$ 14,846,336	6,506,833	21,353,169

See accompanying notes to basic financial statements

TOWN OF THOMASTON, MAINE
Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds
June 30, 2017

	General Fund	TIF Fund	Non-TIF Economic Development	Library Operating Fund	All Other Governmental Funds	Totals
ASSETS						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 22,947	-	-	4,067	1,358	88,552
Investments	4,161,328	-	-	1,092,876	851,488	6,105,692
Receivables						
Taxes	607,516	-	-	-	-	607,516
Tax liens	127,684	-	-	-	-	127,684
Accounts, net of allowance (\$97,920)	83,887	-	-	18	-	83,905
Interfund receivables	-	556,881	1,027,014	-	143,824	1,727,719
Total assets	\$ 5,003,364	556,881	1,027,014	1,096,951	1,006,850	\$ 8,691,070
LIABILITIES						
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	107,822	-	1,925	-	756	109,983
Taxes collected in advance	18,772	-	-	-	-	18,772
Interfund payables	1,781,910	-	-	-	-	1,781,910
Total liabilities	1,855,004	-	1,925	-	756	1,855,655
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES						
Unavailable revenue - property taxes	467,102	-	-	-	-	467,102
Total deferred inflows of resources	467,102	-	-	-	-	467,102
FUND BALANCES						
Nonspendable	-	-	-	66,609	259,618	325,227
Restricted	-	569,739	1,125,089	1,150,352	746,456	3,565,670
Committed	258,493	-	-	-	-	258,493
Assigned	1,267,778	-	-	-	-	1,267,778
Unassigned	1,157,287	(6,852)	-	-	-	1,150,435
Total fund balances	2,683,258	569,739	1,125,089	1,096,691	1,006,114	6,568,509
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balances	\$ 5,003,364	556,881	1,027,014	1,096,951	1,006,850	
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.						8,732,561
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current period expenditures and, therefore, are unavailable in the funds.						467,102
Long-term liabilities that are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds:						
Accrued compensated absences						\$1,298
Net pension liability, including related deferred inflows and outflows of resources						(885,619)
Bonds payable						(244,719)
Net position of governmental activities					\$	14,846,395

See accompanying notes to basic financial statements.

TOWN OF THOMASTON, MAINE
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Governmental Funds
For the year ended June 30, 2017

	General Fund	TIF Fund	Non-TIF Economic Development Fund	Library Operating Fund	All Other Governmental Funds	Totals
Revenues:						
Taxes	\$ 7,043,333	809,505	-	-	-	7,852,838
Licenses, permits and fees	26,002	-	-	-	-	26,002
Intergovernmental	373,691	-	-	-	-	373,691
Charges for services	182,681	-	201,250	1,458	16,968	382,377
Investment income	1,278	456	906	104,471	82,112	189,223
Other revenues	162,799	-	2,000	8,136	2,226	175,161
Total revenues	7,789,782	809,961	204,156	113,062	101,391	8,970,292
Expenditures:						
Current:						
General government	491,644	-	-	-	-	491,644
Municipal buildings	98,371	-	-	-	-	98,371
Public safety	560,795	-	-	-	-	560,795
Public works	466,825	-	-	-	-	466,825
Health and welfare	566,190	-	-	-	-	566,190
Education	3,870,068	-	-	-	-	3,870,068
County assessment	430,945	-	-	-	-	430,945
Recreation and leisure	78,001	-	-	-	-	78,001
Local agencies	18,735	-	-	-	-	18,735
Employee benefits	485,817	-	-	-	-	485,817
Library	-	-	-	112,924	16,608	129,532
Cemetery	-	-	-	-	69,173	69,173
Credit enhancement - tax increment financing	-	631,377	-	-	-	631,377
Unclassified	87,987	-	-	-	-	87,987
Debt service	-	75,459	-	-	-	75,459
Capital outlays	281,006	-	86,352	-	23,090	390,448
Total expenditures	7,537,404	707,096	86,352	112,924	110,871	8,554,622
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	202,378	102,865	117,804	2,138	19,475	413,770
Other financing sources (uses):						
Transfers in (out)	(184,410)	(76,594)	(103,048)	65,410	19,000	(281,742)
Total other financing sources (uses)	(184,410)	(76,594)	(103,048)	65,410	19,000	(281,742)
Net change in fund balances	67,968	24,281	14,756	67,548	9,325	184,028
Fund balances, beginning of year	2,615,290	592,550	1,010,333	1,029,418	996,569	6,144,275
Fund balances, end of year	\$ 2,683,258	556,881	1,025,089	1,096,961	1,006,114	6,368,303

See accompanying notes to basic 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, 2017

	Budget		Actual	Variance with final budget positive (negative)
	Original	Final		
Revenues:				
Taxes	\$ 5,986,805	5,986,805	7,043,333	56,527
Licenses, permits and fees	22,570	22,570	25,002	3,332
Intergovernmental	385,875	385,875	373,691	(12,184)
Charges for services	9,530	9,530	132,681	123,151
Investment income	700	700	1,276	576
Other revenues	74,784	74,784	152,799	88,015
Total revenues	7,480,335	7,480,335	7,739,782	259,447
Expenditures:				
Current				
General government	460,533	460,533	491,644	(31,141)
Municipal buildings	90,747	90,747	98,371	(7,624)
Public safety	536,345	536,345	660,795	(24,450)
Public works	486,980	486,980	465,825	20,155
Health and welfare	376,415	376,415	565,190	(188,774)
Education	3,870,085	3,870,085	3,870,085	-
Intergovernmental - county tax	430,950	430,950	430,945	5
Recreation and leisure	94,198	94,198	78,001	16,197
Local agencies	21,021	21,021	13,735	2,236
Employee benefits	489,151	489,151	485,817	2,334
Unclassified	79,495	79,495	87,987	(8,492)
Capital outlays	391,234	391,234	281,008	110,196
Total expenditures	7,427,085	7,427,085	7,537,404	(110,319)
Excess of revenues over expenditures	53,249	53,249	212,378	149,129
Other financing sources/uses:				
Transfers out	(134,410)	(134,410)	(134,410)	-
Use of fund balance	81,161	81,161	-	(81,161)
Total other financing uses	(53,249)	(53,249)	(134,410)	(81,161)
Net change in fund balance	-	-	67,968	67,968
Fund balance, beginning of year			2,615,290	
Fund balance, end of year	\$		2,683,258	

See accompanying notes to basic financial statements.

TOWN OF THOMASTON, MAINE
Statement of Net Position
Proprietary Fund
June 30, 2017

Business-type Activities - Enterprise Fund		
		Pollution Control
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	258,060
Accounts receivable		141,361
Interfund receivable		4,191
Total current assets		403,612
Noncurrent assets:		
Pollution control capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation		10,760,825
Net noncurrent assets		10,760,825
Total assets	\$	11,164,437
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable		210,396
Accrued interest		32,537
Current portion of long-term debt		304,836
Total current liabilities		547,769
Long-term liabilities:		
Bonds payable		4,109,835
Total long-term liabilities		4,109,835
Total liabilities		4,657,604
NET POSITION		
Net investment in capital assets		6,346,154
Unrestricted		160,679
Total net position	\$	6,506,833

See accompanying notes to basic financial statements

TOWN OF THOMASTON, MAINE
Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position
Proprietary Fund
For the year ended June 30, 2017

Business-type Activities - Enterprise Fund	
	Pollution Control
Operating revenues:	
Charges for services	\$ 458,923
Other income	12,100
Total operating revenues	471,023
Operating expenses:	
Salaries and benefits	145,102
Utilities	58,779
Administration	21,525
Maintenance	22,152
Miscellaneous	12,042
Lab operations	4,452
Transportation	3,076
Town forest	1,943
Insurance	14,963
Sewer line connections and inspection	4,999
Depreciation	564,153
Total operating expenses	863,186
Operating loss	(392,163)
Nonoperating revenues (expenses):	
Investment income	252
Interest expense	(99,598)
Total nonoperating revenues (expenses)	(99,346)
Loss before capital contributions and transfers	(491,509)
Capital contributions	19,159
Transfers:	
Transfer in from General Fund	50,000
Transfer in from TIF and non-TIF funds	181,742
Total transfers	231,742
Change in net position	(240,608)
Net position, beginning of year	6,747,441
Net position, end of year	\$ 6,506,833

See accompanying notes to basic financial statements.

TOWN OF THOMASTON, MAINE
Statement of Cash Flows
Proprietary Fund
For the year ended June 30, 2017

Business-type Activities - Enterprise Fund		
		Pollution Control
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Receipts from customers and users	\$	460,494
Payments to suppliers		(37,044)
Payments to employees		(145,102)
Net cash provided by operating activities		352,436
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Investment income received		252
Net cash provided by investing activities		252
Cash flows from noncapital financing activities:		
Interfund transactions		260,603
Net cash provided by noncapital financing activities		260,603
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:		
Capital contributions		19,159
Principal paid on bond maturities		(322,111)
Interest paid on bonds		(82,001)
Acquisition of capital assets		(297,774)
Net cash used in capital and related financing activities		(682,727)
Net decrease in cash		(69,436)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year		327,496
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$	258,060
Reconciliation of operating loss to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Operating loss		(392,163)
Adjustments to reconcile operating loss to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation		564,153
Increase in receivables		(10,529)
Increase in payables		190,975
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$	352,436

See accompanying notes to basic financial statements.

TOWN OF THOMASTON, MAINE
Statement of Fiduciary Net Position
Fiduciary Funds
June 30, 2017

	Private-purpose Trust Funds	Agency Funds 4th of July
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 167,935	36,987
Investments	793,306	-
Total assets	961,241	36,987
LIABILITIES		
Amounts held for others	-	36,987
Total liabilities	-	36,987
NET POSITION		
Held in trust for other purposes	961,241	-
Total net position	\$ 961,241	-

See accompanying notes to basic financial statements.

TOWN OF THOMASTON, MAINE
Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position
Fiduciary Funds
For the year ended June 30, 2017

	Private- purpose Trust Funds
Additions:	
Investment Income:	
Interest	\$ 21,645
Net investment gains	53,128
Total additions	74,773
Deductions:	
Charity	9,231
Total deductions	9,231
Change in net position	65,542
Net position, beginning of year	895,699
Net position, end of year	\$ 961,241

See accompanying notes to basic financial statements

TOWN OF THOMASTON, MAINE
General Fund
Comparative Balance Sheets
June 30, 2017 and 2016

		2017	2016
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	22,947	21,947
Investments		4,151,328	4,010,195
Receivables			
Taxes		507,518	610,447
Tax liens		127,684	139,341
Accounts, net of allowance (\$97,920)		83,887	127,398
Total assets	\$	5,003,364	4,909,328
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable and accrued expenses		107,322	89,581
Taxes collected in advance		13,772	7,883
Interfund payables		1,731,910	1,728,574
Total liabilities		1,853,004	1,826,038
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Unavailable revenue - property taxes		467,102	468,000
Total deferred inflows of resources		467,102	468,000
FUND BALANCES			
Committed		258,193	319,488
Assigned		1,267,778	1,122,725
Unassigned		1,157,287	1,173,077
Total fund balances		2,683,258	2,615,290
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balance	\$	5,003,364	4,909,328

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

For the year ended June 30, 2017 (with comparative actual amounts for 2016)

	2017		Variance positive (negative)	2016 Actual
	Budget	Actual		
Revenues:				
Taxes:				
Property taxes	\$ 6,515,806	6,515,806	-	6,860,975
Change in unavailable taxes	-	898	898	84,000
Supplementals	-	7,400	7,400	-
Interest and costs on taxes	41,000	37,772	3,228	35,981
Excise:				
Motor vehicle	425,500	478,529	52,029	449,628
Recreation	4,000	3,428	572	3,645
Total taxes	6,986,306	7,043,333	56,527	6,997,225
Licenses, permits and fees	22,670	26,002	3,332	42,265
Intergovernmental:				
State revenue sharing	188,972	141,029	2,057	152,755
State acquisitions	-	-	-	2,050
Homestead exemption	101,107	91,790	9,317	55,206
Local road assistance	24,684	24,572	112	24,684
General assistance reimbursement	7,000	3,666	3,334	6,597
Gas tax refund	5,000	1,724	3,276	3,354
Veteran's exemption	3,000	3,510	510	3,355
Snowmobile reimbursement	400	285	115	424
Tree growth	1,500	992	508	1,332
PERC performance credit	29,000	31,175	2,175	59,877
ODBG Grant - Façade	-	-	-	17,808
BETE reimbursements	75,212	75,248	36	70,679
Total intergovernmental	885,873	373,691	1,124	881,088
Charges for services:				
Stump/dump fees	9,500	5,574	3,926	7,654
Ambulance	-	127,107	127,107	134,507
Total charges for services	9,500	132,681	123,181	142,161
Investment income:				
Interest earned - reserve accounts	-	551	551	438
Other interest income, net	700	725	25	627
Total investment income	700	1,276	576	1,065
Other revenues:				
Rental income	34,600	32,751	1,849	37,192
Utility reimbursement/tenants	5,000	4,125	875	4,754
Cable television franchise fee	19,500	20,735	1,235	19,290
Toliver lease	15,180	26,657	11,477	24,380
Samuel Watts Fund	-	-	-	8,140
Reimbursement - pollution control - public works	-	63,560	63,560	61,704
Reimbursement - insurance	-	5,144	5,144	3,471
MMA workers comp refund	-	5,708	5,708	3,512
MEPERS IUUAL refund	-	-	-	334,596
Miscellaneous	504	3,118	2,614	2,482
Total other revenues	74,784	162,793	88,015	524,527
Total revenues	7,480,335	7,739,782	259,447	8,025,325

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

	2017			2016 Actual
	Final Budget	Actual	Variance positive negative	
Expenditures:				
Current:				
General government:				
Selectmen	\$ 34,081	45,000	(11,909)	62,167
Town manager	141,942	135,851	6,091	186,792
Clerk's office	46,607	44,224	2,383	81,798
General office	81,600	80,489	1,111	27,782
Finance	57,682	61,687	(4,005)	60,786
Administration	19,640	18,668	972	18,778
Contingency	1,000	135	(865)	1,810
Computer	28,500	34,937	(1,437)	18,423
Code enforcement	49,400	47,668	1,732	47,419
Assessor	44,631	70,064	(25,433)	52,968
Planning board	200	8	192	-
Total general government	460,503	491,644	(31,141)	488,453
Municipal buildings:				
Watts Block	50,247	38,656	11,591	46,009
Academy buildings	40,500	27,834	12,666	82,981
Lura Lobby building	-	31,881	(31,881)	-
Total municipal buildings	90,747	98,371	(7,624)	78,990
Public safety:				
Fire department	116,068	110,887	5,181	108,175
Police department	328,537	365,681	(37,144)	306,184
Protection and safety	159,225	184,747	(25,522)	181,656
Total public safety	593,830	661,315	(67,485)	596,015
Public works	456,980	455,825	1,155	441,270
Health and welfare:				
Ambulance	119,406	315,052	(195,646)	203,699
Transferration	242,000	244,716	(2,716)	248,620
General assistance	15,000	5,422	9,578	11,822
Total health and welfare	376,406	565,190	(188,784)	464,141
Education - RSU No. 13	3,870,086	3,870,086	-	3,756,886
Intergovernmental - county tax	430,950	430,949	1	395,311
Recreation and leisure	94,198	78,001	16,197	71,707
Local agencies	21,021	18,735	2,286	16,256
Employee benefits	489,151	485,817	3,334	487,769
Unclassified:				
Overlay/abatements	9,584	25,674	(17,090)	6,350
Insurances	48,100	40,126	7,974	40,180
Public restrooms	2,200	988	1,212	1,517
Ambulance billing	-	4,082	(4,082)	6,735
Computer	1,425	-	1,425	1,425
Memberships	4,500	4,517	(17)	4,497
Regional Planning Commission	500	500	-	500
Maine Service Coalition	500	500	-	500
Fourth of July	10,000	10,000	-	10,000
Flags	500	500	-	-
Tide lands coalition	-	-	-	1,500
MCOG	2,086	-	2,086	-
Total unclassified	79,495	87,987	(8,492)	78,274

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

	2017			2016 Actual
	Final Budget	Actual	variance positive (negative)	
Expenditures, continued:				
Capital outlays:				
Paving projects	\$ 100,000	100,000	-	92,219
Police cruisers (2)	-	-	-	15,652
Police cruiser computers	5,500	-	5,500	-
Cardiac monitor	-	-	-	15,000
Sidewalk replacement	30,000	26,280	3,720	14,410
Computers	-	3,535	(3,535)	2,020
Traffic control Rt. 1 project	15,000	-	15,000	-
Protective clothing	7,600	-	7,600	7,000
2010 EMA work plan	4,043	-	4,043	2,639
Shellfish management	3,000	3,000	-	3,000
Fire equipment (SCBA)	2,400	2,400	-	2,252
Fire equipment (computers)	1,000	-	1,000	-
ODSG - streetscape phase 1	-	-	-	17,808
Dump truck reserve	55,661	-	55,661	-
Municipal facilities	-	202	(202)	-
Expended from assigned fund balance amounts:				
Administration	-	83,780	(83,780)	(8,240)
Equipment	-	-	-	2,513
EMA work plan	-	(2,233)	2,233	(5,626)
Watts Hall rental	-	2,950	(2,950)	2,030
Public Infrastructure	-	61,094	(61,094)	16,741
Informed growth	-	-	-	750
Police training	-	-	-	658
Raised to increase reserves (assigned fund balances):				
Academy building	14,000	-	14,000	-
Ambulance	25,000	-	25,000	-
Dump truck	20,000	-	20,000	-
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	391,204	281,008	110,196	180,846
Total expenditures	7,427,066	7,537,404	(110,318)	7,020,518
Excess of revenues over expenditures	53,249	202,378	149,129	1,007,808

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

	2017		Variance positive (negative)	2016 Actual
	Final Budget	Actual		
Other financing uses:				
Transfers out - pollution control fund	\$ (50,000)	(50,000)	-	(50,000)
Transfers out - library operating fund	(65,410)	(65,410)	-	(65,410)
Transfers out - cemetery fund	(19,000)	(19,000)	-	(19,000)
Use of fund balance	81,161	-	(81,161)	-
Total other financing uses	(53,249)	(134,410)	(81,161)	(134,410)
Net change in fund balances	-	67,968	67,968	873,398
Fund balance, beginning		2,615,290		1,741,892
Fund balance, ending	\$	2,683,258		2,615,290

TOWN OF THOMASTON, MAINE
Nonmajor Governmental Funds
Combining Balance Sheet
June 30, 2017

	Nonmajor Special Revenue Fund		Nonmajor Permanent Funds		Totals
	Thomaston Green Fund	CDBG Loan Fund	Library Book Fund	Cemetery Fund	
ASSETS					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ -	-	1,185	10,358	11,543
Investments	-	-	369,939	481,599	851,488
Interfund receivables	7,314	136,510	-	-	143,824
Total assets	\$ 7,314	136,510	371,074	491,952	1,006,850
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES					
Liabilities:					
Accounts payable	726	10	-	-	736
Total liabilities	726	10	-	-	736
Fund balances:					
Nonspendable, principal	-	-	97,172	162,446	259,618
Restricted	6,588	136,500	273,902	329,506	746,496
Total fund balances	6,588	136,500	371,074	491,952	1,006,114
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$ 7,314	136,510	371,074	491,952	1,006,850

TOWN OF THOMASTON, MAINE
 Nonmajor Governmental Funds
 Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
 For the year ended June 30, 2017

	Nonmajor Special Revenue Fund		Nonmajor Permanent Funds		
	Thomaston Green Fund	CDBG Loan Fund	Library Book Fund	Cemetery Fund	Total
Revenues:					
Charges for services	\$ -	-	193	16,800	16,993
Investment income	22	-	35,193	46,897	82,112
Other revenues	200	-	2,023	3	2,226
Total revenues	222	-	37,409	63,700	101,331
Expenditures:					
Current:					
Library	-	-	16,603	-	16,603
Cemetery	-	-	-	69,173	69,173
Capital outlay	25,030	-	-	-	25,030
Total expenditures	25,030	-	16,603	69,173	110,806
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	(24,808)	-	20,806	(5,473)	(9,475)
Other financing sources:					
Transfers from other funds	-	-	-	19,000	19,000
Total other financing sources	-	-	-	19,000	19,000
Net change in fund balances	(24,808)	-	20,806	13,527	9,525
Fund balances, beginning of year	31,396	136,500	350,268	478,425	996,589
Fund balances, end of year	\$ 6,588	136,500	371,074	491,952	1,006,114

TOWN OF THOMASTON, MAINE
Private-purpose Trust Funds
Combining Statement of Fiduciary Net Position
June 30, 2017

		Dietz Scholarship Fund	Charity Fund	Total
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	65,841	102,094	167,935
Investments		-	793,306	793,306
Total assets	\$	65,841	895,400	961,241
NET POSITION				
Held in trust for other purposes		65,841	895,400	961,241
Total net position	\$	65,841	895,400	961,241

TOWN OF THOMASTON, MAINE
Private-purpose Trust Funds
Combining Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position
For the year ended June 30, 2017

	Dietz Scholarship Fund	Charity Fund	Total
Additions:			
Investment income:			
Interest	\$ 117	21,528	21,645
Net investment gains	-	53,128	53,128
Total additions	117	74,656	74,773
Deductions:			
Charity	-	9,231	9,231
Total deductions	-	9,231	9,231
Change in net position	117	65,425	65,542
Net position, beginning of year	65,724	829,975	895,699
Net position, end of year	\$ 65,841	895,400	961,241

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
1994	1,679,194 <u>-754,789</u> 924,405	18.6	6.62	158,901 1.08	1,589,031 10.53		175,000	144,218,180	2,682,458
						7.62			
1995	1,702,826 <u>-693,139</u> 1,009,687	19.85	6.94	163,518 1.12	1,698,897 11.68		175,000	145,450,620	2,887,196
						8.14			
1996	1,484,714 <u>-700,528</u> 784,186	20.95	5.35	170,428 1.16	1,800,281 12.29		120,000	146,459,900	3,068,334
						6.17			
1997/98	1,673,612 <u>-820,924</u> 852,688	22.2	5.76	175,305 1.19	1,943,693 13.15		100,000	147,819,680	3,281,596
						6.44			
1998/99	1,771,052 <u>-849,007</u> 922,045	23	6.68	182,035 1.32	2,055,284 14.9		0	137,908,460	3,057,584 (114310) 3,171,894
1999/00	1,843,742 <u>868,666</u> 975,076	23.95	6.96	171,081 1.22	2,202,037 15.72		0	140,115,560	3,118,463 (118776) 3,237,242
2000/01	1,893,975 <u>913,705</u> 980,270	24.95	7.13	174,434 1.25	2,316,907 16.57		0	139,802,030	3,365,806 (122255) 3,488,061
2001/02	1,873,428 <u>931,504</u> 941,924	25.30	6.58	237,136 1.52 191,505	2,453,107 17.2		0	138,961,350	3,515,723 (129106) 3,644,829
2002/03	1,959,979 <u>968,397</u> 991,582	22.8	6.13	234,087 1.37 178,849	2,608,015 15.3			170,457,660	3,766,920 (119,221) 3,886,141
2003/04	1,981,032 <u>994,144</u> 986,888	22	5.82	246,226 1.41 185,433	2,586,197 14.77			175,050,552	3,746,062 (105,050) 3,851,112

NOTE:

1. Includes overlay in the amount of \$12,661.76
2. Includes overlay in the amount of \$52,457.00
3. Includes overlay in the amount of \$31,801.00
4. For tax year 2002/2003, the Homestead Exemption represents a \$5,229,000 valuation which translates into a savings to the taxpayers of \$119,221.00
5. For tax year 2003/2004, the Homestead Exemption represents a \$4,775,000 valuation which translates into a savings to the taxpayers of \$95,116.00

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
2004/05	2,086,574			262,383	2,581,807			191,845,085	3,847,301
	1,040,044	20.55	5.72 ⁶	1.37	13.46				(95,116) ⁸
	1,046,530			204,994					3,942,417
				57,389				31,586,850	649,110
							Total	223,431,935	4,496,411
2005/06	2,171,182			259,234	2,487,157			200,989,447	3,837,112
	1,012,793	19.55	5.88 ⁷	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
2006/07	2,378,216			277,406	2,670,118			213,048,078	4,183,288
	1,055,659	20.10	6.27	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						Total	259,826,770	5,123,540
2007/08	2,543,116			307,939	2,868,303			301,818,271	4,692,480
	1,107,474	15.8	5.28	1.02	9.5				(76,249)
	1,435,642			238,316					4,768,729
Overlay	156,845			69,623				48,767,766	770,531
	1,592,487						Total	350,586,037	5,463,011
2008/09	2,682,073			326,176	2,891,520			323,941,118	4,747,893
	1,102,474	14.95	5.02	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

NOTE:

- Includes overlay in the amount of \$51,696
- Includes overlay in the amount of \$23,239
- For tax year 2004/2005, the Homestead Exemption represents a \$4,650,000 valuation which translates into a savings to the taxpayers of \$95,116.
- Homestead valuation of \$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
2009/10	2,669,769			339,046	3,004,355			324,440,191	4,942,828
	<u>1,034,032</u>	15.48	5.17	1.05	9.26				(79,132)
	1,635,737			264,971					(373)
Overlay	<u>43,196</u>			74,075				51,516,074	5,022,334
	1,678,933							375,956,265	797,469
									5,740,297
2010/11	2,723,125			362,865	3,081,598			325,421,025	5,068,734
	<u>1,065,257</u>	15.77	5.18	1.12	9.47				(59,747)
	1,657,868			279,685					(3,409)
	<u>29,559</u>			83,180				49,182,864	5,131,890
	1,687,427							374,603,889	775,614
									5,844,348
2011/12	2,723,738			369,443	3,115,596			327,506,758	5,172,865
	<u>987,978</u>	15.98	5.34	1.13	9.51				(59,344)
	1,735,760			282,193					(1,348)
	<u>12,758</u>			87,250				49,408,196	5,233,557
	1,748,518							376,914,954	789,543
									5,962,408
2012/13	2,844,543			348,548	3,241,524			330,678,358	5,465,321
	<u>897,368</u>	16.80	5.94	1.06	9.80				(63,565)
	1,947,175			279,934					(26,511)
	<u>18,150</u>			68,614				49,730,802	5,555,396
	1,965,324							380,409,160	835,477
									6,300,798
2013/14	2,836,216			367,738	3,221,566			338,123,260	5,565,831
	<u>778,234</u>	16.74	6.12	1.09	9.53				(61,329)
	2,057,982			297,530					(33,023)
	<u>12,897</u>			70,208				48,181,055	5,660,183
	2,070,879							386,304,315	806,551
									6,372,382
2014/15	2,989,427			373,969	3,389,803			359,010,680	5,880,914
	<u>787,012</u>	16.64	6.16	1.04	9.44				(60,230)
	2,202,415			301,950					(32,794)
	<u>7,751</u>			72,019				45,077,467	5,973,938
	2,210,166							404,088,147	750,089
									6,631,003

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
								359,973,846	6,357,758
2015/16	3,132,616			395,311	3,756,886				(61,926)
	<u>807,426</u>	18.03	6.50	1.10	10.44				(70,645)
	2,325,190			322,777				<u>43,825,292</u>	6,490,328
	<u>12,942</u>			72,534				403,799,138	790,170
	2,338,132								7,147,928
								358,223,990	6,515,306
2016/17	3,169,714			430,945	3,870,086				(101,107)
	<u>788,706</u>	18.68	6.67	1.20	10.80				(75,212)
	2,381,008			357,713				<u>43,335,384</u>	6,691,624
	<u>9,584</u>			73,232				401,559,374	809,505
	2,390,593								7,324,811
								360,586,999	6,765,824
2017/18	3,259,456			450,349	4,095,417				(140,393)
	<u>820,201</u>	19.40	6.79	1.25	11.36				(89,170)
	2,439,255			374,911				<u>40,693,651</u>	6,995,388
	<u>10,366</u>			75,438				401,280,650	789,457
	2,449,621								7,555,281
								360,586,999	7,285,885
Estimate									(151,176)
2018/19	3,443,270			468,774	4,445,063				(96,019)
	<u>836,193</u>	20.89	7.26	1.30	12.33				7,533,080
	2,607,077			386,517				<u>40,693,651</u>	850,090
	<u>12,166</u>			82,257				401,280,650	8,135,976
	2,619,243								

Valuation Comparison

	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Valuation						
Real Estate	78,009,900	78,724,500	79,464,590	119,192,600	120,375,480	121,322,090
Personal Property	16,614,300	15,696,900	16,282,820	25,025,580	25,075,140	25,137,810
Total Valuation	94,624,200	94,421,400	95,747,410	144,218,180	145,450,620	146,459,900
Homestead Exemption						
Total Taxable Valuation Base						
Revenues						
Tax Commitment	2,270,981	2,247,229	2,441,559	2,682,458	2,887,196	3,068,335
Anticipated Revenue	309,543	475,675	630,385	597,789	518,139	490,528
State Revenue Sharing	190,000	120,000	125,000	175,000	175,000	210,000
Homestead Reimbursement						
Total Revenue	2,770,524	2,842,904	3,196,944	3,455,247	3,580,335	3,768,863
Revenue Commitments						
Appropriations Municipal	1,385,094	1,341,646	1,601,288	1,679,194	1,702,826	1,484,714
Dragon Reserve						300,000
MSAD #50	1,238,026	1,335,713	1,462,002	1,589,031	1,698,897	1,800,281
Knox County Tax	127,583	136,689	122,429	158,901	163,518	170,428
Overlay	19,866	28,856	11,225	28,121	15,094	13,439
Total	2,770,569	2,842,904	3,196,944	3,455,247	3,580,335	3,768,863
Pollution Control						
Debt Service	150,000	191,921	208,132	150,000	150,000	150,000

Valuation Comparison

	1997/1998	1998/1999	1999/2000	2000/2001	2001/2002	2002/2003
Valuation						
Real Estate	122,504,630	114,994,530	117,120,990	117,918,360	119,804,770	145,083,990
Personal Property	25,315,050	17,943,930	18,045,570	16,983,670	19,156,580	20,131,800
Total Valuation	147,819,680	132,938,460	135,166,560	134,902,030	138,961,350	165,215,790
Homestead Exemption		4,970,000	4,949,000	4,900,000	5,103,000	5,229,000
Total Taxable Valuation Base		137,908,460	140,115,560	139,802,030	144,064,350	170,444,790
Revenues						
Tax Commitment	3,281,596	3,057,585	3,237,431	3,365,806	3,515,723	3,766,921
Anticipated Revenue	590,924	554,444	570,318	539,573	532,429	552,429
State Revenue Sharing	230,000	294,563	298,349	374,132	399,075	415,968
Homestead Reimbursement		114,310	118,360	122,255	129,105	119,222
Total Revenue	4,102,520	4,020,901	4,224,458	4,401,766	4,576,332	4,854,540
Revenue Commitments						
Appropriations Municipal	1,673,612	1,771,052	1,843,742	1,893,975	1,873,428	1,959,979
Dragon Reserve	300,000	0	0	0	0	0
MSAD #50	1,943,693	2,055,284	2,202,037	2,316,907	2,453,107	2,608,015
Knox County Tax	175,305	182,035	171,081	174,434	237,136	234,087
Overlay	9,910	12,531	7,598	16,450	12,661	52,459
Total	4,102,520	4,020,901	4,224,458	4,401,766	4,576,332	4,854,540
Pollution Control						
Debt Service	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000

Valuation Comparison

	2003/2004	2004/2005	2005/2006	2006/2007	2007/2008
Valuation					
Real Estate	148,170,351	184,515,398	194,445,633	207,539,624	295,244,371
Personal Property	22,105,201	34,288,037	46,960,761	47,362,831	50,515,768
Total Valuation	170,275,552	218,803,435	241,406,394	254,902,455	345,760,139
Homestead Exemption	4,775,000	4,628,500	4,717,720	4,924,315	4,825,898
BETE Exemption					
Total Taxable Valuation Base	175,050,552	223,431,935	246,124,114	259,826,770	350,586,037
90% captured value in TIF Dist		31,586,850	45,134,667	46,778,692	48,767,766
70% captured value Downtown TIF					
Non TIF Value		191,845,085	200,989,447	213,048,078	301,818,271
Revenues					
Tax Commitment	3,746,062	4,496,411	4,719,495	5,123,539	5,463,010
Anticipated Revenue	561,610	602,510	602,510	642,099	667,474
State Revenue Sharing	432,534	437,534	408,958	413,560	440,000
Homestead Reimbursement	105,050	95,116	92,231	98,979	76,249
BETE Reimbursement					
Total Revenue	4,845,256	5,631,571	5,823,194	6,278,177	6,646,733
Revenue Commitments					
Appropriations Municipal	1,981,032	2,086,574	2,171,182	2,378,216	2,543,116
Dragon Reserve		649,110	882,383	940,252	770,531
Downtown Reserve					
MSAD #50	2,586,197	2,581,807	2,487,157	2,670,118	2,868,303
Knox County Tax	246,226	262,383	259,234	277,406	307,939
Overlay	31,801	51,696	23,238	12,185	156,845
Total	4,845,256	5,631,570	5,823,194	6,278,177	6,646,733
Pollution Control					
Debt Service	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000

Valuation Comparison

	2008/2009	2009/2010	2010/2011	2011/2012	2012/2013
Valuation					
Real Estate	314,473,221	313,943,569	318,284,077	322,129,474	325,772,635
Personal Property	52,788,040	56,876,672	52,315,027	50,987,477	49,274,893
Total Valuation	367,261,261	370,820,241	370,599,104	373,116,951	375,047,528
Homestead Exemption	4,832,398	5,111,898	3,788,622	3,713,622	3,783,622
BETE Exemption	1,523,975	24,126	216,163	84,381	1,578,010
Total Taxable Valuation Base	373,617,634	375,956,265	374,603,889	376,914,954	380,409,160
90% captured value in TIF Dist	49,676,516	51,516,074	48,865,915	48,408,464	48,694,613
70% captured value Downtown TIF			316,949	999,732	1,036,190
Non TIF Value	323,941,118	324,440,191	325,421,025	327,506,758	330,678,357
Revenues					
Tax Commitment	5,490,556	5,740,297	5,844,348	5,962,409	6,300,798
Anticipated Revenue	652,474	657,005	800,762	703,024	668,074
State Revenue Sharing	450,000	377,027	264,495	284,954	229,294
Homestead Reimbursement	72,244	79,132	59,747	59,344	63,565
BETE Reimbursement	22,783	373	3,409	1,348	26,511
Total Revenue	6,688,058	6,853,835	6,972,761	7,011,079	7,288,242
Revenue Commitments					
Appropriations Municipal	2,682,072	2,669,769	2,723,125	2,723,739	2,844,543
Dragon Reserve	742,664	797,469	770,616	773,567	818,069
Downtown Reserve			4,998	15,976	17,408
MSAD #50	2,891,520	3,004,355	3,081,598	3,115,596	3,241,524
Knox County Tax	326,176	339,046	362,865	369,443	348,548
Overlay	45,625	43,196	29,559	12,758	18,150
Total	6,688,058	6,853,835	6,972,761	7,011,079	7,288,242
Pollution Control					
Debt Service	150,000	150,000	150,000	100,000	100,000

Valuation Comparison

	2013/2014	2014/2015	2015/2016	2016/2017	2017/2018	Estimate 2018/2019
Valuation						
Real Estate	333,588,086	345,650,678	346,374,342	345,033,570	343,830,233	343,830,233
Personal Property	47,079,902	52,847,064	50,072,003	47,086,912	45,637,243	45,637,243
Total Valuation	380,667,988	398,497,742	396,446,345	392,120,482	389,467,476	389,467,476
Homestead Exemption	3,663,622	3,619,617	3,434,617	5,412,566	7,236,773	7,236,773
BETE Exemption	1,972,705	1,970,789	3,918,176	4,026,327	4,596,401	4,596,401
Total Taxable Valuation Base	386,304,315	404,088,148	403,799,138	401,559,375	401,300,650	401,300,650
90% captured value in TIF Dist	47,178,093	44,180,981	42,850,555	42,262,931	39,540,245	39,540,245
70% captured value Downtown TIF	1,002,962	896,486	974,737	1,072,453	1,153,405	1,153,405
Non TIF Value	338,123,260	359,010,681	359,973,846	358,223,991	360,606,999	360,606,999
Revenues						
Tax Commitment	6,372,382	6,631,002	7,147,928	7,324,811	7,555,669	8,135,976
Anticipated Revenue	638,234	643,234	666,486	649,734	663,799	663,799
State Revenue Sharing	140,000	143,778	140,940	138,971	156,402	172,394
Homestead Reimbursement	61,329	60,230	61,926	101,107	140,393	151,176
BETE Reimbursement	33,023	32,794	70,645	75,212	89,170	96,019
Total Revenue	7,244,968	7,511,038	8,087,924	8,289,835	8,605,434	9,219,363
Revenue Commitments						
Appropriations Municipal	2,836,216	2,989,427	3,132,616	3,169,714	3,259,456	3,443,270
Dragon Reserve	789,761	735,171	772,596	89,472	767,081	825,996
Downtown Reserve	16,790	14,918	17,575	20,033	22,376	24,095
MSAD #50	3,221,566	3,389,803	3,756,886	3,870,086	4,095,417	4,445,063
Knox County Tax	367,738	373,969	395,310	430,945	450,349	468,774
Overlay	12,897	7,751	12,942	9,584	10,754	12,166
Total	7,244,968	7,511,038	8,087,924	8,289,835	8,605,434	9,219,363
Pollution Control						
Debt Service	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000

Thomaston Trust Funds Ending Balances 6/30/17

CEMETERY FUNDS

Operating Fund– Checking	\$ 4,297.26
Helen McBride Flower Fund	\$ 473.31
Addie Guild Stone Cleaning	\$ 827.32
Leighton CD	\$ 4,755.09
Thomaston Cemetery/Leighton fund-Market Value	\$ 481,598.63
TOTAL CEMETERY FUNDS	\$ 491,951.61

DIETZ SCHOLARSHIP

Dietz Savings	\$ 800.79
Dietz CD	\$ 65,039.75
TOTAL DIETZ SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$ 65,840.54

CHARITY FUNDS

Lions Club	\$ 1,942.48
Charitable CD	\$ 100,151.98
Watts Fund	
Mary E. Campbell	
E.P. George Hospital Fund	
Cassandra A. Washburn	
Mary Watts Fund	
Samuel Watts-Checking	\$ 2,005.01
*Maine Community Foundation	\$ 87,703.50
Thomaston Charity Fund-Market Value	\$ 322,838.85
Charitable Fund-Market Value	\$ 470,467.46
TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS	\$ 985,109.28

THOMASTON PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS

Petty Cash	\$ 150.00
Operating Fund-Checking	\$ 3,916.61
Book Fund-Checking	\$ 1,185.60
Public Library Book Fund-Market Value	\$ 369,889.02
Library Agency Fund-Market Value	\$ 1,092,875.55
TOTAL LIBRARY FUNDS	\$ 1,468,016.78
TOTAL THOMASTON TRUST FUNDS	\$ 3,010,918.21

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND	\$ 1,025,089.31
TIF	\$ 556,880.87
TOTAL	\$ 1,581,970.18

*These Funds are held independently by Maine Community Foundation.

PART 5:

Annual Town Meeting

Town Meeting Procedures

Maine Moderator's Manual Rules of Procedures

2018-2019 Town Meeting Warrant



*Residents vote on a warrant article at June 2017's Annual Town Meeting
(Photo Courtesy of Dan Otis Smith/Courier Publications)*

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.

Distinguishing or Separating Voter and Non-Voters - Please respect any measures in effect for distinguishing or separating the voters from non-voters

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.

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 ask 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 defeated”). 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.

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.

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.

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.

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 (<i>sine die</i>)	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*.

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
FOR FISCAL YEAR
JULY 1, 2018 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2019**

TO: Timothy Hoppe, a Constable 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 12, 2018 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 13, 2018 at 7:00 PM** prevailing time, then and there to proceed with **ARTICLES 3 through 38.**

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 Assessor for a three year term, and two RSU #13 School Board members for three year terms each.

June 13, 2018 – 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:

	2018/2019	2017/2018
State Local Road Assistance	\$ 24,916.00	\$ 24,572.00
Gasoline Refund	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 2,200.00
State Revenue Sharing	\$172,394.00	\$156,402.00
General Assistance	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 8,400.00
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 Unassigned 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, 2018 through June 30, 2019:

DESCRIPTION AND COMPARISON:

	2018/2019	2017/2018
Appropriated from Fund Balance and Transfer	Unknown	Unknown
Anticipated State Revenue Sharing	<u>\$172,394.00</u>	<u>\$138,971.00</u>
TOTAL	\$172,394.00	\$138,971.72

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$423,073.32 for GENERAL GOVERNMENT for Fiscal Year July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019:

DESCRIPTION AND COMPARISON:

	2018/2019	2017/2018
Selectpersons	\$ 0	\$ 11,577.82
Legal	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 18,000.00
Selectmen's Office	\$ 4,850.00	\$ 4,850.00
Town Manager	\$ 83,850.99	\$ 81,408.73
Exec. Secy./Office Coord.	\$ 42,103.30	\$ 40,876.99
Manager's Office	\$ 24,640.08	\$ 24,070.95
Clerk	\$ 39,524.80	\$ 41,155.50
Clerk's Office	\$ 5,850.00	\$ 5,850.00
General Office	\$ 33,800.00	\$ 32,800.00
Municipal Accounting Clerk	\$ 49,694.26	\$ 48,246.85
Finance Office	\$ 12,250.00	\$ 10,850.00
Administration	\$ 19,660.71	\$ 19,650.20
Planning Board	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Contingency	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Computer	\$ 35,250.00	\$ 33,900.00
Code Enforcement Officer	\$ 47,024.18	\$ 45,654.54
Code Enforcement Office	<u>\$ 5,375.00</u>	<u>\$ 5,325.00</u>
TOTAL	\$423,073.32	\$425,416.58

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$89,700.00 for maintenance and operation of MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS for Fiscal Year July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019:

DESCRIPTION AND COMPARISON:

	2018/2019	2017/2018
Watts Block	\$ 49,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
Academy Building	<u>\$ 40,700.00</u>	<u>\$ 40,500.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 89,700.00	\$ 90,500.00

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$316,925.64 for the POLICE DEPARTMENT WAGES for Fiscal Year July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019:

DESCRIPTION AND COMPARISON:

	2018/2019	2017/2018
Chief's Salary	\$ 67,962.38	\$ 68,344.21
Patrolmen Wages (3)	\$138,546.75	\$134,511.41
Reserves Wages	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00
Overtime	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 11,000.00
Traffic Control	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 1,500.00
Sergeant Wages	\$ 54,116.51	\$ 52,540.30
Special Details	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,000.00
Court Time	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,400.00
Sick Leave	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Vacation Buyback	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Holiday Pay	<u>\$ 8,600.00</u>	<u>\$ 8,600.00</u>
TOTAL	\$316,925.64	\$291,895.92

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$ 61,775.00 for GENERAL EXPENDITURES – POLICE DEPARTMENT for Fiscal Year July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019:

DESCRIPTION AND COMPARISON:

	2018/2019	2017/2018
Transportation	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 13,500.00
Supplies & Equipment	<u>\$ 41,775.00</u>	<u>\$ 32,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 61,775.00	\$ 45,500.00

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$130,580.28 for the FIRE DEPARTMENT for Fiscal Year July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019:

DESCRIPTION AND COMPARISON:

	2018/2019	2017/2018
Fire Chief	\$ 15,804.03	\$ 15,343.72
Deputy Chief	\$ 7,839.20	\$ 7,610.87
Assistant Chiefs (2 positions)	\$ 9,317.99	\$ 9,046.59
Call Members	\$ 22,894.06	\$ 22,894.06
Operations	\$ 20,725.00	\$ 20,625.00
Communications	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Fire Equipment	\$ 10,900.00	\$ 10,550.00
Fire Vehicle Maintenance	\$ 21,200.00	\$ 21,200.00
Station Building	<u>\$ 19,900.00</u>	<u>\$ 19,850.00</u>
TOTAL	\$130,580.28	\$129,120.24

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,400.00 to purchase self-contained breathing (SCBA) bottles, purchase protective clothing and dry hydrant maintenance as follows:

	2018/2019	2017/2018
SCBA	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 24,000.00
Clothing	\$ 9,200.00	\$ 7,600.00
Dry Hydrant	<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 13,400.00	\$ 11,000.00

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$215,923.08 for PROTECTION AND PUBLIC SAFETY for Fiscal Year July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019:

DESCRIPTION AND COMPARISON:

	2018/2019	2017/2018
Street Lighting	\$ 42,817.00	\$ 41,907.00
E.M.A.	\$ 989.58	\$ 965.13
Health Officer	\$ 1,479.05	\$ 1,435.97
Animal Control	\$ 10,637.45	\$ 10,208.20
Hydrant Rental	<u>\$160,000.00</u>	<u>\$137,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$215,923.08	\$191,516.30

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,043.00 for the Emergency Management Work Plan.

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$518,288.33 for PUBLIC WORKS for Fiscal Year July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019:

DESCRIPTION AND COMPARISON:

	2018/2019	2017/2018
Director	\$ 67,303.50	\$ 65,343.20
Full Time Employees (3)	\$132,135.52	\$128,286.91
Shared Employees	\$ 45,071.28	\$ 43,758.52
Overtime	\$ 6,200.00	\$ 6,200.00
Public Works General	\$ 8,200.00	\$ 8,150.00
Operations	\$ 74,700.00	\$ 73,700.00
Winter Roads	\$ 92,000.00	\$ 90,000.00
Summer Roads	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 30,500.00
Stump Dump	\$ 47,578.03	\$ 43,211.68
Town Garage	\$ 10,100.00	\$ 10,000.00
TOTAL	\$518,288.33	\$ 499,150.31

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$250,000.00 for Transfer Station Fees for Fiscal Year July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019:

DESCRIPTION AND COMPARISON:

	2018/2019	2017/2018
Transfer Station Fees	<u>\$250,000.00</u>	<u>\$248,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$250,000.00	\$248,000.00

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$205,859.18 for the AMBULANCE DEPARTMENT for Fiscal Year July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019:

DESCRIPTION AND COMPARISON:

	2018/2019	2017/2018
Director	\$ 10,079.04	\$ 9,785.48
Assistants	\$ 7,395.26	\$ 7,179.86
Call Attendants	\$ 11,384.68	\$ 11,384.68
Per Diem Weekend Coverage	\$ 34,323.82	\$ 34,323.82
Ambulance Coverage – Rockland	\$104,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Meetings and Drills	\$ 1,626.38	\$ 1,626.38
Training	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
Transportation	\$ 6,300.00	\$ 6,300.00
Administration and Office Supplies	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 6,800.00
Operations	\$ 13,550.00	\$ 13,550.00
Communications	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
TOTAL	\$205,859.18	\$120,950.22

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$46,835.34 for the AS-SESSOR'S OFFICE for Fiscal Year July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019:

DESCRIPTION AND COMPARISON:

	2018/2019	2017/2018
Assessors' Compensation	\$ 3,260.74	\$ 3,165.77
Assessors' Agent	\$ 31,749.60	\$ 30,824.85
Temporary Assistant	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Office Supplies	\$ 600.00	\$ 550.00
Book Binding	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Mileage	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
Training	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Memberships	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00
Computer Maintenance	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00
Mapping	\$ 750.00	\$ 500.00
Legal and Professional Services	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Commercial Assessments	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
TOTAL	\$ 46,835.34	\$ 44,515.62

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$75,975.51 for the RECREATION DEPARTMENT for Fiscal Year July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019:

DESCRIPTION AND COMPARISON:

	2018/2019	2017/2018
Director's Salary	\$ 40,325.51	\$ 38,042.93
League Fees	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Office Supplies	\$ 650.00	\$ 650.00
Field Maintenance	\$ 9,500.00	\$ 9,100.00
Senior Citizen's Account	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,000.00
Supplies and Equipment	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
Basketball Clock Keepers/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	\$ 75,975.51	\$ 72,792.93

SELECT PERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$29,186.36 for LEISURE SERVICES for Fiscal Year July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019:

DESCRIPTION AND COMPARISON:

	2018/2019	2017/2018
SHADE TREES		
Tree Warden	\$ 972.40	\$ 944.08
Tree Removal	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Dead Limb Sanitation	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
Stump Removal	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Tree Planting	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 0.00
Equipment	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Publications, Licensing, Mileage	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Cabling/bracing	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
SUBTOTAL	\$ 13,972.40	\$ 13,944.08

HARBOR SERVICES

Harbor Master	\$ 4,313.96	\$ 4,188.31
Education/Training	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00
Public Landing	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 700.00

Ground Supplies	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Float Maintenance	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 600.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
Facility Maintenance	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 2,300.00
Boat Maintenance	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
Float Removal	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00
Telephone	<u>\$ 450.00</u>	<u>\$ 450.00</u>
SUBTOTAL	\$14,213.96	\$10,388.31
Conservation Committee	<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>
SUBTOTAL	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
TOTAL	\$29,186.36	\$25,332.39

SELECT PERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$711,980.20 for UNCLASSIFIED ACCOUNTS for Fiscal Year July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019:

DESCRIPTION AND COMPARISON:

	2018/2019	2017/2018
Workers' Compensation	\$ 63,121.00	\$ 48,803.00
Unemployment Insurance	\$ 3,822.00	\$ 3,822.00
FICA	\$ 96,000.00	\$ 91,000.00
Health Insurance	\$347,025.95	\$347,025.95
Retirement	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,500.00
Wage Increase	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
SUBTOTAL	\$515,468.95	\$496,150.95
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>\$ 2,500.00</u>	<u>\$ 2,200.00</u>
SUBTOTAL	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,200.00
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
Midcoast Eco Dev District	\$ 3,476.25	\$ 3,476.25
Debt Service	<u>\$ 50,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 50,000.00</u>
SUBTOTAL	\$ 59,076.25	\$ 59,076.25
Thomaston Village Cemetery	\$ 19,000.00	\$ 19,000.00
Thomaston Public Library	\$ 65,410.00	\$ 65,410.00
Thomaston Flags	<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 500.00</u>
SUBTOTAL	<u>\$ 85,410.00</u>	<u>\$ 84,910.00</u>
TOTAL	\$711,980.20	\$691,862.20

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$174,000.00 for CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS/RESERVE ACCOUNTS for Fiscal Year July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019:

DESCRIPTION AND COMPARISON:

	2018/2019	2017/2018
Police Cruiser Reserve	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 13,000.00
Ambulance Reserve	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
Fire Apparatus	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
Academy Maint. Reserve	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 14,000.00
Dump Truck Reserve	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Computer Reserve	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Municipal Facilities Reserves	<u>\$ 50,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 50,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$174,000.00	\$157,000.00

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$12,000.00 for FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE for Fiscal Year July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019:

DESCRIPTION AND COMPARISON:

	2018/2019	2017/2018
General Assistance	<u>\$ 12,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 12,000.00</u>

TOTAL	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
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As administered under Title 22 M.R.S.A. SUB 4305.4 Department of Human Services.

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$14,225.00 for PROVIDER AND LOCAL AGENCIES for Fiscal Year July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019:

DESCRIPTION AND COMPARISON:

PROVIDERS AGENCIES		
	2018/2019	2017/2018
Coastal Workshop	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,000.00
Penquis CAP	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,000.00
Mid-Coast Children's Services	\$ 0.00	\$ 00.00
New Hope for Women	\$ 250.00	\$ 950.00
Coastal Transportation	\$ 00.00	\$ 0.00
Spectrum Generations	\$ 00.00	\$ 1,000.00
Pope Memorial Humane Society.	\$ 475.00	\$ 500.00
ADAPT	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Home Counselors	\$ 0.00	\$ 200.00
Trekkers	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Knox County Homeless Coalition	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
American Red Cross	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Broadreach Family& Community	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,000.00
Midcoast ME Comm Action	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,000.00
Rockland District Nursing	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
SUBTOTAL	\$ 5,725.00	\$11,150.00
LOCAL AGENCIES		
Historical Society	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,500.00
Christmas Lighting	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,300.00
Memorial Day Committee	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00
Friends of Montpelier	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,500.00
Landscaping Committee	\$ 1,900.00	\$ 1,900.00
Thomaston Food Pantry	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,900.00
Life Flight	\$ 250.00	\$ 0.00
SUBTOTAL	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 8,850.00
TOTAL	\$ 14,225.00	\$ 20,000.00

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$120,000.00 to pave the following streets:

DESCRIPTION:

Beechwood Street;	1,056	lin ft	est.	246 tons
Bobolink Lane;	2,165	lin ft	est.	400 tons
Greenhouse Hill Road;	800	lin ft	est.	200 tons
Dwight Street;	792	lin ft	est.	114 tons
Elm Street;	898	lin ft	est.	140 tons
Elm Street Court;	160	lin ft	est.	18 tons
Gay Street;	370	lin ft	est.	66 tons
Knox Ridge Avenue;	475	lin ft	est.	97 tons
Knox Street Ext.;	317	lin ft	est.	50 tons
North Street;	317	lin ft	est.	60 tons
Valley Street;	370	lin ft	est.	106 tons
Water Street;	2,271	lin ft	est.	546 tons
Broadway;	634	lin ft	est.	85 tons

Total: 2,128 Tons

Total \$120,000

EXPLANATION: Estimate utilizing \$68 per ton.

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will appropriate up to \$140,000.00 to purchase a 2018 310 S.G. John Deer Backhoe with JRB hook-up, forks, clean-up bucket and excavation bucket from the following accounts:

F.E.M.A. Storm Account	\$ 11,880.00
Winter Roads Account	\$ 27,840.42
Public Works Backhoe Reserve	\$ 30,525.15
Balance from Unassigned Dump Truck Reserve	\$ 34,427.00
Trade-in of 2004 Case Backhoe	est. \$ 20,000.00
Unassigned Fund Balance (surplus)	<u>\$ 15,327.43</u>

TOTAL \$140,000.00

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$20,000.00 towards the ongoing Thomaston Sidewalk Program to construct and maintain sidewalks in Thomaston.

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 26: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the continued expenditures as necessary from the Facility Reserve Account for the ongoing planning and operating of the new proposed Town Office complex at the Lura Libby building.

Note: The current Facility Reserve Account balance will be \$219,516.71, including the 2018/2019 reserve amount.

Expenditures to date: 7/1/17 – 5/8/18

Expenses to Date	Capital or Planning	
7/19/2017	John Hansen	\$4,080.00
2/5/2018	John Hansen	\$4,960.00
2/9/2018	Landmark Corp.	\$1,188.60
4/4/2018	Heliotropic Tech	\$1,000.00
Expenses 7/1/17 to 5/8/18		
Electricity		4426.25
Water		586.34
Sewer		503.50
Heating Fuel		12149.76
LP Gas		4671.30
Maintenance		2595.31
Sprinkler System Inspect		93.75
Security Dial-up		639.00
Year to Date		\$25,665.21

Planning and architecture study \$11,228.60. Operating expenses \$25,665.21. Capital cost to complete the installation of the year-old replacement boiler donated by RSU #13, \$12,242.90.

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 27: To see if the Town will vote to lease the use of land in the 22 Acre Thomaston Village Cemetery to Mike Hall, doing business as Midcoast Crematory, Inc., for the construction and operation of a crematorium off Anna Belle Lane section, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate the terms and conditions of the lease, including the exact location of the facility and the rent to be paid and the duration of the lease.

Note: The estimated lease of \$500 per month plus the remuneration of taxes for the facility.

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 3, 2018 for the first payment and June 3, 2019 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 8 percent to be charged on taxes unpaid after said date for the period July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.

NOTE: Pursuant to Title 36 M.R.S.A. Section 506-A “Overpayment of Taxes”.

EXPLANATION: 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 8%, then the Town Meeting may set a rate not higher than 8% and not lower than 4%; it may pick either of those numbers or any number in between. 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 the sum of \$4,500.00 for the Shellfish Management Program and The Tidelands Coalition as follows:

Shellfish Management	\$ 3,000.00
Tidelands Coalition	\$ 1,500.00

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 34: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from unassigned 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: To see if the Town will appropriate \$40,000.00 from the Dragon Products T.I.F. to purchase \$19,000 for replacement thermal image camera and \$21,000 for replacement fire hose.

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 36: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$5,000.00 to fund the continued work of the 30' octagon gazebo at the Thomaston Green Park.

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 37: Shall the amendments to Chapter 7 Thomaston Land Use and Development Ordinance, Sections 709.3, 709.4, and 712.5 entitled "Amendments to Sections 709.3, 709.4, and 712.5" 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 38: Shall an ordinance entitled "June 2017 Amendments of the Town of Thomaston Chapter 10 Definitions", Section 1003 Specific Definitions entitled "Amendments to Chapter 10 Definitions, Section 1003 Specific 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 39: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to sign the amended Interlocal Agreement to establish a Solid Waste Transfer Facility for the municipalities of Owls Head, South Thomaston, and Thomaston, amended 2017, and to allow for the formation of the Co-operative Solid Waste Transfer Facility, a Public Disposal Corporation.

SELECTPERSONS DO NOT RECOMMEND APPROVAL

Given under our hands this 14th day of May in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand Eighteen by the vote of the Board of Selectmen.

THOMASTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

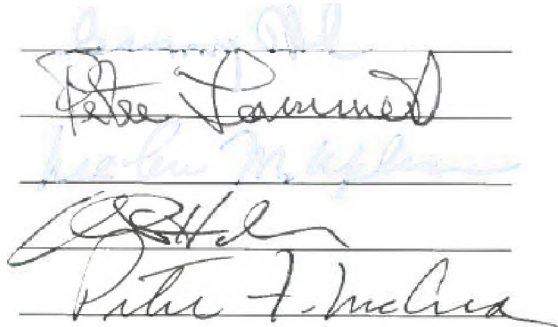
Greg Hamlin, Chairman

Peter Lammert, Vice Chairman

Lee-Ann Upham

Bill Hahn

Peter McCrea

The image shows five handwritten signatures, each on a horizontal line. From top to bottom, the signatures are: Greg Hamlin (faint), Peter Lammert, Lee-Ann Upham (faint), Bill Hahn, and Peter F. McCrea.

A true copy of the signed warrant as certified to me by the Thomaston Board of Selectmen.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kara George".

Kara George, Town Clerk

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New Businesses in Thomaston

