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SECOND EMPIRE (1852-1870)



COLONIAL REVIVAL (1880-1940)

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PART 1:

Introduction



"June 2018-Thomaston Grammar School Student Aiden Lindsey, far left, looks on as classmates Cole Ingalls, left, and Sam Gorman, right, hold the ribbon while Thomaston Town Manager Valmore Blastow cuts it to officially open the Learning Locks."

(Photo Courtesy of Lynn Snow)



What is Learning Locks?

"Place a lock to recognize life lessons, milestones in education, or honoring teachers of many kinds. This is a spin-off of the love locks that have probably been around for 100 years, where people put a lock on a fence to acknowledge their unbreakable love," says Educator Lynn Snow.

Dedication to Ben Harding



Ben Harding

"Ben's contributions to Thomaston were numerous; we were truly fortunate to have had an advocate like Ben that cared about the town. All his accomplishments simply stemmed from the fact that he loved what he did." Town Manager, Valmore Blastow, Jr. recently stated.

If one were to quote one of his protégée's, Mr. Henry Carey comes quickly to mind, the current Chairman of the Academy Trustees, when he wrote in 2003: *"The year started off with a major change as Beniah Harding, Chairman, passed the torch after two decades of extraordinarily faithful service to the citizens of the surrounding area. Without his guidance the Academy would not have become the beacon of education in the Midcoast area it is today."*

Valmore noted in a 2014 letter, *"The amount of time, energy and expertise Ben has given committees and projects over the years is long and impressive. It clearly shows his commitment to our community and his desire to help in multiple ways. It is great to be able to recognize and celebrate his accomplishments. No amount of ink will embrace all he meant to Thomaston"*.

Several noted accomplishments are:

- ◆ Husband of Ida, Father of Conrad, Son of the Society of Cincinnati, Veteran of World War II including the Normandy Invasion, School Board member, Trustee of the Academy and the Friends of Montpelier, and friend to all who engages
- ◆ Voting for education decisions, managing the Cement Plant or reconstructing his burned home on Gleason Street in the 1960's
- ◆ Planned for the Bicentennial in the 1970's
- ◆ Orchestrated the preservation of the Academy Building for future generations' education in the 1980's
- ◆ Hosted and initiated meetings of the new Friends of Montpelier in his living room, thereby ensuring the General Henry Knox Museum would not succumb to the decay of State ownership and preserving it in the 1990's for today.

Ben answered the call of the planted seed and Thomaston graciously thanks him. From all we know about Ben, the one thing that stood out is he never **GAVE UP!** He quietly and premeditatedly **LED** without regard for his own gain. He was a tireless champion for all his causes, and Thomaston is grateful he chose this community to exhibit those skills. The Town will be forever grateful for many, many, years to come.

Dedication to Jim Connon

I respectfully submit this dedication to James Connon, the Public Works Director, on behalf of the Citizens of Thomaston, Board of Selectmen, and all of the staff whom have had the pleasure to work with him.

After almost 16 years, Jim will be retiring on May 31, 2019. He started his career with the Town on September 7, 2003, with a serious hands on work ethic and 30 years of prior service in the excavation/construction field.

His acumen for work in the field, organization, record keeping, maintenance, layout, calculations, and the equipment and its operation in this industry is at par with the best.

Jim is a Department Head that understands the challenges of his office, yet yours as well. Jim has met with me almost daily for the past 16 years as we exchanged the needs, requests, complaints, or discussed the next project and the veracity of accomplishing the task at hand.

He always looked at funding and cost with accurate estimating, as he recognized Municipal Government is a service in which the citizens are taxed for the request being made by the Town Government.

So, as this gentle giant of his field passes into his years of retirement with his dear wife, we wish them many days of touring the country, kicking the tires of John Deeres and Caterpillars, auto auctions, races and shows.

PLOW WHAT? SNOW, YOU SAY? No, Jim won't be plowing! Just new ground. God speed and see you on the other side!

Your fellow worker and friend,



Valmore Blastow, Jr.



Public Works Director Jim Connon
(Photo Courtesy of Kara George)

Municipal Directory

Town Departments:

Ambulance/Fire	354-6345
Animal Control	542-3057
Harbor Master	354-8035
Police Department	354-2511
Pollution Control	354-2136
Public Works	354-2478
Thomaston Public Library	354-2453
Town Office	354-6107
Transfer Station	594-0748
Watts Hall Rentals	354-6107

Emergency Contacts:

Emergency Ambulance/Fire/Police	911
Thomaston EMA Director	354-6107
Thomaston EMS Chief	542-0494
Thomaston Fire Chief	542-9400
Thomaston Police Chief	354-2511
Knox County EMA	594-5155
Knox Regional Communications	593-9132
Maine State Warden Service	287-8000
Maine State Police	1-800-452-4664
HazMat Spill Reporting	1-800-424-8802

Town Contacts:

<i>Valmore Blastow, Jr.</i>	354-6107	<i>John Fancy</i>	354-2136
Town Manager, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Road Commissioner, G.A. Administrator, EMA Director		Pollution Control Superintendent	
<i>Ruston Barnard, Jr.</i>	354-6345	<i>Kara George</i>	354-6107
EMS Chief		Town Clerk, Public Information Officer, Village Cemetery Contact, Voter Registrar	
<i>Jodell Benson</i>	354-6107	<i>Diane Giese</i>	354-2453
Finance Coordinator, G.A. Alt.		Head Librarian	
<i>Michael Blais</i>	354-8035	<i>Timothy Hoppe</i>	354-2511
Harbor Master		Police Chief	
<i>Jim Connon</i>	354-2478	<i>Peter Lammert</i>	691-2900
Public Works Director		Cemetery Sexton, Tree Warden	
<i>Donna Culbertson</i>	354-6107	<i>Alan P. Leo, EMT</i>	354-6345
Motor Vehicle Agent, Pollution Control Bookkeeper, Office Coordinator		Local Health Officer	
<i>William Demmons</i>	542-3057	<i>David B. Martucci, CMA</i>	354-6107
Animal Control		Assessors' Agent, I.T. Support	
<i>Rene Dorr</i>	354-6107	<i>Mikial Mazzeo</i>	354-6345
Recreation Director		Fire Chief	
		<i>William Wasson</i>	354-6107
		Code Enforcement Officer, Plumbing Inspector	

2019-2020 Municipal Holidays



*Memorial Day Parade on Thomaston Main Street in 1890.
(Photo Courtesy of the Thomaston Historical Society)*

Independence Day	Thursday, July 4, 2019
Labor Day	Monday, September 2, 2019
Columbus Day	Monday, October 14, 2019
Veterans Day	Monday, November 11, 2019
Thanksgiving Break	Thursday, November 28 & Friday, November 29, 2019
Christmas	Wednesday, December 25, 2019
New Year's Day	Wednesday, January 1, 2020
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	Monday, January 20, 2020
Presidents' Day	Monday, February 17, 2020
Patriots' Day	Monday, April 20, 2020
Memorial Day	Monday, May 25, 2020



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, 2018 through June 30, 2019. The audit excerpts for the Fiscal year July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 are included herein, and complete reports are available for your review at the Town Office as audited by Runyon, Kersteen, and Ouellette, Auditors.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Valmore Blastow, Jr.

Thomaston Select Board



*From Left: Selectperson Beverly St. Clair, Selectperson Peter McCrea, Vice-Chairwoman Lee-Ann Upham, Selectperson William Hahn, Chairman Peter Lammert, Town Manager Valmore Blastow, Jr., and Recording Secretary Kara George
(Photo Courtesy of Peggy McCrea)*

Select Board Members (3-Year Terms)

Peter Lammert, Chairman	2020
Lee-Ann Upham, Vice-Chair	2020
William Hahn	2019
Peter McCrea	2019
Beverly St. Clair	2021

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

Meetings occur only when there are items on the agenda.

Town Boards & Committees

Board of Assessors

Fred Wigglesworth, Chair
Peter Lammert
Joan Linscott

RSU #13 School Board

Amy Williams-Beers
Mark R. Lewis
Mark A. Higgins, Alt.

Select Board

Peter Lammert, Chair
Lee-Ann Upham, Vice Chair
William Hahn
Peter McCrea
Beverly St. Clair

Academy Board of Trustees

Henry Carey, Chair
Diane Giese
Melissa Harjula
Thomas Mellor
Lynn Snow
Robert Snow
Vacancy
Vacancy

Library Board of Trustees

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

Village Cemetery Board of Trustees

Kara George-Town Clerk
Rod Grindell
William Hahn
Peter Lammert, Cemetery Sexton
Sandra Jordan

Margaret McCrea

Peter McCrea
Joanne Richards
Beverly St. Clair
Lee-Ann Upham

Watts Block Trustees

William Hahn, Chair
James Cuthbertson
Neal Guyer
Chris Hirsch
Neil Krane
Donna Culbertson, Rentals

Board of Appeals

Doug Erickson, Vice-Chair
William Dashiell
Charles Grover
Gerald Zwick
Vacancy
Vacancy 1st Alternate
Vacancy 2nd Alternate

Budget Committee

Henry Carey, Chair
Doug Erickson, Vice-Chair
Joanne Richards, Secretary
Charles Grover
Patricia Hubbard
Anne Perkins
Betty Watts
Dwight Henry, Alternate
Jodell Benson, Finance Coordinator

Building Committee

Valmore Blastow, Jr., Town Manager
Zel Bowman-Laberge, S.M.F.C.
Charles Grover, Budget Committee
William Hahn, Select Board
John Hansen, Architect
Vacancy

Comprehensive Plan Committee

Daryl Hahn, Co - Chair
Margaret McCrea, Co - Chair

Elizabeth Allen

Diana Beach
Cindy Bertocci
Ben Griffin
Andrew Josephs
Jessica Shepard
Jean Short
Vacancy
Peter Lammert, Select Board Member
Peter McCrea, Select Board Member
Jonathan Eaton, Non-Select Board Member
Bill Wasson, Code Enforcement Officer
Joanne Richards, Planning Board Chair

Conservation Commission

Nancy Hill
Elaine Larrabee
Valerie Stone
Vacancy
Vacancy
Vacancy
Vacancy
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
Valmore Blastow, Jr., Administrative

Georges River Shellfish Committee

David Hynd
John Smith
Clifton Weaver

Harbor Committee

John Snyder, Chair
Robert Armstrong
Sandy Bolster

Town Boards & Committees

Sandra Jordan
Derek Orff
Doug Theobalds
Nancy Armstrong, Alternate
Peter McCrea, Select Board
Mike Blais, Harbor Master

Historic Thomaston Research Group

Margaret McCrea, Chair
Nancy Baker
Sue Christensen
Susan Devlin
Sue Howard
Maria Maria Jose Amerin
Colin Nelson
Sarah Robertson
Ann Robison
Vacancy
Vacancy
Vacancy

Maine Water Company Advisory

Peter Lammert, Select Board

Mid-Coast Economic Development District

Will Hahn, Select Board
Peter McCrea, Alternate Select Board

Mid-Coast Regional Planning Board

Peter McCrea, Select Board
William Hahn, Select Board
Greg Hamlin, Resident Member

OHSTT Solid Waste Transfer Station

Ronald Porter, Non-Select Board Member

Beverly St. Clair, Select Board Member

Personnel Committee

Betty Watts, Chair
Henry Carey
Daryl Hahn
Sandra Jordan
Scott Johnson, 1st Alternate
Andrew Josephs, 2nd Alternate
Peter Lammert, Select Board
Beverly St. Clair, Select Board Alternate

Planning Board

Joanne Richards, Chair
Melissa Reynolds, Vice-Chair
Jeff Creighton
Noreen Mullaney
Joan Sanborn
Virginia Blanchard, 1st Alternate
Charles Frattinin, 2nd Alternate

Recreation Committee

Darryl Townsend, Chair
Carol Arsenault, Vice-Chair
Chris Barstow
Todd Boynton
Shirley Hamlin
Ricky Jones
Patricia Smith
High School Student Vacancy
1st Alternate Vacancy
2nd Alternate Vacancy
Rene Dorr, Recreation Director

Redevelopment Committee

William Hahn, Chair/Select Board

Cindy Bertocci
Jeff Carty
Margaret McCrea
Noreen Mullaney
Davene Fahy
Sumner Kinney
Chris Rector
Peter Lammert, Select Board
Peter McCrea, Select Board
Beverly St. Clair, Select Board
Lee-Ann Upham, Select Board

Standing Municipal Facilities Committee

Zel Bowman-Laberge, Chair
Henry Carey
Susan Devlin
Daryl Hahn
William Hahn
Shirley Hamlin
Patricia Hubbard
Anita Knowlton
Peter Lammert
Joanne Richards
Lynn Snow
Robert Snow
John Snyder

Trust Fund Committee

Jeff Creighton
William Dashiell
William Hahn, Select Board
Beverly St. Clair, Select Board
Valmore Blastow, Jr., Treasurer
Jodell Benson, Finance Coordinator

*"Alone we can do so
little; together we can do
so much."
~ Helen Keller*

**Are you interested in
serving on a Town Board
or Committee?**

Please stop by the Town
Office, call 854-6107, or visit the
Town website at
www.thomastonmaine.us
to fill out an application.

*Thank you to all of our
residents that dedicate
their time to a board or
committee serving the
community of
Thomaston.*

PART 2:

Thomaston Department Annual Reports

Thomaston is the 250th
Rapid Renewal Participant



On March 22, 2019, the Thomaston Town Office is recognized for being the 250th Rapid Renewal Participant. From Left: Donna Culbertson, Motor Vehicle Agent; Elizabeth Cole, Secretary; Dan Andrews, InforME General Manager; Secretary of State Matthew Dunlap; Selectman Chair Peter Lammert; Town Manager Valmore Blastow, Jr., Town Clerk Kara George; Deputy Secretary of the BMV Patty Morneault; Deirdre Berglund, InforME Project Manager; Jodell Benson, Finance Coordinator

(Photo Courtesy of Beth Birmingham, Courier Publications)

Thomaston Town Office



BACK: Town Manager Valmore Blastow Jr., Assessors' Agent David Martucci, Recreation Director Rene Dorr, CEO Bill Wasson, FRONT: Secretary Elizabeth Cole, Secretary/Office Coordinator Donna Culbertson, Finance Coordinator Jodell Benson, Town Clerk Kara George

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

Valmore Blastow, Jr.,
Town Manager

It is with pleasure, pride and humility I present my 26th Annual Town Report to the Citizens of Thomaston as your Town Manager.

Staff Working Conditions:

The year began with the Town fully engaged with the relocation of the Town Offices, Recreation Department, Food Pantry and the Police Department to new quarters at the former Lura Libby Facility. The Standing Municipal Facilities Committee (S.M.F.C.) made up of all the chairpersons of boards, committees, and trustees of the Town and four citizens began the planning work the prior October with the assistance of Architect John Hansen. The committee met through July of 2018 and presented recommendations to the Board of Selectpersons to relocate with a renovation costing an estimated \$1,100,000 to be bonded at a cost of approximately \$80,000 annually.



*Town Manager Valmore Blastow, Jr.
(Photo Courtesy of Elizabeth Cole)*

During this process, the Town engaged an engineer to complete a traffic study to consider relocating the Fire and Ambulance Departments with offices and quarters in Lura Libby and a new 7,000 square foot annex of bays to be constructed on the north side at an estimated cost of \$1,150,000. This study was found to be favorable after comparing the PROPOSAL to the current 1950's facility. At the current facility, the 75-foot ladder apparatus responds through a convenience store parking lot, there is a front apron at the Fire Station so shallow that the pumpers extend into Knox Street, and there is virtually no parking. Based on these factors, the new renovated facility has been designed to accommodate such an additional use in the future based on the Town's decisions. Just think if only the Town had moved forward with this! Maybe the Town could have excited interest in firemen and E.M.S. with appropriate working conditions along with the Police Department.

The S.M.F.C. held a public forum in February of 2018 which was well attended and plotted for a special Town Meeting in the summer for voter approval with work to begin in the fall. There was some opposing views to this plan and the vote ultimately came in November by Referendum Ballot vote for the relocation at an estimated cost to be bonded of \$1,100,000 which passed by the voters with a tally of 821 yes, 457 no, and 17 blanks. The final design plans for construction are being completed with plans to bid and initiate construction in June of 2019.

E.M.S. Service:

The Town also continued with the issue of a staff shortage for the Ambulance Service. The first six months of fiscal year 2018/2019 cost \$41,000 for Rockland to respond to the 51 requests. This same

Town Manager

period in the 2017/2018 fiscal year the 66 calls would have cost \$51,400 based on Rockland's increase to \$800.00 per call on January 9, 2018.

The EMS Director Rusty Barnard resigned in July 2018; however, effective next June 31, 2019 giving the Town ample time and tremendous support for the ongoing service. The request before the Board of Selectmen posed by the Ambulance Service was to have per diems paid from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. on staff 7 days per week which would double the current cost for per diems working day time 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. for approximately \$260,000 annually. The other issue I believe it would raise is the working conditions of the 1950's facility operating 24 hours per day. There is no sleeping quarters, no showers, no separate bathroom facility, etc. in the facility located on Knox Street. I believe the Town should consult with the State Department of Labor, O.S.H.A. for an inspection prior to initiating any such 24-hour utilization of the current facility, as this facility was designed at best for volunteer firemen only to respond when a call prompted them into action from afar.

The evolution of the Emergency Ambulance Services has evolved since the 1970's and continues, but until such time as the revenues from insurance, federal, and state funds for the emergency responses totally covers the real cost based on the medical fields real costs, so they can consolidate the services by protocol from the hospitals, local municipalities will continue to struggle with the adequate staffing of underpaid professionals.

Law Enforcement:

On June 30th of 2018, the Thomaston Police Department was 100% staffed. Yet, somehow the Town found itself on March 30th of 2019 with no staff other than the Police Chief. After four months of deliberation from November to March, the fourth officer resigned on January 21st, 2019 while he was attending the Maine Criminal Justice Academy as a Thomaston Police Officer and was hired by Knox County. Therefore, all three of Thomaston's resigned officers are now employees of Knox County and Thomaston has a department of one, the Police Chief. Reserve Officers and Knox County Sheriff's Department are providing the remaining coverage.

I completed an analysis of staff turnover in the Police Department for the years 2000 through 2018 for a total of 19 years. I would note the first five years from 2000-2004 is when the Town provided full family health insurance. During this time, the average vacancy rate in months was 6.8 months average per year out of the 48 months with four patrol officers filling 12 months each at 100% with no vacancies. Then I reviewed the same criteria for the years 2014-2018. The last five years without full family health insurance, the average vacancy rate was 7.6 months. There is less than one month average per year difference when there was family insurance and currently, single employees only coverage.

ANALYSIS OF POLICE DEPARTMENT

YEARS	THE # of 48 MONTHS IN A YEAR VACANT	AVERAGE VACANCY IN MONTHS PER YEAR
2000-2004	13, 4, 10, 4, 3	6.8
2014-2018	7, 10, 12, 2, 7	7.6

TURNOVER

The seven officers that came and left in the past 14 months with only four slots to fill was not due to the lack of family health insurance coverage alone. In my opinion, the resignations were from

Town Manager

family health insurance without considering the cost to taxpayers was part of the reason. All seven Patrol Officers hired were advised of wage and benefits prior to taking the positions. Thomaston Police Officer wages start at \$46,727. Knox County Sheriff's Officer wages start at \$40,622. Thomaston pays 18.5% on top of the wages towards retirement (social security and Maine Public Employees Retirement System) Knox County pays 14.8% for retirement. Thomaston currently has single only health insurance. Knox County offers a family health insurance plan. The Thomaston Board of Selectmen need to weigh the cost of all 19 employees receiving full family health and not just coverage for the four patrol officers which is an increase cost to the tax payers of approximately \$150,000. Of the nine member Union, there are only 5 members in mediation with the Department of Labor and as there are 4 police member vacancies.

In the fall of 2018, after unsuccessfully filling two of the four patrol positions in the Police Department, the request of potentially having Knox County Sheriff's Department provide full Law Enforcement services for Thomaston was initiated by others. This request was not requested by the Board of Selectmen to my office and was not an issue raised by my office. Sheriff Timothy Carroll submitted a letter dated December 4, 2018 to the Board of Selectmen with estimated costs of \$420,000 annually to provide law enforcement coverage for the Town of Thomaston with four full-time sworn officers for one year. This initiated further discussions and ultimately led to the Board of Selectmen requesting the Budget Committee to analyze the cost and benefits of the Thomaston Police Department vs. the Sheriff's Department. A summary comparison of the Thomaston Police Department and the Knox County Sheriff's Department is posted on the Town website: www.thomastonmaine.us.

From the Budget Committee recommendation, the Board of Selectmen set a public hearing on April 29, 2019 to discuss the question going before Thomaston voters. Please see the following letter presented at the Public Hearing regarding law enforcement in Thomaston:

"The proposed 6-11-19 referendum article #3 being presented to the voters reads as follows:

"Shall the town vote to disband the Thomaston Police Department and to authorize the Selectmen to contract with the Knox County Sheriff's Department to provide police protection to the Town of Thomaston at such terms and conditions as the Selectmen deem appropriate?"

The issue before the voters on June 11, 2019 will be to disband the Thomaston Police Department or not to. This was not an issue my office raised. Therefore, I have only attempted to assist the Select Board to answer the questions. I believe the documents provided will outline the Town's costs depending on the resolution of the Union contract currently in mediation before the State of Maine Department of Labor.

Sheriff Tim Carroll has submitted a proposal to cover the Town with dedicated law enforcement officers seven days a week with two shifts per day at a cost of \$450,000 and a one-year draft contract. To maintain the Thomaston Police Department as it exists, costs range from \$572,543.67 to \$620,525.91 based on an average of 6 different full family health insurance plans through Maine Municipal Employee Health Trust. The costs for the current union provided Allegiant Care full family health care plan would be \$632,461.51.

Based on Sheriff Tim Carroll's submission, a starting officer's total wage and benefit is \$50,431

Town Manager

annually. Thomaston's is \$61,095.17 annually. Therefore, the real discussion beyond costs clearly goes back to the expectations of the citizens in regards to the level of service to be provided vs. the level the Town received in the past. This question is posed to Thomaston Police Chief Tim Hoppe and Sheriff Tim Carroll. Please find the supporting documents provided."

The Board of Selectmen set the question of disbanding the Thomaston Police Department before the voters by Referendum Ballot vote on June 11, 2019.

Education

According to the recent news article on May 9, 2019, the RSU#13 Education Budget is increasing \$2.1 million which is more than daunting for just one year. The increase this year of the proposed \$751,100 if just simply calculated into this 2018/2019 year commitment is equal to a 2.11 mil rate increase sending the mil rate of 20.93 to 23.04. If the Education increase was -0-, I had projected a decrease from a mil rate of 20.93 down to 20.47 based on County and Municipal revenues without a potential change in property valuation.

Therefore, the 2018/2019 taxed education costs are \$4,445,302.32 is estimated to increase to at least \$5,196,402.32 plus the estimated State Education subsidy of \$1,575,861.53. Thomaston will be credited under the ED 279 calculations for 360 students equaling \$6,772,263.85 or \$18,811.84 per student.

The Town of Thomaston taxpayers alone will receive a \$548,992 increase this year plus paying back the education subsidy, which is very similar to the number I projected in the 2017 Management Discussion & Analysis of \$558,000 in 2017. This is no surprise to me. This one year increase is almost equal to the \$558,726.69 on page 2 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant to fund the Town's entire Police Department a second time.

RSU #13 Projections from a year ago

(Excerpt from the 2017 Audit: Town Management Discussion and Analysis)

"The Town Manager made a request of RSU #13 for the upcoming potential impact on the 2018/2019 Budget. There are several factors that are concerning the Town that may significantly increase the RSU #13 Budget. These factors include:

- 1. A potential first payment in the amount of \$1,750,000 this year for the Future of our Schools Project.**
- 2. A 2 to 3 year lapsed employee union contract was settled with retroactive pay.**
- 3. General annual increases in the operating budget.**

It is the Town's concern that these increases could total as much as \$3,100,000. This is figured conservatively by estimating and an additional 3% for payroll for each of the three years of the union contract with the Town estimating a payroll of \$15,000,000, which would be \$450,000 a year for 3 years or \$1,350,000 in addition to the \$1,750,000 payment mentioned above. Thomaston's share of a \$3,100,000 increase would be approximately 18% or \$558,000 without the addition of the annual increase in the operating budget. RSU #13 had projected a saving of \$2,190,000 annually from addressing the Facilities issue in the District by 2019."

Town Manager

If this is not daunting enough, there is a \$628,614 State of Maine subsidy overpayment from last year being charged to Rockland and Thomaston of \$416,506 and \$212,108 respectively. Thomaston taxpayers paid a \$349,885 increase last year and with the \$212,108 subsidy overpayment, the total is \$561,993 last year. With payments totaling \$548,992 this year, the total in just two years is \$1,100,985. This is equal to two additional Police Departments plus the one we have. Clearly something is changing in the minds of those approving projects versus the true reality of the cost based on Citizens' abilities to pay.

Dragon Products Tax Increment Financing

The Town will need to initiate an outside review of the Dragon Products Tax Increment Finance (T.I.F.) District and Credit Enhancement Agreement in the fall as the 20-year agreement with the State of Maine comes to a conclusion in 2022 as the inception began in 2002. This will offer consideration for the potential extension or cessation of the agreement. The T.I.F. has been a tremendous economic development tool and has more than stabilized the tax base. The Town's last reevaluation was in 2005/2006 and a review of the total commercial and industrial valuation increase on the east side of Town is approximately \$95,000,000 without this offset increase in new construction valuation. The current mil rate for 2018/2019 of 20.93 would have been approximately 28.50 mils alone without it energizing the development that has occurred. The Sewer Extension to the Rockland Town line also has provided the Pollution Control Department with over \$800,000 in new revenue alone from just Dragon Products.

The offset I refer to is that the State Certified Property Valuation does not include the Dragon Products valuation increase of the new plant upgrade. Therefore, it is currently \$44 million less than it will be in 2022. The importance is that the Town will pay a larger amount for Education and Knox County taxes under the formula, when the \$44 million is added to the Town's current \$359 million valuation.

In closing, I would only say it has truly been an honor to represent the Town of Thomaston as the Town Manager. I have many fond memories of times, projects, decisions and difficult issues the Town faced that were mitigated one way or the other. Having served 26+ years of the 68-year history of the Town Manager Plan, I thought maybe at least respect, honesty, and integrity would be the words of the day - not you should be fired, publicly, that is!

However, it is truly my belief that this will be my last Annual Report one way or the other, as this year has been internally tumultuous, which it has never been in all these years with many different elected officials over the period. Even Citizens have identified and offered to assist with the toxic environment they perceive.

When and if it happens, my honor would best be represented by not allowing the wholesale removal of all the current employees, just because! It is wrong. I have struggled with this thought every night.

Respectfully Submitted,



Valmore Blastow, Jr.

2018 Select Board Actions

January

- Approved the roof service agreement with G & E Roofing for the sum of \$2,250.00.
- Set the OHSTT meeting date for February 8, 2018 at 7 p.m. at the Owls Head Town Office.
- Approved and awarded the low bid of \$138,999 from George C. Hall & Sons, Inc. as recommended by Landmark Corporation.
- Approved the request from Michael J. Hall, President of the Mid-coast Crematory, Inc. to initiate negotiations for a potential land lease in the Village Cemetery as recommended by the Cemetery Committee.
- Approved the motion: “When notified by the town office that warrants are ready for review and signing the Selectmen will stop by, as soon as practical, for the signing of warrants. If upon finding an issue that can’t be resolved, right then and there, then the item will be put on a spreadsheet called “Procedural Lapses” that will be taken up by the Select Board on its next scheduled agenda.”
- Approved the request of Town Clerk Kara George to implement Online Boat Registration Services through InforME and the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.
- Approved the annual “Septic Waste Disposal Facility Agreement” with Interstate Septic Systems, Inc. for the sum of \$2,300.
- Approved the 3-year “Animal Care Facility Agreement” with Pope Memorial Humane Society at a cost of \$1.40 per resident as recommended by the Town Manager.
- Approved the request to post weight limits for the listed roads from March 15, 2018 to May 1, 2018 during warm weather and as conditions.
- Approved the recommendation from the Standing Municipal Facilities Committee to complete a traffic study, to determine the feasibility of the relocation of the Fire and EMS Departments to the former Lura Libby School with the option of the S.M.F.C. to work with the date the study will be completed.

February

- Recognized Jordan Mini, this year’s Dietz Scholarship Fund Recipient.
- Appointed Diane Giese to the Thomaston Academy Board of Trustees.
- Set the date for the Municipal Election on June 12, 2018 and the Annual Town Meeting on June 13, 2018 to coincide with the State Primary Election.
- Approved the Warrant Procedural Lapses with amendments.
- Authorized the Town Manager Val Blastow and Attorney Paul Gibbons to negotiate the terms of a land lease agreement with Halls Funeral Home for the construction of a crematory in the Village Cemetery. Said agreement is to be submitted to the Board of Selectmen for approval and placement on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant to then be voted on for approval.
- Approved the Pen Bay Amateur Radio Club (Pen Bay ARC) request by Vice President Matthew Perry, to utilize Thomaston Green for the annual Field Day Event on June 23 and 24, 2018 to test HAM Radios as an emergency operation testing.

2018 Select Board Actions

- Made redactions to the Inter-local Agreement and resubmitted the redacted Inter-Local Agreement to the Solid Waste Joint Board for review.

March

- Approved the request of Catherine Sally on behalf of Oceanside Middle School 8th grade students to hold a “conference” titled “Better Selves” at the former Lura Libby School on May 25, 2018.
- Approved submittal of the Northern Border Regional Commission Grant Application for \$250,000, for the Phase 4 Business Block Streetscape Project.
- Appointed Greta Van Campen of 54 Knox Street to the Comprehensive Plan Committee.
- Proclaimed that the Town of Thomaston will help Maine Go Gold in support of Team Hailey Hugs and all of the children and families affected by childhood cancer and to recognize September as “Maine Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.”
- Approved the expenditure of up to \$4,000 for the completion of an energy audit to be completed on Watts Hall in regards to the ongoing Municipal Facility Project as requested by the Watts Hall Trustees with funds from the Municipal Facility Account.

April

- Approved the liquor license for the Dirty Rocks LLC, d/b/a/ The Block Saloon.
- Accepted the recommendations from the Budget Committee for the proposed 2018/2019 Municipal Budget.
- Abated the taxes assessed to Ellen R. Spring for FY 2016-2017 \$477.82 and for FY 2015-2016 \$456.79; taxes assessed to Lawrence A. & Kay F. Brooks for FY 2016-2017 \$237.79 and for FY 2015-2016 \$501.29; and taxes assessed to William A. Emery for 2016-2017 \$93.02 and for FY 2015-2016 \$88.92, a total of \$1,855.62.
- Directed the Treasurer to refund taxes paid for FY 2017-2018, FY 2016-2017 and FY 2015-2016 by Ellen R. Spring for Map 403-097; by William A. Emery for 403-161; and by Lawrence A. & Kay F. Brooks for those portions of Map 403 Lot 157 that properly should be taxed as a part of Map 403 Lot 161 as detailed in the Northern Beech Woods Report, totaling \$2,517.26 plus 3% interest as voted on by the Thomaston Town Meeting in 2015, 2016, and 2017 for paid taxes that are later abated.
- Authorized the Town Manager to discuss the situation regarding the Ellen Spring and Donald Sanborn lot and to take under advisement for future discussion.
- Approved for signature the Northern Border Grant Resolution.
- Awarded the low bid in conjunction with Rockland of \$3,662.40 to Highway Safety Systems for the annual road paint striping.
- Scheduled a Special Select Board meeting on Monday, April 30, 2018 to review Chapter 3 – I.C.C. Building Code ordinance amendments.
- Accepted Chapter 2 - N.F.P.A. Life Safety Code as amended.
- Accepted the proposed amendments to Chapter 10-Definitions and to the Land Use Ordinance.
- Set a public hearing for the ordinance amendments on May 14, 2018 as recommended by the Planning Board for Chapter 2-N.F.P.A. Life Safety Code, Chapter 3-I.C.C. Building Code, Chapter 7- Land Use and Development, and Chapter 10-Definitions.

2018 Select Board Actions

- Placed three foreclosed properties out to bid.
- Tabled the 2018/2019 Municipal Budget and sent the Municipal Budget back to the Budget Committee.
- Suspended the Select Board stipend pay for the coming year.
- Approved the 2018-2019 Municipal Budget as amended by the previous vote for a total budget of \$3,443,270.24.
- Approved the amendments to Chapter 3 I.C.C. Building Code as recommended by the Thomaston Planning Board.

May

- Approved the liquor license application of Scott Yakovenko d/b/a The Slipway.
- Approved the proposed amendments to the Town of Thomaston Ordinances as recommended by the Planning Board for Chapter 2-N.F.P.A. Life Safety Code, Chapter 3-I.C.C. Building Code, Chapter 7- Land Use and Development, and Chapter 10-Definitions.
- Approved and awarded the annual sand and salt bids as requested jointly through Knox County.
- Approved placing one foreclosed property at 418 Pleasant Street, Thomaston, Maine, Map 207, Lot 89, Knox County Registry of Deeds Book 4059, Page 93 out to bid.
- Approved the "Warrant and Notice of Election calling Regional School Unit No. 13 Budget Validation Referendum."
- Recommended to not approve the Inter-local Agreement October 2017 Amendments in the Town Meeting Warrant.
- Approved the Town Warrant as amended for the June 12 Election and June 13 Annual Town Meeting.
- Authorized the Town Manager to execute a six month lease renewal with Andrew and Gina Josephs for first floor space in Watts Block.

June

- Accepted the highest bid of \$6,100.00 from Janice Kaufmann for the foreclosed property located at 25 Broadway.
- Accepted the low bid of \$64.97 per ton from Performance Paving for paving in 2018.
- Approved giving Peter Lammert a piece of green granite for use in the Thomaston Dog Park.
- Appointed Peter Lammert as Chair and Lee-Ann Upham as Vice-Chair to the Select Board.
- Approved the Select Board appointments to serve on boards and committees for 2018-2019.
- Authorized the use of Town property to hold the annual Nathan Robertson Memorial Fundraiser on August 11th and 12th, 2018 throughout Thomaston.
- Accepted the annual Maine Department of Transportation Local Road Assistance Program award of \$24,916 for Fiscal Year 2018.
- Authorized the Town Manager to request bids as specified by the Public Works Director to purchase a 2018/2019 backhoe as approved by voters.
- Approved bringing the reinstatement of the 2018-2019 Select Board Stipend of \$11,923.15 as was originally recommended by the Town Manager and approved by the Budget Committee to the next Special Town Meeting.

2018 Select Board Actions

July

- Placed one foreclosed property at 4 Sawyer Street, Thomaston, Maine, Map 107, Lot 117, Knox County Registry of Deeds Book 5100, Page 329 out to bid per voter requirements of Article 27 of the 2017/2018 Town Meeting Warrant.
- Approved the lease agreement between the Town of Thomaston, Maine and the Solid Rock Church of 1300 square feet, more or less, of the Thomaston Academy Building for the rent of \$6700 annually, and paid in equal installments of \$1675.00.
- Authorized the Town Manager and the Chairman of the Harbor Committee to submit a federal request for the dredging of the Navigational Channel up to the beacon at the granite monument.
- Accepted the petition to the Thomaston Planning Board Chair Joanne Richards from 30 citizens of Thomaston relative to the alterations of the existing residence at 29 Green Street to a Bed and Breakfast.
- Accepted three recommendations from the Standing Municipal Facilities Committee as amended.
- Authorized the Town Manager to execute a Quit Claim Deed to Andrea Little as requested by the mortgage holder, Rockland Saving Bank, on property located at 11 Sunrise Terrace.
- Approved the liquor license application of Applebee's Neighborhood Grill.
- Approved the S.M.F.C. preparing a hard-number report.
- Approved the back hoe bid from Nortrax of \$121,000 with a \$22,000 trade-in.
- Approved the 2018/2019 Pollution Control Department Budget.
- Updated the dog ordinance to include a dog waste ordinance.
- Approved the purchase of 4 thermal imaging cameras from Harrison Shrader Enterprises for the Fire Department.
- Approved the adoption to amend the ambulance fee charge to the City of Rockland to reciprocate the same charged amount and date of change instituted.

August

- Accepted the \$250,000 Northern Borders Regional Commission Grant Agreement as amended by Val Blastow to be approved by voters.
- Accepted the final report from the Standing Municipal Facilities Committee.
- Accepted the resignation of Joanne Richards from the Comprehensive Plan Committee.
- Reduced Mont Daniello's wastewater bill by \$1,050 due to a water line break.
- Approved Val Blastow to write a letter to the M.D.O.T. submitting a request to reduce the speed limit on Route 131.
- Authorized Val Blastow to sign quit claim deeds to release two undischarged tax liens on 4 Sawyer Street.
- Approved the proposed draft Special Town Meeting Warrant to be put on a written ballot to coincide with the November 6, 2018 election.
- Appointed members to the Boards, Committees, and Trustees.
- Confirmed the annual Select Board appointments for 2018-2019.

2018 Select Board Actions

- Confirmed the Town Manager appointments for 2018-2019
- Created an advisory committee called the “Thomaston Historic Research Group” to promote and maintain the heritage of the historic architecture in Thomaston.
- Authorized the Town Manager to sign a Municipal Quit Claim Deed to U.S. Bank National Association as trustee for property located at 65 Green Street, Map 102, Lot 62, Knox County Registry of Deeds, Book 1654, Page 26 and to require payment of all back taxes and back liens.
- Established a Direct Stakeholders Advisory Group made up of the Business Block building owners and the business operators, or their representatives, to meet with and provide input and assistance to the Town on the proposed Thomaston Business Block Redevelopment Project.
- Approved Select Board Chair Peter Lammert writing a letter in a timely manner addressed to Mike Hall from Hall Funeral Home regarding the need for a proposed crematory site to be determined and the proposed crematory site to be advertised by the Town.

September

- Approved the liquor license renewal application of Saybelle Corp. d/b/a Thomaston Café.
- Approved Jonathan Eaton to work with the Town Office on creating a web page for the Comprehensive Plan Committee.
- Appointed Patricia Hubbard to the Standing Municipal Facilities Committee as a citizen member.
- Appointed Sandy Bolster to the Harbor Committee.
- Approved the request of Dawson Paschall and Mariko Lee Bird to hold a wedding ceremony on the Thomaston Green on October 5, 2018.
- Approved the Annual General Assistance Ordinance Appendix A- D.
- Approved the Warrant Articles 1-8 with amendments to Warrant Article 8 for the Special Town Meeting by Referendum Ballot.
- Approved the Municipal Officers’ Call for a Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2018.
- Approved the Municipal Officers’ Notice of Public Hearing on Secret Ballot Referendum Articles.
- Approved the Municipal Officers’ Certification for the 102.4.7 Dog Waste Ordinance.
- Approved the Municipal Officers’ Certification for the Chapter 7 Land Use Amendments.
- Approved the draft Town Meeting Warrant by Secret Ballot for Tuesday, November 6, 2018 to coincide with the State of Maine Elections with amendments to Warrant Article 8.
- Re-appointed incumbent Doug Erickson, and appointed new members Charles Grover and Anne Perkins to the Budget Committee.
- Appointed Charles Grover of 11 Elliot Street to the Board of Appeals.
- Appointed Daryl Hahn as a full member to the Personnel Committee.
- Appointed alternate members chronologically by application date, appointing Scott Johnson as 1st Alternate Member and Andrew Josephs as 2nd Alternate member to the Personnel Committee.
- Recommended amending the Budget Committee Ordinance under section 2-A to increase the number of members from 7 to 9 to be voted on at the next special or regular town meeting.

2018 Select Board Actions

October

- Appointed Dwight Henry as an alternate member to the Budget Committee.
- Approved the request of the Thomaston Inter-Church Fellowship Food Pantry for \$1400 to purchase food items for the annual Thanksgiving Baskets, with funds to be deducted from the \$2,000 Local Agency appropriation approved by voters at the Annual Town Meeting on June 13, 2018.
- Approved the one year property rental lease between the Town of Thomaston and Andrew and Gina Josephs for 1176 square feet of the easterly retail store front in Watts Hall.
- Approved the Town Manager advertising the EMS Chief position on the Town website, the local newspaper, and Maine Municipal Association (MMA).
- Directed the Town Manager to have Attorney Paul Gibbons draft a settlement proposal to be reviewed by the Select Board prior to submission to Ellen Spring for consideration.

November

- Approved the posting of weight limits from March 15, 2019 to May 1, 2019 during warm weather and as conditions allow.
- Approved the amended Ellen Spring Agreement and authorized the Town Manager to sign the agreement.
- Approved the request of Al Barlow of 261 Main Street to reduce the current sewer bill for 261 Main Street to \$83.75 due to excessive water usage for a swimming pool.
- Approved the request of Michael Blood of 77 Main Street to reduce the current sewer bill for 77 Main Street to \$211.25 due to excessive water usage for a swimming pool.
- Set a public hearing date of February 11, 2019 for the proposed sewer user fee increase.
- Tabled the agreement as proposed from North East Wireless until Attorney Paul Gibbons has more information.
- Approved liquor license applications for the General Henry Knox Museum and the Thomaston Historical Society.

December

- Voted to proceed joining the other communities in regards to the proposal from Camden Town Manager Audra Caler-Bell to participate in a street light request for qualifications to convert CMP leased street lights to municipally owned L.E.D. fixtures.
- Approved the amended EMS Chief job description.
- Approved the request to the Thomaston Ambulance Service members soliciting interests for the EMS Chief as amended.
- Appointed Select Board Member Bill Hahn, Budget Committee Member Charles Grover, Resident Charles Frattini, Architect John Hansen, S.M.F.C. Chair Zel Bowman-Laberge, and Town Manager Val Blastow to a building committee.
- Requested a proposal from John Hansen to review the Watts Block Building and the proposal is to be reviewed by the Building Committee.

Appointments, Hires, & Resignations

2018 New Hires

Juan Alcala	Patrolman
Ian Clark	Shellfish Warden
Noah Stevens	Patrolman

2018 Resignations

Shirley Barlow	Comp. Plan Committee
Paul Chamberlin	Personnel Committee
James Cuthbertson	Harbor Committee
Davene Fahy	Comp. Plan Committee
Jacob Grinnell	Patrolman
Thomas Hoepner	Patrolman
Patricia Hubbard	Comp. Plan Committee
Anne Perkins	Comp. Plan Committee
Joanne Richards	Comp. Plan Committee
Larry Schooley	S.M.F.C.
Olaf Sigaud	Sergeant
Beverly St. Clair	Board of Appeals
Beverly St. Clair	Conservation Commission
Noah Stevens	Patrolman
Sarah Tyler	Conservation Commission
Amy Williams-Beers	Comp. Plan Committee

2018 New Appointments

Carol Arsenault	Recreation Committee
Janet Bosworth	Library Board of Trustees
Garth Coleman	Reserve Officer
William Dashiell	Library Board of Trustees
William Dashiell	Board of Appeals
Douglas Erickson	Board of Appeals
Douglas Erickson	Budget Committee
Charles Frattini	Planning Board 2nd Alternate
Diane Giese	Academy Board of Trustees
Charles Grover	Budget Committee
William Hahn	Watts Block Trustees
Melissa Harjula	Academy Board of Trustees
Dwight Henry	Budget Committee Alternate
Mark Higgins	RSU #13 School Board Alternate
Nancy Hill	Conservation Commission
David Hynd	Shellfish Committee
Scott Johnson	Personnel Committee 1st Alt.
Andrew Josephs	Personnel Committee 2nd Alt.
Peter Lammert	Board of Assessors
Mark Lewis	RSU #13 School Board

Thomas Mellor	Academy Board of Trustees
Kenneth Moorman	Reserve Officer
Melissa Reynolds	Planning Board
Joanne Richards	Comprehensive Plan Committee
Joanne Richards	Planning Board
Lynn Snow	Academy Board of Trustees
Robert Snow	Academy Board of Trustees
Beverly St. Clair	Select Board
Doug Theobalds	Harbor Committee
Darryl Townsend	Recreation Committee
Greta Van Campen	Comprehensive Plan Committee
Harold Willey	Library Board of Trustees
Jamie Wilson	Reserve Officer
Amy Williams-Beers	RSU #13 School Board

Select Board Annual Appointments

Valmore Blastow, Jr.	Tax Collector
	Treasurer
	General Assistance Admin.
	Road Commissioner
	Affirmative Action Officer
Kara George	Town Clerk
	Registrar of Voters
	Public Information Officer
Peter Lammert	Tree Warden
William Wasson	Code Enforcement Officer
	Local Plumbing Inspector
Scott Bickford	Alt. Plumbing Inspector
David Martucci	E-911 Addressing Officer

Town Manager Appointments

Mikial Mazzeo	Fire Chief
Jaime Leo	Deputy Fire Chief
Robert Coombs	Asst. Fire Chief
Ruston Barnard, Jr.	EMS Chief
Timothy Hoppe	Police Chief
Olaf Sigaud	Police Sergeant
Jacob Labo	Patrol Officer
Juan Alcala	Patrol Officer
Noah Stevens	Patrol Officer
Jamie Wilson	Reserve Officer
Michael Blais	Harbor Master
William Demmons	Animal Control Officer
Rene Dorr	Recreation Director

Town Clerk

Kara George, Town Clerk



*Town Manager Val Blastow, Jr. and Town Clerk Kara George
"The Town of Thomaston receives the excellence award from
Maine Municipal for the 2017-2018 Annual Town Report."
(Photo Courtesy of Beth Birmingham, Courier Publications)*

This has been a very busy and exciting year here in the Town Office as I near my second year as Thomaston's Town Clerk.

We are pleased to offer new services at the Town Office to make your life a little easier! Residents have reached out requesting the option to pay with a debit or credit card. That feature is now available to everyone that comes into the Town Office to pay for services.

Additionally, the Town of Thomaston is offering Rapid Renewal online services to our residents. Residents can renew

their vehicle from the comfort of their own home, 24 hours, 7 days a week. In fact, the Town was recognized by the Secretary of State Matthew Dunlap as being the 250th municipality to offer Rapid Renewal services.

Life gets busy and if you are unable to make it into the Town Office, please remember you can complete many services online: ATV's, boats, dog licenses, fishing and hunting licenses, snowmobiles, and trailer and vehicle renewals. Visit: www.maine.gov for more information.

Thank you to all of the Town Office staff for their dedication and support through this past year. Together, we make a great team that can pull through the best and the toughest of times.

I sincerely give my warmest thanks to all of the hardworking ballot clerks and warden that dedicated their time and energy to working at the election polls. In November, we had a large voter turnout of 1,295 residents. The Town cannot do it without you and we are lucky to have such a great community of volunteers that pitch together to make great things happen.

2018 LICENSES, REGISTRATIONS, AND VITAL RECORDS DATA

Hunting & Fishing Licenses		ATV's, Boats, Dogs, Snowmobiles Registrations		Vital Statistics		Voter Registrations as of 4/22/19	
Hunting (All types)	20	ATV's	33	Births	17	Democratic	699
Fishing	56	Boats	195	Marriages	23	Green Independent	124
Combination	31	Dog Registrations	219	Deaths	66	Republican	568
Saltwater Only	14	Snowmobiles	49	Certified Copies Sold	185	Unenrolled	653
Total Licenses:	121	Total Registrations:	496	Burial Permits	27	Total Voters:	2044
				Total Vitals:	318		

June 12, 2018 Election in Review



*Mariei Pinkham, seated, receives a Legislative Sentiment honoring her many years as a Thomaston ballot clerk on Election Day, June 12, 2018. From left, are Rep. John Spear, Sen. David Miramant and Pinkham's grandson Darren Hyler and daughter LiAnn Hyler.
(Photo Courtesy of Dagney C. Ernest, Courier Publications)*

Municipal Election Results					
Beverly St. Clair (3-Year Select Board)	342	Sweet, Elizabeth	65	GOVERNOR	
Peter R. Lammert (3-Year Board of Assessors)	452	Vachon, J. Martin	0	Fredette, Kenneth	10
Amy Williams-Beers- Write-in (3-Year RSU 13 School Board)	16	Blank	14	Mason, Garrett	27
RSU #13 Budget Referendum Election Results		U.S. SENATOR		Mayhew, Mary	37
Yes	420	Ringelstein, Zak	193	Moody, Shawn	126
No	172	Blank	108	Blank	20
Blank	24	REP. to CONGRESS		U.S. SENATOR	
Question 1: People's Veto		Pingree, Chellie	277	Brakey, Eric	111
Yes	338	Blank	24	Linn, Max Patrick	66
No	278	STATE SENATOR		Blank	43
Blank	6	Miramant, David	262	REP. to CONGRESS	
State of Maine -Democratic Candidates		Blank	39	Holbrook, Mark	176
GOVERNOR		REP. to LEGISLATURE		Blank	44
Cote, Adam	50	Matlack, Ann	243	STATE SENATOR	
Dion, Donna	0	Blank	58	Pelletier, Wendy	173
Dion, Mark	13	SHERIFF		Blank	47
Eves, Mark	68	Carroll, Timothy	257	REP. to LEGISLATURE	
Mills, Janet	86	Blank	44	Thompson, Justin	177
Russell, Diane Marie	5	DISTRICT ATTORNEY		Blank	43
		Irving, Natasha	227	JUDGE OF PROBATE	
		Blank	74	Emery, Carol	187
		COUNTY COMMISSIONER		Blank	33
		Meriwether, Dorothy	235	DISTRICT ATTORNEY	
		Blank	66	Lieberman, Jonathan	166
		State of Maine -Republican Candidates		Blank	54

Town Clerk

November 6, 2018 Election in Review

Municipal Election Results		QUESTION 1: Citizen Initiative		Mills, Janet	
ARTICLE 2: Authorize Lura Libby Relocation		Yes		681	
Yes	821	No		505	
No	457	Blank		0	
Blank	17	QUESTION 2: Bond Issue		Jenkins, John	
ARTICLE 3: Lura Libby Appropriation		Yes		0	
Yes	702	No		Tracy, Malon	
No	563	Blank		0	
Blank	30	QUESTION 3: Bond Issue		Vachon, J. Martin	
ARTICLE 4: Land Use Amendments		Yes		0	
Yes	660	No		Blank	
No	493	Blank		33	
Blank	139	QUESTION 4: Bond Issue		State Senator	
ARTICLE 5: Dog Waste Ordinance		Yes		Miramant, David	
Yes	848	No		778	
No	386	Blank		Pelletier, Wendy	
Blank	62	QUESTION 5: Bond Issue		Blank	
ARTICLE 6: Select Board Stipends		Yes		28	
Yes	577	No		Rep. to the Legislature	
No	619	Blank		Matlack, Ann	
Blank	99	U.S. Senator		689	
ARTICLE 7: Authorize Business Block Project		Brakey, Eric		Thompson, Justin	
Yes	752	King, Angus		574	
No	461	Ringelstein, Zak		Blank	
Blank	82	Riley, James		32	
ARTICLE 8: Business Block Appropriation/Grant		Blank		Judge of Probate	
Yes	720	Rep. to Congress		Emery, Carol	
No	470	Grohman, Martin		1018	
Blank	85	Holbrook, Mark		Blank	
State of Maine Referendums		Pingree, Chellie		277	
		Blank		Sheriff	
		Governor		Carroll, Timothy	
		Caron, Alan		1079	
		Hayes, Teresea		Blank	
				216	
				District Attorney	
				Irving, Natasha	
				723	
				Lieberman, Jonathan	
				516	
				County Commissioner	
				Meriwether, Dorothy	
				1005	
				Blank	
				290	
				Knox County Budget Committee	
				Blank	
				1295	



Assessors' Agent

David B. Martucci, CMA/
Assessors' Agent

VALUATION AND ASSESSMENT YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2018

AMOUNT NEEDED TO PAY BILLS

County Tax	468,774
Municipal Budget	3,443,270
TIF Financing Plan Amount	852,764
Education	4,445,302
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	9,210,111

DEDUCTIONS

Estimated State Revenue Sharing	172,394
Homestead Reimbursement*	184,283
BETE Reimbursement**	101,139
Other Revenues	685,899
LESS ADDITIONAL REVENUES	1,143,715
TOTAL TAX NEEDED	8,066,396
OVERLAY†	18,559
TOTAL TAX RAISED (see below)	8,084,955



Tax Rate Calculation

Total tax plus Overlay	8,084,955	=	0.02093
Total Taxable Valuation	386,285,497		

*Tax rate is per dollar but can be expressed as
\$20.93 per Thousand Dollars of Valuation*

VALUATION & TAX

Real Estate Value	413,915,223
Less Exemptions	(68,258,447)
Personal Property Value	49,040,431
Less BETE Exemptions	(8,411,710)
TOTAL VALUATION	386,285,497
TIMES TAX RATE	x .02093
TOTAL TAX RAISED	8,084,955

EXEMPTIONS

	VALUE	TAX VAL
Benevolent & Charitable	5,379,249	112,588
Business Equipment Tax Exemption	181,664	3,802
Blind	4,000	84
Fraternal Organizations	1,073,535	22,469
Homestead	14,087,546	294,852
Literary & Scientific	2,335,446	48,881
Environmental Control	6,714,309	140,530
Religious	4,970,355	104,030
United States of America	1,739,775	36,413
State of Maine	1,762,527	36,890
RSU 13 & Solid Waste	9,517,688	199,205
Town of Thomaston	19,462,144	407,343
Veteran's Estates	612,000	12,809
Veteran's Posts	418,209	8,753
TOTAL EXEMPTIONS	68,258,447	1,428,649

Taxes Committed October 11, 2018

* The Homestead Exemption is now \$20,000 per homestead which amounted to a reduction in tax of \$418.60 per recipient. The State of Maine reimburses the Town \$261.63 of this which is 62.5%. The rest is paid for by all taxpayers.

** The Business Equipment Tax Exemption (BETE) is for some business equipment or real estate fixtures 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 56.23% due to the high percentage of personal property we rely on for taxes 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.

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Calendar Year 2018 Abatements & Supplements

Real Estate Abatements

Perry M. & Lauren M. Barnes	\$218.93	Error in assessment.
Lawrence A. & Kay F. Brooks	\$983.68	Assessed to wrong owner.
William A. Emery	\$277.62	Assessed to wrong owner.
Shirley Makie & Lloyd M. Hooper	\$395.07	Error in assessment.
Mid-Coast Habitat for Humanity	\$1,650.78	Error in assessment.
Philip Jr. & Raeberta M. Myers	\$370.67	Error in assessment.
Ellen R. Spring	\$1,426.11	Assessed to wrong owner.
Town of Thomaston	\$229.69	Error in assessment.
Greta Van Campen & Michael Silverstein	\$1,681.71	Error in assessment.
Nancy M. Wood	\$195.70	Assessed to wrong owner.
Total Real Estate Abatements:	\$7,429.96	

Personal Property Abatements

<i>Prior Years Abated by the Select Board</i>		
Creek Hill Auto Repair	\$5,617.23	Error in assessment.
<i>Current Year Abated by Board of Assessors</i>		
Casco Bay Vending	\$162.34	Error in assessment.
Total Personal Property Abatements	\$5,779.57	

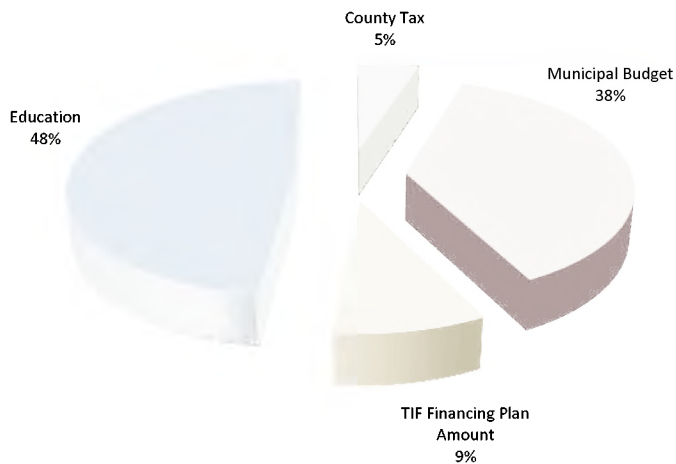
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Supplemental Tax Assessments

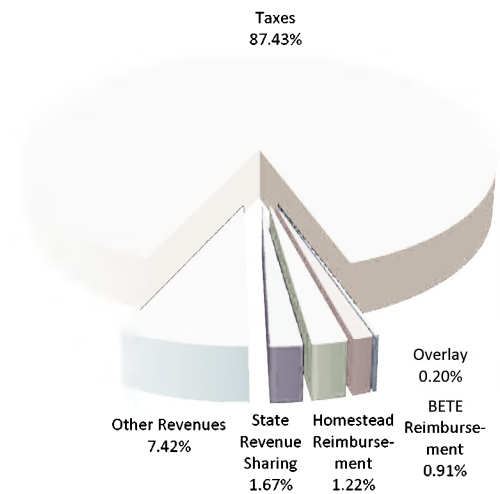
Glenn M. & Heidi L. Smith	\$125.53	Assessed to wrong owner.
Total Supplemental Tax Assessments:	\$125.53	

2018-2019 Expenditures, Income, & Valuation Analysis

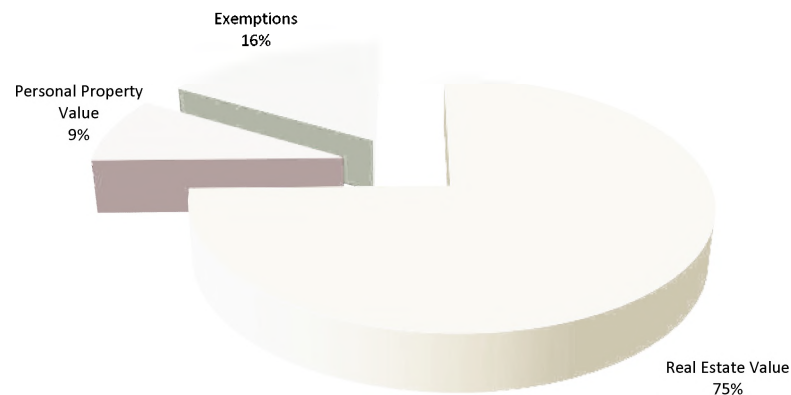
2018-19 Expenditures



2018-19 Income



2018-19 Valuation Analysis



Assessors' Agent

I have been on the job as your Agent for the Board of Assessors for sixteen 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 property 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 up substantially from last year—\$175,997 versus \$154,635—and number of qualified sales increased from 23 to 49, a big jump) 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 7/1/17 to 6/30/18. Our State-audited Sales ratio came in at 99% 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 15, which is one point lower than 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 pegged the exemption value at \$20,000 and the State reimbursement is 62.5%. Only one exemption per household is allowed.

Anyone who is certified by a Doctor to be legally **Blind** can each 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

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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**. Last year, the Legislature extended this exemption to certain types of Real Estate fixtures, like the bulk tanks and loading equipment Fabian Oil has on their parcel. 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. Managed Forest Open Space Land, a new category, adds 10% to the discounts to Regular and Permanently Protected lands but not to Forever Wild lands. 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:

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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, www.thomastonmaine.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.

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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 99% 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 15, 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 Thursday of each month at 9:30 a.m. 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

As of 4/12/2019

2018 REAL ESTATE

Beattie, Robert & Debra	\$1,960.47
Beattie, Robert & Debra	\$1,129.55
Beattie, Robert & Debra	\$1,260.61
Benner, Lorraine	\$937.05
Bishop, Peter	\$766.92
Bishop, Peter	\$3,811.91
Boynton Property Management	\$1,383.98
CSD Properties, LLC	\$12,875.43
Campbell, Aimee	\$1,188.52
Delmonico-Read, Rosemary	\$1,885.89
Ferlauto, Amy	\$3,435.04
Frazier, Nichole & John Scott	\$1,541.72
Galley, Bradley	\$2,527.53
George C. Hall & Sons, Inc.	\$26,270.70
George C. Hall & Sons, Inc.	\$222.19
George C. Hall & Sons, Inc.	\$237.07
Goodnow, Justin	\$6,980.99
Hanley, Jill	\$25.81
Harshman, Sheila	\$1,227.07
Harshman, Sheila	\$2,948.18
Henry, Arthur	\$5,107.77
Henry, Dwight	\$1,341.67
Henry, Dwight	\$1,839.02
Henry, Dwight	\$1,244.90
Henry, Justin	\$815.27
Higgins, Mark & Heather	\$2,110.80
Johnson, Chad & Candi	\$379.95
Kaufmann, Janice	\$1,835.20
Lawson, Janis C. Estate	\$1,876.54
Lawson, Robert H. Estate	
Meservey, Georgia	\$334.65
McLaughlin, Caleb	
Mills, Stephen & Lewis Arthur	\$3,468.82
Mills, Margaret W. Life Estate	

Overlock, Dwight & Sheryl	\$2,051.88
Overlock, Dwight & Sheryl	\$2,613.58
Pease, Arnold S. Jr.	\$1,456.46
Peterson, Mark & Neala	\$1,340.27
Peterson, Mark & Neala	\$258.99
Peterson, Mark & Neala	\$6,790.04
Risteen, Jesse & Sage	\$2,006.15
Roebke, Ernest E. Estate	\$1,923.23
Coughlin, Tracy Roebke	
Roscoe, Frank	\$1,925.70
Ryan, Laurie Tardiff	\$8,750.87
Sylvester, Jerry S.	\$2,426.07
Sylvester, Jerry S.	\$686.31
Talbot, David & Donnalee	\$1,547.64
Vigue, John	\$5,540.43
Wilson, Timothy	\$3,457.25
TOTAL:	\$135,746.09

2018 PERSONAL PROPERTY

AMG Transport	\$34.36
Art Tibbetts Marine Contractor	\$399.99
Arthur D. Henry, Inc.	\$495.79
Aspen Dental	\$1,734.90
Athens Mediterranean Pizzeria	\$530.43
Bryant Construction	\$624.87
Charles M. Walsh	\$31.27
Chemrock Corp. of DE	\$19.64
Coastal Child Care Center	\$26.11
Coca-Cola Bottling of NNE, Inc.	\$237.18
Conopco, Inc.	\$3.25
Creek Hill Auto Repair	\$455.30
EdgeTech	\$116.40
F & A's Market	\$248.96
Feed Store Inc.	\$24.25
Ferraiolo Construction	\$16,409.57

Outstanding Property Taxes

Gemstone Goddess	\$18.82
George C. Hall & Sons Inc.	\$12,979.09
Guardian Lawn Care	\$234.74
Horse & Hound Veterinary Services	\$285.78
Hybrid Fitness	\$242.50
Isaac Rhode Painting	\$62.49
KDK, LLC	\$2,212.51
KeyBank National Association	\$18.64
Nouria Energy	\$2,628.25
Ocean Way Mental Health Agency	\$170.72
On the Edge Fitness	\$7.10
One Hundred Fifty Main Salon	\$144.61
Patriot Builders/Patriot Auto	\$685.01
Rock City Cycle	\$499.05
Studio 494	\$76.11
The Postcard Dude	\$12.87
Thomaston Grocery	\$23.05
Wes's Glass	\$55.46
William E. Dornan & Sons	\$913.33
TOTAL:	\$42,662.40

2017 REAL ESTATE

Matlack, Edward & Anne Berndt, Eric	\$1,132.59
Pease, Arnold S. Jr.	\$747.90
Sylvester, Jerry S.	\$1,487.68
Sylvester, Jerry S.	\$238.02
TOTAL:	\$3,606.19

2017 PERSONAL PROPERTY

AMG Transport	\$30.07
Arthur D. Henry, Inc.	\$1,931.38
Athens Mediterranean Pizzeria	\$410.83
Boat Shop	\$440.49
Bryant Construction	\$546.99
Charles M. Walsh	\$27.38
Chemrock Corp. of DE	\$17.20
Coastal Child Care Center	\$38.91

Creek Hill Auto Repair	\$2,664.85
Ferraiolo Construction	\$14,364.14
George C. Hall & Sons, Inc.	\$344.78
Guardian Lawn Care	\$205.48
Horse & Hound Veterinary Services	\$231.02
Isaac Rhode Painting	\$54.70
KDK, LLC	\$1,936.72
KeyBank National Association	\$1.13
Northeast Patients Group	\$11.44
On the Edge Fitness	\$6.22
One Hundred Fifty Main Salon	\$126.58
Patriot Builders/Patriot Auto	\$599.63
Rock City Cycle	\$436.83
Studio 494	\$66.61
Thomaston Grocery	\$25.89
Wabasha Leasing LLC	\$19.43
William E. Dornan & Sons	\$799.49
TOTAL:	\$25,338.19

2016 PERSONAL PROPERTY

AMG Transport	\$13.20
Arthur D. Henry, Inc.	\$1,694.71
Bryant Construction	\$479.96
Chambers Jewelers of Thomaston	\$4.04
Charles M. Walsh	\$24.02
Chemrock Corp. of DE	\$18.53
Coastal Child Care Center	\$56.38
Creek Hill Auto Repair	\$2,338.29
Ferraiolo Construction Co.	\$18,510.59
Guardian Lawn Care	\$180.30
Horse & Hound Veterinary Services	\$240.41
Isaac Rhode Painting	\$48.00
KDK, LLC	\$1,079.33
TOTAL:	\$24,687.76

2015 PERSONAL PROPERTY

AMG Transport	\$22.15
Bryant Construction	\$402.69
Charles M. Walsh	\$20.13

Outstanding Property Taxes

Chemrock Corp. of DE	\$21.30
Coastal Child Care Center	\$47.31
Creek Hill Auto Repair	\$1,961.84
Farmer Jones Organics	\$18.32
Ferraiolo Construction Co.	\$15,530.49
Horse & Hound Veterinary Services	\$2,354.12
Isaac Rhode Painting	\$40.27
On the Edge Fitness	\$4.58
Rock City Cycle	\$321.58
Studio 494	\$195.32
Thomaston Grocery	\$31.85
William E. Dornan & Sons	\$588.57
TOTAL:	\$21,560.52

2014 PERSONAL PROPERTY

ADT LLC	\$0.55
AMG Transport	\$20.26
Bryant Construction	\$368.28
Charles M. Walsh	\$18.41
Chemrock Corp. of DE	\$119.32
Coastal Child Care Center	\$250.53
Creek Hill Auto Repair	\$1,794.21
Ferraiolo Construction Co.	\$22,660.27
Isaac Rhode Painting	\$36.83
On the Edge Fitness	\$4.19
Rock City Cycle	\$294.11
Studio 494	\$178.62
Thomaston Grocery	\$40.51
William E. Dornan & Sons	\$538.27
TOTAL:	\$26,324.36

2013 PERSONAL PROPERTY

Bryant Construction	\$336.00
Charles M. Walsh	\$16.80
Chemrock Corp. of DE	\$150.26
Coastal Child Care Center	\$228.58
Creek Hill Auto Repair	\$1,636.94

Ferraiolo Construction Co.	\$10,337.04
Isaac Rhode Painting	\$33.60
Local Color Salon	\$15.02
Rock City Cycle	\$268.33
Studio 494	\$162.96
Thomaston Grocery	\$36.96
William E. Dornan & Sons	\$491.10
TOTAL:	\$13,713.59

2012 PERSONAL PROPERTY

Chemrock Corp. of DE	\$129.93
Coastal Child Care Center	\$126.16
Creek Hill Auto Repair	\$1,415.49
Rock City Cycle	\$232.03
Studio 494	\$140.91
Thomaston Grocery	\$5.56
William E. Dornan & Sons	\$424.65
TOTAL:	\$2,474.73

2011 PERSONAL PROPERTY

Chemrock Corp. of DE	\$127.83
Creek Hill Auto Repair	\$1,269.90
Rock City Cycle	\$208.16
Studio 494	\$51.37
Thomaston Grocery	\$4.98
William E. Dornan & Sons	\$380.97
TOTAL:	\$2,043.21

2010 PERSONAL PROPERTY

Chemrock Corp. of DE	\$125.64
Creek Hill Auto Repair	\$1,133.21
Thomaston Grocery	\$4.44
William E. Dornan & Sons	\$339.97
TOTAL:	\$1,603.26

2009 PERSONAL PROPERTY

Creek Hill Auto Repair	\$994.92
Thomaston Grocery	\$3.90
William E. Dornan & Sons	\$298.48
TOTAL:	\$1,297.30

Outstanding Property Taxes

2008 PERSONAL PROPERTY

Creek Hill Auto Repair	\$955.90
Jake Barbour Inc.	\$8,137.00
William E. Dornan & Sons	\$286.77
Thomaston Grocery	\$4.03
TOTAL:	\$9,383.70

2007 PERSONAL PROPERTY

Creek Hill Auto Repair	\$1,105.50
William E. Dornan & Sons	\$331.65
TOTAL:	\$1,437.15

2006 PERSONAL PROPERTY

Creek Hill Auto Repair	\$977.50
William E. Dornan & Sons	\$293.25
TOTAL:	\$1,270.75

2005 PERSONAL PROPERTY

William E. Dornan & Sons	\$20.55
TOTAL:	\$20.55

2006 PERSONAL PROPERTY

William E. Dornan & Sons	\$22.00
TOTAL:	\$22.00

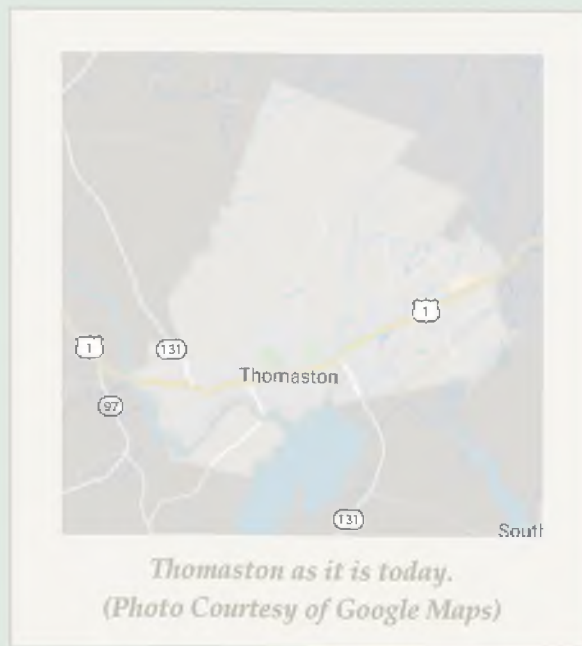
TOTAL REAL ESTATE PAST DUE:

TOTAL:	\$139,352.28
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TOTAL PERSONAL PROPERTY PAST DUE:

TOTAL:	\$173,839.47
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Did you know?



- ♦ As incorporated in 1777, Thomaston included what is today Rockland, South Thomaston and Owls Head.
- ♦ The land area today is 6,279.9 acres.
- ♦ There are 1,584 separate tax parcels.
- ♦ Thomaston has 29 buildings on the National Historic Register.
- ♦ Dragon Products owns 73 parcels, which add up to 1,022.4 acres (about 16% of the total land area). They pay 21.6% of all taxes.
- ♦ Last Year, RSU #13 got 59.2% of your tax money, Knox County 6.2% and the Town of Thomaston got 34.6%.
- ♦ The top 20 tax payers pay 44.5% of all taxes.



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16 Gay Street, LLC	3,795.51
305 State Street, LLC.....	4,528.73
82 Water St, LLC	13,536.90
Abbott, Veronica L.....	1,831.17
Abdulla, Karen A.....	5,296.94
Achorn, Myra S. & Harold A. Jr.....	3,239.48
Achorn, Nancy A.K. & Bradley M.....	5,040.05
Achterhof, Carol A.....	8,903.66
Ackor, Susan J. Trust	3,003.04
Adams, Donna J.	3,155.11
Adams, George H. Jr. Life Estate	
Adams, Aaron G.	3,847.56
Adams, Gerald A. Estate	
Adams, Cheryl & F. William, Pers. Reps..	5,087.77
Adams, Linda L.....	4,361.21
Adolphsen, Mark	1,256.57
Adz Partnership	2,191.08
Ahearn, John	
Brown, Rachael	3,082.11
Albert J. Zimba Trust	8,642.21
Albertson, Thomas.....	11,528.47
ALC Investment Trust	
Craven, Ann L., Trustee	15,778.37
Alcott Boat Co., LLC.....	3,115.43
Alex, George S. & Gwendolyn M.	3,315.23
Alex, Gwendolyn & Gregory	2,476.67
Allaire, John	3,771.73
Allan, Daniel P. & Kay E.....	4,920.73
Allan, Kay E.	
Ames-Allan, Holly L.	2,289.87
Allen, Daniel H.....	3,016.33
Allen, Daniel R. & Ann M.....	2,906.99
Allen, Elizabeth J.	
Mathias, Jeffrey D.	5,104.32
Allen, Heather M. & Jamie S.	3,913.87
Allen, Lamont L. Jr. & Alana J.....	2,615.14
Allen, Lamont S. & Alana J.....	4,756.13
Ames, Joshua	3,523.21
Anderson, Bertil K.	3,946.83
Anderson, Charlene S.....	3,513.00
Anderson, Olof L. & Evelyn G.	4,049.35
Anderson, Sally B. & Walter A.....	2,356.47
Anderson, Shelley M.	6,711.64
Anderson, Wendy J.	3,781.57
Anthony, David	26.39
Arbour, Lawrence M. & Georgene D.	3,781.23
Arcana Lodge #102 K of Pythias.....	4,717.62
Armbrecht, Cheryl D. & Thomas H.	4,729.47
Armstrong Properties, Inc.	12,608.57

Armstrong, Jeffrey B. Estate	
Armstrong, Nancy Lee, Pers. Rep.....	5,692.10
Armstrong, Nancy Lee Miles	4,482.49
Arrg, LLC	6,279.23
Arsenault, Scot & Carol L.	4,035.20
Arteaga, Ana Maria	2,066.10
Ashworth, Amy	
Whitney, Benjamin	1,065.36
Atkinson, Jennifer F.	1,801.24
Atkinson, Wendell R. & Brenda J.....	4,359.15
Atwood, Diane C.	10,207.16
B&S Recycling LLC	3,004.71
B.F.E. LLC.....	51,371.48
Bailey, Robert G.....	2,098.88
Baio, Dora Protection Trust	1,023.48
Baker, Nancy T.	5,231.85
Ball, Charles & Kelly.....	2,270.32
Banks, Christina C.....	3,541.23
Barbour, Ashley E.	20.80
Barbour, Susan et al	5,069.25
Barlow, Albert L. Jr. & Kari P.	3,605.97
Barlow, Shirley R.....	3,223.60
Barnard, Elizabeth L.	7,933.35
Barnard, Jennifer & Ruston N. Jr.....	4,512.88
Barnes, Brian P.....	10,263.03
Barnes, James L.....	7,759.84
Barnes, Paul H. & Priscilla	3,537.99
Barnes, Perry M. & Lauren M.....	5,662.16
Barnett, Richard M. & Ruth DeBoer	5,178.23
Barra, Andrea P. & Michael J.....	4,260.93
Barreto, Carmen G.	9,232.83
Barrett, Kathleen A.	2,600.47
Barstow, Andrew J. & Amy	3,542.03
Barter, Tracie N.	
Laatz, Susan	2,115.94
Barthelette, Jane H.	
Hirsch, Christopher	1,316.02
Bartlett, Brian & Tracy A.....	3,176.59
Baudanza, Michael J.	3,168.70
Baughman, Crystal B. & Cote.....	2,486.61
Beach, Diana L.	6,837.60
Beal, Craig	171.14
Beal, Gerald W. & Nancy L.....	694.16
Beasley, George & Constance T.....	6,719.24
Beattie, Robert & Debra L.	5,004.55
Beckett, Eileen K.....	2,614.14
Beckett, Maxine L.	4,537.77
Beckett, Patricia & Brian.....	3,958.60
Beckett, Shawn & Amy.....	3,583.91

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Bedell, Michael S. & Sandra G.	3,348.80	Bowman-LaBerge, Zel A.	
Beechwood Apartments		Keltonic, Daniel R.	3,189.19
Laukka, Bruce & Patrice	17,288.18	Boyd, Tyler N. & Bradley W.	2,853.81
Beers, Kevin & Amy Williams	5,659.60	Boyer, Leslie A.	3,037.68
Bell Atlantic Mobile Systems		Boyle, George H.	3,882.75
dba Verizon Wireless	2,870.97	Boynton Property Management, LLC.....	2,179.00
Bell, Nathaniel S. & Susan L.	4,515.69	Boynton, Mark E. & Alyce E.	3,228.05
Belyea, Darene J. William R.	5,457.87	Boynton, Terry J.	
Benkin, Ellen		Clukey, Thomas N.	1,735.68
Earl, Mary Clark 2003 Trust.....	1,072.06	Braestrup, Elizabeth K.	4,249.65
Benner, Jane E.	1,620.97	Braley, Natasha N.	
Benner, Lorraine A.	2,021.90	Deslauriers, Robyn L.	3,912.93
Benner, Mark.....	1,788.26	Bray, Diana S.	4,133.57
Benner, Raymond & Lois.....	2,299.81	Breakwater Properties.....	3,847.65
Benner, Tamala M.	3,042.11	Breen, Daniel P. & Karyl S.	4,163.88
Benner, Terrance L. Jr.	1,366.02	Breen, William.....	1,500.07
Bernier, Albert L. Jr.	1,387.11	Brooks, Kimberly S.	
Bernier, Marie-Denise Estate.....	4,732.06	Ryan, Terrance L. & Cheryl B.	2,918.58
Berry, Melody L. & Rickey	2,537.87	Brooks, Lawrence & Kay F.	
Bertocci, Cynthia S.	5,800.08	Brooks, Raynold F. & Jean O.	9,237.68
Bertocci, Elena S.		Brooks, Lawrence A. & Kay F.	12,878.92
Durand, Edgar Sermenio.....	4,481.47	Brooks, Raynold F. & Jean O.	2,370.92
Bertrand, William Ellis.....	1,834.66	Brooks, Raynold II.....	210.51
Berube, Paul M. & Jenni L.	3,622.52	Brooks, Rodney R. & Kari E.	4,585.74
Best Felts, Inc.	8,972.48	Brooks, Sally G.	5,071.50
Beverage, Robert W. & Kathy J.	3,917.28	Brooks, Stephen T. & Janelle M.	6,813.13
Billings, Aimee	2,412.14	Brown, Allen W.	
Bird, Robert E.	3,378.58	Ferreira, Gretchen.....	2,668.01
Bishop, Peter R.	4,939.94	Brown, Angie M.	
Bisset, Scott F. & Carol J.	994.74	Murray, John E. IV	2,190.97
Bittner, Daniel L.	2,004.32	Brown, Ann M. & Forrest A.	6,488.72
Black Dirt Guy	20.03	Brown, Cindy A.	1,723.71
Blackman, James S. & Lynn.....	4,137.53	Brown, Joyce M.	2,107.04
Blackman, Stephen R. & Virginia L.	3,848.06	Brown, Mary A. & William J. Jr. Estate	
Blais, Michael F. & Kathleen	4,250.30	Brown, Stephanie L., Pers. Rep.	1,869.49
Blaisdell, Maryann B.	2,727.07	Brown, Mitzi R.	2,681.30
Blanchard, Virginia G.	9,949.66	Brown, Raymond E.	4,875.77
Blastow, Clifford L. & Cindy C.	3,549.67	Brunswick Park Realty LLC	16,708.63
Blood, Michael G.		Bryant, Florine P. Life Estate	
Maxwell-Blood, Brandi L.	5,441.82	Chadwick, Jean B. & Bryant, Daniel J.	1,023.90
Blum, Harold & Kristine.....	2,583.66	Bryant, Sheldon & Cynthia	2,359.82
Bodman, Tasha J.	2,738.15	Buck, Jason K. & Hutchison, Amie L.	3,465.76
Boggs, Leland E. II & Valerie R.	769.07	Bull, Elizabeth K.	
Boggs, Leland E. II & Valerie R. Living		Ladley, Samuel M.	2,572.72
Trusts.....	6,805.74	Burakowski, Jeffrey P.	1,122.83
Boggs, Leland E. III & Robin E.	3,344.34	Burckes, Christine.....	880.25
Boggs, Leland E. II Living Trust.....	468.10	Burd, Helga U.	2,816.91
Boivin, Susan W.	2,012.61	Burger, Adrienne K.	5,564.97
Bolster, Marshall Jr.		Burgess & Hooper LLC	12,129.14
Belajonas, Cynthia Jean	4,946.16	Burke, Christopher	
Boone, Virginia A.	4,244.06	Williams, Brooke	4,738.95
Bos, C. Benjamin	4,278.72	Burnett, Richard & Stacey A.	1,741.50
Bosworth, Janet R.	2,564.59	Burtis, Michelle A. & Dwight G.	5,322.67
Bournival, Linda A.	4,380.77	Burwell, Jeffrey M.	2,080.74

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Butler, Lawrence E. & Linda	4,361.54	Clark, Robert A. & Emily M.	2,942.99
Buxton, Melanie A. & Todd A. Jr.	2,570.48	Clark, Stephen A.	2,555.68
C.H. Rich, Inc.	3,300.67	Clarke, Karen R. & Daniel	8,185.12
Caguana-Caguana, Rene Rodrigo & Destiny Arices	1,545.16	Cleaver, Caitlin M.	
Callahan, Andrea G.	3,129.85	Koerber, Kristofer M.	1,327.88
Callahan, Wanda L.	2,070.92	Clement, Blair M.	2,488.93
Calles, Lauren H. & James M.	1,983.72	Clement, Peter M. & Carrie E.	1,312.71
Camargo, Manuel B. & Karen E.	4,773.57	Clough, Jeffrey W.	3,814.22
Camber, Dennis	3,123.38	Coastal Productions, LLC	2,538.03
Campbell, Illona	4,312.12	Cohen, Stephen M.	2,918.77
Campbell, Aimee	1,780.05	Colby, Jason E. & Jennifer L.	1,897.89
Carey, Henry R. & Lucy	3,659.76	Collemer, Frank & Deborah	2,582.64
Carlson Family Trust	1,577.49	Collins, Douglas E. & Dorothy D.	1,873.21
Carlson, Marsha Lee	6,362.49	Collins, Michael D. & Arvilla P.	2,326.73
Carlson, Randy	1,255.30	Colson, Christopher K.	1,918.88
Carmichael, Roberta A.	2,830.99	Colson, Clifford O. III	3,012.87
Carney, Anna M.	3,234.92	Colson, Eugene E. & Lista J.	2,072.97
Carney, James M. & Ruth M.	12,780.17	Colson, Sharity	1,820.89
Carney, James M. III	3,837.39	Colvin, William S. & Benie B.	7,982.49
Carney, Mitchell M., James M. & Ruth A.	1,686.90	Colwell, Elaine G.	2,220.78
Carol Smith Realty Trust	2,782.08	Comstock, Robert I. Jr. & Jan	15,274.84
Caron, Louis C. & Sandra R.	3,546.84	Conlogue, John & Kathy	3,256.71
Carpenter, Toni K. & Christopher N.	2,025.94	Connon, James R.	277.78
Carr, Kelly M.	6,615.18	Conroy, Mary Catherine Inter Vivos Trust Hayden, T.C. & Conroy, M.C., Trustees ..	5,029.19
Carroll, Bernadette	3,435.49	Coombs, Robert J.	4,917.44
Carroll, Blaine	611.11	Corcoran, Julie A.	1,139.76
Carroll, Joseph & Elizabeth	3,194.99	Corey, Joseph R.	94.60
Carter, Allen A. & Barbara M.	5,093.82	Corning, Helen D. Estate Corning, Beth & Farthing, Jane, Pers. Reps.	4,535.59
Carter, Barbara M.	4,700.98	Cottle, Erica	2,549.92
Carter, Carissa	3,740.65	Cotton, Brenda J.	2,903.66
Carter-Boynton, Amy S.	5,079.31	Crandall, Wayne	317.47
Carty, Jeffrey W. Haimila, Sandra	3,701.03	Crane, Maria L.	1,517.80
Castonguay, James & Marcia	2,554.57	Crane, Stephen N. & Julie A.	4,860.80
Catalano, Michael & Amanda	1,912.02	Creighton, Jeffery L. & Hope E.	3,784.71
Cave, Cynthia	2,850.73	Creighton, Jeffrey L.	6,745.42
CBM Acquisition Corp.	625.60	Crane, Maria L.	1,517.80
Central Maine Power Co.	98,970.94	Crane, Stephen N. & Julie A.	4,860.80
Cesarini, Diana	2,893.76	Creighton, Jeffery L. & Hope E.	3,784.71
Chamberlin, Mark	5,595.74	Creighton, Jeffrey L.	6,745.42
Chamberlin, Paul E. & Beth A.	6,122.72	Cronin, Wayne S. & Kirsten	3,423.14
Chambers, Paulette A.	1,432.18	Crosby, Grace J. Taylor J.	2,617.88
Chan, Saifook	2,299.33	Crosman, Christopher B. & Janet T.	3,108.57
Chapman, Diana A.	2,748.40	Cross, Daniel C. & Rachel M.	2,503.88
Charlton, Samuel E. & Emily B.	6,032.61	Cross, John H. & Gail L.	2,299.18
Charlton, Scott A.	3,276.68	Crute, Edwynna M.	2,140.93
Chase, Lynnette P.	2,437.68	Crute, Karl S. Sr. & Laraine S.	2,946.42
Childers, Tena P.	4,160.34	CSD Properties, LLC	13,890.86
Chipman, Tracy L.	1,347.58	Cunningham, Dennis J. & Gloria	2,531.44
Christensen, Susan B.	1,813.58	Curran, Jacqueline I.	2,006.27
Clark, Janet S.	2,225.32	Curtis, Alexandria R.	2,785.97
Clark, Michael S.	1,781.02	Curtis, Michael D. & Lisa A.	3,070.56
Clark, Richard A. & Barbara G.	3,414.86		

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Curtis, Michelle E.	1,403.78	Dorr, Erick C. & Naomi A.	2,882.67
Curtis, Toby R.	1,632.96	Dorr, Janice L.	3,804.53
Cuthbertson, James H. & Katherine B.	3,232.91	Doubleday, Raymond J. & Jamie E.	5,292.40
Cuyler, Legaré Walker & Margery Merrill		Doughty, Sheril G.	1,374.64
.....	2,410.86	Downer, Jesse J. & Amanda R.	2,304.04
Daggett, Ann M. & Wesley C.	9,291.70	Dragon Products Co. LLC	1,186,119.09
Daggett, Barbara M.	3,114.70	Drinkwater, Jason	695.78
Daggett, Brad H.	3,751.14	DRT Properties, LLC	18,016.54
Dailey, David A.	1,673.31	Duff, Evelyn	3,621.18
Daley, Edward L. Life Estate		Dunphy, Danielle C.	320.54
Jones, Linda & Hawkins, Dianne	2,546.55	Dupnick, Brian J.	7,975.13
D'Amato, Ralph J. & Lydia M.		Earley, Jerry E. II & Barbie J.	634.14
D'Amato, Anthony J. & Maria T. Life Estate		East Coast Rover Co.	8,141.35
.....	2,995.42	Eastern Construction Co.	5,441.38
Daniello, Eric M. & Megan D.	2,711.40	Eaton, Johnathan F. & Mariellen L.	5,173.23
Daniello, Mont T. III.	2,429.11	Eberle, William C.	
Daniello, Ronald E.	2,251.25	Ernest, Dagny C.	2,253.51
Danielson, Carl F.	1,693.28	Edwards, Jaime R.	1,857.62
Danielson, Carl F.		Elliot Watts, LLC	4,167.54
Whittaker, Carolyn	8,768.60	Ellis, David A. & Constance M.	2,665.83
Darney, Stephen C. & Kathleen M.	1,268.19	Emerson, Roy H.	3,547.17
Dashiell Living Trusts	5,746.85	Emery, Dennis	3,005.40
David Hynes Inc.	5,341.55	Emery, John G.	
Davidson, Christopher & Lisa M.	2,803.34	Lindsey, Elaine J.	2,745.70
Davis, Gregory M. & Mindy L.	1,991.78	Emery, Robert R. Jr. & Gloria J.	1,777.56
Davis, James Perry	4,239.29	Emery, William A.	3,916.02
Davis, Victorine E.	2,055.24	English, Cheryl J. & J. Timothy	2,943.97
Day, Holly C. & Sawyer, Ross E.	2,926.96	Erickson, Ian C. & Janette B.	3,484.61
Dean, Ralph I. Sr. & Loretta J.	4,398.02	Erickson, Pauline O. Trust	8,566.48
Dearborn, Janet R.	1,806.36	Ervin, Corrine E.	4,331.57
Dearborn, Lawrence S. & Ellen M.	2,456.68	Esancy, Larry & Priscilla	1,279.37
Dechaine, Michael V.	4,059.83	Fabian Oil, Inc.	4,745.12
Dehlinger, Peggy	4,626.43	Fahy, Christopher W., Davine S. &	
Delmonico-Read, Rosemary A.	2,050.53	Benjamin W.	3,339.57
DeLoe, Ronna L.L. & Harry W.L.	4,142.70	Fairbanks, Mary	2,228.31
Delony, Billy G. & Gayle A.	4,138.87	Fales, James H. Sr. & Carolyn L.	3,531.08
DeLorimier, Christopher R.	1,841.61	Farley, Judith S.	2,936.73
Demmons, Melissa L.	5,628.33	Farthing, Christopher E. & Jane L.	2,127.58
Denault, Alberta J.	1,658.83	Feraco, Michael P.	
Dennen, John E.	3,820.25	Wilkas, Elizabeth A.	2,420.20
Dennison, Elizabeth A.		Ferguson, Christopher	2,986.25
Sawyer, Darlene	1,843.49	Ferlauto, Amy E.	3,705.95
Devlin, Frank J. & Susan J.	7,608.16	Ferrin, Elizabeth M.	196.78
Dickson, Elizabeth A.		Feyler, Betsy A.	
Strickland, Rodger R.	3,537.21	Libby, Margaret L. Life Estate	4,262.79
DiFalco, Kathleen Mary	4,228.95	Field, Johnna	
Dillabough Family Trust	4,278.51	Charlson, David	1,401.93
Dinapoli, Robert J.	4,426.55	Fish, Donald G.	2,305.69
Dobson, Sarah J.	2,974.93	Fish, Jenny B. & Keith P.	4,309.65
Dodge, Betty J.	328.10	Fitzgerald, Mark A. & Ann E.	5,132.85
Dodge, Tobias	1.70	Flagg, James D.	345.35
Doherty, Kathi W.	1,814.90	Flanagan, Michael S. & Martha G.	5,972.58
Donaldson, Blake A. & Alethe L.	4,744.39	Fleming, Charles B. & Phyllis J.	6,636.88
Dorr, Clayton G. & Janice L.	6,076.06	Fochtman, John A.	3,039.16

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Foran, Brian T. & Luisa	4,103.62	Gregston, Michael F. & Meredith T.	5,520.77
Foster, Alton E. Jr.	1,708.66	Grierson, Brad D. & Joanna M.	2,260.86
Fowles, Donald D. & J. Elizabeth	1,389.00	Grierson, George W. & Karen L.	4,556.69
Franklin, Glen P.	2,824.15	Griffin, Benjamin J. & Mary A.	9,614.99
Fraser, James C. & Cipala, Autumn	2,664.89	Griffin, Nancy	1,744.47
Frazier, Nichole & John Scott	1,959.70	Griffin, Sherri E.	946.94
Freeman, John R. & Paula J.	3,409.10	Grindell, Roderick H. & Catherine D.	5,376.62
Frisardi, Marta C.		Grindle, Bradley Maria	2,938.13
Emory, Macinfy R.I.	4,356.50	Grindle, Torey Renee	1,802.16
Frisbie, Ann M.	1,991.99	Groth, Adam W.	2,284.61
Frost, David J.	2,686.57	Grout, Jonathan T. & Vivian	2,274.63
Fuller, Dylan M. & Foster, Zoe A.	2,986.21	Grover, Charles & Susan B.	3,254.97
G&K, LLC	6,809.58	Grubbs, Dana L.	1,876.32
Galipeau, Judith M.	4,213.77	Guite, Ryan M. & Kelley L.	2,822.01
Gallace, Melissa J.	1,908.71	Gundlach, Todd & Lynda	1,064.92
Gallagher, Jeffrey & Suzanne	2,562.44	Guyer, Neal & Sheilagh N.	5,680.84
Gallagher, Jon A.	2,898.49	Hackett, Bernadette	3,367.43
Galley, Bradley	2,740.85	Hahn, William S. & Daryl L.	3,933.46
Game, Ronald S. & Jacqueline E.	3,425.26	Hall Family LLC	1,158.48
Garofoli, Hazel L. & Karyn	2,345.12	Hall, Adrian N. & Tammy E.	2,476.88
Garrigan, Richard M. & Valerie J.	3,516.18	Hall, Bradford C.	3,220.04
Gauthier, Barbara Jean	6,300.91	Hall, Dolores H.	1,670.00
Geele, Jeannine M.	3,104.23	Hall, Marion Estate	
Genevicz, Robert & Breault, Susan	4,135.81	Hall, Lauren, Pers. Rep.	291.97
George C. Hall & Sons, Inc.	30,396.96	Hall, Michael J. & Lizbeth A.	8,276.89
Gibbs, Allison F.	2,275.70	Hall, Peter L.	
Giese, Diane Family Trust	2,079.63	Poppe-Hall, Lisa C.	4,041.39
Giguere, Timothy P.		Hall, Richard S. & Jolene	2,519.53
Cook, Rachel G.	364.71	Hall, Rolland B. & Elaine C.	1,036.29
Gilson, Robert P. & Marion Marie	5,122.74	Hallowell, Terri H. & Timothy W.	3,853.88
Gionis, Nickolaos	5,335.83	Hall-Stone, Gretel	3,222.63
Giustra, Betsy M. Trust	2,051.56	Halvorsen, Corrine A.	
Glenn, James M. & Carolyn A.	3,299.22	McGill, Donald J.	5,060.27
Glidden, Dustin & David	8,693.55	Hamlin, Gregory J. & Shirley L.	6,326.72
Glover, Ashley Ann	3,091.67	Hanley, Jill	423.43
Godfrey, Donna L.	1,772.77	Hannemann, Paul T.	1,400.11
Goodnow, Justin E.	15,277.36	Hanson, Linda	877.34
Gorecki, Emily	5,541.53	Harding, Beniah C.	2,865.90
Gorman, Nathan M.		Hare, Brandy A. & Robert C.	1,589.19
Moreau, Emily V.	2,310.59	Harjula, Cheryl Ann	1,894.46
Gould, Anita T.	1,747.30	Harjula, Christopher N.	2,675.82
Gould, Kristin S. & David P.	2,844.45	Harjula, Jacqueline L.	13,105.40
Gould, William A. Jr. & Shiela B.	1,748.76	Harjula, Neil A. & Joan M.	2,800.56
Grafton, George G. & Ruth	3,672.55	Harjula, Sylvia Life Estate	
Grafton, Ward M. Sr. & Hortense M.	2,511.47	Kangas, Elaine, Ruth & P. Daniel	2,432.44
Grant, Dale E. Estate		Harlow, Bryce L. & Lindsay K.	3,116.04
Schmal, Douglas J., Pers. Rep.	2,532.38	Harlow, Ricky, Joan & Bryce	2,593.79
Grant, Michelle A.	1,425.92	Harn, Guy & Catherine	3,080.71
Grant, Richard W. & Nancy L.	574.21	Harper, Jeffrey A. & Victoria L.	4,417.46
Grant, Stephen W. & Vina S.	2,668.34	Harper, Joseph A. & Diana L.	1,006.59
Gray, Lucas R.	3,249.65	Harper, Patricia Estate	
Gray, Peter J. Jr.	2,410.30	Harper, Sheldon R. Pers. Rep.	3,472.20
Greeley Associates, LLC	104,301.77	Harrington, Harold H. & Marilyn D.	2,732.91
Greenberg, Howard & Elizabeth	5,468.53	Harrington, Leroy III & Pamela	2,216.97

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Harris, Elaine C.....	3,984.17	Howard, H. John	
Harris, Paul	681.73	Lindley-Howard, Susan	2,374.82
Harris, Paul & Elaine C.....	720.83	Howlett, Judith M.	3,728.07
Harris, Richard T.	4,374.43	Hoyt, Jean & Kenneth	3,730.54
Harrison, David & Sheryl.....	3,953.26	Hubbard, Patricia F.	3,301.33
Harshman, Sheila C.	14,014.25	Hunt, Richard S. & Justin Alexander.....	1,681.66
Haskell, Donald A. & Maureen E.....	1,779.05	Huntley, Allen E.	186.00
Haskins, Jaime J.	1,863.25	Hyatt, Melanie A.	2,554.49
Hastings, Edward A.....	4,063.39	Hyler, Edwin P. & Luann	2,766.11
Hastings, Ronnie L. & Judith W.	2,709.03	Hyler, Lu-Ann & Edwin P.	2,878.19
Hastings, Sheila W.....	2,827.22	Hynd, David & Gaylea	3,336.37
Hatch, Adam.....	3,234.86	Hynd, Heather P.....	922.07
Hatch, Stephen.....	1,992.43	Hynd, Timothy & Morgan	8,200.16
Hawkins, Alice.....	5,396.55	Ingerson, Ami M.	
Haynes, Raechelle S. & Matthew S.....	3,898.44	Benner, Michael B.....	1,992.68
Hedstrom, Christopher C. & Holly D.....	3,261.38	Interstate Septic Inc.	6,316.86
Held, Allen E. & Jody M.....	2,189.24	Jackson, Kevin & Michaelene	2,615.41
Henderson, Elwyn F.....	3,102.18	Jackson, William S. & Carolyn	
Henderson, Frank E. & Diane	4,421.50	Jackson, Ronald & Gerald	707.81
Hendrick, Shane W. & Elizabeth A.	3,094.00	Jacques, John N. & Mary Jane	4,307.65
Henry, Arthur D.	7,562.10	Jaget, Frances J.....	3,105.03
Henry, Arthur D. & Walter F.		Jakylory, LLC	2,402.85
Stevens, John	5,342.32	Jameson, Ellen W.....	2,590.74
Henry, Diane A. Estate		Jarossi, Arthur & Sarah.....	6,641.91
Henry-Elwell, Willow B., Pers. Rep. .	2,535.04	Jean, Robert E.....	1,642.73
Henry, Dwight R.	4,774.62	Jenks, Peter Q. & Emily A.	10,666.43
Henry, Dwight R. & Michelle M.	3,160.12	Jennings, Mark J. & Hoxie, Susan D.	3,220.08
Henry, Justin D.	1,254.67	Jessop, John W. & Kathleen.....	1,494.30
Henry, Susan M.	2,914.31	Johanson, David C. & Susan B.....	4,900.89
Herbert, Darlene B. & Evan R.	3,342.42	Johnson, Alton J. & Carolyn R.	4,889.44
Hernandez, Galo J. III & Frances.....	3,137.55	Johnson, Chad S. & Candi L.	2,420.01
Hersom, Lisa	1,250.32	Johnson, Dorothy A.	3,674.62
Higgins, Mark A. & Heather J.	4,554.54	Johnson, Jerrold P. & Tricia.....	2,111.92
High Island Sisters, LLC.....	6,485.58	Johnson, Mark R. Sr.	
Hilchey, Kristan	2,030.63	Gower, Vicki L.	2,051.16
Hill, Jeffrey S.	2,501.83	Jones, Anthony & Doreen	2,278.36
Hiller, Steven A. & Delores D.	4,163.10	Jones, Bryan L.	
Hillgrove, David	2,034.44	Spieler, Elaine E.....	3,514.15
Hilt, Douglas K. & Joni L.....	2,224.80	Jones, Deborah R.	1,819.59
Hines, Ralph B. & Judith H.	4,949.21	Jones, Erica Lynn	2,013.68
Hirshberg, Robert	3,598.98	Jones, Faith H.....	2,967.79
Hobbs Properties, LLC	14,611.78	Jones, Herbert T. & Jill A.	3,316.84
Hocking, Janet L. & Bryan T.	1,939.62	Jones, Lillian L.	
Hoekstra, Bruce & Sandra	12,132.45	Babbidge, Lewis W.	396.79
Hoekstra, Sandra & Bruce	5,029.90	Jones, Lorelyn	1,727.96
Holloway, Matthew	2,172.87	Jones, Norene H. & George E.	2,574.10
Home Depot USA, Inc.	5,776.68	Jones, Richard A. Jr. & Christienne	2,449.48
Hooper, Danica S.....	2,558.44	Jones, Robert E.....	2,548.19
Hooper, Lloyd M. Sr. & Shirley J.....	2,638.92	Jones, Ryan L.....	4,562.61
Hooper, Shirley Makie & Lloyd M.....	810.41	Jones, Timothy & Allyson	3,838.39
Hopkins, Larry M. & Roxana J.	3,799.15	Jordan, David C. & Sandra A.....	2,490.54
Hoppe, Craig.....	4,465.52	Jordan, Nicholas B.....	4,347.87
Horch, Peter.....	2,827.85	Josephs, Andrew J. & Gina L.....	5,978.76
Houtsma, Lars T.	1,571.74	Joyce, Mark E.	3,455.73

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Kaatz, Eileen.....	2,730.11	Latta, Patrick A.....	4,171.98
Kalloch, James.....	3,868.81	Lauterbach, Grant & Lori.....	4,686.71
Kauffman, Stephen Blair	6,262.70	LaVallee, Alan J. & Patricia L.	3,306.48
Kaufmann, Janice M.....	1,979.94	Lavertu, Carmen	1,582.12
Kehoe, John P. & Brooke E.	3,189.90	Lawson, Janis C.	
Keizer, Beatrice	1,410.70	Lawson, Robert H. Estate	2,024.54
Keizer, Clayton E. & Bette.....	761.52	Leach, Phillip C.	
Keizer, Clayton E. & Bette	761.52	Stearns, Becky W.....	3,581.21
Kelley, Heather E.	3,417.68	Lear, Mary M.	2,866.59
Kelley, Richard C. & Serena M.	3,230.84	Leary, Peter J. & Kimberly W.....	2,487.70
Kellogg, Frederic R. Trust of 1995	3,511.80	Lee, S. Steven & Jeannine K.	4,095.73
Kennedy, Ruth E.H.	2,360.42	Lehman, Peter M.....	2,297.28
Kennedy, Thomas A. & Candace A.	3,165.89	Leidenroth, Kim E.....	134.27
Kenney, Annie G. Family Trust.....	2,295.31	Leidenthal, Ellen Marie	3,235.32
Keyes, Sigrid C.....	2,772.87	Leino, James K. & Sandra L.	2,928.65
Kijewski, Kenneth J., Betty M. & Josef P..	4,023.23	Leo, Barbara A.& Alan P.....	3,272.07
Kiley, Margaret M.	1,928.51	Leo, Michael A. & Belinda M.	2,393.83
King, Mallory E. & Max.....	1,806.99	Leonard, Douglas A. & Catherine L.....	4,727.84
King, Nathan M. & Tamara S.....	4,468.26	Leonard, Stacey A.....	2,352.91
Kinghorn, Robert W.....	3,804.86	Leonard, William F. & Rebecca J.	3,689.16
Kingsley, Scott.....	4,905.70	Levett, Ross & Susan	5,374.61
Kinney, Shannon K.....	3,736.13	Levine, Richard L. & Myrna G.	1,679.49
Kinney, Sumner W. & Marjorie H.....	5,403.83	Lewis, Lauren R. & Mark R.	3,571.77
Kirkham, Nikolai D.....	2,421.71	Lewis, Robert O.....	1,180.64
Kitching, Carl M. & Lesa A.	1,832.44	Lewis, Vernon L.	4,638.86
Klein, Stanley & Gray, Camilla M.....	5,835.83	Libby, Roland R. Ester M.	2,986.17
Kleschick, Mary Ann.....	5,011.56	Libby, Ronald & Lorraine	2,520.45
KMB, LLC.....	34,387.95	Light Horseman, LLC	3,310.10
Knight, Benjamin D.....	3,451.65	Lilienthal, Emily	
Knight, Lucas E.....	2,534.62	Lilienthal, Stephen K. Estate	2,893.93
Knowlton, Anita L. & Malcolm A.	3,629.72	Linscott, Joan	1,669.75
Knowlton, Anita L.		Little, Andrea K.....	4,320.39
Cornett, Elaine L.....	3,230.69	Little, Peter M.	2,641.07
Knowlton, Sharon L.....	2,425.03	Little, Stephen A. & Carol A.....	6,906.36
Knox Hotel Assoc., LP	48,557.24	Littlefield, Cynthia	2,212.15
Knox Scouts Assn.....	39.14	Living Center at Thomaston LLC	8,885.96
Knox Street Holdings, LLC	15,789.22	Ljunggren, Paul W. & Barbara E.....	3,894.61
Knutson, Muriel D.....	6,688.68	Llewellyn Family Trust	3,268.81
Koenig, Ervin D. & Diane L.	1,566.84	Logan, Hedley D. & Annie D.	954.87
Krane, Neil D.	2,515.79	Lombardo, Jamey K. & Karen M.	1,918.00
Kristiansen, David W. & Patricia L.	3,830.29	Lopez-Brochu, Krista R.	3,080.41
Kruger, Charles B. Jr. & Linda Bell	3,988.06	Lorleberg, Thomas J. & Gloria	3,349.43
Lachance, Conrad R. Jr. & Sandra F.....	250.45	Lowe's Home Centers, Inc.	300,387.36
LaCombe, Charles A. & Lisa J.....	2,827.06	Luce, Irville E. & Marlene	8,877.02
Lacombe, Lester A. & Pauline J.	1,655.04	Luckman, David & Nancy	2,295.25
Ladd, Gail M. & Schiot, Peter	3,428.98	Lucky One Three VII, LLC	13,074.26
Lakeman, Daniel R. & Faye.....	1,344.08	Ludwig, Edward A. & Nancy S.	5,258.64
Lammert, Peter R.....	3,228.75	Ludwig, Helen	1,962.92
Landi, Alicia M.	1,984.90	Ludwig, Lora S.	4,743.47
Lang, Lucinda	4,230.67	Ludwig, Raymond E. & Helen	3,822.19
Laporte, Syldra M. & Stephen R.....	1,153.31	Lukasewicz, Stanley	2,685.70
Larrabee, Elaine A. & Darrell A.....	4,054.39	Lundy, Linda L.	4,971.50
Lash, Fay E. & Christopher	2,197.29	Luu, Heng Yuk, Ping, Minh K.,	
Laslavic, Thomas E. & Lucy M.	3,306.67	Vinh K., Karen	3,552.62

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Lyman & Sons, LLC	15,243.53	McKown, George W. & Susan W.....	2,527.86
Lyman, Cabot	136,627.65	McLain, George E. & Dolores J.....	2,920.01
Lyman, Cabot & Heidi.....	6,509.58	McLeod, Jacqueline L. Estate	
Lyman, Drew	5,532.41	McLeod, Amy M., Pers. Rep.....	2,742.88
MacDonald, Michael & Ruth	3,234.31	McMahon, Kristopher C.	
MacIntosh, Craig D.		LaPointe, Laura M.	3,891.39
Dyer, Ellen S.....	5,793.34	McNulty, Barbara	5,493.92
MacMillan, Maureen J.....	1,596.39	Meklin, Judith E.....	1,552.57
Magrogan, Francis J.....	2,278.29	Meklin, Judith E. & Bruce	12,425.73
Maine Water Company	25,044.11	Meklin, Kevin P.	2,438.18
Malmstrom, Timothy J.....	2,494.67	Meklin, Ryan G. & Bruce G.....	4,322.28
Malone, Larry D.		Mellor, G. Thomas & Patricia A.	3,706.03
Landon-Malone, Kathryn.....	6,599.94	Mellor, Noreen M.....	4,769.86
Maloney, Margo B.	2,891.48	Mendez, Antonio & Haylene J.	2,933.07
Maltais, Sandra L.....	3,037.68	Merrifield, Travis	2,604.42
Marchessault, David L. & Katherine A. ..	3,518.65	Merrill, Daniel D.	
Maritime Energy	3,875.63	Dweley, Janet M.	1,661.40
Marr, Robert A. Sr.	3,303.88	Merrow, Holly A.	2,242.61
Marr, Walter E. III & Linda M.	133.11	Merry, Kevin	2,332.61
Marriner, Jeffrey & Ivy	5,057.99	Meservey, Brent A.	2,236.35
Marsh, Melanie	1,718.48	Meservey, Georgia	
Marshall, Colin S. & Janet P.	12,728.16	McLaughlin, Caleb.....	361.04
Marshall, Jennifer D.	4,064.82	Messier, Michelle A.	
Martin, Kevin & Lillas Rose	3,650.13	Anderson, Fremont F., Jr.....	2,642.33
Martin, Marian L.	3,005.72	Michaud, Ronald P. & Paula G.	4,772.10
Martin, Suzanne M.	1,872.77	Micklich, Amy L.B.	3,404.35
Martineau, Michael P.		Micue, Darren.....	3,505.46
Morang, Donald N.	4,156.11	Mid Coast Management, LLC	11,323.34
Master, William E. & Lena Kay	13,309.78	Midcoast Federal Credit Union.....	36,984.78
Mather, Jerry L. Revocable Trust.....	8,856.26	Midcoast First Aid, LLC	6,072.02
Matthews, Kimberly J. & Craig S.	3,982.56	Mill Stream Properties, LLC	3,180.99
Matthews, Nhan & Arlene D.	3,928.71	Miller, Douglas E. & Grace E.....	4,647.61
Mayo, Michael E.	4,472.01	Miller, John E. & Lynette S.....	5,292.21
Mayo, Michael M. Jr.		Miller, Nathan A.	1,023.54
Buteau, Lori A.....	3,870.19	Mills, Charlotte M.	1,539.11
Mayo, Michael M. Sr.	385.41	Mills, Christopher R. & Paula M.....	4,360.31
Mayo, Michael M. Sr. & Patricia P.	3,187.64	Mills, Stephen	
Mazzeo, Mikial N.	4,077.42	Mills, L. Arthur & Margaret W. Life Estate ...	3,742.39
Mazzeo, Stephen K. & Diane C.....	2,827.45	Mills, Susan J. & Stephen J.	
McCallum Overlock Young LLC.....	6,323.94	Mills, Karen M.....	1,160.05
McCarthy, Stephen G. & Ursula M.	5,488.12	Mitchell, Mary	226.84
McClean, Robert	7,252.27	Mitchell, Peter B. & Denise	7,382.05
McCluskey, Mary L.....	2,528.18	Mlynarski, Kathleen J. & Edmund T.	3,399.22
McCrea, Peter F. & Margaret S.	3,357.03	Moholland, Chandra R.	2,513.19
McCreedy, Bruce R.....	3,926.03	Moody, Linwood L. & June O.	3,529.66
McDermott, Kevin J. & Sharon E.....	4,563.77	Moore, Mimi R.....	3,050.30
McDonald, Darlene M.	2,185.07	Moore, Sandra E.	2,530.06
McDonald, Patricia E.	6,335.22	Moorman, Anna C. & Kenneth B.....	3,368.29
McGeady, Joseph K. Jr. &		Morelli, Tony & Laura	2,122.57
Marla Jane Cardone	5,913.00	Morey, David C. & Amy C.	8,482.30
McGill, Donna J.	3,020.01	Morse, Jason.....	975.44
McGuirl, Cynthia L.		Morse, Jeffrey N.	1,631.12
Murdock, James.....	2,578.41	Morse, Kelly J.	1,713.92
McKearney, Christopher D. M.	1,963.28		

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Morse, Linda E.		
Edelstein, Mark G.	245.61	
Morse, Timothy A. & Holly	2,095.37	
Moss, Carol J.W.	3,604.44	
Moss, Eivind Roy Jr. & Linda L.....	2,440.94	
Mullaney, Noreen M.....	2,158.51	
Mullen, Christopher R.	2,571.96	
Mullen, Patrick J. & Carolyn M.		
Mehler, Michael K.....	3,304.57	
Murdock, James L.		
McGuirl, Cynthia	4,501.98	
Murgita, Bruce A. & Donna L.....	747.03	
Murray, Tara S.....	4,402.40	
Myers, Philip Jr. & Raeberta M.....	5,678.10	
Myers, Phillip E. & Priscilla E.....	3,589.62	
Nance, James R. III		
Smithson, Tracy L.	3,532.38	
Nassau Broadcasting Holdings Inc.....	3,549.52	
NC Shepard LLC.....	16,902.11	
Neagle, Jill E.	1,459.20	
Neilson, Gena N. & Bonjour, Jon E.....	3,954.18	
Nelson, Colin D.	3,512.39	
Nelson, Joanne E. & Daren M.....	2,174.08	
Netzorg, Phillip & Prudence L.	4,011.40	
Nightingale, Richard & Mary	32,638.04	
Nilsen, Patricia K.	4,451.52	
Nolan, Shelley Y. & William F.....	2,767.34	
Northern New England		
Telephone Ops LLC.....	6,528.69	
Norton, Anson & Carmen.....	5,274.90	
Nuite, Amber L.....	3,425.42	
OGF, LLC	6,768.24	
Olson, Virginia M.....	2,193.44	
O'Neil, James F. & Harriet W.....	2,766.42	
Orcutt, Thomas S. & Carolyn X.....	2,776.91	
Orcutt, Thomas S. & Carolyn X.		
Orcutt Revocable Trust	2,079.44	
O'Ryan, Linden.....	2,791.35	
Osterday, John M. & Sara J.	3,083.62	
Overlock, Dwight L. & Sheryl L.....	5,059.68	
Paolino, Aaron D.....	3,220.29	
Paradis, Armand J. & Mary E.	4,965.68	
Paradis, Robert A. & Chantal	715.81	
Param, LLC		
Dave, Chetan	8,715.04	
Parent, Christopher & Alina	2,816.65	
Parisi, Roseann	3,128.89	
Parmenter, Morgan T.	2,758.53	
Parsons, Pamela M.....	3,016.05	
Payne, Darcy M.	2,942.46	
Pease, Arnold S. Jr.....	1,571.32	
Pease, Arnold S. Sr. & Donna	5,067.68	
Pease, Arthur E. & Marie F.	7,383.76	
Peasley, Renee L.	2,230.49	
Peck, Daria M.....	8,144.93	
Penitentiary Holding III, LLC.....	6,747.20	
Pensco Trust Co		
FBO Lynn M. Crowell, IRA	4,672.87	
Percy, Leila M.	1,206.95	
Perfetto, William L., Terry L.,		
Marshall L. & Danielle M.....	2,206.15	
Perkins, Brian D. & Anne E.....	6,095.34	
Perkins, Paul R. & Carole G.....	2,679.27	
Perry, Benjamin C. & Mary A.....	3,449.77	
Perry, Meredith J.	2,823.21	
Perry, Patricia L. & Eric V.	4,051.15	
Perry, Susan Elizabeth	2,696.47	
Petereit, Erika K.....	3,634.33	
Peters, Clyson L. & Dyann J.....	2,939.20	
Peterson, Mark E. & Neala F.....	9,050.93	
Peterson, Mark R.	683.16	
Peterson, Monalisa	1,620.36	
Petit, Jennifer & Haskell, Mark.....	3,321.53	
Petrone, William J. & Rena Susan	1,953.17	
Pfander, Erika B.....	1,294.42	
Philbrook, Mark E.		
Goldberg, Nathan	3,670.33	
Philbrook, Maxine H.....	2,948.28	
Philip, Charles B. & Amy V.	1,118.21	
Pietroski, Donald F. & Anne A.....	2,409.82	
Pietroski, Matthew D.....	2,605.58	
Pinkham, Muriel M.....	3,112.73	
Pinkham, Paul A. & Susan E.....	1,797.11	
Piper, Jane S. Revocable Trust	4,450.76	
Pittocco, Philip M. Sr., Sarah E.D.	5,221.05	
Platt, Lawrence D. Jr.	2,170.55	
Plummer, Blaine O. & Kate A.....	3,156.81	
Plummer, Evelyn T. Estate		
Jones, Evelyn P., Heir	2,115.35	
Polk, Pamela J.	4,367.63	
Port Clyde Seafood Co.	9,809.33	
Porter Family Thomaston Trust.....	4,459.39	
Powell, Steven D. & Linda S.	2,285.16	
Preston, Mark W.....	3,936.51	
Pretzel, Carol Ann.....	2,561.25	
Priest, Claire	5,670.29	
Prior, Dale & Lee S.	4,527.49	
Pritchard, Constance R.....	3,801.20	
Proctor, Loring E. & Debbie A.....	1,947.58	
Purdy, A. Bradford	1,439.04	
Putansu, Sharon E. & Rodney	2,641.87	
Qian, Jian Ping	8,495.36	
R&D Trash Removal	1,412.52	
Rackliffe, Jeremy & Mary	3,419.36	
Rahaim, George L. & Laura Renee.....	4,924.66	
Ranney, Mark W.....	4,624.76	
Ranquist, Donna	2,584.86	

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Ranquist, Gwendolyn M.		Roebke, Ernest E. Estate	
Robinson, Beverly A.	2,121.40	Coughlin, Tracy Roebke, Pers. Rep... 4,149.81	
Rapalyea, Richard G.		Rogers, Jean F.	
Walden-Rapalyea, Diane.....	5,936.54	Tremblay, Kimberly M.	1,263.90
Raynes, Eleanor D. & Bernard E.	2,914.98	Rohr, Peter M. & Wanda J.	9,028.99
Rector, Christopher W. & Elisabeth P.	7,249.25	Rolfe Enterprises, LLC.....	6,907.70
Rector, Marian E.	3,414.92	Rolfe, Kenneth J.	3,820.58
Reinhold, Tracy E. & Karl G.	7,657.60	Roman, Wilbur E. Sr. & Jean.....	889.09
Reynolds, Linda D.....	1,969.51	Rootie Kazootie LLC.....	31,413.84
Ricci, Patrick J. & Chananad.....	7,109.85	Roscoe, Barbara G.....	1,758.73
Rice, Michael J. & Andrea J.	4,736.15	Roscoe, Frank E.....	2,077.57
Richards, Joanne L.	3,713.48	Ross, Cindy L.	2,092.62
Richards, Martha J.....	1,531.89	Ross, Leslie 2,363.25	
Richards, William J.	4,384.37	Rousselle, Buffy S.,	
Richardson, Mark D.....	2,565.66	Roland P. & Ann Marie	4,004.96
Riff, Judith A.	1,956.72	Route, Jeannine L.....	1,692.09
Rifkind Family Trust.....	10,878.37	Rowland, Philip R. & Lori	3,507.62
Riley, Shane R. & Ainslee R.	4,220.85	RRP Judaica Asset Holdings, LLC	20,041.31
Ripley, Darcey J.	3,741.68	Rubenstein, Linda	
Ripley, Lorice F.....	3,565.57	Sevon, Marilyn J.	469.04
Risteen, Jesse A. & Sage L.	2,164.37	Rubenstein, Peggy A.	4,224.28
River, Kella.....	2,249.62	Rudolph, David L. & Judith N.....	5,282.13
Rizkalla, Kristine L.		Rule, Philip T.	4,143.43
Bull, Sondra D.....	662.02	Rush, Don & Lauren	4,803.20
Roberson, Jacquelyn & Terrance F.	4,077.25	Russell, Jody F. & Nathan S.	1,220.18
Roberts, Adam L. & Catherine M.	1,958.40	Russo, Julie B.	
Roberts, Calvin & Barbara.....	1,731.06	Brooks, Mark F. & Stephen T.....	3,357.30
Roberts, Irene S.....	1,339.77	Russomano, Philip J. Jr.	2,749.78
Roberts, Lance J. & Jennifer A.	2,628.35	Ryan, Jane F.....	2,264.61
Robertson, Andrew K.		Ryan, Laurie Tardiff	9,441.02
Schoo, Maria Jose Amorin	6,535.27	Rytky, Marcia A. Estate	665.45
Robertson, Kevin P. & Patricia P.....	4,607.24	S&R Investments	2,083.35
Robertson, Sarah E.		S&S Properties Trust	7,915.47
Daniello, Ronald E.	2,557.37	Sady, Ian	3,301.41
Robertson, Walter A.....	3,475.66	Sala, Tracy Ann	
Robinson, Andrew J.		Mergendahl, Peter P.....	3,469.90
Friesen, Mary Ann	1,612.76	Sally, Catherine S.....	2,932.15
Robinson, Charles B. & Tina M.	1,185.45	Sanborn, Darryl & Julie	
Robinson, Ernest & Sharon L. Estate		Cross, Janice D. Life Estate.....	7,616.91
Miller, Kandice R., Pers. Rep.	3,030.18	Sanborn, Darryl E.	10,295.93
Robinson, Eva M.	3,485.08	Sanborn, Darryl E.	
Robinson, Gail D.	3,013.29	McCollett, Kurt A.	3,384.00
Robinson, Keith A. & Susan M.	1,958.44	Sanborn, David E. & Joan M.	3,878.58
Robinson, Marian A.....	4,719.84	Sanborn, Dwayne N.....	491.77
Robinson, Michael L. & Valerie J.	3,004.73	Sanborn, Herbert E. & Marion Life Estate	
Robinson, Michael W.	2,011.65	Reynolds, Linda D. & Melissa J.....	3,754.95
Robinson, Paul D. & Becky J.....	4,376.69	Sanborn, Jacalyn D.	1,215.55
Robinson, Percy C.	1,631.68	Sanborn, Jacalyn D. & Reed, Cynthia	2,121.34
Robinson, William E. & Beverly A.....	2,564.09	Sanborn, Karen K.	5,745.37
Robison, Ann L.	5,658.07	Sanders, Tina L.	2,673.35
Rockland Downtown	14,755.00	Sanderson, Stewart J.	
Rockland Realty LLC.....	3,053.56	Belajonas, Cynthia J.....	1,163.12
Rockville Realty, Inc.	2,176.49	Sanfilippo, Aimee Lynne	354.97

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Sanfilippo, James Estate		Sirois, Wayne A. & Paula J.....	2,456.09
Sanfilippo, Aimee Lynne, Pers. Rep.	3,908.68	Skinner Family Trust	
Sargent, Marian E.....	997.96	Skinner, Michael D. & Pamela G.....	3,701.97
Saucier, Daniel P.....	2,754.39	SLA, L.L.C.	4,200.38
Saunders, Derek J. & Melanie A.....	2,702.19	Smalley, Brian & Jean Ann.....	3,001.47
Sawmill Lane, LLC	8,056.60	Smart Properties, LLC	16,224.60
Sawyer, David & Michelle B.....	3,051.01	Smist, Mark L. & Peggy	2,641.81
Sawyer, Maurice Estate		Smith, David C.	1,646.90
Sawyer, Dennis R. Pers. Rep.....	52.68	Smith, Glenn M.....	563.02
Sawyer, Ross E.....	4,526.87	Smith, Glenn M. & Heidi L.	2,250.39
Sawyer, Thomas M. & Rhonda S.....	3,001.47	Smith, John H.....	1,878.49
Schmalz, Gail E.....	5,299.12	Smith, Keith K. & Kimi L.	4,233.07
Schmidgall, Richard & Dolores	4,072.83	Smith, Keith K., Kimi L. & Desiree	3,041.13
Schneider, Michael D. Sarah K.	2,291.96	Smith, Linda L.	762.88
Schooley, Lawrence C. & Ellin	5,006.35	Smith, Martin R.	3,056.16
Schroeder, Frances L. Life Estate		Smith, Nancy E.	2,895.35
Merrifield, Cynthia	1,303.39	Smith, Patricia J.	1,728.65
Schulberg, Cinda H.	4,128.57	Smith, Samuel R.	1,305.17
Seal Harbor Construction LLC.....	7,510.42	Smith, Spencer E. & Barbara E.....	3,570.51
Seavey, Christopher S. & Sarah M.	3,907.02	Smith, Theresa	3,301.29
Secotte, Kevin.....	5,136.68	Snow, Lynn M.....	362.40
Seekins, Pearle E. Irrevocable Trust.....	2,514.36	Snow, Robert C. & Lynn M.....	3,961.94
Seekins, Wayne D. & Claire F.....	5,506.06	Sofyanos, John C. & Peggy L.	
Selfridge, Elizabeth C.	2,892.34	Revocable Trust.....	10,168.36
Senecal, Daniel.....	10,448.59	Soule, George E.....	2,058.91
Sequin, Dawn M.....	3,269.66	Sousa, Anthony F. & Teresa E.	7,530.99
Sevon, Arthur E. & Edith	1,492.56	Spaulding, Cheryl Ann	3,934.15
Sewell, Alan D.	273.14	Spaulding, Patricia L.....	3,131.34
Shaw, Bernard G.....	4,061.86	Spearin, Donn D.	1,681.66
Shaw, Daniel B. & Sharon D.	2,104.47	Spencer, Sara	2,786.64
Shay, Daniel C.	2,234.97	Spicer, Justin J.	
Sheard, Leslie	2,566.71	Vanorse, Holly J.	1,570.23
Sheehan, Victoria A.	3,358.13	Spofford, Barry A. & Stacy J.	2,968.52
Shepard Brothers Partnership	89,615.18	Spooner, Jana L. & Daniel F.....	3,322.70
Shepard, Jessica M.....	2,652.02	Spring, Ellen R.	5,728.50
Shepard, Joshua N.....	3,865.83	Sprowl, John S. Jr.....	4,157.89
Shepard, Neal C.	3,537.36	St. Clair, Beverly	3,007.77
Shields, Donald & Mary Ann	2,483.72	Stackpole, Julie.....	7,389.27
Shields, John E. & Joanne M.	1,213.94	Staffieri Klim, Holly B. Trust	
Shook, Thomas G.	4,956.20	Klim, David, Trustee.....	3,076.46
Short, Robert E. & Jeanne V.	3,457.51	Stafford, Robert E.	
Shortall, Amanda	4,906.05	Sampson, Patience	6,723.78
Shortall, Keith T.....	1,787.40	Stanley, Maynard L. IV.....	3,300.97
Shulman, Robert	3,369.40	Staples, Eugene W. & Lorrie B.....	2,265.88
Silverman, Constance	3,886.28	Staples, Larry C. & Jean A.....	4,286.69
Simeone, James J. & Althea H.....	3,368.50	Steam Ship Associates LLC.....	65,308.51
Simmons, Scott W.	1,618.45	Stearns, Richard & Mona F.	3,770.56
Simmons, Virginia C.....	1,470.23	Steele, Steven R. & Donna D.....	2,681.49
Simmons, Wallace D. & Roxanne T.	3,572.58	Steel-Pro Land LLC	4,547.04
Simms, Elizabeth C. & Jeffery J.	3,924.98	Steeves, Jamie.....	4,155.82
Simms, Garrett.....	3,053.52	Steiner, Christopher A.	2,655.54
Simoneau, Craig N.....	6,530.37	Stern, Kenneth M. & Abigail E.	7,497.38
Simoneau, Jo Ann.....	6,513.00	Sternberg, David B.	2,102.98
Simoneau, Mary G.	7,294.71	Stevens, James W. & Maureen P.	10,235.29

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Stewart, Suzanne L.....	2,557.23	Thomaston Property Holding, LLC	55,464.50
Stine, Gregory & Sherry.....	4,106.45	Thomaston Realty, LLC	16,416.45
Stinson, Toby E. & Katherine	4,275.16	Thompson, Damian A. & Cassandra A. ..	3,248.19
Stinson, Wayne W. & Brenda W.....	5,614.83	Thorndike, Annie & Donald R.....	2,034.81
Stites, William & Sara.....	6,564.25	Thorndike, Wayne S.....	852.90
Stone, Eleanor		Thorndike, Wayne S., Robert A.	
Kaufmann, Janice M.....	1,041.12	Thorndike, Donald R. Estate	1,878.78
Stone, Marion H.....	2,910.82	Tibbetts, Arthur Jr.....	3,866.11
Stone, Sayward & Valerie.....	3,443.24	Tibbetts, Paul E. Living Trust	4,233.74
Stopper, Roger C. & Virginia E.....	2,590.00	Todd, Western A. Jr.	
Storer, Paul E. & Joyce E.....	2,495.55	Goddard, Jana	4,767.44
Straub, Laura A.		Tokarz, Peter P. & Donna E.....	7,899.28
Moseley, Michael L.	3,324.08	Toler, Larry L. & Cynthia M.....	3,373.92
Strong, Mark W. & Julie C.....	15,327.31	Tolman, Richard J. & Sandra A.....	4,224.41
Strong, Mary H.	10,030.20	Trolleboda Group	13,286.82
Strong, Scott V. & Corinna M.	3,620.14	Trout, Stuart F.	1,748.07
Strong, Tiffany M.....	3,580.75	Tucker, Brenda L.....	4,834.85
Stump, Rita		Turner, Richard P. & Carmen H.....	1,961.83
Brewer-Mahan, Joanne	488.28	Tyler, Aimee E.....	2,951.11
Sturks, James C.	2,498.52	Tyler, William R. & Sarah A.....	2,980.43
Sturks, James L.....	2,916.62	Union Block Property, LLC	10,738.81
Sullivan, Elizabeth A.....	3,263.36	Upham, Gary	2,749.97
Sullivan, Robert W.	5,796.48	Upham, John W. & Lee Ann M.....	2,474.55
Sunderland, Shawn P.....	2,706.21	US Bank Nat'l Assn., Trustee	
Sunset Acres Mobile Home Cooperative	3,622.09	Aegis Asset Bkd Secure Tr, 2005-5	4,157.05
Surek, Peter L. & Sonja K.....	2,725.50	Valliere, Marcel & Jill	1,224.84
Surek, Shawn D.		Van Campen, Greta A.	
Hersom, Lisa L.....	4,762.20	Silverstein, Michael W.	10,109.82
Sutherland, Earl Allen.....	2,798.49	Van Campen, Timothy & Susan H.....	4,747.24
Swan, Jeffrey A.	2,573.13	Van Dine, Lee C. & Wendy-Jo.....	2,540.53
Swan, Robert J.		Van Horn, Leon D.	3,709.34
Northup, Alyssa C.....	2,703.11	Vanorse, Katy	2,106.06
Swanson, Anita L.....	1,796.65	Vargas, Richard A. & Joan K.....	3,000.82
Swanson, Roy J. & Anita K.....	3,741.30	Varsano, Martha G. & Barbara G.....	3,712.17
Sylvester, Jerry S.	3,404.44	Veilleux, Brian T. & Andrea M.	2,282.33
Sylvester, Joanna G.....	2,721.88	Veit, Karen S.....	4,514.52
Taft, Janek S.....	3,577.59	Verge, Dana R. & Donalene.....	4,123.54
Tahincioglu, Brandon & Kimberly	3,375.19	Vigue, John H.....	8,072.05
Talbot, David C. & Donnalee S.....	1,669.69	Von Kamecke, Nobuko	3,176.94
Talkin, Mari E.....	4,056.19	Vose, Nichole E.	2,604.30
Tannebring, Hannah E.....	3,499.73	Wade, Rachel E.	2,798.13
Tardif, Gail P.	1,994.25	Wagner, Teresa Ann.....	7,236.23
Tassinari, Richard C. & Jennie M.	2,291.67	Wagstaff, Kristine M.	2,524.39
Taylor, Alan K. & Wanda D.....	4,284.29	Walker, Judith M.	
Taylor, James R.	1,778.11	McCarthy, Daniel	2,388.18
Taylor, Patricia A.....	2,352.53	Walker, Melissa M.....	2,605.14
Temple, John & Shelly	1,853.41	Walker, Stephen E. & Etta A.	4,110.36
Theobalds, Doug.....	5,257.20	Wallace, John Andrew & Sondra Stigen..	3,861.54
Theobalds, Douglas C.		Wallace, Lindy L.	2,951.13
Zonjee, Paul F.....	14,028.17	Wallace, Raymond L. Jr.	3,410.23
Thomaston Auction Properties LLC	18,998.72	Wallace, Shawn R. & Salina-Marie	3,608.23
Thomaston Baptist Church Parsonage	3,157.23	Wal-Mart Real Estate Business Trust ..	323,661.52
Thomaston Federated Church Parsonage	3,646.95	Walsh, Erin	880.96
Thomaston Hotel LLC	114,803.14	Walsh, Richard E. & Catherine L.....	2,034.81

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Ward, Benjamin C.	3,336.03	Williams, J. Vance	
Ward, Neil K. & Polly A.	5,468.21	Luchetti, Carol Q.	6,517.40
Warford, Faye F. & Bill J.	2,827.27	Willis, Jason & Karyn M.	2,436.08
Wass, Jeffrey D.	2,945.33	Willis, Paul J. & Karen E.	2,894.51
Wasson, William M. & Judith A.	3,104.42	Wilson, Janice F.	3,502.70
Waters-Grubb, Theresa M.	3,149.13	Wilson, Paul G. & Sandra A.	8,006.18
Watkins, Kendra L. & Jonathan M.	11,317.02	Wilson, Timothy H.	3,729.91
Watson, Zachary D. & Mary	1,956.62	Wincapaw, Karen	2,315.44
Watts, Bentley M.	1,227.82	Winchenbach, Eugene F. III & Leila C.	3,204.95
Watts, Harold & Lauren B.	4,350.61	Winslow, Lisa C.	3,674.37
Watts, James M. & Elizabeth	2,661.06	Winslow, Richard C. & Nancy L.	2,324.38
Watts, Robert F. Jr.	2,291.00	Winsper, Alexandra	2,615.92
Watts, Robert F. Jr., Bentley M. &		Winston, Mark D. & Jody E.	2,618.59
Timothy M.	1,546.64	Witham, Troy H. & Dawn M.	3,587.32
Weaver, Benjamin M.	1,736.14	Wojtul, Peter	2,822.62
Weaver, Donald J. & Laurel B.	7,553.20	Wolfe, Christopher W.	2,291.79
Weaver, Julia M. Estate		Wolfertz, Melody	1,986.36
Weaver, Clifton W., Heir	2,528.78	Wood, Nancy M.	4,998.11
Webster, Craig H. & Mary D.	3,333.04	Wood, Timothy	
Weddle, Jacqueline E.	1,873.09	Harkins, Amanda	2,126.72
Weed, Curtis B. Jr. & Karen S.	1,544.49	Wood, Wendy Jo W.	2,088.42
Weintraub, Harry E., Ilene F. & Paul A.	2,834.13	Woodman, Chandler S. & Arlene C.	3,356.27
Wells, John F. & Roxanne	3,653.69	Woodman, Jeffrey M. & Christina L.	21,968.65
Wescott, Kevin	9,991.98	Woodward, Michael J. & Dominique K.	2,708.13
Westover, Gerald F. & Coleen A.	3,900.28	Wooster, Henry T.	
Wheaton Family Trust	3,189.94	Dallman, Laura	2,841.12
Wheaton, B. Thomas	1,703.26	Workman, Robert & Joan & Noah	1,113.10
Whipple, Betty	441.12	Worley-Smith, Brett	
White, Leona	2,047.67	Smith, Russel J. Estate	3,702.16
Whithead, Michael W.		Wotton, Sherwood L. Jr. & Patricia J. Moran	3,551.05
Wolfe, Kathryn S.	3,641.63	Yakovenko, Scott W.	4,159.75
Whiting, Scott K.	3,367.53	Yates, Jason R.	4,094.56
Whitney, Barbara G.	7,064.13	Yates, Jason R.	
Whitten, Leroy R. Jr. & Susan M.	5,848.05	Ripley, Daphne L.M.	4,065.97
Wiggin, Harold L.	1,875.47	Young, Marjorie A. & Bradford D.	
Wiggin, Ruth A.	1,689.97	Libby, Noreen	3,610.70
Wigglesworth, Allan F. & Laurel B.	3,060.78	Young, Michael S. & Amy K.	2,865.94
Wiley, Donald E. & Geraldine M.	3,351.14	Young, Robert O. & Cynthia L.	4,918.84
Willett, Jerry L.	2,182.85	Young, Tammi L.	2,146.81
Williams, Irene Brooks	1,435.15	Zwick, Gerald D. & Micaela B.	5,188.99

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Advanced Roof Systems, Inc.	819.35	DIRECTV LLC	132.45
Aimee's Haircuts	6.61	Dish Network LLC	69.66
Alcott Boat Co., LLC	7.47	Donna's Little Darlings Daycare	181.04
Amerigas Propane LP	1.67	Dorman's Dairy Dream	197.29
AMG Transport	40.77	Dragon Products Co. LLC	557,444.32
Applebee's	3,758.40	Dunkin' Donuts	859.26
Art Tibbetts Marine Contractors	949.38	East Coast Rover Co.	22.60
Arthur D. Henry, Inc.....	520.40	eFunds Corporation.....	2.87
Aspen Dental.....	917.34	Elavon.....	131.63
Athens Mediterranean Pizzeria LLC	629.51	Elite Glass.....	268.18
Bayview Press	31.54	Elizabeth's Cuts and Styles	36.38
BBK Plumbing & Heating, Inc.	27.94	Enterprise Rent-A-Car Co. of Boston LLC..	289.73
Beechwood Apartments	228.70	Epifanes N.A., Inc.	1,768.56
Benjamin D. Knight Software Development..	3.24	F & A's Market.....	295.45
Best Felts, Inc.....	137.93	Fabian Oil, Inc.	1,332.72
BG Shaw Enterprises, Inc.	7.28	Fastenal Company	1,428.18
Bissell Rental LLC.....	36.38	Faustini Moto.....	23.55
Blue Maple Systems	176.48	Feed Store Inc.	22.83
Branch Brook Farm.....	40.50	Ferraiolo Construction Co.	19,474.09
Bridal Bouquet Floral.....	3.89	First Data Merchant Services Corp	14.92
Brooks Forest Products	456.27	Flagship Cinema	12,208.95
Brooks Trap Mill	11,726.62	Fred's Coffee	20.07
Bryant Construction.....	741.57	Fujifilm North America Corp.....	49.02
C.H. Rich, Inc.	74.82	Gemstone Goddess	22.33
Camden National Bank	731.36	Grayhawk Leasing LLC	880.34
Carney Electric	22.02	Great Heron Works	35.69
Casco Bay Vending	180.48	GreatAmerica Financial Svcs Corp.....	79.18
Cash Depot	31.96	Guardian Lawn Care	278.58
Catalano's Construction Inc.	92.95	Hall Funeral Home & Cremation Services...	50.04
Central Maine Power Co.	407.32	Hampton Inn & Suites.....	2,665.67
Chambers Jewelers & Gemologist.....	22.60	Hershey's Ice Cream	68.76
Charles M. Walsh	37.13	Hewlett-Packard Financial Services	28.30
Chemrock Corp. of DE.....	23.32	Hillman Group Inc.....	351.62
Chep USA	393.78	Hi-Tech Communications.....	106.81
China Fortune Inc.	139.06	Horse & Hound Veterinary Services.....	862.42
Cigaret Shopper.....	229.66	Hughes Network Systems, LLC.....	6.03
Cisco Systems Capital Corp	8.16	Hybrid Fitness	575.58
CIT Bank, NA.....	239.59	IM Wireless Thomaston	837.20
CIT Finance LLC.....	154.84	Interstate Septic Inc.....	838.27
Coastal Child Care Center.....	30.98	Jeff's Marine, Inc.....	1,287.03
Coca-Cola Bottling of NNE, Inc.....	399.45	KDK, LLC.....	2,625.71
Coca-Cola Company	49.29	Kendra L. Potz, Esq.	11.87
Coinstar Asset Holdings, LLC	127.05	KeyBank National Association	15.68
Conopco, Inc.....	68.65	Knox Hotel Apartments	406.75
Core-Mark Midcontinent.....	76.71	Komatsu Financial Limited Partnership ..	8,581.30
Creative Images Hair Salon.....	87.86	Ladco Leasing.....	17.27
Creek Hill Auto Repair	540.33	Little Lady Electrolysis Shop.....	3.58
CSC Service Works.....	23.73	Lowe's Home Centers, Inc.	28,309.67
Custom Coatings, Inc.	114.78	Lucette Boarding Home Inc.....	1,229.57
Custom Museum Publishing, Inc.....	67.54	Lyman Morse Boatbuilding Co. Inc.	9,715.33

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Maine Fiber Co., Inc.	355.12	Safety-Kleen Systems Inc.....	7.74
Maine RSA#1 Inc.	768.86	Sandra L. Hoekstra Bookseller	188.64
Maine Water Company	63,881.73	Scientific Games Int. Inc.	43.28
Mainely Lobster and Seafood	395.77	Scott B. Kingsley DMD	271.46
Manchester-Nashua Cellular Telephone, LP.....	48.64	Semper Fi Functional Fitness/GSD LLC....	428.02
Mason's Creations	69.82	Shepard Brothers Storage.....	36.46
Mattress Firm, Inc.	829.73	Shepard Motors Inc.	633.13
McDonald's #35296	9,226.80	Shepard Sales Inc.	411.55
Meadows Auto Body	135.75	Slipway Restaurant	1,853.94
Merge MD Solutions LLC	57.70	Smartstyle #2172.....	296.08
Midcoast Federal Credit Union	3,744.52	Strong & Hokkanen Attorneys	49.73
Midcoast First Aid, LLC	72.84	Strong Agency, Inc.	62.37
Midcoast Marine Supply	164.68	Studio 494	90.31
MidCoLab.....	299.95	SuperCuts.....	482.04
Mike and Crew LLC.....	424.67	Tax Services of America Inc.	84.58
Mobile Mini, Inc.....	95.44	The Black Dirt Guy	593.68
Monkey-Doo Daycare	23.02	The Postcard Dude	30.54
Moondance Art & Gifts	24.84	Thomaston Boat & Engine Works.....	247.08
Mr. Tire Company	737.57	Thomaston Café.....	268.47
Muzak LLC.....	5.42	Thomaston Grocery.....	27.36
National Entertainment Network LLC.....	24.78	Thomaston Laundromat.....	344.13
Northeast Coffee Company	42.97	Thomaston Place Auction Galleries, Inc.	1,898.92
Northern Leasing Systems Inc.....	14.86	Thomaston Recycling.....	1,389.48
Northern New England Telephone Ops LLC.....	349.22	Thomaston Subway.....	914.43
Nouria Energy	401.00	Thomaston Yoga Studio, LLC.....	14.00
NuCo2 Supply Inc.	12.20	Tilbury House Publishers.....	41.84
Oak Run Heating LLC	222.46	Time Warner Cable Internet LLC.....	151.11
Omni Construction.....	19.63	Time Warner Cable Northeast LLC	7,230.96
On the Edge Fitness.....	8.43	TimePayment Corp.	57.70
One Hundred Fifty Main Salon.....	171.61	Tractor Supply Co.	4,641.33
One Hundred One Park Avenue Partners, Inc.....	417.89	Tyco Integrated Security LLC.....	1.49
OPNAD Fund, Inc.	200.51	US Bank National Association.....	124.30
Patriot Builders/Patriot Automotive.....	812.94	Varney Agency	54.88
Pattison Sign Group Inc.....	343.71	Verizon Credit Inc.	104.55
Penobscot Electric Inc.	79.12	Verizon Wireless.....	612.35
Pick Qwik	202.06	Visual Art Imaging.....	147.14
Pitney Bowes Global Financial Svcs LLC.....	45.77	Wal-Mart Stores East LP.....	35,070.10
Pitney Bowes Inc.....	26.66	Wasses Hot Dogs.....	11.80
Praxair Distribution Inc.	1.38	Wayport, Inc.....	15.59
Primo Water Corp	136.30	WBIN Media Co., Inc.....	1,464.39
Professional Tree Service	41.86	wceDesign and wcePublishing.....	88.74
Prog Leasing, LLC	14.30	Western Union Financial Services Inc.	8.50
RealD, Inc.....	257.54	William E. Dornan & Sons	1,083.90
Redbox	152.96	Williams Scotsman, Inc.	30.50
Restaurant Technologies, Inc.	109.57	Winthrop Resources Corp	171.48
Rock City Cycle.....	592.26	Woodcraft Shop, Inc.....	69.11
Rock Coast Plumbing & Heating	206.41	Xpress Natural Gas	17,886.48
Rockland Ford.....	1,999.82	Zack Shack.....	543.41

Top 20 Taxpayers for 2018-2019

Owner	\$3,596,104 Tax	% of Total Tax	Accum % of Total Tax
Dragon Products Co. LLC	\$1,743,563	21.6%	21.6%
Wal-mart Stores East LP/Wal-Mart Real Estate Business Trust	\$372,219	4.6%	26.2%
Lowe's Home Centers Inc.	\$328,697	4.1%	30.2%
Lyman Morse Boatbuilding Co. Inc./Cabot Lyman/Lyman & Sons, LLC/ Adz Partnership	\$163,778	2.0%	32.3%
Hampton Inn & Suites/Thomaston Hotel LLC	\$117,469	1.5%	33.7%
Tractor Supply Co./Mattress Firm/ Aspen Dental/Verizon Wireless/ Greeley Associates, LLC	\$111,303	1.4%	35.1%
Central Maine Power Co.	\$99,378	1.2%	36.3%
Shepard Bros Partnership/Shepard Motors Inc./Shepard Sales Inc./ Shepard Bros Storage	\$90,696	1.1%	37.4%
Maine Water Company	\$88,926	1.1%	38.5%
Flagship Cinema/Steamship Associates LLC	\$77,517	1.0%	39.5%
McDonald's/Nouria Energy/Thomaston Property Holding, LLC	\$65,092	0.8%	40.3%
Brooks Trap Mill/KMB, LLC/Sawmill Lane LLC	\$54,171	0.7%	43.6%
B.F.E. LLC/Greenfield Apts/Midcoast Marine/Fastenal/China Fortune/Elite Glass/Subdivision	\$53,372	0.7%	41.0%
Knox Hotel Assoc. LP	\$48,557	0.6%	41.6%
Midcoast Federal Credit Union	\$40,729	0.5%	42.4%
Applebee's/Rootie Kazootie LLC	\$35,172	0.4%	42.9%
Nightingale, Richard & Mary	\$32,638	0.4%	44.0%
George C. Hall & Sons, Inc.	\$30,397	0.4%	41.9%
Woodman, Jeffrey M. & Christina L./Mainly Lobster & Seafood	\$22,364	0.3%	44.2%
Chemrock Corp. of DE/RRP Judaica Asset Holdings, LLC	\$20,065	0.2%	44.5%

Real Estate Exempt Entities 2018-2019

Organization Name	Exempt Type	Exemption Category
Apostolic Christian Life Ctr	Full	House of Worship
Arcana Lodge #102 K of Pythias	Partial	Fraternal Organization
Assembly of God Church	Full	House of Worship
Baptist Missionary Assn. of America	Full	House of Worship
Coastal Workshop	Full	Benevolent and Charitable Institution
Department of Administration & Financial Services	Full	Maine State Government
Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife	Full	Maine State Government
Department of Transportation	Full	Maine State Government
Dragon Products Co. LLC	Partial	Pollution Control Facilities exempt by DEP Commissioner
Fabian Oil, Inc.	Partial	Business Equipment Tax Exemption
Georges River Land Trust	Full	Literary or Scientific Institution
Knox Scouters Assn	Full	Literary or Scientific Institution
Orient Association	Full	Fraternal Organization
Pope Memorial Humane Society of Knox County	Full	Benevolent and Charitable Institution
RSU #13	Full	Municipal Corporation
Solid Waste Corp. of OH, ST, & T	Full	Municipal Corporation
Southern Maine Wetlands Conservancy	Full	Literary or Scientific Institution
St. James Catholic Cemetery	Full	House of Worship
St. John's Episcopal Church	Full	House of Worship
The General Henry Knox Museum	Full	Literary or Scientific Institution
Thomaston Baptist Church	Full	House of Worship
Thomaston Conservation Commission	Full	Town Owned
Thomaston Dog Park Association	Full	Benevolent and Charitable Institution
Thomaston Federated Church	Full	House of Worship
Thomaston Federated Church Parsonage	Partial	Parsonage
Thomaston Historical Association	Full	Literary or Scientific Institution
Town of Thomaston	Full	Town Owned
United States of America (USCG)	Full	U.S. Government
Volunteers of America	Full	Benevolent and Charitable Institution
William Brazier Post	Full	Veterans Post

Code Enforcement Officer

William Wasson,
Code Enforcement Officer

It is with pleasure that I present this report of the activity of the Code Enforcement Office for the year 2018 to the Town Manager, Board of Selectmen and the citizens of the *Town of Thomaston*.

There were a total of 76 Building Permits issued, 11 commercial, 6 single family dwellings, 6 garages, 22 sheds and 34 various renovations and additions. In addition, there were 39 Plumbing Permits and 2 Demolition Permits issued.

During the year, I made 336 inspections, received 30 complaints, and dealt with 41 violations, one of which is still in from last year 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 law 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.



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

Respectfully submitted,

William Wasson, CEO/LPI

General Assistance

Valmore Blastow, Jr.
General Assistance Admin.



*The "Thursday Crew" at the Thomaston Food Pantry. From Left: Janice Ifemy, Jana Godard, Jacqui Metcalf, and Roberta Carmichael
(Photo Courtesy of Kara George)*

Total expenditures for General Assistance (G.A.) were one of the lowest in thirty years. This year \$2,559.55 was expended on 6 applicants that met State of Maine Department of Health and Human Services (D.H.H.S.) Title 22 guidelines.

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
2018	\$2,560	6	\$413

The Town approved 6 requests for the same \$2,559.55 and averaging \$412.76 each: 2 were for rent, \$1,095; 1 for electric, \$60.00; 2 for \$142.55 for food; 1 for heating fuel, \$296.00; and 1 cremation, \$883.00.

The Town also funded \$1,377.75 from the charitable fund for 4 requests. Additionally, \$743.01 was funded from the Samuel Watts Fund for two requests, plus the annual Rockland District Nursing Blood Pressure Clinics.

Recreation Department

Rene Dorr,
Recreation Director

INTRODUCTION

On behalf of the Thomaston Recreation Department and the Thomaston Recreation Committee, I present the Town Manager, Board of Selectmen, and the Citizens of the Town of Thomaston with a detailed report of operations during the 2018-2019 fiscal year.

GOALS

I have been the Recreation Director for the past 3 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 that is focused on fundamentals and fun. 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.

SENIOR CITIZENS PROGRAMMING

Though our department is seemingly focused on youth and family programming, we continued to offer an exciting program for senior citizens in Thomaston. Senior programs went very well last year with the monthly Friday Lunch and a handful of trips around the area. We went on a Winery Tour, a

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Lighthouse Cruise, a Seadogs game, Maine Maritime Museum and finished with the yearly shopping trip. Thomaston Rec. also sponsored a trip to Naples on the Sango Queen. The trips went very well and we had good weather for most of the adventures. The trips for this summer are in the works and 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. 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 Snow Bowl.

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 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 Midcoast 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,

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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.



Photo Courtesy of Rene Dorr



Thomaston Ambulance Department



*Driver Michael Root, AEMT Earl Sutherland, AEMT Lauren Crane, Paramedic Katy Vanorse, Driver Jess Ward, AEMT Ellie Adams, EMT Shawn Wallace, EMT Alan Leo, EMS Chief Ruston Barnard
(Photo Courtesy of Kara George)*

EMS Chief

Ruston Barnard, Jr.

AEMTS

Ellie Adams

Ben Adams

Lauren Crane

Jaime Leo

Earl Sutherland

Salina Wallace

EMTS

Rebecca Barstow

Sean Goodine

Anthony Leo

Alan Leo

Joseph T. O'Hare

EMTS-Continued

Ellin Schooley

Amanda Shelmerdine

Shawn Wallace

Drivers

Michael Root

Jess Ward

Paramedics/QA/QI

Carrie Adams

Paramedics

Mikial Mazzeo

Abby Planeta

Katy Vanorse

Thomaston Ambulance Department

Ruston Barnard, Jr.,
EMS Chief

To the Town Manager, Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Thomaston, I present to you my last Annual Report as Chief of the Thomaston Ambulance Service. This report is for FY 2018-2019.

The ambulance responded to approximately 321 calls for service this past calendar year. This call volume does not reflect approximately 100 calls that were handled by our mutual aid partners when we were not able to.

We have approximately 20 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.

This year has been an extremely hard year for us answering calls after 6 p.m. at night due to low staffing, member availability, and member commitment to the service. This has caused an increase in use of mutual aid, which, in turn has cost just over \$40,000.00 in fees for the first 6 months of FY 2018-2019. I would like to thank the mutual aid agencies, namely the City of Rockland Fire/EMS for their continued support in answering the calls that we were not able to.

Because of the reasons listed above, this service is at a point where important decisions have to be made by the Budget Committee, Select Board, Town Manager, incoming EMS Chief, and most importantly, you, the citizens. There are options that have been on the table since around this time last year with no real movement. I encourage all citizens to educate themselves on what EMS does, the direction it is heading in this town, and seek out your elected officials for information so informed decisions can be made.

As I have stated before, a lot 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 354-6345 ext. 230.

This year we have provided many training sessions to our members in high efficiency CPR, mass casualty incidents, pediatric emergencies, and respiratory emergencies.

Members attended the annual three-day APEMS Educational Seminar held at the Samoset in Rockport, as well as a national conference held in Nashville, TN. The education and experiences gained from these trainings is paramount for our providers to not only maintain their current certifications, but to learn what is new and what is coming in the future for the field of EMS.

Each year we must comply with annual OSHA mandated trainings, the Town of Thomaston's Risk Management Training program, and other Federal and State mandated training. We have recently tested a new online training program to be more flexible with our providers schedules and it seems to be working out well. All of this training amounts to hundreds of hours annually, most of which can only be obtained on nights or weekends.

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We have purchased and placed in service 7 ballistic vests for our members to utilize when the potential need arises. This is an unfortunate reality, but a necessary tool to help protect our staff.

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 holiday meals to families in need this year over Thanksgiving and Christmas. We have also offered hands only CPR, and Stop The Bleed programs to the public, which we try to do every couple of months.

Members are proud of what they do in this community and the community should be proud to have them. A simple "Thanks" goes along way.

In closing, I would like to say thank you to the entire administrative staff throughout the town, particularly the Town Office Staff, the Town Manager, Police Chief, Public Works Director, Fire Chief, Budget Committee, and Select Board for their continued support over the last several years. It has been a tremendous honor to be part of this system.

Thank you to the citizens of Thomaston, of whom without your support, our service would not exist, and we would not have been able to purchase necessary items that continue to allow us the ability to provide safer and more efficient medical care.

I would like to thank the members of the Thomaston Ambulance Service. Each and every member of this service are what makes this service what it is and are an integral part of the pre-hospital healthcare system. Without them, we would not be able to deliver the care to the citizens that we do.

Lastly, I would like to thank my family for supporting me through this period. There have been many long days, short nights, and missed family events. I could not have done it without your support.

Thank You All and Be Safe! ~ Respectfully Submitted, Ruston N. Barnard, EMS Chief



*McGruff the Crime Dog and EMS Chief Rusty Barnard at the
Tip-A Cop Fundraiser for Special Olympics.
(Photo Courtesy of Sarah Thompson, Penbay Pilot)*

Thomaston Fire Department



Asst. Fire Chief Robert Coombs, Fire Chief Mikial Mazzeo, FF Floyd Lawrence, FF/AEMT Ellie Adams, FF Aubrey Johnston, Lt. Earl Sutherland, Capt. Emeritus Peter Lammert, FF Ed Worthley, FF Charlie Adams, Deputy Fire Chief Jamie Leo
(Photo Courtesy of Kara George)

Fire Chief

Mikial Mazzeo

Deputy Fire Chief

Jamie Leo

Assistant Fire Chief

Robert Coombs

Captain

Ben Adams

Captain

Anthony Leo

Captain Emeritus

Peter Lammert

Lieutenant

Earl Sutherland

Firefighters

Ellie Adams

Charlie Adams

Eric Daniello

Sean Goodine

Matt Graham

Aubrey Johnston

Floyd Lawrence

Brian Soiett

Katy Vanorse

Jess Ward

Stewart Woodman

Ed Worthley

Thomaston Fire Department

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 2018 Annual Report for the Thomaston Fire Department.

This past year we have lost four experienced interior firefighters due to moving away from the area and one due to health reasons. This loss is devastating to our already short roster. Our numbers of interior qualified firefighters is at an all-time low. As I stated in last year's report, this has been a trend across the country as the fire service nationwide is seeing fewer and fewer people joining and staying with volunteer departments. Short of hiring staff on a part-time or full-time basis to augment the volunteer forces, no agency anywhere has been able to find a sustainable solution to the problem. In response, we have again bolstered our mutual aid adding more departments to respond automatically when we are dispatched to building fires. Enhancing or adding to our mutual aid and calling mutual aid earlier on in an incident has become the norm across the county, state and nationally as many volunteer firefighters are working during the day and have other commitments and are unable to respond to calls. This increase of automatic mutual aid only applies to building fires.

We are mandated to have a minimum of 4 interior firefighters on the fire ground to commence interior firefighting operations with the only exception being a confirmed rescue needing to be made. Only 2 of those firefighters can actually enter the building. The other 2 must remain uncommitted outside ready to rescue the firefighters who entered should they need it. This is known as 2 in 2 out. Car fires, dumpster fires and other "outside" fires that require the use of SCBA requires 2 in 1 out. In addition to the 4, there also needs to be an incident commander. This is the extreme minimum. The 2 in 2 out isn't necessarily safe, it's a safety measure. A house fire in Thomaston is no different than a house fire in any other town or city and necessitates the same response. Fire departments typically try to have 3 engine companies, 2 ladder companies, a heavy rescue company, a chief officer and a rapid intervention company respond to the average house fire. That response puts around 20 to 24 firefighters on the initial response. This is the reason we call in so much mutual aid on the initial dispatch of a building fire. We need the same amount of personnel as any other department anywhere; the fire is the same, only the geographical location is different.

We did gain 5 new members during the year. The new members have waited nearly a year to get into the Knox County Fire Academy. We had 6 total personnel who were willing to take the 5-month class. Of those 6, only 2 were able to make the commitment. The other 4 had job and family commitments that interfered with their ability to attend the class. It takes several instructors to teach these classes and makeup sessions are nearly impossible to accomplish. While there is understanding that occasionally someone will miss a class, the general rule from the Academy is 100% attendance is mandatory.

Please understand when I say "commitment" what that actually entails. The Firefighter Academy is offered once roughly every 2 years. It is approximately 5 months long and classes are every Wednesday from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. and every other Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. That does not include study time that is necessary outside of class. In addition, personnel must take the Emergency Vehicle Operators Course (driving emergency vehicles), learn to operate the pumps, aerial device, and our department procedures. Above that, there are requalification requirements and annual state

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mandated training. We are also required to conduct monthly apparatus and SCBA inspections which have been difficult to accomplish with our low numbers. It takes dedication and willingness to basically put your life on hold to just get started, let alone maintain proficiency. On top of it all, it takes extreme courage to actually enter a burning building and go to work. Many new firefighters do not fully understand this until they enter a fire after completing their training and some have quit following that first fire.

As of today, the department has only once failed to respond to a call in some manner. However, we regularly respond with 1 or 2 personnel during the day and some nights. Without an increase of people applying to the department and staying with us for the long haul, who are willing to commit to extensive months of training, responding to calls, entering burning buildings, jumping into cold water and other dangerous tasks, we as a town, will need to explore alternative methods of fire department staffing sooner rather than later. We are always accepting applications and NEED your help. Please apply today.

We have installed mobile iPad devices in the apparatus. These devices will give our personnel mobile access to incident mapping, messaging from dispatch, response plans, building and pre-plan data, responding personnel, hazardous materials information, special rescue information as well as electronic documentation of apparatus, SCBA and station inspections. Eventually they will be used document fire safety inspections as well.

We train throughout the year on a variety of topics including hose advancement, search and rescue, chimney fires, 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 usually on the first Monday of the month starting at 6:30 p.m.

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

Thank you to the residents of Thomaston who continue unwavering support for the fire department.

Respectively Submitted,

Mikial Mazzeo
Fire Chief

Local Health Officer Report

Alan P. Leo,
EMT/Local Health Officer

To the Town Manager, Board of Selectmen 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 I 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 2018, I was contacted once with regards to issues that posed a health concern due to unsanitary conditions in and around a home. The homeowner was contacted and has and continues to comply with clean-up directives.

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 the World Health Organization and updates this year focused on infectious diseases, especially any Flu information, Whooping Cough, Measles, Zika Virus, and general health information and alerts. If anyone is in need of my services, please call me at 207-596-5120.



Alan Leo receives the 2014 EMS Hall of Fame Award.

(Photo Courtesy of Alan Leo)

Respectfully Submitted,

Alan P. Leo, EMT
Local Health Officer

Did you know?

"Maine LHOs were begun in 1863 and have had a long and proud tradition of serving their communities... The local health officer work force has a unique knowledge about how to assist and protect Maine citizens and communities. They are "on the ground", working along with public health nurses, other local health officers, environmental health officials, and other professionals who share the common goal of improving and caring for the health of their communities."

From www.maine.gov

Emergency Management

Valmore Blastow, Jr.,
EMA Director

The Town continues to attempt to stabilize the Public Safety divisions of Thomaston.

The Ambulance Department staffing specifically for call outs at night from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. fell to a rate that Thomaston voters approved an additional \$84,000 to fund up to \$104,000 for Rockland to cover the calls. I believe that the pay rate for per diems should be increased for the day time coverage of 8,760 hours for two individuals on a shift, which has fallen to about 7,000 hours. I also opposed per diem coverage at night as my concern was for the working conditions of an inadequate facility for 24-hour employees. Therefore, I propose paying call out volunteers \$50 to \$75 per hour for a 2-hour minimum. If implemented, I believe the staffing would have been corrected and stabilized last summer.

The second Public Safety issue is Law Enforcement staffing issues. This issue has repeatedly been presented as a failure in wage and benefits compared to other agencies, which is simply not accurate.

The Town continues to apply for grants to fund the replacement of the West Meadow Road Bridge culvert system of the final major existing public transportation project that has not been reconstructed or replaced in the past 25 years. The replacement system was designed by Gartley and Dorsky at an estimated cost of \$330,000.

According to the Gartley and Dorsky design report, there would be potential impacts if the culvert/crossing were to fail. "West Meadow Road is used as a Route 1 bypass by the local population. The road weaves through a scenic rural area from the headwaters of Meadow Brook south to Old County Road, less than one mile from the head of Thomaston Harbor. If the culvert fails, it will affect 6.6 square miles of drainage area, 6.4 miles of Potential Atlantic Salmon Rearing Habitat, 4.9 miles of Documented Active Alewife Streams, 352 acres of Documented Active Alewife Ponds and 295 acres of Freshwater Emergent and Forested/Shrub Wetlands will be cut off from the Atlantic Ocean."

A Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Grant in 2015 was turned down. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) had no funding and in August of 2019 it will be renewed. The Town plans to resubmit an application. However, the Town applied to Northern Borders for a joint grant through the Midcoast Economic Development District (MCEDD) development agent, Bill Najpauer, for a stream crossing grant to be combined hopefully with a FEMA grant through the State Hazard Mitigation Officer of the Maine Emergency Management Agency (MEMA), Anne Fuchs.

The Emergency Management performance grant for an Emergency Management Agency (EMA) work plan continues to not be funded by MEMA for the past two years.

The Town expended \$8,825.00 to fund Geographic Information System (G.I.S.) improved mapping software capability through the State of Maine Orthoimagery which will allow for enhanced reviews on clarity of all the Town's land mass, improving wetland, flood plain, emergency preparedness, etc.



A map showing the West Meadow Road Bridge prepared by the Assessors' Agent David Martucci using the new Geography Information System (G.I.S.) Mapping software.

The Town also received a FEMA Winter Storm Grant payment for the October 30, 2017 storm. A total of \$13,256.50 was expensed with voter approval. Funds of \$11,880.40 went towards the purchase of the backhoe. The Town also has reserved \$22,921.54 of funding in reserve to assist in purchasing an emergency generator for the new Town Office facility to be considered along with an emergency shelter at the same location.



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Library Staff

Blake Donaldson
Diane Giese
Melissa Harjula
Toby Mergendahl
Caroline Ward-Nesbit

Library Volunteers

Lysbeth Andrews
James Augustine
Andi Isaacs
Patty McDonald
Paula Michaud
Erika Pfander
Judy Riff
Ann Robison
Mimi Zwick

40 Days of Summer Staff

Hana Baker
Madison Bollinger
Toby Mergendahl
Delia Saastamoinen

Library Board of Trustees

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Amanda Shortall, Secretary
Lysbeth Andrews
Janet Bosworth
Alice Dashiell
Shirley Hamlin
Lee Heffner
Erika Pfander

15,644 Print Books
6,005 DVDs
2,083 Interlibrary Loans
1,105 Audiobooks
277 eBooks

238

BOOK CLUB ATTENDEES



137

NEW PATRONS



111 KIDS
FED

866 LUNCHES

AT 40 DAYS OF SUMMER

22

PRESENTATIONS,
READINGS, AND TALKS



**1 HELICOPTER
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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: 1,392

Total Material Onsite: 25,645

Total eBooks and Audiobooks Available Online: 16,908

New Adult Books Added: 891

New Children's Books Added: 219

New Digital Media Added: 373

"When in doubt, go to the library."

– J. K. Rowling

"Information helps you to see that you're not alone. That there's somebody in Mississippi and somebody in Tokyo who all have wept, who've all longed and lost, who've all been happy. So the library helps you to see, not only that you are not alone, but that you're not really any different from everyone else."

– Maya Angelou

"A library in the middle of a community is a cross between an emergency exit, a life-raft and a festival. They are cathedrals of the mind; hospitals of the soul; theme parks of the imagination. On a cold rainy island, they are the only sheltered public spaces where you are not a consumer, but a citizen instead."

– Caitlin Moran

What's New

Thomaston Public Library has been delighted to welcome longtime 40 Days staffer Toby Mergendahl to the regular library staff while he takes a gap year after high school. We have particularly welcomed his assistance while we have undertaken two major projects that have long been in the works for the library - migration to a new library management computer system, and reorganizing our collection to make it easier and more accessible for our patrons.

The library will officially go live with MILS (Maine InfoNet Library System), a shared library system specifically for Maine's small libraries, on April 30, 2019. We've been preparing for this change for over two years, which has involved re-barcoding all 25,000 items in the library as well as culling and inventorying the collection and more. It will soon be much easier for patrons to browse our online catalog and request interlibrary loan items.

Our second major project, reorganizing the collection, is complete! Thanks to Toby and Missy's efforts (lots of heavy lifting!), all of our materials are now in their new homes and collections are no longer split between floors.

The main room of the library is home to the following:

- Mystery
- Large print
- Audiobooks
- Graphic novels
- Teen collection (graphic novels, fiction, non-fiction and audiobooks)
- New non-fiction
- DVDs, including TV, movies and documentaries

Across the hall in what was formerly the Children's Room, we have our new Reading Room! It is home to the entirety of our general fiction collection and is a wonderfully cozy, quiet space.

In one half of the lower level, we still have our oversize, non-fiction, and biography collections and our small meeting room for tutoring or study groups. The other half, however, has been converted to our new Children's Area. We have a fun play area with plenty of toys, games, and puzzles in the center of our middle grade, emerging reader, and picture book collections.

On the second floor of the Academy Building, **we are thrilled to have leased a new Conference Room!** This large, sunny room is available for meetings, classes, writing groups, gaming groups, and more. There is no charge for non-profit organizations, so please contact us to check the calendar if you are in need of a meeting space. We have also moved our reference collection to this room because it is also perfect for quiet study and research!

Cornestones of Science, a non-profit organization dedicated to working with public libraries providing programs and resources for science education, generously donated an Orion Star Blast 4.5" Reflector Telescope to the library! The donation was in honor of Rudi Graf for his dedication to community science experiences and as a board member to Cornerstones for many years. The library is looking forward to hosting many astronomy programs soon and the telescope will be available for patrons to borrow to use at home as well.

Services Thomaston Public Library Offers:

- Collection of 25,000 materials, including print books, audiobooks, DVDs, magazines, newspapers, Kindles, and more

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- Readers' advisory – our extremely knowledgeable staff is always happy to help you find your next book to read or DVD to watch
- Bookmobile home delivery services to homebound patrons
- Resource sharing (downloadable books, online databases, and library collections across the nation via interlibrary loan services)
- Free Wifi
- Free passes to the Farnsworth Art Museum
- Printing, faxing, copying and scanning
- Reference services
- Drop-in technology troubleshooting and assistance
- Eight computers available for patrons and community members to use
- Meeting rooms available to local non-profit organizations for tutoring, CSC classes, counseling sessions, teacher work sessions, etc.

Programs:

- **40 Days of Summer** - our wildly successful summer activities and lunch program for school-aged children will be going into its sixth year in 2019
- **Family Movie & Pizza Night** - monthly family-friendly movie selections and free pizza in the main reading room
- **Communi-TEA** - our community gathering on the third Friday of every month with tea, treats, friends and neighbors
- **Friday Night Films** - carefully curated foreign, classic, and indie films every week
- **Book Clubs** - the library currently hosts three vibrant and active book clubs every month: the Intergenerational Book Club, Let's Talk About It, and a new mystery book club
- **Annual Poetry Reading** - hosted in conjunction with publisher and poet Martha Rhodes of Four Way Books every August
- **Weekly storytime**
- **School vacation activities**
- **Author talks, community presentations, photographic exhibits, and more!**

Follow us on social media (our book mail videos on YouTube are fun!) and subscribe to our monthly email newsletter to stay up-to-date on our events, new materials being added to the collection, and services offered.

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 \$16,000 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.

40 Days of Summer Donations/Grants

Stephen & Tabitha King Foundation

Agnes M. Lindsay Trust

Thomaston Public Library

St. John the Baptist Church in Thomaston

Rockland Kiwanis Club

American Legion Post 1 in Rockland, various committees

Many community members also donated money, time, in-kind support to the program which made the fifth 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 international and Maine mysteries, science fiction and fantasy, and graphic novels.

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 Tim Hoppe, Reserve Officer Ian Anderson,
Reserve Officer Tom Eager, Reserve Officer Elizabeth Hart, Reserve Officer Jamie Wilson*

(Photo Courtesy of Kara George)

Police Chief
Timothy Hoppe

Reserve Officers
Ian Anderson
Thomas Eager
Jaime Wilson
Dwight James Jones
Elizabeth Hart
Noah Stevens

Thomaston Police Department

Timothy Hoppe,
Police Chief

To the Citizens of Thomaston,

Thank you for allowing us to continue to be a part of this great community.

The Police Department has handled more than 4,500 complaints in the last 12 months that include the following: motor vehicle crashes, thefts, traffic stops, assaults, property crimes, domestic violence, ambulance assists, well-being checks on residents, security checks on homes and businesses, and school visits. These are just some of the calls we answer on a daily basis.

You may have found out through the media that we have had some staffing issues; however, the current personnel have stepped-up to make sure the shifts are handled. The Sheriff's Department is assisting us in this time of short staffing and covering two days per week. Two reserve officers and I are covering the remaining five days and five nights per week.



"Troy Peasley, Traffic Officer, Rockland PD; Tim Hoppe, Chief Thomaston PD; Shawn Wallace, Knox County Corrections; Mc Gruff; Sparky; and Barbara Brown, Applebee's Manager at the Thomaston Tix-A-Cop for Special Olympics Event."

(Photo Courtesy of Sarah Thompson, Penbay Pilot)

As I right this letter, the speed sign will reappear on the roadways and I will be moving it periodically around Town. If you would like to see it in a certain area of Town, please do not hesitate to contact me or any officer and we will move it to the location requested.

You may have seen some new faces on the department. Ian Anderson comes to us with five years of experience in law enforcement from southern Maine. Ian and his wife wanted to relocate back to the area where they were brought up. He has been a great fit for our

community policing philosophy.

Elizabeth Hart has recently joined our department and brings with her six years of police experience from Florida where she was a Sheriff's Deputy and worked in many divisions. Similar to Ian, Elizabeth is originally from this area and wanted to move back home near her family.

I would like to thank Officers Ian Anderson, Elizabeth Hart, Thomas Eager and Jamie Wilson for their dedicated service.

As always, please stop in with any questions or concerns so we can all work together to maintain this wonderful community in Thomaston.

Animal Control Officer

William Demmons, Animal Control Officer

There were two reports of rabies this year for Knox county . 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 1st through December 31st.) 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 allows for the keeping of small animals in the Residential Zone such as chickens and/or rabbits. The ordinance allows the keeping of up to 12 animals in total and required they be provided with the proper shelter 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 and 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.



*Bill Demmons, Lily, and Sara
(Photo Courtesy of Kara George)*

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.

Pollution Control

John Fancy, Superintendent

The license to operate our Wastewater Treatment Facility was renewed by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) 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. This was not granted. If approved this would have paved the way for the elimination of discharging treated wastewater to the St. George River. The DEP has, however, agreed that Thomaston could construct a man-made wetland that they would license to receive a portion of our treated water. Preliminary work to explore the feasibility of this approach is ongoing.

Keeping our pump stations operating smoothly is one of the major goals of this department. As the stations get older two problems become more common: mechanical issues as the pumps wear out and electrical failures as the controls reach the end of their service life. This year the two 7½ HP pumps at Fish Street Pump Station were replaced with new 15 HP pumps and the controls were upgraded to handle the new pumps including the addition of variable frequency drives. This will allow the pumps to start and stop much more smoothly and run with less electric demand.

To reduce the volume of treated water discharged to the river, a new spray field was set up dedicated for winter use. Two 17-foot towers spray when the temperatures are cold enough creating two piles of ice. The ice melts slowly in the spring and soaks into the ground. This year about 10 million gallons was frozen.

In 2018, the treatment facility treated and discharged about 110 million gallons of wastewater. Of this, 72 million gallons was land applied, 29 million gallons was discharged to the river, and an additional 9 million was made into ice.



*Ice Piles on March 1, 2019
(Photo Courtesy of John Fancy)*

The Department remains dedicated to the 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.

Public Works Department



*Operator John Smith, Operator Mike Davis, Operator Mike Janczura, Operator Dean Camber,
Public Works Director Jim Connon, and Operator Mike Davis*

(Photo Courtesy of Kara George)

Public Works Director

James Connon

Operator/Truck Driver

Dean Camber

Operator/Truck Driver

Jerry Grover

Stump Dump Attendant

Eugene Colson

Operator/Pollution Control

Michael Janczura

Operator/Truck Driver

Mike Davis

Operator/Truck Driver

John Smith

Public Works

Jim Connon, Director

As Director of the Public Works Department for Thomaston, Maine, I am pleased to present the annual report of the Public Works Department activity for the year 2018-2019 to our citizens.

I am happy to announce that Maine Water Company paved a portion of High Street due to a water main break that washed out the road. Also, Maine Department of Transportation (M.D.O.T.) finished the Route 1 Project from Fish Street to the Old Toll Bridge Road. Nitram Excavation completed the work on the new Route 1 Project. They also finished the installation of the screened loam on both sides of Route 1 from the Old Toll Bridge Road to Fish Street.

Before the snow fell, shoulders on some of the roads were cut to make it easier for the crew to plow. We also trimmed bushes and limbs back around the Town before plowing season started.

Throughout last year, the Public Works Department readied for the snow and ice on the roads by testing equipment and stockpiling salt and sand. This was the seventeenth consecutive year the Town plowed, salted and sanded the roads without subcontracted help. The Town crew hauled their own winter sand with the Sterling Dump Truck, International Dump Truck and the new 2018 International Dump Truck, saving extra delivery fees once again this year.

We had a total accumulation of 123 inches of snowfall in the winter calendar year of 2018. Our winter goal was to make all sidewalks and roads passable as soon as possible after a winter storm ended. Our snow removal crew worked tirelessly until conditions were safe for travel.

During the warmer months of 2018, the Public Works crew replaced culverts and ditched several roads in the Town in preparation for paving the following areas: a section of Beechwood Street from 64 Beechwood Street to Erin Street, Bobolink Lane, Dwight Street, Elm Street, Elm St. Court, Knox Ridge Avenue, Knox Street Extension, Water Street, North Street and Valley Street from Booker Street to the School gate. Public Works raised and repaired all the sewer manhole covers, cleaned water drain manhole covers, catch basin covers and replaced culverts on these streets before paving.

George C. Hall and Sons Inc. completed the Safe Routes to School Project behind the Business Block. They paved all of the sidewalks, a portion of Starr Street and Watts Lane. Public Works raised and repaired the sewer manhole covers on Starr Street before the paving project began.

Public Works applied gravel and graded the Greenhouse Hill Road and the Water Tower Road. The gravel roads and gravel turn-arounds are getting back into good shape.

We also painted three street light poles that were from the City of Rockland's Main Street, installing a total of five LED Street Lights from Knox St. to Gilcrest Street.

Public Works

Each year the Public Works Department removes and replaces the floats at the Public Landing. We also performed a lot of repairs and clean-up work for the Harbor Master, Mike Blais. We applied gravel and graded the upper Public Landing parking lot area as well.

The Public Works crew dug holes at the Village Cemetery and around the Town for Peter Lammert, Tree Sexton, so that new trees could be planted. We also cleared out the debris left from several tree companies' removal of trees and limbs.

We repaired more of the catch basins in the Town, cleaned some of the storm drain pipes, cleaned water drains and sewer pipes in the Town with the Jetta loaned by the Pollution Control Department.

The Public Works Department installed asphalt pavement patches on some of the bad spots in the roads of the Town this year and completed excavating and backfilling around the new building going to the spray pipes in the spray fields at Pollution Control. Public Works also helped with the installation of the new gazebo at the prison property. This project has not yet been completed.

The Public Works Department fulfilled usual maintenance duties of the following: mowing the Mall, Academy grounds, pump stations, Pollution Control, Prison Property and the Public Landing, painted the crosswalks and stop bars, swept the streets and cleaned up the winter sand that accumulated 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, cleared up the leaves in the Town during the fall, all the while completing other daily maintenance obligations expected of the crew.

We thoroughly went through all of the plow trucks this fall, did the repairs and had them ready to go. We saved the Town a lot of expense by doing the repairs ourselves. Public Works received the new 2019 John Deere Backhoe and traded in the old 2004 Case Backhoe.

I would like to thank all of my Crew for their hard work and dedication in helping to keep Thomaston running smoothly. Thanks to John Smith, Mike Davis, Jerry Grover Jr., Dean Camber and Mike Janczura. I would also like to thank David Harjula for helping us out with the snow blowing on the Main Street sidewalks.

In conclusion, 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. Cannon-Thomaston Public Works Director

Road Commissioner

Valmore Blastow, Jr.,
Road Commissioner

The Public Works Director, Jim Connon, notified the Town at the end of 2018 of his retirement on May 31, 2019. This position is vital to the public infrastructure and proper maintenance of the Town roads, storm water system, infrastructure, and the safe transportation of the Citizens. The retirement of Jim after 16 years will certainly create a large vacuum in the Public Works operation, as he truly has been a master of his field.

I wish to thank the Citizens of Thomaston for their unwavering support of the multitude of infrastructure projects that have been completed for the next generation to utilize for their health and safety.

Before



The Old Wadsworth Street Bridge



Main Street During Route 1 Construction

After



The Wadsworth Street Bridge Grand Opening Ceremony



Main Street Completed

Photo Courtesy of Valmore Blastow, Jr.

Road Commissioner



MDOT Completed Projects Timeline



2000~ MDOT completed the Wadsworth St. Bridge rail overpass. Wadsworth St. was paved and a sidewalk was installed. MDOT widened Route 131 at Route 1, High St., and constructed a 5 foot wide paved bicycle-hike path south to Port Clyde.

2005~ MDOT Project #8466 deferred the reconstruction of 1.89 miles of Route 1, Mill Creek to the Rockland town line. The Town requested a sidewalk on the north side of Project #8466. MDOT completed a \$1 million plus upgrade of the Wadsworth St. Rail of the storm water system at Wadsworth St. Court. The Town secured from MDOT the granite under Oyster River Bridge that was slated for replacement.

2006 ~ Realignment of Buttermilk Lane to Dexter St. Ext. with a new traffic light at Dexter and Route 1.

2007~ MDOT initiated the Route 1 Reconstruction Project #8466 to Rockland.

2008~ MDOT completed the Oyster River Bridge on Route 131 and reconstructed Old Marsh Rd off of Buttermilk Lane.

2009~ Realignment of Buttermilk Lane is 95% complete.

2010~ Buttermilk Lane realignment is complete at a final cost of \$1,999,668.

2013~ Received a grant from MDOT for the Safe Routes to School project.

2014~ MDOT Wadsworth Street Bridge Project #116755 was awarded to Prock Marine and the MDOT Route 1 Reconstruction Project #17890 was funded. The Town voted to fund 20% match for the South sidewalk to be included.

2016~ MDOT Wadsworth Street Bridge is completed and opened by ceremony with Cushing and Thomaston Selectmen and the Commissioner, David Bernhardt on October 5, 2016. The Route 1 Reconstruction Project is initiated, and the Town is notified of Project #18846 to resurface and widen Old County Road from Route 1 to the Rockland town line.



Road Commissioner

YEAR	HISTORY OF STREETS PAVED			
1994	Creighton Lane, Fish St., High St., Hyler St., Ludwig St., Marsh Rd., School St.,			
1995	Beechwood St., Cross St., Dunbar Rd, Dwight St, Elm St., Old County Rd, Pleasant St. & Route 1 Intersection, Public Landing entrance, Public Works Entrance			
1996	Shibles Lane			
1997	Anna Belle Lane, Beechwood St., Clark St., Dexter St.			
1998	Booker St., Ship St., Water St.			
1999	Overlay on Studley Lane			
2000	Wadsworth St., paving behind the Business Block			
2001	Anna Belle Lane, Beechwood St., Georges St., Marsh Rd, North St., Thomaston St.			
2002	Starr St., Valley St. Watts Lane			
2003	Section of Beechwood St., Booker St., Fish St., Gleason St., Ridgeview Dr., Roxbury St., Sawyer St.			
2004	Bobolink Lane, Booker St., Branch Brook Rd, Charles St., Dennis St., Dexter St. Ext., Duane St., Kossuth St., Maurice Ave, Ridgeview Dr., Sunrise Terrace, Sylvan Rd, Thomas St.			
2005	Upper Beechwood St.			
2006	Section of Beechwood St.			
2007	Section of Beechwood St., Dunbar Rd, Georges St. Toll Bridge Rd			
YEAR	HISTORY OF STREETS PAVED	COST PER	# OF TONS	TOTAL
2008	Erin St., Gilcrest St., Natalie Court, Lower Elliot Ridge, Rear of Fire Station (Route 1)	\$74.00	630	\$49,385
2009	Elliot St., Hyler St., Kossuth St., Ross Ave, School St., Thatcher St.	\$73.50	1,248	\$91,751
2010	Beechwood St., Gleason St.		789	
2011	Dunn St., Green St., Hyler St. Pine St., Ship St., Half of Pleasant St., portion of W. Meadow Rd			\$96,037
2012	Fluker St., West Meadow Rd	\$74.20	1,087	\$80,631
2013	Buttermilk Dr., Lawrence Ave, Marsh Rd, Sunset St., Sunrise Terrace, Thomaston Green	\$85.00	1,291	\$109,726
2015	Anna Belle Lane, Beechwood St., Booker St.	\$70	1,260	\$88,220
2016	Beechwood St., Butler Rd, Dexter Shim, Dexter St., Thomaston St.	\$62.10	2,488	\$154,486
2017	Beechwood St., Fish St., Studley Lane	\$62.95	2,594	\$163,297
2018	Beechwood St., Bobolink Lane, Broadway, Dwight St., Elm Ct, Elm St., Greenhouse Hill Rd, Knox Ridge Ave, Knox St. Ext., North St., Valley St., Water St.	\$61.22	1,960	\$120,000
2019	Broadway, Gay St., Gleason St., Greenhouse Hill Rd., Hyler St., Ludwig St., Public Landing Rd, Public Landing Parking Lot, Ridgeview Dr., Robinson St.	\$77.00	1,705	\$131,285

Tree Warden

Peter Lammert,

Licensed Maine Arborist and Forester

The sad saga of the removals of very old Sugar Maples from the sides of Thomaston's streets continued during the last year. The largest was a twin sugar maple that produced a stump 86" across that was near the corner of Dunn and Gay Streets. This tree had been losing branches for several years and the nearest home owner was relieved when I no longer trusted the twin leaders to not split. Several nearby trees also had dead limbs removed. A large sugar maple, possibly one of the original trees planted when the mall was created, was also removed as it was more dead than alive. Another large sugar maple on School Street was removed as was a red maple on Georges Street. A very large sugar maple on Main Street is failing and is on its last years of leafing out.

I do not know why, but several trees that were planted around 1986 put on a substantial amount of top growth that caused the overwhelmed crotches to split. Crown reductions were undertaken on these injured trees, removing 15 to 20 feet of top growth. Temporary poly rope lines were placed to keep the main leaders from splitting on many of these trees. When there are enough trees that need permanent cables, we will be doing all of them in one day.

I haven't received a comment about Browntail Moths around Thomaston, but I know they are here by their winter webs that are very visible high up in oaks and maples to name a few of their choice trees. The webs are 4 to 5 inches long, silver or whitish in color as they are leaves that the caterpillar has rolled up to overwinter in. If seen, these should be pruned off the branches and burned. These caterpillars shed their body hairs which cause a skin rash on most folks and ever respiratory problems to others.

There are only three maples left of the row that was originally planted on the South side of Hyler Street between Green Street and School Street, and two of these are now dying and will have to be removed.

The trees along Rt.1, that were severely pruned for both the new waterline placement on the Northerly side of the road right of way, and the Southern edge of the new road, do not as yet show signs of the pruning.

I am hoping to do roadside planting this coming year to replace those trees that have been removed over past years.

I again thank Public Works Director Jim Cannon and the crew at Public Works for their continuing assistance in removing the large butt pieces of the trees taken down as well as the stump grindings. They also fill in the stump holes.

If you have tree questions about your trees, do not hesitate to contact me at 691-2900.

Respectfully, Pete Lammert

Solid Waste

Peter Lammert, Select Board Chairman

The amount of municipal solid waste that was transported from the three town collection and compaction site on Buttermilk Drive to first the Penobscot Energy Recovery Corporation (PERC) in Orrington, Maine and then, after the 20 year contract with PERC ended on March 30 of 2018, to ecomaine in Portland ,was about 3785 tons. This is less than last year as the Maine State Prison is no longer using our facility to dispose of their MSW.

The “new” employees at the transfer station, under the direction of the latest manager, Reggie Volk, have turned to service now being the major thing at the transfer station. Gone are the days when employees seemed to hide inside the little building. Currently, if you don’t get out of your vehicle quick enough, your trash will already be in the hopper!

Cardboard has become a significant part of the waste stream at the transfer station. The cardboard container used to take almost a week or more to fill up. Now with folks ordering so much by mail, the volume of card-

board has doubled if not more. At the same time, the commercial haulers who bring both business and residential MSW from the three towns are mixing separated cardboard with MSW and placing it into the hoppers on the hill that are hauled to ecomaine to be burned for energy. If that cardboard were still recycled at Thomaston Recycling on Butler Road in Thomaston, then I’m guessing that 300 tons could be recycled.



“The Board of Directors from the Owls Head-South Thomaston-Thomaston Solid Waste Cooperative presents a plaque of appreciation for years of service to Peter Lammert, second from right, during a meeting April 22.” From left are: Ronnie Porter, Thomaston; Chairman Bruce Colson, Owls Head; Beverly St. Clair, Thomaston; Lammert and Walter Reitz, South Thomaston.

(Photo Courtesy of Beth Birmingham, Courier Publications)

This will be my last solid waste report as I decided for health reasons to remove myself from the board after almost 30 plus years on the board that oversees the operation of the facility. During that time, I attended every course on handling MSW, Recycling and Hazardous Materials Handling that Maine DEP presented ending up with a Transfer Station Operators License. A goal of mine was to create a drive by MSW and recycling facility and that in fact opened July 1, 2016. It has been a great pleasure to serve the residents of Thomaston. Please recycle more.

PART 3:

Boards, Committees, Community Letters & Reports

Thomaston Historic Research Group



Architectural Scavenger Hunt

From left are: Sue Howard, Chris Crossman, Nancy Baker, Peggy McCrea and Assistant Librarian Missy Harjula

(Photo Courtesy of Beth Birmingham, Courier Publications)

Thomaston Academy Board of Trustees

Henry Carey, Chairman

Thomas Mellor, Lynn Snow, Robert Snow, Diane Giese, and Melissa Harjula

Many thanks to the people in the area making use of the Academy as they travel through their life's journey. It is a home away from home for many. The Academy has had a few changes as the MidCoast Christian Academy moved away to a Rockland base. Within a short time, their former area became a home to painting classes under the Artist Ron Frontin. Brandon Berkenbile, another artist, leased a top floor front room for personal use. The third vacant room was leased to the Friends of the Library for their purposes. All of the Christian Academy space was therefore leased.

The Penobscot Bay Family Church closed and this space was leased to the Solid Rock Church. This lease completed the leasing on the top floor. Many new people are using the facility for educational purposes and so continues the history of the Academy building as the oldest continuous educational academy in Maine.

The Library has continued to renew itself providing time and place for many activities including well designed teas, a wonderful attractant.

Trekkers will be provided time and space for their annual walk/race. Hopefully we will again have the Aimone artist team, Steve and Katherine, in the gym for the months of July, August, and September. This special pair draws artists from across the U.S. and Canada to their art classes. Thus spreading our "fame" far and wide. As you will see in the Library's Report, many

individuals and groups are drawn here to share activities and time and space.



Aimone Art Services Classes at the Thomaston Academy

(Photo Courtesy of aimoneartservices.com)

The Board of Trustees appreciate the manner in which the public and the lease holders care for their areas and the Academy as a whole. The building remains a prime educational asset for the coastal area. Many thanks to the Public Works Department for their maintenance support and the town office crew for their support. More importantly, our thanks to the town for enabling us to provide a fine educational entity in town.

Watts Block Trustees

Bill Hahn, Chairman

James Cuthbertson, Neal Guyer, Chris Hirsch, Neil Krane

I am pleased to submit this report for the Watts Block Trustees for 2018.

As always, the auditorium supported a variety of uses throughout the year. These included three weddings, martial arts classes, CPR classes, two memorial services, a birthday party, and a sock hop, in addition to Watts Hall Community Players productions throughout the year and their summer musical, *Pirates of Penzance*, that was featured in late June. There were also seventy five meetings, municipal and private, held during the year.

The Trustees continued to work to maintain and improve the property throughout the year. As part of that effort, a grant application was submitted to the Belvedere Historic Preservation Fund which resulted in an award of \$20,000 for the completion of energy related upgrades to the building. Installation of LED lighting, energy efficient entrance doors, and interior storm windows are being completed as a result.

For several years a priority has been to develop air conditioning in the auditorium. The need for this was especially noted this past summer during performances of *The Pirates of Penzance* which played during two extremely hot weekends. Several grant applications have been submitted to various foundations over the past two seasons by members of the Watts Hall Community Players. As a result, \$5,000 has been awarded to the Town by the Morton - Kelly Charitable Trust and the Players have raised \$8,000 from performances which will be designated for this purpose. It appears, after discussions with the Belvedere Fund administrator, that this project might be a good fit for their mission; an application will be submitted this spring, with a maximum amount of \$20,000. The total estimated cost of the work is \$ 40,000.

Relocation of municipal office spaces to the former Lura Libby School raises the question of future uses of the building and the associated costs and benefits to the community. The Trustees welcome your thoughts and concerns as recommendations are developed.

Use of the auditorium or present Select Board room can be arranged by contacting Donna Culbertson in the Town Office, 354-6107. The Board welcomes any suggestions or concerns that might be offered, and will also welcome any contributions of time or effort.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Hahn

Thomaston Village Cemetery

Peter Lammert,
Cemetery Sexton

There were 27 interments in the Village Cemetery during 2018. Eleven were full body while the remaining 16 were cremains. The number of full body burials reflects the ages of the deceased and the usual burial style of that age group. The usual average number of burials is between 22 to 24 so the 27 burials is higher than average.

Claybrook Landscaping was again the mowing contractor, and from all the comments of how good the cemetery looked, they continue to do a fine job.

The Thomaston Historical Society sponsored a stone cleaning and restoration event in early summer just after the annual Major General Henry Knox birthday celebration where by 10 to 20 daily volunteers worked on unearthing bits and pieces of grave stones and piecing them back together. Others, with the aid of a \$2,000 moveable leg tripod, up-righted and in one case moved, whole stones from one place to safety. I am hoping that more of this work continues by raising the remaining fallen stones near the Knox grave site.

The heavy tree and branch removal work that was done two springs ago has proved that a good job was done as no new branches have fallen during the numerous windstorms that have occurred. There was one sugar maple tree on the North side of Avenue 2 that broke off during the worst windstorm but no tree work was done on that avenue.

Personal trash dumped in the rubbish cans continues to be a problem.

If you have any questions about purchasing a grave lot in the Sunrise section, please contact the Town Clerk. I am available most days and weekends to answer any other questions about the cemetery.

Respectfully submitted,

Pete Lammert 691-2900

Board of Assessors

Fred Wigglesworth, Chairman

Joan Linscott and Peter Lammert

Where the Money Goes

Money is voted by the citizens of Thomaston, usually at the Annual 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 2018/2019 was **\$3,443,270**, up from \$3,259,456 for 2017/2018, an increase of \$183,814.

The tax assessed by Knox County 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 2018/2019 was \$386,518. Dispatch service for Fire, Ambulance and Police was billed separately for \$82,257, bringing the County total to **\$468,774**, up from \$450,349 for 2017/2018, an increase of \$18,425.

Thomaston's share of the RSU #13 budget totals **\$5,840,695** for 2018/2019 as compared to \$5,603,934 for last year. However, the State of Maine contributed \$1,395,393 (down from \$1,508,517 last year). After deducting the State share, Thomaston's share to educate our children is **\$4,445,302**, up from \$4,095,417 for 2017/2018, an increase of \$349,885.

This year the Dragon Cement TIF agreement plus the Downtown TIF has an effective appropriation of **\$852,764**, up from \$789,457 for 2017/2018, an increase of \$63,307.

These amounts are added together to make up the total tax liability for the Town of Thomaston, which is **\$9,210,111** for 2018/2019, up from \$8,594,679 for 2017/2018, an increase of \$615,432 total.

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>2018/2019</i>	<i>2017/2018</i>
Municipal Revenue Sharing	\$172,394	\$156,402
Homestead Reimbursement	\$184,283	\$140,393
BETE Reimbursement	\$101,139	\$89,170
Local Road Assistance	\$24,916	\$24,572
Veteran's Reimbursement	\$3,729	\$3,510
General Assistance Reimbursement	\$1,086	\$2,955
Gas Tax Refund	\$1,783	\$1,724
Tree Growth Reimbursement	\$1,137	\$992
Snowmobile Reimbursement	\$331	\$285
<i>Revenue Raised in the Town</i>	<i>2018/2019</i>	<i>2017/2018</i>
Interest on Taxes and Lien Costs	\$32,202	\$31,094
Permit Fees	\$33,905	\$19,529
Thomaston Academy Rent & Utilities Reimbursement	\$31,730	\$30,523
Verizon Tower Lease	\$26,657	\$17,457
Excise Taxes	\$501,567	\$474,974
Cable TV Franchise Fee	\$22,497	\$20,736
Other Income	\$4,359	\$35,448
TOTAL REVENUE USED TO OFFSET TAXES	\$1,143,715	\$1,049,764

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This leaves **\$8,066,396** (which is \$9,210,111 minus \$1,143,715; last year's total was \$7,544,915, an increase of \$521,481) 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 **\$18,559** (\$10,366 last year) in Overlay, bringing the total for tax commitment to **\$8,084,955** (which is \$8,066,396 plus \$18,559; last year the total was \$7,555,281, an increase of \$529,674).

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 (**\$8,084,955**) and divide it by the total taxable valuation (**\$386,285,497**, which is down from \$389,447,476 last year). This yields a decimal percent of .02093, which is better understood when expressed as "\$20.93 per thousand valuation." In other words, for every thousand dollars of value you own, you are assessed \$20.93 as your fair share of the tax. This rate is up \$1.53/M from last year.

The tax rate this year is up 7.9% over last year. The respective changes are School budget up 8.5%; County Tax & Fees up 4.1%, Town spending up 5.6% and the TIF costs up 8.0%.

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.

The Homestead Exemption can be deducted from your total value before taxes are computed, this year the exemption is \$20,000 multiplied by the State Assessment Ratio, which is 100% this year. The State reimbursement has risen from 50% to 62.5% of these lost taxes and the remaining 37.5% 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 or early October usually). This exemption, like the Veteran's and Blind Exemptions, will be carried on the books each year you live here; you do not need to reapply each year.

There are different types of property and two basic classes, Real Estate and Personal Property, and by law the same tax rate applies to each. Not all property is taxable; Federal, municipal or State property, non-profit organizations, religious institutions and others are exempt from all or partial taxes. An exemption on personal property was instituted by the State of Maine a few years ago, the Business Equipment Tax Exemption or BETE, which last year was extended by the Legislature to certain types of real estate fixtures. We are reimbursed a portion of the lost taxes by the State at the present time. Certain types of business equipment or fixtures may be exempt if the business makes an annual application. Contact the Agent for more information.

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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 \$417,591 but we chose an overlay of \$18,559 which is used to cover abatements and the like. Last year we raised \$10,366.

The Board has its monthly meetings on the **FOURTH THURSDAY, now usually at 9:30 am**, but sometimes at other times to accommodate the personal schedules of the Assessors, to decide on abatements or supplemental tax assessments and to review the progress of the work conducted by the Agent. You may subscribe to the Town's email list and get notices of our meetings delivered right to your email box. Contact the Agent for details.

We feel the current Agent, Dave Martucci, is working out well and we appreciate his hard work. We hope you agree with us.

Board of Assessors



Board of Assessors~ From left are: Joan Linscott, David Martucci, Fred Wigglesworth, and Peter Lammert

(Photo Courtesy of Beth Birmingham, Courier Publications)

Comprehensive Plan Committee

Daryl Hahn & Peggy McCrea, Co-Chairs

Elizabeth Allen, Diana Beach, Cindy Bertocci, Jon Eaton, Ben Griffin, Andrew Josephs, Peter Lammert, Peter McCrea, Jessica Shepard, Jeanne Short

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 2018.

Having conducted and analyzed written public surveys and held several "Thomaston Talks" sessions with the public throughout 2017 to gather input regarding the future direction of the Town, the Committee spent most of last year gathering the basic data regarding the Town's current resources and residents and drafting the data and analyses sections of each Chapter of the Comprehensive Plan. To assist in this process, the Committee engaged graduate students from the Muskie School of Public Service at the University of Southern Maine. In addition, one or more Committee members had meetings with the Town's elected officials and staff, representatives of major Town businesses, the Superintendent of RSU #13, and others to gather information about critical aspects of the Town's infrastructure, resources, services, financial condition, operations, economy and educational system. The Committee also hosted one additional "Thomaston Talks" event in May 2018 on preserving Thomaston's historic character.

By early 2019, individual Committee members had completed drafting the data and analyses sections of most of the chapters of the Comprehensive Plan, including the Chapters on History, Population, Housing, Economy, Transportation, Community Services, Natural and Marine Resources, Recreation, Fiscal Capacity and Land Use. The Committee devoted significant time throughout 2018 and early 2019 to detailed reviews and edits of the individual Chapter drafts.

Now that the basic data gathering and the drafting of the factual underpinnings of the Comprehensive Plan are complete, the Committee is turning its attention toward developing preliminary policies and strategies (including proposed action items) to implement the initiatives for the Town's future that have been identified through the data analyses and public input. Once these preliminary policies and strategies are developed, the Committee will present them to Town residents through public meetings and/or other outreach efforts to obtain input before the final Comprehensive Plan is prepared and presented to the voters for approval.

The Committee would like to express its gratitude for the constructive input it has received from the public and the time and effort devoted to the process by Town elected officials and staff.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ben Griffin, Secretary

Harbor Committee

John Snyder, Chairman

*Nancy Armstrong, Robert Armstrong, Sandy Bolster,
Sandi Jordan, Peter McCrea, Derek Orff, Doug Theobalds*

Thomaston Harbor Committee continues in its work to protect our harbor and its environs. As stewards we work to assure that the harbor remains a viable public resource that will continue to serve recreational and commercial marine related interests for decades to come. We honor and respect Thomaston's past glory as a shipbuilder and a center of maritime commerce. Today, with that in mind, we also focus on the harbor and upper St. George River estuary as an important natural resource to be protected and preserved.

As a committee, we are comprised of residents, fishermen, and business stakeholders focused on a variety of critical issues including those involving public access, moorings, wharfage, navigational hazards, and long range planning for the public and private use of the harbor and its waterway.

This season's work list includes much needed replacement of the Town Landing perimeter fence with current funding, a continued search of funding for a replacement Harbormaster boat, and the pursuit of maintenance dredging in federal waters beyond the stone monument navigation aid by the US Army Corp of Engineers.

The newest member of the committee is town resident Marshall "Sandy" Bolster. He replaces 15-year committee member Jim Cuthberthson. We are deeply indebted to Jim for his service.

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.



Thomaston Harbor (Photo Courtesy of marinas.com)

Planning Board

Joanne Richards, Chairwoman

*Melissa Reynolds, Joan Sanborn, Noreen Mullaney,
Jeff Creighton, Virginia Blanchard, Charles Frattini*

It is with pleasure that I present this report of the activity of the Planning Board for the year 2018 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:

- 14 conditional use requests
- 3 site plan reviews
- 1 amendment to a subdivision
- 1 site inspection
- 1 sign review
- 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.



*The Planning Board conducts a site visit in Thomaston.
(Photo Courtesy of Beth Birmingham, Courier Publications)*

Thomaston Historic Research Group

Peggy McCrea, Chairwoman

*Colin Nelson, Ann Robison, Sue Christensen, Sue Howard,
Nancy Baker, Patricia Smith, Susan Devlin, Sarah Robertson,
Maria Maria Jose Amerin*

Thomaston's historic architecture has been appreciated by its residents for over 200 years. The Historic Thomaston Research Group (HTRG) was formed to encourage the continuance of this appreciation and to ensure that it remains for future generations to enjoy.

Through awareness HTRG hopes to provide residents with a new appreciation and understanding of Thomaston's architectural heritage. The town has a historic business district plus over 350 original 19th century homes still housing its citizens. Over 100 historic structures – many with few exterior alterations – lie within an established National Historic District and several are listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The buildings represent several architectural periods spanning 200 years of styles and traditions.

Why is this awareness important?

Once the historic fabric of a town is lost due to neglect or financial inability to maintain, it is lost forever, and along with it would go much of Thomaston's singularly unique history. Within the last decade alone, over 12 historic buildings have been demolished or destroyed by fire. Lower Wadsworth Street has had the biggest loss - four 19th century homes, all on one side of the street. Today some buildings along Main Street and on our side streets also show troubling signs of neglect.

Realizing that a large part of the problem is the inability to financially care for these large old captains' homes, we are looking for solutions through possible grants and partnerships with organizations who might offer assistance. We strive to come up with ideas that will help preservation and maintenance efforts that will benefit all.

Whatever we do, now is the time to act. Recognizing the threat of a potential loss our historic buildings is the first step. Next is to raise an awareness of the importance of preservation, and finally, to take steps to maintain and preserve our historic inventory.

As a way to increase awareness, HTRG launched an Architectural Scavenger Hunt last fall to prompt people to look more closely at the architecture of selected houses and to take note of the individual features and characteristics that identify them.

Watch for ongoing educational programs and lectures, many with which HTRG hopes to work jointly with the Thomaston Library and the Thomaston Historical Society. Regular monthly meetings are held at 7 p.m. in Watts Hall on the first Thursday of the month.

Submitted by Peggy McCrea,
Chairperson



Overlock fleur de lis architectural element

Thomaston Historical Society

Susan Devlin, President

The Thomaston Historical Society's top focus in 2018 was the restoration of our museum building, which is over 220 years old, the only surviving building from the Knox estate and the former Thomaston Train Station. Moisture that collected around the foundation and from old gutters seeped through the cellar walls put both the building and the collection at risk. After raising the money needed and gaining approval from the Maine Department of Transportation (MDOT), we dug around the building's foundation to patch, seal, and insulate the foundation, installed pipes to move water in the ground from the sump pump and from new gutters away from the building. A holding tank, pump, and generator were installed to carry the water to the Thatcher St. storm drains.

As with any restoration work on a very old building there were surprises: rotten window sills and rot in the side door sill.

A new wheelchair ramp now comes out from the building towards the drive to provide better access and meets current code.

After completing the exterior work, a cellar floor was poured over a moisture shield, and the sump pump and dehumidifier were replaced. Now cellar humidity readings have dropped significantly from highs over 80% to consistent readings of 40% to 45%.

We also replaced the malfunctioning, expensive temperature and humidity control unit in the first floor archive room. The new heat pump unit now provides archival conditions to both floors of the ell and allows us to open the first floor ell to the public. When we finish moving many archival items to the second floor we will be able to convert the first floor of the ell to an archival library and gallery so we can display many items currently in storage.

In addition to this restoration work, we sponsored several events this year:

- Our annual business tour was of Brooks Trap Mill.
- There was a large turnout again this year at the Knox Memorial Service at the cemetery on July 21st.



Foundation work at the Thomaston Historical Society Museum Building.

Thomaston Historical Society

- During four hot days in July we sponsored a cemetery restoration workshop, led by conservator Joe Ferrannini of Grave Stone Matters. Our goal was to train a core group of volunteers to seed and train others during cemetery “Lean and Clean” workdays. Thanks to Sexton Pete Lammert for his support.
- Our summer house tour was at the beautiful Capt. Watts house on Elliot, with refreshments served on a deck overlooking the river.
- The archaeological dig in the field adjacent to the museum, started in 2017, was completed with a weekend dig focusing on a spot particularly rich with artifacts. Visit the museum this summer to see an exhibit about these findings after the final report and artifacts are received from archaeologist, Harbour Mitchel. Many thanks to the Lyman family for allowing this dig on their property.



*Stone Restoration at the
Thomaston Village Cemetery*

- Our first “Salute to Veterans” reception was held in November, chaired by new THS board



“Salute to Veterans” Reception at the THS

member, Sandy Moore, who is now spear heading our veterans activities. Attendance far exceeded expectations. Six Quilts of Valor were given to WWII and Korean Veterans and 30 Certificates and medals were given mostly to Vietnam Veterans. The event was put on with help from Orient #15 Lodge of Masons of Thomaston, General Henry Knox Museum, Lady Knox DAR Chapter, American Legion, Boy Scout Troop 215 – Thomaston and Midcoast Community Band.

- Because of increased attendance at our talks, we out- grew the museum space. All talks were given at Watts Hall, with attendance exceeding 70 participants for three out of 6 talks.

- Our 12th annual Home for the Holidays

reception and tour continues to be so popular that we have had to limit reservations to the Friday night gala. At this year’s gala we honored Val Blastow for his tireless dedication and selfless loyalty to Thomaston.



From left, Debbie Wheaton, Town Manager Valmore Blastow, Jr., and Susan Devlin during the presentation of a lifetime membership in the Thomaston Historical Society to Blastow. In the background are Mimi Zwick, Home for the Holidays Chair, and Hank Carey, last year's honoree.

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

Susan Devlin	President/Curator
Bill Gay	Vice-President
Aleta Kilborn	Secretary
Ron Gamage	Treasurer
Bill Eberle	Website Editor/Restoration Chair
Sally Ploski	Membership Chair/Facebook Editor
Sandy Moore	Veteran Projects
Brooks Stevens	Financial Chair/Knox Day Chair/Grounds
Mimi Zwick	House Tours
Kathy Daley	Nominations Chair
Rod Grindell	Technical Support
Marquita Chambers	Member at Large
Eve Anderson	President Emeritus
Peggy McCrea	Historian

We added two new membership categories this year: Gold Business Membership and Legacy Lifetime Member (over age 75). We already have nine Gold Business Members. We are a fully volunteer organization, committed to keeping our fees low or free to meet the diverse needs of our community. If you are not a member, please consider joining at one of the membership categories: Individual Member (\$20), Family Membership (\$30), Legacy Lifetime Member (\$250), Silver Business Member (\$50) or Gold Business Member (\$100).

Watt's Hall Community Players

Daryl Hahn, Director

Watts Hall Community Players began another season with a high-energy, fun-filled, somewhat altered, version of Gilbert & Sullivan's *The Pirates of Penzance*! Congratulations and thank you to Jim Cuthbertson for his vision of placing the action of this classic show on the 1959 New Jersey shore. The concept was all his as was the ingenious set design, complete with boardwalk, roller coaster and Ferris wheel! With his vision, the work of roughly 60 volunteers behind the scenes and a cast of 40, the Watts Hall stage once again came alive to the great appreciation of an audience of over 600!

The only down-side of *The Pirates of Penzance* was the fact that our performances were smack in the middle of an extraordinary heat wave! So, while the show was a huge success, it gave the Board renewed energy to raise money to install air-conditioning in the Hall. Having secured grant money combined with proceeds from our shows and benefits, the Board is about half way to raising the money needed for the job. We're hopeful that at least some of the work will be done before we move into the next heat wave.

Just before the holiday, Watts Hall Community Players presented a community reading of Dylan Thomas' *A Child's Christmas in Wales* followed by hot chocolate and caroling. A true sense of community filled the Hall for this heartwarming tale of childhood memories, as we all delighted in a renewed sense of the spirit of the season.

Then came February and the *Sock Hop*! An amazing number of people came out to brush off the winter blues and dance the night away! The Hall was transformed by crepe paper, puff balls and even a disco ball into a blast from the past and 50s costumes. High School senior pictures of local notables and great refreshments completed the scene. A huge "Thank You" goes out to DJ Dan Miller for spinning the platters and keeping everyone on the dance floor doing the jitterbug, twist and stroll. A lot of people have been saying that it needs to become an annual event!

Music in March brought the chance to enjoy the talents of Thomaston musicians along with a little comedy. Over 100 people attended the show and the "community" in Watts Hall Community Players was again apparent. We have so many amazingly talented people in town and everyone clearly enjoyed the afternoon.

This summer Watts Hall Community Players will bring you *Once Upon a Mattress*, another rollicking and often silly musical. "If you thought you knew the story of 'The Princess and The Pea,' you may be in for a walloping surprise!" 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.

At least be sure to join us at Watts Hall, June 28, 29, 30, & July 5, 6, and enjoy the show!

Watt's Hall Community Players



Music in March Event



Jim Cuthbertson & Bill Hahn



Mary and Benjamin Griffin



The Pirates of Penzance Cast





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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
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AUGUSTA, MAINE
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Dear Friends:

It was the highest honor of my life to take the oath of office to become Maine's 75th governor. Over the next four years, I will do everything in my power to make Maine the safe, beautiful, prosperous state we all want for our children and grandchildren.

That is why on my first day in office I directed the Maine Department of Health and Human Services to implement Medicaid expansion as quickly and efficiently as possible. My Administration will ensure that it is paid for sustainably; that the cost of health insurance is controlled, and that the cost of prescription drugs is reined in. In addition to creating a Director of Opiate Response to marshal the collective power and resources of state government to stem the tide of the opiate epidemic, we will make Naloxon widely available, increase access to medication-assisted treatment and recovery coaches, and expand drug courts.

We also need a healthy environment. My Administration will embrace clean energy, change our modes of transportation, weatherize homes and businesses, and reach a goal of 50 percent of our energy coming from Maine renewable resources. By reducing the impacts of climate change, we will create good-paying jobs, preserve our environment, and protect our state's farming, fishing, and forestry industries.

We will also develop a world-class workforce starting with Pre-K for every 4-year-old in Maine and more post-high school options that result in a valued credential. Attracting talented young people to move here and make Maine their home will be top priorities of my Administration.

Maine communities, especially rural communities, are confronting a severe workforce shortage and an aging and declining population. It is time for bold, dynamic ideas that will change Maine for the better. That is why I, along with people ranging from small business owners, innovators and entrepreneurs, to economists and every day, hard-working Mainers, developed an economic plan designed to make it easier for small businesses to grow, for people to come and stay, and for Maine to thrive.

I welcome your ideas. We are all in this together. We all want Maine to have a beautiful environment, happy people, and prosperous communities.

Thank you.

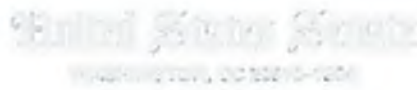
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Governor

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Dear Friends,

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

As Chairman of the Senate Aging Committee, I worked to help ensure the well-being of our seniors. The *SeniorSafe Act* I authored became law last year and is empowering banks, credit unions, and other financial institutions to better protect seniors from financial fraud.

Following extensive committee investigations of prescription drug pricing, additional legislation I crafted became law, ending the egregious practice of pharmacy “gag clauses” that prevented pharmacists from informing patients on how to pay the lowest possible price.

This year, I was also successful in securing an extra \$425 million for Alzheimer’s research—the largest funding increase ever—bringing the total to \$2.34 billion. Additionally, the bipartisan *BOLD Act* I authored will create public health infrastructure to combat Alzheimer’s by promoting education, early diagnosis, and improved care management.

More than 40 million Americans—including 178,000 Mainers—are caregivers for parents, spouses, children, and other loved ones with disabilities or illnesses, such as Alzheimer’s. The *RAISE Family Caregivers Act* I authored was signed into law last year, giving caregivers more resources and training to better balance the full-time job of caregiving. Another law I wrote will help grandparents who are raising grandchildren, largely due to the opioid addiction crisis.

In addition to helping seniors, a major accomplishment over the past year is the increased federal investment in biomedical research that is leading to progress in the fight against numerous devastating diseases. Congress has boosted funding for the National Institutes of Health by \$7 billion in just the last three years, bringing total funding to more than \$39 billion.

One of my highest priorities as Chairman of the Transportation Appropriations Subcommittee is to improve our nation’s crumbling infrastructure and ensure that Maine’s needs are addressed. Since the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Transportation Grants program, formerly known as TIGER, was established in 2009, I have secured \$160 million for vital transportation projects throughout Maine.

Congress also delivered a Farm Bill last year, which includes many important provisions that will help the agriculture industry in Maine and across the country. Specifically, I secured provisions that will strengthen support for young farmers, improve local farm-to-market efforts, and increase funding for organic research.

Congress took decisive action to address the opioid addiction epidemic. In addition to appropriating \$8.5 billion in federal funding last year, Congress enacted the *SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act*, a comprehensive package that embraces the multipronged approach I have long advocated for this epidemic: prevention, treatment, recovery, and enforcement to stop drug trafficking.

Maine plays a key role in ensuring a strong national defense. In 2018, Congress provided funding for five ships to be built at Bath Iron Works, which will help to keep our nation safe and provide our skilled shipbuilders a steady job. I also secured more than \$162 million for infrastructure projects at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard to support their important work to overhaul Navy submarines.

A Maine value that always guides me is our unsurpassed work ethic. In December 2018, I cast my 6,834th consecutive vote, continuing my record of never missing a roll-call vote since my Senate service began in 1997.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve Maine in the United States Senate. If ever I can be of assistance to you, please contact one of my state offices or visit my website at www.collins.senate.gov. May 2019 be a good year for you, your family, your community, and our state.

Sincerely,

Susan M. Collins
United States Senator

January 3, 2019

Dear Friends,

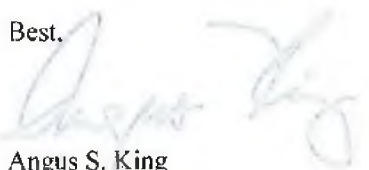
As I travel Maine, I hear from people who live in every corner of our state. I hear about their achievements, their successes, their work to improve their communities – I hear about the hope they have for our state. I also hear about our challenges, and all the work we have left to do. As I see it, that's my job: to listen to you, act where I can to build on what's good, and work on the tough parts. As 2018 comes to a close, I wanted to take a moment to share an update on some of the work we're doing in Washington to lift up the accomplishments of Maine people and make progress on the challenges they face.

From Portland to Presque Isle, from Milo to Camden, I hear about the pain that the opioid epidemic is inflicting on Maine communities. I've met with Maine people in recovery, family members of those struggling with substance use disorders, treatment providers, and law enforcement officials to learn about their experiences with this terrible disease, and everyone agrees that in order to fully respond to these problems, we need a stronger federal effort to end the opioid epidemic. Fortunately, some help is on the way – in October, we overwhelmingly passed a sweeping, bipartisan opioids bill. I've pushed hard for this type of legislation and was proud to have provisions I've advocated for included in the bill. These priorities have been guided by the voices of Maine people, and we'll keep working to confront this tragic problem.

I've also worked to strengthen the future of our forest economy. Maine's forests have powered our state's economy for generations, especially in our rural communities. So, when rapid shifts in the market led to the closure of many pulp and paper mills and biomass power plants, it required a collaborative approach to support future growth in this important industry. That's why, together with the other members of the state's Congressional delegation, I pushed to establish the Economic Development Assessment Team (EDAT). This integrated, multiagency effort aims to foster innovation and commercialization in Maine's forest economy, and we're already seeing the benefits: in recent months, several forest industry businesses have announced significant investments into Maine operations, and in September 2018, the Forest Opportunity Roadmap (FOR)/Maine released an action plan to make sure this industry, and the rural communities it supports, can continue to thrive for generations to come.

As I close this letter, please allow me to express my gratitude to each of you – for your dedication to our state, and to one another. It's often said that Maine is like a big small town (with very long streets)—that's because at our heart, we're one big community. It's not only a pleasure to serve you— it's a pleasure to know you. Thank you for being the reason Maine is so special. Mary and I hope that 2019 will be a good year for you, your family, your community, and our great State.

Best,


Angus S. King
United States Senator



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Dear Friends and Residents of Thomaston,

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your state senator. I'm honored to have been chosen to represent the residents of Thomaston in Augusta, and I promise to work hard on your behalf.

I have been appointed to chair the Marine Resources Committee. During this legislative session, I will work to protect our marine resources so they are sustainable for future generations. Our fisheries contribute millions to our economy each year, and the hard working men and women of our coastal economy deserve the strongest support we can provide.

I will also continue my work to make Maine a leader in new energy technologies. We have not yet taken the bold steps necessary to seriously pursue a true renewable energy economy, but we have a real chance to make substantial progress toward that goal. It's time to move forward on smart solar energy policies, creating good paying jobs right here in Maine and supplying clean energy for people across the state.

If you have any concerns or ideas for legislation, I am always available. Please feel free to call or email me anytime. We face challenges, but with this group of smart, talented and committed lawmakers, I'm hopeful we can get things done. While we may not always agree, I am always willing to listen to and learn from all sides.

I can be reached at (207) 287-1515 or David.Miramant@legislature.maine.gov. I also encourage you to sign up to receive my regular legislative updates. Go to www.miramant.com to join my mailing list.

I look forward to working with you this year!

Sincerely,

Dave Miramant
State Senator

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PART 4:

Auditor's Report & Municipal Spending



Knox House (Knox Hotel) on Thomaston Main Street, circa 1828
(Photo Courtesy of the Thomaston Historical Society)

Did you know?

“In 1828 a three-story wooden hotel, called the Knox House, was built by Joseph Berry on the south side of Main Street. It was immediately occupied as a tavern by Charles Sampson of Waldoboro and later by his son-in-law, John Balch, a shoe dealer from Haverhill, MA. A stable was built behind the building.”

Auditor's Reports

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Certified Public Accountants and Business Consultants

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

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, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Thomaston, Maine as of and for the year ended June 30, 2018, 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 29, 2019.

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 (2018-001 through 2018-002), described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs that we consider to be significant deficiencies.

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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*, CONTINUED

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*.

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.



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TOWN OF THOMASTON, MAINE Schedule of Findings and Responses June 30, 2018

SIGNIFICANT DEFICIENCIES

2018-001 - 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

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.

2018-002 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.

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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.



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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, 2018, 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.

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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, 2018, 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.

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Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 29, 2019, 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.



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TOWN OF THOMASTON, MAINE Management's Discussion and Analysis June 30, 2018

As management of the Town of Thomaston, we offer readers of the Town's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the Town of Thomaston for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018. We encourage readers to consider the information presented here in conjunction with additional information that we have furnished in our notes to the financial statements, which can be found on pages 28-48 of this report.

Financial Highlights

- The assets and deferred outflows of resources of the Town of Thomaston exceeded its liabilities and deferred inflows of resources at the close of the most recent fiscal year by \$21,504,323 (*net position*) (Statement 1). Of this amount, \$2,759,876 (*unrestricted net position*) (Statement 1) may be used to meet the Town's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.
- The Town of Thomaston's total net position increased by \$87,857 (Statement 2). This represents an increase of \$139,354 in governmental activities, and a decrease of \$51,497 in business-type activities.
- As of the close of the current fiscal year, the Town of Thomaston's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$6,403,918 (Statement 3), an increase of \$35,615 (Statement 4) in comparison with the prior year.
- At the end of the current fiscal year, unassigned fund balance for the general fund was \$1,175,631 (Statement 3) or 14.50% of total general fund expenditures of \$8,106,379 (Statement 4).
- Fund balances are allocated to five categories: 1) nonspendable; 2) restricted; 3) committed; 4) assigned; 5) unassigned. The nonspendable is made up trust bequests of \$326,227, that is the basis from which the trusts were established as follows:

Cemetery	\$162,446
Library – Operating	66,609
Library - Books	97,172

- The restricted amount of \$3,546,672 is comprised of \$1,078,435 for the Library Operating Fund, \$566,873 to the T.I.F. District Fund, \$1,117,031 for economic development outside the 34-acre T.I.F. District, \$5,230 for the Thomaston Green Fund, \$136,500 for the CDBG Loan Fund, \$290,373 for the Library Book Fund and \$352,230 for the Cemetery Trust. The assigned amount of \$1,170,772 is made up of reserves and the 2019 budget carry forwards in the General Fund. The unassigned totals \$1,175,631 in the General Fund, and is 14.50% of the total 2017-2018 expenditures of \$8,106,379.

Overview of the Financial Statements

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the Town of Thomaston's basic financial statements. The Town's financial statements comprise three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

Government-wide financial statements. The *government-wide financial statements* are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the Town of Thomaston's finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

The *statement of net position*, Statement 1, presents information on all of the Town's assets and deferred outflows of resources less liabilities and deferred inflows of resources, with the difference reported as *net position*. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the Town is improving or deteriorating.

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The *statement of activities*, Statement 2, presents information showing how the Town's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, *regardless of the timing of related cash flows*. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (e.g., uncollected taxes and earned but unused vacation leave).

Both of the government-wide financial statements distinguish functions of the Town of Thomaston that are principally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues (*governmental activities*) from other functions that are intended to recover all or a significant portion of their costs through user fees and charges (*business-type activities*).

The net expenses of the governmental activities of the Town include:

General government	\$ 451,064
Municipal buildings	80,913
Public safety	818,811
Public works	599,098
Health and welfare	408,092
Education	4,057,171
County assessment	450,349
Recreation and leisure	82,304
Local agencies	18,914
Employee benefits	475,926
Library	149,034
Cemetery	32,794
Credit enhancement – TIF	613,665
Unclassified	79,309
Interest on debt	6,137
Capital maintenance	74,647

The Town has one business-type activity, which consists of the Pollution Control Department.

Fund financial statements. A *fund* is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The Town of Thomaston, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds of the Town can be divided into three categories: governmental funds, proprietary funds and fiduciary funds.

Governmental funds. *Governmental funds* are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as *governmental activities* in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on *near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources*, as well as on *balances of spendable resources* available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government's near-term financing requirements.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for *governmental funds* with similar information presented for *governmental activities* in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the Town's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between *government funds* and *governmental activities*.

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The Town of Thomaston maintains eight individual governmental funds. They are:

- General Fund
- Library Operating Fund
- Library Book Fund
- Cemetery Fund
- TIF Fund (made up of the 2003 Dragon Products TIF and the 2010 Downtown TIF)
- Non-TIF Economic Development Fund
- Thomaston Green Fund
- CDBG Loan Fund

Information is presented separately in the governmental funds balance sheet and in the governmental funds statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances for the General Fund, TIF Fund, Non-TIF Economic Development Fund and Library Operating Fund, which are considered to be major funds (Statement 3). Data from the other four governmental funds are combined into a single, aggregated presentation (Statement 3). Individual fund data for each of these non-major governmental funds is provided in the form of *combining statements* elsewhere in this report (See Exhibits B-1 and B-2).

The Town of Thomaston adopts an annual appropriated budget for its General Fund. A budgetary comparison statement has been provided for the General Fund to demonstrate compliance with this budget (Statement 6).

Proprietary funds. The Town maintains one type of proprietary fund. The enterprise fund is used to report the same functions presented as business-type activities in the government-wide financial statements. The Town uses the enterprise fund to account for its operations of Pollution Control.

Proprietary funds provide the same type of information as the government-wide financial statements, only in more detail. The basic proprietary fund financial statements can be found on pages 23-25 of this report.

Fiduciary funds. Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties but not the Town as a whole. Fiduciary funds are *not* reflected in the government-wide financial statements because the resources of those funds are *not* available to support the Town of Thomaston's own programs.

The basic fiduciary fund financial statements can be found on pages 26 and 27 of this report.

Notes to the financial statements. The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found on pages 28-47 of this report.

Other information. The combining statements referred to earlier in connection with non-major governmental funds are presented immediately following the accompanying notes. Combining and individual fund statements and schedules can be found on Exhibits A through D-1 of this report.

Government-wide Financial Analysis

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. In the case of the Town of Thomaston, assets and deferred outflows of resources exceeded liabilities and deferred inflows of resources by \$21,504,323 at the close of the most recent fiscal year (Statement 1).

By far the largest portion of the Town of Thomaston's net position (69.16%) reflects its investment in capital assets (e.g., land, buildings, machinery, and equipment), less any related debt used to acquire those assets that are still outstanding. The Town uses these capital assets to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets are *not* available for future spending. Although the Town's investment in its capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

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Financial Analysis of the Government's Funds

As noted earlier, the Town of Thomaston uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

Governmental funds. The focus of the Town of Thomaston's *governmental funds* is to provide information on short-term inflows, outflows, and balances of *spendable* resources. Such information is useful in assessing the Town's financing requirements. In particular, *unassigned fund balance* may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year (Statement 3).

As of the end of the current fiscal year, the Town of Thomaston's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$6,403,918. Approximately 18.2% of this total amount (\$1,167,894) constitutes *unassigned fund balance*.

General Fund on Statement 4 shows the following actual expenditures:

General government	\$ 477,635
Municipal buildings	118,114
Public safety	718,743
Public works	472,138
Health and welfare	511,459
Education	4,057,171
County assessment	450,349
Recreation and leisure	78,086
Local agencies	18,914
Employee benefits	475,926
Unclassified	79,309
Capital outlays	648,535
<u>Total expenditures</u>	<u>8,106,379</u>
Excess(deficiency) of revenues over(under) expenditures	\$ (10,092)

Capital Asset and Debt Administration

Capital assets. The Town of Thomaston's investment in capital assets for its governmental activities as of June 30, 2018, amounts to \$16,565,216 plus additional amounts for land totaling \$324,800 and 61,813 construction in progress; however, the value net of depreciation is \$8,758,282. This investment in capital assets includes land, land improvements, buildings and improvements, vehicles, machinery and equipment, furniture and fixtures and infrastructure. The capital assets are listed on the next page.

Land	\$324,800
Construction in progress	61,813
Land improvements	446,083
Buildings and building improvements	5,671,623
Machinery, vehicles and equipment	3,028,242
Infrastructure	7,344,970
Furniture and fixtures	74,298

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The Town is GASB #34 compliant and has expended an average of \$333,762.89 per year in capital investments over a fourteen-year period. The major categories totaling \$4,671,923 are as follows:

	<u>Average per year</u>	<u>Total 14 years</u>
Paving	\$82,607	1,156,496
Public works vehicles	40,572	568,012
Public works infrastructure	13,454	188,350
Public works equipment	19,994	279,915
Public works buildings	6,180	86,527
Sidewalks	6,754	94,554
Fire vehicles	29,025	406,350
Fire department	12,629	176,809
Fire building	4,122	57,707
Ambulance	26,628	372,785
Police	17,939	251,148
Academy	19,525	273,356
Watts Hall	28,269	395,762
Town Office	5,221	73,099
Recreation	4,175	58,447
Harbor	3,415	47,813
Other	2,345	32,832
Thomaston Green	10,854	151,961

The above expenditures for capital investments do not include the following considerations:

- Fire vehicles purchased prior to fifteen years or 2004-2005:
 - 1995 \$154,000 Pumper
 - 2003 343,325 Ladder
 - 2003 231,560 Pumper
 - Total \$728,885

With the 2013 \$397,585 Pumper purchase, the average for twenty-five years is \$45,409 annually.

- Main Street Business Block area sidewalks of \$356,761, all from grants and a federal earmark, with the exception of \$5,000; voter approved. Veriden Town Clock \$24,000 from fundraiser.
- Buttermilk Lane realignment \$1,990,160 funded through MDOT; \$200,000 grant transferred from Rockland to Thomaston, and Non-TIF Economic Funds.
- Thomaston Green Trail \$222,502 funded with CDBG Grant; new road, sewer and sidewalk entering from Wadsworth Street; road, sewer and sidewalks \$250,000, voter approved, bond funded by Downtown TIF.
- Village Cemetery additional avenue expansion for grave lots, \$30,361 for Army Corps Engineers and DEP permits, etc.
- CDBG Streetscape Business Block rear and sides, \$162,500 funded from the grant and Town match.
- Academy Building HVAC system \$79,474, of which the Friends of the Thomaston Library funded \$50,000.
- Fire Department utility truck \$50,000, donated by the Maine Lobster Festival, through the Thomaston Firemen's Association.

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The Town of Thomaston established a sewer system in 1891 with piping flowing to the river. The system was upgraded with a treatment facility at the Public Landing in 1967. By 1990, the State DEP placed the Town under an enforcement action for overboard discharges requiring the Town to replace sewer lines combined with storm water and to upgrade the plant or pipe Thomaston's wastewater to Rockland. The Town embarked on a major project to replace the sewer lines and established a clean water drain with the old system. A new land application of spray fields and a facility was constructed off Booker Street, removing the plant from the harbor altogether.

The Town has expended through eight loans and seven grants, including the current 2015-2016 Route 1 project, \$17,367,197 for sewer and a clean water drain system since 1989. Of this amount, the Town received \$6,772,063 in grants and borrowed \$10,595,133, of which the current loan balance is \$4,414,671. This is funded through sewer user fees and \$108,263 annually from the Dragon Products TIF and Credit Enhancement Agreement. The Pollution Control Department is separately funded through an enterprise fund with sewer user fees and taxes. The fees have been increased three times since 1991, and the Municipal Budget funds \$50,000 annually. Note the Town refinanced the East End Sewer Project, T.I.F. funded and reduced the payment to \$108,263 per year from \$144,072 with a lower interest rate of 1.375%.

The Town of Thomaston maintains a Capital Reserve Account for the purpose of replacing and acquiring new assets to be used for providing public service. In the table listed below are the balances the Town has established for asset replacement.

Capital Reserves June 30, 2018 including interest and voter approved items for 2017/2018

Salt shed	\$ 822
Capital improvement	57,261
Dump truck	82
Police cruiser	1,843
Ambulance	216
Fire engine	126,389
Academy building	43,207
Sidewalk	835
Recreation center	8,217
Drainage	7,081
Computer	76,446
Skate board park	4,611
Watts Hall voting	108
Backhoe	498
Municipal facilities	<u>151,701</u>
Total	\$479,317

Major capital outlay events during the current fiscal year included the following:

Paving	\$163,297
Truck with plow	88,180
Ambulance	184,346

Long-term debt. At the end of the current fiscal year, the Town of Thomaston had total bonded debt outstanding of \$4,284,801. Of this amount, \$4,109,835 is Pollution Control and \$174,966 is the Thomaston Green general obligation bond.

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TOWN OF THOMASTON, MAINE Management's Discussion and Analysis, Continued

State statutes limit the amount of general obligation debt a municipality may issue to 15 percent of its total state assessed valuation. The current debt limitation for the Town of Thomaston is \$58,417,121, which is significantly in excess of the Town of Thomaston's outstanding general obligation debt of \$4,284,801 or 7.3% of the 15% allowed.

Additional information on the Town of Thomaston's long-term debt can be found on pages 40-41 of the Notes to the Financial Statements.

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budgets and Rates 2018/2019

The Municipal, Education, and County Budget for 2018-2019 is a total of \$8,357,346.61; up \$250,967.61 from the current audit period of \$8,106,379. The mil rate increased for 2018-2019 from \$19.40 to \$20.93 per \$1,000 of value. This increase is due to \$349,885 for RSU #13, \$183,815 for Municipal and \$18,425 for Knox County.

The capital reserves are budgeted at \$174,000. The paving budget increased to \$120,000 and \$20,000 for sidewalks. is budgeted which the Town currently has \$161,517 in an assigned fund balance. The total funding is in place for the voter approved 20% match for the \$500,000 plus sidewalk that is being installed on the south side of Route 1, from Wadsworth Street to Fish Street, as planned in the Route 1 project.

The Town currently has \$479,317 in reserves for capital expenditures. A review of capital expenditures for the past fourteen years totals \$4,672,681 or an average of \$333,763 per year.

The Town has maintained a relatively flat mil rate even with these impacts of reduced revenue from the State, due largely to economic development. The mil rate in 2007-2008 of \$15.80 has increased to \$20.93.

The fiscal capacity of the Town to meet financial obligations remains stable. Thomaston has \$2,346,353 in assigned and unassigned fund balance as of June 30, 2018, based on the audit, of which \$1,175,631 is unassigned fund balance, formerly known as surplus or undesignated; the remainder is assigned or reserve accounts. The Town has not borrowed a tax anticipation note since 2003.

The Town is still adjusting to the reduction in State Revenue Sharing. In 2007-2008, the Town received \$441,380. For 2018-2019, the estimate is \$172,394, the projection for 2019/2020 is projected at \$480,094.31.

State Revenue Sharing:

2018-2019	172,394
2017-2018	156,402
2016-2017	141,029
2015-2016	140,939
2014-2015	143,778
2013-2014	140,000
2012-2013	229,294
2011-2012	284,954
2010-2011	264,495
2009-2010	377,027
2008-2009	450,000
2007-2008	441,380

The chart below shows a steady increase in the cost of education.

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TOWN OF THOMASTON, MAINE Management's Discussion and Analysis, Continued

Year	Thomaston Appropriation	<u>Education</u>		
<u>Budget</u>	<u>For Education</u>	<u>Mil Rate</u>	<u>% Increase</u>	<u>Total RSU #13</u>
2008-2009	\$2,891,520	8.92		
2009-2010	\$3,004,355	9.26	3.9%	\$28,008,262 with six communities
2010-2011	\$3,081,598	9.47	2.6%	\$25,406,758
2011-2012	\$3,115,596	9.51	1.1%	\$25,948,205
2012-2013	\$3,241,524	9.80	4 %	\$26,462,700
2013-2014	\$3,221,566	9.53	(.6%)	\$27,103,983
2014-2015	\$3,389,803	9.44	5.2%	\$27,175,985
2015-2016	\$3,756,886	10.44	10.8%	\$25,240,635 with five communities
2016-2017	\$3,870,086	10.80	3%	\$26,150,000
2017-2018	\$4,095,417	11.36	5.8%	\$26,900,000
2018-2019	\$4,445,302	12.38	8.5%	\$29,035,000

The chart below shows the increase in the Mil Rate over 10 years

10 Year Mil Rate Increase

	<u>Mil Rate</u>	<u>Education</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Municipal</u>
2018/19	20.93	12.38	1.30	7.25
2008/09	<u>14.95</u>	<u>8.92</u>	<u>1.01</u>	<u>5.02</u>
10 Year Increase	5.98	3.46	0.29	2.23

There also was a trend in State valuation reductions between 2010 and 2017 that had a direct correlation with the local education and county funding formula, as State valuation plummeted for some communities, which, I believe, is the reduction in oceanfront properties primarily. The following outlines the changes:

<u>Town</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>% Change</u>	<u>Valuation Change</u>
Cushing	\$299,900,000	\$277,300,000	8.15%	\$22,600,000
Owls Head	\$342,800,000	\$395,450,000	(14.33%)	(\$56,650,000)
Rockland	\$767,600,000	\$814,800,000	(5.79%)	(\$47,200,000)
S. Thomaston	\$253,500,000	\$309,400,000	(18.06%)	(\$55,900,000)
Thomaston	\$365,100,000	\$324,550,000	12.49%	\$44,550,000

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TOWN OF THOMASTON, MAINE Management's Discussion and Analysis, Continued

A comparison of State Education Funding respective to each of the communities comparing 2007/2008 with 2019/2020 projected.

	<u>2007-2008</u>	<u>2019-2020</u>
Owls Head	-	-
Cushing	\$ 242,472	-
Rockland	2,992,558	2,823,756.26
So. Thomaston	582,729	-
Thomaston	<u>1,850,917</u>	<u>1,577,763.67</u>
Total State Aid to Ed. under EPS Formula	\$ 5,668,676	4,401,519.93

This office monitors the excise tax revenues closely, as follows:

2007-2008 was \$376,011.
2008-2009 was \$353,741.
2009-2010 was \$351,225.
2010-2011 was \$356,534, which was 1.51% increase.
2011-2012 was \$358,731, which was 0.61% increase.
2012-2013 was \$363,221, which was 1.25% increase.
2013-2014 was \$393,664, which was 8.38% increase.
2014-2015 was \$419,745, which was 6.63% increase.
2015-2016 was \$442,755, which was 5.48% increase.
2016-2017 was \$471,546, which was a 6.50% increase.
2017-2018 was \$497,693, which was a 4.85% increase
2018-2019 thru February 2019 is \$338,949.75

The total tax for 2018-2019 was \$8,084,955 of which \$3,596,104, or 44.5% was taxed to twenty property owners; ten of these are in the East Thomaston Economic Tract.

Projection for 2018/2019

The Town of Thomaston Continues to face significant decisions in the upcoming year. Both in the operations and the cost associated with them. This office continues to diligently work towards being progressive in both addressing the services and associated cost to effectively operate the town. While at the same time balancing the needs versus request as it relates to the tax impacts.

The current 2018/2019 budget is \$3,443,270. The 2019/2020 budget is initially proposed at \$3,585,401. This is an increase of \$142,131 or a 4.13% increase as presented.

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TOWN OF THOMASTON, MAINE Management's Discussion and Analysis, Continued

The general operating portion of the budget has been changed from the current year as noted below. The department total increases/decreases as presented were as follows:

Administration	\$ (2,343.26)
Buildings	(800.00)
Police	41,304.72
Fire Department	1,460.04
Protection and Safety	24,406.78
Public Works	19,138.02
Ambulance	84,908.96
Sanitation	2,000.00
Assessors	2,319.72
Recreation/Leisure	7,036.55
Provider Local	(5,775.00)
Unclassified Accounts	20,118.00
Capital Projects	(9,960.00)
Total	\$ 183,814.53

Impact on the Mil Rate

Thomaston's mil rate:

06/07	\$	20.10
07/08		15.80
08/09		14.95
09/10		15.48
10/11		15.77
11/12		15.98
12/13		16.80
13/14		16.74
14/15		16.64
15/16		18.03
16/17		18.68
17/18		19.40
18/19		20.93

Dragon Products TIF

The Town of Thomaston's major economic development tool has been the benefits from the Dragon Products Tax Increment Finance District (T.I.F.).

The Town will need to continue structured payments of the wastewater system long-term debt of \$108,263 through 2035.

The T.I.F. was approved in 2002 for twenty years, therefore, it will cease after the April 2022 Valuation and the 2022/2023 Commitment.

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TOWN OF THOMASTON, MAINE Management's Discussion and Analysis, Continued

Downtown TIF

The Town of Thomaston continues to fund the long term bond of \$250,000 each year with an approximate payment of \$22,000 from the Down Town TIF Fund.

Requests for Information

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Town of Thomaston's finances for all those with an interest in the government's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to the Town Manager, 170 Main Street, Thomaston, Maine 04861.

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Statement 1

TOWN OF THOMASTON, MAINE Statement of Net Position June 30, 2018

	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 45,764	136,650	182,414
Investments	6,057,462	-	6,057,462
Receivables			
Taxes	628,079	-	628,079
Tax liens	138,981	-	138,981
Accounts, net	130,320	156,200	286,520
Internal balances	(12,098)	12,098	-
Capital assets not being depreciated	386,613	713,982	1,100,595
Capital assets being depreciated, net	8,371,669	9,684,085	18,055,754
Total assets	15,746,790	10,703,015	26,449,805
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions	111,591	-	111,591
Total deferred outflows of resources	111,591	-	111,591
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	62,426	43,719	106,145
Taxes collected in advance	22,942	-	22,942
Accrued interest	-	30,828	30,828
Amounts held for others	4,222	-	4,222
Noncurrent liabilities			
Due within one year	15,630	310,576	326,206
Due in more than one year	730,618	3,799,259	4,529,877
Total liabilities	835,838	4,184,382	5,020,220
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions	36,853	-	36,853
Total deferred inflows of resources	36,853	-	36,853
NET POSITION			
Net investment in capital assets	8,583,316	6,288,232	14,871,548
Restricted	3,872,899	-	3,872,899
Unrestricted	2,529,475	230,401	2,759,876
Total net position	\$ 14,985,690	6,518,633	21,504,323

See accompanying notes to basic financial statements

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Statement 3

TOWN OF THOMASTON, MAINE

Balance Sheet Governmental Funds June 30, 2018

	General Fund	TIF Fund	Non-TIF Economic Development	Library Operating Fund	All Other Governmental Funds	Totals
ASSETS						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 26,138	-	-	4,411	15,215	45,764
Investments	4,029,841	-	-	1,140,615	887,006	6,057,462
Receivables:						
Taxes	628,079	-	-	-	-	628,079
Tax liens	138,981	-	-	-	-	138,981
Accounts, net of allowance (\$118,086)	130,302	-	-	18	-	130,320
Interfund receivables	-	559,136	1,117,031	-	141,740	1,817,907
Total assets	\$ 4,953,341	559,136	1,117,031	1,145,044	1,043,961	8,818,513
LIABILITIES						
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	52,416	-	-	-	10	52,426
Taxes collected in advance	22,942	-	-	-	-	22,942
Interfund payables	1,834,227	-	-	-	-	1,834,227
Total liabilities	1,919,585	-	-	-	10	1,919,595
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES						
Unavailable revenue - property taxes	495,000	-	-	-	-	495,000
Total deferred inflows of resources	495,000	-	-	-	-	495,000
FUND BALANCES						
Nonspendable	-	-	-	66,609	259,518	326,227
Restricted	-	565,873	1,117,031	1,078,435	784,333	3,546,672
Committed	192,353	-	-	-	-	192,353
Assigned	1,170,772	-	-	-	-	1,170,772
Unassigned	1,175,531	(7,737)	-	-	-	1,167,894
Total fund balances	2,538,756	559,136	1,117,031	1,145,044	1,043,951	6,403,918
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balances	\$ 4,953,341	559,136	1,117,031	1,145,044	1,043,961	
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.						8,758,282
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current period expenditures and, therefore, are unavailable in the funds.						495,000
Long-term liabilities that are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds:						
Accrued compensated absences						83,417
Net pension liability, including related deferred inflows and outflows of resources						(413,127)
Bonds payable						(174,956)
Net position of governmental activities					\$	14,985,690

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Statement 4

TOWN OF THOMASTON, MAINE
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Governmental Funds
For the year ended June 30, 2018

	General Fund	TIF Fund	Non-TIF Economic Development Fund	Library Operating Fund	All Other Governmental Funds	Totals
Revenues:						
Taxes	\$ 7,288,053	789,457	-	-	-	8,077,510
Licenses, permits and fees	39,081	-	-	-	-	39,081
Intergovernmental	474,054	-	-	-	-	474,054
Charges for services	112,057	-	201,250	1,543	21,757	336,607
Investment income	3,476	866	1,789	90,043	56,918	163,092
Other revenues	179,566	-	2,000	15,483	4,294	202,343
Total revenues	8,096,287	790,323	205,039	108,069	92,969	9,292,687
Expenditures:						
Current:						
General government	477,635	-	-	-	-	477,635
Municipal buildings	118,114	-	-	-	-	118,114
Public safety	718,743	-	-	-	-	718,743
Public works	472,138	-	-	-	-	472,138
Health and welfare	511,459	-	-	-	-	511,459
Education	4,057,171	-	-	-	-	4,057,171
County assessment	450,349	-	-	-	-	450,349
Recreation and leisure	78,086	-	-	-	-	78,086
Local agencies	18,914	-	-	-	-	18,914
Employee benefits	475,926	-	-	-	-	475,926
Library	-	-	-	125,396	18,271	143,667
Cemetery	-	-	-	-	54,344	54,344
Credit enhancement - tax increment financing	-	613,665	-	-	-	613,665
Unclassified	79,309	-	-	-	-	79,309
Debt service	-	75,890	-	-	-	75,890
Capital outlays	648,535	19,161	9,188	-	1,517	678,401
Total expenditures	8,106,379	708,716	9,188	125,396	74,132	9,023,811
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	10,092	81,607	195,851	17,327	18,837	268,876
Other financing sources (uses):						
Transfers in (out)	134,410	79,352	103,909	65,410	19,000	233,261
Total other financing sources (uses)	134,410	79,352	103,909	65,410	19,000	233,261
Net change in fund balances	144,502	2,255	91,942	48,083	37,837	35,615
Fund balances, beginning of year	2,683,258	556,881	1,025,089	1,095,961	1,006,114	5,368,303
Fund balances, end of year	\$ 2,538,756	559,136	1,117,031	1,145,044	1,043,951	6,403,918

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Statement 6

TOWN OF THOMASTON, MAINE
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance-
Budget and Actual - General Fund
For the year ended June 30, 2018

	Budget			Variance
	Original	Final	Actual	with final budget positive (negative)
Revenues:				
Taxes	\$ 7,267,324	7,267,324	7,288,053	20,729
Licenses, permits and fees	22,670	22,670	39,081	16,411
Intergovernmental	447,437	447,437	474,054	26,617
Charges for services	9,500	9,500	112,057	102,557
Investment income	700	700	3,476	2,776
Other revenues	67,957	67,957	179,566	111,609
Total revenues	7,815,588	7,815,588	8,096,287	280,699
Expenditures:				
Current:				
General government	469,934	469,934	477,635	(7,701)
Municipal buildings	90,500	90,500	118,114	(27,614)
Public safety	658,032	658,032	718,743	(60,711)
Public works	499,150	499,150	472,138	27,012
Health and welfare	380,950	380,950	511,459	(130,509)
Education	4,095,417	4,095,417	4,057,171	38,246
Intergovernmental - county tax	450,349	450,349	450,349	-
Recreation and leisure	98,125	98,125	78,086	20,039
Local agencies	20,000	20,000	18,914	1,086
Employee benefits	496,151	496,151	475,926	20,225
Unclassified	106,027	106,027	79,309	26,718
Capital outlays	927,543	927,543	648,535	279,008
Total expenditures	8,292,178	8,292,178	8,106,379	185,799
Deficiency of revenues under expenditures	(476,590)	(476,590)	(10,092)	466,498
Other financing sources (uses):				
Transfers out	(134,410)	(134,410)	(134,410)	-
Use of fund balance	611,000	611,000	-	(611,000)
Total other financing sources (uses)	476,590	476,590	(134,410)	(611,000)
Net change in fund balance	-	-	(144,502)	(144,502)
Fund balance, beginning of year			2,683,258	
Fund balance, end of year	\$		2,538,756	

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Statement 7

TOWN OF THOMASTON, MAINE
Statement of Net Position
Proprietary Fund
June 30, 2018

Business-type Activities - Enterprise Fund		Pollution Control
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	136,650
Accounts receivable		156,200
Interfund receivable		12,098
Total current assets		304,948
Noncurrent assets:		
Pollution control capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation		10,398,067
Net noncurrent assets		10,398,067
Total assets	\$	10,703,015
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable		43,719
Accrued interest		30,828
Current portion of long-term debt		310,576
Total current liabilities		385,123
Long-term liabilities:		
Bonds payable		3,799,259
Total long-term liabilities		3,799,259
Total liabilities		4,184,382
NET POSITION		
Net investment in capital assets		6,288,232
Unrestricted		230,401
Total net position	\$	6,518,633

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Statement 8

TOWN OF THOMASTON, MAINE
Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position
Proprietary Fund
For the year ended June 30, 2018

Business-type Activities - Enterprise Fund	
	Pollution Control
Operating revenues:	
Charges for services	\$ 459,085
Other income	3,000
Total operating revenues	462,085
Operating expenses:	
Salaries and benefits	129,715
Utilities	80,502
Administration	26,717
Maintenance	22,618
Miscellaneous	20,077
Lab operations	4,375
Transportation	1,959
Town forest	788
Insurance	8,965
Sewer line connections and inspection	1,050
Depreciation	564,231
Total operating expenses	860,997
Operating loss	(398,912)
Nonoperating revenues (expenses):	
Investment income	175
Interest expense	(74,934)
Total nonoperating expenses	(74,759)
Loss before capital contributions and transfers	(473,671)
Capital contributions	188,913
Transfers:	
Transfer in from General Fund	50,000
Transfer in from TIF and non-TIF funds	183,261
Total transfers	233,261
Change in net position	(51,497)
Net position, beginning of year - as restated	6,570,130
Net position, end of year	\$ 6,518,633

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Statement 9

TOWN OF THOMASTON, MAINE

Statement of Cash Flows

Proprietary Fund

For the year ended June 30, 2018

Business-type Activities - Enterprise Fund		
		Pollution Control
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Receipts from customers and users	\$	447,246
Payments to suppliers		(295,537)
Payments to employees		(129,715)
Net cash provided by operating activities		21,994
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Investment income received		175
Net cash provided by investing activities		175
Cash flows from noncapital financing activities:		
Interfund transactions		225,354
Net cash provided by noncapital financing activities		225,354
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:		
Capital contributions		150,722
Principal paid on bond maturities		(304,836)
Interest paid on bonds		(76,643)
Acquisition of capital assets		(138,176)
Net cash used in capital and related financing activities		(368,933)
Net decrease in cash		(121,410)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year		258,060
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$	136,650
Reconciliation of operating loss to net cash		
used in operating activities:		
Operating loss		(398,912)
Adjustments to reconcile operating loss		
to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:		
Depreciation		564,231
Increase in receivables		(14,839)
Decrease in payables		128,486
Net cash used in operating activities	\$	21,994

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Statement 10

TOWN OF THOMASTON, MAINE
Statement of Fiduciary Net Position
Fiduciary Funds
June 30, 2018

		Agency Funds		
		Private-purpose Trust Funds	Shellfish Management Committee	4th of July
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	161,456	83,805	38,841
Investments		852,611	-	-
Interfund receivables		-	4,222	-
Total assets		1,014,067	88,027	38,841
LIABILITIES				
Amounts held for others		-	88,027	38,841
Total liabilities		-	88,027	38,841
NET POSITION				
Held in trust for other purposes		1,014,067	-	-
Total net position	\$	1,014,067	-	-

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, 2018

	Private- purpose Trust Funds
Additions:	
Investment Income:	
Interest	\$ 20,832
Net investment gains	45,300
Total additions	66,132
Deductions:	
Scholarships	4,000
Charity	9,306
Total deductions	13,306
Change in net position	52,826
Net position, beginning of year	961,241
Net position, end of year	\$ 1,014,067

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TOWN OF THOMASTON, MAINE
General Fund
Comparative Balance Sheets
June 30, 2018 and 2017

	2018	2017
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 26,138	22,947
Investments	4,029,841	4,161,328
Receivables:		
Taxes	628,079	607,518
Tax liens	138,981	127,684
Accounts, net of allowance (\$118,086 and \$97,920, respectively)	130,302	83,887
Total assets	\$ 4,953,341	5,003,364
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	62,416	107,322
Taxes collected in advance	22,942	13,772
Interfund payables	1,834,227	1,731,910
Total liabilities	1,919,585	1,853,004
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Unavailable revenue - property taxes	495,000	467,102
Total deferred inflows of resources	495,000	467,102
FUND BALANCES		
Committed	192,353	258,193
Assigned	1,170,772	1,267,778
Unassigned	1,175,631	1,157,287
Total fund balances	2,538,756	2,683,258
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balance	\$ 4,953,341	5,003,364

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Exhibit A-2

TOWN OF THOMASTON, MAINE
General Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
Budget and Actual
For the year ended June 30, 2018 (with comparative actual amounts for 2017)

	2018		Variance positive (negative)	2017 Actual
	Final Budget	Actual		
Revenues:				
Taxes:				
Property taxes	\$ 6,765,824	6,773,722	7,898	6,515,306
Change in unavailable taxes	-	(27,898)	(27,898)	998
Supplementals	-	1,075	1,075	7,400
Interest and costs on taxes	41,000	32,502	(8,498)	37,772
Excise:				
Motor vehicle	456,500	504,778	48,278	478,529
Recreation	4,000	3,874	(126)	3,428
Total taxes	7,267,324	7,288,053	20,729	7,043,333
Licenses, permits and fees	22,670	39,081	16,411	26,002
Intergovernmental:				
State revenue sharing	156,402	158,111	1,709	141,029
Homestead exemption	140,393	130,630	(9,763)	91,790
Local road assistance	24,572	24,916	344	24,572
General assistance reimbursement	7,000	5,306	(1,694)	3,366
Gas tax refund	5,000	1,783	(3,217)	1,724
Veteran's exemption	3,000	3,729	729	3,510
Snowmobile reimbursement	400	331	(69)	285
Tree growth	1,500	1,137	(363)	992
PERC performance credit	20,000	58,895	38,895	31,175
BETE reimbursements	89,170	89,216	46	75,248
Total intergovernmental	447,437	474,054	26,617	373,691
Charges for services:				
Stump dump fees	9,500	8,690	(810)	5,574
Ambulance	-	103,367	103,367	127,107
Total charges for services	9,500	112,057	102,557	132,681
Investment income				
Interest earned - reserve accounts	-	1,023	1,023	551
Other interest income, net	700	2,453	1,753	725
Total investment income	700	3,476	2,776	1,276
Other revenues:				
Rental income	25,000	32,228	7,228	32,751
Ammunition grant reimbursement	-	215	215	-
Shellfish administration	-	2,227	2,227	-
Fire Department income	-	566	566	-
Utility reimbursement-tenants	5,000	4,973	(27)	4,125
Cable television franchise fee	20,000	22,497	2,497	20,736
Tower lease	17,457	26,657	9,200	26,657
Samuel Watts Fund	-	3,140	3,140	-
Reimbursement - pollution control - public works	-	65,470	65,470	63,560
Reimbursement - insurance	-	3,498	3,498	5,144
MMA workers comp refund	-	4,423	4,423	6,708
Miscellaneous	500	13,672	13,172	3,118
Total other revenues	67,957	178,566	111,609	162,793
Total revenues	7,815,588	8,096,287	280,699	7,739,782

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Exhibit A-2, Cont.

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

	2018		Variance positive (negative)	2017 Actual
	Final Budget	Actual		
Expenditures				
Current:				
General government:				
Selectmen	\$ 34,428	39,137	(4,709)	46,000
Town manager	146,357	152,358	(5,001)	136,351
Clerk's office	47,006	41,514	5,492	44,224
General office	32,800	28,030	4,770	30,489
Finance	59,097	63,145	(4,048)	61,887
Administration	19,650	17,495	2,155	18,665
Contingency	1,000	839	161	1,351
Computer	33,960	34,612	(712)	34,937
Code enforcement	50,980	49,652	1,328	47,568
Assessor	44,516	50,768	(6,252)	70,264
Planning board	200	85	115	8
Total general government	469,934	477,635	(7,701)	491,644
Municipal buildings:				
Watts Block	50,000	53,706	(3,706)	38,656
Academy buildings	40,500	35,016	5,484	27,834
Lara Libby building	-	29,392	(29,392)	31,881
Total municipal buildings	90,500	118,114	(27,614)	98,371
Public safety:				
Fire department	129,120	114,735	14,385	110,367
Police department	337,396	392,272	(54,876)	365,581
Protection and safety	191,516	211,735	(20,220)	184,747
Total public safety	658,032	718,743	(60,711)	660,795
Public works	499,150	472,138	27,012	466,825
Health and welfare:				
Ambulance	120,950	254,038	(133,088)	315,052
Transfer station	248,000	247,422	578	244,716
General assistance	12,000	9,999	2,001	6,422
Total health and welfare	380,950	511,459	(130,509)	566,190
Education - PSU No. 13	4,095,417	4,057,171	38,246	3,870,285
Intergovernmental - county tax	450,349	450,349	-	430,945
Recreation and leisure	98,125	78,086	20,039	78,001
Local agencies	20,000	18,914	1,086	18,735
Employee benefits	496,151	475,926	20,225	486,817
Unclassified:				
Overlay/abatements	10,366	10,205	161	26,374
Insurances	48,100	39,015	9,085	40,126
Public restrooms	2,200	1,426	774	988
Ambulance billing	-	6,578	(6,578)	4,082
Computer	1,425	255	1,170	-
Memberships	4,500	4,483	17	4,517
Regional Planning Commission	600	-	600	600
Maine Service Coalition	500	500	-	500
Fourth of July	10,000	10,000	-	10,000
Flags	500	-	500	500
Midcoast Economic Development District	3,476	3,476	-	-
Comprehensive plan	14,360	3,371	10,989	-
Lowe's tax appeal	10,000	-	10,000	-
Total unclassified	106,027	79,309	26,718	87,987

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Exhibit A-2, Cont.

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

	2018		Variance positive (negative)	2017 Actual
	Final Budget	Actual		
Expenditures, continued:				
Capital outlays:				
Paving projects	\$ 100,000	174,384	(74,384)	100,000
Police cruisers	26,000	24,187	1,813	-
Sidewalk replacement	30,000	30,681	(681)	26,280
Computers	-	1,367	(1,367)	3,535
Ambulance	185,000	167,000	18,000	-
Traffic control Rt. 1 project	15,000	-	15,000	-
Protective clothing	-	7,600	(7,600)	-
EMA work plan	4,043	1,455	2,588	-
Shellfish management	4,500	3,000	1,500	3,000
Fire equipment	211,000	2,580	208,420	2,400
Streetscape phase II plan	-	8,493	(8,493)	-
Fire equipment - computers	-	1,000	(1,000)	-
Dump truck reserve	190,000	84,121	105,879	-
Municipal facilities	-	37,740	(37,740)	202
Gazebo	5,000	-	5,000	-
Expended from assigned fund balance amounts:				
Administration	-	21,768	(21,768)	83,780
EMA work plan	-	4,043	(4,043)	(2,233)
Watts Hall rental	-	1,856	(1,856)	2,950
Public infrastructure	-	77,260	(77,260)	61,094
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	927,543	648,535	279,008	281,008
Total expenditures	8,292,178	8,106,379	185,799	7,537,404
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	(476,593)	(10,092)	466,498	202,378

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Exhibit A-2, Cont.

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

	2018		Variance positive (negative)	2017 Actual
	Final Budget	Actual		
Other financing sources (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	611,000	-	(611,000)	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	476,590	(134,410)	(611,000)	(134,410)
Net change in fund balances	-	(144,502)	(144,502)	67,968
Fund balance, beginning		2,683,258		2,615,290
Fund balance, ending	\$	2,538,756		2,683,258

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Exhibit B-1

TOWN OF THOMASTON, MAINE Nonmajor Governmental Funds Combining Balance Sheet June 30, 2018

	Nonmajor Special Revenue Fund		Nonmajor Permanent Funds		
	Thomaston Green Fund	CDBG Loan Fund	Library Book Fund	Cemetery Fund	Totals
ASSETS					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ -	-	1,215	14,000	15,215
Investments	-	-	386,330	500,676	887,006
Interfund receivables	5,230	136,510	-	-	141,740
Total assets	\$ 5,230	136,510	387,545	514,676	1,043,961
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES					
Liabilities:					
Accounts payable	-	10	-	-	10
Total liabilities	-	10	-	-	10
Fund balances:					
Nonspendable, principal	-	-	97,172	162,446	259,618
Restricted	5,230	136,500	290,373	352,230	784,333
Total fund balances	5,230	136,500	387,545	514,676	1,043,951
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$ 5,230	136,510	387,545	514,676	1,043,961

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Exhibit B-2

TOWN OF THOMASTON, MAINE
Nonmajor Governmental Funds
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
For the year ended June 30, 2018

	Nonmajor Special Revenue Fund		Nonmajor Permanent Funds		
	Thomaston Green Fund	CDBG Loan Fund	Library Book Fund	Cemetery Fund	Total
Revenues:					
Charges for services	\$ -	-	207	21,550	21,757
Investment income	9	-	30,486	36,423	66,918
Other revenues	150	-	4,049	95	4,294
Total revenues	159	-	34,742	58,068	92,969
Expenditures:					
Current:					
Library	-	-	18,271	-	18,271
Cemetery	-	-	-	54,344	54,344
Capital outlay	1,517	-	-	-	1,517
Total expenditures	1,517	-	18,271	54,344	74,132
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	(1,358)	-	16,471	3,724	18,837
Other financing sources:					
Transfers from other funds	-	-	-	19,000	19,000
Total other financing sources	-	-	-	19,000	19,000
Net change in fund balances	(1,358)	-	16,471	22,724	37,837
Fund balances, beginning of year	6,588	136,500	371,074	491,952	1,006,114
Fund balances, end of year	\$ 5,230	136,500	387,545	514,676	1,043,951

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Exhibit C-1

TOWN OF THOMASTON, MAINE
Private-purpose Trust Funds
Combining Statement of Fiduciary Net Position
June 30, 2018

		Dietz Scholarship Fund	Charity Fund	Total
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	62,005	99,451	161,456
Investments		-	852,611	852,611
Total assets	\$	62,005	952,062	1,014,067
NET POSITION				
Held in trust for other purposes		62,005	952,062	1,014,067
Total net position	\$	62,005	952,062	1,014,067

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Exhibit C-2

TOWN OF THOMASTON, MAINE
Private-purpose Trust Funds
Combining Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position
For the year ended June 30, 2018

	Dietz Scholarship Fund	Charity Fund	Total
Additions:			
Investment income:			
Interest	\$ 164	20,668	20,832
Net investment gains	-	45,300	45,300
Total additions	164	65,968	66,132
Deductions:			
Scholarships	4,000	-	4,000
Charity	-	9,306	9,306
Total deductions	4,000	9,306	13,306
Change in net position	(3,836)	56,662	52,826
Net position, beginning of year	65,841	895,400	961,241
Net position, end of year	\$ 62,005	952,062	1,014,067

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	18.6		158,901	1,589,031		175,000	144,218,180	2,682,458
	<u>-754,789</u>		6.62	1.08	10.53				
	924,405					7.62			
1995	1,702,826	19.85		163,518	1,698,897		175,000	145,450,620	2,887,196
	<u>-693,139</u>		6.94	1.12	11.68				
	1,009,687					8.14			
1996	1,484,714	20.95		170,428	1,800,281		120,000	146,459,900	3,068,334
	<u>-700,528</u>		5.35	1.16	12.29				
	784,186					6.17			
1997/98	1,673,612	22.2		175,305	1,943,693		100,000	147,819,680	3,281,596
	<u>-820,924</u>		5.76	1.19	13.15				
	852,688					6.44			
1998/99	1,771,052	23		182,035	2,055,284		0	137,908,460	3,057,584
	<u>-849,007</u>		6.68	1.32	14.9				(114,310)
	922,045								3,171,894
1999/00	1,843,742	23.95		171,081	2,202,037		0	140,115,560	3,118,463
	<u>868,666</u>		6.96	1.22	15.72				(118,776)
	975,076								3,237,242
2000/01	1,893,975			174,434	2,316,907		0	139,802,030	3,365,806
	<u>913,705</u>	24.95	7.13	1.25	16.57				(122,255)
	980,270								3,488,061
2001/02	1,873,428			237,136	2,453,107				3,515,723
	<u>931,504</u>	25.30	6.58	1.52	17.2		0	138,961,350	(129,106)
	941,924			191,505					3,644,829
				45,631					
2002/03	1,959,979			234,087	2,608,015				3,766,920
	<u>968,397</u>	22.8	6.13	1.37	15.3			170,457,660	(119,221)
	991,582			178,849					3,886,141
				55,238					

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

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
2003/04	1,981,032				2,586,197			3,746,062
	<u>994,144</u>	22	5.82 ³	1.41	14.77		175,050,552	(105,050) ⁵
	986,888			185,433				3,851,112
				60,793				
2004/05	2,086,574			262,383	2,581,807			3,847,301
	<u>1,040,044</u>	20.55	5.72 ⁶	1.37	13.46		191,845,085	(95,116)
	1,046,530			204,994			31,586,850	
				57,389			31,586,850	649,110
						Total	223,431,935	4,496,411
2005/06	2,171,182			259,234	2,487,157			3,837,112
	<u>1,012,793</u>	19.55	5.88 ⁷	1.29	12.38		200,989,447	(92,231) ⁹
	1,158,389			201,272				3,929,343
				201,272			45,134,667	882,383
				57,962		Total	246,124,114	4,719,495
2006/07	2,378,216			277,406	2,670,118			4,183,288
	<u>1,055,659</u>	20.10	6.27	1.30	12.53		213,048,078	(98,979)
	1,322,557			216,749				4,282,266
Overlay	<u>12,185</u>			60,657				
	1,334,743			60,657			46,778,692	940,252
						Total	259,826,770	5,123,540
2007/08	2,543,116			307,939	2,868,303		301,818,271	4,692,480
	<u>1,107,474</u>	15.8	5.28	1.02	9.5		301,818,271	(76,249)
	1,435,642			238,316				4,768,729
	<u>156,845</u>			69,623			48,767,766	770,531
Overlay	1,592,487					Total	350,586,037	5,463,011

NOTE:

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
6. Includes overlay in the amount of \$51,696
7. Includes overlay in the amount of \$23,239
8. 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.
9. 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
2008/09	2,682,073			326,176	2,891,520		323,941,118	4,747,893
	<u>1,102,474</u>	14.95	5.02	1.01	8.92			(72,244)
	1,579,599			250,613				(22,783)
								4,842,920
Overlay	<u>45,625</u>			75,563			49,676,516	742,663
	1,625,224						373,617,634	5,490,556
2009/10	2,669,769			339,044	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)
	<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			
	1,657,868			279,685				5,131,890
	<u>29,559</u>			83,180			49,182,864	775,614
	1,687,427						374,603,889	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			
	1,735,760			282,193				5,233,557
	<u>12,758</u>			87,250			49,408,196	789,543
	1,748,518						376,914,954	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			
	1,947,175			279,934				5,555,396
	<u>18,150</u>			68,614			49,730,802	835,477
	1,965,324						380,409,160	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			
	2,057,982			297,530				5,660,183
	<u>12,897</u>			70,208			48,181,055	806,551
	2,070,879						386,304,315	6,372,382

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
2014/15	2,989,427			373,969	3,389,803				5,880,914
	<u>787,012</u>	16.64	6.16	1.04	9.53				(60,230)
	2,202,415			301,950					(32,794)
	<u>7,751</u>			72,019					5,973,938
	<u>2,210,166</u>						<u>45,077,467</u>		750,089
							404,088,147		6,631,003
2015/16	3,132,616			395,311	3,756,886				6,357,758
	<u>807,426</u>			1.10	10.44				(61,926)
	2,325,190	18.03	6.50	322,777					(70,645)
	<u>12,942</u>			72,534			<u>43,825,292</u>		6,490,328
	<u>2,338,132</u>						403,799,138		790,170
									7,147,928
2016/17	3,169,714			430,945	3,870,086				6,515,306
	<u>788,706</u>	18.68	6.67	1.20	10.80				(101,107)
	2,381,008			357,713					(75,212)
	<u>9,584</u>			73,232			<u>43,335,384</u>		6,691,624
	<u>2,390,593</u>						401,559,374		809,505
									7,324,811
2017/18	3,259,456			450,349	4,095,417				6,765,824
	<u>820,201</u>	19.40	6.79	1.25	11.36				(140,393)
	2,439,255			374,911					(89,170)
	<u>10,366</u>			75,438			<u>40,693,651</u>		6,995,388
	<u>2,449,621</u>						401,280,650		789,457
									7,555,281
2018/19	3,443,270			468,774	4,445,063				7,232,191
	<u>858,293</u>	20.93	7.25	1.30	12.38				(184,283)
	2,584,977			386,517					(101,139)
	<u>18,559</u>			82,257			<u>40,743,645</u>		7,517,613
	<u>2,603,537</u>						399,922,487		852,764
									8,084,955
Estimate									
2019/20	3,585,401			474,799	5,206,302				7,805,790
	<u>1,165,993</u>	22.59	6.77	1.32	14.50				(198,899)
	2,419,407			387,483					(109,161)
	<u>13,341</u>			87,316			<u>40,743,645</u>		8,113,849
	<u>2,432,748</u>						399,922,487		920,399
									8,726,189

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

Valuation Comparison

	2012/2013	2013/2014	2014/2015	2015/2016
Valuation				
Real Estate	325,772,635	333,588,086	345,650,678	346,374,342
Personal Property	49,274,893	47,079,902	52,847,064	50,072,003
Total Valuation	375,047,528	380,667,988	398,497,742	396,446,345
Homestead Exemption	3,783,622	3,663,622	3,619,617	3,434,617
BETE Exemption	1,578,010	1,972,705	1,970,789	3,918,176
Total Taxable Valuation Base	380,409,160	386,304,315	404,088,148	403,799,138
90% captured value in TIF Dist	48,694,613	47,178,093	44,180,981	42,850,555
70% captured value Downtown TIF	1,036,190	1,002,962	896,486	974,737
Non TIF Value	330,678,357	338,123,260	359,010,681	359,973,846
Revenues				
Tax Commitment	6,300,798	6,372,382	6,631,002	7,147,928
Anticipated Revenue	668,074	638,234	643,234	666,486
State Revenue Sharing	229,294	140,000	143,778	140,940
Homestead Reimbursement	63,565	61,329	60,230	61,926
BETE Reimbursement	26,511	33,023	32,794	70,645
Total Revenue	7,288,242	7,244,968	7,511,038	8,087,924
Revenue Commitments				
Appropriations Municipal	2,844,543	2,836,216	2,989,427	3,132,616
Dragon Reserve	818,069	789,761	735,171	772,596
Downtown Reserve	17,408	16,790	14,918	17,575
MSAD #50	3,241,524	3,221,566	3,389,803	3,756,886
Knox County Tax	348,548	367,738	373,969	395,310
Overlay	18,150	12,897	7,751	12,942
Total	7,288,242	7,244,968	7,511,038	8,087,924
Pollution Control				
Debt Service	100,000	50,000	50,000	50,000

Valuation Comparison

	2016/2017	2017/2018	2018/2019	Estimate 2019/2020
Valuation				
Real Estate	345,033,570	343,830,233	345,656,776	345,656,776
Personal Property	47,086,912	45,637,243	40,628,721	40,628,721
Total Valuation	392,120,482	389,467,476	386,285,497	386,285,497
Homestead Exemption	5,412,566	7,236,773	8,804,716	8,804,716
BETE Exemption	4,026,327	4,596,401	4,832,274	4,832,274
Total Taxable Valuation Base	401,559,375	401,300,650	399,922,487	399,922,487
90% captured value in TIF Dist	42,262,931	39,540,245	39,642,080	39,642,080
70% captured value Downtown TIF	1,072,453	1,153,405	1,101,566	1,101,566
Non TIF Value	358,223,991	360,606,999	359,178,842	359,178,842
Revenues				
Tax Commitment	7,324,811	7,555,669	8,084,955	8,726,189
Anticipated Revenue	649,734	663,799	685,899	685,899
State Revenue Sharing	138,971	156,402	172,394	480,094
Homestead Reimbursement	101,107	140,393	184,283	198,899
BETE Reimbursement	75,212	89,170	101,139	109,161
Total Revenue	8,289,835	8,605,434	9,228,670	10,200,242
Revenue Commitments				
Appropriations Municipal	3,169,714	3,259,456	3,443,270	3,585,401
Dragon Reserve	89,472	767,081	829,709	895,515
Downtown Reserve	20,033	22,376	23,056	24,884
MSAD #50	3,870,086	4,095,417	4,445,302	5,206,302
Knox County Tax	430,945	450,349	468,774	474,799
Overlay	9,584	10,754	18,559	13,341
Total	8,289,835	8,605,434	9,228,670	10,200,242
Pollution Control				
Debt Service	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000

Trust Fund Balances

ENDING BALANCES 6/30/18

CEMETERY FUNDS

Operating Fund - Checking	\$ 7,929.34
Helen McBride Flower Fund	474.50
Addie Guild Stone Cleaning	829.39
Leighton CD	4,767.00
Thomaston Cemetery/Leighton fund - Market Value	\$500,676.03
TOTAL CEMETERY FUNDS	\$514,676.26

DIETZ SCHOLARSHIP

Dietz Savings	\$ 801.96
Dietz CD	\$ 61,203.39
TOTAL DIETZ SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$ 62,005.35

CHARITY FUNDS

Lions Club	\$ 1,947.34
Charitable CD	97,503.69
Watts Fund	
Mary E. Campbell	
E.P. George Hospital Fund	
Cassandra A. Washburn	
Mary Watts Fund	
Samuel Watts - Checking	\$ 5,146.01
* Maine Community Foundation	\$ 90,944.27
Thomaston Charity Fund - Market Value	\$ 346,972.94
Charitable Fund - Market Value	\$ 505,637.68
TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS	\$1,048,151.93

THOMASTON PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS

Petty Cash	\$ 150.00
Operating Fund - Checking	\$ 4,260.52
Book Fund - Checking	\$ 1,214.53
Public Library Book Fund - Market Value	\$ 386,330.03
Library Agency Fund - Market Value	\$ 1,140,614.98
TOTAL LIBRARY FUNDS	\$ 1,532,570.06
TOTAL THOMASTON TRUST FUNDS	\$ 3,157,403.60

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND	\$ 1,117,031.08
TIF	\$ 559,136.05

* These Funds are held independently by Maine Community Foundation \$ 1,676,167.13

PART 5:

Annual Town Meeting



Thomaston Annual Town Meeting on June 13, 2018

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Did you know?

“Of the 491 municipalities in Maine today, over 425 still conduct business at the annual town meeting, in a form that has survived well over 300 years. ”

From “Local Government in Maine” published by Maine Municipal Association

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.

Town Meeting Procedures

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.

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ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2019 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2020

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 11, 2019 AT 8:00 AM** prevailing time, then and there to act upon **ARTICLES 1-3 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 12, 2019 at 7:00 PM** prevailing time, then and there to proceed with **ARTICLES 4 through 47.**

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, two Selectpersons for three year terms each and one Assessor for a three year term.

ARTICLE 3: Shall the town vote to disband the Thomaston Police Department and to authorize the Selectmen to contract with the Knox County Sheriff's Department to provide police protection to the Town of Thomaston at such terms and conditions as the Selectmen deem appropriate?

June 12, 2019 – 7:00 PM – AMERICAN LEGION HALL

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$450,000 to fund the provision of Law Enforcement Services through Knox County for a period of one year to cover the Town, subject to an affirmative yes vote on Article 3 of this Town Meeting Warrant by referendum ballot and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a contract for same

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to rescind Articles 11 (Police Department Wages) and Article 12 (Police Department General Expenditures) of this Town Meeting Warrant, also to reduce the amount of Article 23 (Unclassified Accounts) by \$50,866.57, not fund \$35,192.12 from the Maine State Retirement Fund Reserve and reduce Article 24 (Capital

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Reserve) for the police cruiser by \$14,000, subject to an affirmative yes vote on Article 3 of this Town Meeting Warrant.

Explanation:	Article 11	Police Wages	\$326,925.64
	Article 12	General Expenses	70,510.36
	Article 23	Workmen's Comp	16,530.27
		Unemployment	1,005.80
		FICA	25,435.78
		3% Wage Increase	7,894.72
	Article 24	Capital	14,000.00
		ME State Retirement	35,192.12
		Current Health Insurance	61,232.00
		TOTAL:	558,726.69

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to add the portion of Town property west of Anna Belle Lane to the Village Cemetery and authorize the Board of Selectmen to seek requests for bids for potential developers to lease the said land to construct and operate a crematorium.

VILLAGE CEMETERY TRUSTEES RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 7: 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:

	2019 2020	2018 2019
State Local Road Assistance	\$ 24,916.00	\$ 24,916.00
Gasoline Refund	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 2,200.00
State Revenue Sharing	\$480,094.31	\$172,394.00
General Assistance	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
Snowmobile Reimbursement	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
Tree Growth Reimbursement	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Veteran's Exempt Reimbursement	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Property Tax Relief Funds	Unknown	Unknown
State Grants & Other Funds	Unknown	Unknown

SELECT PERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 8: 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, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

DESCRIPTION AND COMPARISON:

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	2019 2020	2018 2019
Appropriated from Fund Balance and Transfer	Unknown	Unknown
Anticipated State Revenue Sharing	<u>\$480,094.31</u>	<u>\$172,394.00</u>
TOTAL	\$480,094.31	\$172,394.00

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$444,548.47 for GENERAL GOVERNMENT for Fiscal Year July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020

DESCRIPTION AND COMPARISON

	2019 2020	2018 2019
Selectpersons	\$11,925.15	\$ 0
Legal	\$18,000.00	\$ 18,000.00
Selectmen's Office	\$ 6,300.00	\$ 4,850.00
Town Manager	\$83,850.99	\$ 83,850.99
Exec. Secy. Office Coord.	\$42,103.30	\$ 42,103.30
Manager's Office	\$ 25,540.08	\$ 24,640.08
Clerk	\$ 39,524.80	\$ 39,524.80
Clerk's Office	\$ 7,100.00	\$ 5,850.00
General Office	\$ 35,600.00	\$ 33,800.00
Municipal Accounting Clerk	\$ 49,694.26	\$ 49,694.26
Finance Office	\$ 14,400.00	\$ 12,250.00
Administration	\$ 19,660.71	\$ 19,660.71
Planning Board	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Contingency	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Computer	\$ 37,250.00	\$ 35,250.00
Code Enforcement Officer	\$ 47,024.18	\$ 47,024.18
Code Enforcement Office	<u>\$ 5,375.00</u>	<u>\$ 5,375.00</u>
TOTAL	\$444,548.47	\$423,073.32

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$89,700 for maintenance and operation of MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS for Fiscal Year July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020

DESCRIPTION AND COMPARISON

	2019 2020	2018 2019
Watts Block	\$49,000.00	\$ 49,000.00
Academy Building	<u>\$40,700.00</u>	<u>\$ 40,700.00</u>

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TOTAL	\$89,700.00	\$ 89,700.00
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SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$326,925.64 for the POLICE DEPARTMENT WAGES for Fiscal Year July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020

DESCRIPTION AND COMPARISON:

	2019 2020	2018 2019
Chief's Salary	\$ 67,962.38	\$ 67,962.38
Patrolmen Wages (3)	\$138,546.75	\$138,546.75
Reserves Wages	\$ 19,000.00	\$ 9,000.00
Overtime	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Traffic Control	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 16,000.00
Sergeant Wages	\$ 54,116.51	\$ 54,116.51
Special Details	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
Court Time	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
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	\$326,925.64	\$316,925.64

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$70,510.36 for GENERAL EXPENDITURES – POLICE DEPARTMENT for Fiscal Year July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020

DESCRIPTION AND COMPARISON:

	2019 2020	2018 2019
Transportation	\$22,500.00	\$ 20,000.00
Supplies & Equipment	<u>\$48,010.36</u>	<u>\$ 41,775.00</u>
TOTAL	\$70,510.36	\$ 61,775.00

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$144,680.28 for the FIRE DEPARTMENT for Fiscal Year July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020

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DESCRIPTION AND COMPARISON:

	2019 2020	2018 2019
Fire Chief	\$ 15,804.03	\$ 15,804.03
Deputy Chief	\$ 7,839.20	\$ 7,839.20
Assistant Chiefs (2 positions)	\$ 9,317.99	\$ 9,317.99
Call Members	\$ 22,894.06	\$ 22,894.06
Operations	\$ 21,925.00	\$ 20,725.00
Communications	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Fire Equipment	\$ 11,300.00	\$ 10,900.00
Fire Vehicle Maintenance	\$ 33,700.00	\$ 21,200.00
Station Building	\$ 19,900.00	\$ 19,900.00
TOTAL	\$144,680.28	\$130,580.28

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,400 to purchase self-contained breathing (SCBA) bottles, purchase protective clothing and dry hydrant maintenance as follows.

	2019 2020	2018 2019
SCBA	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 3,200.00
Clothing	\$ 9,200.00	\$ 9,200.00
Dry Hydrant	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
TOTAL	\$13,400.00	\$ 13,400.00

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$216,023.08 for PROTECTION AND PUBLIC SAFETY for Fiscal Year July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

DESCRIPTION AND COMPARISON:

	2019 2020	2018 2019
Street Lighting	\$ 42,817.00	\$ 42,817.00
E M A	\$ 989.58	\$ 989.58
Health Officer	\$ 1,479.05	\$ 1,479.05
Animal Control	\$ 10,737.45	\$ 10,637.45
Hydrant Rental	\$160,000.00	\$ 160,000.00
TOTAL	\$216,023.08	\$ 215,923.08

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

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ARTICLE 16: 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 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$529,738.33 for PUBLIC WORKS for Fiscal Year July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

DESCRIPTION AND COMPARISON:

	2019 2020	2018 2019
Director	\$ 67,303.50	\$ 67,303.50
Full Time Employees (3)	\$132,135.52	\$ 132,135.52
Shared Employees	\$ 45,071.28	\$ 45,071.28
Overtime	\$ 6,200.00	\$ 6,200.00
Public Works General	\$ 8,450.00	\$ 8,200.00
Operations	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 74,700.00
Winter Roads	\$ 95,500.00	\$ 92,000.00
Summer Roads	\$ 36,300.00	\$ 35,000.00
Stump Dump	\$ 48,578.03	\$ 47,578.03
Town Garage	<u>\$ 10,200.00</u>	<u>\$ 10,100.00</u>
TOTAL	\$529,738.33	\$ 518,288.33

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$250,609.00 for Transfer Station Fees for Fiscal Year July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

DESCRIPTION AND COMPARISON:

	2019 2020	2018 2019
Transfer Station Fees	<u>\$250,609.00</u>	<u>\$250,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$250,609.00	\$250,000.00

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$205,859.18 for the AMBULANCE DEPARTMENT for Fiscal Year July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

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DESCRIPTION AND COMPARISON

	2019	2020	2018	2019
Director	\$	10,079.04	\$	10,079.04
Assistants	\$	7,395.26	\$	7,395.26
Call Attendants	\$	11,384.68	\$	11,384.68
Per Diem Weekend Coverage	\$	34,323.82	\$	34,323.82
Ambulance Coverage – Rockland	\$	104,000.00	\$	104,000.00
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	\$	7,200.00
Operations	\$	13,550.00	\$	13,550.00
Communications	\$	2,000.00	\$	2,000.00
TOTAL		\$205,859.18		\$ 205,859.18

SELECT PERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$46,835.34 for the ASSESSOR'S OFFICE for Fiscal Year July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

DESCRIPTION AND COMPARISON

	2019	2020	2018	2019
Assessors' Compensation	\$	3,260.74	\$	3,260.74
Assessors' Agent	\$	31,749.60	\$	31,749.60
Temporary Assistant	\$	500.00	\$	500.00
Office Supplies	\$	600.00	\$	600.00
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	\$	750.00
Legal and Professional Services	\$	4,000.00	\$	4,000.00
Commercial Assessments	\$	1,500.00	\$	1,500.00
TOTAL		\$46,835.34		\$ 46,835.34

SELECT PERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

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ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$75,975.51 for the RECREATION DEPARTMENT for Fiscal Year July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020

DESCRIPTION AND COMPARISON:

	2019 2020	2018 2019
Director's Salary	\$40,325 51	\$ 40,325 51
League Fees	\$ 5,000 00	\$ 5,000 00
Office Supplies	\$ 650 00	\$ 650 00
Field Maintenance	\$ 9,500 00	\$ 9,500 00
Senior Citizen's Account	\$ 7,500 00	\$ 7,500 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	<u>\$ 3,000 00</u>	<u>\$ 3,000 00</u>
TOTAL	\$75,975.51	\$ 75,975.51

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$29,186.36 for LEISURE SERVICES for Fiscal Year July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020:

DESCRIPTION AND COMPARISON:

	2019 2020	2018 2019
SHADE TREES		
Tree Warden	\$ 972 40	\$ 972 40
Tree Removal	\$ 3,000 00	\$ 4,000 00
Dead Limb Sanitation	\$ 4,000 00	\$ 5,000 00
Stump Removal	\$ 500 00	\$ 500 00
Tree Planting	\$ 3,000 00	\$ 1,000 00
Equipment	\$ 500 00	\$ 500 00
Publications, Licensing, Mileage	\$ 0 00	\$ 0 00
Cabling/bracing	<u>\$ 2,000 00</u>	<u>\$ 2,000 00</u>
SUBTOTAL	\$13,972.40	\$ 13,972.40

HARBOR SERVICES

Harbor Master	\$ 4,313 96	\$ 4,313 96
Education/Training	\$ 350 00	\$ 350 00
Public Landing	\$ 4,900 00	\$ 4,000 00
Ground Supplies	\$ 200 00	\$ 200 00

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Float Maintenance	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,000.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
Facility Maintenance	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 2,300.00
Boat Maintenance	\$ 0.00	\$ 400.00
Float Removal	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00
Telephone	\$ 450.00	\$ 450.00
SUBTOTAL	\$14,213.96	\$ 14,213.96
Conservation Committee	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
SUBTOTAL	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
TOTAL	\$29,186.36	\$ 29,186.36

SELECT PERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$768,506.08 for UNCLASSIFIED ACCOUNTS for Fiscal Year July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

DESCRIPTION AND COMPARISON

	2019 2020	2018 2019
Workers' Compensation	\$ 80,706.00	\$ 63,121.00
Unemployment Insurance	\$ 3,822.00	\$ 3,822.00
FICA	\$ 96,000.00	\$ 96,000.00
Health Insurance	\$347,025.95	\$ 347,025.95
Retirement	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,500.00
Wage Increase	\$ 28,430.88	\$ 0.00
SUBTOTAL	\$561,484.83	\$ 515,468.95

INSURANCE

Commercial Package/Auto	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 41,000.00
Public Official Liability	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 6,500.00
Employee Dishonesty Bond	\$ 800.00	\$ 600.00
SUBTOTAL	\$ 57,300.00	\$ 48,100.00

Public Restrooms	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
SUBTOTAL	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00

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COMPUTERS		
Computers and Printers	\$ 1,425.00	\$ 1,425.00
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	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
SUBTOTAL	\$ 59,076.25	\$ 59,076.25

Thomaston Village Cemetery	\$ 19,000.00	\$ 19,000.00
Thomaston Public Library	\$ 66,720.00	\$ 65,410.00
Thomaston Flags	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
SUBTOTAL	\$ 86,720.00	\$ 85,410.00
TOTAL	\$768,506.08	\$711,980.20

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$174,000.00 for CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS RESERVE ACCOUNTS for Fiscal Year July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

DESCRIPTION AND COMPARISON

	2019 2020	2018 2019
Police Cruiser Reserve	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 14,000.00
Ambulance Reserve	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
Fire Apparatus	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
Academy Maint Reserve	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Dump Truck Reserve	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
Computer Reserve	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Municipal Facilities Reserves	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
TOTAL	\$174,000.00	\$ 174,000.00

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$8,000.00 for FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE for Fiscal Year July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

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DESCRIPTION AND COMPARISON:

	2019 2020	2018 2019
General Assistance	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 12,000.00

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

SELECT PERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 26: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$16,075.00 for PROVIDER AND LOCAL AGENCIES for Fiscal Year July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020:

DESCRIPTION AND COMPARISON:

PROVIDERS AGENCIES

	2019 2020	2018 2019
Coastal Opportunities	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Penquis CAP	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,500.00
Mid-Coast Children's Services	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
New Hope for Women	\$ 500.00	\$ 250.00
Coastal Transportation	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Spectrum Generations	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 0.00
Pope Memorial Humane Society	\$ 475.00	\$ 475.00
Area Interfaith Food Pantry (AIO)	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 0.00
Home Counselors	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Trekkers	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Knox County Homeless Coalition	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,000.00
American Red Cross	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Broadreach Family & Community	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Midcoast ME Comm Action	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 500.00
Rockland District Nursing	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
SUBTOTAL	\$ 8,975.00	\$ 5,725.00

LOCAL AGENCIES

Historical Society	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Christmas Lighting	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,600.00
Memorial Day Committee	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00
Friends of Montpelier	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Landscaping Committee	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,900.00
Thomaston Food Pantry	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,000.00

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Life Flight	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
SUBTOTAL	\$ 7,100.00	\$ 8,500.00

TOTAL	\$16,075.00	\$ 14,225.00
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SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 27: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$131,285.00 to pave the following streets:

DESCRIPTION:

Ridgeview Drive	2,640	lin ft	est.	510 tons
Ludwig Street	264	lin ft	est.	40 tons
Robinson Street	370	lin ft	est.	70 tons
Greenhouse Hill Rd	800	lin ft	est.	200 tons
Broadway Street	634	lin ft	est.	90 tons
Hyer Street	792	lin ft	est.	160 tons
Gleason Street	1,584	lin ft	est.	280 tons
Gay Street	370	lin ft	est.	70 tons
Public Landing Rd	370	lin ft	est.	75 tons
Public Landing	280	lin ft	est.	210 tons
TOTAL:				1,705 tons
TOTAL:				\$131,285

EXPLANATION: Estimate utilizing \$77 per ton.

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 28: 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 29: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$10,000.00 to fund the completion of the 2005 Comprehensive Plan as amended to date and recommended by the Comprehensive Plan Committee?

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

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ARTICLE 30: Shall the Town vote to authorize the Select Board to enter into multi-year contracts (not to exceed three years) for the lease or purchase of goods and services, when they deem it in the best financial interest of the Town?

SELECTPERSONS RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 31: 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 except that the Municipal Officers shall use the special sale process required by 36 M.R.S.A. §943-C for qualifying homestead property if they choose to sell it to anyone other than the former owner (s). Said real estate to be sold is 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 32: To see if the Town will vote to permit acceptance of PREPAID TAXES and to fix the dates of December 2, 2019 for the first payment and June 1, 2020 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 9 percent to be charged on taxes unpaid after said date for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

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 33: To see if the Town will vote to set the interest rate of 5% to be paid by the Town on abated taxes pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. Section 506-A.

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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 34: 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 35: 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 36: 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 37: 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 38: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$14,800.00 from the Dragon Products T.I.F. to replace the Fire Department hose for Engine #3.

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

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ARTICLE 39: Shall ordinance amendments to “Chapter 7 of the Land Use, Section 704 Administration” be enacted?

A copy of this ordinance certified by the municipal officers 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 40: “Shall ordinance amendments to “Chapter 7 of the Land use, Section 725 Pre-Application Procedure (Step One)” 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 41: “Shall ordinance amendments to “Chapter 10 of the Land Use, 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 42: Shall ordinance amendments to the Budget Committee Ordinance be enacted?

A copy of this ordinance certified by the municipal officers 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 BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 43: Shall ordinance amendments to the Personnel Committee Ordinance be enacted?

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A copy of this ordinance certified by the municipal officers 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 PERSONNEL COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 44: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Thomaston Village Cemetery Ordinance by adding Section 106.9 entitled Right, Title and Interest of Lot Owners which reads as follows

"No interment should be made in the Town of Thomaston Village Cemetery until the Cemetery Sexton is furnished a permit such as may be required by the Laws of the State of Maine, together with an agreement signed by the owner of record of the burial lot or their legal representative that indemnifies and saves harmless the town from liability should the dead human body be buried in the wrong burial lot or should the owner of record or their legal representative have insufficient title to the burial lot."

A copy of this ordinance certified by the municipal officers 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 VILLAGE CEMETERY TRUSTEES RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 45: 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 46: To see if the Town will vote to utilize current street light funding to fund the purchase of public street lights from C.M.P. and to convert to LED lights through RealTerm Energy US, L.P., with a long-term maintenance agreement.

EXPLANATION:

Energy and Cost Savings:

Parameter (Annual):	Before Upgrade	Post Upgrade	Savings	Savings (%)
Energy Consumption (kWh)	119,131	30,314	88,817	75%
Annual Lighting Equipment Charges	\$22,956	\$0	\$22,956	100%
Annual Delivery Charges	\$5,865	\$1,497	\$4,368	74%
Annual Supply Rate	\$9,436	\$2,401	\$7,035	75%
Annual Maintenance Cost	\$0	\$4,896	(\$4,896)	N/A
Total Streets Lights Expenditures	\$38,258	\$8,794	\$29,464	77%
Average Cost per Fixture	\$188	\$43	\$144	77%

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Smart Controls Option

Number of Fixtures	204
Net Adder for Controls	\$15,663
Total Project Cost with Controls	\$89,776
Total Project Cost with Controls & Acquisition	\$110,176
Payback with Controls	3.6 years

SELECT PERSONS RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 47: Shall the ordinance entitled "Georges River Regional Shellfish Management Ordinance" be amended?

THE GEORGES RIVER REGIONAL SHELLFISH JOINT BOARD RECOMMEND APPROVAL

A copy of this ordinance 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.

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Given under our hands this 13th day of May in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand Eighteen by the vote of the Select Board.

THOMASTON SELECT BOARD:

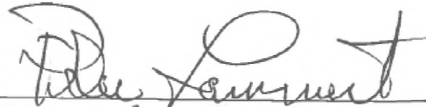
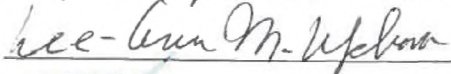
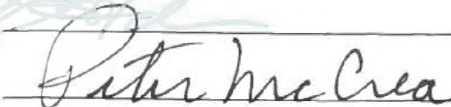
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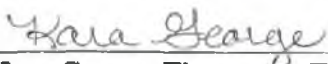
William Hahn

Peter McCrea

Beverly St. Clair

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


Kara George, Thomaston Town Clerk

5/13/2019
Date

NOTES

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Characteristics and elements of different architectural style facades in Thomaston:

Colonial (pre 1800) - not illustrated

Classic cape, one-and-a-half stories high with pitched roof, little space between windows and roof, no overhang on the gables, central door with two symmetrically placed windows on either side; central chimney.

Federal (1780-1820)

Plain entablature; simple door with wide transom and side lights, elliptical fanlight or fan shaped window, pediment, pilasters; double-hung nine over six or six over six window sash, Palladian window; hip roof.

Greek Revival (1820-1860)

High style examples resemble early Greek architecture. Front-gabled with peak of the roof facing the street to allow cornice detailing to be seen; decorated cornices, unadorned friezes, gable pediments; usually painted white to resemble marble; bold details with simple moldings. Cape style homes were also very common.

Gothic Revival (1830-1860) - not illustrated

Pointed arch on windows and doors; steeply pitched roofs, front facing gables with delicate jigsaw trim called vergeboards or bargeboards. Board and batten siding. Also called Carpenter Gothic.

Italianate (1840-1885)

Low-pitched roof with wide overhanging eaves, cornice brackets and hooded doors, decorative quoins or blocks along edges of the house, tall narrow windows. Often two or three stories. Cupolas were common.

Queen Anne (1880-1920)

Asymmetrical, corner bays and towers, spindlework porches, patterned shingling and stained glass, intersecting gables.

Second Empire (1852-1870)

Mansard roof with heavy decorative bracketed cornices, tall windows, balustrades. Simple square or rectangular box form and towers are common. Often had slate roof shingles.

Colonial Revival (1880-1940)

Symmetrical façade, one to two stories; medium-pitch or hip roof; six over six, six over nine or six over one double-hung windows; columns, pilasters, quoins, dentil trim and Palladian windows.

Vernacular and Folk Victorian (1800-1940) - not illustrated

Ordinary houses built by local craftsmen using regional materials and plans, usually gable front with wings, sometimes with elaborate gingerbread trim.

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