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# Town of Union, Maine

Annual Report  
2017-2018



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of the  
Municipal Officers  
of the  
Town of Union  
Maine

For the Municipal Year  
2017-2018

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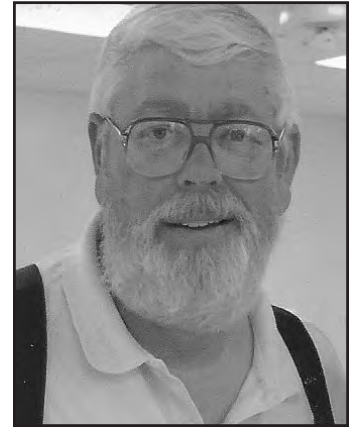
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**DEDICATION**  
Donald (Don) F. Hills

It is with honor and pleasure that we dedicate this year's Town of Union Annual Report to Donald (Don) F. Hills. Before the printing of this report Don passed away. He was visited at Togus by resident Barry Norris and was verbally made aware of the dedication.

Except for the first few years of marriage and one winter spent working in Florida, Don Hills has been content to live the remainder of his almost 71 years in the Town of Union. His ancestral roots run deep since he is a descendant of Phillip Robbins, one of the earliest settlers of Union, on his mother's side; and a 10th generation descendant of Reuben Hills, who in 1802 settled his family on the land where Don now lives.



Born on August 8, 1947 to Vivian (Viv) and Marguerite (Robbins) Hills, he was brought home to the Hills home-  
stead on Sennebec Road. He grew up there with his older sister Joyce. Sadly, he never knew his father, a World War II veteran who died from leukemia when Don was about a year old. Eventually his mother met and married Richard (Dick) Gorden, of whom Don has commented that he "could not have picked a better stepfather." With Dick being the owner/operator of F. W. Gorden & Son, the local general store, and his mother running Hills Rest Home for more than 30 years, Don grew up observing the dedication and personal sacrifices it often takes to run a successful business.

After graduating from "the old yellow school" in June 1966, Don surprised his parents by enlisting in the Army. He volunteered to go to Vietnam, where he survived serving two tours from 1967 to 1969. During those intense years, he had the support of neighbors and friends who sent "care packages" that arrived bearing home-baked goods, John Deere umbrellas and even a four-leaf clover which returned home with him.

Following discharge from the Army, Don was eventually employed by local B. M. Clark Company in sales and manufacturing of bulk feed units. In 1972 he married Lorna (Mitchell) of Appleton. Three years after their son Justin arrived, he made the bold decision to go on his own: he created the Don Hills Co., Inc. It was the only way he could see to be able to settle down in Union, raise his son and, hopefully, provide a good living for his family. What started out as a "leap of faith" in 1975 for him and Lorna sold 31 years later as a successful business, from which they retired on April Fool's Day 2006!

Although running his hydraulic/fluid power business put a great demand on his time and energy, Don stayed active as long as he could, as a volunteer with the Union Fire Department and Union Ambulance Service. Many late nights have been spent away from home fighting fires, transporting the sick, or troubleshooting hydraulic problems; but Don was always glad to be of help when needed. He even managed to coach farm team baseball and peewee basketball, with Lorna as his assistant, when Justin was learning the sports. Ice cream was usually the reward, whether they won or lost! And in between all this he made sure his lawn and grounds were in pristine condition.

Don served several years on the town Budget Committee until retirement. He replaced that with driving throughout the United States to explore its beauty and to reconnect with his Vietnam Army buddies. There are 11 other couples who live in 10 different states, who have been meeting every two years for a reunion since 1996. Don was



proud to host them here in Union in 2002 – and made sure they knew the history of the Maine Wild Blueberry before they left. Volunteering to be on the Vietnam Memorial Committee was another way Don felt he served his town and his country.

Those who knew Don for years knew he could be a “straight shooter” as well as an instigator playing pranks on the unsuspecting. They also knew he would be among the first to lend serious aid to local organizations or individuals in need.

Throughout his travels, Don was always happiest to return home where he said, “We have it all right here.” In a recent conversation, a professional was amazed to learn that Don had lived his whole life in one place. He questioned why Don had never moved. Don’s answer: “Why leave paradise?”

We thank his wife Lorna for this wonderful tribute to her husband and for sharing with us her memories of their life together. It is clear from her tribute that Don was proud of serving his country, thankful for his Union roots and living on the land of his ancestors, and that he took pride in Union and its townspeople.

Don was referred to by many in the community as the “Mayah of Union.” We, the Town of Union, could not concur more. Don lived a full life here in Union giving not only his time but also many “behind the scenes” contributions. He will be deeply missed.



## ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS

### TOWN MEETING AND SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MODERATORS

Ronald Hawes and Elmer Savage

### SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

Gregory Grotton, Chairman .....	term expires 2020
Sarah Drickey .....	term expires 2018
John Shepard .....	term expires 2018
Lyle Cramer, Vice Chair .....	term expires 2019
James Justice .....	term expires 2019

### TRUSTEES OF THE WILLIAM PULLEN FUND (to serve with two Selectmen – four-year term)

Paul Gaudreau .....	term expires 2018
Judith Brogden .....	term expires 2019
Irene Hawes .....	term expires 2020
Anita Brown .....	term expires 2021

### TRUSTEES OF THE CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS (three-year term)

Joel Wentworth, Sr. ....	term expires 2018
Keith Hilt .....	term expires 2019
Lee MacFarland .....	term expires 2020

### BUDGET COMMITTEE (three-year term)

Howard Butler .....	term expires 2018
Doris Vertz .....	term expires 2018
Erik Amundsen .....	term expires 2018
Christine Savage .....	term expires 2018
Terry Brackett, Chair .....	term expires 2019
Bruce Cobb .....	term expires 2019
Paul Gaudreau .....	term expires 2019
Lawrence Nash .....	term expires 2019
Barry Norris .....	term expires 2020
John Mountainland .....	term expires 2020
Dan Day .....	term expires 2020
Vacancy .....	term expires 2020

### DIRECTORS OF MSAD #40 (three-year term)

Matthew Speno .....	term expires 2018
Erik Amundsen .....	term expires 2019
Robert Williams .....	term expires 2020





## TOWN OFFICIALS

### ADMINISTRATION

Town Manager, Road Commissioner, General Assistance Administrator and  
Public Access Officer ..... Jay Feyler  
Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Deputy Registrar/Treasurer/General Assistance  
Administrator ..... Stacey M.Y. Parra  
Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Deputy Registrar and Treasurer ..... Retired - Marcy Corwin  
Registrar of Voters, Deputy Clerk/Tax Collector/Treasurer and Alternate  
General Assistance Administrator ..... Michelle Clifford  
Deputy Clerk/Tax Collector/Registrar/Treasurer ..... Sherry Abaldo  
Town Legal Counsel ..... Roger Therriault  
Selectmen's Secretary ..... Sandra Patrick

### ASSESSING

Assessors' Representative ..... James Murphy

### CEMETERIES

Cemeteries Director ..... Myrna Soule

### FINANCE

Treasurer ..... Laura Curtis

### PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Code Enforcement Officer, Local Plumbing Inspector, Building Inspector, and  
Alternate General Assistance Administrator ..... Grant Watmough  
Alternate Code Enforcement Officer and Local Plumbing Inspector ..... William O'Donnell

### PUBLIC SAFETY

Animal Control ..... William Demmons  
Emergency Medical Service Chief ..... Jesse Thompson  
Fire Chief and EMA Director ..... Kevin Soule  
Health Officer ..... Vicki Harriman  
Health Officer Alternate ..... Richard Wiemer

### PUBLIC WORKS

Supervisor ..... Orrin Parker



## ELECTIONS

### ELECTION CLERKS (May 1, 2018 - April 30, 2020)

#### DEMOCRATIC

Carol Watier  
Debra Hilt  
Dianne Groce  
Dorothy Black  
Nancy Johnson  
Pamela Jensen

#### REPUBLICAN

Barbara Fang  
Charlotte Doughty  
Linda Dean  
Martha Johnston-Nash  
Ruth Leonard  
Tera Corson

### ELECTION WARDENS

Election Warden..... Richard Niles  
Deputy Warden..... Jay Feyler

## COMMITTEES AND ORGANIZATIONS

### AGING IN PLACE IN UNION (one-year term)

Vicki Harriman, Chair ..... term expires 2018  
Carol Watier..... term expires 2018  
Clark Hooper ..... term expires 2018  
Lorain Francis ..... term expires 2018  
Martha Hooper ..... term expires 2018  
Phil Groce ..... term expires 2018  
Anita Brown..... term expires 2018

### BOARD OF APPEALS (five-year term)

Abraham Knight..... term expires 2018  
Judith Brogden..... term expires 2019  
William Pagnano, Chair..... term expires 2021  
Charlotte Doughty..... term expires 2021  
Neil Pollis ..... term expires 2022

### PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE (three-year term)

Clairlynn Rountree..... term expires 2018  
Michael Thompson ..... term expires 2018  
James Justice..... term expires 2018  
Laurie McDaniels..... term expires 2019  
Katherine Lunt ..... term expires 2019  
Aaron Cheesman..... term expires 2020  
Patrick Mellor ..... term expires 2020

**COMMITTEES AND ORGANIZATIONS – continued**

**PLANNING BOARD (five-year term)**

Laura Curtis .....	term expires 2018
Maria Pease, Chair .....	term expires 2019
Robin Milliken .....	term expires 2019
Dale Flint .....	term expires 2020
John Mountainland .....	term expires 2021
Gerald S. Brooks, Jr. ....	term expires 2021
Glenn Taylor, Vice Chair .....	term expires 2022

**RECREATION COMPLEX COMMITTEE (three-year term)**

Chris Wellman .....	term expires 2018
Patrick Mellor .....	term expires 2018
Ruth Ann Wiemer .....	term expires 2018
Clairlynn Rountree .....	term expires 2018
Travis Brown, Chair .....	term expires 2018
Robert Milliken .....	term expires 2018

**SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE (one-year term)**

Alice Lunt .....	term expires 2018
Barbara Fang .....	term expires 2018
Irene Hawes .....	term expires 2018
Rachael Umstead .....	term expires 2018

**TRI-COUNTY SOLID WASTE REPRESENTATIVES (one-year term)**

John Shepard .....	term expires 2018
James Bailey .....	term expires 2018
Lyle Cramer (alternate) .....	term expires 2018



## **FIRE DEPARTMENT ROSTER**

**Chief:**

Kevin Soule\*

**Assistant Chief:**

Jesse Thompson

**Captains:**

Scot Sabins\*

Nick Ciasullo

**Lieutenants:**

Randy Scott\*

John Willis

Robert Linscott\*

**Fire Police:**

James Murphy

**Firefighters:**

Lewis Merrifield

Sherwood Hilt

Chris Packard

Ryan Soule

Miles Paul

Jeff Grinnell

AJ Naum

Jason Earl

Will Jackson

Robert Wheelis

**Junior Firefighters:**

Beth Wheelis

## **EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE ROSTER**

**EMS Chief:**

Jesse Thompson

**Paramedics:**

Ann Harrison-Billiat

Jesse Thompson

Willis Gammon

Kevin Montoya

Melissa Bond

Mike Poli

Ryan Morton

John Bond

Stephen Barley

**EMT Advanced:**

Michele Robinson

Ruth Wall

Salina Wallace

**EMT Basics:**

Scot Sabins

Barry King

Harry Ankers, Jr.

Clarence Keller

Nicholas Ciasullo

Jason Earl

**Drivers:**

Casey Gammon

Robert Sayward

William Jackson

Teresa Ankers

AJ Naum

\*20 years or more of service





**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

The Board of Selectmen will begin their annual report by thanking all the volunteers and citizens who offer their time, talent, and energy to the Town of Union. Since our incorporation in 1786, our town has been noted for “uncommon harmony and union among the people of the community,” and that spirit of cooperation lives on today. The volunteers who step up to serve on the various boards, committees, and service organizations demonstrate our heritage of service to community. We thank everyone for their dedication, and for helping make Union a wonderful place to live.



Left to right Greg Grotton, John Shepard, Sarah Drickey, Jim Justice, and Lyle Cramer

We’ve had changes in the Town Office this year. Our long-time Town Clerk, Marcy Corwin, retired after nearly 20 years of outstanding and gracious service. Thank you, Marcy, and best wishes for a happy retirement!

Our Deputy Town Clerk/Selectmen’s Secretary Helen Zahn also retired after many years of excellent service, and we wish her all the best! We do miss your minutes Helen.

We are very glad to welcome Stacey Parra as the new town clerk. Stacey is very experienced in municipal business and is already bringing good ideas plus a cheerful temperament to town management. Welcome aboard, Stacey!

Once again this year we are incredibly impressed and downright proud of our Public Works department, headed by Orrin Parker. Our town roads are always cleared and sanded better and faster than those in all other surrounding towns. Our road crews, often including Town Manager Jay Feyler, deserve the highest accolades for their truly amazing work. Hats off to you and the crew, Orrin!

The Fire Department and Ambulance Service always provide outstanding care for our town night and day, rain or shine. We are so grateful to all the firefighters, EMT’s, and drivers who selflessly risk their safety for ours at any time of need. Thanks to Kevin Soule, Jesse Thompson, and staff.

The voters approved a new 10-year Comprehensive Plan at last year’s town meeting. Among the priorities of the new plan, as suggested from survey results, were the need for affordable housing, primarily for senior citizens in town, and enhanced recreational opportunities for everyone. The selectmen have been trying to find ways to implement these goals.

We have explored the option of creating housing units in the Thompson Community Center building, through an outside agency, as an adjunct to the operations of the Community Center. This could be a cost-effective way of helping with the affordable housing concern, while also helping to solve the puzzle of how to restore and maintain the



aging school building, which the TCC leases from the town. Voters decided this question resoundingly in favor of keeping the building under town control at our special town meeting in January. It was heartening to see the high voter attendance for this special meeting, especially on a bright, sunny Saturday morning... clearly the "Old Yellow School" means a lot to all of us. We are continuing to negotiate this issue with the TCC and look forward to a satisfactory outcome which will benefit both the Town and the Community Center.

We have plans under way to restore and expand the sidewalks on Common Road and Depot Street, extending them as far as Ayer Park. We are eligible for state funding for this project in 2020 and have begun engineering feasibility studies.

We are also working with the Recreation Committee to secure an appropriate location for the proposed track and field complex, and there is good progress. We look forward to development of this project. There is a dedicated group of volunteers who cleared and developed a nature trail behind Vose Library last summer, and they're brainstorming ideas for a more extensive hiking trail network in town. More volunteers will be welcomed heartily; just ask at the library.

We've heard lots of complaints about speeding this year. We all share this concern and will continue to work with the Sheriff's Department for enforcement. We will also continue to use our portable electronic speed reminder sign around town to encourage drivers to monitor their speed, especially in the congested village areas near the Common.

We welcome some new businesses to Union. The Dollar General opened its doors last fall and offers a convenient alternative to a trip down to Rockland. Union Fair Auto has taken over and improved the CARS location on Route 17 and offers a variety of shiny late-model used cars. The reopened Union Agway/Castle Builders are both thriving and look great. We're very glad these places have set up shop here in town. Stop in and do some business!

Last, but certainly not least, the Selectmen wish to thank our Town Manager, Jay Feyler, for his unwavering dedication and service to Union. We really are very lucky to have such a capable, willing, and agreeable administrator working for us. It's quite clear that Jay loves our little town and is eager to do whatever he can to improve things here for all of us. Thank him sometime...it's fun to watch him blush.

We are here for you. We meet the first and third Tuesday of every month. Please come meet us, make a public comment, complain, or suggest ways to improve something you care about. Volunteer to help with any of the various committees, boards or organizations in town. We're all in this together!



**TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

Jay Feyler, Town Manager

The times they are a changing! This past year we saw some major changes in personnel with Helen Zahn leaving the front office, and Marcy Corwin retiring after 17 years with the Town. New faces include Sherry Abaldo as Deputy Clerk and Stacey Parra as our new Town Clerk. Stacey comes with years of municipal experience and has been a great addition to our staff.



With new people come new challenges and new opportunities, and one of those recent opportunities was the addition of license plates at the municipal level. The Board of Selectmen voted to approve the trial of this, and we have had nothing but positive feedback from the citizens. Our staff had some serious training to do on this, and we did a “soft opening” for a couple of months but are now rolling full speed!

Our sidewalk plan has been put on hold due to the lack of funding from the State of Maine; however, we will re-apply when funds again become available. We believe the sidewalks will be an important aspect of our proposed new recreational area at the former Brooder House property.

The Pullen Trustees voted to fund the purchase of the property for a multi-use facility that will include a walking/running track, multi-purpose field, ice skating rink, and possible dog park. As of this writing we are working on the environmental approvals. Once that is finalized, we will be working on fundraising to begin the construction process. It is the Board of Selectmen's intent to raise all the money privately for this construction, and it will take the effort of many to bring this to fruition. We want to thank the Recreational Complex Committee for getting this started and Chairman Travis Brown for keeping things moving. We will have many more meetings in the future to help develop the plans and raise money, and I urge you to join in the fun.

By the time you read this our Aging in Place in Union Committee will have sent out its first newsletter and survey. They have been working on this for a couple of years and have much more work to do; but this is a real beginning, and I want to thank all those past and present who served on the committee. If you have an interest in this very important committee, please let us know.

Like many municipalities, we struggle with keeping our pay scales close to what our surrounding municipalities are paying. It is very difficult to recruit new employees when your benefits and pay are not comparable to the private market nor to other municipalities. The Board of Selectmen has been diligent in working on this, and this year has proposed the beginning of a very competitive wage and benefits program for our workers.

For many years I have urged you, our citizens, to let your feelings be known to our State Representatives and School Board members -- both entities being the driving force of skyrocketing taxes. With the State of Maine constantly pushing unfunded mandates on both the municipality and the school, we are seeing this absorbed by the local taxpayer. We all must be engaged citizens and realize that when we vote on issues, most will have a financial consequence on our municipal taxes. Such issues include minimum wage increase, expanded Medicare, Pre-K school, and more. I am not saying any of these are inherently bad things, but many do not realize the financial pressures they put on the system, thus on you the taxpayer.



# *Town of Union, Maine*

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Our financial picture remains strong, as you can see from the audit report in this Town Report. The Board of Selectmen has been instrumental in keeping our infrastructure funded, thus saving you hundreds of thousands of dollars in future costs.

We all owe our Public Works crew a debt of gratitude for the performance this winter. We had some experienced employees leave late in the season, and we had a challenge hiring new people. With some daunting issues, we still did a pretty darn good job. I want to thank all the employees and especially Orrin Parker, who kept things together during a trying winter.

Your Board of Selectmen has worked extremely hard on many issues this year. You may not always agree with them, but all board members have the best interest of the Town at heart. I want to thank them for their work and support this past year. They set the course, and my job is to get us there.

Very seldom is my door closed. I welcome everyone to stop in and discuss whatever is on your mind, ask questions, get issues clarified, or just say hi to Iris. You can also e-mail me anytime, follow us on Facebook, and sign up for our agendas and newsletters electronically.

We have a fantastic Town. It depends on the involvement of the citizens to make it even better. I urge you to volunteer, run for an office, or simply attend a meeting or two. You will be pleasantly surprised.



**OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK AND TAX COLLECTOR**

Stacey M. Y. Parra, Town Clerk and Tax Collector

Michelle Clifford, Deputy Town Clerk

Sherry Abaldo, Deputy Town Clerk

As your town clerk, I would like to state how much I enjoy working for the Town of Union. In my time here, I have interacted with people I have not seen in a while. I have also met many new welcoming faces. I want to thank my deputy town clerks, fellow employees, town manager, board of selectmen, committee members, and election clerks for their encouragement and support.

**VITAL STATISTICS RECORDED**

**January-December 2017**

**18 BIRTHS**

**16 MARRIAGES**

**20 DEATHS**

**DEATHS**

<b>Date of Death</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Town Death Occurred</b>	<b>Age</b>
01/02/2017	Stanley Joseph Rintz, Sr.	Rockport	86
01/02/2017	Wayne M. Upham, Sr.	Portland	79
01/28/2017	Charles Augustus Kent III	Union	51
02/18/2017	Howard Morrison	Union	66
02/18/2017	Milton Chase Parsons	Portland	83
03/19/2017	Susan Ivy Talbot	Rockport	60
03/31/2017	Muriel Irene Heath	Camden	97
04/28/2017	Holly Lynn Ostrom	Rockport	73
05/03/2017	Jeannine Margaret Folsom	Rockport	88
05/24/2017	Lawrence William Dries	Union	80
06/10/2017	Valdemar Adair Thomsen	Rockport	69
06/15/2017	James Swirles Keefer	Union	76
06/23/2017	Richard L. Eaton, Sr.	Rockport	70
08/02/2017	Robert Wayne Salo	Rockport	69
09/27/2017	Elaine Emma Foster	Camden	91
10/04/2017	Arthur Harry Steeves, Jr.	Union	85
11/15/2017	Gerald F. Hall, Sr.	Rockport	94
11/26/2017	Gail Audrey Richards	Rockport	81
11/28/2017	David L. Willey, Sr.	Chelsea	81
12/10/2017	Ruth Ann Hilt	Rockport	70



## LICENSES SOLD, STATISTICS, REGISTERED VOTERS REVENUES RECEIVED, AND FEES COLLECTED

January - December 2017

### **DOG LICENSES**

Kennel Licenses .....	1
Male/Female Dogs .....	81
Spayed/Neutered Dogs.....	382

### **VITAL STATISTICS**

Marriage Licenses Issued.....	16
Certified Copies of Birth Records.....	41
Certified Copies of Marriage Records .....	35
Certified Copies of Death Records .....	113

### **REGISTERED VOTERS** (as of April 19, 2018)

Democrats .....	393
Republicans .....	637
Green Independents .....	91
Libertarian .....	3
Unenrolled.....	584
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>1,708</b>

### **RECORD OF TOWN REVENUES RECEIVED**

Motor Vehicle Excise Tax .....	\$478,418.04
Motor Vehicle Agent Fees .....	\$ 6,454.00
Boat Excise Tax .....	\$ 3,358.90
Boat Registration Agent Fees .....	\$ 225.00
ATV Registration Agent Fees.....	\$ 106.00
Snowmobile Registration Agent Fees.....	\$ 109.00
Hunting & Fishing License Fees.....	\$ 422.50
Vital Records Fees .....	\$ 2,219.00
Dog License Fees .....	\$ 1,239.00
Late Dog Registration Fees.....	\$ 1,050.00
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$493,601.44</b>

### **RECORD OF STATE FEES COLLECTED**

Motor Vehicle Fees .....	\$ 88,748.50
Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Fees .....	\$ 18,883.50
Sales Tax on Boats, ATV's & Snowmobiles .....	\$ 3,675.94
Dog Licenses .....	\$ 1,931.00
Vital Records Fees .....	\$ 326.00
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$113,564.94</b>

**ASSESSING**

James Murphy, Jr., Assessors' Representative  
Murphy Appraisal Services, Inc.

As promised last year, I will attempt to make sense of the age-old question of who has the right “market value”: the assessor, the bank appraiser or the local real estate broker?

The short answer is YES. They can all have the correct estimate of market value based on the specific purpose and function of their valuation analysis. The long answer takes a bit more explanation.

Let's start with the local real estate broker. The broker is asked to complete a “Competitive Market Analysis.” This process looks to answer what the proper listing price would be if you were going to sell your property. This estimate is somewhat looking FORWARD in time as to what might be a prudent listing price based on real estate listings, not just past market history. It is the broker's obligation under his or her professional ethics to obtain for the seller the maximum selling price possible.

Some real estate brokers provide an estimate of value as a service, for some reason other than to list the property. This is not an appraisal. It is usually completed without cost.

Then there is the real estate appraiser. This process looks to answer a value question based on the professional analysis of PAST sales activity, usually within the past 1 to 12 months, and usually concluding an estimate of market value for lending purposes. It is the obligation of the real estate appraiser under USPAP (Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice) to support only their own conclusions of the available evidence based on the criteria of the assignment.

The real estate appraisal is going to have a cost, usually at least several hundreds of dollars upwards to thousands of dollars depending on the complexity of the appraisal and the type of property being appraised.

Finally, the local tax assessor: the town's tax assessor takes past sales market history, usually one to five years depending on the amount and quality of data, to project into the near future of three to five years; this is a valuation for taxation purposes. The local assessor is obligated under State Law to achieve “Just Value” for all property types. The law court has said “Just Value” is “Market Value.”

Thanks for that—as if an assessor could exactly know the future market selling price of a property. It is not the obligation of the local assessor to follow yearly fluctuations of the real estate markets. If that were true, there would be changes in your land and building values every year. While legally permitted this would cause unreasonable uncertainty in values and the tax bills that follow each year. You would like your local assessor even less if values jumped around each year.

There is no cost to you for the local assessor to come to your property and to review the facts about your property. It is the obligation of the assessor to be as consistent as possible to other like properties, not to have a low value or a high value. It is the goal of the assessor to set values based on past history and to hope that, over the next three to five years, he or she has overvalued half the sales and has undervalued half the sales.

The local assessor gets it from all directions. No one likes the assessor doing their job, except when they are not doing their job! In up markets the assessor is too low and hurting the increasing selling prices. In down markets the assessor is too high and hurting the seller. Tax assessment values should be slow to increase or decrease.

Last year about 500 property owners saw an increase in valuation. Some value increases were significant, mostly since their values had not been adjusted in over a decade. But a year later selling prices are proving to be very close to the new assessed values. Some people gave me, let me politely say, an emphatic vocal disagreement as to the increase in their tax amount.

I regret that some of these new valuations caused a dramatic year over year increase in some people's taxes. But it is also legally improper to purposely under value properties when there is clear market evidence that the valuation for taxation purposes needs to be increased.

You are likely aware that mortgages are publicly recorded. I cannot tell you how many owners came in telling me the new tax assessment value was too high when their own recorded mortgages indicated the new value was very appropriate. Then there are the 20 to 35 photos in the real estate listings that showed recently renovated and unpermitted additions to properties. You expect me to be fair; I expect the same.

Lastly, there are services online that provide valuations. Be wary of these services, as the numbers are very questionable; for example, a property in Union on one day recently had a value estimate of \$210,236, \$251,804, and \$282,050 from three different online services. Those numbers are entirely too inconsistent for something as important as values used for tax assessments. Not everything on the internet is true. I know, it's hard to believe!

Where did these numbers come from? Ironically from Union's tax commitments. There are services that obtain our commitment values then factor the values based on estimated market trends. I know of no mortgage lender, appraiser or assessor who uses these values for any purpose.

For 2018 the Homestead Exemption is \$20,000. Also available is the Veterans Exemption, Blind Exemption and other programs that can assist at the town and state level. Please call me if you have a question. I am scheduled for the Union Town Office most every Thursday.



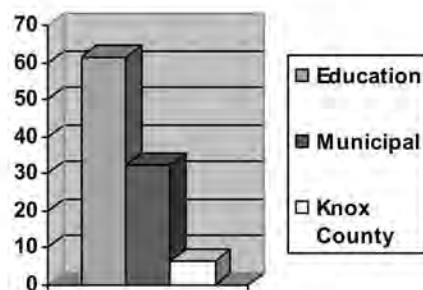
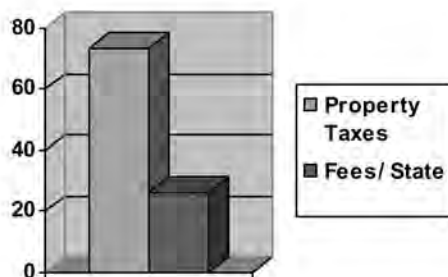


**ASSESSMENT STATISTICS  
FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018**

Total Taxable Valuation - Real Estate	\$ 225,171,300
Total Taxable Valuation - Personal Property	\$ 818,300
Total Taxable Valuation	\$ 225,989,600

Homestead Exemption Valuation	\$ 13,373,000
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Commitment Date	September 5, 2017
Last day to appeal valuation	March 9, 2018
Tax (Mill) Rate	\$15.80 per \$1,000 of taxable value
2017-2018 Tax amount to be raised	\$ 3,570,635.68
2016-2017 Tax amount to be raised	\$ 3,578,191.37
2015-2016 Tax amount to be raised	\$ 3,462,093.90



Revenue received from:

Property Taxes	73.8%
Other Fees/State	26.2%

Expenses for:

Education	61.5%
Municipal	32.1%
County	6.4%



## CEMETERIES

Myrna M. Soule, Cemeteries Director

Just a note to keep you up to date with Union cemeteries...

### **Lots**

We are still monitoring for grub and pest damage in Lakeview and East Union cemeteries. We had the problem determined and treated by professionals at Turf Doctor in the past and will be watching for signs of the grub pests they identified.

### **Fences**

In late summer 2017 the Lakeview fence was assessed, adjusted, and repaired as needed by Tom Fence Company. We will continue to work on the East Union Cemetery fence as funds and time permit. We had Waters Edge replace all avenue posts in the East Union Cemetery this fall. Common and Sidelinger cemetery fences have been assessed for repairs as well; we will work on them as funds and time permit.

### **Roads**

In fall 2017 we had Chris Packard's crew add "reclaim" and roll it on a badly washed-out road in Lakeview Cemetery. This was the second road in Lakeview to be treated, and it seems to have worked. Please stop by to see the improvement. Our thanks to Chris and crew! We will continue our plan to work on Lakeview and other roads as needed. Minimal work is needed in the other cemeteries as of April 2018.

Remember the entrance road into Lakeview is a shared road, so please do not park on the sides of the entrance road nor block it. Thank you.

### **Mowing and Upkeep**

We do our best to keep the cemeteries mowed and trimmed. Please keep in mind that weather can be a factor in this. Our contractor is currently Stevens Lawn Care Service. Thanks, Kitty and crew, for keeping us mowed and looking good!

You can help by remembering to remove old or faded flowers, wreaths, or anything you no longer want on your lots. Also, please keep items close to your stones to make mowing a little easier. Thank you in advance for your help.

Cemeteries usually open for cleanup April 15 pending weather and conditions. For your convenience, there are trash receptacles in the cemeteries for lot cleaning only. Please do not leave other garbage in them. Neither tires nor household garbage belong in these receptacles. If you see misuse of this policy, please contact me or the Town Office so we can keep the trash receptacles in our cemeteries!

### **Stone Repair**

Tom Stevens Stone Repair and Cleaning will be working in Lakeview Cemetery during spring and summer 2018. He also completed another section in 2017. This year we will be working on the next section on the left side of the cemetery. Tom will also be doing repairs from time to time at our other cemeteries to keep up with them. Stop by and take a look, and thank you, Tom, for making our cemeteries look great!



**Updating Records**

We are continuing with the input of information into the “Crypt Keeper” software program. An intern will be helping us update records. This has been a time-consuming process, with lots of bumps in the road, but hopefully we will get most of the data entered this year. Thank you for being patient as we move into the digital age! We are still looking for any older maps of Skidmore and Sidelinger cemeteries. If you have one, please consider sharing a copy with us.

**Trees and Brush**

In Common and Lakeview, we will continue to cut dead limbs and some trees that are hazards and must be taken down due to safety concerns. In spring 2017 we had the Waters Edge crew clean toward the wall on the right side of Lakeview Cemetery, as it was encroaching on the memorial stones. They also removed some blow-downs from the late October 2017 wind and rain storm.

**Miscellaneous**

At this time, we would like to express ongoing thanks to Jim Murphy and the Boy Scouts for placing the flags in our cemeteries each year in honor of our veterans who have served. We appreciate this great service you do for the Town of Union. Thank you again. Thank you also to all who helped pick up the flags in the fall and return them to Jim at the Town Office for proper disposal.

Thanks to Jay, Stacey, and the girls at the Town Office, also to Grant for helping me out with maps and deciphering them. All their continued support and help, given whenever asked or needed, is much appreciated. Thank you!

A sincere thank you also goes to the Selectmen for their continued support of Union cemeteries.

We will continue to do our best in the Town’s cemeteries, but please – if you have questions or comments or concerns – call and let us know. We will do our best to help!

Phone: 785-4117 or 691-3081



**REAL ESTATE TAXES  
UNPAID AS OF MAY 15, 2018**

**Unpaid 2018 Real Estate Taxes**

1980 Heald Highway, LLC.....	\$2,655.98	Burnham, Ieva & Andrew S.....	\$1,106.17
Abbotoni, Amber Rose .....	\$540.22	Butler, Patricia .....	\$418.03
Abbott, Cathy J .....	\$499.28	Byrd, Cheryl.....	\$1,003.27
Ahlholm, Beth Ann .....	\$1,350.56	Byrd, David & Ruth.....	\$1,430.95
Ahlholm, Vincent W. & Beth Ann ..	\$868.21	Calderwood, Mathew A. & Kenney-	
Allen, Edward M. & Julie M. ....	\$770.25	Calderwood, Shannon M. ....	\$1,336.68
Anderson, Susan M.....	\$1,922.07	Carter, Eugene F & Manola L.,	
Badgrees, LLC .....	\$4,111.15	Kennedy, Dana A.....	\$831.23
Baker, Virginia L. ....	\$11.25	Cheesman, Aaron W. & Emily E....	\$4,596.71
Barnard, Maureen .....	\$2,202.69	Chipman, Richard L.....	\$1,314.56
Baumgartner, Arthur G. ....	\$410.25	Collins, Norman, II & Jean .....	\$1,259.26
Bay Communications II, LLC.....	\$316.79	Cooke, Donald & Domigan,	
Beardsley, Jada K.....	\$33.18	Patricia .....	\$1,279.01
Beardsley, Jada K & Daniel O.....	\$1,782.24	Cornerstone Investment Properties,	
Beardsley, Michael .....	\$1,659.25	LLC .....	\$925.09
Beers, William F., Trustee W.I.		Cornerstone Investment Property,	
Beers Living Trust .....	\$2,274.46	LLC .....	\$1,269.73
Belcher, Andrew .....	\$107.44	Cosgrove, Jane D. Trustee .....	\$1,089.41
Bendtsen, Peter & Patricia.....	\$2,906.91	Cosgrove, Patrick J. ....	\$547.47
Bennett, Bruce & Dorinda L.....	\$2,339.86	Cosgrove, Patrick J & Jane S.....	\$1,918.91
Bentley's Café, LLC.....	\$1,367.49	Cramer, Keith D. & Leavitt, Jean ....	\$209.97
Bissett, Scott & Carol .....	\$3,030.44	Crosby, W. David; Trustee W.	
Blackington, Ralph A., Jr. &		David Crosby Trust.....	\$1,572.89
Stodder, Patricia.....	\$1,817.79	Dauncy, Christopher L. & Kristi L. ....	\$294.68
Bolton, Gregory B, et al.....	\$185.28	Davis, Dennis W. ....	\$3,754.22
Brady, Michael T & Rosalie .....	\$1,645.57	Day, Daniel H. & Constance.....	\$1,896.79
Brewster, Timothy R.....	\$48.23	Dean, Lanson A. & Linda .....	\$2,082.44
Brewster, Timothy R.....	\$41.80	Dean, Linda & Lisa.....	\$27.65
Brooks, Stephen .....	\$600.12	DED, LLC.....	\$62.62
Bross, Todd T. & Lee .....	\$528.97	Degreenia, Terry & Cynthia	
Bryco, Inc.....	\$1,826.46	(Baraw) .....	\$667.24
Bryco, Inc.....	\$7,630.64	Degreenia, Walter & Gail M.....	\$759.98
Burgess, Charles L. ....	\$815.28	Degreenia, Walter C.....	\$484.27
Burgess, Marc .....	\$147.92	Dodge, Frank.....	\$1,297.50
Burgess, Sarah & Kristian.....	\$790.79	Doucette, Robert H .....	\$1,223.54

Elliott, George L. & Brenda D.....	\$3,316.90
Esancy, Larry & Priscilla.....	\$6.43
Evangelos, Ethan & Jennifer.....	\$169.85
Farley, Deborah L. ....	\$908.50
Farley, Lisa Jane .....	\$1,208.70
Farrell, John .....	\$668.85
Farris, Dale A & Cynthia S.....	\$459.78
Fenton, Dennis & Regina.....	\$4,088.64
Ferland, Michael L. & Kathryn.....	\$615.79
Ferraiolo, John and Tammra.....	\$4,585.46
Field, Catherine D. & John W. ....	\$2,238.86
Finkle, Nancy; Devises Of.....	\$1,046.75
Fisher, Dan E. & Sarah C.;	
Trustees the Fisher Family Trust	
11/00/2016 .....	\$1,368.28
Fling, John & Jane .....	\$586.84
Foley, Kathryn .....	\$835.03
Fowler, Jami L. & Zachary J. ....	\$2,083.71
Fowles, Dwight L & Lori A.....	\$260.70
Freyenhagen, James .....	\$1,095.73
Freyenhagen, James .....	\$240.95
Fuller, Adam C. & Evelyn L.....	\$1,762.15
Gaven, Richard & Lucy .....	\$1,522.33
Goudreau, Jeremiah A. ....	\$2,505.29
Gould, William B.....	\$6.43
Gracie, Christopher & Christine .....	\$975.33
Graffam, Katherine R.....	\$4,082.21
Graffam, Katherine R.....	\$2,884.40
Graffam, Stacy L.....	\$1,686.65
Greif, Daphne.....	\$112.55
Grimmel, Louise .....	\$2,956.97
Gus & Carmela, LLC.....	\$1,341.42
Gushee, Valarie J. ....	\$1,444.12
Hall, George C., & Sons .....	\$675.28
Hall, Gerald F. & Edna F. (LE) .....	\$538.78
Hamill, Douglas & Susan .....	\$40.20
Hamill, Douglas & Susan .....	\$162.39
Hamill, Susan.....	\$1,780.22
Hankins, Kimberly & Stephens,	
Christopher.....	\$567.55
Hannan, Don S. ....	\$1,253.14
Hannay, D. Robert & Jean E.....	\$2,173.29
Harding, Paul E.....	\$1,178.52

Harris, Vicki J. ....	\$223.18
Hart, Darlene.....	\$1,164.47
Harvey, Kerry & Carla J. ....	\$3,149.69
Hastings, James R. ....	\$1,139.97
Hawes, Gail E. & Van Der	
Schaaf, Gerben E. ....	\$481.90
Hawes, Gail; Larner, Cheryl A.	
& Morgan, Alison J.....	\$1,660.58
Hills, Emily & Heyer, Steven D.	
& Carol J. ....	\$1,392.36
Hilt, Ruth A. (LE) Stelzer,	
Amy M. ....	\$1,019.35
Hilt, Sherry L. Starrett .....	\$520.93
Holloway, Nicholas.....	\$2,385.98
Holmes, Charles W & Blair E.....	\$1,341.54
Holmes, Julia M. ....	\$1,108.37
Howell, Ezra & Ann .....	\$2,654.48
Ingerson, Carlton.....	\$1,152.80
Irv's Drywall, Inc. ....	\$1,567.36
Jackson, Deborah A. & Smith,	
Kevin C. ....	\$808.73
Jameson, Andrew D. & Ross,	
Michael P .....	\$45.82
Jenkins-Turner, Stephanie.....	\$1,220.55
Jetmax, LLC.....	\$501.65
Jetmax, LLC.....	\$747.34
Johnson, Glenn.....	\$149.53
Johnson, Mark.....	\$1,441.75
Johnson, Mark.....	\$8.69
Jones, Lowell, Jr. ....	\$1,578.42
Jones, Patti S.; Trustee Jones	
Revocable Trust .....	\$442.40
Kaler, Shawn.....	\$1,453.45
Kaufman, Janice M. & Karl L. ....	\$1,512.06
Kee, Michael A. ....	\$906.92
Keiran, Jacob.....	\$952.74
Kennedy, Andrea .....	\$2,308.81
Kincaid, Warren L. & Clement,	
Sandra J.....	\$1,714.62
Klein, Karen S.....	\$1,389.61
KMB, LLC.....	\$59.25
KMB, LLC.....	\$662.81
Kunn, Michael T. & Candace S. ....	\$660.44



Langelier, Katheryn .....	\$720.26
Lanphere & Son, LLC.....	\$1,453.45
Leavitt, Jean, Trustee Jean L.	
Leavitt, Living Trust .....	\$362.61
Leighton, Gary L. & Winona.....	\$1,598.96
Leighton, Gary L. & Winona.....	\$241.74
Lermond, Robert F. &	
Marjorie A.....	\$2,263.79
Levenseler, Jon .....	\$417.11
Lipponen, Erja-Annuikka.....	\$1,249.26
Lorentzen, Cody.....	\$1,702.45
Lorentzen, Michael P &	
Amanda R. ....	\$1,030.95
Lorraine, Marc H. ....	\$95.11
Luton, Jonathan & Bowser,	
Shannon.....	\$376.04
Marquis, Daniel P. ....	\$1,042.01
Mason, Mark.....	\$1,147.08
Matson, Edward Jr. & Christina M. ....	\$877.86
Mathews, Meyric E. & Morrison,	
Carol M. ....	\$470.47
McCommic, Betty Anne.....	\$502.44
McDaniels, Laurie.....	\$2,593.39
McKee, Robert.....	\$19.75
McKee, Robert.....	\$79.79
Mento, Barbara & Beard, Billie.....	\$2,191.89
Mercier, Audrey .....	\$2,744.52
Merrifield, Judith D. ....	\$14.47
Merrifield, Judith D. & Plummer,	
Stephen J. ....	\$2,274.30
Merrifield, Michele.....	\$1,067.58
Metcalf, Mark & Kathy S. ....	\$3,000.16
Mic Mac Lane, LLC .....	\$9,743.29
Micklich, Michael.....	\$31.60
Micklich, Michael.....	\$1,253.73
Miller, Maurice .....	\$1,623.88
Mitchell, Bruce W. & Marie A. ....	\$709.42
Moody, Paul W.....	\$93.25
Morgan, Richard P.....	\$1,128.68
Morgan, Richard P.....	\$2,136.77
Morgan, Richard P.....	\$133.45
Mullett, Carol M. ....	\$702.07
Nickles, Alberta & Jody.....	\$327.04

Ott, Terry A.....	\$401.12
Packard, Troy A.....	\$689.75
Pagano, Allen P.....	\$591.71
Pagnano, Clair & Baker,	
Mathew R.....	\$2,125.89
Paul, Jeffery C.....	\$1,106.79
Payson, Paul G. ....	\$2,668.95
Pease, Daniel W.....	\$1,038.06
Pease, Edwin S. Jr. & Norma.....	\$961.43
Pease, James M. & Maria L. ....	\$2,114.83
Pease James M. & Maria L. ....	\$629.63
Perkins, Katherine B. ....	\$312.84
Phifer, Steven, Jr. & Heather .....	\$580.42
Pierbrook, LLC .....	\$254.38
Powers, Ann Marie .....	\$74.26
Powers, Ann Marie .....	\$549.84
Powers, Ann Marie .....	\$7.11
Powers, Ann Marie .....	\$417.12
Powers, Ann Marie .....	\$28.44
Powers, Ann Marie & Brian S. ....	\$23.70
Pratt, Brent A. ....	\$1,625.49
Rackliff, Scott.....	\$1,963.13
Reiner, Charlotte Louise; Devises	
of Comiskey, Bruce; Pers. Rep. ....	\$998.45
Reuillard, Roger C. & Joanne J. ....	\$4,226.92
Rich, David & Susan.....	\$2,800.93
Safe Care.....	\$6,469.80
Santorineos, Kay I.....	\$543.44
Savage, Melanie A. P.....	\$1,646.39
Sayward, Robert W., II .....	\$2,307.20
Sayward, Roland W. & Fehnel,	
Keith & Peter & Bradford & Todd ...	\$726.80
Sayward, Roland Jr. ....	\$2.37
Seaborn Properties, Inc. ....	\$67.15
Seaborn Properties, Inc. ....	\$158.00
Seaborn Properties, Inc. ....	\$204.61
Seamans, Sidney .....	\$261.49
Secotte, Karen & Stuart J.....	\$91.64
Shed solutions, LLC .....	\$309.62
Silverman, John R. & O'Brien,	
Joan M.....	\$1,400.67
Slader, Wilfred B. & Janet L. ....	\$525.75
Slader, Wilfred B. & Janet L. ....	\$2,094.97





Smith, David .....	\$1,231.58
Smith, Patricia G. ....	\$6.02
Snow, Jeffrey B. & Kimberly J. ....	\$1,918.11
Snyder, Harriott D. ....	\$2,521.68
St. Laurent, David R. & Susan B. ....	\$912.45
Starr, Kenneth J. ....	\$4,455.22
Swetnam, David & Sawyer, Jacquelyn. ....	\$1,015.15
Talbot, James A. & Heidi R.L. ....	\$1,450.24
Taylor, Erika .....	\$771.83
Taylor, Leslie M. ....	\$6,990.73
Thomas, Stephen D. & Suzanne B. ....	\$1,550.77
Thompson & Cosgrove, LLC .....	\$1,380.13
Thompson, Peter F. & Johanna A. ....	\$510.64
Tolman, Nelson M. ....	\$402.68
Tolman, Janet B.; Devisees of .....	\$1,032.98
Tommasino, Ronald V. ....	\$1,293.23
Tripp, Brandon L. ....	\$1,105.21
Ulmer, Susan G. ....	\$1,519.37
Umstead, David & Rachel .....	\$1,203.17
Umstead, David & Rachel .....	\$69.52
Valle, Forrester B. & Dean, Joan C. ....	\$408.38
Vincent, Charles M., III .....	\$3,725.28
Wadsworth, Dennis. ....	\$254.38
Wadsworth, Jerome & Deborah A. ....	\$623.31
West, Mary Jane. ....	\$1,670.85
Wexler Properties LLC .....	\$1,161.30
Wexler Properties LLC .....	\$1,163.67

Wexler Properties LLC .....	\$1,166.83
Wheelis, Larry E. & Karen L. ....	\$1,321.61
White, Andrew .....	\$1,034.90
White, Bruce H. ....	\$207.77
White, Bruce H. ....	\$858.73
White, Bruce H. ....	\$710.21
White, Joel A. & April D. ....	\$1,326.24
White, Joshua B. ....	\$543.44
White, Joshua B. ....	\$1,027.02
White, Joshua B. ....	\$1,627.10
Whitlock, Dale R. ....	\$1,710.35
Whitman, Marion. ....	\$1,183.13
Whittier, Daniel P. ....	\$1,093.36
Whittier, Sandra & LaBranche, Joseph & Seitz, Michael .....	\$45.69
Widdecombe Marilyn A. ....	\$942.17
Wiemer, Ruth Ann .....	\$1,954.75
Wiley, Jason R. & Candace A. ....	\$3,550.03
Williams, Pauline M. ....	\$548.26
Winchenbach, Aaron & White, Jennifer. ....	\$1,813.05
Winchenbaugh, Allen & Dawn. ....	\$1,775.02
Wooster, Glenn E. & Jones, Gail B.W. ....	\$2,818.48
Wootton, Nicholas A. & Barton, Megan E. ....	\$1,313.77
Wotton, Haley M. ....	\$1,339.58
Wyllie, Robert & Amy. ....	\$1,766.58
Young, Christopher J. & Bobbie J. ....	\$791.58



## Unpaid 2017 Real Estate Taxes

Barnard, Maureen .....	\$898.26	Kennedy, Andrea .....	\$2,867.62
Beardsley, Michael .....	\$2,026.53	McDaniels, Laurie.....	\$2,698.55
Bross, Todd T. & Lee .....	\$668.90	Mercier, Audrey .....	\$3,296.44
Burgess, Marc .....	\$233.37	Packard, Troy .....	\$848.95
Degreenia, Terry & Cynthia (Baraw) .....	\$821.03	Payson, Paul G. ....	\$2,399.47
Farrell, John .....	\$490.46	Reiner, Charlotte Louise; Devisees of Comiskey, Bruce; Pers. Rep. ....	\$1,205.39
Ferland, Michael L. & Kathryn.....	\$860.70	Santorineos, Kay I.....	\$685.93
Ferraiolo, John & Tammra.....	\$393.08	Savage, Melanie A. P.....	\$1,775.84
Hall, George C., & Sons .....	\$830.23	Sayward, Robert W., II .....	\$500.40
Harding, Paul E.....	\$1,334.95	Slader, Wilfred B. & Janet L. ....	\$659.14
Harvey, Kerry & Carla J. ....	\$1,811.85	Slader, Wilfred B. & Janet L. ....	\$2,553.20
Hills, Emily & Heyer, Steven D. & Carol J. ....	\$1,331.66	Smith, David .....	\$1,156.31
Hilt, Sherry L. Starrett .....	\$295.84	Talbot, James A. & Heidi R. L. ....	\$1,716.96
Holloway, Nicholas.....	\$2,793.52	Ulmer, Susan G.....	\$1,894.60
Ingerson, Carlton.....	\$1,383.17	Widdecombe, Marilyn A. ....	\$1,183.00
Jackson, Deborah A. & Smith, Kevin C. ....	\$1,088.03	Williams, Pauline M. ....	\$783.44
Johnson, Glenn.....	\$228.65	Winchenbaugh, Allen & Dawn.....	\$386.08
		Wooster, Glenn E. & Jones, Gail B.W. ....	\$339.62

## Unpaid 2016 Real Estate Taxes

Johnson, Glenn.....	\$235.18
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## PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES UNPAID AS OF MAY 15, 2018

### Unpaid 2018 Personal Property Taxes

A + B Welding .....	\$80.39
AT&T Mobility, LLC .....	\$3,177.02
Crawford Commons .....	\$959.06
Dean Leigh Designs .....	\$28.94
Dean, Lanson A. ....	\$31.60
Cornerstone Investment Property .....	\$7.90
Maine Fundraising .....	\$9.65
Maine's Best, Inc. ....	\$144.70
Mason, Mark .....	\$16.08
Mic Mac Campground, Inc. ....	\$12.86
Mic Mac Market .....	\$482.34
Packard, Kathleen .....	\$73.96
The Badger Café and Pub .....	\$62.70
Union Square Laundry, LLC .....	\$54.51

### Unpaid 2017 Personal Property Taxes

Maine's Best, Inc. ....	\$10.18
Packard, Kathleen .....	\$84.63

### Unpaid 2016 Personal Property Taxes

Packard, Kathleen .....	\$86.42
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### Unpaid 2015 Personal Property Taxes

Packard, Kathleen .....	\$90.01
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### Unpaid 2014 Personal Property Taxes

Packard, Kathleen .....	\$90.42
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### Unpaid 2013 Personal Property Taxes

Packard, Kathleen .....	\$90.93
Packard, William.....	\$197.66



## FUND AND TRUST BALANCES AS OF APRIL 30, 2018

### Current Balance

Aging in Place in Union.....	\$19,788.23
Ambulance Equipment Reserve.....	\$11,703.74
Ambulance Reserve .....	\$166,417.07
Bicentennial Fund .....	\$478.41
Bridge Reserve.....	\$22,142.63
Cemetery Stone Repair .....	\$19,298.13
Cemetery Trust Funds.....	\$238,630.78
Clara Thurston - Worthy .....	\$76,790.61
Fire Department Equipment Reserve.....	\$30,902.12
Fire Truck Reserve.....	\$325,627.83
Frank D. & Gertrude Rowe Scholarships .....	\$15,004.18
Gilbert Doughty Memorial Scholarship.....	\$14,493.76
Highway Equipment Reserve .....	\$16.26
Joseph Pullen Investment.....	\$41,674.90
Joseph Pullen Recreation .....	\$8,961.31
Office Equipment Reserve .....	\$7,067.06
Parks & Recreation Reserve (Tennis & BB Courts/Ayer Park) .....	\$4,706.27
R. Thurston/B. T. Kinnison.....	\$76,173.24
Robert H. & Eleanor S. Heald Scholarship.....	\$57,833.45
Tennis Court Paving Reserve.....	\$3,601.77
Town Office Building Reserve .....	\$4,750.22
Union Alumni Scholarship .....	\$15,069.86
William Pullen Fund .....	\$408,366.09
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$1,569,497.92</b>



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September 12, 2017

Board of Selectmen  
Town of Union  
Union, Maine

We were engaged by the Town of Union, Maine and have audited the financial statements of the Town of Union, Maine as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017. The following statements and schedules have been excerpted from the 2017 financial statements, a complete copy of which, including our opinion thereon, is available for inspection at the Town. Included herein are:

Balance Sheet – Governmental Funds	Statement C
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Combining Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances – Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Schedule C

*RHR Smith & Company*

Certified Public Accountants



## STATEMENT C

## TOWN OF UNION, MAINE

## BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

JUNE 30, 2017

	General Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,477,919	\$ 11,751	\$ 2,489,670
Investments	-	57,090	57,090
Accounts receivable (net of allowance for uncollectibles):			
Taxes	255,851	-	255,851
Liens	48,538	-	48,538
Other	27,570	-	27,570
Prepaid items	42,362	-	42,362
Tax acquired property	2,200	-	2,200
Due from other funds	2,463	1,582,970	1,585,433
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 2,856,903</b>	<b>\$ 1,651,811</b>	<b>\$ 4,508,714</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Accounts payable	\$ 17,988	\$ -	\$ 17,988
Accrued expenses	19,096	-	19,096
Due to other governments	10,817	-	10,817
Due to other funds	1,582,970	2,463	1,585,433
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>1,630,871</b>	<b>2,463</b>	<b>1,633,334</b>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>			
Prepaid taxes	5,843	-	5,843
Deferred revenue	124,500	-	124,500
<b>TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	<b>130,343</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>130,343</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>			
Nonspendable	44,562	48,415	92,977
Restricted	-	968,822	968,822
Committed	-	628,937	628,937
Assigned	121,505	5,637	127,142
Unassigned	929,622	(2,463)	927,159
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>1,095,689</b>	<b>1,649,348</b>	<b>2,745,037</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>\$ 2,856,903</b>	<b>\$ 1,651,811</b>	<b>\$ 4,508,714</b>



## STATEMENT E

## TOWN OF UNION, MAINE

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

	General Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES			
Taxes:			
Property	\$ 3,570,084	\$ -	\$ 3,570,084
Excise	454,534	-	454,534
Intergovernmental revenues	195,327	-	195,327
Charges for services	232,178	-	232,178
Investment income, net of unrealized gains/(losses)	27,783	13,776	41,559
Miscellaneous revenues	92,451	109,985	202,436
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>4,572,357</u>	<u>123,761</u>	<u>4,696,118</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
General government	435,797	-	435,797
Public safety	358,683	-	358,683
Health and sanitation	57,826	-	57,826
Highways and bridges	1,112,969	-	1,112,969
Recreation and library	8,895	-	8,895
Education	2,196,106	-	2,196,106
County tax	224,182	-	224,182
Unclassified	201,035	114,908	315,943
Debt service:			
Principal	120,064	-	120,064
Interest	21,756	-	21,756
Capital outlay	-	110,619	110,619
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>4,737,313</u>	<u>225,527</u>	<u>4,962,840</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>(164,956)</u>	<u>(101,766)</u>	<u>(266,722)</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers in	-	136,000	136,000
Transfers (out)	(136,000)	-	(136,000)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>(136,000)</u>	<u>136,000</u>	<u>-</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	(300,956)	34,234	(266,722)
FUND BALANCES - JULY 1	<u>1,396,645</u>	<u>1,615,114</u>	<u>3,011,759</u>
FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30	<u>\$ 1,095,689</u>	<u>\$ 1,649,348</u>	<u>\$ 2,745,037</u>



## SCHEDULE 1

## TOWN OF UNION, MAINE

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE – BUDGETARY BASIS  
BUDGET AND ACTUAL – GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Budgetary Fund Balance, July 1	\$ 1,396,645	\$ 1,396,645	\$ 1,396,645	\$ -
Resources (Inflows):				
Taxes:				
Property taxes	3,670,106	3,670,106	3,570,084	(100,022)
Excise taxes	388,000	388,000	454,534	66,534
Intergovernmental revenues:				
State revenue sharing	89,000	89,000	98,435	9,435
Homestead exemption	52,000	52,000	74,384	22,384
General assistance	5,000	5,000	825	(4,175)
Other	9,500	9,500	21,683	12,183
Charges for services	11,550	11,550	30,415	18,865
Ambulance revenue	165,085	165,085	201,763	36,678
Investment income	13,500	13,500	27,783	14,283
Miscellaneous income	10,076	10,076	92,451	82,375
Transfers from other funds	-	-	-	-
Amounts Available for Appropriation	<u>5,810,462</u>	<u>5,810,462</u>	<u>5,969,002</u>	<u>158,540</u>
Charges to Appropriations (Outflows):				
General government	464,811	464,811	435,797	29,014
Public safety	370,058	370,058	358,683	11,375
Health and sanitation	54,235	54,235	57,826	(3,591)
Highways and bridges	1,205,480	1,205,480	1,112,969	92,511
Recreation and library	10,000	10,000	8,895	1,105
Education	2,196,104	2,196,104	2,196,106	(2)
County tax	224,186	224,186	224,182	4
Debt service:				
Principal	30,300	30,300	120,064	(89,764)
Interest	-	-	21,756	(21,756)
Unclassified	229,168	229,168	201,035	28,133
Transfers to other funds	136,000	136,000	136,000	-
Total Charges to Appropriations	<u>4,920,342</u>	<u>4,920,342</u>	<u>4,873,313</u>	<u>47,029</u>
Budgetary Fund Balance, June 30	<u>\$ 890,120</u>	<u>\$ 890,120</u>	<u>\$ 1,095,689</u>	<u>\$ 205,569</u>
Utilization of committed fund balance	\$ 298,933	\$ 298,933	\$ -	\$ (298,933)
Utilization of assigned fund balance	<u>207,592</u>	<u>207,592</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(207,592)</u>
	<u>\$ 506,525</u>	<u>\$ 506,525</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (506,525)</u>

## TOWN OF UNION, MAINE

## SCHEDULE A

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual Expenditures	Variance Positive (Negative)
General Government -					
Administration	\$ 73,700	\$ -	\$ 73,700	\$ 66,904	\$ 6,796
Building maintenance	29,500	-	29,500	27,089	2,411
Office personnel	183,461	-	183,461	180,987	2,474
Cable TV	2,000	-	2,000	1,194	806
Stipends	8,050	-	8,050	7,648	402
Assessor	29,100	-	29,100	29,432	(332)
Insurance	139,000	-	139,000	122,543	16,457
	<u>464,811</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>464,811</u>	<u>435,797</u>	<u>29,014</u>
Public Safety -					
Fire department	61,540	-	61,540	62,720	(1,180)
Ambulance	219,700	-	219,700	236,968	(17,268)
Plan/code enforcement	49,305	-	49,305	38,860	10,445
Animal control	25,513	-	25,513	8,719	16,794
Hydrant rental	14,000	-	14,000	11,416	2,584
	<u>370,058</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>370,058</u>	<u>358,683</u>	<u>11,375</u>
Health and Sanitation -					
Septic waste	2,300	-	2,300	2,300	-
Tri-County	51,935	-	51,935	55,526	(3,591)
	<u>54,235</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>54,235</u>	<u>57,826</u>	<u>(3,591)</u>
Highways and Bridges -					
Public works	534,680	-	534,680	483,231	51,449
Paving/road construction	656,000	-	656,000	613,188	42,812
Street lights	5,700	-	5,700	5,708	(8)
Mowing/non-roads	7,600	-	7,600	9,342	(1,742)
Bird houses	1,500	-	1,500	1,500	-
	<u>1,205,480</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,205,480</u>	<u>1,112,969</u>	<u>92,511</u>



## SCHEDULE A (CONTINUED)

## TOWN OF UNION, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual Expenditures	Variance Positive (Negative)
Recreation and Library - Parks and recreation	10,000	-	10,000	8,895	1,105
	10,000	-	10,000	8,895	1,105
Education	2,196,104	-	2,196,104	2,196,106	(2)
County Tax	224,186	-	224,186	224,182	4
Debt Service - Principal	30,300	-	30,300	120,064	(89,764)
Interest	-	-	-	21,756	(21,756)
	30,300	-	30,300	141,820	(111,520)
Unclassified -					
General assistance	10,000	-	10,000	1,179	8,821
Union assistance	5,000	-	5,000	365	4,635
Social security	37,320	-	37,320	36,943	377
Cemeteries	39,600	-	39,600	32,223	7,377
Founders Day	1,200	-	1,200	1,275	(75)
Outside agency	29,057	-	29,057	29,057	-
Budget committee	300	-	300	214	86
Abatements	6,000	-	6,000	1,474	4,526
Dispatch/RCC	59,486	-	59,486	59,486	-
Retirement expense	16,000	-	16,000	18,682	(2,682)
Common maintenance	5,000	-	5,000	1,106	3,894
EMA	7,350	-	7,350	2,790	4,560
Tan interest	500	-	500	-	500
Overlay	12,355	-	12,355	16,241	(3,886)
	229,168	-	229,168	201,035	28,133
Transfers to Other Funds - Capital projects funds	136,000	-	136,000	136,000	-
	136,000	-	136,000	136,000	-
TOTAL DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS	\$ 4,920,342	\$ -	\$ 4,920,342	\$ 4,873,313	\$ 47,029



## SCHEDULE B

## TOWN OF UNION, MAINE

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET - NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
JUNE 30, 2017

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,751	\$ 11,751
Investments	-	-	57,090	57,090
Due from other funds	5,637	628,937	948,396	1,582,970
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>\$ 5,637</u>	<u>\$ 628,937</u>	<u>\$ 1,017,237</u>	<u>\$ 1,651,811</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
Due to other funds	\$ -	\$ 2,463	\$ -	\$ 2,463
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,463</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,463</u>
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>				
Nonspendable - principal	-	-	48,415	48,415
Restricted	-	-	968,822	968,822
Committed	-	628,937	-	628,937
Assigned	5,637	-	-	5,637
Unassigned	-	(2,463)	-	(2,463)
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCES</b>	<u>5,637</u>	<u>626,474</u>	<u>1,017,237</u>	<u>1,649,348</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>	<u>\$ 5,637</u>	<u>\$ 628,937</u>	<u>\$ 1,017,237</u>	<u>\$ 1,651,811</u>



## SCHEDULE C

## TOWN OF UNION, MAINE

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN  
FUND BALANCES - NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
REVENUES				
Investment income, net of unrealized gains/(losses)	\$ 87	\$ 1,544	\$ 12,145	\$ 13,776
Other income	-	11,450	98,535	109,985
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>87</u>	<u>12,994</u>	<u>110,680</u>	<u>123,761</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Capital outlay	-	110,619	-	110,619
Other expenses	-	24,653	90,255	114,908
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>-</u>	<u>135,272</u>	<u>90,255</u>	<u>225,527</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>87</u>	<u>(122,278)</u>	<u>20,425</u>	<u>(101,766)</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers in	-	136,000	-	136,000
Transfers (out)	-	-	-	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>-</u>	<u>136,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>136,000</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	87	13,722	20,425	34,234
FUND BALANCES - JULY 1	<u>5,550</u>	<u>612,752</u>	<u>996,812</u>	<u>1,615,114</u>
FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30	<u>\$ 5,637</u>	<u>\$ 626,474</u>	<u>\$ 1,017,237</u>	<u>\$ 1,649,348</u>





**CODE ENFORCEMENT**

Grant Watmough, Code Enforcement Officer  
Local Plumbing and Building Inspector

If you have questions on whether a permit is needed for your construction project, please call and tell me about what you are doing, and together we will determine if a permit is needed or not.

Some may not understand that we have a “High Elevation Areas Overlay District” (1.11.3). Our Land Use Ordinance says:

“1.11.3.1 Boundaries; All areas within the 400-ft or higher elevation contours as depicted in the United States Geodetic Survey (USGS) 7.5-minute (1: 24,000 scale) quadrangle map covering the Town of Union, or in the equivalent elevation layer of the State of Maine Geographic Information System Data Base.

1.11.3.2 Purpose; To protect sensitive high-elevation areas from high-density or other high-impact development, and to protect the rural character of the Town as reflected in the views of the hills from lower-lying regions.

1.11.3.3.1 Allowed Uses; Land uses shall be limited to residential, agricultural, communications structures, home occupations, and forest management activities.

1.11.3.3.2 Minimum Lot size; The minimum lot size shall be three (3) acres, and residential densities shall not exceed one (1) dwelling unit per three (3) acres.

1.11.3.3.3 Maximum Lot Coverage; Maximum lot coverage b structures shall be 5 percent.”

<b>PROJECT PERMIT TYPE</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>
Single Family Dwelling	4	8	5	4	11	6
Mobile Home		1	1	1	3	1
Accessory Structure	24	33	15	18	15	22
Addition	11	12	10	15	12	20
Deck	15	11	11	8	12	16
Home Occupation	3	2	1	0	1	0
Change of Use/Other	18	12	13	11	8	13
Agricultural	2	5	3	5	0	2
Commercial	4	11	9	3	1	7
Sign	2	4	3	2	1	3
<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF PROJECTS</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>90</b>

<b>PLUMBING &amp; SEPTIC</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>
SSWD (septic)	12	16	13	12	20	17
Internal Plumbing	17	19	14	19	24	20
<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF PERMITS</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>37</b>

My office hours are: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Monday and Friday by appointment.



**ANIMAL CONTROL**

William A. Demmons, Animal Control Officer

There were two reports of rabies, one in South Hope and one in Union. One was a racoon, and the other was a fox.

*As a reminder, in the State of Maine all dogs over the age of six months are required to have a current rabies shot and be licensed.* A dog license is issued for each calendar year (January 1 through December 31); however, the State of Maine allows owner(s) until February 1 before the late fee of \$25 per dog is assessed along with the licensing fees.

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

Now that the town allows for the keeping of small animals in the Residential Zone such as chickens and/or rabbits, you must follow the rules that are in place and keep the animals confined to your own property. The ordinance allows the keeping of up to 12 animals in total and requires they be provided with the proper shelter and sustenance, as well as being confined to the owner's property.

The Municipal Animal Control Department is primarily responsible for domestic animals – dogs, cats, rabbits, chickens, etc.; not wild animals. In some cases there may be an issue with racoons, 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.

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.



**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE**

Jesse B. Thompson, EMS Chief

This has been another busy year for the Union Emergency Medical Service. We have responded to just over 550 calls for service in 2017. There are increasing times when we are already out on a call, and we receive another call. When this happens, we have agreements with local ambulance services to automatically cover for these calls. Northeast, Warren and Waldoboro Ambulance services provide back up, depending on who is the closest to the scene.

We have a great crew of dedicated members who respond to emergencies whenever called. They are often pulled away from their families, work, or events they are involved in, but they never complain. Our staff is constantly updating their skills by attending classes and seminars to increase their knowledge.

In recent news, we are waiting for the delivery of our new ambulance. We have been getting updated photos of it being built. It is reaching the final stages of the build, and then a final inspection of the ambulance will happen prior to it being delivered. Once it is in service, and the crew has received driver training, we will hold an open house for the public to see it.

I would like to request that everyone try to have large reflective street numbers on both sides of your mailboxes or on your houses where we can see them. It really helps reduce our response time for your call if we can find you in a timely manner. Quite a few people have their numbers on the door to their mailboxes instead of both sides; this makes it difficult, since at times we are responding in inclement weather, and we have to slow down to read each number while responding to your emergency call. Remember: you called us for an emergency, and the sooner we find you, the sooner we can start the necessary lifesaving care. If you have questions about where to put the numbers so we can see them, please call the station at 785-3803, and we can help you find a good location.

We also suggest having a list of medications written down for each family member. We have some medication cards that you can put your medications on and keep on your refrigerator. These cards can be picked up at the Town Office. These cards will save us writing down the medications that you or a loved one may take, and it is easier for us just to take the card with us to the hospital and return it to you there at the hospital. We do not take your medication to the hospital with us, since we cannot be responsible for it, and the hospital only needs a list of any current medications that the patient takes.

I would like to thank each and every one of the members of Union Ambulance Service for their dedication to the members of our communities, and the privilege to have each and every one of them. We have an awesome team. I am extremely proud to serve with them.

As always, anyone interested in joining the service needs only to stop by the station and fill out an application. We meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 6:30 p.m.



**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Kevin Soule, Fire Chief

The members of the Union Fire Department and the Excelsior Engine Company would like to thank the citizens of Union for their continuing support. Many thanks also to the Appleton, Hope, Waldoboro, Warren, and Washington Fire Departments and their members for assisting us during this last year. As a result of the mutual aid system we have been very successful over the past year.

I'd like to congratulate Ryan Soule, the Union Fire Department 2016 Firefighter of the Year. Ryan was honored at our annual recognition dinner in May this past year. He has been an important and very active member of our department over the past years.

We continue to advance our skills to better serve the community. Again this year, each member of the department has given over one hundred (100) hours of their time to attend meetings and trainings. In addition, we plan to send several of our personnel to the Maine State Weekend training at the National Fire Academy in Emmetsburg, MD this year. We also responded to just over 100 calls in the past year.

As stated last year, effective fire protection has many major components. The training component is important and ever changing. We participated in several countywide and multiagency training sessions. We continue to work together with the Knox County Emergency Management Agency and with our mutual aid partners to accomplish much of this training. Equipment is a second critical component. We continue to upgrade the equipment necessary to perform the many tasks required of fire departments today.

At present we have a committee working to spec out a new fire truck to serve our community.

We continue to offer public fire safety education in the local school and around the community. Please feel free to contact us if we can be of assistance to your group or organization.

We continue to add new members to the department and are always looking for those who would like to serve our community. We have many roles to fill, not only those of interior firefighters. The department meets on the first and third Mondays of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Please remember should you or someone you know require assistance with smoke or CO detector batteries, please call us at 785-4306.

It has been a pleasure to serve alongside the members of the Union Fire Department in protecting our community.



**HEALTH OFFICE**

Vicki B. Harriman, R.N., M.S.N., Health Officer

Thank you for the opportunity to serve the Town of Union in the capacity of Health Officer. The past year has been busy! The big project was chairing the Aging in Place in Union Committee. A resource list was compiled, and a survey specific to our Town was written. These two items just went out in the mail to our residents. A luncheon for seniors is in the planning stages for June 21 at the William Pullen Building Meeting Room. There, folks will be able to sign up for the Yellow Dot Program, learn about scams, and have a free lunch from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Many thanks to the wonderful and thoughtful residents who diligently work on this committee. We currently meet every other Monday at 3:00 p.m.; we are open to new members and new ideas.

I continue to be an educational resource regarding health issues. The Knox County Ostomy Group invited me to discuss the role of a health officer in the community. Resources, visits, and conversations regarding dry wells, mold, domestic violence, child protective, lyme-related problems, and PTSD have kept me on my toes this past year.

Our Midcoast Health Officers meet quarterly to collaborate on health issues. This helps us keep up with the latest statistics about ticks, bedbugs, flu, etc.

I participated in four events with the Midcoast Maine Respond Team which included a disaster drill. Through this group, I ended up being on standby to set up shelters during the last big storms.

Through the Department of Public Health, I assisted a local group in gaining a grant for funding toward a bit of a town trail system. This starts behind the Vose Library and still needs lots of work. A lovely bench is now in place there thanks to this grant. Many thanks to the group that spearheaded this work.

Do not hesitate to contact me if you have a health-related question. Lastly, remember PROTECT AND INSPECT are the two key words in Lyme Disease Prevention.



**PUBLIC WORKS**

Orrin M. Parker, Public Works Supervisor

As I write this, it seems winter does not want to end, and spring doesn't seem to want to show us any signs of warm weather. We made it through this winter with many challenges. We started with a brand-new crew; then, during the Christmas storm, we lost the motor in one of our trucks. We did not get that truck back until mid-March. In years past, we have had four trucks going during storms with the occasional fifth truck. This year we only had three trucks going and with breakdowns, we were down to two trucks at times.

Some of last year's big year projects were paving the Cole Road and Ayer Hill Road with a cold mix. Chip sealing those roads will be done this year. We also chip sealed the southern part of North Union Road as well as the paved sections of Overlock Hill Road and Pound Hill Road.

We are working on pricing now for this year's larger projects. We have not yet finalized what will be done this summer. Over the next two summers Middle Road and Mount Pleasant Road will both be chip sealed, but we are not sure in what order at this point. We will also be doing ditching projects and brush cutting in different places around town.

If there is anyone with a mailbox that has been hit by a plow truck on multiple occasions, we would like to come out and see if we can help put it in a better location. Please call the Town Garage at 785-3411 and we will be happy to help.

If I can answer any questions for anyone, please contact me, and I'll do my best to help you out.





**TRI-COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT**

David Stanley, Manager

To All Residents of Tri-County Member Towns:

Greetings.

This past year, the Tri-County Transfer Station was the scene of numerous beneficial facility improvements. Most notable among these was the construction of a pole shed to shelter the trash trailer from inclement weather, thus allowing continuous use of both trailers throughout the winter season. Trash disposal directly into the trailers may now proceed virtually uninterrupted by transportation constraints.

Other improvements included additional paving, making possible significant expansion of the area between the paper and demo bins. Vehicular congestion now reduced, operational efficiency has been increased, and a safer environment provided for customers and employees alike. Pallet racks installed in the recycling building have improved the storage and material handling of trash bag inventory. Installation of enhanced, energy efficient lighting fixtures not only better illuminates the station periphery, but also protects the premises when the station is closed.

We at Tri-County are proud of our transfer station, and of the service it provides to you, our member towns. As we begin the year 2018, we will continue this course of facility improvements. Again, this year, we are committed to providing you, our patrons, with customer service and practicable solutions to waste disposal. For your part in helping us make this happen, we once more say thanks.

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Union, Maine 04862  
207-785-2261



Tri County Solid Waste, serving the communities of Union, Appleton, Liberty, Washington and Somerville.  
3368 Heald Highway (Route 17), Union, Maine  
Phone 785-2261

**Hours are 8:00 to 4:30 Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday. SCALES CLOSE AT 4:00 SHARP!**

Tri County is about 50% funded by a "pay as you throw" approach. This means, in large part, that you only pay for what you throw out. Recycle and pay less! Please see attendant prior to dumping waste!

Fee Schedule:

Unsorted Demo: \$160/ton – when not separated. Separate metal, wood and corrugated & save\$ and landfill space!

Sorted Demo and Bulky Waste: \$120/ton – please recycle corrugated! No corrugated cardboard in demo!

Mattresses and box springs See Attendant Please!

Asphalt shingles and tar paper (nails o.k. No plastic, wood or ice and water shield): \$100/ton. This program is in jeopardy due to contaminants. If we fail, price goes to \$120/ton as demo.

Items containing freon (like refrigerators, dehumidifiers and air conditioners) \$15 each

Lead acid and rechargeable batteries – no fee. Ask attendant

All other metals are free. Please drain all oil and gas prior to disposing. Oil, gas and other hazardous compounds are collected once per year as part of a household hazardous waste collection usually the third Saturday in June. Please consider separating non-ferrous from ferrous metals as the non-ferrous helps to fund lead acid battery removal!

Household trash: \$2.00 – We will accept trash in our green 32-gallon bags available at your town office or at the transfer station. You will be asked to re-bag your trash at the facility if you do not. On busy days, you will be asked to do your re-bagging outside the trash building. Alternatively, larger loads of unsorted trash not in green bags will be weighed and charged at a rate of \$160 per ton.

2/26/2018

Fluorescent tubes and mercury thermometers disposal ban – Please do not break! See Attendant

CRT's (tv's and monitors) & Computers – please ask!

Recycling Opportunities - Papers

Mixed paper and paperboard – junk mail, paper tubes, wrapping paper (no foil, no plastic), school papers, cereal type boxes (made of chip board - not corrugated), paper milk and juice cartons and drink boxes (please rinse). **No plastic, paper towels or Kleenex please!**

Newspapers and magazines – Only – nothing else please!

Corrugated cardboard and brown paper bags – Only! It's simple; it's corrugated!

Other Recyclables – *From the Kitchen* – PLEASE RINSE and let dry!!! Please, Please, Please – no food or liquid in the containers:

Plastics 1 & 3 through 7 – These containers are collected together. As with all plastics, please rinse and dry! **NO STYROFOAM PLEASE!**

#2 Plastic Only – PLEASE RINSE and leave covers off! Separate colored and "natural" (milk jugs).

Steel and Aluminum Cans – RINSE, **REMOVE PAPER**, and flatten **PLEASE**

JARS and BOTTLES Only! - PLEASE RINSE and remove covers! **No light bulbs, drinking glasses, ceramics or Pyrex!**

Please consider bringing useable clothes to the Thompson Center Thrift Store in Union or to Goodwill in Augusta or Rockland. Thanks! If you have any further questions, please ask David, Walt, Jeff, Leo or Donald.

Please take responsibility for the waste that you produce and make certain it is deposited in the proper manner. Thank you!



**RECREATION COMPLEX COMMITTEE**

Travis L. Brown, Chair

The Recreation Complex Committee was formed by the Board of Selectmen in 2015. The purpose of this committee was to develop plans for a recreational complex that would include another little league baseball/softball field, a soccer field and a walking/running track. Eight residents volunteered to serve on this committee.

It was our intent that this project would be funded by grants and private funds. Many organizations provide grants for recreational purposes. We will also be requesting private donations for any matching funds and in-kind volunteer work.

A local architect volunteered to develop a concept plan for this project. He presented two options on town-owned land, one behind the existing little league field and the other beyond the tennis courts along South Union Road. Both sites involved significant wetlands which would require DEP approval. A wetlands scientist developed wetland mitigation plans near the former Town landfill.

In December 2017 we finally had a meeting with DEP, Army Corps of Engineers, and our engineering support group. After much discussion, it was determined the mitigation plans were insufficient for either concept plan option. Our choices were to pay an “in lieu fee” or find an alternative site. The Board of Selectmen approved finding an alternative location. We began exploring any property of eight or more acres that could be sold to the Town at a reasonable price, or donated for recreational purposes.

In recent developments, at a meeting on March 27, 2018 the Pullen Committee approved funding for a multi-purpose recreational field for the residents of the Town of Union. A contingent offer has been placed on the property at the corner of Barrett Hill and Heald Highway. Included would be a track, a multi-purpose field, and eventually a portable ice rink and dog park. Next steps include environmental studies, cost analysis, and Town Meeting confirmation of the Pullen vote.



**UNION SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**

Each year the Union Scholarship Committee oversees the awarding of scholarship monies from five scholarship funds. Recipients may be graduates of any high school, public or private, as long as they are residents of Union. Those who are homeschooled are also eligible, as are postgraduate students continuing their education. The monies come from the interest earned on the principle from each of these funds. Because of low interest rates in recent years, the three smallest funds have been generating very little interest. This year, we have been able to award monies from only three of the five scholarship funds administered by the Town. After careful consideration of all applications, the available scholarship monies were awarded to 16 deserving students. Eight of these students were graduating seniors. The total amount of money awarded in 2017 was \$40,500. Monies from the following scholarships were awarded:

Gilbert Doughty Memorial Scholarship	\$ 700
William L. Pullen Fund	\$16,350
Robert H. & Eleanor S. Heald Scholarship Trust	\$23,450

The Robert H. and Eleanor S. Heald Scholarship Trust is available to graduating students who have been residents of Union for at least two years. Preference is given but not limited to those seeking higher education in a four-year college program. The Gilbert Doughty Memorial Scholarship is limited to high school seniors.

Interested Union students seeking scholarship information regarding available scholarships, application procedures, eligibility criteria, critical timelines, etc. may direct questions to the Union Town Office or to the Guidance Department at Medomak Valley High School.

The committee members wish to thank you for allowing us to serve the community in this capacity.

Barbara Fang  
Alice Lunt  
Joyce Grotton  
Rachael Umstead



## COME SPRING FOOD PANTRY

The Come Spring Food Pantry can be found in the former “Old Yellow School” building attached to the Thompson Community Center at 51 South Union Road in Union, in the back u-shaped parking area. It is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, volunteer-powered organization. Open hours are 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 am, the second & fourth Wednesdays of each month. In winter, if there is no school in SAD 40 the pantry is closed but will reopen the following Wednesday; then the regular schedule resumes.

People who use the food pantry must meet USDA financial guidelines, sign a form, and show proof of income. The pantry receives USDA foods four times a year, picked up from Knowlton Storage in Warren. We also buy food from the Good Shepherd Food Bank, which is delivered to Warren once a month. We buy food and non-food items at the Common Market, and we receive bread from Borealis Breads. The People’s United Methodist Church provides monthly donations to the pantry, and some church members serve on Come Spring Food Pantry Board of Trustees. The Nazarene Church donates regularly also. The Medomak Valley Middle School and the Mail Carrier Food Drives provide a variety of food each year. Deer Foot Farm has a wreath-making event in the fall to benefit the food pantry.

Financial donations come from local businesses, organizations, individuals, and bequests. We have received donations from various clubs at the Medomak Valley High School, from the employees at Camden National Bank, United Midcoast Charities, Sweetgrass Winery, Savage Oakes, the Pour House, Maine Water Company, FMC, Damariscotta Bank, and the Maine Amateur Driving Club at the Union Fair.

The primary towns served by Come Spring Food Pantry are Union and Appleton. Both towns provide support. We also have some folks from South Hope.

We serve retired people, disabled people, veterans, and seasonally unemployed folks, some of whom come regularly every month needing food. Many of these people ask if they can help us, and they help each other: younger people carrying bags for the older ladies, etc. We also have several individuals that we can call on for help as needed.

The Come Spring Food Pantry is on Facebook.

Donations of cash and food are always welcome. If a family is without food, and it is an emergency, please contact Manager Carol Watier at 785-4730 or Co-manager Joe Marble at 230-4998.



## UNION HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Union Historical Society is alive and well! Most of you who read this will have received our Society Newsletter and are aware of the exciting lineup of programs for this year.

The Society came into possession of the account ledgers of Levi Morse, the Bessey Mill and Union's first cobbler. They contain a treasure trove of information and offer a window into the day-to-day activities and transactions of Union's first settlers. They have been transcribed and indexed and will soon be available in digital form for research.



Members of the Board of Directors have been teaching and interacting with students and faculty at the Union Elementary School, as they study local history. Plans are underway, in coordination with the Town, Masonic Lodge, and Union Area Chamber of Commerce for this year's Founders Day celebration on July 13, 14 and 15, 2018.

The Robbins House materials have been rearranged to allow more efficient access to historical and genealogical study and research. We are always seeking items and artifacts related to Union history. Should you come across something of interest, please call the number below and leave a message, or drop by any Wednesday morning.

The Old Town House is open and available for rent during the warm months. It has been renovated; is handicap accessible; furnished with new, quiet ceiling fans; and is an ideal venue for family gatherings, receptions, meetings or conferences. If interested, call the number below and leave a message.

We have a new updated website and the web address is below. Please visit our site for more information on events and activities.

The Society meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of every month, April through November. All meetings are free and open to the public. Please join us in celebrating Union and its history.

Phone: 207-785-5444

E-mail: [info@unionhistoricalsociety.org](mailto:info@unionhistoricalsociety.org)

Website: [www.unionhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.unionhistoricalsociety.org)





## **PIONEER GRANGE #219**

Since its inception Pioneer Grange has played an important role in the Union community. Many suppers, dances, civic events and family times have been held at our hall.

We are a small but active group. Many of our members are involved in community service work in places such as the Veterans' Home, the Knox Center, and Sussman House to name a few. Several members participate at Union Fair each summer, helping with security, the exhibition halls, and other odd jobs. We hope to help with the senior calling tree that we have heard will soon start in Union.



We would like to invite you to one of our meetings. It would be a pleasure to hear your thoughts on how best to serve the Union community. We are always looking for new faces and will extend the hand of friendship and fellowship. For more information, please call our Master Donald Burke at 785-3936 or Secretary Sherrill Snowdeal at 236-3270.



**UNION SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB**

Duane Rowell, President

The Union Senior Citizens Club enjoyed another good year. We have been a club for 38 years, and all these years we have met in the vestry (downstairs) of the Union People's United Methodist Church. We appreciate having this central location and easy access for our meetings.

The Club is a great source for enriching the social life of our seniors. We enjoy great potluck dinners on the second Thursday of each month. On the fourth Thursday of each month, we have bag lunches with homemade pies for dessert. The programs for each meeting have been interesting and very diverse.

Our membership is down from past years. We look forward to welcoming new members from Union and surrounding towns as well.

We appreciate and thank the Town of Union for its support, making it possible for our Club to meet at the People's Methodist Church Vestry over these many years.





## Vose Library

392 Common Rd, Union  
www.voselibrary.org  
Sarah Masters, Library Director

Mail: PO Box 550  
Phone: 785-4733  
librarian@voselibrary.org

Open hours: Tuesday 10–8, Wednesday and Friday 10–6, and Saturday 9–12 noon.

### News and updates from your library



*Herb Harriman, Marion Gray, Sarah Drickey, and Martha Jackson joined Sue McClintock in our Founder's Day float. We miss you, Sue!*

Vose Library has been busier than ever! We are seeing more and more traffic from a variety of patrons. In 2017, we offered a variety of new programming, including our Armchair Adventure series, where we learn about our neighbors' exciting and exotic travel stories to places including Malawi and Machu Picchu. We have grown our gardening series with classes on permaculture and edible flowers.

We love to host Maine-based authors, including hiker Tom Jamrog and retired Portland Police Detective Bruce Robert Coffin. In other entertainment news, we are happy to offer a variety of movie screenings, from popular recent releases to classic family films.

Vose Library was honored to provide a warm place with power during the days-long outage. It was wonderful to see so many new faces, many of whom have continued to return now that they know about our great wi-fi! We also have many patrons who use our computers to work or keep in touch on social media.

Our annual Stash Buster Craft and Plant Sales remain popular and unique fundraisers, bringing people to Vose Library from all over the midcoast and beyond.

Thanks to our garden volunteers, the entrance to Vose is looking more beautiful and colorful than ever. Our Nature Trail is now open and features a beautiful bench courtesy of the Midcoast Public Health Council.

Do you have ideas for the library? Stop by and talk to us!



*Bill Stinson, Jerry Sawyer, Peter Duffey, and Vicki Harriman celebrate the opening of our nature trail*



*Shoppers line up for the Stash Sale*





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PAUL R. LePAGE  
GOVERNOR

Dear Citizens of Union:

For the past seven years as your Governor, my priority has been to make Maine—our people—prosper. Helping you keep more money in your wallet by reducing taxes has been part of that mission.

Too many Maine families are facing skyrocketing property taxes that strain household budgets. Our elderly on fixed incomes are particularly vulnerable to these increases. School budgets are often blamed for annual increases in property taxes. But there's another reason. A tremendous amount of land and property value has been taken off the tax rolls, leaving homeowners to pick up the tab.

As of 2016, towns and cities owned land and buildings valued at nearly \$5.5 billion statewide. Large and wealthy non-profits, such as hospitals and colleges, often escape paying property taxes on their vast real estate holdings—totaling more than \$5.1 billion statewide.

In Maine, nearly 2.5 million acres of land have been set aside for conservation by the federal and state governments and non-profit organizations, including land trusts. Municipalities are losing out on property taxes on an estimated \$2 billion in land that has been either removed from the tax rolls or prohibited from development—shifting the cost of municipal services to local homeowners through higher property taxes.

It's time to recognize the results of taking property off the tax rolls and identify solutions to reduce the burden on our homeowners. My administration's proposals have been met with staunch resistance.

In 1993, about 35,800 acres of land were documented as land-trust owned. That number has increased by an astonishing 1,270 percent. Land trusts now control over 490,000 acres with an estimated value of \$403 million. We must restore the balance. We will be working this session to ensure all land owners are contributing to the local tax base. It's time for them to pay their fair share.

I encourage you to ask your local officials how much land in your municipality has been taken off the tax rolls, as well as how much in tax revenue that land would have been contributing today to offset your property taxes.

If ever I can be of assistance to you or if you have any questions or suggestions, I encourage you to contact my office by calling 287-3531 or by visiting our website at [www.maine.gov/governor](http://www.maine.gov/governor).

Sincerely,

Paul R. LePage  
Governor



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## United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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ENERGY AND  
NATURAL RESOURCES  
INTELLIGENCE  
RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

January 3, 2018

Dear Friends,

Representing Maine in the United States Senate is an honor.

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

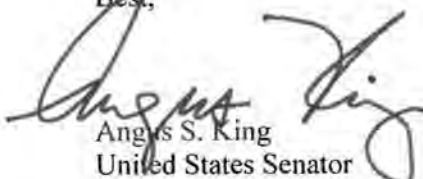
While my committee work is important, working to combat the opioid epidemic is one of my top priorities. Although Congress has made some important strides, much remains to be done to provide additional funding for prevention, treatment and enforcement. I am working with colleagues on both sides of the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

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

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

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

Best,

  
Angus S. King  
United States Senator



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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.

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

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

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

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

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

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



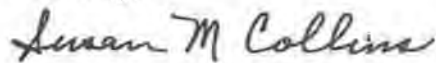
Growing our economy remains a top priority. I supported the comprehensive tax reform bill because it will help lower- and middle-income families keep more of their hard-earned money; boost the economy; and encourage businesses, both small and large, to grow and create jobs here in Maine and around the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

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

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

I appreciate the opportunity to serve Knox County and Maine in the United States Senate. If ever I can be of assistance to you, please contact my Augusta office at 207-622-8414 or visit my website at [www.collins.senate.gov](http://www.collins.senate.gov). May 2018 be a good year for you, your family, your community, and our state.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins  
United States Senator



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Dear Residents of Union,

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

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

I would also like to share some information about the state's unclaimed property list. "Unclaimed property" is money owed to Maine people by third parties, such as former employers, banks or utility companies. Organizations are required to give unclaimed property to the State Treasurer after a specified period of time, after which the owner of the unclaimed property can retrieve it from the state. Even if you have done everything right, you could have unclaimed property. It could be from a forgotten account, an overpaid bill or uncollected wages.

This money could be unclaimed as a result of a change in name, addresses or bank account. Visit [maine.gov/unclaimed](http://maine.gov/unclaimed) or call 1-888-283-2808 to see if you have any unclaimed property.

In the first session of the 128th Legislature, we considered over 1,600 pieces of legislation on a variety of issues. As part of my effort to bring matters happening in Augusta back home to our district, I am pleased to email a legislative newsletter to share information about ongoing legislative issues and useful resources. Please contact me to join. I can be reached locally at (207) 236-4845 or by email at [davemiramant@gmail.com](mailto:davemiramant@gmail.com).

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

Sincerely,



Dave Miramant  
State Senator



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CHELLIE PINGREE  
CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES  
1<sup>ST</sup> DISTRICT, MAINE

Dear Friend,

I hope this letter finds you well. It's a privilege to share an update on my work to represent you and your family in Washington and in Maine.

Even though Washington is so bitterly divided these days, I've continued to look for bipartisan opportunities to address issues important to our state. Nearly all the bills I've introduced this Congress have Republican cosponsors.

One piece of legislation would help protect our state's economy by investing in working waterfronts. Another would allow Mainers to import less expensive prescriptions from Canada. And several bills would help our farmers capitalize on the fastest growing areas of agriculture—local and organic sales—by investing in research, increasing consumer access to healthy food, and improving farmer programs.

I'm happy to report bipartisan victories for our veterans as well. After working for years with Maine's Congressional Delegation, we were finally able to push a much-needed expansion of the Portland VA Community Based Outpatient Clinic through Congress. Legislation I introduced to help veterans who find themselves in debt to the Department of Veterans Affairs unanimously passed the House of Representatives. And full GI Bill benefits were extended to a group of veterans who had been denied them previously—an issue I've introduced legislation to address.

While I strive to find common ground with my colleagues on everything from rural broadband access to economic development, there are many areas where I will not compromise. I have serious concerns about the direction the Trump Administration and its allies in Congress are taking our country. In so many ways, they have abandoned America's leadership in the world, made our country less safe, and are jeopardizing our future. They've weakened our health care system, rigged the tax code against working families, and endangered the environment. With one hand, they are taking away resources our families and communities need. With the other, they are offering generous giveaways to giant corporations and the wealthiest Americans.

Over the last year, I've received an unprecedented amount of feedback on these issues from my constituents. With their concerns and interests in mind, I have fought hard against these policies. I will continue using my role in Congress and the Appropriations Committee to hold the Administration and the President accountable.

Please keep in touch with your views or if there is anything I might be able to help you with. My office assists hundreds of constituents every year who have issues with federal programs or agencies. It's an honor to serve you.

Take care,

Chellie Pingree  
Member of Congress







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March 2018

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

It has been an honor to serve as your Representative in the 128th Maine State Legislature. This is a responsibility that I take very seriously. We have faced some very substantial challenges over the past year in the Legislature, and I will continue to represent your interests to the best of my ability.

Over the next month, we will be hard at work trying to make sure that we take action on the carry-over bills from last year and all of the emergency legislation on the floor of the House. Many of these issues are extremely important. For example we will be working on making a decision on a few of the issues passed by referendum, such as Marijuana Legalization as well as Medicaid Expansion.

I currently serve on two Joint Standing Committees, Marine Resources and Government Oversight. This year, in Government Oversight, we have been consumed with finding a way to reform our current referendum process. As you are aware there are many out of state groups that are coming into Maine and buying elections. I am sure there will be a lot of discussion around the referendum process and I will do my best to keep you up to date with how the process moves along.

One of the most rewarding components of the job is being able to help constituents when they get bogged down attempting to navigate the bureaucracy of various government programs and agencies. Feel free to contact me if I can be of assistance in any way. The best way to contact me is via e-mail, at [Paula.Sutton@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:Paula.Sutton@legislature.maine.gov), or by **phone at 380-3406**. I do a weekly State News Update via e-mail which many people find to be useful for learning about state issues that affect their personal and business lives. I would love to add you to the newsletter list, and of course you may unsubscribe at any time.

Thank you again, for giving me the honor of serving you in Augusta!

Sincerely,

Paula G. Sutton

State Representative



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January 2018

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

It is truly an honor to serve as your State Representative in Augusta. While the 128<sup>th</sup> Legislature has been nothing short of interesting or challenging, I am thankful for the opportunity to be your voice at the State House, making Maine an even better place to live, work, and play.

After a short government shutdown over some key elements to the state's biennial budget, the Legislature adjourned the first session on August 2, 2017. While no budget is perfect, I am proud of the hard work we were able to accomplish by removing the burdensome, job-killing surtax while putting more funding into education at the request of voters during the November 2016 election. For the first time, we were able to fund our schools at a level we have never been able to before without any additional taxes.

While we were able to address many issues during the first session, on January 3, 2018 the Legislature came in to begin the second regular session, which is the session where we only take up bills considered to be emergency legislation. I can assure you that there are many challenges ahead of us and I will do my best to address the issues with a thoughtful approach. Among a range of policy areas that will be taken up, Maine's drug crisis, Medicaid expansion funding, and recreational marijuana laws will be at the forefront.

Once again, thank you for the opportunity to represent you, the people of District 91. Please call me anytime at **832-6586** or email at [Abden.Simmons@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:Abden.Simmons@legislature.maine.gov) to keep me updated on those concerns. If you would like to be added to my email update list, you can do so by emailing me directly with your request.

Sincerely,

Abden Simmons

State Representative



**MINUTES**

**2017  
TOWN OF UNION  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
WARRANT**

MUNICIPAL ELECTION  
June 13, 2017 – TUESDAY  
8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
William Pullen Municipal Building

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
June 19, 2017 - MONDAY  
7:00 p.m.  
William Pullen Municipal Building

Marcy Corwin, Town Clerk of Union, called the MUNICIPAL Election and Annual Town Meeting to order on Tuesday, June 13, 2017. The Warrant was read then and there to act upon the following articles:

**ARTICLE 1.** To elect a Moderator to preside at said meeting and to vote by written ballot.

Ronald Hawes was nominated and elected by secret ballot to the position of Moderator for the meeting. The Town Clerk duly swore him into office.

The Polls were declared open and Article 2, the election of all necessary Town Officers/Officials by secret ballot began.

**ARTICLE 2.** The following is a list of ballots cast:

	VOTES
Selectmen/Assessor/Overseer of the Poor (three-year term)	
Grotton, Gregory S.	137 *
Selectmen/Assessor/Overseer of the Poor (two-year term)	
Justice, James W.	135*
Director of School Administrative District #40 (three-year term)	
Williams, Robert A.	139*
Director of School Administrative District #40 (one-year term)	
Speno, Matthew E.	130*



On Monday, June 19, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. moderator Ron Hawes called the Annual Town Meeting to order.

**ARTICLE 3.** To choose all other necessary Municipal Officials, or act thereon.

VOTES

One Trustee of the Cemetery Trust Funds — (three-year term).

Lee MacFarland 4\*

One Trustee of the William Pullen Fund — Anita Brown's term expires. (four-year term)

Anita Brown 6\*

Four Members of the Budget Committee — Constance Bodine, Lynn Athearn, Dan Day, and John Mountainland.

<u>Three-Year Term</u>	
John Mountainland	3 *
Dan Day	1 *

<u>Three-Year Term</u>	
Dan Day	5*

<u>Three-Year Term</u>	
Constance Bodine	6*

<u>Three-Year Term</u>	
Mike Drickey	10
Barry Norris	16*

\*elected to office

**ARTICLE 4.** Shall an ordinance entitled "Town of Union Comprehensive Plan" 2017-2027 (revision 5) be enacted or act thereon. *A copy of which is available at the Union Town Office during regular business hours or online at [www.union.maine.gov](http://www.union.maine.gov)*

A motion and second were made. Motion carries.

**ARTICLE 5.** Shall an ordinance entitled "Prohibiting Retail Marijuana Establishments and Retail Marijuana Social Clubs" be enacted or act thereon. *A copy of which is attached to this warrant and is available at the Town Office during regular business hours, or online at [www.union.maine.gov](http://www.union.maine.gov)*

A written ballot was requested on this article by moderator Ron Hawes.



Discussion was held both pro and con regarding this ordinance.

No-19

Yes-33

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Motion carries.

**ARTICLE 6.** Shall an ordinance entitled “Changeable Signs” be enacted or act thereon. *A copy of which is attached to this warrant and is available at the Town Office during regular business hours or online at [www.union.maine.gov](http://www.union.maine.gov)*

A motion and second were made to allow Grant Watmough, code officer for the Town of Union, a non-Union resident, to speak.

People spoke in favor of and against this article.

A motion and second were made. Motion carries.

**ARTICLE 7.** To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen, with a 4/5th vote, to transfer up to 10% of unexpended balances between accounts as needed, or act thereon.

**SELECTMEN RECOMMEND 5-0**  
**BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 8-0**

A motion and second were made. Motion carries.

**ARTICLE 8.** To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$97,000 from Fund Balance to cover the remaining cost for replacement of a Public Works Truck (\$23,000) and ambulance (\$74,000) or act thereon.

**SELECTMEN RECOMMEND 5-0**  
**BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 8-0**

A motion and second were made. Motion carries.

**ARTICLE 9.** To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$70,000 from Fund Balance to insulate and repair the roof at the public works garage, or act thereon.

**SELECTMEN RECOMMEND 5-0**  
**BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 8-0**

A motion and second were made. Motion carries.

**ARTICLE 10.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to RAISE AND APPROPRIATE for fiscal year 2017-2018 for the following, or act thereon:

	<b>2018 REQUEST</b>	<b>2017 REQUEST</b>
A. Union Senior Citizens	\$ 500	\$ 500
B. Come Spring Food Pantry	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200
C. Vose Library	<u>\$22,000</u>	<u>\$22,000</u>
	<b>\$23,700</b>	<b>\$23,700</b>

**SELECTMEN RECOMMEND 5-0**  
**BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 6-0-2**

A motion and second were made to approve article as written. Motion carries.

**ARTICLE 11.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to RAISE AND APPROPRIATE for fiscal year 2017-2018 for the following, or act thereon:

<b>AGENCY REQUEST</b>	<b><u>2018</u></b>	<b><u>2017</u></b>
A. New Hope for Women	\$ 995	\$ 995
B. Midcoast Community Action	\$1,000	\$1,000
C. Spectrum Generations	\$1,676	\$1,676
D. Penquis	\$ 961	\$ 961
E. Broadreach	<u>\$ 750</u>	<u>\$ 750</u>
	<b>\$5,382</b>	<b>\$5,382</b>

**SELECTMEN MAKE NO RECOMMENDATION**  
**BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 8-0**

A request to set aside A and E.

A motion and second were made to approve B, C, and D as written. Motion carries.

A motion was made and seconded to take the \$995.00 from New Hope and add it to the amount for Broadreach. Motion failed.

A motion and second were made to approve the original amounts for A and E. Motion carries.

**ARTICLE 12.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to APPROPRIATE FROM the I.C. THURSTON FUND an amount not to exceed \$5,000 for the UNION ASSISTANCE FUND or act thereon. (2016-\$5,000.00)

**SELECTMEN RECOMMEND 5-0**  
**BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 8-0**

A motion and second were made. Motion carries.

**ARTICLE 13.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to fix the salaries of the officials appointed by them under provision of MRSA Title 30-A, Section 2601, subsection 1 & 2, or act thereon.

A motion and second were made. Motion carries.



**ARTICLE 14.** To see if the Town will vote to RAISE AND APPROPRIATE the sum of \$61,278.00, to fund the contract for dispatching services with the Knox Regional Communication Center, or act thereon. (2016-\$59,486.00)

**SELECTMEN RECOMMEND 5-0**  
**BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 7-1**

It was so noted that the Budget Committee did recommend this article.

A motion and second were made. Motion carries.

**ARTICLE 15.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to APPROPRIATE FROM FUND BALANCE an amount not to exceed \$6,000 to be used to cover Tax Abatements for the fiscal year of 2017-2018.

**SELECTMEN RECOMMEND 5-0**  
**BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 7-0**

A motion and second were made. Motion carries.

**ARTICLE 16.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell Tax Acquired Property, and to give quit-claim deeds thereof. Sales to other than the former record titleholder, his or her heirs, devisees or assigns shall be by the best means available to obtain the maximum price, and to expend such funds as the majority of the Board of Selectmen shall decide.

A motion and second were made. Motion carries.

**ARTICLE 17.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of taxes for the fiscal year 2019 not yet due or assessed and no interest to accrue, or act thereon.

A motion and second was made. Motion carries.

**ARTICLE 18.** To see if the Town, in accordance with 36 M.R.S.A. Section 505 (4), will vote that property taxes shall be delinquent if not paid by November 15, 2017 and May 15, 2018 and that interest at the rate of 7% per annum shall be charged on all delinquent property taxes, or act thereon. If the due dates fall on a Saturday, Sunday, or Holiday, then the due date will fall on the next business day and interest will start the day after.

**NOTE:** The Board of Selectmen recommend due dates of November 15, 2017 and May 15, 2018 and interest due dates of November 16, 2017 and May 16, 2018 at 7%. Taxpayers' names will appear in the Town Report if taxes are not paid by the close of business on May 15, 2018.

**SELECTMEN RECOMMEND 7% 5-0**  
**BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 7% 8-0**

A motion and second were made. Motion carries.

**ARTICLE 19.** To see if the Town will vote to set a rate of interest to be paid on the overpayment of abated taxes from the date of overpayment, or act thereon. (Maximum 7% Minimum 3% per annum) *Explanation: If taxes are paid and later abated, the Town must refund the abated taxes and pay interest on them.*

**SELECTMEN RECOMMEND 3% 5-0**  
**BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 3% 7-1**

A motion and second were made to approve 3%. Motion carries.

**ARTICLE 20.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to use the proceeds of any payment on insurance claims, for damage occurring to Town property in the fiscal year 2017-2018, to be allocated to the municipal department whose goods or equipment were damaged, and appropriate any such insurance payment to repair or replace the damaged goods or equipment, or act thereon.

A motion and second were made. Motion carries.

**ARTICLE 21.** To see if the Town of Union will vote to approve a Community Block Grant Application and/or a Quality Community Grant Application and to submit same to the Department of Economic and Community Development or the Maine Department of Transportation, and if a grant is approved, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept said grant funds and to expend grant funds for the purpose of the grant, to make such assurances, assume such responsibilities, and exercise such authority as is necessary and reasonable to implement such a program, or act thereon.

A motion and second were made. Motion carries.

**ARTICLE 22.** To see if the Town of Union will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to submit applications for grants and if a grant is approved, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept said grant funds and to expend grant funds for the purposes of the grant, to make such assurances, assume such responsibilities, and exercise such authority as are necessary and reasonable to implement such a program, or act thereon.

A motion and second were made. Motion carries.

**ARTICLE 23.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to assess the Town of Washington the sum of \$15,277.00, and the Town of Appleton the sum of \$13,169.00 for ambulance services in the coming fiscal year 2017-2018, or act thereon.

A motion and second were made. Motion carries.



**ARTICLE 24.** To see if the Town will vote to allow the Union Ambulance Department and Union Fire Department to expend monies raised by them for equipment and other operational expenses, or act thereon.

A motion and second were made. Motion carries.

**ARTICLE 25.** To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to disburse money received from the State Snowmobile Refund from the registration of snowmobiles to the Appleton Trail Makers, Inc., (Appleton) and the Hatchet Mountain Snowriders Snowmobile Club, (Hope) 1/2 to each club – for the purpose of maintaining their snowmobile trails in Union, to be open for the use of the public at all times while they are snow covered, or act thereon.

A motion and second were made. Motion carries.

**ARTICLE 26.** To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to carry over and expend into the fiscal year 2017-2018 the unexpended balances plus any additional interest and income minus any expenses accrued thereon of the following accounts, or act thereon:

		<b>Amended</b>
A. <del>Animal Control</del> Public Works		\$183,000.00
B. I.C. Thurston Fund	\$27,000.00	\$ 13,647.00
C. Ambulance Income	\$32,000.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$59,000.00</b>	<b>\$228,647.00</b>

*These are estimated amounts at the time of printing, actual amounts will be presented at Town Meeting.*

A motion and second were made to approve the amended amounts totaling \$228,647.00 as written. Motion carries.

**ARTICLE 27.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to RAISE AND APPROPRIATE for the fiscal year 2017-2018 budget for the following purposes, or act thereon:

	<b>2018 APPROP.</b>	<b>2017 APPROP.</b>
A. Administration	\$ 79,200	\$ 73,700
B. Pullen Bldg. Maintenance	\$ 30,000	\$ 29,500
C. Assessors	\$ 32,200	\$ 29,100
D. Stipends	\$ 8,050	\$ 8,050
E. Office Personnel	\$191,270	\$178,461
F. Insurances	\$144,000	\$139,000
G. Town Maintenance	\$ 8,450	\$ 7,600
H. Hydrant Rental	\$ 14,000	\$ 14,000
I. TCSWMO	\$ 62,998	\$ 51,935
J. Septic Waste Contract	\$ 2,300	\$ 2,300
K. Planning Dept./Codes	\$ 47,305	\$ 49,305





L. Fire Department	\$ 61,540	\$ 61,540
M. Street Lights	\$ 5,750	\$ 5,700
N. Common Maintenance	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
O. Budget Committee	\$ 300	\$ 150
P. Birdhouses	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500
Q. Founder's Day Committee	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200
R. Town Retirement Match	\$ 18,600	\$ 17,000
S. Emergency Management	\$ 7,350	\$ 7,350
T. Social Security	\$ 37,320	\$ 37,320
U. TAN Interest	\$ 500	\$ 500
<b>TOTAL TO BE RAISED AND APPROPRIATED</b>	<b>\$758,833</b>	<b>\$720,211</b>

**SELECTMEN RECOMMEND 5-0**  
**BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 6-2**

**Item I.** – TCSWMO was set aside.

A motion and second were made to approve all other items in Article 27 as written. Motion carries.

**Item I.** – TCSWMO - A short discussion was held, and a motion and second were made to approve the original amount of \$62,998.00. Motion carries.

**ARTICLE 28.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to APPROPRIATE FROM EXCISE TAX AND RAISE AND APPROPRIATE FROM THE SOURCES LISTED BELOW for Public Works Programs for the fiscal year 2017-2018, or act thereon:

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
PUBLIC WORKS		
Excise Tax	\$400,000	\$385,000
From Raise and Appropriation	\$135,380	\$149,680
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>\$535,380</b>	<b>\$534,680</b>

**SELECTMEN RECOMMEND 5-0**  
**BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 7-0**

A motion and second were made. Motion carries.

**ARTICLE 29.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to APPROPRIATE FROM THE SOURCES LISTED BELOW AND RAISE AND APPROPRIATE for paving and road construction for the fiscal year 2017-2018, or act thereon:

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
PAVING/ROAD CONSTRUCTION		
Appropriated From Urban Rural Initiative Program	\$52,000	\$ 52,000
Raised and Appropriated	\$348,000	\$348,000
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>\$400,000</b>	<b>\$400,000</b>



**SELECTMEN RECOMMEND 5-0**  
**BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 7-0**

A motion and second were made. Motion carries.

**ARTICLE 30.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to APPROPRIATE FROM THE SOURCES LISTED BELOW for Ambulance Operations for the fiscal year 2017-2018, or act thereon:

AMBULANCE	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Raised And Appropriated for Union's Assessment	\$ 22,597.00	\$ 18,446.58
Appropriated From Washington Assessment	\$ 15,277.00	\$ 12,465.46
Appropriated From Appleton Assessment	\$ 13,169.00	\$ 10,744.93
Appropriated From Ambulance Revenue	\$169,000.00	\$147,753.03
From Carry Over	\$ 14,956.00	\$ 30,290.00
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>\$235,000.00</b>	<b>\$219,700.00</b>

**SELECTMEN RECOMMEND 5-0**  
**BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 8-0**

A motion and second were made. Motion carries.

**ARTICLE 31.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to RAISE AND APPROPRIATE, and APPROPRIATE FROM ANTICIPATED REVENUE for the listed reserve accounts and to expend as needed for the fiscal year 2017-2018, or act thereon:

	<u>RAISE &amp; APPROP.</u>	<u>ANTICIP. REV.</u>
A. Highway Equipment Reserve	\$ 60,000	
B. Ambulance Vehicle Reserve		\$25,000
C. Ambulance Equipment Reserve		\$ 1,000
D. Fire Truck Reserve	\$ 45,000	
E. Fire Equipment Reserve	\$ 5,000	
F. Cemetery Reserve	\$ 2,500	
G. Bridge Repair	\$ 5,000	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$117,500</b>	<b>\$26,000</b>

**SELECTMEN RECOMMEND 5-0**  
**BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 8-0**

A motion and second were made. Motion carries.

**ARTICLE 32.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell Surplus Fire, Ambulance, Office and Highway Department Equipment and appropriate the proceeds from the sale back to the Respective Departments Equipment Reserve Account, or act thereon.

A motion and second were made. Motion carries.



**ARTICLE 33.** To see what sum the Town will vote to RAISE AND APPROPRIATE AND APPROPRIATE FROM SOURCES LISTED BELOW for Animal Control for the fiscal year 2017-2018, or act thereon:

ANIMAL CONTROL	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Raised and Appropriated	\$11,818.00	\$12,145.75
From Carryover	\$ 1,932.00	\$ 6,292.00
Appropriated From Appleton Assessment	\$ 0	\$ 7,075.25
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>\$13,750.00</b>	<b>\$25,513.00</b>

**SELECTMEN RECOMMEND 5-0**  
**BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 8-0**

A motion and second were made. Motion carries.

**ARTICLE 34.** To see what sum the Town will vote to RAISE AND APPROPRIATE AND APPROPRIATE FROM SOURCES LISTED BELOW for Parks and Recreation for the fiscal year 2017-2018, or act thereon:

PARKS & RECREATION	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Raised and Appropriated	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000
Appropriated From Jos. Pullen Invest.	\$ 2,300	\$ 2,300
Appropriated From Rec. Reserve Account	\$ 1,700	\$ 1,700
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>

**SELECTMEN RECOMMEND 5-0**  
**BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 0-0**

A motion and second were made. Motion carries.

**ARTICLE 35.** To see what sum the Town will vote to APPROPRIATE FROM THE SOURCES LISTED BELOW for General Assistance for the fiscal year 2017-2018, or act thereon:

GENERAL ASSISTANCE	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Appropriated From State of Maine Reimb.	\$4,900	\$ 5,000
Appropriated From the I.C. Thurston Fund	\$2,100	\$ 5,000
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>\$7,000</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>

**SELECTMEN RECOMMEND 5-0**  
**BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 8-0**

A motion and second were made. Motion carries.



**ARTICLE 36.** To see what sum the Town will vote to RAISE AND APPROPRIATE AND APPROPRIATE FROM THE SOURCES LISTED BELOW for Cemeteries for the fiscal year 2017-2018, or act thereon:

CEMETERIES	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Raised and Appropriated	\$36,950	\$37,100
Appropriated from Perpetual Care	\$ 1,900	\$ 2,500
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$38,850</b>	<b>\$39,600</b>

**SELECTMEN RECOMMEND 5-0**  
**BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 7-0**

A motion and second were made. Motion carries.

**ARTICLE 37.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appropriate the sum of \$2000 from Cable Franchise Fees received for fiscal year 2017-2018, to be used for preparation of material for public awareness, Town of Union Website, or whatever means deemed appropriate, or act thereon.

**SELECTMEN RECOMMEND 5-0**  
**BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 7-0**

A motion and second were made. Motion carries.

**ARTICLE 38.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell, or otherwise dispose of equipment and Town property with a value less than \$2,000 per item after appraisal for fiscal year 2017-2018, or act thereon.

A motion and second were made. Motion carries.

**ARTICLE 39.** To see if the Town will vote to take the following amounts from income and interest earned on the respective scholarship accounts, to fund a scholarship(s) to be awarded in the year 2017-2018, or act thereon.

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
A. Robert H. & Eleanor S. Heald Fund	\$23,450	\$28,700
B. William L. Pullen Fund	\$16,350	\$18,400
C. Gilbert Doughty Memorial Fund	\$ 700	\$ 250
D. Union Alumni Fund	\$ 0	\$ 0
E. Frank D. & Gertrude N. Rowe Fund	\$ 0	\$ 135
F. Raymond Thurston & Belle Thurston		
Kinniston Fund	\$ 963	\$ 143
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$42,163</b>	<b>\$47,628</b>

**SELECTMEN RECOMMEND 5-0**  
**BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 8-0**  
**SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS**

**PULLEN COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS**

A motion and second were made. Motion carries.

**ARTICLE 40.** To see if the Town will vote to APPROPRIATE from the William Pullen Trust the following sums or act thereon:

A. Scholarships	\$16,353.00
B. Town of Union	<u>\$20,000.00</u>
	<b>\$36,353.00</b>

**SELECTMEN RECOMMEND 5-0**  
**BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 5-0**  
**PULLEN COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 8-0**

A motion and second were made. Motion carries.

**ARTICLE 41.** To see if the Town will vote to APPROPRIATE from Fund Balance up to \$100,000 to reduce the tax commitment for 2017-2018 or act thereon.

**SELECTMEN RECOMMEND 5-0**  
**BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 8-0**

A motion and second were made. Motion carries.

**ARTICLE 42.** To see if the Town will vote to APPROPRIATE THE FOLLOWING General Fund revenue sources to be used toward the 2017-2018 budget appropriations of the Town of Union, thereby decreasing the amount required to be raised by property taxes, or act thereon.

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
State Revenue Sharing	\$ 96,000	\$ 89,000
Other Revenue fees and interest	\$ 50,000	\$ 53,000
IC Thurston Fund (schools)	<u>\$ 34,400</u>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$180,400</b>	<b>\$142,000</b>

**SELECTMEN RECOMMEND 5-0**  
**BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 8-0**

A motion and second were made. Motion carries.

**ARTICLE 43.** To see what sum the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to APPROPRIATE FROM UNDESIGNATED FUNDS to cover fiscal year 2016-2017 overdrafts or act thereon.

A. ~~None at time of printing~~ Tri County Solid Waste Organization \$3600.00



*\*These figures are estimates at the time of printing, updated figures will be available at Town Meeting*

A motion and second were made to approve a \$3600.00 overdraft for Tri County Solid Waste. Motion carries.

**ARTICLE 44.** To see the Town will APPROPRIATE FROM FUND BALANCE, up to \$10,920 for GIS and Tax Map Conversion or act thereon.

A motion and second were made. Motion carries.

**ARTICLE 45.** To see if the Town will vote to permanently increase the property tax levy limit established for the Town of Union by State Law in the event that the municipal budget approved under the preceding articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that property tax levy limit.

A motion and second were made to indefinitely postpone this article. Motion carries.

A motion and second to adjourn the Annual Town Meeting were made at 8:25 p.m.

A True Copy Attest: s/Marcy Corwin, Town Clerk





**MINUTES**

**2017**

**TOWN OF UNION**

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

**WARRANT**

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2017**

**WILLIAM PULLEN MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

**7:00 p.m.**

Stacey M.Y. Parra, Town Clerk of Union, called the Special Town Meeting to order on Tuesday, December 12, 2017. The Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

**ARTICLE 1.** To elect by written secret ballot, a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Ronald Hawes was nominated and elected by secret ballot with four (4) votes to the position of Moderator for the meeting. The Town Clerk duly swore him into office.

**ARTICLE 2.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of the Thompson Community Building (TCC) by transfer or lease, for the purpose of providing elderly housing units for the Town. The Board of Selectmen are further authorized to enter into an Agreement with a third party and to negotiate such terms and conditions of the Agreement as the Board of Selectmen may deem to be in the best interests of the Town. The Board of Selectmen are further authorized to execute any and all documents necessary, expedient or convenient to the completion of the transaction, or act thereon.

Moderator Hawes stated that Penquis was unable to make the meeting due to the weather-related conditions, and that the Board of Selectmen would like to postpone the meeting.

Motion and second to postpone the meeting until Monday, January 8, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Discussion: A town resident stated that he would like to see an informational meeting before January 8. Jay stated that the open town meeting format is like a public hearing; and as to why there is an open meeting and not a secret ballot. This is done so all the information can be discussed in one night, and a decision can be made. The most efficient way, because of the holiday season, was to have one meeting so the issue could be discussed, and questions answered before a final vote.

Motion fails 22-37.

Motion to have the meeting postponed until the next regular town meeting in June.



Discussion: Jay stated that the federal and state grants are due in February and March, so that is when Penquis needs to apply for those grants. If delayed it will be an entire year before the grants can be applied for. Greg stated that there is an opportunity for the town to do something with the school and save the taxpayers money. Furthermore, Penquis is looking to do something in Knox County, and if surrounding towns get in touch with Penquis, Union may be in jeopardy of losing the extra funds. The longer it is delayed, the less chance there is to make anything happen. Several town residents requested an informational meeting.

Motion and second to postpone the meeting to a further date at the Selectmen's discretion.  
Motion carries.

A motion and second to adjourn the Special Town Meeting were made at 7:31 p.m.

Dated: November 7, 2017      UNION BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
s/Greg Grotton, Chair  
s/John Shepard  
s/Lyle Cramer  
s/Sarah Drickey  
s/James Justice

**RESIDENT'S RETURN**

**COUNTY OF KNOX  
STATE OF MAINE, ss.**

By virtue of the within Warrant to me directed, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Union, qualified to vote in Town affairs to assemble at the time and place and for the purpose within named, by posting this Warrant at the following public and conspicuous places within the Town including the Town Office, 567 Common Road; Common Market, 40 Burkett Road; Four Corner Variety, 1718 Heald Highway; and Mic Mac Market, 994 Heald Highway; on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of November, A.D. 2017, the same being at least seven days prior to the within named meeting.

Attest: s/Richard Niles, Resident

A True Copy Attest: s/Stacey M. Y. Parra, Town Clerk



**MINUTES**

**2018  
TOWN OF UNION  
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
WARRANT  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2018  
WILLIAM PULLEN MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
6:30 PM**

Stacey M.Y. Parra, Town Clerk of Union, called the Special Town Meeting to order on Wednesday, January 17, 2018. The Meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM.

**ARTICLE 1.** To elect by written secret ballot, a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Elmer Savage was nominated and elected by secret ballot with five (5) votes to the position of Moderator for the meeting. The Town Clerk duly swore him into office.

**ARTICLE 2.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of the Thompson Community Building (TCC) by transfer or lease, for the purpose of providing elderly housing units for the Town. The Board of Selectmen are further authorized to enter into an Agreement with a third party and to negotiate such terms and conditions of the Agreement as the Board of Selectmen may deem to be in the best interests of the Town. The Board of Selectmen are further authorized to execute any and all documents necessary, expedient or convenient to the completion of the transaction, or act thereon.

Article 2 was moved, seconded and 26 registered voters voted to postpone the meeting until Saturday, January 20, 2018 at 10:00 PM.

A motion and second to adjourn the Special Town Meeting were made at 6:45 PM.

Dated: December 19, 2017    UNION BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
s/Greg Grotton, Chair  
s/John Shepard  
s/Lyle Cramer  
s/Sarah Drickey  
s/James Justice



**RESIDENT'S RETURN**

**COUNTY OF KNOX**

**STATE OF MAINE, ss.**

By virtue of the within Warrant to me directed, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Union, qualified to vote in Town affairs to assemble at the time and place and for the purpose within named, by posting this Warrant at the following public and conspicuous places within the Town including the Town Office, 567 Common Road; Common Market, 40 Burkett Road; Four Corner Variety, 1718 Heald Highway; and at Mic Mac Market, 994 Heald Highway; on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of January, A.D., 2018, the same being at least seven days prior to the within named meeting.

Attest: s/Richard Niles, Resident

A True Copy Attest: s/Stacey M. Y. Parra, Town Clerk



**MINUTES**

**2018**

**TOWN OF UNION**

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

**WARRANT**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2018**

**WILLIAM PULLEN MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

**6:30 p.m.**

**POSTPONED TO SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2018**

**10:00 a.m.**

Elmer Savage, Moderator, called the Special Town Meeting to order on Saturday, January 20, 2018. The meeting was called to order at 10:13 a.m. and continued from its postponement on Wednesday, January 17, 2018.

**ARTICLE 2.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of the Thompson Community Building (TCC) by transfer or lease, for the purpose of providing elderly housing units for the Town. The Board of Selectmen are further authorized to enter into an Agreement with a third party and to negotiate such terms and conditions of the Agreement as the Board of Selectmen may deem to be in the best interests of the Town. The Board of Selectmen are further authorized to execute any and all documents necessary, expedient or convenient to the completion of the transaction, or act thereon.

Article 2 was moved and seconded.

Motion and second to vote the article by Secret Ballot. Motion carries.

Motion and second to allow nonresident Jason Bird from Penquis to speak. Motion carries.

Motion and second to allow Lori Carlson to speak. Motion carries.

Motion and second to move the question. Motion carries.

A written Yes/No Ballot was tallied with the results as follows: YES 47, NO 137. Motion Fails.

A motion and second to adjourn the Special Town Meeting was made at 11:37 a.m.

A True Copy Attest: s/Stacey M. Y. Parra, Town Clerk



**2018  
TOWN OF UNION  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
WARRANT**

MUNICIPAL ELECTION  
June 12, 2018 – TUESDAY  
8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
William Pullen Municipal Building

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
June 18, 2018 - MONDAY  
7:00 p.m.  
William Pullen Municipal Building

TO: Richard Niles, Resident of the Town of Union, in the County of Knox.

**GREETINGS:** In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Union in said County and State, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the William Pullen Municipal Building in said Town on Tuesday, the Twelfth of June, A.D. 2018 at 8:00 a.m. in the morning, then and there to act upon Article 1 and by secret ballot on Article 2 as set out below;

and to notify and warn said inhabitants to meet at the William Pullen Municipal Building in said Town on Monday, the eighteenth day of June, A.D. 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the evening, then and there to act on Articles 3 through 42 as set out below, to wit:

**ARTICLE 1.** To elect a Moderator to preside at said meeting and to vote by written ballot.

**ARTICLE 2.** To elect all necessary Municipal Officers/Officials and School Committee Members as are required to be elected.

Polls shall be opened at 8:00 a.m. and closed at 8:00 p.m.

Absentee Ballots will be processed at 2:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m., and 7:00 p.m., and 8:00 p.m.

**ARTICLE 3.** To choose all other necessary Municipal Officials or act thereon.

One Trustee of the Cemetery Trust Fund (three-year term)  
Term of Joel Wentworth

Four Members of the Budget Committee (three-year term)  
Terms of Howard Butler, Christine Savage, Erik Amundsen, and Doris Vertz

One Member of the Budget Committee (two-year term)  
Resignation of Constance Bodine

One Trustee of the William Pullen Fund (four-year term)  
Term of Paul Gaudreau



**ARTICLE 4.** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 for an engineering study at the Thompson Community Center or act thereon.

**ARTICLE 5.** To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen, with a four-fifths vote, to transfer up to 10% of unexpended balances between accounts as needed or act thereon.

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS** 5-0  
**BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS** 9-0

**ARTICLE 6.** To see if the Town will appropriate up to \$52,000 from fund balance for replacement of the Public Works pickup or act thereon.

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS** 5-0  
**BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS** 9-0

**ARTICLE 7.** To see if the Town will appropriate up to \$35,000 from undesignated fund balance for the purchase of an electronic informational sign at the Town Office or act thereon.

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS** 5-0  
**BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS** 5-4-0

**ARTICLE 8.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for fiscal year 2018-2019 for the following or act thereon:

	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>
	<b><u>REQUEST</u></b>	<b><u>REQUEST</u></b>
A. Union Senior Citizens	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
B. Come Spring Food Pantry	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
C. Vose Library	\$22,000.00	\$22,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$23,700.00</b>	<b>\$23,700.00</b>

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS** 5-0  
**BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS** 8-0-1

**ARTICLE 9.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for fiscal year 2018-2019 for the following or act thereon:

	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>
	<b><u>AGENCY</u></b>	<b><u>AGENCY</u></b>
	<b><u>REQUEST</u></b>	<b><u>REQUEST</u></b>
A. New Hope for Women	\$ 995.00	\$ 995.00
B. Midcoast Community Action	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
C. Spectrum Generations	\$1,676.00	\$ 0
D. Penquis	\$ 961.00	\$1,247.00



E. Broadreach	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,382.00</b>	<b>\$3,992.00</b>

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN - NO RECOMMENDATION  
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS**

**9-0**

**ARTICLE 10.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate from the I. C. Thurston Fund, an amount not to exceed \$5,000, for the Union Assistance Fund or act thereon: (2017-\$5,000)

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS  
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS**

**5-0**

**9-0**

**ARTICLE 11.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to fix the salaries of the officials appointed by them under provision of MRSA Title 30-A, Section 2601, subsection 1 & 2, or act thereon.

**ARTICLE 12.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$66,817 to fund the contract for dispatching services with the Knox Regional Communications Center or act thereon.

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS  
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS**

**5-0**

**8-1-0**

**ARTICLE 13.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appropriate from Fund Balance an amount not to exceed \$6,000 to be used to cover Tax Abatements for the fiscal year of 2018-2019.

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS  
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS**

**5-0**

**9-0**

**ARTICLE 14.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell tax-acquired property, and to give quitclaim deeds thereof. Sales to other than the former record titleholder, his or her heirs, devisees or assigns shall be by the best means available to obtain the maximum price, and to expend such funds as the majority of the Board of Selectmen shall decide.

**ARTICLE 15.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of taxes not yet due or assessed and no interest to accrue or act thereon.

**ARTICLE 16.** To see if the Town, in accordance with 36 M.R.S.A. Section 505 (4), will vote that property taxes shall be delinquent if not paid by November 15, 2018 and May 15, 2019, and that interest at the rate of 7% per annum shall be charged on all delinquent property taxes, or act thereon. If the due dates fall on a Saturday, Sunday, or Holiday, then the due date will fall on the next business day, and interest will start the day after.



**NOTE:** The Board of Selectmen recommends due dates of November 15, 2018 and May 15, 2019, and interest due dates of November 16, 2018 and May 16, 2019 and interest at the rate of 7% per annum. Taxpayers' names will appear in the Town Report if taxes are not paid by the close of business on May 15, 2019.

<b>BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>5-0</b>
<b>BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>9-0</b>

**ARTICLE 17.** To see if the Town will vote to set a rate of interest to be paid on the overpayment of abated taxes from the date of overpayment or act thereon (maximum 7% and minimum of 3% per annum).

**EXPLANATION:** If taxes are paid and later abated, the Town must refund the abated taxes and pay interest on them.

<b>BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>5-0</b>
<b>BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>9-0</b>

**ARTICLE 18.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to use the proceeds of any payment on insurance claims, for damage occurring to Town property in the fiscal year 2018-2019, to be allocated to the municipal department whose goods or equipment were damaged, and appropriate any such insurance payment to repair or replace the damaged goods or equipment or act thereon.

**ARTICLE 19.** To see if the Town of Union will vote to approve a Community Block Grant Application and/or a Quality Community Grant Application, and to submit same to the Department of Economic and Community Development or the Maine Department of Transportation, and if a grant is approved to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept said grant funds and to expend grant funds for the purpose of the grant, and to make such assurances, assume such responsibilities, and exercise such authority as is necessary and reasonable to implement such a program or act thereon.

**ARTICLE 20.** To see if the Town of Union will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to submit applications for grants, and if a grant is approved to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept said grant funds and to expend grant funds for the purposes of the grant, to make such assurances, assume such responsibilities, and exercise such authority as is necessary and reasonable to implement such a program or act thereon.

**ARTICLE 21.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to assess the Town of Washington the sum of \$27,116.18, and the Town of Appleton the sum of \$23,857.47 for ambulance services for the fiscal year 2018-2019 or act thereon.



**ARTICLE 22.** To see if the Town will vote to allow the Union Ambulance Department and Union Fire Department to expend monies raised by them for equipment and other operational expenses or act thereon.

**ARTICLE 23.** To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to disburse money received from the State Snowmobile Refund from the registration of snowmobiles to the Appleton Trail Makers, Inc. (Appleton) and the Hatchet Mountain Snowriders Snowmobile Club (Hope), 1/2 to each club, for the purpose of maintaining their snowmobile trails in Union, to be open for the use of the public at all times while snow-covered or act thereon.

**ARTICLE 24.** To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to carry over and expend into the fiscal year 2018-2019 the unexpended balances plus any additional interest and income, minus any expenses accrued thereon, of the following accounts or act thereon:

A. Animal Control	\$ 5,031.50
B. I. C. Thurston Fund	\$14,000.00
C. Ambulance Income	\$ 4,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$23,031.50*</b>

*\*These are estimated amounts at the time of printing; actual amounts will be presented at Town Meeting*

**ARTICLE 25.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the fiscal year 2018-2019 budget for the following purposes or act thereon:

	<b>2018 APPROP.</b>	<b>2019 APPROP.</b>
A. Administration	\$ 79,200.00	\$ 89,300.00
B. Pullen Bldg. Maintenance	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 32,000.00
C. Assessors	\$ 32,200.00	\$ 32,800.00
D. Stipends	\$ 8,050.00	\$ 8,050.00
E. Office Personnel	\$191,270.00	\$205,971.00
F. Insurances	\$144,000.00	\$208,247.00
G. Town Maintenance	\$ 8,450.00	\$ 8,450.00
H. Hydrant Rental	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 14,000.00
I. TCSWMO	\$ 62,998.00	\$ 60,000.00
J. Septic Waste Contract	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 2,300.00
K. Planning Dept./Codes	\$ 47,305.00	\$ 47,150.00
L. Fire Department	\$ 61,540.00	\$ 68,843.00
M. Street Lights	\$ 5,750.00	\$ 5,750.00
N. Common Maintenance	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00

O. Budget Committee	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
P. Birdhouses	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Q. Founders Day Committee	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,400.00
R. Town Retirement Match	\$ 18,600.00	\$ 20,000.00
S. Emergency Management	\$ 7,350.00	\$ 7,350.00
T. Social Security	\$ 37,320.00	\$ 37,320.00
U. TAN Interest	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
<b>TOTAL TO BE RAISED AND APPROP.</b>	<b>\$758,833.00</b>	<b>\$856,231.00</b>

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS** **5-0**  
**BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS** **9-0**

**ARTICLE 26.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate from Excise Tax, and raise and appropriate from the sources listed below for Public Works Programs, for the fiscal year 2018-2019 or act thereon:

<b>PUBLIC WORKS</b>	<b><u>2018</u></b>	<b><u>2019</u></b>
Excise Tax	\$400,000.00	\$400,000.00
From Raise and Appropriation	<u>\$135,380.00</u>	<u>\$ 91,950.00</u>
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>\$535,380.00</b>	<b>\$491,950.00</b>

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS** **5-0**  
**BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS** **9-0**

**ARTICLE 27.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate from the sources listed below, and raise and appropriate for paving and road construction, for the fiscal year 2018-2019 or act thereon:

<b>PAVING/ROAD CONSTRUCTION</b>	<b><u>2018</u></b>	<b><u>2019</u></b>
Appropriated From Urban Rural Initiative Program	\$ 52,000.00	\$ 52,000.00
Raised and Appropriated	<u>\$348,000.00</u>	<u>\$348,000.00</u>
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>\$400,000.00</b>	<b>\$400,000.00</b>

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS** **5-0**  
**BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS** **9-0**

**ARTICLE 28.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate from the sources listed below for Ambulance Operations for the fiscal year 2018-2019 or act thereon:

<b>AMBULANCE</b>	<b><u>2018</u></b>	<b><u>2019</u></b>
Raised and Appropriated for Union's Assessment	\$ 22,597.00	\$ 40,026.35
Appropriated from Washington Assessment	\$ 15,277.00	\$ 27,116.18
Appropriated from Appleton Assessment	\$ 13,169.00	\$ 23,857.47
Appropriated from Ambulance Revenue	\$169,000.00	\$175,400.00



From Carryover	\$ 14,956.00	\$ 0
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>\$235,000.00</b>	<b>\$266,400.00</b>

<b>BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS</b>	<b>5-0</b>
<b>BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS</b>	<b>9-0</b>

**ARTICLE 29.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and appropriate from anticipated revenue for the listed reserve accounts, and to expend as needed for the fiscal year 2018-2019 or act thereon:

	<b>RAISE &amp; APPROP.</b>	<b>ANTICIP. REV.</b>
A. Highway Equipment Reserve	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 0
B. Ambulance Vehicle Reserve	\$ 0	\$25,000.00
C. Ambulance Equipment Reserve	\$ 0	\$ 1,000.00
D. Fire Truck Reserve	\$ 47,000.00	\$ 0
E. Fire Equipment Reserve	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 0
F. Cemetery Reserve	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 0
G. Bridge Repair	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$124,500.00</b>	<b>\$26,000.00</b>

<b>BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS</b>	<b>5-0</b>
<b>BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS</b>	<b>9-0</b>

**ARTICLE 30.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell surplus Fire, Ambulance, Office, and Highway Department Equipment and appropriate the proceeds from the sale back to the respective departments' Equipment Reserve Account or act thereon.

**ARTICLE 31.** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and appropriate from the sources listed below, for Animal Control for the fiscal year 2018-2019 or act thereon:

<b>ANIMAL CONTROL</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>
Raised and Appropriated	\$11,818.00	\$ 8,318.50
From Carryover	\$ 1,932.00	\$ 5,031.50
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>\$13,750.00</b>	<b>\$13,350.00</b>

<b>BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS</b>	<b>5-0</b>
<b>BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS</b>	<b>9-0</b>

**ARTICLE 32.** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and appropriate from the sources listed below, for Parks and Recreation for the fiscal year 2018-2019 or act thereon:





**PARKS & RECREATION**

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
Raised and Appropriated	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
Appropriated from Jos. Pullen Invest.	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 2,300.00
Appropriated from Rec. Reserve Account	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 1,700.00
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>	<b>\$12,000.00</b>

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS  
BUDGET COMMITTEE DID NOT REVIEW**

**5-0**

**ARTICLE 33.** To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from the sources listed below for General Assistance for the fiscal year 2018-2019 or act thereon:

**GENERAL ASSISTANCE**

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
Appropriated from State of Maine Reimb.	\$4,900.00	\$4,900.00
Appropriated from the I. C. Thurston Fund	\$2,100.00	\$2,100.00
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>\$7,000.00</b>	<b>\$7,000.00</b>

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS  
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS**

**5-0**

**9-0**

**ARTICLE 34.** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and appropriate from the sources listed below, for Cemeteries for the fiscal year 2018-2019 or act thereon:

**CEMETERIES**

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
Raised and Appropriated	\$36,950.00	\$41,950.00
Appropriated from Perpetual Care	\$ 1,900.00	\$ 1,900.00
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>\$38,850.00</b>	<b>\$43,850.00</b>

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS  
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS**

**5-0**

**9-0**

**ARTICLE 35.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appropriate the sum of \$2000 from Cable Franchise Fees received for fiscal year 2018-2019 to be used for preparation of material for public awareness, Town of Union Website, or whatever means deemed appropriate or act thereon.

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS  
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS**

**5-0**

**9-0**

**ARTICLE 36.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell or otherwise dispose of equipment and Town property with a value less than \$2,000.00 per item after appraisal for fiscal year 2018-2019 or act thereon.



**ARTICLE 37.** To see if the Town will vote to take the following amounts from income and interest earned on the respective scholarship accounts to fund a scholarship(s) to be awarded in the year 2018-2019 or act thereon:

A. Robert H. & Eleanor S. Heald Fund	\$26,325.00
B. William L. Pullen Fund	\$19,000.00
C. Gilbert Doughty Memorial Scholarship	\$ 700.00
D. Raymond Thurston & Belle Thurston Kinniston Fund	\$ 200.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$46,225.00</b>

<b>BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS</b>	<b>5-0</b>
<b>BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS</b>	<b>9-0</b>
<b>SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS</b>	
<b>PULLEN COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS</b>	<b>7-0</b>

**ARTICLE 38.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the William Pullen Trust the following sums or act thereon:

A. Scholarships	\$ 19,000.00
B. Town of Union	\$ 14,678.00
C. Vose Library	\$ 2,000.00
D. Town of Union	\$222,000.00
E. Union School	\$ 25,000.00
	<b>\$282,678.00</b>

<b>BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS</b>	<b>5-0</b>
<b>BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS</b>	<b>8-0-1</b>
<b>PULLEN COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS</b>	<b>7-0</b>

**ARTICLE 39.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Fund Balance up to \$50,000 to reduce the tax commitment for 2018-2019 or act thereon.

<b>BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS</b>	<b>5-0</b>
<b>BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS</b>	<b>9-0</b>

**ARTICLE 40.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the following General Fund revenue sources to be used toward the 2018-2019 budget appropriations of the Town of Union, thereby decreasing the amount required to be raised by property taxes or act thereon.

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
A. State Revenue Sharing	\$ 96,000.00	\$ 98,000.00
B. Other Revenue fees and interest	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
C. I. C. Thurston Fund (schools)	\$ 34,400.00	\$ 0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$180,400.00</b>	<b>\$148,000.00</b>

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS  
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS**

**5-0  
9-0**

**ARTICLE 41.** To see what sum the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to appropriate from undesignated funds to cover fiscal year 2018-2019 overdrafts or act thereon.

A. Retirement Plan \$36,000.00

*\*These figures are estimates at the time of printing; updated figures will be available at Town Meeting*

**ARTICLE 42.** To see if the Town will vote to permanently increase the property tax levy limit established for the Town of Union by State Law in the event that the municipal budget approved under the preceding articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that property tax levy limit.

**GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS THIS 1<sup>st</sup> DAY OF MAY, A.D. 2018**

s/Gregory Grotton, Chair  
s/John Shepard, Selectman  
s/Lyle Cramer, Selectman  
s/Sarah Drickey, Selectman  
s/James Justice, Selectman  
UNION BOARD OF SELECTMEN

A True Copy Attest: s/Stacey M. Y. Parra, Town Clerk

**RESIDENT'S RETURN**

**COUNTY OF KNOX  
STATE OF MAINE, ss.**

By virtue of the within Warrant to me directed, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Union, qualified to vote in Town affairs to assemble at the time and place and for the purpose within named, by posting this Warrant at the following public and conspicuous places within the Town including the Town Office, 567 Common Road; Common Market, 40 Burkett Road; Four Corner Variety, 1718 Heald Highway; Union Farm Equipment, 1893 Heald Highway, and Mic Mac Market, 994 Heald Highway; on the \_\_\_\_ day of June, A.D. 2018, the same being at least seven days prior to the within named meeting.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Richard Niles, Resident



**Town of Union  
Contact Information Sheet**

Town Office	<a href="http://www.union.maine.gov">www.union.maine.gov</a>	785-3658
Town Office Fax		785-3652
Town Manager Jay Feyler	<a href="mailto:townmanager@union.maine.gov">townmanager@union.maine.gov</a>	785-3658
Town Clerk Stacey Parra	<a href="mailto:townclerk@union.maine.gov">townclerk@union.maine.gov</a>	785-3658
Code Officer Grant Watmough	<a href="mailto:codeenforcement@union.maine.gov">codeenforcement@union.maine.gov</a>	785-3658
Treasurer Laura Curtis	<a href="mailto:treasurer@union.maine.gov">treasurer@union.maine.gov</a>	785-3658
Assessor's Agent Jim Murphy	<a href="mailto:assessor@union.maine.gov">assessor@union.maine.gov</a>	785-3658
Animal Control William Demmons		542-3057
Fire Chief/EMA Director Kevin Soule	<a href="mailto:fireunion@roadrunner.com">fireunion@roadrunner.com</a>	785-4306
Ambulance Director Jesse Thompson	<a href="mailto:ems.union@roadrunner.com">ems.union@roadrunner.com</a>	785-3803
Public Works Director Orrin Parker	<a href="mailto:publicworks@union.maine.gov">publicworks@union.maine.gov</a>	785-3411

**Emergency Numbers**

Fire & Ambulance Calls		911
Maine State Police	<a href="http://www.maine.gov/dps/msp">www.maine.gov/dps/msp</a>	1-800-452-4664
Knox County Sheriff's Office	<a href="http://www.knoxso.com">www.knoxso.com</a>	594-0429
Poison Control Center	<a href="http://www.nnepc.org">www.nnepc.org</a>	1-800-222-1222
Pen Bay Medical Center	<a href="http://www.penbayhealthcare.org">www.penbayhealthcare.org</a>	921-8000
Penquis	<a href="http://www.penquis.org">www.penquis.org</a>	596-0361

**Reference Numbers**

Union Post Office	<a href="http://www.usps.com">www.usps.com</a>	785-3734
Union Elementary School	<a href="http://www.msad40.org/schools/union">www.msad40.org/schools/union</a>	785-4330
Medomak Middle School	<a href="http://www.msad40.org/schools/mms">www.msad40.org/schools/mms</a>	832-5028
Medomak Valley High School	<a href="http://www.msad40.org/schools/mvhs">www.msad40.org/schools/mvhs</a>	832-5389
Superintendent's Office	<a href="http://www.msad40.org">www.msad40.org</a>	785-2277
Union Fair Office	<a href="http://www.unionfair.org">www.unionfair.org</a>	785-3281
Thompson Community Center		975-0352
Tri-County Solid Waste (Transfer Station)		785-2261
Vose Library	<a href="http://www.voselibrary.org">www.voselibrary.org</a>	785-4733

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