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Annual Report

of the

Municipal Officers

of the

Town of Union
Maine

For the Municipal Year

2018-2019

July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018 Financial Reports
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Welcome to the Town of Union, Maine



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Office Closure

The Union Town Office will be closed Monday, May 27, 2019 in observance of Memorial Day.

Election & Town Meeting

Tuesday, June 11, 2019 - 8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. - William Pullen Building Meeting Room (Town Office downstairs)

Monday, June 17, 2019 - Annual Town Meeting - 7:00 p.m. - William Pullen Building Meeting Room (Town Office downstairs)



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DEDICATION

Christine R. Savage

It is our honor to dedicate the 2019 Town of Union Annual Report to Christine R. Savage.

A familiar smiling face around town and a distinguished public servant, Christine was born in Union on August 5, 1931. In 1994 she was elected by the people of Union to the Maine House of Representatives, where she served three terms (1995 to 2000). In 2001 she was elected to represent the people of Knox County as a member of the Maine Senate. In her first term Senator Savage served as a member of the State and Local Government Committee. She also served on the Transportation Committee beginning in 1997; in 2001 and 2002 she was its Senate chair. One of her proudest accomplishments was sponsoring Maine's seat belt law.



In a congratulatory retirement message in the May 2008 Maine Townsman, the Maine Municipal Association said of Christine: "During her tenure in both the House and the Senate, Senator Savage has been a strong advocate for municipal government. Her understanding of local issues and local procedures is due in large part to her 20-year career in town government, as well as her inherent common sense and strong work ethic."

Christine studied Public Administration at the University of Maine. She has lived her whole life in Union except for one stint in Searsport (1969-1974) and another in Camden (1974-1985). From the start she served in a variety of municipal positions, including working out of the family home in Union as town bookkeeper. She worked as an administrative assistant for Knox County Commissioners in the late 1970s, then served the Town of Camden in many capacities including an 11-month stint as interim manager. In 1991 she was hired to manage the Town of Warren, where she stayed until she was elected to the Legislature in 1994.

The Maine Townsman also said, "her efforts to advance public policy... helped to improve the way in which services are provided at the local level. Equally important has been Senator Savage's efforts to continually educate her peers about how state-level decisions impact the delivery of services at the local level."

During her illustrious career, Christine also raised four children with her late husband Elmer N. "Bud" Savage: Sandra who lives in Warren, Maine; Gloria who lives in Lakeland, Florida; and Althea and Elmer L. ("Buddy") who live in Union. Today she lives in Union and has six grandchildren as well as 10 great grandchildren. She and Elmer N., originally from Washington, Maine, married just after World War II and settled in Union. They purchased the Barrett Hill homestead in 1985, eager to return to Union after Elmer N.'s retirement, from Ercel Stewart, a family connection.

Here in town we have been very fortunate to have Christine serve where needed through the years, serving as interim Town Manager in 1993 and again in 2008-2009; interim Road Commissioner; and interim General Assistance Administrator. She has also served on Union's Board of Selectmen, Budget Committee, and as a Republican Election Clerk.



Public service runs in the family. Christine's late husband Elmer N. ("Bud") served on our Board of Selectmen from 1955 to 1969 and again in the late 1980s; he was also Fire Warden from 1955 to 1965. Her son Elmer L. ("Buddy"), who now owns and operates Savage Oakes Vineyard and Winery with his wife Holly, served on the Union Board of Selectmen from 2007 to 2015.

We asked Elmer L. what prompted his mother to embark on a career in public service. "Initially she helped my father, as he was involved," he said. "Eventually she followed in his footsteps and made her own career in government. I often wonder how far she would have gotten in a more modern time."

These days Christine keeps watch on the town from her living room window on the hill. She reads widely and stays up to date on state politics. A longtime member of the People's United Methodist Church, she enjoys time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren as well as socializing at the Penobscot Bay YMCA therapy pool. She has lifelong "Unionite" friends and keeps in touch with relatives and friends all over the country.

There is no doubt the Town of Union is a better place for having Christine R. Savage as a most esteemed and beloved resident.



UNION SENIOR VETERAN

Raymond Dinsmore

Raymond Dinsmore was presented with the Sabre as the Union Senior Veteran by Board of Selectmen Chair Greg Grotton on Monday, June 18, 2018 at the Annual Town Meeting. Mr. Dinsmore was a Merchant Marine and graduated from the Maritime Service Officers School in Fort Trumbull, New London, CT as an engineer with the rank of Ensign.

One of his most interesting operations was his convoy trip to Murmansk, Russia during WWII to provide needed supplies to citizens. While at sea the ship developed problems and had to separate from the convoy. Many days later his ship labored into port after completing its mission. His Convoy Commander said at the time, "We thought we had lost you."

Other awards presented to him were the Mediterranean Service Ribbon, the North Atlantic Service Bar, the Combat Service Ribbon and a medal and card from the Russian Government for serving on the Arctic Convoy to Murmansk, Russia.



Raymond Dinsmore, Union Senior Veteran and Greg Grotton, Chair of the Board of Selectmen

Past Recipient: Paul Doherty



BOSTON POST CANE

Mildred O'Jala

Mildred O'Jala was presented the Boston Post Cane by Board of Selectmen Vice-Chair Lyle Cramer on Monday, June 18, 2018 at the Annual Town Meeting. The Boston Post Cane is a part of New England history that remains alive today. In 1909 the publisher of The Boston Post distributed 431 canes to towns in New England as part of a circular promotion. The canes were given to the selectmen of the towns, with a request that they be distributed to the oldest male resident in the town. Since then, they have been given to the oldest resident.



Barbara Ludwig (sister and Hope's oldest resident), Mildred O'Jala, Oldest Resident,
and Vice-Chair Lyle Cramer

Past Recipients: Helen Carleton Taylor – 97 – November 21, 2000
Gladys Viola Cramer – 102 – March 1, 2005
Virginia Fales Mank – 96 – August 15, 2006
Irene B. Payson – 95 – January 13, 2011
Muriel Heath – 94 – December 20, 2013



SPIRIT OF AMERICA

Michael Thompson

Michael Thompson was presented the Spirit of America award by Town Manager Jay Feyler on Monday, June 18, 2018 at the Annual Town Meeting.

The 2018 Union, Maine Spirit of America Foundation Tribute honors Michael Thompson for commendable community service.

Be it Resolved by the Selectmen of the Town of Union as follows:

Whereas, Michael has served the youth of Union;

Whereas, Michael has been involved in the Cub Scouts;

Whereas, Michael has been involved in the Boy Scouts;

Whereas, Michael has coached and served the Union Little League, Union Minor League and Union T-Ball for many years;

Be it Resolved by the Selectmen of the Town of Union that Michael Thompson is hereby recognized for his great achievements and honors that he has brought upon this community with the 2018 Union Spirit of America Foundation Tribute; and

Be it Further Resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Michael Thompson for appropriate display.



Michael Thompson, Recipient and Jay Feyler, Town Manager



ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS

TOWN MEETING AND SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MODERATORS

Ronald Hawes, Elmer Savage, and Richard Niles

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

Lyle Cramer, Vice-Chair	term expires 2019
James Justice	term expires 2019
Sarah Drickey	term expires 2020
Gregory Grotton, Chairman	term expires 2020
John Shepard	term expires 2021

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

Judith Brogden	term expires 2019
Irene Hawes.....	term expires 2020
Anita Brown	term expires 2021
Paul Gaudreau	term expires 2022

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

Keith Hilt.....	term expires 2019
Lee MacFarland.....	term expires 2020
Joel Wentworth, Sr.	term expires 2021

BUDGET COMMITTEE (three-year term)

Terry Brackett, Chair	term expires 2019
Bruce Cobb.....	term expires 2019
Paul Gaudreau	term expires 2019
Lawrence Nash	term expires 2019
Dan Day	term expires 2020
Wayne Kirkpatrick	term expires 2020
John Mountainland	term expires 2020
Barry Norris	term expires 2020
Erik Amundsen.....	term expires 2021
Michael Drickey	term expires 2021
John Gibbons.....	term expires 2021
Doris Vertz	term expires 2021

DIRECTORS OF REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT NO. 40 (three-year term)

Erik Amundsen.....	term expires 2019
Robert Williams	term expires 2020
Matthew Speno.....	term expires 2021



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
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 SecretarySandra Patrick

ASSESSING

Assessors' Representative James Murphy, Jr.

CEMETERIES

Cemeteries Director..... Myrna Soule

FINANCE

Treasurer/Bookkeeper Laura Curtis

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Code Enforcement Officer, Local Plumbing Inspector, Building Inspector, and
Alternate General Assistance Administrator Grant Watmough
Alternate Code Enforcement Officer, Building Inspector, and Local Plumbing
Inspector Melody Sainio

PUBLIC SAFETY

Animal Control Officer Heidi Blood
Emergency Medical Service Chief..... Jesse Thompson
Fire Chief and EMA Director Kevin Soule
Health Officer Vicki B. Harriman

PUBLIC WORKS

Supervisor Orrin Parker



ELECTIONS

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

DEMOCRATIC

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

REPUBLICAN

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

ELECTION WARDENS

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

COMMITTEES AND ORGANIZATIONS

AGING IN PLACE IN UNION (three-year term)

Elizabeth Bailey-Mitchell..... term expires 2021
Anita Brown..... term expires 2021
Sheila Curry term expires 2021
Lorain Francis term expires 2021
Wanda Gamage-Wyman term expires 2021
Phil Groce term expires 2021
Vicki Harriman term expires 2021
Clark Hooper..... term expires 2021
Martha Hooper..... term expires 2021
Martha Jackson term expires 2021
Katie Tarbox term expires 2021
Carol Watier, Chair term expires 2021
Dorothy Williams..... term expires 2021
Robert Williams term expires 2021

BOARD OF APPEALS (five-year term)

Judith Brogden..... term expires 2019
Charlotte Doughty..... term expires 2021
William Pagnano, Chair term expires 2021
Neil Pollis term expires 2022
Abraham Knight..... term expires 2023



COMMITTEES AND ORGANIZATIONS – continued**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE (three-year term)**

Katharine Lunt	term expires 2019
Laurie McDaniels	term expires 2019
Kenneth Shackford	term expires 2019
Aaron Cheesman	term expires 2020
Patrick Mellor	term expires 2020
James Justice	term expires 2021
Clairlynn Rountree	term expires 2021
Michael Thompson	term expires 2021

PLANNING BOARD (five-year term)

Robin Milliken	term expires 2019
Maria Pease, Chair	term expires 2019
Dale Flint	term expires 2020
Gerald S. Brooks, Jr.	term expires 2021
John Mountainland	term expires 2021
Glenn Taylor, Vice Chair	term expires 2022
Laura Curtis	term expires 2023

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE (one-year term)

Barbara Fang	term expires 2021
Mary Joyce Grotton	term expires 2021
Alice Lunt	term expires 2021
Rachael Umstead	term expires 2021

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

James Bailey, Treasurer	term expires 2019
Lyle Cramer, Alternate	term expires 2019
John Shepard, President	term expires 2019



FIRE DEPARTMENT ROSTER

Chief:

Kevin Soule*

Assistant Chief:

Jesse Thompson

Captains:

Nick Ciasullo

Scot Sabins*

Lieutenants:

Randy Scott*

Adam Simmons

John Willis

Fire Police:

James Murphy

Firefighters:

John Bond

Melissa Bond

Jason Earl

Jeff Grinnell

Sherwood Hilt

William Jackson

Wayne Kirkpatrick

Lewis Merrifield

AJ Naum

Chris Packard

Orrin Parker

Miles Paul

Ryan Soule

Robert Wheelis

Junior Firefighters:

Skylar Ciasullo

Michael Simmons

Beth Wheelis

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE ROSTER

EMS Chief:

Jesse Thompson

Paramedics:

Stephen Barley

John Bond

Melissa Bond

Jeff Grinnell

Justin Ledolce

Brandon Melanson

Mike Poli

EMT Advanced:

Ellie Adams

Michelle Robinson

Ruth Wall

EMT Basics:

Harry Ankers

Teresa Ankers

Nicholas Ciasullo

Jason Earl

Cody Hickey

Clarence Keller

Barry King

Tony Leo

AJ Naum

Drivers:

William Jackson

Robert Sayward

Jessica Ward

*20 years or more of service



BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Gregory Grotton, Chair
Lyle Cramer, Vice-Chair
Sarah Drickey
James Justice
John Shepard

Our fire department and ambulance service continue to provide us absolutely outstanding service 24/7. We are very fortunate and grateful to have such dedicated firefighters, EMTs and drivers who risk their safety for ours at any time of day or night. Heartfelt thanks to Kevin, Jesse, and their staff members!

By the way, we have a wonderful, shiny new state-of-the-art ambulance as of last fall. Stop by and admire it!

Our town will soon be installing new LED streetlamps. These will offer much better lighting and efficiency than our present lights as well as dramatic cost savings in electricity used.

We are also presently investigating the feasibility of installing a photovoltaic solar panel array in town. With the state's recent change back to allowing "net metering," this option makes good sense for Union. The panels may be installed at the public works garage or the town office complex depending on installation efficiencies. With voter approval we expect to generate electricity to supply all municipal needs and reduce carbon emissions with this investment.

As a result of our town manager's efforts, we have been fortunate to have student interns working for the town during the summer for the last few years. This allows us to accomplish important labor-intensive tasks which would otherwise be prohibitively expensive. Last summer our intern was able to map and inventory most of our cemetery plots in order to have that information available digitally in a comprehensive database. This will allow families and researchers convenient access to ancestry and will ultimately be available on the town website.

Likewise, we are continuing the large task of digitizing all our town historical records from delicate, antique books into a convenient database for research. Many thanks to Irene Hawes who is in charge of this effort.

We'll continue to improve conditions at Ayer Park, the popular beach spot, with the hiring of a full-time attendant this coming summer. Monitoring and managing safety, parking, litter, and cleanliness is a priority, and having an attendant helps with all this.

Our Aging in Place in Union Committee continues to grow and expand services. Volunteers are offering help with driving, shoveling, limited home care, and other chores to help elderly residents remain at home and independent.

Our Parks and Recreation Committee has seen a dramatic surge in interest and volunteers. Recent demographic data confirms that Union's population has increased by some 250 residents since the 2010 census, and we are now among the "youngest" towns in Knox county, so certainly younger families are moving in and joining up. This is very encouraging!



At our April 30 informational meeting, we selectmen signed a proclamation in which we pledged to endorse a commitment to civility in public discourse here in town. This is based on a nationwide initiative to enhance civil discourse, which has been gaining momentum across the country within the last year. The idea is to counteract the increasing polarization and partisan tone of public communication in politics, the media, and government. We hope that in setting an expectation for civil behavior at all levels of local interaction, we can set an example for other towns and communities in our area. Can't hurt and maybe it'll improve things a little.

Some new businesses have arrived in town within the last year or so. The Pour Farm is a micro-brewery/tasting room in South Union. The Badger Cafe has changed hands to become The Sterlington Public House on the town common. Herbal Revolution Farm & Apothecary sells tonics, teas, and elixirs in North Union. Appleton Ridge Pet Grooming has reopened under new ownership. Our popular Farmer's Market on the Common continues to thrive and expand and is open for business every Friday afternoon through spring and summer. Please stop in, say hi, and patronize these fine places!

Finally, we are losing one of our long-standing selectmen as Lyle Cramer has decided not to run for another term. Lyle has been an outstanding member of the select board. We will miss his calm, reflective wisdom. We also look forward to having a new board member with fresh ideas and energy after this next election.

Remember you are always welcome at our selectmen's meetings. We meet the first and third Tuesdays every month downstairs at the town office. We always allow public comment, and we're glad to have visitors anyway. Stop by and see where the magic happens!



Gregory Grotton, Lyle Cramer, James Justice, Sarah Drickey, and John Shepard



TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Jay Feyler, Town Manager

We sure have had a whirlwind year in Union. Recent demographics show we are attracting younger adults to our beautiful town. We have been awarded a sidewalk grant and an intern grant; we have an active Aging in Place committee; and we have resurrected the Parks and Recreation Committee. We have also had some not so good things happen: a record-setting number of times we have had to treat roads; a very long mud season; and the devastating fire at Public Works.



Since the 2010 census it is estimated that our population has increased from 2,259 to 2,507, the largest increase in Knox County. The average age of our residents has decreased to 43.5, which means we are attracting younger adults to our beautiful neck of the woods.

After a couple of unsuccessful applications, we were recently awarded a 400K sidewalk grant that will restore the sidewalk on Depot Street to Ayer Park. This project will most likely begin in 2021 and will be one of several phases of sidewalk projects we are working on, including the re-build of Common Road and eventually a trail to the Union Elementary School.

During the summer of 2019 you will see work begin switching our streetlights to LEDs. This will save the town some serious dollars and offer us a payback in about five years. Future use of these lights will enable us to offer wi-fi on the Common and other areas of town.

Another energy-saving project the board is working on is a plan to put in solar panels. As of this writing, the Board of Selectmen is looking at various options, and you probably will be voting on this in the November election.

Again this summer we will be supporting an intern to finalize the cemetery project. Hopefully by the end of the summer we will have GPS coordinates and mapping of all our cemetery properties. The town was awarded a grant by MMA for partial funding of this position.

Although we did not get any major snow storms this year, we did have to treat our roads a record number of times. The small storms with constant temperature changes were a challenge to our crew and did a tremendous amount of damage to our roads. As is the trend every eight or so years, we had a horrendous mud season(s), causing severe rutting and other damage to our dirt roads.

Then on April 8 we had a devastating fire at our Public Works garage. One of our older vehicles caught fire and was destroyed. Unfortunately the fire also damaged much of our other equipment and the building infrastructure. As of this writing the insurance company is still assessing the damages. It will be several weeks before we have our trucks and other equipment ready to be used, and we appreciate patience from everybody. The good news is that we have great insurance through Maine Municipal Association, and we will be able to replace everything with minimal or no cost to the town.

I want to thank the Board of Selectmen for all its hard work and support, and give special recognition to Lyle Cramer, who has decided to retire this year from the board. Lyle was elected to the Union Board in 2011 and previously served for many years in Westbrook as a counselor and county commissioner.



With all the partisan politics around the state and nation, I am very proud of our elected officials who run the town without all the political baggage we see elsewhere.

Thank you to all the volunteers we have in town. From scholarship committees to parks and recreation, they all dedicate a tremendous amount of time to our town.

We are very fortunate to have a great office staff to greet you every day. Even the most difficult situations they handle with grace. I want to thank each of them for picking up some extra work when things get hectic.

Great things are happening in Union. If you ever have any questions please call 785-3658 or e-mail townmanager@union.maine.gov anytime, or just stop in.



Our Office Mascot Iris



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

VITAL STATISTICS	2017	2018
Births.....	18	27
Marriages	16	16
Deaths	20	28

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE OF DEATH</u>	<u>TOWN OF DEATH</u>	<u>AGE</u>
Arlene A. Ross	January 5, 2018	Cushing	89
Audrey Marie Applebee	January 13, 2018	Union	82
Granville Richmond Knowles	January 18, 2018	Union	88
Maryann Catherine Mitchell	January 22, 2018	Rockport	82
Philip Warren Schultz, III	January 24, 2018	Union	54
Ruth A. Riley	February 13, 2018	Portland	75
Richard Lee Chipman	February 15, 2018	Union	56
Barbara C. Moody	February 15, 2018	Augusta	86
Arline Davidson Collins	March 8, 2018	Belfast	89
Paul Doherty	April 2, 2018	Bath	97
Bertha Mary Fryman	April 7, 2018	Rockport	93
Heather Ann Bilodeau	April 19, 2018	Rockport	50
Jeffrey Cameron Paul	April 20, 2018	Union	65
Donald Francis Hills	April 28, 2018	Togus	70
Erica Louise Hawes	May 20, 2018	Rockport	45
Robert William Sayward	June 12, 2018	Damariscotta	79
Thelma Lee Jett	June 28, 2018	Camden	94
Alberta Ethel Nickles	July 29, 2018	Union	81
Stanley Harold Metcalf	August 26, 2018	Rockport	80
David Perry Boland, Jr.	September 16, 2018	Union	43
Mariann Holden	October 12, 2018	Union	66
Avery Scott Armstrong	October 17, 2018	Portland	<1
John William Thornton	October 20, 2018	Damariscotta	91
David M. Pease	November 10, 2018	Rockport	67
JoAnne Marie Simmons	November 11, 2018	Rockport	75
Margaret Marie Thompson	November 26, 2018	Union	95
Pamela Vivian Salo	December 24, 2018	Rockport	62
Henry Earle Reed	December 28, 2018	Rockport	83



LICENSES SOLD, STATISTICS, REVENUES RECEIVED, AND FEES COLLECTED

January - December 2018

DOG LICENSES	2017	2018
Kennel Licenses	1	2
Male/Female Dogs.....	81	74
Spayed/Neutered Dogs	382	393

VITAL STATISTICS	2017	2018
Marriage Licenses Issued.....	16	11
Certified Copies of Birth Records	41	54
Certified Copies of Marriage Records	35	36
Certified Copies of Death Records.....	113	119

RECORD OF TOWN REVENUES RECEIVED	2017	2018
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	\$478,418.04	\$481,721.50
Motor Vehicle Agent Fees	\$ 6,454.00	\$ 8,146.00
Boat Excise Tax.....	\$ 3,358.90	\$ 3,410.70
Boat Registration Agent Fees.....	\$ 225.00	\$ 252.00
ATV Registration Agent Fees	\$ 106.00	\$ 96.00
Snowmobile Registration Agent Fees	\$ 109.00	\$ 96.00
Hunting & Fishing License Fees	\$ 422.50	\$ 412.00
Vital Records Fees.....	\$ 2,219.00	\$ 1,999.80
Dog License Agent Fees	\$ 465.00	\$ 467.00
Dog License Animal Control Fees	\$ 774.00	\$ 786.00
Late Dog Registration Fees.....	\$ 1,050.00	\$ 750.00
TOTAL.....	\$493,601.44	\$498,137.00

RECORD OF STATE FEES COLLECTED	2017	2018
Motor Vehicle Registration, Sales Tax and Title Fees	\$ 88,748.50	\$155,828.98
Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Fees	\$ 18,883.50	\$ 18,186.00
Sales Tax on Boats, ATV's & Snowmobiles	\$ 3,675.94	\$ 3,790.81
Dog Licenses	\$ 1,931.00	\$ 1,919.00
Vital Records Fees.....	\$ 326.00	\$ 315.20
TOTAL.....	\$113,564.94	\$180,039.99



WHAT TO BRING WHEN REGISTERING A CAR:

RE-REGISTRATION: Previous registration, current insurance card and mileage

NEW REGISTRATION (Dealer Sale): Documentation (Proof) sales tax paid, blue title application form, current insurance card and mileage. It is MANDATORY to have the monroney label or window sticker on a brand-new vehicle. This became law on September 19, 1997.

NEW REGISTRATION (Private Sale): Bill of sale and titles on vehicles 1995 or newer.

NEW REGISTRATION (Transfer): Same as above PLUS registration of the vehicle the plates are being transferred from.

WHAT TO BRING WHEN REGISTERING A SNOWMOBILE/ATV/BOAT:

RE-REGISTRATION: Old registration

NEW REGISTRATION (Dealer Sale): Documentation (Proof) sales tax paid, ME-assigned number on used recreation vehicles.

NEW REGISTRATION (Private Sale): Bill of sale, ME-assigned numbers and serial numbers, horsepower & length for boats.

NEW REGISTRATION (Transfer): Same as above PLUS registration of the vehicle the plates are being transferred from.

WHAT TO BRING WHEN LICENSING A DOG:

Current rabies certificate and neutering/spay certificate if applicable (furnished to you by your vet).

WHAT TO BRING/SEND WHEN PAYING TAXES:

Please enclose or bring your tax bill.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Property Taxes Due: Friday, November 15, 2019 and Friday, May 15, 2020

Dog Licenses Due: December 31

Boat Registrations Expire: December 31

Snowmobile Registrations Expire: June 30

ATV Registrations Expire: June 30

HOLIDAYS – The Town Office Will Be Closed on the Following Dates:

Thursday, July 4, 2019 Independence Day

Monday, September 2, 2019 Labor Day

Monday, October 14, 2019 Columbus Day

Monday, November 11, 2019 Veterans' Day

Thursday, November 28, 2019 Thanksgiving Day

Friday, November 29, 2019 Thanksgiving Friday

Wednesday, December 25, 2019 Christmas Day

Wednesday, January 1, 2020 New Year's Day

Monday, January 20, 2020 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Monday, February 17, 2020 Presidents' Day

Monday, April 20, 2020 Patriots' Day

Monday, May 25, 2020 Memorial Day



OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

Michelle Clifford, Registrar

Stacey M. Y. Parra, Town Clerk and Deputy Registrar

Sherry Abaldo, Deputy Registrar

Union residents who are eligible to vote may register at the town office during regular business hours or at the polls on Election Day. Proof of residency is required at the time of registration. Proof of residency could be a current vehicle registration, lease or rental agreement, utility bill, bank statement, or paystub with your Union physical address on it. Post office boxes cannot be accepted for proof of residency.

If this is your first time registering to vote in Maine, you must also bring proof of identification, such as a driver’s license or other photo ID. You may also register to vote at a branch office of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles. You may register by mail with a card supplied by the Secretary of State, but you must enclose a copy of your driver’s license. Seventeen-year-olds may register and vote in a Primary, as long as they will be 18 on or before the next General Election. Only registered voters may vote at Town Meeting and at the polls. If you move within the Town of Union, please let us know so your address is correct in our voting files. Union has two voting districts, so your move may put you in the other district.

To vote in a Primary election or participate in a Caucus, you must be enrolled in a political party. If you are unenrolled, you may enroll in a party at any time, including Election Day; however, if you are changing parties, you must do so at least 15 days before that party’s Caucus or Primary. You may change or withdraw party enrollment only after three months of enrollment in one of the three recognized political parties in Maine: Democratic, Republican, or Green Independent. Please note that although some unenrolled candidates and voters choose to designate themselves as “Independent,” there is no Independent Party in Maine.

In Maine, a registered voter may vote by absentee ballot for any reason. Absentee ballots are available 30 days before an election. Voters can request an absentee ballot in person at the town office, by mail, by phone, or on the internet from the Secretary of State’s website. There is a link to that site at www.union.maine.gov. Immediate family members may request an absentee ballot on behalf of a family member in person or by mail only. Absentee voting stops three days before Election Day except for certain special circumstances.

Our voting takes place at the William Pullen Municipal Building Meeting Room (town office, 567 Common Road, downstairs). There is parking and an entrance around back of the building.

REGISTERED VOTERS (as of April 8, 2019)

Democrats	435
Republicans	668
Green Independents	88
Unenrolled.....	562
TOTAL	1,753

ASSESSING

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

The real estate market continues to be extremely active compared to the years after the Great Recession. I have been able to keep up by making periodic adjustments to keep all property classes on an equitable basis. Currently the town has a State Certified ratio of 100%. This means, on average, half the sale prices were under the tax values, and half were over the tax values.

This is spot on. I keep reading about a market adjustment in the near future. Construction costs have increased faster than the market can handle. If the pattern holds true, older homes will start seeing increased activity. The most popular neighborhood in Union is the area around the Common. Why, you ask, since there have been very few sales? Exactly. Properties in the Common tend to have long term ownership, and the owners in the Common have a unique access to the services in the area.

Waterfront continues to hold very steady. There are signs in the market that buyers are buying and tearing down the old cottages. What is replacing them is very impressive. Some are costing over \$400,000 to build. The other market segment gaining some ground is the tiny house market. There are not many in Union, but there are some "sheds" that are being used for more typical occupancy.

Regarding taxation, the state legislature and the governor are making a lot of promises about funding schools at 55% of cost and returning to the towns Revenue Sharing at the 5% level, up from 2% currently. To be clear, the state is very likely making promises they cannot keep.

The state budget by requirement of the constitution must be a balanced budget. There are going to be a lot of bills that spend money including revenue sharing and school funding. Once all these spending bills get to the appropriations table I doubt very much the towns get a nickel. The projected revenue in the budget is very optimistic, and if there is any twitch in the economy the state budget is doomed.

As always, your town government runs on the smallest budget possible to keep the roads improved and the office staffed with great people, along with other costs.

I mentioned your safety and my safety last year. I want to keep this top of mind, so I repeat myself. Most of the time I am at a property due to something the property owner initiated such as a building permit, or a recent sale or some other valid tax assessment reason. I will always wear a safety vest and have a photo identification. I look the part of an official on official business; please do not overreact. I am just doing the duties of a local tax assessor.

For the most part I review building permits and other inspections between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. I do not know when people get up and want to avoid as many housecoats as possible, no offense intended. These hours usually avoid checking properties when the kids are home. I check for dogs, no trespassing signs, and barbed wire fences. This year soft roads and driveways are an issue, so I am trying to stay off properties as long as possible so as to not make the damage worse.



Your privacy is important to me. But the work needs to occur. I will always knock on the door and attempt to make myself known to the property owner. If you are ever concerned please call 911. I want you safe first, and me safe second. I do not mind being recorded on your security camera. I might even wave!

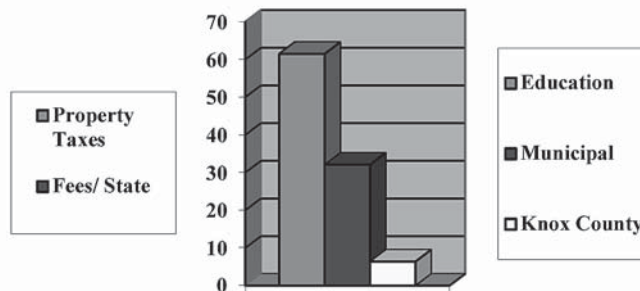
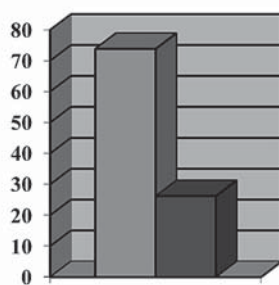
For 2019 the Homestead Exemption is \$20,000. Also available is the Veterans Exemption, Blind Exemption, and other programs that can assist at the town and state level. Please call me if you have any questions. I am usually scheduled for the Union Town Office every Thursday.

ASSESSMENT STATISTICS FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019

Total Taxable Valuation - Real Estate	\$228,347,100
Total Taxable Valuation - Personal Property	\$ 554,400
Total Taxable Valuation	\$228,901,500

Homestead Exemption Valuation	\$ 13,300,000
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Commitment Date	September 4, 2018
Last day to appeal valuation	March 8, 2019
Tax (Mill) Rate	\$17.80 per \$1,000 of taxable value
2018-2019 Tax amount to be raised	\$4,074,446.70
2017-2018 Tax amount to be raised	\$3,570,635.68
2016-2017 Tax amount to be raised	\$3,578,191.37



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 continuing to monitor for grub and pest damage in all Union cemeteries, keeping a close eye on Lakeview and East Union cemeteries, as they have had problems in the past determined and treated by professionals at Turf Doctor.

Fences

We will continue to work on East Union, Common and Sidelinger cemetery fences as time allows and funds permit.

Roads

In Lakeview we are planning and in hopes of having Chris Packard's crew add reclaim to another road in spring/early summer 2019.

We will continue with our plan to work on the roads in Lakeview. We will work on other Union cemetery roads as needed.

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

Mowing and Upkeep

We do our best to keep cemeteries mowed and trimmed. Please keep in mind that weather can be a factor in this.

This mowing season, starting spring 2019, we are switching from independent contractor-based mowing to Union Public Works taking over the mowing and trimming aspect. We are excited and in hopes this will be a more efficient way of keeping the cemeteries mowed and trimmed.

Please be patient as we transition into this changeover. We welcome Orrin and his crew.

You can help by remembering to remove old or faded flowers, wreaths, etc. that you no longer want on your lots. Please remember to keep items close to your stones which makes mowing a little easier. Thank you in advance. Cemeteries usually open for cleanup on April 15 pending weather and conditions.

Please also remember that the trash receptacles in the cemeteries are for lot cleaning only. Do not leave other garbage there such as tires or household trash. If you see misuse of this, please contact me or the town office so we can keep the receptacles in our cemeteries.

Stone Repair

Stevens Stone Repair and Cleaning will continue to do repairs and cleanings in the cemeteries throughout the 2019 season. Thanks, Tom, for making our cemeteries look great.



Updating Records

As reported last year, we are continuing with the input of information into the Crypt Keeper cemetery software program. Patrick, our 2018 intern, will be returning this year to continue updating the records. He did an amazing job entering information into Crypt Keeper all last summer, along with photos of all the stones with GPS coordinates. He will continue entering GPS coordinates of stones into the system as well. Our goal is to finish the project this year and hopefully be able to put it online for people to access. Ultimately, we would like to be able to format to the Crypt Keeper mapping also...thoughts for the future, anyway.

A huge thank you goes out to Patrick for his tireless work on this project. We are very grateful that he is returning this year.

Thank you for being patient while we work on this and move into the digital age.

We are still looking for any older maps out there of Skidmore and Sidelinger cemeteries. If you have one, please consider sharing a copy with us.

Trees and Brush

We will continue to cut dead limbs and some trees in Common and Lakeview cemeteries that are a hazard and must be taken down due to safety concerns. We will also have some dead and older damaged trees removed in spring/summer 2019.

Miscellaneous

We would like to thank the Girl Scouts and also Jim Murphy for placing the flags in our cemeteries each year, in honor of our veterans who have served. We appreciate this great service for the town and for our veterans. Thanks also to all who have 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 as well as Grant for helping me out whenever needed with mapping. All their continued support and help, given whenever asked or needed, is so much appreciated. Thanks also to the selectmen for their continued support.

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

Phone: 691-3081



REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES UNPAID AS OF MAY 15, 2019

Unpaid 2019 Real Estate Taxes

1718 Heald, LLC.....	\$8,029.60	Byrd, Cheryl.....	\$1,130.27
1980 Heald Highway, LLC.....	\$6,089.67	Byrd, David & Ruth.....	\$1,612.08
Abbotoni, Amber Rose	\$597.25	Camber, Dean E. & Roxanna E. ...	\$1,711.70
Abbotoni, Christopher F.	\$574.19	Camber, Richard E.	\$1,110.34
Abbott, Cathy J.	\$562.48	Canavan, Constance.....	\$1,806.70
Ahlholm, Beth Ann	\$1,521.51	Caron, Sharon.....	\$2,669.11
Ahlholm, Vincent W. & Beth A.	\$978.11	Carter, Eugene F. & Manola L.	\$936.45
Baker, Virginia L.	\$12.68	Cary, Ragan L.	\$1,945.54
Barnard, Maureen.....	\$1,219.30	Cheesman, Aaron W. &	
Battel, Cynthia A. & Heavy,		Emily E.	\$2,544.51
James D.	\$4,528.31	Collins, Michael F. &	
Baumgartner, Arthur G.	\$462.61	Cynthia R.	\$1,181.03
Bay Communications II, LLC.....	\$726.34	Cosgrove, Patrick J.	\$616.77
Beardsley, Michael	\$1,869.29	Cosgrove, Patrick J. & Jane S.	\$2,161.81
Belcher, Andrew.....	\$246.34	CP Maine LLC.....	\$6,348.69
Belcher, Robert, Devisees.....	\$1,580.64	Dauncey, Christopher L. &	
Belfast Farms.....	\$18.11	Kristi L.	\$1,683.88
Bendtsen, Benjamin A.	\$792.10	Davis, Dennis W.	\$4,229.44
Bendtsen, Peter & Patricia.....	\$2,829.59	Dearborn, Anita	\$1.00
Bennett, Bruce & Dorinda L.	\$2,005.26	Dearborn, Anita	\$242.60
Bentley's Café, LLC	\$3,135.40	Degreenia, Terry & Cynthia.....	\$739.02
Bissett, Scott & Carol	\$673.73	Degreenia, Walter & Gail M.	\$869.53
Bolton, Gregory B, et al.....	\$226.05	Degreenia, Walter C.	\$552.69
Brooks, Paul J., Trustee	\$162.27	Dennis, C. P. & Fiduciary Trust	
Brooks, Stephen.....	\$653.80	Co. Trustees.....	\$1,574.41
Bryco, Inc.	\$2,057.66	Dirion, Eleanore M.	\$249.35
Bryco, Inc.	\$8,596.54	Dodge, Frank.....	\$1,461.74
Burgess, Charles L.	\$918.48	Donnelly, William F.	\$883.05
Burgess, Marc.....	\$166.64	Doucette, Robert H.	\$1,378.42
Burgess, Sarah & Kristian.....	\$890.89	Ducharme, Douglas & Deborah	\$1,541.48
Burnham, Ieva & Andrew S.	\$612.32	Elder, Lucia C.	\$452.30
Butler, Joyce.....	\$423.85	Elliott, George L. & Brenda D.	\$1,984.28
Butler, Patricia.....	\$477.87	Esancy, Larry & Priscilla	\$1,666.97
Butler, Rand W.	\$1,389.29	Farley, Lisa Jane	\$1,361.70
Butman, Jason A.	\$2,105.27	Farrell, John.....	\$753.51



Fenton, Dennis & Regina.....\$4,606.19
 Ferland, Michael L. & Kathryn.....\$693.74
 Ferraiolo, John and Tammra\$5,165.89
 FI & E, LLC\$1,288.72
 Finkle, Nancy, Devisees\$1,179.25
 Fisher, Dan E. & Sarah C.,
 Trustees\$1,541.48
 Fuller, Adam C. & Evelyn L.\$4,102.65
 Gagnon, Jillian S. & Joshua\$554.26
 Galley, Bradley.....\$4,269.29
 Glidden, David B. & Sharon Y. ...\$1,132.08
 Goudreau, Jeremiah A.\$1,191.40
 Gracie, Christopher & Cristine.....\$1,887.40
 Graffam, Katherine R.\$4,598.95
 Graffam, Katherine R.\$3,249.51
 Greif, Daphne\$126.79
 Grierson, Todd E.\$1,181.92
 Grierson, William F.\$2,778.57
 Grierson, William F., Jr.\$726.34
 Grindle, Sandy S. & Jason W.\$597.74
 Hall, George C., & Sons\$760.76
 Hankins, Kimberly & Stephens,
 Christopher.....\$672.00
 Hannan, Don S.\$1,414.64
 Harding, Paul E.\$1,327.70
 Harris, Joseph., Sr.\$2,080.39
 Hart, Darlene\$112.75
 Hart, John L.\$532.22
 Hart, John L.\$89
 Hart, John L.\$136.17
 Hart, John L.\$138.84
 Harvey, Kerry & Carla J.\$3,548.38
 Hastings, James R.\$1,233.04
 Hemp Americana, Inc.\$74.12
 Hill, Deborah E. & Frye, James P. ..\$618.55
 Hills, Emily & Heyer, Steven D.
 & Carol J.\$1,568.61
 Hilt, Phillip D., Jr.\$157.59
 Hilt, Phillip D., Jr.\$585.06
 Hilt, Sherry L. Starrett\$586.87
 Hoene Company, The.....\$391.60
 Holloway, Nicholas\$2,688.00
 Holmes, Charles W & Blair E.\$1,514.27

Holmes, Julia M.\$1,248.67
 Houghton, Leland J. P.\$321.29
 Houghton, Leland J. P.\$11.57
 Houghton, Leland J. P.\$2,365.62
 Houghton, Leland J. P.\$25.81
 Howard, Gregory D. & Kathleen...\$1,289.61
 Howard, Gregory D. & Kathleen.....\$322.18
 Howard, Gregory D. & Nancy M. ...\$548.24
 Howell, Ezra & Ann\$1,469.39
 Huntley, Brian D.\$1,267.36
 Ingerson, Carlton\$874.87
 Iroquois Valley Farms, LLC\$17.01
 Jackson, Deborah A. & Smith,
 Kevin C.\$911.10
 Jenkins-Turner, Stephanie.....\$1,375.05
 Jetmax, LLC\$565.15
 Jetmax, LLC\$926.49
 Johnson, Glenn\$168.45
 Jones, Kevin & Kristine\$315.95
 Jones, Kristine\$274.12
 Jones, Lowell, Jr.\$1,778.22
 Jones, Patti S., Trustee\$499.37
 Jordan, George.....\$644.36
 Judkins, Randy R. & Amy C.\$4,263.85
 Kee, Michael A.\$1,310.97
 Keiran, Jacob\$5.34
 Keller, Theodore A., Trustee.....\$1,349.24
 Keller, Theodore A., Trustee.....\$22.25
 Keller, Theodore A., Trustee.....\$89.89
 Kenna-Moore, Sydney N.\$1,049.31
 Kennedy, Andrea\$2,601.06
 Kincaid, Warren L. & Clement,
 Sandra J.\$1,299.43
 Kirkpatrick, Wayne C.\$572.69
 Klein, Karen S.\$3,189.74
 Landi, Josephine\$519.49
 Langelier, Katheryn\$3,074.86
 Lanphere & Son, LLC.....\$1,637.44
 Leach, Gary M. & Raye,
 Jacqueline\$1,148.99
 Leonard, Dean A. & Carrie E.\$888.22
 Lorentzen, Michael P. &
 Amanda R.\$1,161.45



Luton, Jonathan & Bowser,	
Shannon.....	\$423.64
Mank, Harry C., Jr. & Sheila	\$1,737.28
Mank, Matthew & Brocious	
Melissa	\$773.41
Manning, Shirley	\$519.40
Mason, Mark	\$1,292.28
Matejka, Thomas C. & Clara L. ...	\$2,052.34
Matson, Edward Jr. &	
Christina M.....	\$1007.10
Mathews, Meyric E. & Morrison,	
Carol M.	\$552.45
McCommic, Betty Anne	\$566.04
McDaniels, Laurie	\$1,370.18
McKee, Robert	\$22.25
McKee, Robert	\$89.89
McMahon, Brian J.	\$1,799.58
Mercier, Audrey	\$3,091.93
Merrifield, Judith D.	\$16.30
Merrifield, Judith D. & Plummer,	
Stephen J.	\$1,340.34
Merrifield, Michele.....	\$614.86
Metcalf, Mark & Kathy S.	\$2,478.01
Mic Mac Lane, LLC	\$10,976.62
Micklich, Michael.....	\$35.60
Micklich, Michael.....	\$1,412.43
Miller, Jennifer, Trustee.....	\$2,861.35
Miller, Jennifer, Trustee.....	\$56.07
Miller, Maurice.....	\$1,829.44
Morgan, Richard P.	\$2,407.25
Morgan, Richard P.	\$1,271.55
Morgan, Richard P.	\$150.34
Morine, Donna Y.	\$781.61
Mullett, Carol M.	\$1,113.03
Nickles, Alberta & Jody.....	\$898.10
Ott, Terry A.	\$753.51
Overlock Hill Farm Holdings,	
LLC.....	\$2,152.20
Overlock Hill Farm Holdings,	
LLC.....	\$27.59
Packard, Julie	\$3,116.28
Pagano, Allen P.	\$666.61
Page, Elizabeth L.	\$1,621.58

Payson, Paul G.	\$3,004.87
Pease, Daniel W.	\$1,347.46
Pease, Edwin S., Jr. & Norma	\$1,083.13
Pease, James M. & Maria L.	\$2,354.41
Pease James M. & Maria L.	\$493.06
Pendleton, Kyle	\$514.42
Perrin, Arnold.....	\$511.75
Phifer, Steven, Jr. & Heather.....	\$321.29
Pieri, Michael F.	\$656.44
Pierpont, Mariah & Damon.....	\$996.80
Pierpont, Willard.....	\$382.70
Pilch, John F.	\$1,255.25
Powers, Ann Marie	\$84.55
Powers, Ann Marie	\$623.00
Powers, Ann Marie	\$8.01
Powers, Ann Marie	\$469.92
Powers, Ann Marie	\$32.93
Powers, Ann Marie & Brian S.	\$26.70
Pratt, Brent A.	\$1,072.45
Rackliff, Scott.....	\$2,211.63
Reiner, Charlotte Louise,	
Devisees	\$1,124.83
Reuillard, Roger C. & Joanne J.	\$4,761.97
Rich, David & Susan.....	\$2,907.69
Russo, John M., Jr.	\$2,550.74
Sailer, John, Jr., Trustee.....	\$5,049.86
Salo, Pamela V. B. & Marr,	
John W., Sr.	\$1,213.96
Salsman, Jim.....	\$19.40
Savage, Melanie A. P.	\$1,854.79
Sawyer, Victoria M.	\$1,545.04
Sayward, Robert W., II	\$2,599.25
Seaborn Properties, Inc.	\$75.65
Seaborn Properties, Inc.	\$236.74
Seaborn Properties, Inc.	\$178.00
Seaborn Properties, Inc.	\$501.96
Seamans, Sidney	\$6.56
Seekins, Kenneth B. & Gloria L. ..	\$2,700.68
Seekins, Kenneth B. & Gloria L.	\$86.94
Siegel, Keith D. and Vicki Jo.....	\$1,699.90
Skalecki, Joseph P.	\$24.92
Slader, Wilfred B. & Janet L.	\$592.30
Slader, Wilfred B. & Janet L.	\$2,360.15



Slocum, Anthony M. & Susan L.	\$139.69
Smith, David	\$1,387.47
Smith, Patricia G.	\$1,202.39
Snow, Jeffrey B. & Kimberly J. ...	\$2,160.91
Snyder, Harriott D.	\$2,840.88
Starr, Kenneth J.	\$2,409.02
Talbot, James A. & Heidi R. L.	\$1,271.55
Taylor, Daniel W.	\$301.71
Taylor, Leslie M.	\$7,875.63
Thomas, Stephen D. & Suzanne B.	\$3,917.89
Thompson & Cosgrove, LLC.....	\$1,554.83
Thompson, Tracy, Trustee	\$1,504.91
Thornton, Kathleen R.	\$1,451.59
Tolman, Nelson M.	\$608.05
Toman, Janet B., Devises.....	\$1,162.34
Tommasino, Ronald V.	\$1,456.05
Tripp, Dwinal D., Jr.	\$596.30
Tucker, Brenda L. & Bonin, Thomas M.	\$823.25
Tuttle, Ruben, Devises	\$819.69
Umstead, David & Rachel	\$1,355.47
Umstead, David & Rachel	\$78.32
Valle, Forrester B. & Dean, Joan C.	\$460.08
Vincent, Charles M., III.....	\$4,196.84
Vittum, Barbara A. & Gartmayer, Holly M.	\$1,742.62
Wadsworth, Dennis	\$286.58
Ward, Christle L.	\$1,108.53

Waters, Henry, Devises	\$289.81
Wexler Properties, LLC	\$1,308.30
Wexler Properties, LLC	\$1,308.93
Wexler Properties, LLC	\$1,314.53
Wheelis, Larry E. & Karen L.	\$1,488.91
White, Andrew.....	\$2,372.83
White, Bruce H.	\$234.07
White, Bruce H.	\$967.43
White, Bruce H.	\$800.11
White, Joel A. & April D.	\$1,193.95
White, Joshua B.	\$612.23
White, Joshua B.	\$1,161.06
White, Joshua B.	\$1,470.79
Whitlock, Dale R.	\$1,851.37
Whittier, Daniel P.	\$1,231.76
Widdecombe Marilyn A.	\$1,061.44
Wiemer, Ruth Ann.....	\$10.16
Williams, George N., Jr.....	\$954.57
Williams, Pauline M.	\$617.66
Williams, Robert.....	\$293.70
Williamson, Charles P., Jr. & Beverly C.	\$1,865.44
Winchenbaugh, Allen & Dawn	\$1,999.70
Wooster, Glenn E. & Jones, Gail B. W.	\$3,175.25
Wyllie, Robert & Amy.....	\$2,004.28
York, David & Cindy O.	\$2,038.10
Young, Christopher J. & Bobbie J.	\$1,814.95

Unpaid 2018 Real Estate Taxes

Ahlholm, Beth Ann.....	\$730.29
Ahlholm, Vincent W. & Beth A.	\$497.81
Bay Communications II, LLC.....	\$53.28
Beardsley, Michael	\$1,839.32
Brinkler, Daniel, Devises	\$1,297.53
Burgess, Marc.....	\$222.57
Clark, Suzanne D., Trustee	\$2,915.49
Davis, Dennis W.	\$2,739.12
Degreenia, Terry & Cynthia.....	\$771.45

Farrell, John.....	\$466.07
Ferland, Michael L. & Kathryn	\$712.35
Ferraiolo, John & Tammra.....	\$3,358.69
Hall, George C., & Sons.....	\$779.76
Hancock, David R.	\$912.10
Hannan, Don S.	\$383.88
Harding, Paul E.	\$1,117.51
Harvey, Kerry & Carla J.	\$569.12
Hills, Emily & Heyer, Steven D.	



& Carol J.\$1,550.86
 Hilt, Sherry L. Starrett\$547.64
 Holloway, Nicholas\$2,616.73
 Holmes, Charles W. & Blair E.\$1,492.77
 Jackson, Deborah A. & Smith,
 Kevin C.\$927.41
 Kennedy, Andrea.....\$2,534.18
 Klein, Karen S.\$1,552.58
 Matthews, Meyric E.\$62.93
 Mercier, Audrey\$2,999.12
 Ott, Terry A.\$500.52
 Reiner, Charlotte Louise,
 Devises\$1,139.09

Savage, Melanie A. P.\$1,825.55
 Slader, Wilfred B. & Janet L.\$620.09
 Slader, Wilfred B. & Janet L.\$2,305.42
 Smith, David.....\$1,258.16
 Stanley, William & Diana\$652.35
 Stanley, William & Diana\$1,169.66
 Talbot, James A. & Heidi R. L.\$1615.72
 Vincent, Charles M., III\$4,049.44
 Widdecombe, Marilyn A.\$1,070.42
 Williams, Pauline M.\$644.16
 Winchenbaugh, Allen & Dawn\$65.17
 Wooster, Glenn E. & Jones,
 Gail B. W.\$2,719.23

Unpaid 2019 Personal Property Taxes

A + B Welding\$90.57
 Bentley's Café, LLC.....\$10.87
 Conopco, Inc.\$14.49
 Crawford Commons\$957.64
 Dean Leigh Designs.....\$32.60
 Four Corner Variety.....\$543.40
 Houghton, Leland.....\$48.06

Kirkpatrick, Richard\$18.11
 Maine's Best, Inc.\$163.02
 Mason, Mark.....\$18.08
 Mic Mac Campground, Inc.\$14.49
 Mic Mac Market\$543.40
 Union Square Laundry, LLC.....\$61.41

Unpaid 2018 Personal Property Taxes

A + B Welding\$85.99



**FUND AND TRUST BALANCES
AS OF APRIL 30, 2019**

Aging in Place in Union.....	\$17,034.24
Ambulance Equipment Reserve	\$13,116.56
Ambulance Reserve	\$50,105.67
Bicentennial Fund.....	\$484.44
Bridge Reserve	\$27,472.18
Cemetery Stone Repair	\$19,546.31
Cemetery Trust Funds.....	\$245,831.97
I & C Thurston - Worthy	\$100,095.28
Fire Department Equipment Reserve.....	\$37,539.15
Fire Truck Reserve	\$377,233.40
Frank D. & Gertrude Rowe Scholarships	\$15,197.00
Gilbert Doughty Memorial Scholarship	\$13,971.97
Highway Equipment Reserve.....	\$70,730.14
Joseph Pullen Investment.....	\$42,208.48
Joseph Pullen Recreation	\$9,076.60
Office Equipment Reserve	\$2,451.72
Parks & Recreation Reserve (Tennis & BB Courts/Ayer Park).....	\$4,766.75
R. Thurston/B. T. Kinnison.....	\$76,997.43
Robert H. & Eleanor S. Heald Scholarship.....	\$73,794.42
Tennis Court Paving Reserve.....	\$3,648.26
Town Office Building Reserve	\$4,811.32
Union Alumni Scholarship.....	\$15,263.84
William Pullen Fund.....	\$441,417.93
TOTAL.....	\$1,662,795.06





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January 18, 2019

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, 2018. The following statements and schedules have been excerpted from the 2018 financial statements, a complete copy of which, including our opinion thereon, is available for inspection at the Town. Included herein are:

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RHR Smith & Company

Certified Public Accountants



STATEMENT C

TOWN OF UNION, MAINE

BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2018

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,246,030	\$ -	\$ 2,246,030
Investments	-	75,594	75,594
Accounts receivable (net of allowance for uncollectibles):			
Taxes	231,935	-	231,935
Liens	34,415	-	34,415
Other	40,693	-	40,693
Tax acquired property	2,200	-	2,200
Due from other funds	128,590	1,626,891	1,755,481
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 2,683,863	\$ 1,702,485	\$ 4,386,348
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable	\$ 146,280	\$ -	\$ 146,280
Accrued expenses	17,317	-	17,317
Due to other governments	7,288	-	7,288
Due to other funds	1,626,891	128,590	1,755,481
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,797,776	128,590	1,926,366
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Prepaid taxes	31,476	-	31,476
Deferred revenue	120,700	-	120,700
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	152,176	-	152,176
FUND BALANCES			
Nonspendable - tax acquired property and principal	2,200	48,415	50,615
Restricted	-	1,023,763	1,023,763
Committed	-	624,626	624,626
Assigned	21,096	5,681	26,777
Unassigned	710,615	(128,590)	582,025
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	733,911	1,573,895	2,307,806
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 2,683,863	\$ 1,702,485	\$ 4,386,348



STATEMENT E

TOWN OF UNION, MAINE

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND
BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2018

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES			
Taxes:			
Property	\$ 3,578,353	\$ -	\$ 3,578,353
Excise	491,069	-	491,069
Intergovernmental revenues	284,840	-	284,840
Charges for services	212,828	-	212,828
Investment income, net of unrealized gains/(losses)	21,372	11,203	32,575
Miscellaneous revenues	15,014	99,600	114,614
TOTAL REVENUES	4,603,476	110,803	4,714,279
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
General government	525,920	-	525,920
Public safety	434,962	-	434,962
Health and sanitation	61,103	-	61,103
Highways and bridges	1,000,269	-	1,000,269
Recreation and library	8,906	-	8,906
Education	2,197,178	-	2,197,178
County tax	228,839	-	228,839
Unclassified	222,077	202,703	424,780
Debt service:			
Principal	122,825	-	122,825
Interest	18,995	-	18,995
Capital outlay	-	127,733	127,733
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	4,821,074	330,436	5,151,510
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(217,598)	(219,633)	(437,231)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers in	-	144,180	144,180
Transfers (out)	(144,180)	-	(144,180)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(144,180)	144,180	-
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	(361,778)	(75,453)	(437,231)
FUND BALANCES - JULY 1	1,095,689	1,649,348	2,745,037
FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30	\$ 733,911	\$ 1,573,895	\$ 2,307,806



SCHEDULE 1

TOWN OF UNION, MAINE

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGETARY BASIS
 BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance
	Original	Final	Amounts	Positive (Negative)
Budgetary Fund Balance, July 1	\$ 1,095,689	\$ 1,095,689	\$ 1,095,689	\$ -
Resources (Inflows):				
Taxes:				
Property taxes	3,711,399	3,711,399	3,578,353	(133,046)
Excise taxes	403,000	403,000	491,069	88,069
Intergovernmental revenues:				
State revenue sharing	96,000	96,000	107,963	11,963
Homestead exemption	52,000	52,000	106,840	54,840
Local road assistance	-	-	52,868	52,868
General assistance	2,500	2,500	4,102	1,602
Other	9,500	9,500	13,067	3,567
Charges for services	12,570	12,570	23,499	10,929
Ambulance revenue	173,000	173,000	189,329	16,329
Investment income	13,500	13,500	21,372	7,872
Miscellaneous income	2,000	2,000	15,014	13,014
Amounts Available for Appropriation	<u>5,571,158</u>	<u>5,571,158</u>	<u>5,699,165</u>	<u>128,007</u>
Charges to Appropriations (Outflows):				
General government	486,720	565,838	525,920	39,918
Public safety	371,595	445,595	434,962	10,633
Health and sanitation	62,998	62,998	61,103	1,895
Highways and bridges	993,778	993,778	1,000,269	(6,491)
Recreation and library	10,000	10,000	8,906	1,094
Education	2,210,916	2,210,916	2,197,178	13,738
County tax	228,839	228,839	228,839	-
Debt service:				
Principal	30,300	30,300	122,825	(92,525)
Interest	-	-	18,995	(18,995)
Unclassified	229,860	229,860	222,077	7,783
Transfers to other funds	143,500	143,500	144,180	(680)
Total Charges to Appropriations	<u>4,768,506</u>	<u>4,921,624</u>	<u>4,965,254</u>	<u>(43,630)</u>
Budgetary Fund Balance, June 30	<u>\$ 802,652</u>	<u>\$ 649,534</u>	<u>\$ 733,911</u>	<u>\$ 84,377</u>
Utilization of unassigned fund balance	\$ 192,748	\$ 345,866	\$ -	\$ (345,866)
Utilization of assigned fund balance	100,289	100,289	-	(100,289)
	<u>\$ 293,037</u>	<u>\$ 446,155</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (446,155)</u>



SCHEDULE A

TOWN OF UNION, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual Expenditures	Variance Positive (Negative)
General Government -					
Administration	\$ 79,200	\$ -	\$ 79,200	\$ 75,442	\$ 3,758
Building maintenance	30,000	68,198	98,198	92,520	5,678
Office personnel	191,270	-	191,270	187,659	3,611
Cable TV	2,000	-	2,000	76	1,924
Stipends	8,050	-	8,050	7,138	912
Assessor	32,200	10,920	43,120	40,194	2,926
Insurance	144,000	-	144,000	122,891	21,109
	486,720	79,118	565,838	525,920	39,918
Public Safety -					
Fire department	61,540	-	61,540	56,755	4,785
Ambulance	235,000	74,000	309,000	320,763	(11,763)
Plan/code enforcement	47,305	-	47,305	35,579	11,726
Animal control	13,750	-	13,750	8,263	5,487
Hydrant rental	14,000	-	14,000	13,602	398
	371,595	74,000	445,595	434,962	10,633
Health and Sanitation -					
Septic waste	2,300	-	2,300	2,300	-
Tri-County	60,698	-	60,698	58,803	1,895
	62,998	-	62,998	61,103	1,895
Highways and Bridges -					
Public works	535,380	-	535,380	509,952	25,428
Paving/road construction	442,698	-	442,698	475,182	(32,484)
FEMA/MEMA	-	-	-	836	(836)
Street lights	5,750	-	5,750	5,866	(116)
Mowing/non-roads	8,450	-	8,450	8,433	17
Bird houses	1,500	-	1,500	-	1,500
	993,778	-	993,778	1,000,269	(6,491)



SCHEDULE A (CONTINUED)

TOWN OF UNION, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual Expenditures	Variance Positive (Negative)
Recreation and Library - Parks and recreation	10,000	-	10,000	8,906	1,094
	10,000	-	10,000	8,906	1,094
Education	2,210,916	-	2,210,916	2,197,178	13,738
County Tax	228,839	-	228,839	228,839	-
Debt Service - Principal Interest	30,300	-	30,300	122,825	(92,525)
	-	-	-	18,995	(18,995)
	30,300	-	30,300	141,820	(111,520)
Unclassified -					
General assistance	7,000	-	7,000	6,647	353
Union assistance	5,000	-	5,000	1,646	3,354
Social security	37,320	-	37,320	36,406	914
Cemeteries	38,850	-	38,850	36,444	2,406
Founders Day	1,200	-	1,200	1,199	1
Outside agency	29,082	-	29,082	29,082	-
Budget committee	300	-	300	126	174
Abatements	6,000	-	6,000	3,885	2,115
Dispatch/RCC	61,278	-	61,278	61,278	-
Retirement expense	18,600	-	18,600	38,643	(20,043)
Common maintenance	5,000	-	5,000	3,562	1,438
EMA	7,350	-	7,350	3,159	4,191
TAN interest	500	-	500	-	500
Overlay	12,380	-	12,380	-	12,380
	229,860	-	229,860	222,077	7,783
Transfers to Other Funds - Capital projects funds	143,500	-	143,500	144,180	(680)
	143,500	-	143,500	144,180	(680)
TOTAL DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS	\$ 4,768,506	\$ 153,118	\$ 4,921,624	\$ 4,965,254	\$ (43,630)



SCHEDULE B

TOWN OF UNION, MAINE

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET - NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2018

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
ASSETS				
Investments	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 75,594	\$ 75,594
Due from other funds	5,681	624,626	996,584	1,626,891
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 5,681</u>	<u>\$ 624,626</u>	<u>\$ 1,072,178</u>	<u>\$ 1,702,485</u>
LIABILITIES				
Due to other funds	\$ 2,086	\$ 126,504	\$ -	\$ 128,590
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>2,086</u>	<u>126,504</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>128,590</u>
FUND BALANCES				
Nonspendable - principal	-	-	48,415	48,415
Restricted	-	-	1,023,763	1,023,763
Committed	-	624,626	-	624,626
Assigned	5,681	-	-	5,681
Unassigned	(2,086)	(126,504)	-	(128,590)
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	<u>3,595</u>	<u>498,122</u>	<u>1,072,178</u>	<u>1,573,895</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 5,681</u>	<u>\$ 624,626</u>	<u>\$ 1,072,178</u>	<u>\$ 1,702,485</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, 2018

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
REVENUES				
Investment income, net of unrealized gains/(losses)	\$ 92	\$ 1,608	\$ 9,503	\$ 11,203
Other income	25	958	98,617	99,600
TOTAL REVENUES	117	2,566	108,120	110,803
EXPENDITURES				
Capital outlay	-	127,733	-	127,733
Other expenses	2,159	147,365	53,179	202,703
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	2,159	275,098	53,179	330,436
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(2,042)	(272,532)	54,941	(219,633)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers in	-	144,180	-	144,180
Transfers (out)	-	-	-	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	-	144,180	-	144,180
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	(2,042)	(128,352)	54,941	(75,453)
FUND BALANCES - JULY 1	5,637	626,474	1,017,237	1,649,348
FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30	\$ 3,595	\$ 498,122	\$ 1,072,178	\$ 1,573,895



CODE ENFORCEMENT

Grant Watmough, Code Enforcement Officer
Local Plumbing and Building Inspector

Hopefully most of you know how to get to our website and negotiate it. For those of you who might not, our website is: www.union.maine.gov.

If you are looking for code office issues, here are a couple things you might want to look at. If you are on the website www.union.maine.gov, move the cursor to **Town Departments**, scroll down to **Code Enforcement**, click on it then scroll down, and you will see a list of some often used forms.

If you are looking for our ordinances you will see a list with one item being **Ordinances**; if you click on that you will see a list of them. This would be one avenue for you to get information, but you are always welcome to stop in or call with questions. When you read this, I will have been your Code Officer for six years. It has been and will continue to be a privilege to serve in this capacity.

PROJECT PERMIT TYPE	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Single Family Dwelling	4	8	5	4	11	6	5
Mobile Home		1	1	1	3	1	1
Accessory Structure	24	33	15	18	15	22	32
Addition	11	12	10	15	12	20	17
Deck	15	11	11	8	12	16	9
Home Occupation	3	2	1	0	1	0	2
Change of Use/Other	18	12	13	11	8	13	11
Agricultural	2	5	3	5	0	2	7
Commercial	4	11	9	3	1	7	1
Sign	2	4	3	2	1	3	0
TOTAL NUMBER OF PROJECTS	83	99	71	67	64	90	85

PLUMBING & SEPTIC	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
SSWD (septic)	12	16	13	12	20	17	24
Internal Plumbing	17	19	14	19	24	20	18
TOTAL NUMBER OF PERMITS	29	35	27	31	44	37	42

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



ANIMAL CONTROL

Heidi J. Blood, Animal Control Officer

I look forward to serving the Town of Union as Animal Control Officer (ACO) again this year and encourage all to contact me with any questions, complaints, or concerns regarding Animal Control. I am ACO for Hope and Appleton along with four Waldo County Towns. I live in Searsmont with an array of my own pets including dogs, horses, chickens, cats, and birds.

Just a few quick notes for you:

The Town of Union currently has nearly 500 licensed dogs. I'm happy to say that most were licensed in a timely manner this year. Since taking over as ACO in May I have responded to more than 70 calls for assistance and traveled more than 500 miles.

The Town of Union is contracted with Pope Memorial Humane Society in Thomaston to take in lost/stray animals that I pick up; so if your dog gets loose or your cat is found, and I cannot identify it, it gets delivered to the shelter for safekeeping until you claim it. If your pet is microchipped, I can scan it before going to the shelter in an attempt to get your pet back home to you. A fee must be paid to the shelter to claim your pet once it enters their care. If your dog is licensed and wearing its tags, I will make every effort to contact you and reunite you with your pet.

Pope Memorial will also take in your unwanted animals, but Animal Control will not handle it. You must call Pope Memorial and arrange to get the animal to them for relinquishing. This helps the shelter by asking you questions about the animal's likes, dislikes, etc. ensuring it is placed in an appropriate new home.

Dog licenses expire each year on December 31 regardless of when they were first done. You can renew your dog's license for the next year anytime after October 15. A state-mandated late fee of \$25.00 is applied starting February 1. This is nonnegotiable as it is state law. You renew your dog's license at the town office.

It is also Maine state law that every dog and cat be currently vaccinated against rabies. If unsure of your pet's vaccination status, call and ask the town office (dogs only) or your veterinarian. Most vaccinations are good for three years after a pet's initial rabies vaccination, which is only good for one year. Rabies is currently in every county of Maine including Knox.

Animal Control does not generally handle wildlife complaints unless it is a wild animal that has come in contact with a domestic animal.

I have live traps available for borrowing if you find yourself in need of trapping a nuisance animal. I also have several kennels and other equipment available.

Again, please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions, complaints, or concerns regarding animals in Union or Maine animal laws at 207-322-3237 or hjb04915@yahoo.com.



E-911/ADDRESSING

James Murphy, Jr., Addressing Officer

The Union 911 Addressing Ordinance came into effect in 1995. Little did we know then that nearly every house in Union would have a GPS identification marker linked to satellites. Such is the nature of progress.

I recently read our ordinance in preparation for offering house number signs through Union Fire and Rescue. The ordinance has a requirement of a 4" tall number placed on a contrasting background. Sounds simple enough. I checked my own house first: nope, gold numbers on white.

Touring the town in my other position as Assessors' Agent, I discovered that many house numbers are not as visible as you might think. I saw black numbers on brown houses, numbers missing, numbers too small to see at night. I found numbers carefully attached to houses, but the houses were not visible from the road.

This started a realization that some of us are in danger. The Fire Department recently had a late-night call of an "active structure fire with persons trapped." As the first Fire Department person on scene that dark and very foggy night, I had a difficult time finding the address. The numbers on the mailbox were 2" tall, white on silver, middle number missing. It turned out to be "only" a faulty smoke detector – far different from what we were expecting, fortunately. Still, five mutual aid fire departments were on their way at midnight on a very foggy night, delayed by incorrect and nearly invisible house numbers.

Another problem is that some homes down long driveways and/or on the water have access issues. Your driveway or camp road should be clear of trees and tree limbs to allow emergency vehicles to reach your home. Visualize a space 10-12' wide and 14-18' high. This is the space needed to safely allow a fire truck to pass through. If tree limbs are rubbing the top of your car, there is no way the ambulance or fire truck is going to make it down your road or driveway.

Because of these issues, Emergency Services may not be able to find some of you in an expedited manner. They want to help. Help them by having clear and visible numbers that identify your home, as well as by making sure your driveways and roads can accommodate fire and rescue vehicles.

Our fire department, Union Excelsior Engine Company, is now offering reflective house number signs as a public service at a small cost. The signs are red with white numbers to help Emergency Services find you when you need it most. If you don't already have yours, please see the insert in this town report for details.



EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE

Jesse B. Thompson, EMS Chief

This has been another busy year for the Union Ambulance Service. We have done just over 520 calls for service in 2018. 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 backup depending on who is closest to the scene.



We accepted the delivery of the new rescue (ambulance), and it was put into service at the end of June last year. We took an extra month to train the crew in driver operations, as this rescue is different than the last, and we felt that a little extra time in driver operations was needed. The rescue has been performing better than expected.

find you faster and more effectively so we can render care. The Fire Department is now selling reflective signs at the town office. We recommend these signs, as they are large enough and colored red so we can quickly identify them as address signs. If you have questions please see Jim Murphy in the town office; he will help you get one of these important signs.

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. Now more than ever we are looking for help as our core group has gotten smaller over the years.



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 Jason Earl, the Union Fire Department 2018 Firefighter of the Year. Jason was honored at our annual recognition dinner in May. 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 in 2018, each member of the department has given over 100 hours of their time to attend meetings and trainings. In addition to training, the Union Fire Department responded to just over 80 calls.

As stated last year, effective fire protection has many major components. The training component is important and ever changing. The department has participated in several countywide and multiagency training sessions. We continue to work together with the Knox County Emergency Management Agency (KCEMA) 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.

I would like to ask those of you living on cottage roads or long driveways to take a look at them and ask yourself: can a large fire truck or ambulance get to us should the need arise? The tree canopies tend to grow in and limit access to these large vehicles. If we cannot get to you, our response to your emergency may be limited. Insurance companies have called us to see if we can access certain properties.

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

The community has again been supportive of the many needs of its citizens related to health issues. That support is greatly appreciated.

The Aging in Place in Union Committee worked hard on goals set for the past year, such as providing free learning luncheons for townspeople. Policies in draft form include “Good Morning Union” and wellness checks, both in conjunction with Union EMS, as well as a transportation policy. More work is needed in these important areas. The volunteerism supporting these projects shows how well small towns can survive in today’s complex world.

This year I stepped away from being chair of the Aging in Place in Union Committee, and Carol Watier kindly took on the role. I continue to be a member of this active group.

The state and regional public health front of the Maine Center for Disease Control has been very active. I have been keeping up with issues requiring attention including vaccinations, Lyme disease, brown tail moth activity, mold, rodent control, cancer care, caregiver needs, and medical marijuana.

In addition, the Vose Library Director approached me this past year, and I assisted the board in drafting a lock-down procedure.

Many thanks go out to those willing to help keep our community healthy. It’s a pleasure to work alongside CEO Grant, the EMS folks and the helpful town office employees. If anyone has a background and interest in community healthcare, please see me or our town manager. Rich Wiemer has retired as alternate health officer, and I am moving closer to retirement.

Don’t hesitate to contact me if you have a health-related question. If I can’t answer your question, I’ll try to help you find appropriate resources. I can be reached at 691-0629 or through the town office.

Last, tick season is upon us, so PROTECT AND INSPECT – and happy spring cleanup!



PUBLIC WORKS

Orrin M. Parker, Public Works Supervisor

We finally made it through this long winter that started in early October. We never had that “big storm,” but the little storms never seemed to end. It seemed it always rained in the middle or at the end of each storm. We went out to plow or sand a total of 58 times this year, which is higher than a normal winter. Every time it rained the dirt roads got very icy. This caused many issues and severe problems to our roads. The dirt roads didn’t fare too well through the winter.

Some of the bigger projects we did last summer were as follows: Middle Road had a hot chip seal laid over a shim coat of pavement. Ayer Hill had a double chip seal put down as did Cole Road. Rabbit Farm Road received a single coat chip seal. We also had Sennebec Road and Middle Road brush cut down the sides of the road and overhead.



Some of the bigger projects for this summer are chip sealing Shepard Hill Road and shimming and chip sealing Mount Pleasant Road. We have many culverts scheduled to be replaced also. Dirt roads scheduled to receive the most work are Coggins Hill, Bennett Hill, and Sidelinger Road. Others will be worked on but only in problem spots.

As most of you know we had a fire at Public Works. That has slowed things down, but it’s not going to stop us from doing these projects. Time frames on starting and finishing our work will vary depending on us having our equipment back.

If anyone has a mailbox that has been hit by a plow truck multiple times, please contact me so we can help put it back up in a better place.

If you ever have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call me at 785-3411.



TRI-COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

David Stanley, Manager

Greetings to all residents,

The year 2018 has brought numerous changes to the transfer station. Among these was the hiring of two employees: Don Hannan and Bruce Tibbetts.

As we seek to maintain a facility now entering its 27th year of operation, facility repairs and improvements have remained a priority. New energy-efficient LED lighting has been installed in the interior and at the outside entrances of the trash building. New signage has been installed. Renovations have been made to the scale house, facilitating improved year-round operation of the scales. Our overall goal in these endeavors has been not only to improve the appearance of the station but also to make it a safer place for patrons and employees alike.

Much work has been done in the past few months to create a Tri-County Solid Waste website (see web address below). This website will be a compendium of information regarding transfer station operations, commodity pricing, recycling opportunities, and waste disposal guidelines.



Our annual household hazardous waste disposal event is again scheduled to be held on its traditional date and time in June: Saturday, June 15, 2019, from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m. Look for further announcements and information as the date approaches.

Again this year we wish to thank you, our faithful patrons, for your continued support of Tri-County Solid Waste. At the transfer station we're here to help you, whether it's a question in need of an answer or rendering assistance unloading a vehicle. For all of you with canine "family members," we always look forward to seeing them with you at the station.

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AGING IN PLACE IN UNION

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Katie Tarbox

Carol Watier, Chair

Bob Williams

Dot Williams

The first meeting of the Aging in Place in Union Committee was June 26, 2017. It was an organizational meeting to identify needs of seniors in our town and establish committee member responsibilities. Aging in Place is a concept AARP initiated to help America's aging population remain safely in their own homes through their senior years. Charged by Town Manager Jay Feyler to look at the unique needs of Union's senior population, committee members meet at the Union Town Office downstairs meeting room. Our terms are for one year. Some committee members resigned while others joined us, as our purpose became known.

The mission of Aging in Place in Union is to provide information to Union residents to help them remain in their homes as they age. Thus far we have worked together as a committee to identify resources, compiled them into a Community Resource Guide, printed it and distributed it by mail with a survey to gather information on services needed. The committee also planned and held its first free informational luncheon for seniors and family members in the town office meeting room on June 21, 2018. Thirty-four people were present, and the program informed them about scams targeting seniors.

Additionally, we worked with Union EMS Chief Jesse Thompson on setting up "Good Morning Union," a phone call program with daily checks on seniors who would like daily contact to verify their well-being. We also identified an appropriate call button service for emergencies and made home visits to help people connect.

A second free informational luncheon was held October 18, 2018 with 35 people in attendance. Information on tax abatements, the "Good Morning Union" program, Meals on Wheels and the Yellow Dot program was shared.

We compiled a guide for setting up a Union transportation program including information from other towns with a volunteer driver program. We continue to need people willing to serve our seniors' identified needs such as minor home repairs, shoveling walkways and transportation to appointments; but we would also need a volunteer coordinator to match calls for services to an approved volunteer.

Please contact Jay Feyler at the Union Town office by phone 207-785-3658 or e-mail townmanager@union.maine.gov if you are interested in joining the committee or in meeting one of these community needs.





UNION SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Barbara Fang
Alice Lunt
Joyce Grotton
Rachael Umstead

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 continue to be 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 14 students. Nine of these students were graduating seniors. The total amount of money awarded in 2018 was \$46,025. Monies from the following scholarships were awarded:

Gilbert Doughty Memorial Scholarship	\$ 700
William L. Pullen Fund	\$19,000
Robert H. & Eleanor S. Heald Scholarship Trust	\$26,325

The Robert H. and Eleanor S. Heald Scholarship Trust is available to graduating seniors 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. Every qualified applicant is a recipient of funds from the William L. Pullen scholarship.

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 the town for allowing us to serve the community in this capacity.

COME SPRING FOOD PANTRY

The Come Spring Food Pantry is located in the Thompson Community Center, the “Old Yellow School” in Union, in the former library. The pantry is open on the second & fourth Wednesdays of each month from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. During the winter if RSU 40 is closed, the food pantry is closed. The food pantry serves eligible folks from Union, Appleton, South Hope, Washington, and anyone who is hungry. Come Spring Food Pantry serves about 30 families in the Union area.

This is an all-volunteer operation. We depend on fundraising events, and monetary and food donations. The People’s United Methodist Church and folks in the community are ongoing supporters. We also get food from the Maine Department of Agriculture and Good Shepherd Food Bank.

This has been a year of change. We have moved into one small space at the Thompson Community Center. We were able to get a grant from Good Shepherd Food Bank to finance an interior makeover. Thank you to Joe Marble, co-manager, who built shelves and working counters in the food pantry. These much-needed shelves are used to store extra food and provide a working counter for sorting boxes of food.



More change is in the works. Carol Watier, who has managed the food pantry for 18 years with the help of her husband, brother and friends, is ready to retire. We thank Carol for her deep caring and feeding of the area residents, tirelessly and thoughtfully. She will be missed.

Also retiring is Joe Marble. Co-manager for two and a half years, Joe made sure there was always food at the pantry, fresh and ready for recipients like clockwork.

Several of our volunteers have agreed to take on parts of the job of managing the pantry. Tracy Kelly will be present for open hours and ordering. Maurice Miller and Dana Ayers will bring in the regular orders of food. We are looking for volunteers to serve on pantry days and in administrative roles. The Board of Directors is also looking for new members. Lorain Francis, Penquis RSVP Retired Senior Volunteer Program, is helping to facilitate the change

and coordinate volunteers of all ages. Please contact Lorain at 974-2431 if you would like more information on volunteering.



SCOUT TROOP 207/VENTURE CREW 254

James Murphy, Jr., Committee Chair – Scouting BSA Troop 207

Scouting is back in Union! There is a curse that says, “May you live in interesting times.” The changes in society that seem to value computer thumb skills over life skills keep me baffled. I have spent my whole life exploring Maine and finding someplace new as often as I can. I do not get why indoors is better than outdoors.

Meanwhile Boy Scouts of America has become Scouting BSA. From the website: “For the first time in its 100+ year history, the iconic program of the Boy Scouts of America is open to young women as well as young men, all of whom will have the chance to earn Scouting’s highest rank, Eagle Scout. (BSA Scouts) go places, test themselves, and have one-of-a-kind adventures that can’t be found anywhere else.”

This change was precipitated by reduced numbers of youth and the actions of a few adults. Four years ago, when Troop 207 closed the door, I joined the Warren Troop as an advisor to help Life Scouts become Eagle Scouts. In four years, nine more young men became Eagle Scouts.

When the Scout program became more available to young women, I had a goal. Why not help young women experience the scouting program? Why not help young women build self-confidence, life skills, and the ability to achieve and be recognized?

I helped restart the troop for one reason. When our adult son was a Scout, Joe and I went on many adventures together. I recently asked our adult daughter, “Would you have wanted to be a Scout?” Without hesitation she said, “Absolutely! Dad, I was so jealous of you and Joe every time you left.” Nuff said. Several adults got together last September and formulated a plan to bring scouting to young women. We had everything needed for a troop, if the Peoples United Methodist Church in Union would be our sponsor. They said “YES,” and we were on our way.

Currently in Troop 207, we have a core group of young women who will be the leaders of tomorrow. Troop 207 is for young women 11 to 17 years of age. Venture Crew 254 is for young men and women ages 14 to 21. So far, we have gone to campouts, completed a class in weather, ice fished, participated in pistol shooting, and laughed a lot.

Our goal is straightforward: to support every Scout to become successful, and to be recognized for that success. If Scouting sounds like a good fit for your daughter or son, give me a call at 542-9786.



UNION HISTORICAL SOCIETY

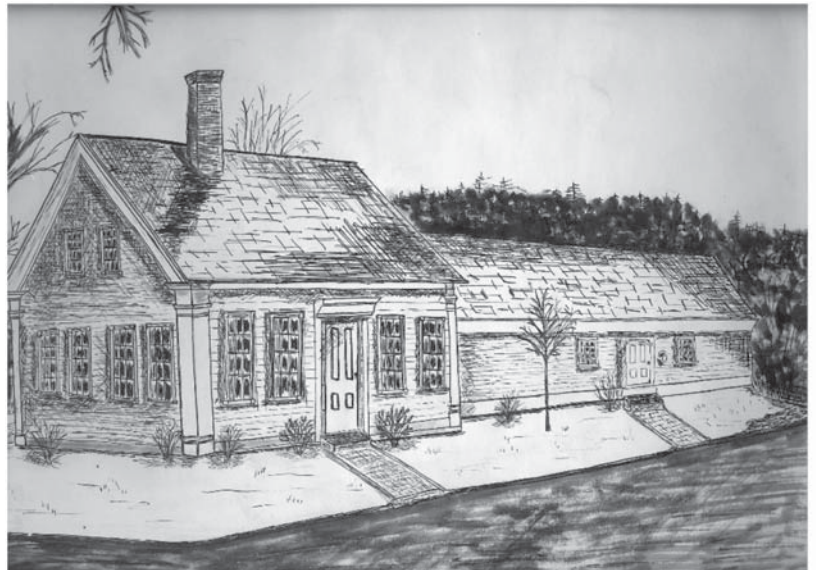
The Union Historical Society is now well into its 48th year, and as in past years we have an exceptional lineup of informative and entertaining programs for 2019. An example: our first program this year was sponsored and hosted by The Pour Farm nanobrewery and included presentations on early South Union commerce as well as the history of alcohol in Union. We have a lively and creative Board of Directors and some dedicated volunteers who have been uncovering and rediscovering more fascinating bits of Union lore. They hosted the First Annual Come Spring Tea Party in March, complete with period costumes and delicacies derived from a 100+-year-old collection of recipes written by a young Union girl. The Society plans to publish a cookbook containing many of these recipes from the 1800s.

Our Curator Marion Gray and her volunteer crew have gathered material for new exhibits in the Robbins House and rearranged the displays for better viewing. There are plans afoot for special efforts to help the Union Fair celebrate its 150th anniversary this summer – and don't forget the State of Maine Bicentennial coming up in 2020!

We are always looking for new ideas – and for new volunteers to assist with them. If you have suggestions for activities, programs, or would just like to lend a hand in some way call the number below or just drop by the Robbins House on any Wednesday or Saturday morning when you see the flag flying.

Our meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month, April through November, at 7 p.m. in the Old Town House. All programs are free and open to the public. Please join us. There is much to savor and to celebrate in Union's unique history.

The Historical Society's new website is still evolving. Please check it out at the address below and give us your comments and suggestions.



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UNION SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

Duane Rowell, President

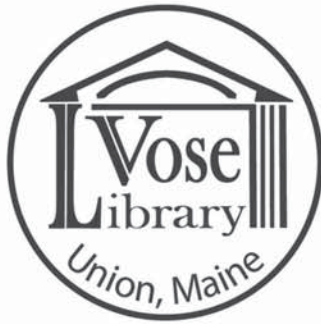
The Union Senior Citizens Club has enjoyed another good year. We have been a club for more than 39 years.

The club has met at the Union People's United Methodist Church vestry all these years. We appreciate having this central location and easy access for meetings. We also appreciate and thank the Town of Union for its contribution and support.

The club is a great source for the social life of our seniors. The programs for each meeting have been interesting, informative and very diverse. We enjoy great potluck dinners on the second Thursday of each month.

Our membership is down from past years. We therefore welcome new members from Union and surrounding towns as well.





Vose Library

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

News and updates from your library



Thank you Elizabeth Akin & Ashley Stinson for leading our storytime

2018 was another successful year at Vose Library. Our visitors increased almost 10% from 2017 and our circulation was up over 3%.

Our programs also continue to bring the community into your library: in our Armchair Adventures we vicariously bicycled through Uzbekistan and walked the mountains of California, while in the “perennial” favorite gardening classes we looked right in our own backyards with classes on pollinators and pruning.

Vose Library was honored to host local authors Kelly Payson-Roopchand (*Birth, Death, and a Tractor*) and Kate Silva (*The Collection*). Delicious volunteer-made soup was enjoyed at our 20th year of Soup & Suspense (with author Jen Blood of the *Flint K-9 Search & Rescue* series).

Our Just for Kids Human/Nature Science series kicked off with an inaugural Day Camp over winter break. This partnership with UMaine 4-H and Dirigo Learning is supported by the Knox County Fund and our hard-working Nature Trail Blazers. We offer a class and one workshop each month on a specific topic related to our Nature Trail.



Thank you Stash Sale volunteers for working until you dropped!

No year would be complete with our annual Student Art Shows, Trunk-or-Treat, or Summer Reading, complete with the return of Bikes for Books! Our storytime with the bunnies from Highcroft Farm was a highlight. We hope to see you in 2019 and beyond.

Your support led to the continuing success of Vose Library: whether you volunteer behind the desk once a week, pitch in at the plant sale, donate to our annual appeal, or just think warm thoughts about us: thank you.



And THANK YOU to our volunteers who attend our home-bound patrons, advertise our events, and accession our books—we LITERALLY could not do it without you!

Vose runs on Volunteers. A special thank you to everyone who has worked tirelessly on our Stash Sale, Plant Sale, programs, and even in the library! THANK YOU FROM SARAH, ANGIE, AND THE BOARD



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PAUL R. LePAGE
GOVERNOR

Dear Citizens of Maine:

For the past eight years as your Governor, my priority has been to make Maine prosperous. I am proud to say that my administration has had some success, but there is more that can be done.

Mainers experienced strong, record-setting economic growth in 2018, setting so many new records: a record-high number of employers; a record-high number of private-sector jobs; record-high revenues for the state; record-low unemployment; and the fastest net-earnings growth in New England. Our poverty rate declined to the lowest since 2005 with the fewest number of children in poverty in 17 years. Maine's future is the brightest it has been in decades: there's more new businesses, more money in your paycheck, and better opportunities for our children. And that's what it's all about: the future of our state.

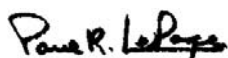
We have brought stability to state finances and implemented pro-business, pro-growth policies across state government. The incoming administration is taking on a state government that is vastly improved—both structurally and financially—from the one I inherited. Therefore, I have suggested to the new administration that now is the time to cut taxes by an additional 20 percent.

My administration lowered taxes by 20 percent for more than half-a-million Mainers. Cutting taxes for our families has proven to be an excellent policy decision. Despite this cut, we are seeing higher revenue in almost every tax category—sales and use tax, individual income tax, and corporate income tax. We must always remember that the revenue we receive in taxes is due to the hard work of Maine's people. Democrats stated they want to use surplus money to fully fund revenue sharing at 5 percent, rather than the 2 percent the towns have received for the past 6 years. **However, there is no guarantee your local government will cut your property taxes by one penny—never mind dollar-for-dollar—if revenue sharing is increased.**

The people of Maine and the municipal balance sheets would be better off if the state cut income taxes and allowed municipalities to collect property taxes or service fees from non-profits to supplement the local property taxes. Everyone should contribute to the operation of local community governments.

I encourage you to pay attention to what happens in your municipality and in Augusta. So many good people have worked much too hard to achieve our current prosperity. We must avoid letting politicians drive Maine's finances and its economy back into the ground. I promise you that I will be watching.

Sincerely,


Paul R. LePage
Governor





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Dear Friends:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Thank you,

Janet T. Mills
Governor



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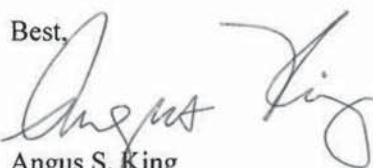
As I travel Maine, I hear from people who live in every corner of our state. I hear about their achievements, their successes, their work to improve their communities – I hear about the hope they have for our state. I also hear about our challenges, and all the work we have left to do. As I see it, that's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

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

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

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

Best,



Angus S. King
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Dear Friends,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins
United States Senator





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Dear Friends and Residents of Union,

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

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

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

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

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

I look forward to working with you this year!

Sincerely,

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

Dave Miramant
State Senator



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AGENCIES

Dear Friends,

I hope this message finds you well. I am honored to represent you and your family and am grateful for the chance to offer both an update from Congress and my thoughts on the year ahead.

In Maine, we care less about political parties than about getting the job done. That's why I'm happy to report several recent victories I had reaching across the aisle to address issues important to our state.

Signed into law after months of deadlock, the 2018 Farm Bill contained several provisions I introduced. We were able to boost local food investment and organic research programs that are important to the Maine farmers driving a resurgence in our agricultural economy. The bill also created a pilot program to help doctors write prescriptions and offer vouchers to patients who need to change their diet but can't afford fresh food. Finally, the legislation included several steps I introduced to reduce food waste, a national problem that is not only costly to the environment and economy, but a missed opportunity to help millions of Americans who don't have enough to eat.

At the end of 2018, the President signed into law legislative language I introduced to assist veterans who had been blindsided by debt with the Department of Veterans Affairs. After hearing from several veterans who did not receive mailings about their debt until it was too late to take action, I introduced a bill to require the VA to improve its notification system. The final legislation requires that veterans have the option of getting electronic notifications and that the VA report on the underlying issues.

And on the House Appropriations Committee, I worked to protect programs that our state relies on, such as small business grants, rural broadband investment, effective responses to the opioid epidemic, shipbuilding at Bath Iron Works, and more.

As a new Congress gets underway, I will keep working with Republicans to make progress on key issues like these. But with Democrats now in the majority, I look forward to having an open debate on problems that have been ignored for too long. This includes the gun violence plaguing our nation, the dangers climate change presents to our country, crushing student loan debt, the influence of big money in politics, and the need for all Americans to access affordable health care and prescriptions.

In Washington and Maine, my offices stand ready to answer your questions, listen to feedback, and assist with federal issues and agencies. My hard-working staff helps many hundreds of constituents every year and I welcome the chance to serve you.

Best wishes,

Chellie Pingree
Member of Congress





State Representative's Report to the Town of Union

A message from State Representative Jeffrey Evangelos

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

It is an honor and pleasure to represent you in the 129th Maine Legislature. I wanted to take this opportunity to inform you about our efforts to improve your lives.

First, I am hopeful that access to affordable health care and a better tax structure will be forthcoming. I have submitted legislation to expand health care in Maine. I have also submitted proposals to restore municipal revenue sharing and increase state support for our local schools, both of which will serve to lower your property taxes. I'm hopeful that the tax giveaways for the rich at the expense of my elderly homeowners and others on fixed incomes are over. Property tax relief is a major objective of the 129th Maine Legislature.

Another bill I have sponsored will be of special interest to my constituents in Union. It is a major bill to protect the working waterfront in Maine's coastal communities, entitled "An Act To Make It Explicit That Maine Holds Title to Its Intertidal Lands". This bill will serve to protect the fishing and marine resource community from Kittery to Eastport by asserting that the public owns the lands between the high tide mark and the low tide mark, assuring our clambers, worm harvesters, lobster fleet, beach goers, and others that they have an absolute right to access this zone to make their living and enjoy our coast. It will also compel the Maine Attorney General's Office to defend your rights in court when wealthy landowners use the courts to block your access and damage the future of our working waterfront.



Another bill I have co-sponsored is sure to interest the Town of Union and its residents. It is a bill to promote and support the use of solar energy and includes a provision to eliminate gross metering and adopt a net metering approach, meaning that those who use solar will be getting paid for producing excess electricity to the grid. As some of you are aware, solar legislation was defeated in the last session in a very close vote. You have my assurances I will support all solar energy legislation that benefits our residents.

It has been my priority in Augusta to serve my communities and involve my constituents and students in the governmental affairs in Augusta. As I have in the past, I will be working with RSU 40's schools to promote civics and government. I will also be, once again, hosting students from RSU 40 and the Coastal Christian School to serve as pages on the floor of the House of Representatives.

Sincerely,
Jeffrey Evangelos
State Representative

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MINUTES

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

Stacey M. Y. Parra, Town Clerk of Union, called the Municipal Election and Annual Town Meeting to order on Tuesday, June 12, 2018. 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.

Ronald Hawes appointed Richard Niles as Deputy Moderator. 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)	
Shepard, John	563*
Selectmen/Assessor/Overseer of the Poor (two-year term)	
Drickey, Sarah J.	508*
Director of School Administrative District #40 (three-year term)	
Speno, Matthew	500*

Board of Selectmen Chair Greg Grotton recognized Raymond Dinsmore with the Union Senior Citizen Veteran award and presented him with a saber.

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Board of Selectmen Vice-Chair Lyle Cramer recognized Mildred O’Jala with the Boston Post Cane award and presented her with a cane.

Moderator Ronald Hawes opened the Annual Town Meeting at 7:17 p.m. and read the results of the Municipal and School Election.

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

VOTES

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

A motion and second were made for Joel Wentworth. 6*

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

A motion and second were made for Howard Butler. Howard Butler declined.

A motion and second were made for Erik Amundsen. 6*

A motion and second were made for Doris Vertz. 6*

A motion and second were made for Karen Poulin. Karen Poulin declined.

A motion and second were made for Michael Drickey. 6*

A motion and second were made for John Gibbons. 6*

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

A motion and second were made for Wayne Kirkpatrick. 6*

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

A motion and second were made for Paul Gaudreau. 6*

*elected to office

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.

A motion and second were made. Motion carries.



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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**

A motion and second were made. Motion carries.

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**

A motion and second were made. Motion carries.

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**

Town Meeting Amendment by Town Manager:
 \$25,000

A motion and second were made for the amended amount of \$25,000. Motion fails.

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

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:

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

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

A motion and second were made. Motion carries.

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



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	2018 AGENCY REQUEST	2019 AGENCY REQUEST
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
TOTAL	\$5,382.00	\$3,992.00

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

9-0

A motion and second were made. Motion carries.

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

A motion and second were made. Motion carries.

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.

A motion and second were made. Motion carries.

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

A motion and second were made. Motion carries.

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

A motion and second were made. Motion carries.



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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.

A motion and second were made. Motion carries.

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.

A motion and second were made. Motion carries.

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.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS	7%	5-0
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS	7%	9-0

A motion and second were made. Motion carries.

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.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS	3%	5-0
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS	3%	9-0

A motion and second were made for 3% per annum. Motion carries.

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



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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 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.

A motion and second were made. Motion carries.

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.

A motion and second were made. Motion carries.

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.

A motion and second were made. Motion carries.

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.

A motion and second were made. Motion carries.

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.



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A motion and second were made. Motion carries.

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	<u>\$ 4,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$23,031.50*

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

Town Meeting Amendment:

A. Animal Control	\$ 5,031.50
B. I. C. Thurston Fund	\$76,810.00
C. Ambulance Income	<u>\$ 6,400.00</u>
TOTAL	\$88,241.50

A motion and second were made as amended. Motion carries.

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:

	2018 <u>APPROP.</u>	2019 <u>APPROP.</u>
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



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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
TOTAL TO BE RAISED AND APPROP.	\$758,833.00	\$856,231.00

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

A motion and second were made (set aside A., E., F., L., and R.). Motion carries.

A motion and second were made for A. Administration in the amount of \$89,300. Motion carries.

A motion and second were made for E. Office Personnel in the amount of \$205,971.

A motion and second to end debate. Motion carries

Motion carries.

A motion and second were made for F. Insurances in the amount of \$208,247. Motion carries.

A motion and second were made for L. Fire Department in the amount of \$68,843. Motion carries.

A motion and second were made for R. Town Retirement Match in the amount of \$20,000. Motion carries.

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:

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

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

A motion and second were made. Motion carries.

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:

PAVING/ROAD CONSTRUCTION	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
Appropriated From Urban Rural Initiative Program	\$ 52,000.00	\$ 52,000.00



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Raised and Appropriated	<u>\$348,000.00</u>	<u>\$348,000.00</u>
TOTAL BUDGET	\$400,000.00	\$400,000.00

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

A motion and second were made. Motion carries.

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:

AMBULANCE	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
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	<u>\$ 14,956.00</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>
TOTAL BUDGET	\$235,000.00	\$266,400.00

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

A motion and second were made. Motion carries.

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:

	<u>RAISE & APPROP.</u>	<u>ANTICIP. REV.</u>
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	<u>\$ 5,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>
TOTAL	\$124,500.00	\$26,000.00

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

A motion and second were made.



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A motion and second were made to leave out “and to expend as needed for the fiscal year 2018-2019 or act thereon.” Motion fails.

Motion carries.

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.

A motion and second were made. Motion carries.

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:

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

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS

5-0

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS

9-0

A motion and second were made. Motion carries.

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	<u>\$ 1,700.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,700.00</u>
TOTAL BUDGET	\$10,000.00	\$12,000.00

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS

5-0

BUDGET COMMITTEE DID NOT REVIEW

A motion and second were made. Motion carries.

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:



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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	<u>\$2,100.00</u>	<u>\$2,100.00</u>
TOTAL BUDGET	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00

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

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 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	<u>\$ 1,900.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,900.00</u>
TOTAL BUDGET	\$38,850.00	\$43,850.00

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

A motion and second were made. Motion carries.

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 **5-0**
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS **9-0**

A motion and second were made. Motion carries.

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.

A motion and second were made. Motion carries.

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 Doughy Memorial Scholarship	\$ 700.00



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D. Raymond Thurston & Belle Thurston	
Kinniston Fund	\$ 200.00
TOTAL	\$46,225.00

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS	5-0
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS	9-0
SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS	
PULLEN COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS	7-0

A motion and second were made. Motion carries.

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
	\$282,678.00

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS	5-0
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS	8-0-1
PULLEN COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS	7-0

After discussion to set aside certain articles Moderator Ronald Hawes decided to hear each individually.

A. Scholarships	\$ 19,000.00
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A motion and second were made. Motion carries.

B. Town of Union	\$ 14,678.00
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A motion and second were made. Motion carries.

C. Vose Library	\$ 2,000.00
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A motion and second were made. Motion carries.

D. Town of Union	\$222,000.00
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A motion and second were made.

A motion and second were made to move the question. Motion fails.



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A motion and second were made to move the question. Motion carries.

Motion fails.

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

E. Union School \$ 25,000.00

A motion and second were made. Motion carries.

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.

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

A motion and second were made. Motion carries.

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)	<u>\$ 34,400.00</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$180,400.00</u>	<u>\$148,000.00</u>

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

A motion and second were made. Motion carries.

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.*

Town Meeting Amendment by Town Manager:

A. Retirement Plan \$17,000.00



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A motion and second were made for the amended amount of \$17,000. Motion carries.

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.

A motion and second were made to indefinitely postpone as article is not needed. Motion carries.

A motion and second were made to adjourn the Annual Town Meeting at 9:37 p.m.

GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS THIS 1ST DAY OF MAY, 2018

s/Greg Grotton, Chairman
s/John Shepard, Selectman
s/Lyle Cramer, Selectman
s/Sarah Drickey, 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 4th day of June, A.D. 2018, the same being at least seven days prior to the within named meeting.

Attest: s/Richard Niles, Resident



MINUTES

**TOWN OF UNION
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
WARRANT
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2018
WILLIAM PULLEN MUNICIPAL BUILDING
8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

Stacey M.Y. Parra, Town Clerk of Union, called the Special Town Meeting to order on Tuesday, November 6, 2018. The Meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.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.

Ronald Hawes appointed Richard Niles as Deputy Moderator. The Town Clerk duly swore him into office.

The Polls were declared open and voting on Article 2 by secret ballot began.

ARTICLE 2. Shall this municipality authorize the State to permit the operation of agency liquor stores on days other than Sunday?

Article 2. passed by a secret ballot vote of 757 Yes 465 No.

GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS THIS 2nd DAY OF OCTOBER, A.D. 2018

s/Greg Grotton, Chairman
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



November 6, 2018 Town of Union Special Town Meeting Warrant Minutes**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 25th day of October, A.D. 2018, the same being at least seven days prior to the within named meeting.

Attest: s/Richard Niles, Resident



**2019
TOWN OF UNION
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
WARRANT**

MUNICIPAL ELECTION
June 11, 2019 - TUESDAY
8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
William Pullen Municipal Building

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
June 17, 2019 - 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 Eleventh day of June, A.D. 2019 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 Seventeenth day of June, A.D. 2019 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.

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

One Trustee of the Cemetery Trust Fund (three-year term)
Term of Keith Hilt

Five Members of the Budget Committee (three-year term)
Terms of Bruce Cobb, Lawrence Nash, Paul Gaudreau and Terry Brackett

One Trustee of the William Pullen Fund (four-year term)
Term of Judith Brogden

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town of Union 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.



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ARTICLE 5. Shall amendments to Article 1 of the Land Use Ordinance regarding Cluster Development be enacted or act thereon.

A copy of changes is attached and available for review at the town office.

ARTICLE 6. Shall amendments to the Subdivision Ordinance regarding Cluster Development, Street Classifications, Street Design Standards and Storm Drainage Construction Standards be enacted or act thereon.

A copy of changes is attached and available for review at the town office.

ARTICLE 7. Shall changes to the Shoreland Zoning Map be enacted or act thereon.

A copy of changes is attached and available for review at the town office.

ARTICLE 8. Shall the ordinance titled “Town of Union Canine Control Ordinance” be enacted or act thereon.

A copy of changes is attached and available for review at the town office.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$31,000 for the purchase of an informational sign at the Town Office or act thereon.

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

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ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town of Union will vote to have the Union Ambulance Department and the Union Fire Department combined into one department titled Union Fire & Rescue.

Approved by Union Fire and Union Rescue.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will accept a parcel of land between Route 131 and Sennebec Pond (part of Map 12 Lot 34) or act thereon.

ARTICLE 12. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for fiscal year 2019-2020 for the following or act thereon:

	2019	2020
	<u>REQUEST</u>	<u>REQUEST</u>
A. Union Senior Citizens	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
B. Come Spring Food Pantry	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,000.00
C. Vose Library	<u>\$22,000.00</u>	<u>\$25,000.00</u>
	\$23,700.00	\$26,500.00

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS**

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ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for fiscal year 2019-2020 for the following or act thereon:

	2019 AGENCY REQUEST	2020 AGENCY REQUEST
A. New Hope for Women	\$ 995.00	\$1,045.00
B. Midcoast Community Action	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
C. Spectrum Generations	\$1,676.00	\$1,600.00
D. Penquis	\$ 961.00	\$ 805.00
E. Broadreach	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00
F. AIO*	\$ 0.00	\$3,500.00
TOTAL	\$5,382.00	\$8,700.00

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS	\$5,200	5-0
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS	\$5,200	10-0

**AIO requested the amount of \$3,500 which was not recommended by the Board of Selectmen or Budget Committee.*

ARTICLE 14. 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: (2019-\$5,000)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS	5-0
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS	10-0

**This is a non-binding vote as the I. C. Thurston Fund is under the exclusive authority of the Board of Selectmen according to the will.*

ARTICLE 15. 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 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$70,927 to fund the contract for dispatching services with the Knox Regional Communications Center or act thereon.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS	5-0
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS	9-0-1

ARTICLE 17. 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 2019-2020.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS	5-0
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BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS

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ARTICLE 18. 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, except that the Board of Selectmen shall use the special sale process required by 36 MRSA 943-C for qualifying homestead property if sold to anyone other than the former owner(s).

ARTICLE 19. 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 20. To see if the Town, in accordance with 36 MRSA Section 505 (4), will vote that property taxes shall be delinquent if not paid by November 15, 2019 and May 15, 2020, and that interest at the rate of 9% per annum shall be charged on all delinquent property taxes, or act thereon. If the due date(s) fall on a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday, then the due date(s) 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, 2019 and May 15, 2020, and interest due dates of November 18, 2019 and May 18, 2020 and interest at the rate of 9% per annum. Taxpayers' names will appear in the Town Report if taxes are not paid by the close of business on May 15, 2020.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS

9% 5-0

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS

9% 10-0

ARTICLE 21. 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 3% per annum).

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

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS

3% 5-0

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS

3% 10-0

ARTICLE 22. 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 2019-2020, 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.



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- ARTICLE 23.** To see if the Town will vote to approve a Community Development 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 24.** To see if the Town 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, 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 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) – ½ to each club – for the purposes 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.
- ARTICLE 26.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to assess the Town of Washington the sum of \$37,963, and the Town of Appleton the sum of \$33,400 for ambulance services for the fiscal year 2019-2020 or act thereon.
- ARTICLE 27.** 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 28.** To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to carry over and expend into the fiscal year 2019-2020 the unexpended balances plus any additional interest and income, minus any expenses accrued thereon, of the following accounts or act thereon:

A. Animal Control	\$ 4,500.00
B. Ambulance Income	<u>\$ 2,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 6,500.00*

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



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ARTICLE 29. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the fiscal year 2019-2020 budget for the following purposes or act thereon:

	<u>2019</u> <u>APPROP.</u>	<u>2020</u> <u>APPROP.</u>
A. Administration	\$ 89,300.00	\$ 93,550.00
B. Pullen Bldg. Maintenance	\$ 47,000.00	\$ 47,200.00
C. Assessors	\$ 32,800.00	\$ 33,650.00
D. Stipends	\$ 8,050.00	\$ 8,050.00
E. Office Personnel	\$207,787.00	\$216,428.00
F. Insurances	\$208,247.00	\$209,000.00
G. Town Mowing	\$ 8,450.00	\$ 8,450.00
H. Hydrant Rental	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 14,000.00
I. TCSWMO	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00
J. Septic Waste Contract	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 2,300.00
K. Planning Dept./Codes	\$ 47,150.00	\$ 48,226.00
L. Fire Department	\$ 68,843.00	\$ 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	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,400.00
R. Town Retirement Match*	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 28,000.00
S. Emergency Management	\$ 7,350.00	\$ 7,350.00
T. Social Security	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 42,000.00
U. TAN Interest	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
TOTAL TO BE RAISED AND APPROP.	\$875,727.00	\$901,497.00

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS

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**The Town Retirement Match increase from \$20,000 to \$28,000 was not voted on by the Budget Committee.*

ARTICLE 30. 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 2019-2020 or act thereon:

PUBLIC WORKS	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Excise Tax	\$400,000.00	\$471,000.00
From Raise and Appropriation	<u>\$135,380.00</u>	<u>\$ 46,050.00</u>
TOTAL BUDGET	\$535,380.00	\$517,050.00

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS

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10-0



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ARTICLE 31. 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 2019-2020 or act thereon:

PAVING/ROAD CONSTRUCTION	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Appropriated from Local Road Assistance Program	\$ 52,000.00	\$ 52,800.00
Raised and Appropriated	<u>\$348,000.00</u>	<u>\$347,200.00</u>
TOTAL BUDGET	\$400,000.00	\$400,000.00

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS

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10-0

ARTICLE 32. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from the sources listed below for Ambulance Operations for the fiscal year 2019-2020 or act thereon:

AMBULANCE	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Raised and Appropriated for Union's Assessment	\$ 40,026.00	\$ 56,040.00
Appropriated from Washington Assessment	\$ 27,116.18	\$ 37,963.00
Appropriated from Appleton Assessment	\$ 23,857.47	\$ 33,400.00
Appropriated from Ambulance Revenue	\$175,400.00	\$175,400.00
From Carryover	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	<u>\$ 4,000.00</u>
TOTAL BUDGET	\$266,399.65	\$306,803.00

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS

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10-0

ARTICLE 33. 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 2019-2020 or act thereon:

	<u>RAISE & APPROP.</u>	<u>ANTICIP. REV.</u>
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
H. LED Streetlights	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 0
I. Sidewalks	<u>\$ 50,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>
TOTAL	\$197,500.00	\$26,000.00



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BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS **5-0**
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS **10-0**

ARTICLE 34. 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 35. 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 2019-2020 or act thereon:

ANIMAL CONTROL	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Raised and Appropriated	\$ 8,318.50	\$ 5,623.00
From Carryover	\$ 5,031.50	\$ 5,487.00
From Fees	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 2,240.00</u>
TOTAL BUDGET	\$13,350.00	\$13,350.00

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS **5-0**
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS **10-0**

ARTICLE 36. 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 2019-2020 or act thereon:

PARKS & RECREATION	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Raised and Appropriated	\$ 8,000.00	\$11,760.00
Appropriated from Jos. Pullen Invest.	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 2,300.00
Appropriated from Rec. Reserve Account	<u>\$ 1,700.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,700.00</u>
TOTAL BUDGET	\$12,000.00	\$15,760.00

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS **5-0**
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS **10-0**

ARTICLE 37. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from the sources listed below for General Assistance for the fiscal year 2019-2020 or act thereon:

GENERAL ASSISTANCE	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Appropriated from State of Maine Reimbursement	\$4,900.00	\$4,900.00
Appropriated from the I. C. Thurston Fund*	<u>\$2,100.00</u>	<u>\$2,100.00</u>
TOTAL BUDGET	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS **5-0**
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS **10-0**



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**This is a non-binding vote as the I. C. Thurston Fund is under the exclusive authority of the Board of Selectmen according to the will.*

ARTICLE 38. 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 2019-2020 or act thereon:

CEMETERIES	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Raised and Appropriated	\$41,950.00	\$41,950.00
Appropriated from Perpetual Care	<u>\$ 1,900.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,900.00</u>
TOTAL BUDGET	\$43,850.00	\$43,850.00

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS 5-0
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 10-0

ARTICLE 39. 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 2019-2020 to be used for preparation of material for public awareness and/or the Town of Union website or act thereon.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS 5-0
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 10-0

ARTICLE 40. 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 \$8,000 per item after appraisal for fiscal year 2019-2020 or act thereon.

ARTICLE 41. 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 2019-2020 or act thereon:

A. Robert H. & Eleanor S. Heald Fund	\$28,390.00
B. William L. Pullen Fund*	\$16,570.00
C. Raymond Thurston & Belle Thurston	
Kinniston Fund	<u>\$ 200.00</u>
TOTAL	\$45,160.00

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS 5-0
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 10-0
SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS
PULLEN COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 7-0

**This is a non-binding vote as the William L. Pullen Fund is under the exclusive authority of the Board of Selectmen and Pullen Trustees according to the will.*



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ARTICLE 42. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the William Pullen Trust* the following sums or act thereon:

A. Scholarships	\$ 16,570.00
B. Town of Union	\$ 10,000.00
C. Thompson Community Center	\$ 1,000.00
D. Vose Library	\$ 2,881.00
C. Union School	<u>\$ 12,500.00</u>
	\$ 42,951.00

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS	5-0
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS	10-0
PULLEN COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS	6-0-1

**This is a non-binding vote as the William Pullen Trust is under the exclusive authority of the Board of Selectmen and Pullen Trustees according to the will.*

ARTICLE 43. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Fund Balance up to \$100,000 to reduce the tax commitment for 2019-2020 or act thereon.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS	5-0
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS	10-0

ARTICLE 44. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the following General Fund revenue sources to be used toward the 2019-2020 budget appropriations of the Town of Union, thereby decreasing the amount required to be raised by property taxes or act thereon.

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
A. State Revenue Sharing	\$ 98,000.00	\$110,000.00
B. Other Revenue fees and interest	<u>\$ 50,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 50,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$148,000.00	\$160,000.00

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS	5-0
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS	10-0

ARTICLE 45. To see what sum the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to appropriate from undesignated funds to cover fiscal year 2019-2020 overdrafts or act thereon.

A. Public Works	\$47,600.00*
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**This figure is an estimate at the time of printing; an updated figure will be available at Town Meeting.*



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ARTICLE 46. 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 7th DAY OF MAY, A.D. 2019

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. 2019, the same being at least seven days prior to the within named meeting.

Attest: _____
Richard Niles, Resident

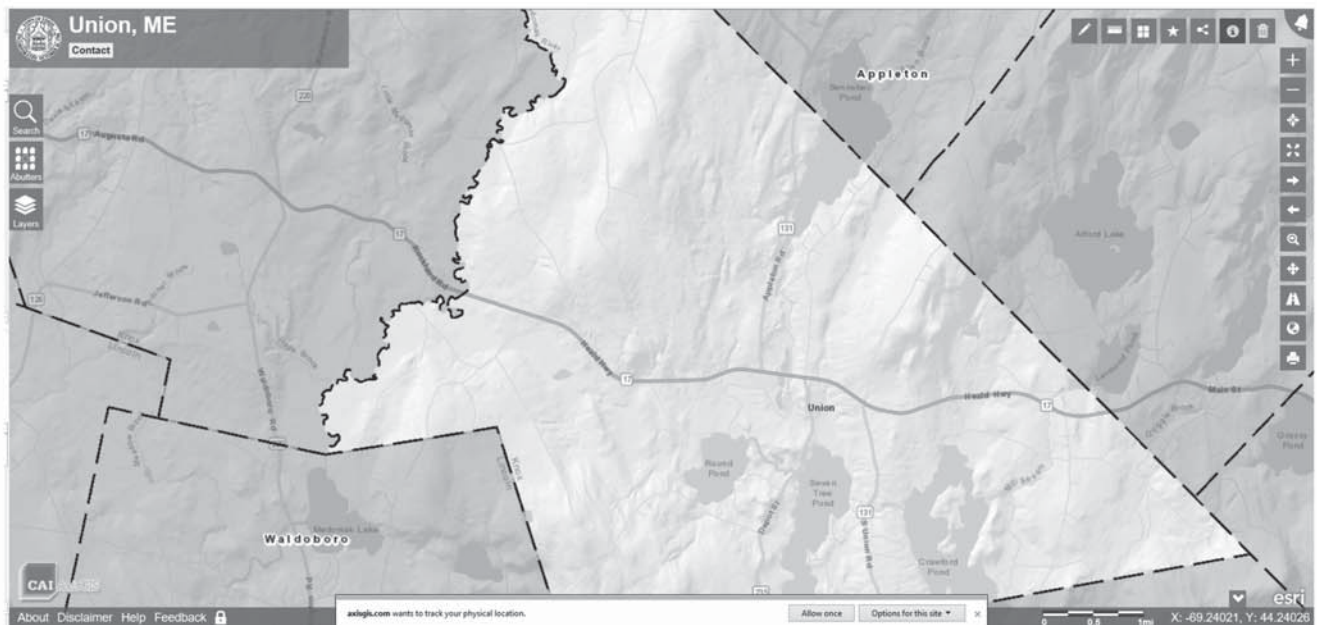


UNION PROFILE

Population per 2010 Census	2,259
Registered Voters as of April 8, 2019	1,753
Area in Acres	22,054.54
Area in Square Miles	34.49
Miles of Town Roads	43.79
Miles of State Aid Roads	11.65
Miles of State Highway	6.95
Property Valuation Base as of April 1, 2018	228,901,500
Number of Land Parcels as of April 1, 2018	1638
Number of Homestead Exemptions as of April 1, 2018	665
Number of Acres Classified under Tree Growth Tax Law	1149.41
Number of Acres Classified under Farmland Tax Law	3319.95
Number of Acres Classified under Open Space Tax Law	631.30
2019 tax rate per \$1000 of Valuation (mill rate)	17.80
Certified Assessment Ratio	100%

We now have Online Assessing Data!

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- Vital Records
- Hunting and Fishing Licenses
- ATV, Snowmobile and Boat Registrations



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E-Mail Sign-Up

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Calendar

May 2019						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29 Parks and Recreation Committee - William Pullen Building Meeting Room	30 Town of Union Informational Meeting	1	2	3	4
5	6 Aging in Place in Union Committee	7 Town Office Open until 6:00 p.m.	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 Selectmen's Meeting - William Pullen Building Meeting Room	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 Town Office Open until 6:00 p.m.	22	23	24	25



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Emergency/Non-Emergency Numbers

Fire & Ambulance Calls		911
Knox County Sheriff's Office	www.knoxso.com	594-0429
Maine State Police	www.maine.gov/dps/msp	1-800-452-4664
Pen Bay Medical Center	www.penbayhealthcare.org	921-8000
Poison Control Center	www.nnepc.org	1-800-222-1222

School Numbers

Medomak Middle School	www.msad40.org/schools/mms	832-5028
Medomak Valley High School	www.msad40.org/schools/mvhs	832-5389
Superintendent's Office	www.msad40.org	785-2277
Union Elementary School	www.msad40.org/schools/union	785-4330

Other Numbers

Thompson Community Center		975-0352
Tri-County Solid Waste (Transfer Station)	www.tcswm.com	785-2261
Union Fair Office	www.unionfair.org	785-3281
Union Post Office	www.usps.com	785-3734
Vose Library	www.voselibrary.org	785-4733

