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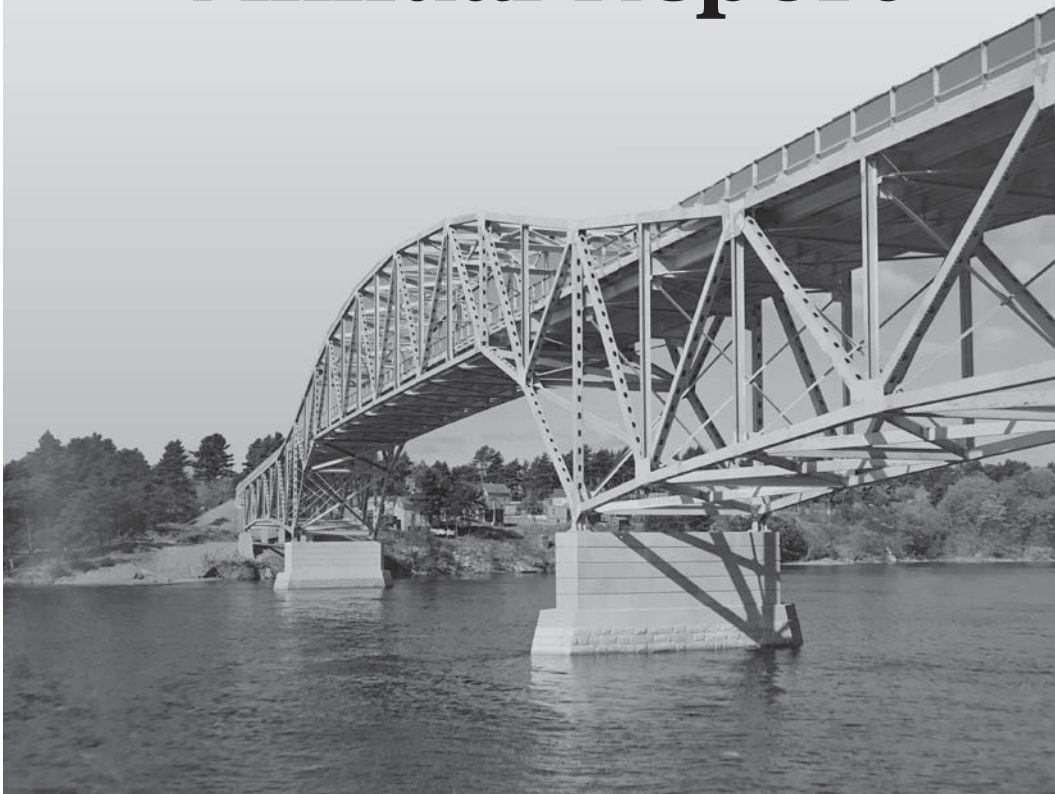
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# **ARROWSIC MAINE**

**2016  
Annual Report**

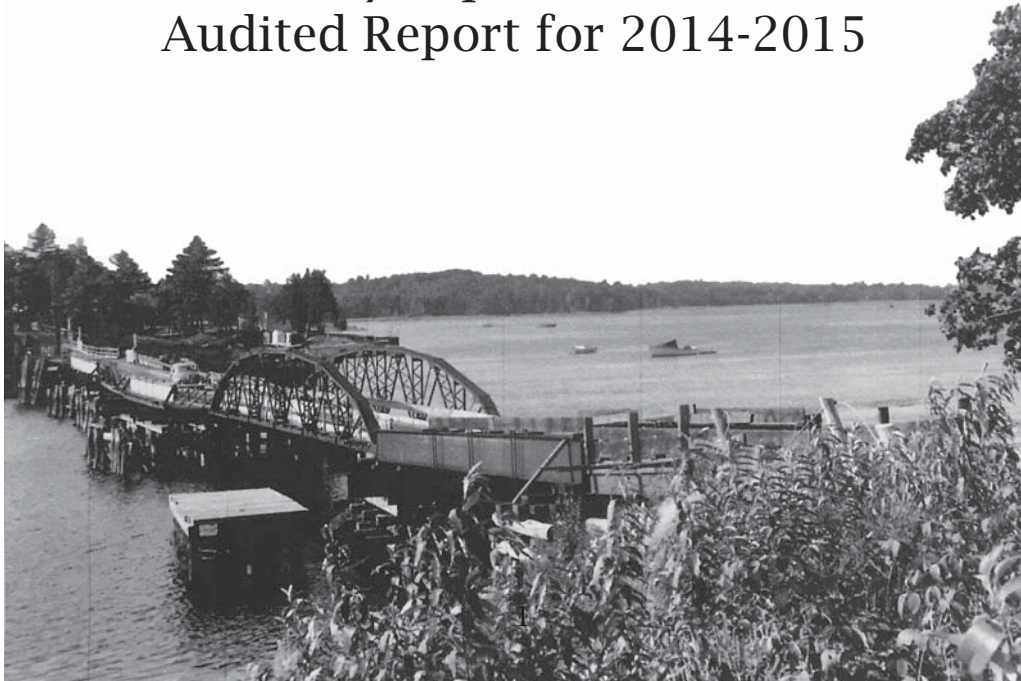


**2015-16 Preliminary Report  
of the Municipal Officers of the**

**Town of  
Arrowsic  
Maine**

incorporated 1841

Warrant for 2016-2017  
Preliminary Report for 2015-2016  
Audited Report for 2014-2015



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## Photographs from 1950

Cover - newly constructed Max L. Wilder Memorial Bridge  
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Wednesdays, 3:00-5:30 p.m.  
Fridays, 8:30-11:00 a.m.

## **Committee Meeting Dates and Times**

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<b>Committee</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>
Board of Selectmen	2nd and 4th Monday	6 pm
Conservation Commission	3rd Tuesday	5 pm
Education Committee	1st Wednesday	6 pm
Planning Board	1st Monday	7 pm
Recycling/Solid Waste	3rd Monday	6 pm
Road Commission	1st Tuesday	7 pm
Shellfish Conservation Committee	Quarterly	
Zoning Board of Appeals	As needed	
Regional School Unit 1 Board	3rd Monday	6 pm

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# elected officials

## **Selectmen, Assessors & Overseers of the Poor, Surveyors of Wood, Lumber, and Bark, Fence Viewers**

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William Savedoff ('18) 443-2331 bill.savedoff@arrowsic.org

### **Treasurer**

Mary McDonald

### **Tax Collector**

Elizabeth Rollins

### **Town Clerk and Registrar**

Gretchen MacLeod  
clerk@arrowsic.org

### **Regional School Unit 1 Representatives**

Stephen August  
Lou Ensel  
Megan Fuller  
Tim Harkins, chair  
William Perkins  
Jennifer Ritch-Smith  
Alan Walton

# appointed officials

## **Code Enforcement Officer**

Michael Kreindler  
442-7443

## **State Fire Warden**

Dale Carlton  
442-8343

## **Town Constable**

Chris Cummings  
443-4609

## **Registrar of Voters**

Amy Smith  
443-4609

## **Health Officer**

Kathleen Mary  
443-4609

## **Director of Local Emergency Management Agency**

Brian Carlton  
443-4609

## **Fire Department**

Chris Cummings, chief  
443-4609

Dale Carlton, deputy fire chief  
Mike Kreindler, captain

## **Planning Board**

Will Neilson, chair  
442-8163

Chris Brett

Roger Heard

Geoffrey Cartmell

Jennifer Geiger

Donald Kornrumpf (alt.)

Matt Caras (alt.)

## **Board of Appeals**

Mark Geiger, chair  
443-1072

Wendy Briggs

Lois Hewlett

Bob Kalish

Barbara Boyce

## **Recycling/Solid Waste Committee**

Paul Schlein,  
pschlein@gmail.com

John Hinds

Roz MacLean

Jon Biehler

Rosalie Arienti

Katie Smith

## **Animal Control Officer**

Jeremy Blaiklock  
443-4630 (home)  
232-0055 (cell)

# appointed officials

## **Election Clerks**

Mary Louise Blanchard,  
Election Warden  
Paul Burgess  
Lois Hewlett  
Robert Kalish  
Marnie Kalkstein  
Lois Welsh  
Sandy Maggied

## **Road Commission**

James Stump, chair  
442-7527  
Brian Elwell  
John Wood  
Richard Elwell  
Jeff Galuza

## **Scholarship Fund Advisory Committee**

Jeremy Blaiklock, chair  
443-4630  
Maria Grill  
Roger Heard  
Kathryn Beveridge  
Lisa Holley  
Eileen Harkins

## **Webmaster**

Paul Kalkstein  
news@arrowsic.org

## **Education Committee**

Camille Kauffunger  
Erin Hart  
Anita Lichman  
Dena Bachman  
Jerry Pieh (alt.)  
Matt Bachman (alt.)

## **Shellfish Conservation Committee**

William Blaiklock,  
acting chair - 443-3725  
Gretchen MacLeod  
Lisa Margonelli  
Phil Packard  
Paul Burgess

## **Conservation Commission**

Josephine Ewing, chair  
443-9795  
Noreen Blaiklock  
Clarke Cooper  
Mildred Stafford  
Ralph Pope  
Karen Robbins  
Paul Schlein

## **Shellfish Warden**

Jon Hentz  
371-2732

## **Town Historian**

Mildred Stafford  
443-5832



# county, state, and federal officials

## **Representative to the Legislature**

Jeffrey Pierce

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January 2016

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

It is an honor to serve you as your State Representative for House District 53. After a challenging first session in 2015, I look forward to starting the second session well rested and energized.

As many of you know, I serve on the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources. This session should be very busy with multiple bills that deal with lobster licenses and changes to clamming regulations. The committee itself doesn't have too many bills, but I have a feeling that these two issues will take up most of our time in committee. If you have any questions regarding these issues, please do not hesitate to reach out to me with your questions.

Last summer I spoke with many of you about welfare reform and how it was a priority and you made it crystal clear to me that you share this priority as well. With many failed attempts last session to address these important reforms, I want to ensure you that I am still fighting for these common sense welfare reforms.

Once again, thank you for the opportunity to represent you, the people of District 53. Please call me anytime at 737-9051 or email at [Jeffrey.Pierce@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:Jeffrey.Pierce@legislature.maine.gov) to keep me updated on those concerns. If you would like to be added to my email update list, you can do so by emailing me directly with your request.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Pierce  
State Representative



*Senator Linda L. Baker*  
Chair, Marine Resources  
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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Thank you for the opportunity to represent you in the Maine Senate. I am honored that you have put your trust in me and I will continue to work tirelessly for the betterment of our communities and the state.

Despite what you may have read in the papers, we accomplished a great deal during the first session of the 127<sup>th</sup> Legislature. We passed a biennial budget that gave Maine families a tax cut, eliminated the income tax on military pensions, and restructured portions of our welfare system to ensure more money is available to those that are truly in need. To that end, we increased funding for nursing homes and put additional dollars into programs to reduce or eliminate the waiting list for individuals with disabilities who require services.

As Senate Chair of the Marine Resources Committee, I was proud to represent our fishing interests in the Legislature. With the marine industry being such an integral part of our region, I was pleased to chair my first choice committee. I have enjoyed working on behalf of the men and women who work so hard to promote and preserve this vital industry. I attended a number of meetings dealing with current marine issues across the state and I am pleased that so many citizens are taking an active role in the preservation and betterment of our coastal livelihood.

One of my priorities as your Senator has been supporting our small businesses within the district. We know that these businesses are the backbone of our communities; providing jobs and the tax dollars to keep this state moving forward. I have visited numerous local small businesses and have encouraged people to continue to shop locally.

The best way to know all sides of an issue is to reach out to everyone in my communities for their input so I have held constituent meetings in most of my towns and plan to continue that practice during the next session. As always, you can contact me by email at [linda.baker@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:linda.baker@legislature.maine.gov), 729-8381 or during session at 287-1505 if you have questions, comments, or if you need assistance navigating our state's bureaucracy. To keep up with Senate news, please visit my Senate Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/BakerForMaine](http://www.facebook.com/BakerForMaine).

With Warm Regards,

Linda Baker  
State Senator, District 23

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**COUNTY OF SAGADAHOC**  
**COMMISSIONER CAROL A. GROSE**  
District 3 – Arrowsic, Georgetown, Phippsburg, Richmond, West Bath & Woolwich

Citizens of Arrowsic,

It is my honor to continue to serve the citizens of Arrowsic as a Sagadahoc County Commissioner. After completing seven years on the Board, I remain totally committed to insuring that the services provided by the County are delivered in the most cost effective and professional way possible.

As we move forward in this tenuous economic climate, which for us is accentuated by issues related to the funding of Two Bridges Regional Jail, the Commissioners remain acutely aware of the impact the County tax assessment has on Sagadahoc municipalities and remain committed to minimizing increases as we enter into the FY 2016-17 budget process. While our reserves cannot subsidize all of the unavoidable increases in operating and capital costs, we continue to seek other savings to reduce the impact on our citizens. The overall budgetary increase for FY 2015-16 was 0.7%.

During 2015, the County's many activities and accomplishments included the following: The County converted to a protected self-funded health insurance plan which has the potential to control the soaring costs associated with this benefit in the future. Administration restructured its staffing to include the services of a part-time human resources specialist at no additional cost, and reviewed and revised various financial policies in an effort to institute strong checks, balances and financial accountability. Probate Court was busy processing petitions for guardianship, conservatorship, change of name, adoption, and estates. They also processed passport applications and continued to back-scan records into an electronic database. Deeds continued its efforts to make all documents available for viewing at [sagadahocdeedsme.com](http://sagadahocdeedsme.com) by contracting with a company that specializes in this work to complete a substantial portion of this project. They also stayed busy handling increased recordings due to the improved

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housing market. The Emergency Management Agency continued to assist with the planning and implementation of regional training, working with local EMA Directors and community officials to meet federal emergency preparedness requirements, and working closely with area emergency responders and public health agencies, including the Sagadahoc County Board of Health. The Communications Center filled all departmental vacancies during the past year and also made significant equipment upgrades. Director Brodie Hinckley was named as the State's "Communications Director of the Year". The District Attorney's Office handled a high volume of court cases and added a second full-time ADA to its Sagadahoc staff. It also implemented a new court process known as the "Unified Criminal Docket", which is designed to reduce costs.

In 2015, the Sheriff's Office saw a decrease of approximately 6.5% in the number of calls when compared with 2014, from 5,576 to 5,207. The Patrol Division and Detective Divisions are currently at full staffing levels. The S.O. continues to work collaboratively with various task forces to solve our most serious crimes. The Transport Division handled in excess of 800 transports last year and continued to monitor inmates on home release. The community public works program resulted in the performance of approximately 2,214 hours of labor in Sagadahoc County, saving over \$40,000 in labor costs. The Civil Division continues to serve orders and writs in a consistently professional manner.

In order that I may represent constituents effectively, it is important that I am aware of your questions and concerns. Please do not hesitate to contact me at 319-5290. And I encourage interested persons to attend Board of Commissioners' meetings, which are held at 3:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month in the Commissioners' Meeting Room of the County Courthouse, 752 High Street, Bath, Me. (For details, call 443-8202 or check our web site: [www.sagcounty.com](http://www.sagcounty.com).)

Respectfully,  
Carol A. Grose, Sagadahoc County Board of Commissioners

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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 2015.

Growing the economy by encouraging job creation was and remains my top priority. The tax-relief bill signed into law at the close of last year contains three key provisions I authored to help foster job creation and provide small businesses with the certainty they need to invest, grow, and, most important, hire new workers. Another provision I authored that became law last year gives a boost to both Maine's economy and traffic safety. This provision permanently changed the federal law that previously had forced the heaviest trucks onto our country roads and downtown streets, rather than allowing them to use Maine's federal Interstates. In addition, I was glad to help secure another significant award for the University of Maine's deepwater offshore wind initiative, which has the potential to advance an emerging industry and create thousands of good jobs in our state.

Maine's historic contributions to our nation's defense must continue. In 2015, I secured funding toward a much-needed additional Navy destroyer, likely to be built at Bath Iron Works. Modernization projects at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard that I have long advocated for were also completed, as were projects for the Maine National Guard.

I was also deeply involved in crafting the new education reform law to better empower states and communities in setting educational policy for their students. The law also extends a program I co-authored that provides additional assistance to rural schools, which has greatly benefitted our state. A \$250 tax deduction I authored in 2002 for teachers who spend their own money on classroom supplies was also made permanent last year.

As a result of a scientific evaluation of the nutritional value of potatoes required by a law that I wrote, the wholesome fresh potato finally was included in the federal WIC nutrition program. I also worked on other issues important to Maine's farmers and growers, including research on wild blueberries and pollinating bees.

As Chairman of the Housing Appropriations Subcommittee, I have made combating veterans' homelessness a priority. This year's housing funding law includes \$60 million for 8,000 new supportive housing vouchers for homeless veterans. Since this program began in 2008, the number of homeless veterans nationwide has dropped by one third. Maine has received nearly 200 vouchers to support homeless veterans.

Last year, I became Chairman of the Senate Aging Committee. My top three priorities for the committee are retirement security, investing more in biomedical research, and fighting fraud and financial abuses targeting our nation's seniors. I advocated for the \$2 billion increase in funding for the National Institutes of Health to advance research on such diseases as diabetes and Alzheimer's. The Senate also unanimously passed my bill to support family caregivers. The Aging Committee's toll-free hotline (1-855-303-9470) makes it easier for senior citizens to report suspected fraud and receive assistance and has already received more than 1,000 calls.

A Maine value that always guides me is our unsurpassed work ethic. As 2015 ended, I cast my 6,072<sup>nd</sup> 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 Arrowsic and Maine in the United States Senate. If ever I can be of assistance to you, please contact my Portland Office, 207-780-3575, or visit my website at [www.collins.senate.gov](http://www.collins.senate.gov). May 2016 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 of Arrowsic:

It has been a privilege to serve the State of Maine since being sworn into the U.S. Senate.

Much of my time in Washington this past year has been devoted to the Senate Armed Services Committee and the Select Committee on Intelligence. Protecting our homeland and the people of Maine from terrorism and violence remains one of my top priorities. Through my work on the Armed Services Committee, I was able to secure several provisions in the 2016 National Defense Authorization Act that benefit Maine. The legislation authorizes the construction of an additional DDG-51 Arleigh Burke Class Destroyer that could be built at Bath Iron Works and expands the HUBZone program to stimulate economic growth at former military installations like the former Brunswick Naval Air Station.

Returning control to teachers, school districts, and states has also been a primary concern of mine. I am encouraged that the Every Student Succeeds Act has become law. It eliminates the burdensome requirements of the No Child Left Behind Act and ensures access to a quality education for all students. A provision I helped author in the bill will give states the opportunity to pilot the use of their own proficiency-based assessments in lieu of federally-mandated standardized tests. Also included in the bill are several measures I secured to promote local input, fund education technology initiatives, and explore new strategies to increase student access to the internet outside of school.

Communities across Maine have taken bold action to improve their broadband connectivity, and I have been proud to foster federal support for these types of projects. My amendments to the Every Student Succeeds Act will promote the type of work already occurring in Washington County, where students who lack broadband access are able to check out mobile hotspots from their local libraries. Additionally, a bill I co-sponsored, the Community Broadband Act, helped pave the way for the FCC to enact rules protecting the ability of municipalities to invest in better broadband. I am excited by Maine's leadership on this important economic development issue and will continue to support local efforts in this area.

After extensive negotiations, the Senate passed a five-year transportation bill that will increase highway and transit funding in Maine and provide stability to improve our transportation infrastructure. The legislation contains provisions I cosponsored to cut red tape and improve predictability and timeliness by streamlining the federal permitting process for large infrastructure projects. Also incorporated in this bill are my provisions to relieve financial regulations on Maine's community banks and credit unions and to reauthorize the Export-Import Bank, a critical tool that supports communities and small business across the state.

Following my inquiries in the Energy and Natural Resources Committee, the National Park Service has announced they will begin exploring strategies to allow park visitors to purchase electronic passes online and will pilot the program at Acadia National Park. These passes would improve access to our nation's most treasured landscapes and would generate resources for years to come. I remain deeply engaged in preserving Maine's natural beauty and strengthening our outdoor recreation economy.

It is with solemn responsibility that I have focused my energy addressing the opioid epidemic in Maine. This work includes convening roundtables with a wide-range of health care and law enforcement professionals to combat addiction; introducing a proposal to safely dispose of excess prescription drugs; cosponsoring a

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Senate-passed bill that addresses mothers struggling with addiction and the alarming effect it has on newborns; cosponsoring the TREAT Act, which expands the ability of medical specialists to provide life-saving medication-assisted therapies for patients battling heroin and prescription drug addiction; and calling on the Commander of U.S. Southern Command to increase efforts to stop the flow of heroin at our southern border.

I like to think of Maine as a big small town – and in a small town, the leaders are accessible and eager to listen. In that spirit, I've made it a priority to stay connected with people from all over Maine who e-mail, write, and call with suggestions or questions. If I can ever assist in your interaction with a federal agency, or you have thoughts, concerns, or personal input on a matter that is currently before Congress I hope you will contact me, let me know where you stand, and engage in this critical part of democracy. Please call my toll-free line at 1-800-432-1599 or one of my offices: Augusta (207) 622-8292, Presque Isle (207) 764-5124, Scarborough (207) 883-1588, or Washington, D.C. (202) 224-5344. You can also write me on our website at [www.king.senate.gov/contact](http://www.king.senate.gov/contact).

As always, I am honored to represent the people of Maine and look forward to working with you for the betterment of our great state.

Sincerely,



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Dear Citizens of Arrowsic:

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

My vision for Maine is prosperity, not poverty. For this reason, one of my top priorities is the reduction and eventual elimination of the income tax. Some are pushing to raise the minimum wage, but I want Mainers to earn a maximum wage. Reducing the income tax is the biggest and most immediate pay raise for all hard-working Mainers.

Not only does an income tax cut put more money back in your pockets, but it will also attract businesses that can offer good-paying careers to keep our young people here in Maine. It shows the nation that we are serious about wanting people and businesses to come—and stay—in Maine.

Another of my priorities is to lower the cost of student debt in Maine. If young people are struggling with too much student debt, they are unable to afford homes or vehicles. We are now offering programs to help them lower their debt, stay in Maine, begin their careers and start families.

To provide good-paying jobs for our young people, we must also work hard to reduce our energy costs. High energy costs are a major factor in driving out manufacturers, mills and other businesses that need low-cost electricity. I am committed to lowering the cost of energy, not only to attract job creators, but also to allow Maine people to heat and power their homes affordably and effectively.

And finally, we are making progress to address the drug pandemic in our state. It is my most important duty to keep the Maine people safe. While education, treatment and prevention efforts are important, we must get the dealers off the streets. I am pleased the Legislature has finally agreed to fund my proposal for more drug agents to stem the supply of deadly opiates flowing into our communities, but our law enforcement agencies are still understaffed. We must do more.

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

Sincerely,

Paul R. LePage  
Governor



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# selectmen's report

## **Personnel Changes**

The Town has had a number of personnel changes this year. We continue to welcome volunteers to all of our committees and appreciate those who give their time to both official and unofficial Town activities. Please contact the Select Board if you'd like to learn about volunteer opportunities and ways you can help your community. Specific personnel changes this year include:

- Brian Carlton appointed Local Emergency Management Officer following Pauline McLuer's resignation.
- Kathleen Mary appointed Local Health Officer following Pauline McLuer's resignation.
- Linda Warner resigned as Town Clerk, Gretchen MacLeod appointed in her absence.
- Wendy Briggs rotated off Education Committee, replaced by Erin Hart.
- John Biehler appointed as Recycling and Solid Waste Committee member.
- Paul Kalkstein appointed Arrowsic Webmaster.
- Jeremy Blaiklock retiring in June as Animal Control Officer.
- Eliot Field who served as our lawyer retired. Kristen Collins from Kelly & Collins, experienced in municipal law and with offices in Belfast retained as counsel.

## **Fire Department Mini Pumper Repaired**

At last writing, problems with the mini pumper had precipitated the Town looking into whether to repair the pumper or purchase a new truck. The Selectmen decided to repair the mini pumper and look at the fire department equipment issue more broadly and within the context of the Town's present firefighting and emergency response capabilities and our future needs. To do so, an ad hoc Fire Department Long Range Plan Committee was appointed to advise the Selectmen. The mini pumper was repaired and returned to service.

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### **Fire Department Long Range Plan Committee**

The Selectmen appointed eight members to this committee: Jeremy Blaiklock, Bart Chapin, Art Dresser, Jim Flannery, Michael Kreindler, Karen Mignone, Malcolm Persen, and Jack Witham. The committee began work immediately last summer and Malcolm Persen served as committee chair. The ad hoc committee's mandate was to recommend a long range plan for the Arrowsic Fire Department including equipment needs, staffing and volunteer requirements, and estimates for capital and operating budgets.

The committee began by collecting data from many sources, interviewing area fire chiefs, and conducting a survey of Arrowsic residents. From that, the committee synthesized their knowledge and developed a working mission statement to guide their discussions. The statement quantified the scope and services of a department that would meet the needs of the community, balancing resource constraints with service and performance goals.

The Committee considered a full range of options and was able to agree on a consensus recommendation to the Select Board that envisions a department that will continue to be primarily volunteer-based, and provide first response services to Arrowsic and mutual aid to neighboring communities. Based on this vision, they then considered options for major equipment and related expenditures. They recommended to continue as a three truck department, replacing the mini pumper with an equivalent truck in 2 years, replacing the brush truck in 5 years, and replacing the tanker in 15 years. This recommendation would require increasing contributions to the AFD Capital Fund in order to have sufficient money and to purchase the trucks without financing. Other recommendations included improvements in personnel management, record keeping and maintenance, and providing leadership with an increased focus on volunteer recruitment and community support.

The Selectmen were extremely impressed with the committee's professionalism, their thoroughness in gathering historical and financial data, and their seriousness of purpose. Based on their recommendations, the Selectmen have proposed a warrant article to be voted on at this year's Town Meeting.

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### **Septage Disposal Reimbursement**

For many years, the Town of Arrowsic has had a policy of reimbursing property owners for the disposal portion of their septic pumping fee to encourage periodic cleaning. Funds to cover these expenses are voted for annually at Town Meeting. The Town had no uniform procedure for these reimbursements; some septic removal companies billed the Town directly while others charged residents who then applied to the Town. As a result, this year the Selectmen codified the procedure and prepared a standard reimbursement form. After announcing the change in *The Arrowsic Arrow* and in a town-wide email, reimbursement requests increased significantly, exceeding our budget of \$2,500. This expenditure was significantly under budget in previous years and since septic tanks only need pumping every three to five years, we expect the expenses will fall back in line next year. We think the change to a uniform procedure has made the system fairer, clearer and simpler to implement, and hope Town residents will collaborate by properly maintaining their systems.

### **Kiosk Rebuild**

The announcement kiosk outside the Town Hall was falling apart, difficult to use, and didn't protect notices adequately. The Select Board commissioned a new design that would be both functional and complement the historic character of the building. The new design utilizes the sturdy posts of the old kiosk. The right side of the board is reserved for official Town notices while the left side is open to anyone. Thanks to Michael Kreindler and Ed Blaiklock for their good work.

### **Town-wide Revaluation**

The Select Board is requesting a final installment of \$5,000 for the revaluation fund in this year's warrant. The Town has been building the fund for 4 years in anticipation of issuing a Request for Proposal and awarding a contract to revalue all properties on the island. Revaluations are recommended every 10 years to assure that assessments are consistent and fair. Town revaluations are very sensitive projects because – in bringing all property values into the present based on market pricing – assessed values will change in ways that could increase some tax bills. The Selectmen will do our best to choose a very reputable assessor and will make the process of revaluation as transparent and fair as possible.

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### **Better Broadband Access**

The Selectmen are very supportive of the work that the Arrowsic-Georgetown Broadband Committee is doing to improve internet access on our peninsula. Unfortunately, one's location on the island has a huge impact on internet speed, which has become increasingly frustrating for many who rely on the internet. It also, we understand, is a negative factor for folks looking to buy property here. It is a complicated issue but we very much admire and appreciate the work that is going into the effort.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Gaillard  
Sukey Heard  
Bill Savedoff



*Arrowsic Marsh - courtesy Michael Kreindler*

# Town of Arrowsic

## Annual Report 2016

Pages 20-35 of the Annual Report contain the Taxpayer List which is available for consultation at the Town Hall, 340 Arrowsic Road, Arrowsic, ME 04530. A copy can be obtained (for a processing fee) by calling 207-443-4609.

# treasurer's report

## Balance Sheet - Government Funds

June 30, 2015

### ASSETS

#### Cash in Banks

Cash - FFS - Checking	\$16,236.89
Cash - Northeast Bank	179,879.12
Cash-BOA Scholarship Checking	5,270.84
Cash - Bath Savings - CD	221,353.71
Cash - Androscoggin Bank	125,037.39
NE Bank - Scholarships	39,350.13
S.B. of ME CD-4 - Water Access	73,463.44

Total Cash in Banks	<u>\$660,591.52</u>
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#### Taxes, Liens, & Accounts Receivable

Accounts Receivable	\$2,508.00
FY 14-15 Taxes Receivable	18,210.47
FY 13-14 Tax Liens Receivable	6,524.32

Total Taxes and Liens Receivable	<u>\$27,242.79</u>
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<b><u>Total Assets</u></b>	<b><u>\$687,834.31</u></b>
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### LIABILITIES AND FUNDS BALANCES

#### Current Payables

State Permits & Fees Payable	\$107.50
Deferred Tax Revenue	23,000.00
Accounts Payable	92,349.05

Total Current Payables	<u>\$115,456.55</u>
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<b><u>Total Current Liabilities</u></b>	<b><u>\$115,456.55</u></b>
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**Special Revenue Funds**

Due To Alewives Project	\$7,359.84
Due To Capital Improvements	31,582.83
Due To Fire Dept. Capital Imp.	49,087.75
Due To Water Access	73,475.44
Due To Scholarships	44,620.97
Due To Shellfish Conservation	4,018.68
Due To Assessing Reserve	20,000.00

Total Special Revenue Funds	<u>\$230,145.51</u>
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**Total Liabilities and Fund Balances****\$345,602.06****Surplus (Deficit)**

Undesignated Funds - Surplus	\$294,303.74
Net Revenues (Expenditures)	47,928.51

Total Surplus (Deficit)	\$342,232.25
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**Total Liabilities and Funds Balances****\$687,834.31**



**Statement of Revenues and Expenditures**  
**Summary of Warrant Articles To Be Raised**  
**June 30, 2015**

	<b>Fiscal Year to Date</b>	<b>Fiscal Year Warrants/ Projections</b>	<b>Fiscal Year Variance</b>
<b>Revenues</b>			
Property Tax	\$844,293.63	\$820,689.00	\$23,604.63
Nature Conservancy/ ME TREE Foundation	1,750.00	0.00	1,750.00
Shellfish Licenses & Fines	824.00	0.00	824.00
Animal Ordinance Fines	50.00	0.00	50.00
Animal Control Income	164.00	0.00	164.00
Copies - Lists - Discharges	281.57	0.00	281.57
Town C.E.O. Fees	5,352.30	0.00	5,352.30
Town Clerk Fees	558.65	0.00	558.65
Town Tax Agent Fees	1,665.00	0.00	1,665.00
Auto Excise Tax	104,152.72	85,000.00	19,152.72
M.D.O.T. Block Grant	7,912.00	8,600.00	(688.00)
ME. Municipal Revenue Sharing	9,387.00	8,900.00	487.00
Homestead/ Veteran Exemptions	8,832.00	0.00	8,832.00
Tree Growth	905.38	0.00	905.38
Interest Income - F.F.Savings	113.49	0.00	113.49
Interest Income - BOA /NE	639.37	0.00	639.37
Interest Income - Bath Savings	311.25	0.00	311.25
Interest Income - Androscoggin	37.39	0.00	37.39
Interest Income-Property Tax	1,420.66	0.00	1,420.66
Election Costs Reimbursements	335.00	0.00	335.00
Fire Dept. Training & Grants	192.49	0.00	192.49
Snowmobile Refunds	139.02	0.00	139.02
Insurance Refunds	671.00	0.00	671.00
Supplemental Property Tax	2,506.10	0.00	2,506.10
Small Income	12.01	0.00	12.01
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Total Revenues	\$992,506.03	\$923,189.00	\$69,317.03

**Expenditures**

Animal Control Expenses	\$427.00	\$427.00	\$0.00
Payments - Election Workers	1,190.00	3,150.00	(1,960.00)
Salaries-Officers & Employees	37,751.00	38,292.00	(541.00)
Town C.E.O. Payments	5,352.30	0.00	5,352.30
Town Clerk Payments	558.65	0.00	558.65
Town Tax Agent Payments	1,665.00	0.00	1,665.00
Payroll Taxes	3,444.41	3,172.00	272.41
Contingency	0.00	2,000.00	(2,000.00)
Administration	8,677.71	9,000.00	(322.29)
Annual Report	3,029.67	3,000.00	29.67
Insurances	8,871.00	9,000.00	(129.00)
Assessor Fees/Assessing Costs	1,500.00	2,000.00	(500.00)
Auditors' Report	7,500.00	7,500.00	0.00
Municipal Utilities	3,790.99	4,500.00	(709.01)
Local Emergency Management	0.00	100.00	(100.00)
Planning Board	798.95	2,500.00	(1,701.05)
Zoning Board of Appeals	0.00	100.00	(100.00)
Shellfish Conservation	316.65	0.00	316.65
Conservation Commission	216.00	450.00	(234.00)
Town Property Maintenance	3,036.29	5,000.00	(1,963.71)
Legal Services	1,175.00	4,000.00	(2,825.00)
County Taxes	161,277.00	161,277.00	0.00
School Account	435,221.00	435,221.00	0.00
Education Review Committee	0.00	250.00	(250.00)
Road Maintenance	175,255.68	174,500.00	755.68
Septage	2,087.50	2,500.00	(412.50)
Solid Waste	27,769.88	28,500.00	(730.12)
Recycling	7,748.63	6,750.00	998.63
Fire Department	7,783.62	12,000.00	(4,216.38)
Ambulance Services	4,597.00	6,500.00	(1,903.00)
Organizations	12,293.00	0.00	12,293.00
Arrowsic Arrow	112.99	0.00	112.99
M.M.A. Dues	1,385.00	1,500.00	(115.00)
Abatements	2,836.73	0.00	2,836.73
Transfer To Fire Dept. Fund	16,908.87	0.00	16,908.87
Total Expenditures	\$944,577.52	\$923,189.00	\$21,388.52

<b>Net Revenues (Expenditures)</b>	<b>\$47,928.51</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>47,928.51</b>
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## Balance Sheet - Government Funds

March 31, 2016 (Partial)

### ASSETS

#### Cash in Banks

Cash - FFS - Checking	\$ 7,039.07
Cash - Northeast Bank	221,677.62
Cash-BOA Scholarship Checking	7,389.28
Cash - Bath Savings - CD	121,437.93
Cash - Androscoggin Bank	300,205.95
NE Bank - Scholarships	38,331.15
S.B. of ME CD-4 - Water Access	73,463.44

Total Cash in Banks \$769,544.44

#### Taxes, Liens, & Accounts Receivable

FY 15-16 Taxes Receivable	\$48,717.46
FY 13-14 Tax Liens Receivable	5,846.15
FY 14-15 Tax Liens Receivable	7,834.88

Total Taxes and Liens Receivable \$62,398.49

**Total Assets** **\$831,942.93**

### LIABILITIES AND FUNDS BALANCES

#### Current Payables

Fisheries & Wildlife Payable	\$300.00
State Sales Taxes Payable	(1.00)
State Permits & Fees Payable	675.00
State Dog Registration Payable	40.00
State Vitals Fees Payable	0.40
Deferred Tax Revenue	23,000.00

Total Current Payables \$24,014.40

**Total Current Liabilities** **\$24,014.40**

**Special Revenue Funds**

Due To Alewives Project	\$7,088.52
Due To Capital Improvements	41,582.83
Due To Fire Dept. Capital Imp.	79,090.53
Due To Water Access	73,916.84
Due To Scholarships	45,720.43
Due To Conservation Grants	7,634.61
Due To Shellfish Conservation	4,018.68
Due To Assessing Reserve	30,000.00

Total Special Revenue Funds	<u>\$289,052.44</u>
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<b><u>Total Liabilities and Fund Balances</u></b>	<b><u>\$313,066.84</u></b>
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**Surplus (Deficit)**

Undesignated Funds - Surplus	\$282,232.25
Net Revenues (Expenditures)	<u>236,643.84</u>

Total Surplus (Deficit)	<u>\$518,876.09</u>
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<b><u>Total Liabilities and Funds Balances</u></b>	<b><u>\$831,942.93</u></b>
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**Statement of Revenues and Expenditures**  
**Summary of Warrant Articles To Be Raised**  
**March 31, 2016 (Partial)**

	<b>Fiscal Year to Date</b>	<b>Fiscal Year Warrants/ Projections</b>	<b>Fiscal Year Variance</b>
<b>Revenues</b>			
Property Tax	\$851,846.66	\$843,094.00	\$8,752.66
Nature Conserv/ ME TREE Found	1,750.00	0.00	1,750.00
Shellfish Licenses & Fines	606.00	0.00	606.00
Animal Ordinance Fines	75.00	0.00	75.00
Animal Control Income	150.00	0.00	150.00
Copies - Lists - Discharges	124.45	0.00	124.45
Town C.E.O. Fees	4,996.65	0.00	4,996.65
Town Clerk Fees	299.60	0.00	299.60
Town Tax Agent Fees	1,230.00	0.00	1,230.00
Auto Excise Tax	79,262.51	90,000.00	(10,737.49)
M.D.O.T. Block Grant	7,992.00	7,900.00	92.00
ME. Municipal Revenue Sharing	7,782.91	9,300.00	(1,517.09)
Homestead/ Veteran Exemptions	6,384.00	0.00	6,384.00
Tree Growth	934.75	0.00	934.75
Interest Income - F.F.Savings	48.00	0.00	48.00
Interest Income - BOA /NE	598.50	0.00	598.50
Interest Income - Bath Savings	84.22	0.00	84.22
Interest Income - Androscoggin	168.56	0.00	168.56
Interest Income-Property Tax	374.80	0.00	374.80
Fire Dept. Training & Grants	864.88	0.00	864.88
Snowmobile Refunds	112.54	0.00	112.54
Insurance Refunds	563.00	0.00	563.00
Supplemental Property Tax	1,117.44	0.00	1,117.44
Small Income	1,198.74	0.00	1,198.74
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$968,565.21</b>	<b>\$950,294.00</b>	<b>\$18,271.21</b>

**Expenditures**

Animal Control Expenses	\$595.01	\$427.00	\$168.01
Payments - Election Workers	705.00	3,000.00	(2,295.00)
Salaries-Officers & Employees	40,169.00	41,478.00	(1,309.00)
Town C.E.O. Payments	4,198.95	0.00	4,198.95
Town Clerk Payments	182.00	0.00	182.00
Town Tax Agent Payments	777.00	0.00	777.00
Payroll Taxes	3,450.83	3,735.00	(284.17)
Contingency	0.00	4,000.00	(4,000.00)
Administration	6,351.95	9,000.00	(2,648.05)
Annual Report	0.00	3,200.00	(3,200.00)
Insurances	8,774.00	9,000.00	(226.00)
Assessor Fees/Assessing Costs	3,400.00	3,400.00	0.00
Auditors' Report	7,500.00	7,500.00	0.00
Municipal Utilities	2,683.50	4,500.00	(1,816.50)
Local Emergency Management	0.00	100.00	(100.00)
Planning Board	217.68	1,000.00	(782.32)
Zoning Board of Appeals	105.00	120.00	(15.00)
Shellfish Conservation	665.11	0.00	665.11
Conservation Commission	93.00	400.00	(307.00)
Alewives/Sewell Creek Project	292.00	0.00	292.00
Town Property Maintenance	2,095.72	5,000.00	(2,904.28)
Legal Services	0.00	5,000.00	(5,000.00)
County Taxes	163,126.00	163,126.00	0.00
School Account	339,351.03	452,468.00	(113,116.97)
Education Review Committee	0.00	250.00	(250.00)
Road Maintenance	100,275.39	172,690.00	(72,414.61)
Septage	2,956.00	2,500.00	456.00
Solid Waste	16,788.54	30,000.00	(13,211.46)
Recycling	5,541.72	8,400.00	(2,858.28)
Fire Department	4,120.10	12,000.00	(7,879.90)
Ambulance Services	4,053.95	6,500.00	(2,446.05)
Organizations	11,716.00	0.00	11,716.00
Arrowsic Arrow	26.98	0.00	26.98
M.M.A. Dues	1,415.00	1,500.00	(85.00)
Abatements	294.91	0.00	294.91
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$731,921.37</b>	<b>\$950,294.00</b>	<b>(\$218,372.63)</b>

<b>Net Revenues (Expenditures)</b>	<b>\$236,643.84</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$236,643.84</b>
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Respectfully submitted,  
Mary McDonald, Treasurer

# independent auditor

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June 30, 2015

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## Independent Auditors' Report

**To the Selectboard  
Town of Arrowsic  
Arrowsic, Maine**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Arrowsic, Maine, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

### **Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements**

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

### **Auditors' Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

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

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



## Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Arrowsic, Maine as of June 30, 2015, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

## Other Matters

### *Required Supplementary Information*

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis on page 3 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

### *Other Information*

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise Town's basic financial statements. The supplementary information on page 20 is presented for purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements.

This supplementary information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the supplementary information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

*Purdy Powers & Company*  
Professional Association

Portland, Maine  
November 10, 2015



## SELECTMAN FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

This discussion and analysis of the Town of Arrowsic's financial performance provides an overview of the Town's financial activities for the year ended June 30, 2015 and is a requirement of the audit process. Prepared annually and included with the Auditor's Report, it presents the highlights of the Town's financial position in comparison and over time rather than only in terms of revenues and expenses. It is intended to answer the question: "Has there been a change in Arrowsic's financial position as a result of this fiscal year's activities?" It will be most meaningful if read in conjunction with the Town's financial statements.

### USING THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

This annual auditor's report consists of a series of financial statements:

The **Statement of Net Position** presents the relationship between Arrowsic assets and liabilities at the end of the fiscal year.

The **Statement of Activities** provides information about the annual financial activities of the Town and adds the context of the previous year.

**Fund Financial Statements** tell how Arrowsic's expenditures were financed for this year's operation as well as what remains for future spending. Fund financial statements also report the town's operations in more detail by providing information about Town funds.

#### The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities

These statements include all assets and liabilities using the modified accrual basis of accounting, which is similar to the accounting used by many private-sector companies. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are taken into account regardless of when cash is received or paid.

These two statements report Arrowsic's change in net position. Over time, an increase or decrease in net position is one indicator of whether our financial health is improving or deteriorating. Because Arrowsic does not carry debt, preferring to finance operations out of tax revenues or the unassigned fund, it is the value of our assets that is most important. Our assets include cash (tax payments, unassigned funds, and assigned funds), taxes unpaid but expected, tax liens expected, and our capital assets like town properties, buildings and equipment. Tax payments are all earmarked for specific annual expenses so they flow in as revenues and out as we pay our bills. Each year, we use unassigned funds to pay for certain expenditures. If we spend less than approved and money is left over at the end of the year, it is added to the unassigned funds. The assigned funds (fire department capital improvement, water access, scholarship, capital improvement) increase or decrease as voted at Town Meeting. *Our net position as of June 30, 2015 was \$1,146,355. This was \$94,591 more than last year.*

The following schedule is a summary of net position for the years ended June 30, 2015 and 2014:

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>		
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>Change</u>
Current and other assets	\$ 687,834	\$ 543,357	\$ 144,477
Capital assets	<u>550,978</u>	<u>517,963</u>	<u>33,015</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>1,238,812</b>	<b>1,061,320</b>	<b>177,492</b>
Accounts payable	<u>92,457</u>	<u>9,556</u>	<u>82,901</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>92,457</b>	<b>9,556</b>	<b>82,901</b>
Net position:			
Net investment in capital assets	550,978	517,963	33,015
Unrestricted	<u>595,377</u>	<u>533,801</u>	<u>61,576</u>
<b>Total Net Position</b>	<b>\$ 1,146,355</b>	<b>\$ 1,051,764</b>	<b>\$ 94,591</b>

The following is a summary of the Statement of Activities for the years ended June 30, 2015 and 2014:

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>		
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>Change</u>
Revenues:			
Program revenues:			
Charges for services	\$ 8,896	\$ 9,506	\$ (610)
Operating grants and contributions	8,104	9,992	(1,888)
General revenues			
Taxes	\$ 953,022	\$ 941,083	\$ 11,939
Intergovernmental	19,125	20,589	(1,464)
Investment	3,078	3,423	(345)
Miscellaneous	<u>4,674</u>	<u>3,489</u>	<u>1,185</u>
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>996,899</b>	<b>988,082</b>	<b>8,817</b>
Expenses:			
Town administration	86,266	106,088	(19,822)
Public safety	36,583	41,237	(4,654)
Public works	155,645	202,798	(47,153)
County tax	161,277	149,784	11,493
Education	435,221	474,407	(39,186)
Dues and support	13,791	13,448	343
Capital outlay	3,036	5,005	(1,969)
Unclassified	<u>10,489</u>	<u>12,968</u>	<u>(2,479)</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>902,308</b>	<b>1,005,735</b>	<b>(103,427)</b>
<b>Change in Net Position</b>	<b>\$ 94,591</b>	<b>\$ (17,653)</b>	<b>\$ 112,244</b>

Other indications of fiscal health are non-financial factors, such as the condition of the Town's roads and buildings, and the likelihood of an unexpected large expense that would affect tax rates.

In the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities, our basic services are reported in governmental funds, which focus on how money flows into and out of those funds and the balances left at year-end that are available for spending. These funds are reported using an accounting method called modified accrual accounting, which measures cash and all other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash.

#### **Fund Financial Statements**

The Governmental Fund Statements provide a detailed short-term view of our general municipal operations and the basic services we provide. Governmental fund information helps us determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance town programs. We describe the relationship (or differences) between governmental activities (reported in the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities) and governmental funds in the reconciliation at the bottom of the fund financial statements.

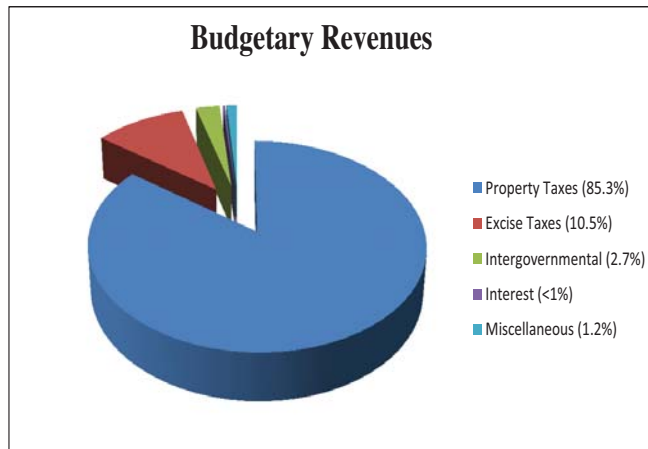
#### **HOW IS THE TOWN'S FINANCIAL HEALTH?**

##### **General Fund-Town Revenues and Expenses-Budgetary Basis**

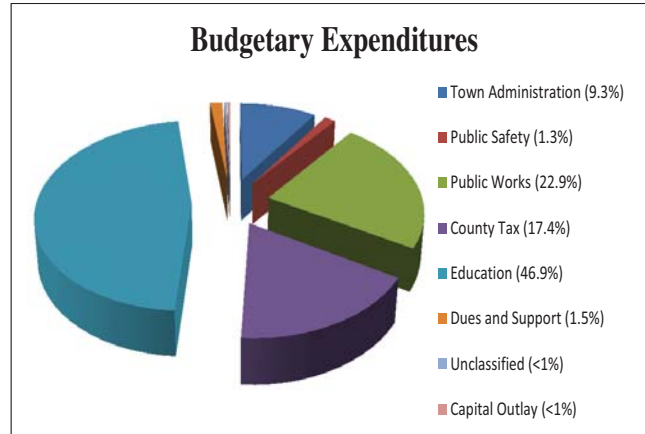
The Town's General Fund operating fund revenues on a budgetary basis were as follows:

The Town of Arrowsic took in *revenues of \$992,507* from property taxes, excise taxes, intergovernmental revenues, interest, and miscellaneous revenue. Revenues exceeded expectations by \$29,528. This overage is mostly attributable to higher levels of excise taxes collected.

*Total expenditures were \$927,671.* Education expenses accounted for approximately 46.9% of total expenses, followed by public works (roads, septage, solid waste, recycling) at 22.9%, taxes paid to Sagadahoc County at 17.4%, town administration (salaries, insurance, utilities, legal, auditing, assessing, and contingency expenses) at 9.3%, public safety (fire and ambulance) at 1.3%, dues and support at 1.5%, and capital outlays and other at less than 1.0%. Total departmental expenditures were \$23,110 below budget.



The Town's General Fund operating fund expenditures on a budgetary basis were as follows:



#### State Support

In FY 2015, we received \$27,229 in intergovernmental revenues compared to \$30,581 in 2014. This is a decrease of \$3,352. Our state support continues its downward trajectory from a high of \$198,070 in 2002.

#### Unassigned Fund

Unassigned funds were to be used this year to defray certain town expenses, according to the wishes of the Town as expressed at Town Meeting. *We started the year with an unassigned fund balance of \$306,691 and ended with \$342,231 (with adjustments). The net effect on the fund was \$35,540.* With the conclusion of the West Bath suit, a \$8,120 balance in the legal fund was returned to the unassigned fund.

#### Assigned Funds

We have seven assigned funds as of June 30, 2015:

*Shellfish Conservation Fund* increased by \$507 to \$4,019.  
*Fire Department Capital Fund* increased by \$13,734 to \$49,087.  
*Water Access Fund* increased by \$2,391 to \$73,475.  
*Capital Improvement Fund* increased by \$10,000 to \$31,583.  
*School Scholarship Fund* increased by \$801 to \$44,622.  
*Alewives Project Fund* decreased by \$3,277 to \$7,360.  
*Assessor's Reserve Fund* increased by \$10,000 to \$20,000.

The total of these assigned funds is \$230,146.

#### Town Debt

Arrowsic continues to fund town needs from annual revenues, designated and undesignated funds.

#### Assessed Value and Mil Rate

Each year the Selectmen determine the amount needed to fund the warrant articles voted at Town Meeting and divide that amount by the aggregate assessed value of the town to determine the mil rate. *For the year ending June 30, 2015, \$844,294 was voted to be raised from property taxes for payment of town expenses and the total assessed value of the town was \$65,960,440 making the actual mil rate \$12.80 per thousand dollars of valuation.*

#### **WHAT'S ON THE HORIZON?**

The Selectmen are considering a request from Fire Chief Chris Cummings to replace the Arrowsic Mini Pumper, a small-scale attack vehicle that has met the needs of our small town for over 25 years. The "mini" is one of three vehicles in our inventory along with a tanker truck and a brush fire truck. Due to the high cost of modern firefighting equipment (a similar vehicle purchased new now costs in excess of \$250,000) and the impact such a purchase would have on our overall budget, the Selectmen convened a committee to look at the town's long range fire protection needs and our responsibilities to our regional mutual aid partners. The committee has been working diligently and the results of their work will help formulate a warrant article for Town Meeting that will address our equipment needs based on a thorough investigation of the topic.

For the past three years, the Town has been accumulating funds for a town-wide reassessment of property valuations. Periodic reassessments are required to meet State guidelines, to ensure that valuations are appropriately balanced within town and reflect the current real estate market. It is our intention to complete the fund with next year's warrant, prepare a request for proposal for the work, choose an assessing professional, and begin the process within the next year.

The Selectmen continue to rely on a relatively small cadre of volunteers to fulfill the necessary responsibilities of operating the town. There are tasks large and small that need to be done. Volunteers save the town paying for services and thus reduce our tax burden. Please contact us if you can be of service.

#### **CONTACTING THE TOWN'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers, and creditors with a general overview of the Town's finances and to show the Town's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, please contact one of the Selectmen.

**Statement of Net Position**

**Town of Arrowsic, Maine**

**As of June 30, 2015**

	Governmental Activities
<b>Assets</b>	
Cash	\$ 660,592
Taxes receivable	18,210
Tax liens receivable	6,524
Due from other governments	2,508
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	550,978
<b>Total Assets</b>	1,238,812
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Accounts payable	92,457
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	92,457
<b>Net Position</b>	
Net investment in capital assets	550,978
Unrestricted	595,377
<b>Total Net Position</b>	<u>\$ 1,146,355</u>

See accompanying independent auditors' report and notes to financial statements.

Statement of Activities

Town of Arrowsic, Maine

For the Year Ended June 30, 2015

Function/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues		Net
		Charges for	Operating	(Expense) Revenue
		Services	Grants and	and Changes in
			Contributions	Net Position
				Governmental
				Activities
<b>Governmental Activities:</b>				
Town administration	\$ 86,266	\$ 8,896	\$ -	\$ (77,370)
Public safety	36,583	-	192	(36,391)
Public works	155,645	-	7,912	(147,733)
County tax	161,277	-	-	(161,277)
Education	435,221	-	-	(435,221)
Dues and support	13,791	-	-	(13,791)
Capital outlay	3,036	-	-	(3,036)
Unclassified	10,489	-	-	(10,489)
<b>Total Governmental Activities</b>	<b>\$ 902,308</b>	<b>\$ 8,896</b>	<b>\$ 8,104</b>	<b>(885,308)</b>
General revenues:				
Taxes:				
Property taxes				846,800
Excise taxes				106,222
Intergovernmental				19,125
Unrestricted interest income				3,078
Miscellaneous				4,674
<b>Total General Revenues</b>				<b>979,899</b>
<b>Change in Net Position</b>				<b>94,591</b>
Net position at beginning of year				1,051,764
<b>Net Position at End of Year</b>				<b>\$ 1,146,355</b>

See accompanying independent auditors' report and notes to financial statements.



**Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds**

**Town of Arrowsic, Maine**

**As of June 30, 2015**

	<u>General Fund</u>
<b>Assets</b>	
Cash	\$ 660,592
Taxes receivable	18,210
Tax liens receivable	6,524
Due from other governments	<u>2,508</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u><u>\$ 687,834</u></u>
<b>Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Fund Balances</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Accounts payable	<u>\$ 92,457</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<u>92,457</u>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>	
Unavailable revenue - property taxes	<u>23,000</u>
<b>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>	<u>23,000</u>
<b>Fund Balances</b>	
Assigned	230,146
Unassigned	<u>342,231</u>
<b>Total Fund Balances</b>	<u><u>572,377</u></u>
<b>Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Fund Balances</b>	<u><u>\$ 687,834</u></u>

See accompanying independent auditors' report and notes to financial statements.

**Reconciliation of Governmental Funds Balance Sheet  
to the Statement of Net Position**

**Town of Arrowsic, Maine**

**As of June 30, 2015**

<b>Total Fund Balances - Governmental Funds</b>	<b>\$ 572,377</b>
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Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of  
Net Position is different because:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported as assets in governmental funds. The cost of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation is:	550,978
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Property tax revenues are presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting in the governmental funds but in the Statement of Activities, property tax revenue is reported under the accrual method. The balance in unavailable revenue - property taxes in the governmental funds as a deferred inflow is:	<u>23,000</u>
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<b>Total Net Position - Governmental Activities</b>	<b>\$ <u>1,146,355</u></b>
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See accompanying independent auditors' report and notes to financial statements.

**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances  
Governmental Funds**

**Town of Arrowsic, Maine**

**For the Year Ended June 30, 2015**

	<u>General Fund</u>
<b>Revenues</b>	
Property taxes	\$ 846,800
Excise taxes	106,222
Intergovernmental revenues	27,229
Miscellaneous revenues	<u>16,648</u>
<b>Total Revenues</b>	996,899
<b>Expenditures</b>	
Current	
Town administration	86,266
Public safety	12,381
Public works	212,862
County tax	161,277
Education	435,221
Dues and support	13,791
Unclassified	10,489
Capital outlay	<u>3,036</u>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<u>935,323</u>
<b>Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures</b>	61,576
Fund balances at beginning of year	<u>510,801</u>
<b>Fund Balances at End of Year</b>	<b>\$ <u>572,377</u></b>

See accompanying independent auditors' report and notes to financial statements.

**Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in  
Fund Balances of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities**

**Town of Arrowsic, Maine**

**As of June 30, 2015**

**Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds** \$ 61,576

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement  
of Activities are different because:

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures.  
However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of those assets  
is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense.  
This is the amount by which depreciation expense differed from  
capital asset additions in the current period:

Capital asset additions	\$ 65,000	
Depreciation expense	<u>(31,985)</u>	
		<u>33,015</u>

**Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities** \$ 94,591

See accompanying independent auditors' report and notes to financial statements.

**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance  
Budget and Actual - General Fund (Budgetary Basis)**

**Town of Arrowsic, Maine**

**For the Year Ended June 30, 2015**

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance with Final Budget
	Original	Final	Budgetary Basis	Positive (Negative)
<b>Revenues</b>				
Property taxes	\$ 844,294	\$ 844,294	\$ 846,800	\$ 2,506
Excise taxes	85,000	85,000	104,152	19,152
Intergovernmental	26,109	26,109	27,229	1,120
Interest	-	-	2,523	2,523
Miscellaneous	7,576	7,576	11,803	4,227
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<u>962,979</u>	<u>962,979</u>	<u>992,507</u>	<u>29,528</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Current				
Town administration	108,899	108,899	86,266	22,633
Public safety	18,500	14,091	12,381	1,710
Public works	212,250	212,250	212,862	(612)
County tax	161,277	161,277	161,277	-
Education	435,221	435,221	435,221	-
Dues and support	13,793	13,793	13,791	2
Unclassified	250	250	2,837	(2,587)
Capital outlay	5,000	5,000	3,036	1,964
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<u>955,190</u>	<u>950,781</u>	<u>927,671</u>	<u>23,110</u>
<b>Revenues Over Expenditures</b>	<u>7,789</u>	<u>12,198</u>	<u>64,836</u>	<u>52,638</u>
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>				
Transfers to assigned fund balances	(32,000)	(36,409)	(36,909)	(500)
Utilization of assigned fund balance	11,632	11,632	-	(11,632)
Utilization of unassigned fund balance	44,793	44,793	-	(44,793)
<b>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>	<u>24,425</u>	<u>20,016</u>	<u>(36,909)</u>	<u>(56,925)</u>
<b>Revenues and Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Uses on the Budgetary Basis</b>	<u>\$ 32,214</u>	<u>\$ 32,214</u>	<u>27,927</u>	<u>\$ (4,287)</u>
Budgetary fund balance at beginning of year			<u>318,322</u>	
<b>Budgetary Fund Balance at End of Year</b>			<u>\$ 346,249</u>	

See accompanying independent auditors' report and notes to financial statements.

## Notes to Financial Statements

### Town of Arrowsic, Maine

#### Note A - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The Town of Arrowsic, Maine (the "Town") was incorporated under the laws of the State of Maine and operates under a Selectboard form of government. The accounting policies of the Town of Arrowsic conform to generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is responsible for establishing GAAP for state and local governments through its pronouncements (Statements and Interpretations). The more significant accounting policies established in GAAP and used by the Town are discussed below.

#### Principles Determining Scope of Reporting Entity

The basic financial statements include the accounts of all Town operations. The criteria for including organizations as component units within the Town's reporting entity, as set forth in GAAP include whether:

- the organization is legally separate (can sue and be sued in their own name)
- the Town holds the corporate powers of the organization
- the Town appoints a voting majority of the organization's board
- the Town is able to impose its will on the organization
- the organization has the potential to impose a financial benefit/burden on the Town
- there is fiscal dependency by the organization on the Town

Based on the aforementioned criteria, the Town of Arrowsic has no component units.

#### Basis of Presentation

##### Government-wide Financial Statements

The statement of net position and statement of activities report information about the reporting government as a whole. Governmental activities are normally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. The Town does not allocate indirect expenses to functions in the statement of activities. Program revenues include 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges by a given function and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported as general revenues.

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds and fiduciary funds, even though the latter are excluded from the Government-wide financial statements. Major individual governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

## Notes to Financial Statements - Continued

### Town of Arrowsic, Maine

#### Note A - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - Continued

##### **Fund Financial Statements**

Fund financial statements of the reporting entity are organized into funds, each of which are considered to be separate accounting entities. Each fund is accounted for by providing a separate set of self-balancing accounts, which constitute its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues, and expenditures.

##### **Governmental Activities**

Governmental funds are those funds through which the governmental functions of the Town are reported. The acquisition, use and balances of the Town's expendable financial resources and related liabilities are accounted for through governmental funds.

The Town's *General Fund* is the only governmental fund. It is the operating fund of the Town and is always classified as a major fund. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

##### **Basis of Accounting**

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures or expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting is related to the timing of the measurements made, regardless of the measurement focus applied.

##### **Accrual**

Governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements and the fiduciary fund financial statements are presented on the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when incurred.

##### **Modified Accrual**

Governmental funds financial statements are presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recorded when susceptible to accrual; i.e., both measurable and available. "Available" means collectible within the current period or within 60 days after year end. Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related liability is incurred. The exception to this general rule is that principal and interest on general obligation long-term debt is recognized when due.

##### **Cash and Cash Equivalents**

The Town's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition.

##### **Inventories**

Inventories of supplies are considered to be expenditures at the time of purchase.

## **Notes to Financial Statements - Continued**

### **Town of Arrowsic, Maine**

#### **Note A - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - Continued**

##### **Capital Assets**

In the government-wide financial statements, capital assets purchased or acquired with an original cost of \$10,000 or more are reported at historical cost or estimated historical cost. Contributed assets are reported at fair market value as of the date received. Additions, improvements and other capital outlays that significantly extend the useful life of an asset are capitalized. Other costs incurred for repairs and maintenance are expensed as incurred. Depreciation on all assets is provided on the straight-line method. Estimated useful lives are as follows: land improvements, 20 years; buildings and improvements, 20 to 50 years; infrastructure, 40 to 50 years; and vehicles and equipment, 10 to 15 years.

In the fund financial statements, capital assets used in governmental fund operations are accounted for as capital outlay expenditures of the governmental fund upon acquisition. Capital assets are not capitalized and related depreciation is not reported in the fund financial statements.

##### **Vacation and Sick Leave**

Under the terms of the personnel policies of the Town, paid vacation and sick leave is not available. As such, no liability for accrued compensated absences exists.

##### **Budget**

The Town's policy is to adopt an annual budget for operations. The budget is presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting, which is consistent with generally accepted accounting principles. The following procedures are followed in establishing budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

- Early in the second half of the last fiscal year the Town prepared a budget for this fiscal year beginning July 1. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them.
- A vote of the inhabitants of the Town of Arrowsic was then taken for the purpose of adopting the proposed budget after public notice of the vote was given.
- The budget was adopted subsequent to passage by the inhabitants of the Town.

##### **Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.



## Notes to Financial Statements - Continued

### Town of Arrowsic, Maine

#### Note A - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - Continued

##### **Revenue Recognition - Property Taxes**

The Town's property tax for the current year was levied November 18, 2014, on the assessed value listed as of April 1, 2014, for all real and personal property located in the Town. Taxes were due January 17, 2015. Interest on unpaid taxes commenced on January 18, 2015 at 4.0% per annum.

Property tax revenues are recognized when they become available. Available includes those property tax receivables expected to be collected within sixty days after year end. The remaining receivables have been recorded as deferred revenues.

The Town is permitted by the laws of the State of Maine to levy taxes up to 105% of its net budgeted expenditures for the related fiscal period. The amount raised in excess of 100% is referred to as overlay, and amounted to \$32,214 for the year ended June 30, 2015.

Tax liens are placed on real property within twelve months following the tax commitment date if taxes are delinquent. The Town has the authority to foreclose on property eighteen months after the filing of the lien if tax liens and associated costs remain unpaid.

##### **Government-wide Fund Net Position**

Government-wide net position is divided into three components:

*Net investment in capital assets* - consist of the historical cost of capital assets less accumulated depreciation and less any debt that remains outstanding that was used to finance those assets.

*Restricted net position* - consists of the net position that is restricted by the Town's creditors (for example, through debt covenants), by the state enabling legislation (through restrictions on shared revenues), by grantors (both federal and state), and by other contributors.

*Unrestricted* - All other net position is reported in this category.

##### **Governmental Fund Balances**

In the fund financial statements, government fund balance is presented in five possible categories:

*Nonspendable* – resources which cannot be spent because they are either a) not in spendable form or; b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

*Restricted* – resources with constraints placed on use of resources are either a) externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

## Notes to Financial Statements - Continued

### Town of Arrowsic, Maine

#### Note A - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - Continued

*Committed* – resources which are subject to limitations the government imposes upon itself at its highest level of design making, and that remain binding unless removed in the same manner.

*Assigned* – resources neither restricted or committed for which a government has a stated intended use as established by Town Selectboard or a body or official to which the Town Selectboard has delegated authority to assign amounts for specific purposes.

*Unassigned* – resources which cannot be properly classified in one of the other four categories. The General Fund should be the only fund that reports a positive unassigned fund balance amount.

#### Use of Restricted Resources

The Town has no formal fund balance policy. For purposes of fund balance classification, expenditures are to be spent from restricted fund balance first, followed in order by committed fund balance, assigned fund balance and lastly unassigned fund balance.

#### Note B - Cash

The Town conducts all its banking transactions with its depository banks.

#### Custodial Credit Risk - Deposits

At June 30, 2015 the carrying amount of the Town's deposits was \$660,592 and the bank balance was \$661,688. The difference between these balances relates to deposits in transit, outstanding checks, and cash on hand at year-end.

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the Town's deposits may not be returned to it. The Town does not have a deposit policy on custodial credit risk. At June 30, 2015, none of the Town's bank balance of \$661,688 was exposed to credit risk.

#### Certificate of Deposit

A certificate of deposit totaling \$71,404 is included in cash in the accompanying financial statements. The certificate bears interest at .45 percent and has a one year maturity, with a penalty for early withdrawal. Any penalty for early withdrawal would not have a material effect on the financial statements.

## Notes to Financial Statements - Continued

### Town of Arrowsic, Maine

#### Note C - Capital Assets

A summary of capital assets transactions for the year ended June 30, 2015, follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Retirements	Ending Balance
<b>Governmental Activities:</b>				
Non-Depreciable Assets:				
Land	\$ 74,001	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 74,001
Depreciable Assets:				
Land improvements	1,414,319	65,000	-	1,479,319
Buildings and improvements	168,185	-	-	168,185
Vehicles and equipment	<u>260,144</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>260,144</u>
Totals at historical cost	1,916,649	65,000	-	1,981,649
Less accumulated depreciation:				
Land improvements	1,250,548	7,783	-	1,258,331
Buildings and improvements	17,994	4,202	-	22,196
Vehicles and equipment	<u>130,144</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>150,144</u>
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>1,398,686</u>	<u>31,985</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,430,671</u>
Capital Assets, Net	<u>\$ 517,963</u>	<u>\$ 33,015</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 550,978</u>

Depreciation expense was charged to the following functions:

<b>Governmental activities:</b>	
Public safety	\$ 24,202
Public works	<u>7,783</u>
Total governmental activities depreciation expense	<u>\$ 31,985</u>

#### Note D - Risk Management

The Town is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets, errors and omissions; and natural disasters for which the Town either carries commercial insurance or is effectively self-insured. Currently, the Town carries commercial insurance for any risks of loss to which it may be exposed.

Based on the coverage provided by commercial insurance, the Town is not aware of any material actual or potential claim liabilities, which should be recorded at June 30, 2015.

## Notes to Financial Statements - Continued

### Town of Arrowsic, Maine

#### Note E - Change in General Fund Assigned Fund Balance

The following summarizes the change in assigned fund balance for the year ended June 30, 2015:

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Budgeted Appropriation</u>	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
<i>Carryforward:</i>					
Shellfish Conservation Commission	\$ 3,512	\$ -	\$ 824	\$ (317)	\$ 4,019
<i>Other reserves:</i>					
Fire Dept. Capital Improvement	35,353	16,909	-	(3,175)	49,087
Water Access Fund	71,084	-	2,391	-	73,475
School Scholarship	43,821	-	2,001	(1,200)	44,622
Capital Improvement Fund	21,583	10,000	-	-	31,583
Alewives Project	10,637	-	-	(3,277)	7,360
Assessor Reserve	10,000	10,000	-	-	20,000
<b>Totals</b>	<u>\$ 195,990</u>	<u>\$ 36,909</u>	<u>\$ 5,216</u>	<u>\$ (7,969)</u>	<u>\$ 230,146</u>

## Notes to Financial Statements - Continued

### Town of Arrowsic, Maine

#### Note F - Budget to Actual Reconciliation

An explanation of the differences between budgetary inflows and outflows and revenues and expenditures determined in accordance with general accepted accounting principles follows:

**Budgetary Basis:**

Revenues and Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Uses	\$	27,927
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*Sources/inflows of resources - reconciling items*

The Town does not budget for revenues received in assigned fund balance accounts:

Interest income	555
Excise taxes	2,070
Miscellaneous revenue	1,767

*Uses/outflows of resources - reconciling items*

The Town does not budget to use assigned fund balance amounts:

School scholarship	(1,200)
Fire department paving	(2,500)
Miscellaneous expense	(3,952)

Transfers to assigned fund balances are outflows of budgetary resources but are not expenditures for financial reporting purposes	<u>36,909</u>
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**Generally Accepted Accounting Principles Basis:**

Revenues and Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Uses	<u>\$ 61,576</u>
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#### Note G - Related Party Transaction

The Town conducts business with Richard Elwell, a construction contractor, who is also a member of the Town's Road Commission. During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015, the Town paid Mr. Elwell approximately \$11,500 for road maintenance services.

## Notes to Financial Statements - Continued

### Town of Arrowsic, Maine

#### Note H - Commitments

In the year ended June 30, 2015, the Town entered into a contract for the plowing and sanding of Town roads. Future required payments under the contract are as follows:

<u>Year ending June 30</u>	
2016	\$ 75,190
2017	<u>77,450</u>
	<u>\$ 152,640</u>

#### Note I - Expenditures Over Appropriations

The following appropriation was exceeded by actual expenditures:

	<u>Excess</u>
Road maintenance	\$ 756

**Schedule of Valuation, Assessment and Collection of Taxes**

**Town of Arrowsic, Maine**

**For the Year Ended June 30, 2015**

**Valuation**

Real estate	\$ 65,960,440
Personal property	<u>-</u>

**Total Valuation** \$ 65,960,440

**Assessment**

Valuation x rate - \$65,960,440 x 0.01280	\$ 844,294
Supplementals	<u>2,506</u>

**Total Assessment Charged to Collector** \$ 846,800

**Collection and Credits**

Cash collections	825,753
Tax abatements	<u>2,837</u>

**Total Collection and Credits** 828,590

**2015 Taxes Receivable - June 30, 2015** \$ 18,210

See accompanying independent auditors' report.

# tax collector's report

July 1, 2014 -June 30, 2015

## 2013-2014 Taxes

Uncollected as of June 30, 2014	\$24,054.46	
Interest	442.47	
		\$24,496.93
Principal collected	14,445.98	
Interest	442.47	
Tax liens deposited with Treasurer, Arrowsic	9,608.48	
		24,496.93

## 2012-2013 Supplemental Bill

Carlton, Celia estate M5/L17	802.19	
Supplemental collected		802.19

## 2013-2014 Supplemental Bill

Carlton, Celia estate M5/L17	855.27	
Supplemental collected		855.27

## 2012-2013 Abatement

Carlton, Celia estate M5/L16	851.27	
		851.27

## 2013-2014 Abatement

Carlton, Celia estate M5/L16	895.26	
		895.26

## 2014-2015 Taxes

Commitment	844,293.63	
Interest	526.36	
Overpayment	15.93	
		844,835.92



Principal collected	\$825,179.22	
Abatement	903.94	
Interest	526.36	
Overpayment	15.93	
Uncollected as of June 30, 2015	18,210.47	
		\$844,835.92
<b>2014-2015 Supplemental Bill</b>		
Carlton, Celia estate M5/L17	848.64	
Supplemental collected		848.64
<b>2014-2015 Abatements</b>		
Carlton, Celia estate M5/L16	892.16	
Contino, Lisa & Giovanni	11.78	903.94
<b>2014-2015 Uncollected Taxes as of June 30, 2015</b>		
Bassett, Kenneth L.	2,717.44	
*Bertschy, Melane	1,358.60	
*Brett, Chris	5,264.64	
*Cimmet, Stephanie	9.73	
*Harrington, Edwin	545.28	
Martin, M.T. & A.J.	3,193.60	
Orr, Wanda B.	1,159.68	
Pinette Jeffery	711.68	
*Simmons, Connie L.	751.87	
Steen, Christine J.	1,212.16	
*Warner, John W. III & Linda M.	571.13	
*Warner, John W. III & Linda M.	714.66	
		18,210.47
* Paid in full before going to lien		

**Fees Collected**

Certified Mail Fees	\$25.96	
Lien Fees	24.00	
		\$49.96
Retained by Tax Collector	24.00	
Paid to Treasurer	25.96	
		49.96

**2014-2015 Excise Taxes Collected**

Boat Excise Taxes	2,081.50	
Vehicle Excise Taxes	104,152.72	
		106,234.22
Paid to Treasurer		106,234.22

**Registration Fees Collected**

Boat Registration Fees	123.00	
Vehicle Registration Fees	1,665.00	
		1,788.00
Retained by IFW & Motor Vehicle Agent		1,154.00

## July 1, 2015-April 1, 2016 (partial)

### 2014-2015 Taxes

Uncollected as of June 30, 2015	\$18,210.47	
Interest	216.40	
		\$18,426.87

Principal collected	9,215.91	
Interest	216.40	
Tax liens deposited with Treasurer, Arrowsic	8,994.56	
		18,426.87

### 2014-2015 Supplemental Bill

Sewall, Edward	97.28	
Supplemental collected		97.28

### 2015-2016 Taxes

Commitment	851,846.66	
Interest	84.19	
Overpayments	70.81	
		852,001.66

Principal collected	801,814.18	
Abatement	294.91	
Interest	84.19	
Overpayments	70.81	
Uncollected as of April 1, 2016	49,737.57	
		852,001.66

### 2015-2016 Abatement

Bisson, Roland & Jacqueline	294.91	
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**Fees Collected**

Certified Mail Fees	\$47.18	
Lien Fees	36.00	\$83.18
Retained by Tax Collector	36.00	
Paid to Treasurer	47.18	
		83.18

**2015-2016 Excise Taxes Collected**

Boat Excise Taxes	458.20	
Vehicle Excise Taxes	79,846.86	80,305.06
Paid to Treasurer		80,305.06

**Registration Fees Collected**

Boat Registration Fees	32.00	
Vehicle Registration Fees	1,233.00	1,265.00
Retained by IFW & Motor Vehicle Agent		1,265.00

Respectfully submitted,  
Elizabeth Rollins  
Tax Collector

# **town clerk's report**

**Vital Statistics**  
**January 2015 to December 2015**

**Births:**

0 Births to report for 2015

**Deaths:**

Walsh, Thomas J.

White, Lesley Morris

**Marriages:**

James P. Boulette and Melissa S. Sawyer

Brian D. Kertz and Rebecca M. Reeves

## **Dog Licenses for 2015**

Town Share	\$164.00
State Fee	\$306.00
Late Fee	\$50.00
Clerk Fee	\$88.00
Service Dogs (1)	N/C
Total	<u>\$608.00</u>

### **Shellfish Licenses for 2015 Season**

Residential Commercial	\$217.00
Non-Residential Commercial	\$597.00
Residential Recreational	\$10.00
Non-Residential Junior	N/C
Residential Recreational Senior	N/C
Clerk Fee	\$6.00
Total	<u>\$830.00</u>

### **Boat, ATV, Snowmobile and IF&W Registrations 7/1/2014 to 6/30/2015**

Boat Registration	\$2,490.00
FWS/Milfoil	\$380.00
Agent	\$123.00
ATV	\$663.00
Agent	\$23.00
Snowmobiles	\$600.00
Agent	\$17.00
IF&W Licenses	\$633.25
Migratory Water Fowl Stamps	\$7.25
Agent	\$45.25
Total Fees to State	<u>\$4,766.25</u>
Total Agent Fees	<u>\$208.25</u>

Respectfully submitted,  
Gretchen MacLeod  
Town Clerk

# committee reports

## Code Enforcement Officer

In the year from April 12, 2015 through April 22, 2016, Code Enforcement included the application review and site inspections of:

### **17 Conditional Use Permits :**

- 5 Structures in Shoreland
- 7 Vegetation Removal
- 1 Driveway Construction
- 4 Earthmoving

### **12 Building Permits:**

- 3 New Houses
- 3 Additions
- 4 Accessory Structures
- 2 Docks and Haul-outs

### **12 Septic System Permits:**

- 5 new, 4 replacements,
- 2 expansions, 1 repair

### **10 Internal Plumbing Permits - including 1 solar powered**

Permit applications requiring Codes Enforcement Officer and Local Plumbing Inspector activity increased 70% to a total of 51, up from 30 in the previous reporting year. While the number of new houses has remained at 3, there is an increase in land use activity and/or an increased compliance in obtaining permits. I would like to thank landowners for their cooperation and willingness to work with me in the process of administering the Arrowsic Zoning Ordinance and other State rules.

Under Maine law, contractors moving soil or excavating within 250 feet of high water or zoned wetlands are required to be certified by Maine DEP in the use of erosion and sedimentation control practices. The goal is to conserve natural resources and protect the environment while allowing regulated development in sensitive areas.

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Recent interest in the creation of accessory (“in-law”) apartments and the growing practice of short-term rentals (like Air BnB) reflects a shift in historical land use activities in Arrowsic. The potential impacts and associated zoning issues will be a topic for continued discussion with the Planning Board in the coming year.

Respectfully submitted  
Michael Kreindler  
Code Enforcement Officer

## **Animal Control Officer**

The past year (2015-2016) has had a low to moderate number of animal control calls, including the usual lost cats, escaped dogs, and wandering ducks.

I also worked with the Conservation Commission to improve compliance with the Sewall Pond leash rule, and in conjunction with the Fire Department, helped rescue a fallen horse. This year was my tenth year as ACO and my last.

Thanks to all the townsfolk for making my term as Animal Control Officer reasonably painless.

Respectfully submitted  
Jeremy Blaiklock, ACO

## **General Assistance**

As of the date of publication in the fiscal year 2015-2016, the Town received no requests for general assistance and therefore allocated no funds from surplus for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,  
Michele Gaillard  
Selectman and General Assistance Administrator



## **Zoning Board of Appeals**

The Zoning Board received no appeals this past year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mark Geiger (Chair)  
Lois Hewlett  
Wendy Briggs  
Bob Kalish  
Barbara Boyce

## **Arrowsic Fire Department**

I can't say enough good things about the officers and firefighters of the Arrowsic Fire Department. They have once again given 110% at each and every training and emergency incident. We have spent many hours in 2015 training to better ourselves as firefighters. Some examples of the things we have trained on in 2015 are: basic firefighting, forestry, and chimney fires. We have also been updating equipment and making things safer for our firefighters.

This is our eleventh year that we are holding the operating budget at \$12,000. We are able to keep it at \$12,000 due to great success in obtaining grants and donations along with utilizing many cost saving measures. We have been successful with grants and donations from various community sources over the past few years. We continue to apply for every grant for which we are eligible and pursue every avenue of alternative funding available.

Please take a moment to think about this scenario. In the event of an emergency at your home, would public service -police, fire, and EMS personnel be able to easily and quickly locate you? Living in a rural town with many roads - some with the same name divided into sections - it is important that your house number is clearly marked and easily viewed from the street you live on. Your driveway should be marked with reflective numbers no less than 4" tall and visible from both sides of travel. If you share your driveway with another homeowner, please make sure that a reflective arrow points in the direction to your house.

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It is important to remember we work with out-of-town agencies that come to our town to help us from time to time. They might not be familiar with the area, and finding your home at night with no visible numbers available can be deadly when minutes count. Please put the proper markers at the end of your driveway and your house.

We are still in need of volunteer firefighters; if you are interested or know anyone who is interested, please contact any member of the Arrowsic Fire Department. In closing, I really want to thank every member for keeping the Arrowsic Fire Department a very special place.

Respectfully submitted  
Christopher M. Cummings  
Fire Chief

## **Recycle and Solid Waste Committee**

### The ASWRC Committee and Its Program

The Arrowsic Solid Waste and Recycling Committee (ASWRC) aims to provide the Town of Arrowsic with convenient, cost-effective, waste-reduction and recycling programs, and to promote environmental sustainability and preservation. We track tonnages of materials collected in order to measure the success of our efforts and calculate our recycling rate.

### Education and Outreach

Where it has been determined that more than 40% of what we throw away—and pay for—as trash is organic material, this year, the ASWRC's education focus has been on composting. An April town workshop was planned with the staff of the Maine Department of Environmental Protection and Maine Composting School. A comprehensive composting brochure, outlining composting techniques for town residents, was also planned, and expected to be completed in time for distribution with this report. The brochure will also be available on the town website. Of special note was that Arrowsic's efforts with composting were recognized in an article in the Maine Townsman, the publication of the Maine Municipal Association. Go Arrowsic! But that's not to say that we can't do even better!

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Articles and Meeting Minutes: Quarterly articles and reminders were submitted to The Arrowsic Arrow, and committee meeting minutes were regularly posted on the town website to keep town residents informed.

#### Household Hazardous Waste Collection (HHW)

Last spring, the town's successful program of participating with Bath in hazardous waste collection was continued, with seven households participating and dropping off their materials at the site in Bath. The total cost, including setup and other administrative fees, was \$534, well under the \$600 budgeted amount.

#### Bulky Items Pickup

Arrowsic residents again participated in the Annual Bulky Items Pickup, made available for large items, such as sofas and appliances, which cannot be put out with regular trash. Private arrangements were made with RC Rogers & Sons, Arrowsic's trash/recycling hauler, for these items to be picked up on two separate occasions in late summer. The ASWRC plans to arrange for this event each year.

How much trash and recycling did our town generate in 2015?

Curbside Trash: 123.26 tons (down almost 3.5 tons from the previous year!)

Curbside Recycling: 58.27 tons (up over 2 tons—probably a good thing, as it may directly relate to the decrease in trash)

Collected and Recycled from the Recycling Shed:

- Scrap metal: 55 lbs.
- Assorted electronics: 84 lbs.
- Rechargeable and alkaline batteries: 262 lbs.
- CDs/DVDs: ~25

#### Composting

Arrowsic just did a townwide survey that included detailed questions about composting. With a 61% response rate to the survey, 75% of the respondents said they compost an average of 9 lbs./per week. If this is extended to the entire town of 216 households (US Census) that would mean that 162 households compost a total of 1,458 lbs./week, or 75,816 lbs./year, or 37.9 tons/year. Based on current tipping fees (\$70/ton), this saves the Town \$2,653 a year in disposal fees.

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Cost to Dispose of Recycling and Solid Waste;

Update on Contracts

Last year, the town was caught by surprise with a 500% increase in our recycling cost, and the ASWRC decided we needed some form of protection to keep this from happening again. Best deal: Casella/Pine Tree Waste contract—3 years at \$25/ton for recycling and \$70/ton for trash (down from \$95 at the Bath Landfill), with caps on periodic fee increases. While there have been contracts with trash haulers, this may be the first time the town has one with the disposal facility. This is still a 3:1 cost ratio, leaving recycling as the clear bargain. In fact, with the reduced trash fees, the town is actually saving money. RC Rogers contract was renewed for one year in 2015, with no fee increases. However, those hauling fees will increase for the coming fiscal year, trash at 3%, and recycling at 17%. Recycling disposal fees may also rise up to \$10 per ton.

Meetings

The Arrowsic Solid Waste and Recycling Committee holds its meeting at the Town Hall on the third Monday of every month at 6:00 pm; please feel free to join us.

Call for Volunteers—The ASWRC Needs You!

This venerable committee is in need of new members interested in helping with the necessary work and in developing strategies and charting our town's course for resource and materials management. Should you be interested, please contact Chairperson Paul Schlein, pschlein@gmail.com, 443-3209.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ros Arienti  
Jon Biehler  
John Hinds  
Roz McLean,  
Paul Schlein  
Katherine Smith

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## Planning Board

During 2015, the Planning Board approved 2 conditional use permits for activity in the Shoreland Zone, of which one was for a dock, and the other was for construction of a driveway. A home business permit for a construction business was also issued.

The 2015 Town Meeting adopted a new Floodplain Management Ordinance to comply with the new requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Additionally the Planning Board met with a wildlife biologist from the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to discuss the Department's role in protecting wildlife habitat, and especially for migratory waterfowl, in connection with development in the shoreland zone.

The Zoning Ordinance changes recommended by the Board for the 2016 Town Meeting will conform Arrowsic's definition of Shore Frontage to the State's definition in the Shoreland Zoning Guidelines so that it is more clearly consistent with the existing minimum lot-width dimension within 100 feet of the shoreline.

Finally, in response to a request from a property owner, and after consultation with the Select Board and with citizens at a meeting on April 6, 2016, the Planning Board will consider whether to recommend modifying the restrictions of minimum lot size requirements with respect to accessory dwellings, sometimes referred to as "in-law apartments." The Planning Board expects to hold another special meeting in the late fall to discuss possible alternatives, and based on that discussion, to determine whether to propose ordinance changes to the 2017 Town Meeting. If this is a matter on which you have an opinion, please express it to members of the Planning Board and engage in the process in the coming year.

Planning Board meetings are held on the first Monday of the month except when that day is a holiday, in which case the regular monthly meeting is moved to the first Wednesday. The public is always welcome to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

Will Neilson, Chairman

Chris Brett, Secretary

Matt Caras

Geoff Cartmell

Roger Heard

Donald Kornrumpf

Jennifer Geiger

## Scholarship Advisory Committee

It has been a great year of fundraising for the Committee. Our yard sale last summer raised over \$500. The citizens of Arrowsic continued to donate most generously. Their contributions, coupled with a continued demographic lull, have allowed us to keep the scholarship at \$1200. We are of course planning another yard sale soon, so please clean out your attics and garages and donate treasures for us to sell. We have a great group of seniors as always, who are very appreciative for the scholarships they will receive, and we on the Committee gratefully thank all who have helped grow the fund.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeremy Blaiklock, Chairman

## Local Emergency Management Agency

The main role of the Emergency Management Director is to be a voice at the county and state levels for planning and reporting purposes. Sagadahoc County is in the process of updating its Mitigation Plan and Arrowsic has been represented throughout this process.

As a small community we benefit from knowing our neighbors and their needs. During times of severe weather (rain, snow, wind, heat) please check on your neighbors.

For the coming year I will continue the process of updating the Emergency Management Plan as this has not been updated in several years, and should be looked at annually.

Please consider signing up for Sagadahoc County's CodeRED program. This program allows the dispatch center to call a town and inform them of a specific, imminent issue. This program has specific parameters to its use and recently has been used successfully in Bowdoin to locate a missing elderly male. To sign up, please go to [sagcounty.com](http://sagcounty.com) and select the Emergency Management tab.

Please do not hesitate to e-mail me with any concerns throughout the year at [bcarlton12@gmail.com](mailto:bcarlton12@gmail.com).

Respectfully submitted,  
Brian Carlton

## **Arrowsic Conservation Commission**

The Conservation Commission continued its monitoring of Sewall Pond throughout the open water season, testing water quality from May through October, conducting our annual count of returning alewives in spring, seining for juvenile alewives in late summer, and documenting their departure in the fall. We did some minor trail maintenance at the Sewall Pond Conservation Area, and we scheduled weekly litter patrol at the swimming sites on both sides of the pond throughout the summer.

Our annual roadside clean up in April 2015, coordinated with the Recycling Committee, was a success once again, with 43 volunteers participating in pick up, sorting, or directing activities.

Our major focus this year has been on production of a Coastal Stewardship Guide, in collaboration with our neighboring towns, Phippsburg, Georgetown, and Westport Island. This guide will spell out in simple terms the best practices for conserving water and water quality in our coastal rocky towns that depend on stored rainwater for our domestic water needs. We hope to maintain a working relationship with these Conservation Commissions into the future.

Respectfully submitted,  
Josephine Ewing  
Noreen Blaiklock  
Clarke Cooper  
Mildred Stafford  
Ralph Pope  
Karen Robbins  
Paul Schlein

## **Shellfish Conservation Committee**

The Arrowsic Shellfish Conservation Committee is charged with management of the Town's soft shell clam (*Mya Arenaria*) resource, including enforcement of the Town shellfish conservation ordinance and applicable State regulations. This work includes several areas: license allocation and issuance, enforcement, shellfish conservation and administration. In addition to the Committee members, we rely heavily

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on Town Clerk Gretchen MacLeod, Shellfish Warden Jon Hentz, DMR Regional Biologist Peter Thayer, Ruth Indrick of KELT and volunteer licensed harvesters.

In 2015 we began an experimental clam restoration project. With State approval we closed the North Squirrel Point flat to clam harvesting and set up seven experimental plots with various combinations of seeded and unseeded, net protected and exposed areas. The goal is to determine which technique might be effective in restoring this area, which has very few “native” clams. The project will continue at least through 2016 and perhaps longer. Serendipitously, through contacts with the Arrowsic Education Committee, we were able to add an educational element. A boat load of kids and parents, skippered by Doug Ware, arrived at the flat to assist us in setting nets, spreading spawn and learning about clam harvesting. Subsequently, Lisa staffed a booth at the Arrowsic Fall Festival at which children (and even adults) could learn more about clams. We hope to continue similar efforts in 2016.

Other activities in 2015 included a Green Crab survey, which showed continuing crab presence, and a clam population survey of the flat north of Crow Island Back River, which revealed a significant reduction in the clam population relative to previous years. Whether this is the result of GC predation or increased harvesting pressure is unclear but, as a precaution, we have reduced the allocated number of commercial licenses for 2016 to three. As well, we encourage residents to buy a recreational license and give clamming a try. Although the North Squirrel Point flat is closed for conservation purposes, the area to the south (beyond the point) remains open to harvesters, as does the Crow Island flat.

The Committee would like to encourage all residents to take an interest in our clam resource. The Committee will meet quarterly in 2016. We have changed the meeting time to early weekday evenings to enable more people to attend. In addition to a Green Crab survey in June and a shell fish survey in late July, we will maintain the shell fish restoration project at Squirrel Point, and hope to continue the educational activities begun last year. If you would like to get involved please call the Town Office, or ASCC Chair William Blaiklock 443-3725.

Respectfully submitted,  
William C. Blaiklock, Acting Chair  
Philip Packard  
Gretchen MacLeod  
Paul Burgess  
Lisa Margonelli, Secretary



## Shellfish Warden

The European green crab is threatening Maine's coastal fisheries and ecosystems. Decreases in clam populations and degradation of coastal habitats have been observed up and down the coast. As a result, your shellfish committee and the Kennebec Estuary Land Trust, (KELT) along with interested parties throughout the areas are working on projects that allow us to better understand the green crab life cycle. The crabs are known to eat all sizes of soft shell clams, and have an adverse affect on eelgrass beds by eating eelgrass shoots and burrowing into the banks of intertidal marshes, where they destroy the marsh grasses.

The past winter of 2015-16 was very mild by most standards. It will take a significant research effort to show us where Arrowsic ranks with the green crab population on our flats. In this country at the present time there is very little economic value to the green crab once harvested. Some possibilities for commercial use around the world are creating aquaculture feed, lobster bait, pet food supplements, and fertilizer. Crab meat for human consumption, in an overseas market may be a possibility in the near future.

Over the past several years the Maine Shellfish Advisory Council and various business ventures have been busy working on aquaculture programs. This is the way of the future.

Prior to harvesting any shellfish in Arrowsic an individual must first obtain a shellfish license from the town office. At that time they should ask to look at the "Administrative Letters" which will show all the clam flats that are open for safe harvest of shellfish and those closed due to Pollution, Rainfall (Maine Coast Flood), and or Red Tide (Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning). For the most up to date status of any flat, visit Maine DMR and go to DMR Home and News for the most up to date status of the flats. This way you can be absolutely sure that the flats you plan to dig on are open.

Open areas are now entirely controlled by the rate of the ebbing Kennebec River. Effective immediately, because of intermittent pollution due to river discharge, the shore, flats and waters of the Arrowsic clam flats are classified as "Conditionally Approved" and shall be closed to the harvest of clams, quahogs, oysters, and mussels when river discharge meets or exceeds 30,000 cubic feet per second (cfs), between October 1st and January 31st; when river discharge meets or exceeds 60,000 cfs between February 1st and April 30th and when river discharge meets or exceeds 40,000 cfs between May 1st and September 30th.

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Also be aware that the town may have a conservation closure in effect on flats where seed clams are growing to maturity. Prior to digging, contact the Town office by calling 443-4609 or the shellfish warden, Jon Hentz at 371-2732 for the most up to date information. Openings and closings are subject to change without warning. The warden makes every effort to post a closure sign on the bulletin board outside the town hall, however, never trust the absence of a sign, for they can be, and in many cases are, damaged or vandalized. The only notice you can completely trust is the one located in the town office or the (DMR) web site.

Please remember that if you use someone else's property to get to the clam flats you must first obtain their permission.

Red Tide Hotline number is 1-800-232-4733. If you have a problem understanding this recording, please look at a chart or map to find the points of reference being spelled out. If you are still in doubt, please call me at home so I can provide assistance.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jon L. Hentz  
Arrowsic Shellfish Conservation Warden

## Education Committee

In our second year, the Arrowsic Education Committee focused on strengthening the committee's structure, building collaborations with other town groups, facilitating initiatives to celebrate and build community, representing the town at school district events, and monitoring the representation of Arrowsic students in the district school and town budgets.

There were multiple membership changes on the committee. David Howe stepped down as chair, with Camille Kauffunger graciously volunteering to take over the role. Dena Bachman moved from alternate to committee member, with Matt Bachman shifting to the alternate role. Wendy Briggs ended her term, with Erin Hart taking her place. Anita Lichman stayed on as secretary. Currently, all four committee members have school-aged children, homeschooled or in the West Bath/RSU 1 school districts. The committee meetings are child-friendly and offer rich opportunities for networking and information sharing. On occasion, the children outnumber the adults and serve as an important reminder of why we are here.

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The major work of the Education Committee consisted of initiatives aimed at building community spirit and relationships. These included: the Fall Festival with over 55 participants and 17 volunteers; Box Top Collection for schools attended by Arrowsic students; recruitment of young writers and artists for the Arrowsic Arrow; and the “Arrowsic Accolades” section of the Arrow, which celebrates education related successes of town members.

The Education Committee coordinated activities with several other town groups, such as the Scholarship Committee’s yard sale and the Shellfish Committee’s clam seeding. Independently, committee families also assisted with the Conservations Committee’s alewife count and town clean up activities. We look forward to more collaborations this year and to creating opportunities for children and teens to engage with their community and neighbors.

In addition to Arrowsic activities, the Education Committee participated in the Morse High School Building Project, the Choices/Pre-School Advisory Group, and monthly RSU 1 Board Meetings. Based on discussions with Tim Harkins, Arrowsic resident and RSU 1 Representative, our committee is currently testing a new monthly meeting schedule. Our goal is to coincide our monthly meetings with the RSU 1 school board activities in an effort to more effectively respond to opportunities and issues of potential concern for town residents.

The Committee continues to carry out the administrative function of ensuring that the fiscal allocation the town makes is accurate for Arrowsic students in the district. We have organized and published a public meeting schedule with minutes and created a formal system to review the student list published by the regional school district.

With only two years in, the Education Committee is still a young and forming group. We are grateful for the opportunity to serve the town and welcome your feedback, concerns, input and participation. As we grow, we will continue to seek ways to gather and disseminate information that would best benefit the town’s educational needs. Most importantly, we wish to continue to get to know town residents and to better understand your academic goals and desires for our children and adults.

Respectfully submitted,  
Camille Kauffunger  
Anita Lichman  
Dena Bachman  
Erin Hart

## Road Commission

Charlie Collins and the Maine Moss snowplow crew again did an excellent job. My wish in last year's report to have a little less snow this year for Charlie's sake turned out to be prescient. But there were some challenges with icy conditions that they handled well. This was the second year of Charlie's three-year contract.

The Road Commission continued to provide some road addressing and updated the Town E911 list. In particular, we focused on new homes built off the Jetty Point Road. If you have questions about your address or the E911 addressing system or need an address assigned, please contact Jim Stump. We also put up quite a few new road signs this year and thanks goes to John McLuer for managing the sign production.

This past year started right off with the paving of Old Stage Road. That work on a middle section of the road was completed in July. HC Crooker again did a very good job and Dick Elwell provided the side shim gravel. The Commission intends to continue the paving another approximate ½ mile section of Old Stage Road just north of the section done last year. We hope to get this done by the time of the Town Meeting.

The Commission spent quite a bit of time this year on the Bald Head Road, repairing pot holes, grading ditches, shimming the gravel shoulder, and grading. We will continue this work in the upcoming year. And it seems that we spent an unusual amount of time dealing with storm blow-down. This year's budget has a somewhat increased line item in anticipation that we will likely need to do the same this year. We appreciate the good work done by Dick Elwell and Brian Elwell on both of these efforts.

I am sure you are all anxious to once again hear about pavement crack filling, so as an update, BS Paving, who did the crack filling on Old Stage Road in 2014, owes us some warranty work that they have indicated would be done this spring, particularly at the south end of the road.

The Commission has discussed the limited sight line problem on Rte 127 at the Old Stage Road/Bald Head Road intersection. We will be exploring with the State what might be done there.

For the Road Commission,  
Jim Stump

# organization reports

## RSU 1 School Board

2015-2016 proved to be an unusual year for the RSU1 finances. While the budget was reduced from \$28,352,573 to \$27,336,543, revenue was also down 3.58% as well. This decrease of \$1,016,030 was almost exclusively a function of the withdrawal of West Bath from RSU1. Nearly all of this loss of revenue was off-set by the reduction of expenses that were directly related to the staffing and operation of the West Bath School. The net impact of the loss of West Bath was an increase of \$273,206 in expenses over revenue. The overall impact of the RSU1 budget to the municipalities of the district was an average increase of 2.91% to the local contribution to fund education.

Despite all of these significant changes to the district budget, RSU1 was able to maintain the same level of programming from the previous year, with two new additions. A middle school foreign language teacher was added to serve 7th grade students at both Bath Middle School and Woolwich Central School. This reintroduction of foreign language at the middle school level was the first since it had been cut nearly 5 years ago. The second addition to the district was the expansion of the Pre-K Program from 3 days/ week to 5 days/ week. This expansion of Pre-K is a continuation of the Boards' strong advocacy of this program.

Another significant impact to RSU1 with the withdrawal of West Bath was the reapportionment of the school board members in the district. A subcommittee was formed in March 2015 that included 1 selectperson, 1 school board member and 1 public member from each of the respective towns. After meeting for 7 months, the committee crafted a plan which was submitted, and received approval, from the State Department of Education. The plan retains a 7 member board, designating 4 seats be held by residents of each municipality. The 3 remaining seats are to be held by at-large members. Communities are no longer split into voting districts, and all communities participate in the election of any new board member.

The District completed the improvements and renovations associated with the \$5.2 million bond that was approved by voters in 2013. The total amount spent from the bond was \$3.7 million. The reason a lesser amount was spent was due to the fact that some of the work that was earmarked for Morse High School was eliminated due to the fact that the

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district has been approved by the State for a new high school. The dollars that were spent will be officially bonded in 2017, once RSU1 retires some existing debt. The reason for holding off on this is to lessen the impact the bond will have on tax-payers. Currently, the district is paying interest only on a bond anticipation note.

With regard to the new high school, much is going on. After a number of public meetings, during which we heard from many members of our community, the RSU1 Board voted to support the building of a new high school as opposed to renovating the existing building. Two sites have been identified for potential construction: Wingfarm Parkway and the site of the practice fields at Bath Middle School. Our architects (Lavallee- Brensinger), along with the support of our engineers (Sebago Technics), investigated sites around the district. These 2 locations met most of the criteria required by the State and established by the site selection committee. Concern was given to: environmental impact, access to adequate services (water, sewer, power, etc.), size of the parcel being large enough to accommodate a high school, central location to the district. These are just a few of the criteria discussed by the group. Both properties are owned by the City of Bath. Once appraisals are complete, negotiations will begin between Bath and RSU1.

Multiple subcommittees have met (and will continue to meet) to discuss the construction of the new school. Currently there are 4 active committees: site selection, visioning, community relations, and building. Out of these committees has come an Education Specifications document that was submitted to the State for approval. The architects will use this document to guide the development of the new school in a way that reflects the beliefs of this community. That document can be viewed on the district website ( <https://sites.google.com/a/rsu1.org/morse-building-project/>). This project is a huge undertaking and will have a significant impact on not only our future high school students, but also the communities that make up the RSU. I encourage you to participate in this exciting new project.

We would like to welcome three new administrators to our district: Justin Keleher has taken the role of Director of Special Services, Jennifer Vose has joined us as the new principal at Dike Newell, and Brandon Ward is our new principal at Bath Middle School. The Board is excited to have these three individuals join our talented team of administrators.

Our mission in RSU1 continues to be one that serves the needs of all students. We continue to craft and tailor programming with the individual student in mind. What works for one may not work for all,

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and we are very mindful of that in this district. It is important that we move all students forward district-wide. Just as an example: at 5th grade 54.5% of our students in Math and 61.8% of our students in Reading are scoring at or above the 50% range nationally on the NWEA test. By 8th grade 73.1% of our students in Math and 80.7% in Reading are scoring at or above the 50% range nationally on the NWEA. This is a small sample, but it shows we are making strides in the district relative to the national average.

Thank you for allowing me to present this report. I hope that you find this information helpful. As always, please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about what is happening in RSU1.

Sincerely,

Tim Harkins  
RSU1 Arrowsic representative and Board Chair  
[tharkins@rsu1.org](mailto:tharkins@rsu1.org)



On behalf of the Board, Corporators, and Staff of the Patten Free Library, thank you to the Town of Arrowsic for making the Patten Free Library your library. Your support of the library in 2014-15 has enabled:

169,406 people to visit the Library  
129,933 items to be borrowed  
25,932 items to be borrowed and loaned through interlibrary loan  
25,219 people to use the public computers  
10,501 reference questions to be answered  
6,942 eBooks and audiobooks to be borrowed  
6,128 people to participate in 257 children's programs  
2,445 people to attend 125 adult programs  
1,599 teens to participate in 130 programs  
544 children to participate in the Summer Reading Program  
69 teens to participate in the Teen Summer Reading Program

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Our mission is to transform lives, inspire lifelong learning, preserve local history, and build community through joyful, creative exploration and dialogue for the citizens of Arrowsic, Bath, Georgetown, Woolwich, and West Bath.

Some highlights of the Library's service in 2014-15 include:

- The 11th Annual Town History Series, which featured "History of the Mill Pond Area" presented by Nancy Sferra
- An evening with Senator George Mitchell, live music concerts, film showings, author talks, and genealogy workshops
- Pop-In with Mary Poppins children's summer reading program with 544 participants
- 12 Bath history expeditionary learning classes for Morse High School Academy students
- Over 40 instructional/informational sessions for middle and high school students

Respectfully submitted,  
Lesley Dolinger  
Director

## **Range Light Keepers**

Twenty years ago, The Maine Lights program, passed by the U.S. Congress in 1996, led to the transfer of 28 lighthouses from the Coast Guard to local preservation groups or other agencies. Notice that the range lights were among those slated for transfer led to the formation of the Range Light Keepers who for the past 18 years have carefully maintained the properties and worked to preserve and enhance their historic status.

This year marks a transition as one major goal is within sight and a new challenge has emerged. Restoration of the Fiddlers Reach Fog Signal is nearing completion as we install the 1,200 pound bronze bell on the river side of the bell tower. At the Range Lights, the annual inspection revealed that the premature deterioration of the exterior cedar shingles at both range light towers has reached a critical stage, presenting a preservation challenge that cannot be forestalled.

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Fundraising is underway for this new project and we are optimistic that continued support by Arrowsic residents and the larger lighthouse preservation community will enable us to fulfill our mission. Follow us and donate at [www.rlk.org](http://www.rlk.org).



## Doubling Point Light

Our goal this year was the re-shingling of the octagonal tower of Doubling Point Light. Many shingles had rotted due to the constant battering of the elements, and many fastenings had rusted out, allowing shingles to slip into the river. After several interviews and estimates, we were delighted to place the job in the capable hands of Arrowsic's Brian Elwell. The results are both handsome and technically superb.

Brian Elwell stands on the left below, next to his wonderful crew to whom we owe sincere thanks!



The Friends of Doubling Point Light are grateful for the annual support of donors from Arrowsic and Bath and across the state. We are also fortunate to have members from other parts of New England and beyond. Tourists are especially likely to visit the lighthouse during Maine Open Lighthouse Day in mid-September, but the lighthouse property is always open to the public.

Welcome!

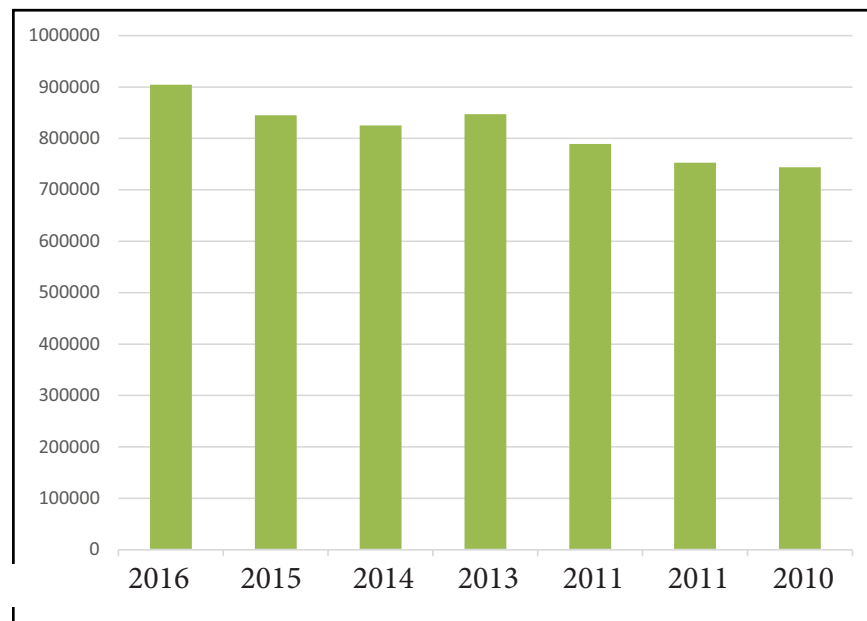
# 2016 TOWN MEETING

Article	Description	Surplus & Dedicated Funds	To Be Raised	Amount Voted
5	Salaries		41,478	
6	Election Workers		3,500	
7	Payroll Taxes		3,735	
9	Fire Department Budget		12,000	
10	Fire Department Capital	82,500		
12	Ambulance Services (Bath)		6,500	
13	Scholarship Fund Disbursement	3,600		
15	Roads		74,050	
16	Recycling		11,500	
17	Solid Waste		28,000	
18	Septage		2,500	
19	Utilities		4,000	
20	Town Property Maintenance		5,000	
21	Town Capital Improvement	5,000		
22	Animal Control Services		427	
23	Assessor's Agent		2,000	
24	Revaluation of Town Properties	5,000		
26	Auditor's Report		7,500	
27	Insurance		9,000	
28	Legal Service		5,000	
29	Administration		10,000	
30	Arrow		200	
31	Annual Report		3,500	
32	Dues		1,500	
33	Contingency		3,500	
34	Planning Board		1,000	
35	Zoning Board of Appeals		100	
36	Conservation Commission		400	
37	Shellfish Conservation Commission	800		
38	Local Emergency Management		100	
39	Education Review Committee		250	
40	Patten Free Library	7,259		
41	Non-Profit Contributions	5,050		
44	Tax Reduction from Surplus	0		
<b>TOTAL</b>		109,209	236,740	

Total from Surplus and Dedicated	\$109,209	
To Be Raised		\$236,740
County Taxes		166,985
Municipal Revenue Sharing		(9,120)
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>109,209</b>	<b>394,605</b>
Education Expense		507,962
<b>Total Amount to be Raised</b>		<b>902,567</b>

Amount to Be Raised  
(Previous Years)

2016	902,567
2015	843,163
2014	823,108
2013	845,305
2012	787,064
2011	750,544
2010	741,809



## **Warrant for Town Meeting**

Sagadahoc, ss:

To Chris Cummings, Constable for the Town of Arrowsic,  
County of Sagadahoc, State of Maine:

Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Arrowsic qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to assemble at the Arrowsic Fire Station on Thursday, the 16th of June A.D. 2016, at six-thirty in the evening, to act on the following articles to wit:

### **ELECTIONS**

**Art. 1.** To elect by ballot a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

**Art. 2.** To elect a Town Clerk for the ensuing year.

**Art. 3.** To elect by ballot, for a three-year term:  
Selectman, Assessor & Overseer of the Poor,  
Surveyor of Wood, Lumber, and Bark, Fence Viewer

**Art. 4.** To elect for the ensuing year:  
A Treasurer  
A Tax Collector  
Any other Town Officers

*Note: FY 15-16 amounts reflect expenditures through 4/25/2016*

**Art. 5.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$41,478 to pay the following salaries to the Town Officers: *Note: Salaries include employee FICA & Medicare taxes (7.65%).*

	<b>FY 14-15</b>	<b>FY 15-16 as of 4/25/16</b>	<b>FY 16-17</b>
Selectman Chair	5,618	6,497	6,497
Selectmen (2 @ \$3,750)	7,175	8,124	8,124
Town Clerk	4,467	4,873	4,873
Treasurer	4,467	4,873	4,873
Tax Collector	4,467	4,873	4,873
Registrar	487	541	541
LEMA Director	108	108	108
Shellfish Committee	0	0	0
Shellfish Warden	541	541	541
Codes Enforcement Officer	3,113	3,249	3,249
Constable	541	541	541
Animal Control Officer	541	541	541
Fire Chief	3,032	3,249	3,249
Deputy Chief	1,354	1,624	1,624
Captain (1 @ \$200)	217	217	217
Planning Board	541	541	541
Road Commission	541	541	541
Recycling	541	541	541
Board of Appeals	0	0	0
Conservation Commission	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>37,751</b>	<b>41,478</b>	<b>41,478</b>

**Art. 6.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,500 to pay the following wages to Town Election Workers.

	<b>FY 14-15</b>	<b>FY 15-16 as of 4/25/16</b>	<b>FY 16-17</b>
Registrar	450	300	300
Deputy Registrar	250	250	250
Election Wardens	450	450	450
Election Clerks	1,300	1,000	1,000
Election Counters	700	1,000	1,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,150</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>3,500</b>

**Art. 7.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,735 to pay the payroll taxes on all of the salaries and wages paid (7.65%).

<b>FY 14-15</b>		<b>FY 15-16 as of 4/25/16</b>		<b>FY 16-17</b>
<b>Request</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Request</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Request</b>
3,172	3,444	3,735	3,632	3,735

**Art. 8.** To see if the Town will vote to expend to the Town Codes Enforcement Officer, Town Clerk, and Tax Collector fees collected to these respective individuals in the form of wages.

**Art. 9.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,000 for Fire Protection for FY 16-17.

FY 14-15		FY 15-16 as of 4/25/16		FY 16-17
Request	Actual	Request	Actual	Request
12,000	7,784	12,000	7,807	12,000

**Art. 10.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$82,500 from **surplus** for the Fire Department Capital Improvement Fund. Current fund balance: **\$79,091.**

**Art. 11.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate up to the sum of \$161,500 from the Fire Department Capital Fund to replace the current Minipumper.

**Art. 12.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,500 to provide the Town with Ambulance Service for the coming year.

FY 14-15		FY 15-16 as of 4/25/16		FY 16-17
Request	Actual	Request	Actual	Request
6,500	4,597	6,500	5,434	6,500



**Art. 13.** To see if the Town will vote to expend the following amount from the Scholarship Fund for the purpose of providing scholarships to worthy and deserving students from the Town pursuing post-secondary education at an accredited educational institution; to be selected by the Selectmen on the recommendations of the Scholarship Committee.

<b>FY 14-15</b>		<b>FY 15-16 as of 4/25/16</b>		<b>FY 16-17</b>
<b>Request</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Request</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Request</b>
1,000	1,000	3,600	3,600	3,600

**Art. 14.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to accept donations to the Arrowsic Scholarship Fund and to provide appropriate receipts thereof.

**Art. 15.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$74,050 for general maintenance and repair of Town Ways and other Properties for the ensuing year, including snow removal. The amount to be raised takes into consideration the use of Town excise taxes and the MDOT Block Grant to cover Road expenses.

	<b>FY 14-15 Actual</b>	<b>FY 15-16 as of 4/25/16</b>	<b>Request for FY 16-17</b>
Expenses	174,500	107,901	176,950
Excise Tax	104,153	87,354	95,000
MDOT Block Grant	7,912	7,992	7,900

<b>Road Commission Proposed Budget 2016-2017</b>	
General Maintenance	5,500
Culverts	3,500
Roadway Grading/Rebuild	10,000
Asphalt and Gravel Maintenance	3,500
Road Sign Replacement	1,500
Paving	70,000
Emergency	5,500
Snowplow	77,450
<b>Total</b>	<b>176,950</b>
Appropriations:	
Excise Tax	(95,000)
MDOT Block Grant	(7,900)
<b>Amount to be Raised:</b>	<b>74,050</b>

**Art. 16.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,500 to cover the costs of recycling and other related activities.

<b>FY 14-15</b>		<b>FY 15-16 as of 4/25/16</b>		<b>FY 16-17</b>
<b>Request</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Request</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Request</b>
6,750	7,749	8,400	6,178	11,500

**Art. 17.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$28,000 to cover the costs of solid waste disposal.

<b>FY 14-15</b>		<b>FY 15-16 as of 4/25/16</b>		<b>FY 16-17</b>
<b>Request</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Request</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Request</b>
28,500	27,700	30,000	18,712	28,000

**Art. 18.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500 for disposal of septage waste for the coming fiscal year.

FY 14-15		FY 15-16 as of 4/25/16		FY 16-17
Request	Actual	Request	Actual	Request
2,500	2,088	2,500	3,208	2,500

**Art. 19.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000 for Municipal utilities for the coming year.

FY 14-15		FY 15-16 as of 4/25/16		FY 16-17
Request	Actual	Request	Actual	Request
4,500	3,791	4,500	2,842	4,000

**Art. 20.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for improvements and maintenance expenses of Town properties.

FY 14-15		FY 15-16 as of 4/25/16		FY 16-17
Request	Actual	Request	Actual	Request
5,000	3,036	5,000	5,069	5,000

**Art. 21.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$5,000 from **surplus** to contribute to the Town Capital Improvements Fund for future capital improvement projects. Current fund balance: \$41,583.

**Art. 22.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$427 for the purpose of providing animal control support services including housing and sheltering of stray animals.

FY 14-15		FY 15-16 as of 4/25/16		FY 16-17
Request	Actual	Request	Actual	Request
427	427	427	427	427

**Art. 23.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 for assessing expenses, including an Assessor's Agent for the coming year.

FY 14-15		FY 15-16 as of 4/25/16		FY 16-17
Request	Actual	Request	Actual	Request
2,000	1,500	3,400	3,400	2,000

**Art. 24.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$5,000 from **surplus** to add to the dedicated fund for the future revaluation of town properties by a licensed assessor. Total cost is estimated to be \$35,000. Current fund balance is \$30,000.

**Art. 25.** To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to contract assessing services for a revaluation of Town properties.

**Art. 26.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,500 for FY 15-16 Auditor's Report and associated services.

FY 14-15		FY 15-16 as of 4/25/16		FY 16-17
Request	Actual	Request	Actual	Request
7,500	7500	7,500	7,500	7,500

**Art. 27.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,000 for Insurance for the coming year.

FY 14-15		FY 15-16 As of 4/25/16		FY 16-17
Request	Actual	Request	Actual	Request
9,000	8,871	9,000	8,774	9,000

**Art. 28.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to provide Legal Services.

FY 14-15		FY 15-16 As of 4/25/16		FY 16-17
Request	Actual	Request	Actual	Request
4,000	1,175	5,000	0	5,000

**Art. 29.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 for Administration expenses such as bank service charges, office supplies, postage, printing, software, payroll processing, small dues and training, small repairs, travel reimbursements, and computer expenses for the coming year.

FY 14-15		FY 15-16 as of 4/25/16		FY 16-17
Request	Actual	Request	Actual	Request
9,000	8,678	9,000	6,749	10,000

**Art. 30.** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$200 for expenses related to the publishing of “The Arrowsic Arrow.”

**Art. 31.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,500 for printing the Annual Report for the coming year.

FY 14-15		FY 15-16 as of 4/25/16		FY 16-17
Request	Actual	Request	Actual	Request
3,000	3,030	3,200	0	3,500

**Art. 32.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500 for professional dues including for the Maine Municipal Association in the coming year.

FY 14-15		FY 15-16 as of 4/25/16		FY 16-17
Request	Actual	Request	Actual	Request
1,500	1,385	1,500	1,415	1,500

**Art. 33.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,500 for Contingent Expenses for the coming year.

FY 14-15		FY 15-16 As of 4/25/16		FY 16-17
Request	Actual	Request	Actual	Request
2,000	0	4,000	0	3,500

**Art. 34.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 for the Miscellaneous Expenses of the Planning Board.

FY 14-15		FY 15-16 as of 4/25/16		FY 16-17
Request	Actual	Request	Actual	Request
2,500	799	1,000	243	1,000

**Art. 35.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100 for the Miscellaneous Expenses of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

FY 14-15		FY 15-16 as of 4/25/16		FY 16-17
Request	Actual	Request	Actual	Request
100	0	120	105	100

**Art. 36.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400 for the Miscellaneous Expenses for the Conservation Commission.

FY 14-15		FY 15-16 as of 4/25/16		FY 16-17
Request	Actual	Request	Actual	Request
450	216	400	93	400

**Art. 37.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$800 from the **dedicated Shellfish Conservation Fund** for the Miscellaneous Expenses of the Shellfish Conservation Committee and the Shellfish Warden.

FY 14-15		FY 15-16 as of 4/25/16		FY 16-17
Request	Actual	Request	Actual	Request
500	317	500	665	800

**Art. 38.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100 for the Miscellaneous Expenses of the Local Emergency Management Agency.

FY 14-15		FY 15-16 as of 4/25/16		FY 16-17
Request	Actual	Request	Actual	Request
100	0	100	0	100

**Art. 39.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250 for the Miscellaneous Expenses of the Education Committee.

FY 14-15		FY 15-16 As of 4/25/16		FY 16-17
Request	Actual	Request	Actual	Request
250	0	250	0	250

**Art. 40.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from **surplus** the sum of \$7,259 for the Patten Free Library.

**Art. 41.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from **surplus** the sum of \$5,050 to fund the following non-profit organizations:

	<b>FY 14-15</b>	<b>FY 15-16</b>	<b>FY 16-17</b>
Bath Food Bank	300	300	350
Bath Freight Shed Alliance	100	120	100
Bath Area Senior Citizens, Inc.	625	300	350
Bath Area Family YMCA	300	300	350
Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Bath-Brunswick	500	300	350
Citizens for Squirrel Point	100	100	100
Elmhurst Assn. for Retarded Citizens, Inc.	500	300	350
Friends of the Doubling Point Light	100	100	100
Georgetown Historical Society	0	100	100
Kennebec Estuary Land Trust	100	300	300
LifeFlight Foundation	100	100	100
Maine Public Broadcasting	250	250	250
Maine's First Ship	100	100	100
MCM Community Action	325	300	350
MidCoast Chapter Red Cross	0	100	100
New Hope for Women	200	200	350
SEARCH-GB (formerly GBEON)	100	100	100
Senior Spectrum (Meals on Wheels)	350	300	350
Sweetser	504	100	350
Tedford Shelter	200	200	350
The Range Light Keepers	100	100	200
<b>Totals</b>	<b>12,293</b>	<b>11,716</b>	<b>5,050</b>



**Art. 42.** To see if the Town will vote to draw from **surplus** such funds as necessary to meet the Town's legislated responsibilities for providing General Assistance in accordance with the Town's General Assistance Ordinance passed in 2016. (Actual 15-16, \$0).

**Art. 43.** To see if the Town will vote to draw from **surplus** such funds as necessary to meet the Town's responsibilities for uncollectible ambulance fees. (Actual 15-16 \$1,110).

**Art. 44.** To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from **surplus** for reducing the amount of money to be raised by taxes. Selectmen recommend \$0.00.

**Art. 45.** To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of \$227,208 established for the Town by State law, in the event that the municipal budget approved under the preceding articles results in a tax commitment that is greater than this property tax levy limit.

**Art. 46.** To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to sell a 0.97 acre, non-conforming Town property on Route 127, Map 4/ Lot 6, historically known as the "sand lot."

**Art. 47.** To see if the Town will vote to keep the Town alewife and blueback herring resource closed to harvesting during the 2017 season for conservation purposes.

**Art. 48.** To see if the Town will vote to make the following amendments to the Definitions section of the Arrowsic Zoning Ordinance. Delete from Definitions in Zoning Ordinance (Note: For "delete and replace" changes, language deleted is struck through and language added is underlined.)

~~**Frontage, Shore:** The horizontal distance, measured along the high water mark, or upland edge of a wetland/meadow/marsh between the intersections of the side lot lines.~~

~~**Frontage, Road**~~

Add to Definitions in the Zoning Ordinance -

**Shore Frontage:** The length of a lot bordering on a water body or wetland measured in a straight line between the intersections of the lot lines with the shoreline.

**Road Frontage**

**Art. 49.** To see if the Town will direct the Selectmen to take appropriate actions to support the efforts of the Arrowsic-Georgetown Broadband Initiative to improve the availability of higher-speed broadband internet service for Town citizens.

**Art. 50.** To see if the Town will vote to accept the categories of State funding listed below, as provided by the Maine State Legislature.

State Municipal Revenue Sharing	Estimated	9,000
MDOT Block Grant	Estimated	7,900
Tree Growth Reimbursement	Estimated	930
Veterans Exemption Reimbursement	Estimated	200
Snowmobile Registration Revenues	Estimated	125
Homestead	Estimated	18,600
State grants or other funds not included above		Unknown

**Art. 51.** To see if the Town will vote to continue to allocate all revenues from the sale of shellfish licenses, and any fines received for violation of the Shellfish Conservation Ordinance, to the dedicated Shellfish Conservation Fund, to be used by the Shellfish Conservation Committee for shellfish management, conservation, and ordinance enforcement.

**Art. 52.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the ordinance entitled “Shellfish Conservation Ordinance”, dated 6/11/2008 as follows. (A copy of the complete ordinance including these changes is available at the Town Hall.) Note: For “delete and replace” changes, language deleted is struck through, language added is underlined.

Change Paragraph IV. Definitions, Subparagraph D (iii) to read as follows:

(iii) either fully participated in a scheduled shellfish conservation project, or attended at least ~~four~~ three meetings of the Shellfish Conservation Committee.

Purpose: To bring the Ordinance into conformity with the current ASCC meeting schedule.

Change Paragraph V. Licensing, Subparagraph A. to read as follows:

A. A Town Shellfish Digging License is required. It is unlawful for any person to dig or take shellfish from the shores and flats of this town without having a current license issued by this town as provided by this ordinance. ~~A Commercial Digger must also have a valid State of Maine Commercial Shellfish License issued by the Department of Marine Resources.~~ A commercial digger must also have a valid State of Maine commercial shellfish license issued by the Department of Marine Resources, but need not purchase the State license before obtaining the Town license.

Purpose: To bring the Ordinance into conformity with State Regulations, and correct a formatting error.

Change Paragraph V. Licensing to read as follows:

D. Application Procedure: Any person may apply to the Town Clerk for the license required by this ordinance on forms provided by the town. Seniority is not required to apply for a license but will govern the order in which licenses are issued.

Purpose: To clarify the purpose of Seniority.

**Art. 53.** To see if the Town will vote to collect all Watercraft Excise Taxes in a dedicated Water Access Fund. Current fund balance: \$74,109.

**Art. 54.** To see if the Town will vote to allocate all revenues from dog license fees to a dedicated Animal Control Account and authorize the Selectmen to draw from that account for the purpose of funding animal control work in town.

**Art. 55.** To see if the Town will vote to allow the Selectmen to accept and expend the following monies for FY 2016-2017: miscellaneous contributions, donations, grants and reimbursements.

**Art. 57.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to draw from **surplus** such funds as necessary for tax abatements due to overpaid taxes.

**Art. 58.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen on behalf of the Town to sell and dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town for nonpayment of taxes, on such terms as they deem advisable, and to execute quit-claim deeds for such property.

**Art. 59.** To see if the Town will vote to allocate all proceeds from the sale of tax delinquent property to the Undesignated Surplus.

**Art. 60.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of taxes.

**Art. 61.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to utilize balances in Town dedicated funds to postpone or eliminate the need to borrow in anticipation of taxes. Funds reduced in this way would be restored with incoming tax revenues.

**Art. 62.** To see what sum the Town will vote to authorize for Annual Interest on all taxes paid 60 days after posting.  
Selectmen recommend 4.0% (State Maximum Allowed—7%)

**Art. 63.** To see what date the Town will select for the 2017 Annual Town Meeting. Selectmen recommend Thursday, June 15, 2017, at 6:30 PM.

Selectmen:

Michele Gaillard  
Suzannah Heard  
William Savedoff



# ARROWSIC TOWN MEETING

Thursday,  
June 16, 2016  
6:30 pm

Arrowsic Fire Station



please bring this  
report to the meeting