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Town of Easton



*2019/2020 Annual Report of the Municipal Officers
Please bring to town meeting July 14 & 15, 2020*

Congratulations!



In addition to his job as Easton Town Manager, Jim was elected vice-president of the Maine Municipal Association Executive Board term beginning in January 1, 2020. As vice-President, he will chair MMA's Legislative Policy Committee, a 70-member group that guides MMA staff on legislative priorities and issues as well as connect with many municipalities and government agencies both in Augusta and Washington. Jim is scheduled to be MMA president on January 1, 2021.

PLEASE BRING THIS REPORT WITH YOU TO THE TOWN MEETING

2019-2020 ANNUAL REPORT

of the Municipal Officers

of the Town of EASTON, MAINE

for Fiscal Year Ending February 15, 2020.

**Polls will be open at the Odd Fellows' Hall/Community Center
on Tuesday, July 14, 2020 from 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM.**

**Continuing with Open Town Meeting at 7:00 PM, July 15, 2020
at the Easton Elementary School Cafeteria and Gymnasium.**



Michael Corey, Chairman



Bruce Flewelling, Vice-Chairman



Paul Dudley



Douglas Blackstone



Scott Allen

*"You cannot control everything that happens to you; you can only control the way you
respond to what happens. In your response is your power." Anonymous*

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"In the middle of every difficulty lies opportunity." Albert Einstein

MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES



Jim Gardner, Town Manager



Cheryl Clark, Town Clerk



Hillary Hallett, Recreation Director



Bob Clark, Highway Foreman



Troy Finnemore, Highway



Stephen Cochran, Highway



Greg White, Fire Chief



Ryan Gundy, Custodian

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

BOARD OF SELECTMEN ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

Douglas Blackstone Term Expires 2022
 Paul Dudley Term Expires 2021
 Michael Corey, Chairman Term Expires 2021
 Scott Allen Term Expires 2020
 Bruce Flewelling, Vice Chairman Term Expires 2020

SCHOOL BOARD

Thomas Osgood, Chairman Term Expires 2022
 Mary Lee Keep Term Expires 2022
 Jennifer Morin Term Expires 2021
 David Hopkins Term Expires 2021
 Jeffrey Clark (Interim) Term Expires 2020

BUDGET COMMITTEE FOR THE 2020-2021 FISCAL YEAR

Jonah Alexander	Ira Dodge	Vaughn Martin
Paul B. McAdam	Tabitha Dudley	Cynthia Flanagan
Paul DeMerchant	Brian Flewelling	Tom Osgood
Tammy Beaulier-Fuller	Gaylen Flewelling	Mary Wilcox
Jeff Blackstone	Diane Green	Terry White
Brent Bradley		Carrie Hull

SCHOOL BUDGET COMMITTEE FOR THE 2020-2021 FISCAL YEAR

Richard Green	Dennis LaTour	Cynthia Flanagan
Norman Trask	Keith Richardson	Rickie J. Hull
Ruth Cote	Merlon Cronkite	Lewis Copeland
Tony Stevens	Cody Tompkins	Matthew Pelletier
Ryan Guess	Vacant	Richard Henderson

PLANNING BOARD

David Hopkins Term Expires 2022
 Kevin Marquis Term Expires 2021
 Vacant Term Expires 2021
 Richard Green Term Expires 2020
 Cynthia Flanagan Term Expires 2020

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Stuart Cumming	Term Expires 2022
Andrew King	Term Expires 2021
Andrew Keep	Term Expires 2021
Storer DeMerchant	Term Expires 2020
Paul B. McAdam	Term Expires 2020

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Rebecca Allen	Travis Carter	Tammy Beaulier-Fuller
Tabitha Dudley	David Fuller	Nicole King
Denise Clark	Ronnie Mitchell	Peggy Flewelling
Bruce Flewelling	Sheri Carter	Jennifer Daniels

REVOLVING LOAN FUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Cynthia Flanagan	Brian Flewelling
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PRESTILE PARK COMMITTEE FOR THE 2020-2021 FISCAL YEAR

Jim Gardner	Cheryl Clark	Hillary Hallett
Marcel Chalou	Derek Carlow	Matt Hopkins

EASTON FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

Gregory White	Fire Chief
Kyle White	Asst. Fire Chief
James Desmond	Captain
Joshua Blanchette	Captain
Chris Wilcox	Lieutenant
Derrick Cyr	Lieutenant
Shawn Michaud	Training Officer

MEMBERS

Gary Barnes	Carter Mazerolle	Kim White
Mitchell Dufour	Paul DeMerchant	Dawson Haney
Seth Cleaves	Shellise Mullen	Mark Kearly
Chad Hewitt	Dan Davenport	Stephanie Bernard
Dana Cyr	Zachary Lamoreau	Jordan Doody
Barb Lovely	Jack Shannon	Loren White, Sr.
	Carl Mullen, Jr.	

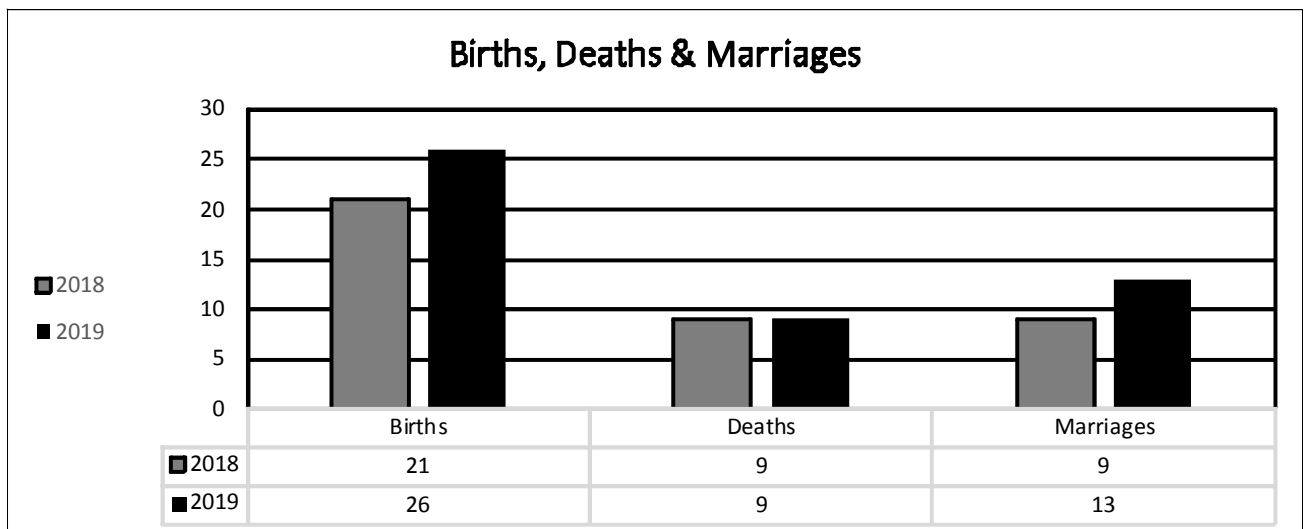
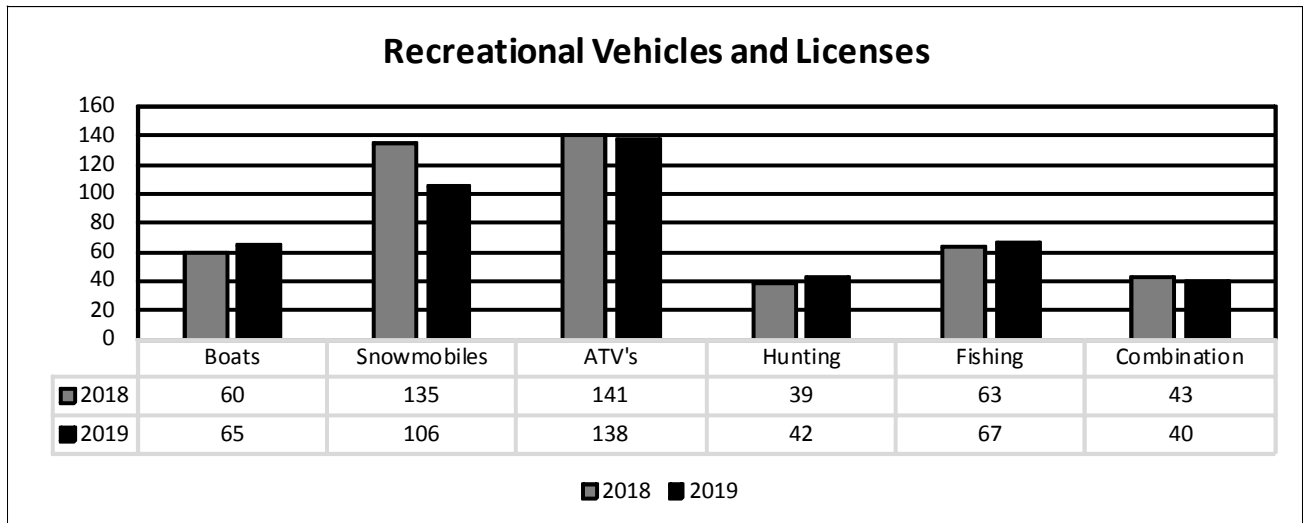
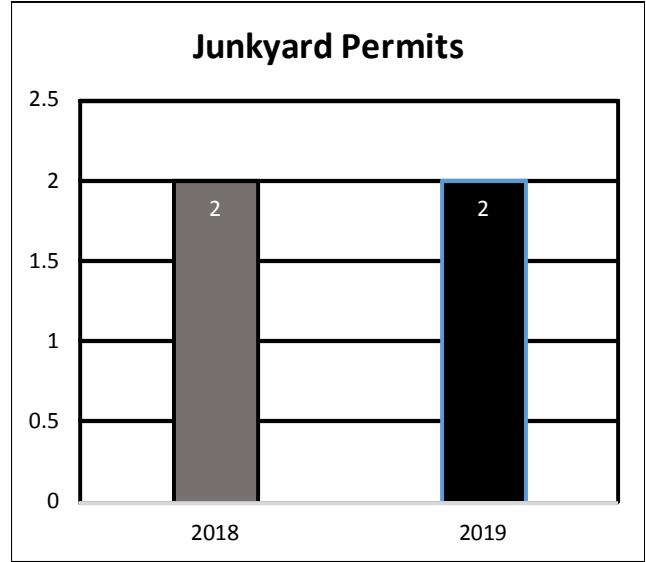
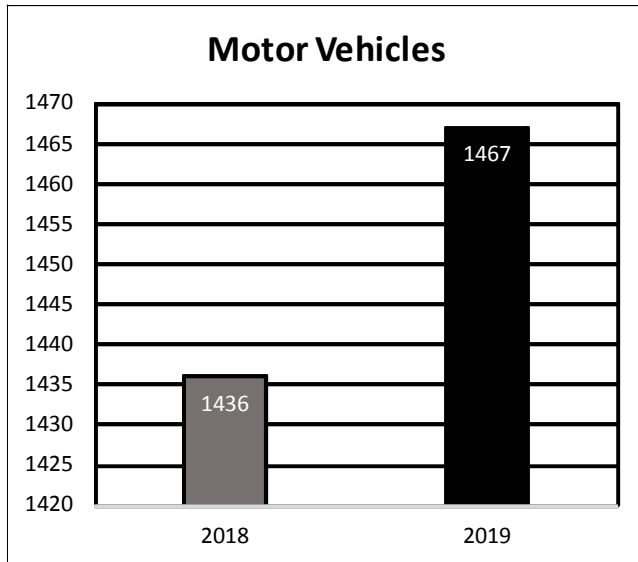
"You will meet two kinds of people in life: ones who build you up and ones who tear you down. But in the end, you'll thank them both." Anonymous

TOWN EMPLOYEES

Jim Gardner	Town Manager
	Tax Collector
	Town Treasurer
	Public Safety Director
	Health Officer
	General Assistance Administrator
	Road Commissioner
Cheryl Clark	Town Clerk
	Excise Tax Collector
	Registrar of Voters
	Election Warden
Vacant	Animal Control Officer
Tony Levesque	Plumbing Inspector & Code Enforcement Officer
Hillary Hallett	Recreation Director
Bob Clark	Highway Foreman
Troy Finnemore	Highway Operator/Mechanic
Stephen Cochran	Highway Operator/Mechanic
Gregory White	Fire Chief
	Emergency Management Director
Ryan Gundy	Custodian
Roger Shaw	Superintendent of Schools
Mark Stanley	High School Principal
Erin Ireland	Elementary School Principal
Andrew Keep	Attendance Officer



TOWN CLERK REPORT



**NOTE: Proof of insurance is required when registering motor vehicles.
You must show your insurance identification card at the time of registration.**

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

It gives me great pleasure to provide the Town Manager's report for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 (16 February 2019 – 15 February 2020) to the citizens of Easton.

This past year has brought progress in many areas as we move into the future. In our roads, we have nearly completed the Fuller Road which in many areas required a "complete rebuild". Town of Easton also completed a revaluation of the industrial properties in our community which now completes the revaluation process for the entire community. The creation of a "Prestile Community Park Restoration" committee was initiated to undertake the commitment of securing grant monies to establish a new family park in the Town of Easton.

Another successful financial budget year has come to an end. We again stayed on the positive side by getting town employees to buy into our financial system. The actual spending came within 1% of the budgeted amount for the fiscal year. This clearly demonstrates Town Government being responsible to the taxpayers.

Our municipal departments should again be complemented for their devotion, care, and overall performance in making sure that the residents of Easton receive the utmost service. Bob, Troy and Steven have continued to ensure that our roads are kept in the safest possible condition for our residents. Sometimes this means plowing our roads on holidays while others enjoy the festivities with their families. Hillary has worked very hard to ensure that Easton has the best recreation department in the County, if not the State of Maine. Hillary continues to look for new programs that facilitate all the citizens in our community. Cheryl has taken on new responsibilities that save the Town dollars by working with the Town Assessor, which entails many hours. Cheryl does this while keeping up with all her other duties as a Town Clerk.

This is the part of my report where I reflect on life in general. I had the pleasure of watching the Easton Boys Basketball team, seeded number six in the rankings, make their way to the North Maine Championship game. Although this was a great accomplishment, what I noticed most was the sportsmanship, courtesy, and manners each member displayed. I believe a lot of that came from Coach Trask, and this is a compliment to the community they represent.

In closing, I would like to thank my Board of Selectmen. Easton Board of Selectmen have been challenged with issues that no other governance has seen in past years and have met each of those challenges with only one outcome in mind "What is best for the citizens of Easton".

As always, remember there is no appointment needed to voice your opinion or concerns in my office.



Respectfully Submitted,
Jim Gardner, Town Manager

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT

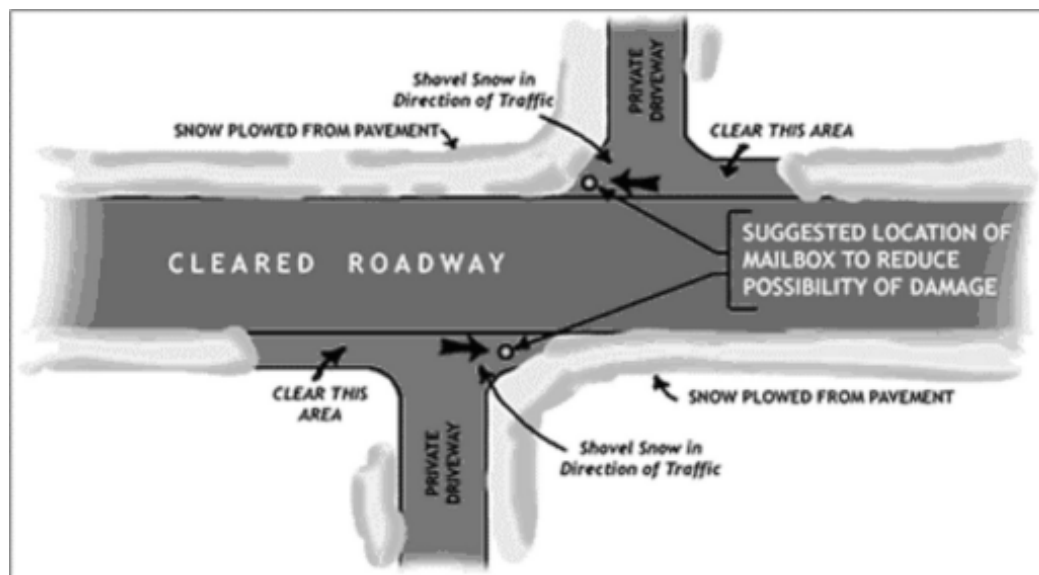
Last year's Highway Department projects included:

- Graded and added shoulder gravel to the south end of Forest Avenue and Station Road
- Installed driveway culvert at 300 Fuller Road
- Ditched and added gravel to the Bowers Road extension
- Applied 76 ton of asphalt patch to Town roads
- Mowed road sides
- Cut back trees and brush on the Fuller Road
- Replaced signs and some sign posts on the Station, Bangor and Bear Trap Roads
- Added two hundred yards of screened gravel and graded Mahany hill
- Paved approximately 400 feet of Perry Road and six tenths of a mile on the Mahany Road

Along with the above mentioned projects, we have done our yearly duties and preventative maintenance programs for the Highway Department, School Department, Fire Department, and cemetery equipment. I would like to thank the citizens of Easton for allowing us to purchase a used excavator. I would also like to thank Troy Finnemore and Shag Cochran for all their work and dedication, as well as, the town office staff and Board of Selectmen.

Respectfully Submitted
Bob Clark, Highway Foreman

Below you will find a sketch showing how your driveway can be initially cleared to reduce the possibility that after the plow passes you will be snow bound again. We suggest you clear your driveway in the manner suggested in the sketch. If you will shovel snow in the direction of traffic, and also make a pocket next to your driveway as shown, snow accumulation on the plow will drop into that pocket and only a bare minimum will go into the driveway opening.



"Two things define you. Your patience when you have nothing, your attitude when you have everything." Anonymous

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT REPORT

I am pleased to report to the citizens of Easton that the education provided to your children at Easton Schools continues to be among the finest in both Maine and the nation. Easton Schools are exceptional in quality educational opportunities and excellent student involvement in numerous activities that allows for maximum personal growth and development in a nurturing environment.

Faculty, staff, students and citizens are united in working toward the common goal of making Easton Schools the best they can be. The financial struggles public education is facing will continue to be the norm for the foreseeable future. Both State and Federal levels of funding for our schools continue to be a major concern. While we have not received GPA from the State for several years, we do receive 50% of the previous years' Special Education expenditures and a small amount as a "small economically disadvantaged" school. I anticipate that State Funding for Easton Schools will continue to be minimal since Easton's total property valuation is quite high because of such a robust industrial presence. Our General Purpose Aid from the State is as a "minimum receiver" meaning that a large percentage of school funding has to be generated at the local (property tax) level.

Easton Schools host a substantial population of tuition students who benefit our school not only financially, but by allowing available co-curricular programs to prosper because of a larger number of student participants.

It is important to acknowledge the great commitment the citizens and businesses of Easton make to provide for a true "Community School" that has more of a private academy feel than most public schools.

The School Board and I are ever cognizant and diligent in planning for present needs and preparations for the future of our schools. We have no choice but to operate as efficiently and conservatively as possible to maximize the impact of every dollar expended.

I previously praised the involvement of such a high percentage of students in the various student activities offered at our school. Obviously, a lot of people are involved on a regular basis to make this possible. I sincerely thank the many teachers, staff, advisors, coaches, volunteers and parents. Easton Schools make a diligent commitment to offering quality learning experiences for all students, and these people fulfill the important guidance and supervision that allow our children to experience the "joys of victory and the agonies of defeat." Both are building blocks to their future.

Each succeeding school year seems to be more fiscally challenging than the previous one. I am confident that the Staff, School Board, Selectmen, Town Manager and citizens of Easton will meet the challenges and that Easton Schools will continue to provide the high-quality educational experiences that our children need to become successful in their life endeavors. I am extremely proud of all aspects the Easton School Department and appreciate the privilege to serve as your Superintendent of Schools.

Respectfully Submitted,
Roger Shaw, Superintendent of Schools

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER REPORT

Let's reminisce. How do you capture an injured blue Herron? This was my first act as the unofficial ACO for the Town of Easton. The end result was an interesting photo of Hugh Turner and myself that for many years adorned the dispatch console of the state police barracks in Houlton. I would love to have a copy of that photo! My first official act was to rescue a large dog that had an unfortunate encounter with a porcupine. This is where I learned to shut the doors to the cab of the truck, unless you want to have an unhappy dog riding in the cab. There have been instances of undeclared Canadian cows and horses who were intent on visiting Easton, as well as, pigs intent on plowing up the neighbor's lawn. I have dealt with countless stray cats and many free-range dogs. I have enough stories to fill a book and I guarantee it would be an interesting read.

I have learned a few lessons in timeless truths that I wish to leave with you.

1. Treat others as you would wish to be treated.
2. When people are angry and upset, they make very poor decisions.
3. Your beloved pet can be another person's nightmare.
4. Strong fences make for happy neighbors.
5. People who profess to know all about things, do not.
6. Yes, your gentle loving dog will bite.
7. When tomcats mark their territory, perhaps they should refrain from marking the neighbor's Harley!
8. Usually, there is far more to the story than has been told.
9. Constantly barking dogs really annoy the neighbors.
10. Always be considerate of your neighbors. If the neighbors wanted a pet, they would have one. If the neighbors do not have a pet, they probably do not want yours.

I have had a very memorable twenty-seven years as your ACO. Thanks for the memories.
Be good to my successor.

Respectfully Submitted
Kevin Marquis, Animal Control Officer



"Keep your eyes on the stars and your feet on the ground." Theodore Roosevelt

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

I would like to thank and recognize Loren White, Sr. for 48 years of service to the Town of Easton Fire Department, many of which he served as the Assistant Chief. Loren's service has been greatly appreciated and he will be missed in his retirement from public service. To have given 48 years in any public service, speaks volumes of his dedication and desire to provide the best possible outcome to the citizens of Easton in their times of greatest need and carries an honor to his accomplishments that few people can compare. Good luck in retirement, but know you will always be a brother and welcome at our house, "Easton Fire Department".

This year has brought some new opportunities to the community of Easton; the Town is now served by the Presque Isle Fire Department for ambulance coverage in all needs for emergency medical attention. The City of Presque Isle is now receiving and dispatching all emergency related calls for Easton and, as such, dispatches our Fire Department, providing a seamless connection in any emergency for our Fire Department to provide a first response when it best serves the citizens. To continue the theme of providing the best emergency responses to all situations, Easton has entered into an automatic mutual aid response with Presque Isle, Fort Fairfield, and Mars Hill Fire Departments. This agreement allows the 911 call centers to assign multiple departments to a single call automatically and allows those departments to preplan an emergency situation and provide the essential fire fighting equipment and personnel to respond efficiently and effectively. Homeowners may want to check with their insurance carrier to see if this automatic mutual aid agreement serves to reduce their insurance premiums.

Please remember to check your smoke detectors and, if you need new ones, contact the Town office to schedule a Fire Department visit to install new detectors free of charge.

Respectfully Submitted
Greg White, Fire Chief

Building fire	6
Fires in structure other than in a building	1
Mobile home fire	1
Off-road vehicle or heavy equipment fire	1
Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire	1
Outside rubbish, trash or waste fire	1
Dumpster fire	1
Medical assist, assist EMS crew	4
Motor vehicle accident with injuries	1
Motor vehicle accident with no injuries	2
Power line down	2
Dispatched and cancelled en route	1
Sprinkler activation due to malfunction	2
Training or testing	25



"The person who says something is impossible should not interrupt the person who is doing it." Anonymous

ANNUAL TRAINING AND SAFETY REPORT

The Easton Fire Department had a very busy year. Training played a key role in the activities that we participated in during 2019. I would like to congratulate Jordan Doody on earning his Firefighter 1 & 2 certification. Jordan is now studying for his Basic EMS license. Kyle White and I earned our Basic Fire Officer certification from the Maine Fire Academy.

We began last year with an ambitious training schedule. We started with SCBA and RIT team training. We felt this was important after the first firefighter line-of-duty death in Maine in 30 years. A generous donation of a house by Terry White gave us the opportunity to train on several different aspects of firefighting. We held training on chimney fires and ladders, as well as, search and rescue. This also allowed us to train with our mutual aid departments. We invited Fort Fairfield and Mars Hill Fire Departments to train with us and they graciously obliged.

In late October, several members visited the Easton Elementary School and taught students what to do in a fire with our “Learn Not To Burn” program. Students were able to see how smoke detectors work. They also learned about the importance of having an escape plan, as well as, the dangers of sleeping with the bedroom door open. And, of course, everyone got to see the fire trucks and spray the fire hose!

After a change in ambulance service in the Town of Easton, we invited the Presque Isle Fire Department to bring an ambulance over to familiarize us with their rig. They also went over what is expected of us in the event of a medical call.

In the coming year, it is our hope to have a few members earn their Basic Firefighter certification, if not their Firefighter 1 & 2 certification. We would also prefer more of our officers earn their Basic Fire Officer certification. We look forward to sending some members to First Responders Training.

It has been my honor and pleasure to serve as the Easton Fire Department’s Safety and Training Officer and I hope to serve for many more years to come.

Respectfully Submitted
Shawn Michaud, Safety & Training Officer



“Children have never been very good at listening to their elders, but they have never failed to imitate them.” James Baldwin

NOTICE TO ALL DOG OWNERS

All dogs six months or older as of January 1, 2020 or whenever they turn six months must be licensed. Any owner that licenses their dog after January 31, 2020 will be charged an additional \$25.00 late fee. A valid rabies certificate must be presented at the time of licensing. On April 1, 2020 the assessors will present the dog warden with a warrant listing of all unlicensed dog owners and this will result in an additional warden's fee being charged. If you no longer have your dog, please notify the town office. It is unlawful to allow your pet to be without a leash. Approximately 8 dogs were taken to the Aroostook Humane Society in 2019.

Cheryl Clark, Town Clerk

EXEMPTIONS FOR VETERANS AND WIDOWS OF VETERANS

A property tax exemption is available to Veterans age 62 or over, to Veterans under 62 if they are certified by the Veterans Administration Office to be totally disabled, or to the un-remarried widow or minor child of any veteran who would be entitled to such exemption if living, or who is in receipt of a pension or compensation from the Federal Government as the widow or minor child of veteran.

Persons not already receiving this exemption who wish to apply should do so at the Town Office no later than April 1, 2020. Persons receiving such an exemption are not required to apply annually.

The maximum property valuation exemption for veterans or their widows whose service period was prior to or during World War I, is \$6,000. For Veterans or their widows whose service period is after World War I, the maximum property valuation exemption is \$5,000.

HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

Residents who have owned a home in Maine for the past twelve months qualify for a homestead exemption of up to the just value of \$25,000. Applications are available at the Town Office.



"The great thing in this world is not so much where you stand, as in what direction you are moving." Oliver Wendell Holmes

REPORT OF THE ASSESSORS 4/1/19

Real Estate:

Land Value	\$36,203,600
Building Value	<u>\$100,539,200</u>
Total Real Estate Value	\$136,742,800

Personal Property:

Production machinery and equipment	\$56,255,252
Business Equipment	\$514,159
All other personal property	<u>\$176,721</u>
Total Personal Property	\$56,946,132

Total Taxable Valuation	\$193,688,932
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Municipal Tax Rate per \$1,000 = .0174 (mil rate)	\$3,370,187.42
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CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER/ PLUMBING INSPECTOR REPORT

The following is a summary of the Plumbing Permits issued during 2019:

Internal Plumbing Permits	2
Sub-surface Waste Disposal Systems	<u>11</u>
Total	13

Six projects have been completed and inspected from 2019. There are no voided permits for 2019 and there are seven projects pending installation and inspection at this time. I have sent in the State of Maine fees and the State copy of the permits completed and inspected.

There have been seven Maine Forest Service Intent to Harvest Notifications received and reviewed this year.

This year, there have been complaints received on miscellaneous nuisance violations and dangerous buildings at three different properties. Violation letters have been issued and legal action was contemplated to correct the violations.

On September 18, 2019, I signed a Compliance Statement that there were no known violations at the J & B Mobile Home Park located at 311 Center Road in Easton.

At this time I would like to thank you for all your support and cooperation provided to me this past year. It is always a pleasure working with you, the Planning Board and your staff as Code Enforcement Officer and Local Plumbing Inspector for the Town of Easton.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tony Levesque, CEO & LPI

RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORT

Year-in-Review

“Life is not just the passing of time. Life is the collection of experiences and their intensity”. ~ Jim Rohn

This past summer was packed full of new experiences and lots of fun! During mornings, we offered a day camp. Mondays at camp were “mini-trip” days allowing us to visit places around our community including: Easton Fire Department, strawberry picking and home-made ice-cream at Goughan’s, the Northern Maine Fair, Presque Isle Police & Fire Departments, WAGM Television & Citadel Radio Station. This was our third year working with Easton Elementary School library for weekly visits. New this year, we partnered with the Cornerstones of Science and the Maine State Library to use their “Science Trunks” filled with FUN, hands-on science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) activities! From getting creative with homemade paper, to lobsters, the trunks were a great resource. The children also enjoyed a story time and related craft, as well as having time to use the electronics and take books home for the coming week. Thank you to Ashley Hull and Easton Elementary staff for making this possible. We spent a day with the Red Claws Basketball team at a basketball clinic and lots of time swimming and splashing in the hot summer sun! Swimming lessons were available and we hosted several week long camps including: dance, hiking, theatre, art, archery, kayaking, cooking, mountain biking, horseback riding, Black Bear Basketball and Dutch Soccer Academy. Many of our youth competed in the regional MRPA Track and Field Meet and several went on to the State Track & Field Meet! Wacky Wednesdays (field trip days) are usually the highlight of the summer program. This year, we visited Water Wizard Water Slides & mini-golf, had a drizzly morning start to our Hartt Island Resort trip that turned out gorgeous, spent a day in the water at Paradise Mountain, climbed, jumped, and slid at Playland Adventures, and had a wonderfully relaxing day at Birch Point Campground! We found a new gem this year in the Quill’s Family Fun Water Park in Fredericton. Also offered: classes with All-Star gymnastics, a Ninja Warrior program, and a babysitting course, giving our community lots of qualified child care options! We were able to add a Pony League baseball team (for ages 13-15) for the first time in many years, in addition to our Major League & Minor League baseball teams! Summer is a crazy season that goes by too quickly, but I wouldn’t survive without my amazing staff which this year comprised of Summer Guess, Jordan White & Amanda Lamoreau!

Autumn trips/events included: hiking on Fry Pan Road & at Nordic Heritage Center, apple cider making at Francis Malcolm Science Center, Hunter Brother’s Farm for their “field of fun”, Covered Bridge Potato Chips to see how the process works complete with samples “hot off the line”, Goughan’s Farm for a corn maze, and Bangor’s Children’s Museum for a day of discovery. The children also had an opportunity to participate in week-long cooking, golf, Color Me Crazy (art), Friends, Fun & Faith, Harry Potter & karate camps. Our soccer teams enjoyed the beautiful fall weather with many soccer games. Thanks to our many volunteer coaches and officials, who make this possible! Lessons were offered in swimming and children’s yoga classes. The opportunity also presented itself to work with ACAP’s Oral Health Program, which brought great info and goodies to our participants.

Basketball season is in full swing. The 5th & 6th grade boys have had a building season with Coach Travis Carter. The girls’ team has improved amazingly with their coaches, Kristie Bate and Tabatha Bridges. The Little Bears 3rd & 4th grade team enjoyed their introductory time to basketball. Thanks to Nicole King & Jeff Blackstone for working with these future athletes. A huge thank you goes out to all the parents who helped us carpool to games. Also, thanks to Leslie Ferris, Traci Halvorson, Travis Carter & Dan Warren for volunteering time to officiate.

With the help of Bryan Shaw in physical education classes, we were able to participate in two basketball competitions; the Northern Maine Recreation Association/Maine Red Claws Hot Shot program and the Elk’s Hoop Shoot Contest. Qualifying to take part in the Elk’s Hoop Shoot Contest at UMPI: Jackson Dow, Abby

“If you think education is expensive, try ignorance.” Andy McIntyre

Hopkins, Abigail Siddiqui, Raiden Cochran, Madison Bridges & Chase Flewelling. Great job everyone! Abbie Hopkins placed second in the regional competition! Thank you, Mr. Shaw, for allowing us time in your classroom!

Some of our on-going programs include: swimming lessons throughout the year, downhill skiing at Big Rock, and Kids Yoga. Other special activities include: the Red Cross Pillow Case Disaster Project, Mother & Father Day projects, Winter Carnival week-end with a community supper, family fun night, and father vs. son/ mother vs. daughter ball games, an annual Easter Egg Hunt & Breakfast, countless field trips over school vacations & Easton Field Days! We've had some great family/adult special trips including PJ Mask Live and cheering on the Sea Dogs at Hadlock Field.

The Recreation Department's senior group has been putting the recreation room at the Manor to good use. This crew usually meets a minimum of twice a week with many specialty programs including holiday parties, Happy Days Club and nutrition classes. New to us this year was the "Top 10 Nutrition Tips" with Madeline Delaney through SNAP-Education & Cary Medical Center. An insightful program called "Know Your Numbers" was sponsored by ACAP where participants had blood pressure, cholesterol & glucose screenings along with height, weight, BMI and risk assessments/measurements, participating in Wear Red for Heart Health. The group can often be seen "hitting the road". In the past year, we have visited Maple Moose, Sugar Moon Cookhouse for an all-you-eat maple syrup breakfast in Divide, NB, had a "sweet" trip to Mom's Fudge in Madawaska, picnicked with Washburn and Ashland senior groups, and enjoyed delicious lunches at Crystal Lynn's Cafe Demoiselle & Cafe Sopressos. The group also enjoyed monthly "lunches & learns" with Northern Light AR Gould at their Healthy Aging programs, a fondue Christmas party, meals prepared by Kids Cooking Camps, holiday meals at the Easton School Department, the Hayden Family Meal, and a Christmas brunch. Our Bone Builders Class has been wonderfully attended and participants are getting stronger each day! This course is being taught by Julia Allen and sponsored by Area on Aging and Cary Medical Center.

My personal gratitude to all who have volunteered, transported children, provided snacks, and served on the Recreation Committee. Thanks to Jim & Cheryl at Town Office who support all my hair-brain ideas. I am incredibly grateful to Cheryl and Tabitha Dudley for their time spent editing when I can no longer look at my own work. A heartfelt thank you to Bernie McAdam, Larry Sullivan, Adam Perkins and Leslie Ferris for the many bus excursions and all the extra help along the way! Also, kudos to the Easton School Department for the use of the facilities; Mr. Shaw, Mrs. Ireland, Mrs. Hall & Mrs. Cook & the custodial staff who are supportive and helpful in countless ways. I look forward to another year of new adventures with you and your children! As always, please contact me with your thoughts, suggestions, and concerns.



Yours in Recreation,
Hillary Hallett, Recreation Director





HAPPY DAYS CLUB SENIOR CITIZENS REPORT

The Happy Days Club meets on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at 11:30 AM in the recreation room at the West Ridge Manor. If you are interested, please join us.

- 2/14/2019 – Meeting was held on Valentine's Day. Treats were furnished by Paulette Garrison and Betty Brown. Election of officers was discussed.
- 3/14/2019 – The Club carpooled to Pat's Pizza from West Ridge Manor with a stipend of \$12.00.
- 3/28/2019 – A potluck lunch was served and election of officers was conducted. Voted in: Paulette Garrison – President; Liana DeMerchant – Vice President-Treasurer-Assistant Secretary; Julia Allen – Secretary.
- 4/11/2019 – We started with a potluck lunch. Guest speaker was Town Manager, Jim Gardner. He gave an interesting talk about our Town and the hope of things done and many still to come.
- 4/25/2019 – Meeting started with a potluck lunch. Discussed having a carpooling trip to Houlton for shopping and lunch.
- 5/9/2019 – Called meeting to order. One new member joined our Club, Carolyn Cumming. Discussed AARP and volunteers needed.
- 5/23/2019 – The Happy Days Club carpooled to Houlton for Chinese lunch on Military Street. Sixteen residents attended and one guest. A \$12.00 stipend was given to each Easton resident. Fun time and great food was enjoyed. No meeting.
- 6/13/2019 – Started the meeting with a potluck lunch and delicious strawberry shortcake donated and delivered to us by Huber Engineered Woods, LLC. After the meeting, we delivered to those who could not attend. Mr. DeMaio spoke about AARP program and volunteers needed. Discussed Governor's lobster roll special for \$6.99 on June 25th.
- 7/11/2019 – Meeting called to order. Voted to have no meetings in August.
- 7/25/2019 – Meeting called to order. Voted to have a "finish cleaning" get together September 12th with a bag lunch!
- 8/15/2019 – Bus trip to annual picnic lunch at the park in Washburn. We were joined by Ashland seniors and music was provided by Heath Bartley. Always a great time with Hillary serving hot dogs, homemade salads, chips, soda and delicious homemade desserts. Thanks also to driver Bernie McAdam.
- 8/29/2019 – Trip by bus to Madawaska to Mom's Fudge, lunch and shopping. Fun day.
- 9/12/2019 – Work day – no meeting. A special thank you to Gloria Richardson who has been cleaning over the past few months and worked many hours. Four of us cleaned all windows and tracks inside and out. Our lunch was enjoyed with green salad, veggie platter, chips and soda. Fig filled cookies by Carrie.
- 9/26/2019 – At the meeting, we voted to carpool to Houlton on 10/12/2019 for lunch. 14 to 15 residents attended with a \$12.00 stipend.
- 10/24/2019 – Meeting changed due to Hayden Family Thanksgiving lunch.
- 10/25/2019 – Seniors helped put 3 month recreation calendars together with help from Bone Builders class by stuffing and addressing envelopes.
- 11/7/2019 – Thanksgiving dinner at the school for seniors.

Many, many thanks to Hillary for all her help with calendars, lunches, Christmas Yankee Swap & lunch, and extras!

"Even a happy life cannot be without a measure of darkness, and the word happy would lose its meaning if it were not balanced by sadness. It is far better to take things as they come along with patience and equanimity." Carl Jung

Special thanks to the Town of Easton for the \$1,000.00 donation to our Club. We spent some for new rocking chairs and cushions and a cabinet for paper products and more. Gloria's family put it together and delivered to the recreation room.

Julia is still instructing Bone Builders class and it is ongoing on Monday's and Friday's from 9:45 AM for an hour. We have fun, stay healthy, increase muscle strength, balance and bone density. We have a great group of men and women. Come and try it for a couple of sessions!

Respectfully Submitted
Julia E. Allen, President



"A man's mind, stretched by new ideas, may never return to its original dimensions." Oliver Wendell Holmes

RECYCLE!

The amount of tonnage that is being hauled to the landfill has increased causing the cost of waste disposal fees paid by the Town of Easton to increase as well. Recycling is something you can do to help reduce this cost. The recycling containers listed below are available to Easton residents and are located behind the Town Office. The information below was obtained from the Tri-Community Landfill website.

Red Igloo — #2 HDPE Clear Plastic Containers

Do:

- Place only CLEAR plastic containers with the #2 recycling symbol in the igloo
- Include clear milk and water jugs
- Remove the caps and rinse the containers
- Crush the containers to save space in the igloo

Do Not:

- Place white, “light-block” milk jugs in the red igloo - these should be placed in the blue igloo with colored plastic containers (white is a color)
- Place any type of lid or cover in the igloos — these are normally made from a different type of plastic

Blue Igloo — #2 Colored Plastic Containers

Do:

- Place only COLORED, narrow-mouth plastic containers with the #2 symbol in the igloo
- Include detergent, bleach, shampoo, dish liquid, and white light-block milk containers
- Remove the caps and rinse the containers
- Crush the containers to save space in the igloo

Do Not:

- Include wide mouth containers such as whipped cream, plastic coffee cans, or butter, regardless of the #2 recycling symbol. The plastic resins in these containers are different and these items unfortunately are not accepted by the markets.

Gray Igloo — Tin Cans

Do:

- Include food cans, empty aerosol cans, cat food cans, etc.
- Rinse the cans clean
- Labels are acceptable

Do Not:

- Include aluminum cans, aluminum foil, or food trays
- Please do not put bags in the igloo

Yellow Igloo — Newspaper

Do:

- Include newspapers, all magazines and catalogs, telephone books, and newspaper inserts
- Please leave loose

Do Not:

- Include any other paper; such as office paper, cardboard, magazines or mail
- Tie, bundle, or put bags in the igloo

There are also two green containers for corrugated cardboard.

“Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can.” Arthur Ashe

2018 TAX LIENS

Bevins, Harvey L. & Debbie E.	\$65.00	
Bevins, Harvey L. & Debbie E.	\$1,184.47	
Boxwell, Kristen D.	\$864.88	
Boxwell, Kristen D.	\$1,486.01	
Dionne, Robert W.	\$917.24	*
Farland, John J.	\$650.02	
Fitzherbert, Patricia	\$1,727.96	
Francis, Carol A.	\$635.95	
Guyette, Paul	\$487.51	
Kearney, Hiers of Richard P. & Heirs of Elsie M.	\$704.18	
Kennedy, Raymond	\$55.97	
Kennedy, Raymond	\$671.68	
Lynds, Adam J.	\$1,036.41	
Maust, Robyn M. & Laurette A. LaFrance	\$390.01	
Monroe, Michael & Alexandra J. Dusza	\$2,094.50	
Nichols, Heirs of Clayton	\$1,677.40	
Nichols, Lawrence W.	\$276.26	
Page, Heirs of R L	\$70.42	
Page, Heirs of R L	\$328.62	
Plourde, Raymond N.	\$3,607.59	
Shaw, Travis J.	\$1,094.19	
Sherwood, Cathie	\$52.46	Bal. *
Tompkins, Samuel A. & Riqui L.	\$1,132.11	
Winninghoff, Mark	\$864.88	
TOTAL	\$22,075.72	

* Paid after books closed.



2019 LIST OF TAXES DUE

Bainton, Arthur B. & Julie A. Bainton	\$254.04		
Bate, Kristie L.	\$1,007.46		
Beaulier, Matthew & Shannon	\$936.12		
Bevins, Debbie E.	\$62.64		
Bevins, Debbie E.	\$1,160.58		
Boxwell, Kristen D.	\$833.46		
Boxwell, Kristen D.	\$1,432.02		
Bruce, Robert V. & Alton J. Jr.	\$331.12	Bal.	
Callioras, Steven J.	\$1,609.50		
Callioras, Steven J.	\$577.68		
Callioras, Steven J.	\$53.94		
Clayton, Stacy L.	\$229.68		
Condon, Rhonda M.	\$87.48	Bal.	
Corbin, Daniel J.	\$1,303.26		
Cote, Ruth E	\$1,576.44		
Crandall, Heirs of Bernice and Tony & Andrew Curtis	\$301.02		
Creasia, Michael S.	\$566.27	Bal.	
Creasia, Michael S.	\$448.57	Bal.	
Crockett, Justin A.	\$614.22		
Dake, Graham V.	\$53.94		
Desmond, Kenneth C. & Patricia A.	\$184.40	Bal.	*
Dionne, Robert W.	\$885.66		*
Earles, Dana M.	\$2,094.96		
Ellis, Meaghan L. & Perrin A.	\$2,089.74		
Farland, John J.	\$626.40		
Fitzherbert, Patricia	\$1,666.92		
Francis, Carol A.	\$685.56		
Fuller, Cindy	\$457.62		
Gadaire, Lisa	\$532.44		*
Gough, Robert	\$182.70		
Grant, Maryellen K.	\$214.02		
Grant, Maryellen K.	\$626.40		
Guyette, Paul A.	\$469.80		
Hair, Jason A.	\$266.22		
Hanson, Darren L. & Toni H.	\$236.64		*
Hersey, Jack L.	\$1,207.56	Bal.	
Hersey, Jack L.	\$214.02		
Hewitt, Chad	\$1,249.32		
Hewitt, Jason E.	\$1,367.64		
Ireland, Tina L.	\$292.32		
Jalbert, Paul E.	\$140.94		
Jordan, Deloris I.	\$1,630.38	Bal.	
Kearney, Heirs of Richard P. & Elsie M. Kearney	\$680.34		
Kennedy, Raymond M.	\$53.94		

*"We tend to forget that happiness doesn't come as a result of getting something we don't have,
but rather of recognizing and appreciating what we do have." Frederick Keonig*

Kennedy, Raymond M.	\$647.28		
Ladner, Randy L & Allyn B.	\$207.06		
Lamoreau, Cole L. & Rae M.	\$816.06		
Lamoreau, David M. & Penelope L.	\$236.64		
Lamoreau, Rae M. & Cole L.	\$186.18		
LeTour, Dennis & Marta	\$209.42	Bal.	
LeBlanc, Linda M.	\$389.76		
Lynch, Clyde D. & Nancy L	\$1,776.54		
Lynds, Adams J.	\$798.66		
Maust, Robyn M. & Laurette A. LaFrance	\$375.84		
Michaud, Steven M.	\$473.28		
Mills, Rodney D. & Ian D. Mills	\$763.86		*
Mitchell, Kevin P. & Ronnie L.	\$970.92	Bal.	
Monroe, Michael & Alexandra J. Dusza	\$2,021.88		
Mullen, Carl S. Jr, & Angela M.	\$1,346.76		
Netwealth LLC	\$264.48		
Newell, Dale L. & Kimberly J.	\$103.62	Bal.	
Nichols, Heirs of Clayton	\$1,616.46		
Nichols, Lawrence W.	\$267.96		
Page, Heirs of R.L.	\$67.86		
Page, Heirs of R.L.	\$316.68		
Pangburn, Christopher A. & Dale W. Tompkins	\$696.00		
Pangburn, Christopher A. & Dale W. Tompkins	\$1,487.70		
Parlin, Leighton J. & Glenna P.	\$1,602.73	Bal.	*
Pelfrey, Jean E. & Kevin R.	\$473.28		
Plourde, Raymond N.	\$3,476.52		
Poole, Roxanne R.	\$53.94		
Prestwood, Mark & Edwina Vincent	\$2,507.34		
Reed, Jeremy L. & Tara L	\$1,144.92		*
Robbins, Anna V.	\$461.10		*
Robbins, Warner C.	\$610.74		
Robbins, Warner C. & Anna V.	\$207.06		
Shaw, Travis J.	\$1,054.44		
Sherwood, Cathie	\$1,073.58	Bal.	
Skidgel, Edward L. & Holly A.	\$252.30		
Smith, Christine M.	\$77.89	Bal.	
Smith, Jonathan C. & Marcia L. Smith	\$671.64		*
Sunny Side Land Holdings LLC	\$426.30		
Taylor, Danny P.	\$164.37	Bal.	
Tibbetts, Adam	\$690.78		
Tompkins, Samuel A. & Riqui L.	\$1,090.98		
Tompkins, Trent M.	\$497.64		
Winninghoff, Mark W.	\$833.46		
Woollard, Debi-Jo	\$245.34		

TOTAL **\$65,152.63**

* Paid after books closed.

"Don't let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do." John R. Wooden

NOTICE OF PROCEDURE FOR TOWN MEETING

The **Moderator presides over Town Meeting** in accordance with MRSA Title 30-A §2524. The Moderator further facilitates the meeting in accordance with MMA's Maine Moderators Manual

Please observe separation of Voters from Non-Voters;

Registered Voters must check in with the Registrar and be seated inside the guard rail.

- **Procedure:** The Moderator will read each article aloud and ask if someone will make a motion on the article; usually someone will respond “so moved”, then “second”. *(Note: it is best to avoid negative motions such as to defeat an article where “yes” means “no” - if you oppose an article; it's best to move the article and vote against it)*
- **Amendments:** an amendment may be motioned and seconded to propose a change to an article; please note capped articles with specific monetary amount(s) contained in the wording are limited in that they can only be decreased (not increased). Ordinances cannot be amended from the floor; only up or down. If an amendment does not pass, then the original motion is voted upon.
- **Voting:** The Moderator will ask for a show of hands, if required - please keep your hand raised until the Moderator (and his/her designees) have concluded counting. Challenge: A voter who wishes to challenge the Moderator's determination should immediately seek to be recognized and state “I doubt it”; if at least six other voters agree; the Moderator will make the determination more certain by using a designated other method of voting. Written Ballots: any voter can move an article to be voted on by written ballot any time before the article is voted upon, the motion must be seconded; no discussion is allowed before voting on the motion to vote by written ballot.
- **If you wish to speak on an article:** wait until the Moderator has opened the floor to public comment discussion; raise your hand and wait for the Moderator to recognize you:
 - State your name for the record & whom you represent, if applicable.
 - Direct commentary or questions directly to the Moderator.
 - State your business in a brief & concise manner; relevant to the current article/motion.
 - The Moderator has the right to set a time limit for comments, and overall on a motion.
- **Order, Prohibitions:**
 - The Moderator will not entertain public comment about specific individuals.
 - Personal or accusatory comments are out of order; comments should be respectful and courteous.
 - Profanity, and disorderly; conduct, language, or gestures at meetings are out of order.
 - At no time will the public be allowed to argue debate or introduce a topic that is not on the agenda.
 - Voters & attendees may not speak during Town Meeting unless recognized by the Moderator; the audience shall not disturb the proceedings by whispering, talking or other engaging in other distractions. Cellular phones must be turned off, with the exception of emergency responders.
 - If any person, after a command for order by the Moderator, continues to act in a disorderly manner, the Moderator may direct that person to leave the meeting. If the person refuses to leave, the Moderator may have that person removed until the meeting is adjourned.

Special Note: The following is the “**PROPOSED WARRANT**”, as much as the Board of Selectmen attempt to have all the Warrant Articles ready for the Town Report prior to going to print, there are occasions where legally there could be Warrant Articles added, edited or deleted from what has been printed in the Town Report.

Therefore: in accordance with MRSA Title 30-A §2523, please check the legal posting of the Warrant seven days prior to Town Meeting posted at: Town Office, Easton Post Office, Country Farms Market, Easton Elementary School, Easton High School, Tulsa One Stop and www.eastonme.com.

*“Happiness is being content with what you have, living in freedom and liberty,
having a good family life and good friends.” Divyanka Tripathi*

GUIDELINES TO ATTENDING A TOWN MEETING

- If you wish to speak, wait until the Moderator has opened the floor to public comments. When the Moderator has recognized you, stand, state your name for the record, the agenda item and nature of your business.
- Please refrain from discussion on the article if you have a conflict of interest in any article.
- The Moderator will not entertain public comment about specific individuals.
- The Moderator has the right to set a time limit for comments. Be prepared to state your business in a brief and concise manner.
- During a Public Meeting, only the subject matter can be discussed.
- Comments should always be courteous. Personal and accusatory comments are out of order. Profanity, disorderly language or gestures at meetings are prohibited.
- At no time will the public be allowed to argue, debate or introduce a topic that is not on the agenda.
- During discussion, the audience shall not disturb the proceedings by whispering, talking or other distractions.

SECRET BALLOT ELECTION AND TOWN MEETING WARRANT

July 14th and July 15th

STATE OF MAINE

COUNTY OF AROOSTOOK

TO: Ryan Gundy, Citizen of the Town of Easton, in the County of Aroostook.

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Easton in said County and State, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Easton Odd Fellows' Hall/Community Center in said Town on Tuesday, July 14, 2020 at 8:00 AM in the morning, and then and there to act on Articles 1 and by secret ballot on Article 2 as set out below. The polls will open at 8:00 AM and close at 8:00 PM.

And then to notify and warn the said inhabitants to meet at the Elementary School Cafeteria and Gymnasium, in said Town on Wednesday, July 15, 2020 at 7:00 in the evening, then and there to hear the results of the secret ballot on Articles 1 and 2 and to act on Articles 3 through 40, all of the Articles being set out below, to wit:

Art. 1: To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2: To choose all necessary officers for the ensuing year.

Art. 3: To see if the Town will fix a date when taxes shall be due and payable and fix the rate of interest to be charged on all unpaid taxes

Selectmen Recommend: That all taxes be due and payable October first, 2020 and that interest be charged on all unpaid taxes starting November first, 2020 at 7.00 percent.

Selectmen Recommend: Yes

Budget Committee Recommends: Yes

Art. 4: To see if the Town will authorize the selectmen on behalf of the Town, to sell and dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town for nonpayment of taxes, thereon such terms as they deem advisable and to execute quitclaim deeds for such property.

Selectmen Recommend: Yes

Budget Committee Recommends: Yes

Art. 5: To see if the Town will authorize the selectmen to accept as gifts any acceptable properties donated to the Town during the fiscal year ending February 15, 2021.

Selectmen Recommend: Yes

Budget Committee Recommends: Yes

Art. 6: To see if the Town will authorize the selectmen to sell and assign un-matured tax liens for not less than the amount, interest and costs included.

Selectmen Recommend: Yes

Budget Committee Recommends: Yes

Art. 7: To see if the Town will authorize the selectmen to sell any outdated capital equipment after advertising in local newspapers.

Selectmen Recommend: Yes

Budget Committee Recommends: Yes

Art. 8: To see if the Town will authorize the selectmen to appoint a budget committee to meet as required, to recommend the necessary appropriations for the fiscal year ending February 15, 2022.

Selectmen Recommend: Yes

Budget Committee Recommends: Yes

Art. 9: To see if the Town will appropriate in estimated revenue from motor vehicle excise taxes, all state revenue sharing funds, all state snowmobile reimbursements, dog license fees, sludge disposal fees, bus repairs income, Odd Fellows rental fees, supplemental taxes, license fees and other miscellaneous income to be received in fiscal year ending February 15, 2021 to reduce the tax commitment by \$376,376.00.

Selectmen Recommend: Yes

Budget Committee Recommends: Yes

Art. 10: To see if the Town will authorize the selectmen to use the overlay as an abatement account and for any costs incurred in resolving abatement requests.

Selectmen Recommend: Yes

Budget Committee Recommends: Yes

Art. 11: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$ 203,323.00 for Town Administration.

	2019-2020 Appropriated	2019-2020 Actual	2020-2021 Proposed
Salaries	\$114,970.00	\$114,047.10	\$114,970.00
457 DC Match	0.00	0.00	1,500.00
Health Insurance	41,150.00	40,652.74	44,031.00
MSRS Match	11,500.00	11,793.08	11,687.00
Medicare Match	1,675.00	1,700.40	1,695.00
Car Allowance	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
Supplies	5,600.00	5,378.49	5,600.00
Office Equipment Maintenance	1,200.00	561.82	1,200.00
Telephone/Internet	2,600.00	1,993.81	3,440.00
Electric	2,500.00	2,675.21	2,800.00
Training/Travel/Dues	2,500.00	1,503.04	2,500.00

Building Fuel	3,500.00	3,845.24	4,200.00
Postage	2,200.00	2,124.09	2,200.00
Building Services	<u>3,500.00</u>	<u>3,074.99</u>	<u>3,500.00</u>
TOTAL	\$196,895.00	\$193,350.01	\$203,323.00

Selectmen Recommend: Yes

Budget Committee Recommends: Yes

Art. 12: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$87,672.00 for the Fire Department.

	2019-2020	2019-2020	2020-2021
	Appropriated	Actual	Proposed
Payroll	\$42,440.00	\$42,440.00	\$43,500.00
Chief's Car Allowance	500.00	500.00	700.00
Telephone & Internet	3,000.00	2,819.19	3,000.00
Contract Services - Dispatch	2,500.00	2,355.21	2,500.00
Building Fuel	3,000.00	3,845.21	4,000.00
Training	2,000.00	2,323.36	3,000.00
Dues & Printing	800.00	955.49	1,000.00
Medicare	650.00	615.38	675.00
FICA	2,500.00	2,426.20	2,697.00
Repairs	6,600.00	5,972.20	7,300.00
Gas/Oil/Diesel	1,200.00	1,397.29	1,350.00
Supplies	5,500.00	5,639.85	5,500.00
Hepatitis Vaccination	100.00	0.00	100.00
Office Supplies/Cleaning Services	750.00	468.46	750.00
SCBA	2,000.00	1,911.20	2,000.00
Gloves, Coats, etc.	8,500.00	7,863.93	8,500.00
Insurance	<u>1,100.00</u>	<u>850.00</u>	<u>1,100.00</u>
TOTAL	\$83,140.00	\$82,382.97	\$87,672.00

Selectmen Recommend: Yes

Budget Committee Recommends: Yes

Art. 13: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$330,223.00 for the Highway Department.

	2019-2020	2019-2020	2020-2021
	Appropriated	Actual	Proposed
Salaries	\$135,325.00	\$154,284.42	\$135,325.00
457 DC Match	0.00	0.00	2,870.00
Medicare Match	2,100.00	2,220.37	2,100.00
MSRS Match	13,525.00	13,755.69	13,668.00
Health Insurance	26,738.00	25,927.72	28,610.00
Gas/Oil/Diesel	29,000.00	35,195.74	31,000.00
Sand & Salt	62,000.00	63,182.15	62,000.00
Equipt/Repair	25,000.00	29,673.28	28,000.00
Tool & Supplies	5,100.00	5,511.15	6,500.00

Blades & Chains	4,000.00	3,999.90	4,000.00
Telephone/Internet	1,100.00	958.26	1,100.00
Electric	3,300.00	3,002.64	3,300.00
Building Fuel	3,500.00	4,046.41	4,500.00
Training/Dues	1,000.00	23.50	1,000.00
Building Maintenance	6,000.00	817.67	6,000.00
Drug Testing	<u>250.00</u>	<u>175.00</u>	<u>250.00</u>
TOTAL	\$317,938.00	\$342,773.90	\$330,223.00

Selectmen Recommend: Yes

Budget Committee Recommends: Yes

Art. 14: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$99,244.00 for Recreation.

	2019-2020 Appropriated	2019-2020 Actual	2020-2021 Proposed
Salaries	\$36,980.00	\$37,067.74	\$36,980.00
457 DC Match	0.00	0.00	1,110.00
Seasonal/Bus Driver Salary	13,000.00	10,535.25	13,500.00
Health Insurance	27,200.00	27,101.82	29,104.00
Medicare Match	725.00	678.90	750.00
MSRS Match	5,000.00	4,625.87	5,100.00
Programs/Equipt/Supplies	7,600.00	6,248.17	7,600.00
Telephone/Internet	1,700.00	1,188.02	1,700.00
Field Maintenance	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Training/Travel	<u>2,400.00</u>	<u>1,776.31</u>	<u>2,400.00</u>
TOTAL	\$95,605.00	\$89,222.08	\$99,244.00

Selectmen Recommend: Yes

Budget Committee Recommends: Yes

Art. 15: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$8,500.00 for the operation of the Odd Fellows' Hall.

	2019-2020 Appropriated	2019-2020 Actual	2020-2021 Proposed
Building Maintenance	\$4,000.00	\$5,221.65	\$4,000.00
Building Fuel	2,000.00	1,994.31	2,500.00
Telephone	500.00	481.74	500.00
Electricity	<u>1,500.00</u>	<u>1,312.07</u>	<u>1,500.00</u>
TOTAL	\$8,000.00	\$9,009.77	\$8,500.00

Selectmen Recommend: Yes

Budget Committee Recommends: Yes

Art. 16: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$200,900.00 for other expenses:

	2019-2020	2019-2020	2020-2021
	Appropriated	Actual	Proposed
Tri-Community Landfill	\$120,000.00	\$111,477.01	\$120,000.00
Ambulance Service	15,750.00	11,814.00	14,850.00
Animal Control Officer	1,700.00	1,671.75	1,675.00
Plumbing Inspector	1,670.00	1,671.76	1,675.00
Code Enforcement Officer	555.00	557.24	560.00
Assessing	6,000.00	6,631.85	6,500.00
Beautification	3,000.00	2,314.23	3,000.00
General Assistance	0.00	0.00	2,000.00
Legal	4,000.00	3,572.61	4,000.00
Audit	8,000.00	8,100.00	8,200.00
Clean Up Day	0.00	0.00	3,700.00
TAN Interest	0.00	0.00	2,200.00
Advertising	2,000.00	2,021.50	2,000.00
Town Report	1,800.00	1,759.29	2,055.00
Street Lights	8,500.00	7,295.86	8,500.00
Contract Services	11,315.00	11,436.28	11,185.00
Selectmen's Discretionary	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Elections	2,700.00	1,066.27	2,700.00
<u>Selectmen's Stipend</u>	<u>4,100.00</u>	<u>4058.02</u>	<u>4,100.00</u>
TOTAL	\$193,090.00	\$177,447.67	\$200,900.00

Selectmen Recommend: Yes

Budget Committee Recommends: Yes

Art. 17: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$42,159.00 for Outside Requests:

	2019-2020	2019-2020	2020-2021
	Appropriated	Actual	Proposed
Cemetery Appropriation	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00
MMA Dues	2,825.00	2,824.00	2,910.00
Catholic Charities	800.00	800.00	800.00
ACAP	260.00	260.00	260.00
Homeless Shelter	1,931.00	1,931.00	1,931.00
NMDC Dues	4,935.00	4,932.16	4,887.00
Memorial Day Services	350.00	350.00	350.00
Soil & Water Conservation Dist.	750.00	750.00	1,000.00
Aroostook Agency on Aging	686.00	686.00	800.00
Cen. Aro. Chamber of Commerce	250.00	250.00	250.00
American Red Cross	125.00	125.00	125.00
Little School Restoration	1,500.00	1500.00	1,500.00
Humane Society	2,446.00	2,446.00	2,446.00
ME Public Broadcasting	100.00	100.00	100.00
Francis Malcolm Science Center	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Historical Society	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00

Veteran's Cemetery	100.00	100.00	100.00
Senior Citizens	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Snowmobile Club	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Field Days	7,200.00	7,200.00	7,200.00
Easton ATV Club	<u>500.00</u>	<u>500.00</u>	<u>500.00</u>
TOTAL	\$41,758.00	\$41,754.16	\$42,159.00

Selectmen Recommend: Yes

Budget Committee Recommends: Yes

Art. 18: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$28,448.00 for insurance.

2019-2020	2019-2020	2020-2021
Appropriated	Actual	Proposed
\$25,500.00	\$25,110.62	\$28,448.00

Selectmen Recommend: Yes

Budget Committee Recommends: Yes

Art. 19: To see if the Town will raise \$275,000.00 for the Town Road Improvement Fund.

Selectmen Recommend: Yes

Budget Committee Recommends: Yes

Art. 20: To see if the Town will accept approximately \$39,338.00 from the State of Maine Urban Rural Initiative Program for town road improvement in accordance with the requirements outlined in public law, chapter 492, L.D. 1691-1981.

Selectmen Recommend: Yes

Budget Committee Recommends: Yes

Art. 21: To see if the Town will appropriate \$347,160 from the Town Road Improvement account for summer road maintenance and to carry-over any unexpended balance.

2019-2020	2019-2020	2020-2021
Appropriated	Actual	Proposed
\$324,000.00	\$297,419.46	\$347,160.00

Selectmen Recommend: Yes

Budget Committee Recommends: Yes

Art. 22: To see if the Town will raise the sum of \$100,000.00 to be placed in the equipment reserve account.

Selectmen Recommend: Yes

Budget Committee Recommends: Yes

Art. 23: To see if the Town will appropriate \$46,000 from the Equipment Reserve account for the purchase of a new pickup truck with a plow for the Highway Department.

Selectmen Recommend: Yes

Budget Committee Recommends: Yes

Art. 24: To see if the Town will appropriate \$14,700 from the Equipment Reserve account for the repair of Engine #2 and Engine #4 for the Fire Department.

Selectmen Recommend: Yes
Budget Committee Recommends: Yes

Art. 25: To see if the Town will appropriate \$31,471 from the Equipment Reserve account for the installation of two fuel dispensing pumps for the Highway Department.

Selectmen Recommend: Yes
Budget Committee Recommends: Yes

Art. 26: To see if the Town will appropriate \$1,007 from the Office Equipment Reserve account for the purchase of a new laptop for the Recreation Department.

Selectmen Recommend: Yes
Budget Committee Recommends: Yes

Art. 27: To see if the Town will raise & appropriate \$2,500.00 for the Municipal Building Repairs account and to carry over any balance.

2019-2020	2019-2020	2020-2021
Appropriated	Actual	Proposed
\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00

Selectmen Recommend: Yes
Budget Committee Recommends: Yes

Art. 28: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 to be added to Office Equipment reserve and to carry over any balance.

Selectmen Recommend: Yes
Budget Committee Recommends: Yes

Art. 29: To see if the Town will authorize the selectmen to carry-over the following unexpended balances for fiscal year 2021.

Selectmen's Discretionary	Planning Board Account
Education	Tennis Court
General Assistance	Insurance Reserve
Town Road Improvement	Town Owned Properties
Equipment Reserve	Office Equipment Reserve
School Retirement Reserve	Municipal Building Repair
Town Retirement Reserve	Septic System
Clean Up Day	Prestile Community Park
Signage	Sand/Salt Shed

Selectmen Recommend: Yes
Budget Committee Recommends: Yes

2020 Carry-over Balances	
Town Road Improvement	\$34,161.59
Town Owned Property Sales	\$9,191.31
Selectmen's Discretionary	\$1,934.86
General Assistance	\$6,519.66
Tennis Court	\$19,311.43
Planning Board Account	\$664.52
Education	\$426,866.96
Equipment Reserve	\$145,823.55
Insurance Reserve	\$3,000.00
Office Equipment Reserve	\$8,725.77
Town Retirement Reserve	\$8,753.56
School Retirement Reserve	\$10,000.00
Municipal Building Repair	\$687.01
Signage	\$6,271.04
Clean Up Day	\$(1,848.25)
Prestile Community Park	\$(28.30)
Septic System	\$(2,340.00)
Sand/Salt Shed	\$(4,850.00)

Art. 30: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to spend an amount not to exceed 1/6 of the budgeted amount in each budget category of the 2022 annual budget during the period from February 16, 2021 to annual town meeting.

Selectmen Recommend: Yes

Budget Committee Recommends: Yes

Art. 31: To see if the Town will allow the Board of Selectmen to authorize the Town Manager to apply and accept an award from the State of Maine Small Community 90-10 Matching Grant for pollution abatement construction, to correct, on a priority basis, defective residential septic systems on the Prestile Stream banks or on the banks of other streams or bodies of water, and further authorize the Town Manager to execute the necessary documents pursuant to the application, receipt, implementation, management, and completion of such projects.

Selectmen Recommend: Yes

Budget Committee Recommends: Yes

Art. 32: To see if the Town will allow the Board of Selectmen to authorize the Town Manager to submit a Community Development Block Grant Application to the Maine State Planning Office and if said application is approved, to further authorize the Town Manager to execute all necessary documents pursuant to the application, receipt, implementation, management and completion of the project.

Selectmen Recommend: Yes

Budget Committee Recommends: Yes

Art. 33: To see if the Town will vote to set the interest rate to be paid by the town on abated taxes at 6 (six) percent for the fiscal year 2020-2021 pursuant to M.R.S.A. 506A.

Selectmen Recommend: Yes

Budget Committee Recommends: Yes

Art. 34: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the selectmen to dispose of town-owned personal property with a value of \$4,000.00 or less under such terms and conditions as they deem advisable.

Selectmen Recommend: Yes

Budget Committee Recommends: Yes

Art. 35: To see if the Town, in accordance with 36 M.R.S.A. Section 506 will authorize the Tax Collector and Town Treasurer to accept prepayment of taxes not yet committed and to pay no interest thereon.

Selectmen Recommend: Yes

Budget Committee Recommends: Yes

Art. 36: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to appropriate \$15,000.00 from unappropriated surplus as they deem advisable to meet unanticipated expenses and emergencies that occur during fiscal year 2021.

Selectmen Recommend: Yes

Budget Committee Recommends: Yes

Art. 37: To see if the Town will vote to expend all proceeds from the State of Maine Grant In Aid Snowmobile Program estimated to be \$12,500.00 to the Easton Trailbreakers Snowmobile Club.

Selectmen Recommend: Yes

Budget Committee Recommends: Yes

Art. 38: Shall the Town of Easton vote to approve 2020-2021 Community Development Block (Grant) applications for the Business Assistance Program, the Economic Development Fund Loan and the Community Enterprise Program. To submit same to the Department of Economic and Community Development, and if said program is approved, to authorize the municipal officers to accept said grant funds, to make such assurances, assume such responsibilities, and exercise such authority as are necessary and reasonable to implement such program.

Selectmen Recommend: Yes

Budget Committee Recommends: Yes

Art. 39: Shall the Town of Easton vote to approve 20-2021 Rural Development Grant applications for the Rural Business Enterprise Grant Program for \$99,999 and for Rural Business Enterprise Loans for up to \$300,000 each and to submit same to the USDA, and if said program is approved, to authorize the municipal officers to accept said grant funds, to make such assurances, assume such responsibilities, and exercise such authority as are necessary and reasonable to implement such program.

Selectmen Recommend: Yes

Budget Committee Recommends: Yes

Art. 40: To see if the Town of Easton will authorize the Easton Board of Selectmen to authorize and accept the proposal of a financial institution to purchase the Town a tax anticipated note, on a drawdown basis, and award said note to a financial institution.

Selectmen Recommend: Yes

Budget Committee Recommends: Yes

**GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS THIS 1ST DAY OF JUNE, 2020 A.D.
EASTON SELECTMEN**

Michael P. Corey

Bruce V. Flewelling

Paul D. Dudley

Douglas R. Blackstone

Scott F. Allen

ATTEST:
Cheryl Clark, Town Clerk

STATE OF MAINE

COUNTY OF AROOSTOOK

Pursuant to the within warrant, I certify that I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Easton, qualified as therein expressed, to meet at the time and place for the purpose therein named, by posting this day an attested copy of the within warrant at:

Easton Town Office
Country Farm's Market
Easton Elementary School
Easton High School
Easton Post Office

The same being public and conspicuous places in said town, on the 6 day of July, 2020, which is at least 7 days next prior to said meeting.

Dated: July 2, 2020

Ryan Gundy

SAMPLE BALLOT

**STATE OF MAINE
FOR MUNICIPAL ELECTION, TOWN OF EASTON
TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2020
8:00 AM TO 8:00 PM**

Make a cross (X) or a check mark (✓) in the square at the left of the name of the nominee for whom you wish to vote. Follow directions as to the number of nominees to be elected to each office. You may vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot by writing in the proper blank space and marking a cross (X) or a check mark (✓) in the proper square at the left. Do not erase names. Names written in must show the municipality of residence of each write-in candidate.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN (TERM ENDING APRIL 2023) *VOTE FOR TWO*

☐

Allen, Scott

Easton

☐

Flewelling, Bruce

Easton

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Easton

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Easton

SCHOOL BOARD (TERM ENDING APRIL 2023) *VOTE FOR ONE*

☐

Clark, Jeffrey

Easton

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Easton

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Easton



"To be yourself in a world that is constantly trying to make you something else is the greatest accomplishment." Ralph Waldo Emerson



In Easton, small town values are a way of life.

"Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind." Dr. Seuss

The following schedules have been excerpted from the year ended February 15, 2020 financial statements of the Town of Easton, Maine, a complete copy of which, including my opinion thereon, is available for inspection at the Town Office. The schedules included herein are as follows:

General Fund:

- Balance sheet (schedule 1)
- Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance – Budget and Actual – Budgetary Basis (schedule 2)
- Schedule of General Fund Revenues – Budget and Actual (schedule 3)

Proprietary Funds:

- Combining Statement of Net Position (schedule 4)
- Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position (schedule 5)

Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds:

- Combining Balance Sheet (schedule 6)
- Combining Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance (schedule 7)

Private-purpose Trust Funds:

- Statement of Agency Net Position (schedule 8)
- Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Funds (schedule 9)

Selected notes to the financial statements:

- Property tax
- Notes receivable
- Long-term debt
- Village Acres Housing Project
- Assigned fund balances

Charts

TOWN OF EASTON, MAINEBALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FEBRUARY 15, 2020

	Major Fund General	Special Revenue Funds		Totals
		Major UDAG	Non-Major Other	
<i>Assets</i>				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,840,590	\$ 341,997	\$ -	\$ 2,182,587
Uncollected taxes, net of allowance for uncollectible	87,426	-	-	87,426
Tax liens	999	-	-	999
Due from other funds	63,048	-	-	63,048
Village Acres Housing Project		116,088		116,088
Notes / accounts receivable	-	66,075	-	66,075
Tax acquired property	8,554	-	-	8,554
	<u>\$ 2,000,617</u>	<u>\$ 524,160</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,524,777</u>
<i>Liabilities</i>				
Other accrued expenses	\$ 60,981	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 60,981
Taxes collected in advance	20,612	-	-	20,612
Due to other governments	4,050	-	-	4,050
Due to other funds	1,930	-	63,048	64,978
	<u>87,573</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>63,048</u>	<u>150,621</u>
<i>Deferred inflow of resources</i>				
Unearned property tax revenues	51,939	-	-	51,939
<i>Fund Balance:</i>				
Reserved for noncurrent notes receivable	-	116,088	-	116,088
Non-spendable	8,554	-	-	8,554
Committed for Town projects	247,828	-	-	247,828
Unreserved:				
General Fund - School designated	426,867	-	-	426,867
Unassigned fund balance	1,177,856	-	-	1,177,856
Special revenue funds	-	408,072	(63,048)	345,024
Total fund balance	<u>1,861,105</u>	<u>524,160</u>	<u>(63,048)</u>	<u>2,322,217</u>
	<u>\$ 2,000,617</u>	<u>\$ 524,160</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,524,777</u>

TOWN OF EASTON, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF GENERAL FUND REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED FEBRUARY 15, 2020

	Budget			Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
	Original	Adjustment	Final		
<i>Revenues</i>					
Taxes	\$ 3,501,434	\$ -	\$ 3,501,434	\$ 3,622,114	\$ 120,680
Intergovernmental revenues	1,723,787	-	1,723,787	1,720,922	(2,865)
Intergovernmental revenues - MSRS	164,938	-	164,938	-	(164,938)
Interest	16,500	-	16,500	17,891	1,391
Other revenues	9,200	-	9,200	37,185	27,985
	<u>5,415,859</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,415,859</u>	<u>5,398,112</u>	<u>(17,747)</u>
<i>Expenditures</i>					
General government	389,985	-	389,985	383,724	6,261
Fire department	83,140	-	83,140	82,383	757
Highways	317,938	-	317,938	342,774	(24,836)
County tax	347,344	-	347,344	347,344	-
Education (excluding debt service)	3,807,326	-	3,807,326	3,676,064	131,262
Pension - MSRS on behalf payments	164,938	-	164,938	-	164,938
Recreation/Arts	95,605	-	95,605	89,223	6,382
Snowmobile grant	12,040	-	12,040	12,040	-
Odd Fellows' Hall	8,000	-	8,000	9,010	(1,010)
Outside Requests	22,558	-	22,558	22,554	4
Insurances	25,500	-	25,500	25,111	389
Reserves	-	107,000	107,000	127,751	(20,751)
Capital projects	275,000	-	275,000	297,419	(22,419)
Total expenditures	<u>5,549,374</u>	<u>107,000</u>	<u>5,656,374</u>	<u>5,415,397</u>	<u>240,977</u>
<i>Other items</i>					
Transfers to fiduciary fund					
Field days	(7,200)	-	(7,200)	(7,200)	
Hayden trust	(3,000)	-	(3,000)	(3,000)	
Light up our field	(37,799)	-	(37,799)	(37,799)	
Cemetery	(12,000)	-	(12,000)	(12,000)	
	<u>(59,999)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(59,999)</u>	<u>(59,999)</u>	<u>-</u>
<i>Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures:</i>	<u>\$ (145,515)</u>	<u>\$ (107,000)</u>	<u>\$ (252,515)</u>	<u>\$ (77,284)</u>	<u>\$ 223,230</u>
<i>Fund balance, beginning of year</i>				1,938,389	
<i>Fund balance, end of year</i>				<u>\$ 1,861,105</u>	

TOWN OF EASTON, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF GENERAL FUND REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED FEBRUARY 15, 2020

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenues:			
<i>Taxes</i>			
Property Taxes	\$ 3,235,734	\$ 3,370,188	\$ 134,454
Supplemental tax	-	151	151
Abatements	-	(28,270)	(28,270)
Excise taxes	265,700	280,045	14,345
	<u>3,501,434</u>	<u>3,622,114</u>	<u>120,680</u>
<i>Intergovernmental revenue</i>			
State education revenues	358,652	358,652	-
State revenue sharing	72,601	66,327	(6,274)
State local road assistance	39,388	39,388	-
Homestead exemption	76,719	80,094	3,375
BETE reimbursement	1,164,387	1,164,421	34
Snowmobile grant	12,040	12,040	-
	<u>1,723,787</u>	<u>1,720,922</u>	<u>(2,865)</u>
<i>Intergovernmental revenue</i>			
MSRS contributions	164,938	-	(164,938)
<i>Interest:</i>			
Interest/fees on late property taxes	9,000	8,956	(44)
Interest on investments	7,500	8,935	1,435
	<u>16,500</u>	<u>17,891</u>	<u>1,391</u>
<i>Other revenues</i>			
Clerk fees	1,200	1,511	311
Registration fees	5,500	6,358	858
Bus repair income	-	5,122	5,122
Miscellaneous town income	2,500	24,194	21,694
	<u>9,200</u>	<u>37,185</u>	<u>27,985</u>
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 5,415,859</u>	<u>\$ 5,398,112</u>	<u>\$ (17,747)</u>

TOWN OF EASTON, MAINE

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION - PROPRIETARY FUNDS
FEBRUARY 15, 2020

	Enterprise Funds		
	Non-Major Industrial Park	Major Grange Apartments	Totals
<i>Current assets:</i>			
Cash	\$ 38,443	\$ 143,019	\$ 181,462
Loan receivable	-	5,000	5,000
	<u>38,443</u>	<u>148,019</u>	<u>186,462</u>
<i>Non-current assets:</i>			
Land	43,452	53,166	96,618
Buildings	24,156	269,757	293,913
Equipment	-	20,584	20,584
Less accumulated depreciation net of accumulated depreciation	(24,156)	(265,663)	(289,819)
	<u>43,452</u>	<u>77,844</u>	<u>121,296</u>
	<u>\$ 81,895</u>	<u>\$ 225,863</u>	<u>\$ 307,758</u>
<i>Liabilities:</i>			
Security deposits	\$ -	\$ 2,423	\$ 2,423
Due to General fund	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>2,423</u>	<u>2,423</u>
<i>Net Position</i>			
Investment in capital assets	43,452	77,844	121,296
Unrestricted	38,443	145,596	184,039
	<u>81,895</u>	<u>223,440</u>	<u>305,335</u>
	<u>\$ 81,895</u>	<u>\$ 225,863</u>	<u>\$ 307,758</u>

TOWN OF EASTON, MAINE

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION PROPRIETARY FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED FEBRUARY 15, 2020

	Enterprise Funds		
	Non-major Industrial Park	Major Grange Apartments	Totals
Revenues			
Rental income	\$ -	\$ 34,513	\$ 34,513
Expenses			
Electricity	-	4,293	4,293
Building maintenance	-	9,125	9,125
Heating oil	-	7,795	7,795
Insurance	-	4,490	4,490
Equipment repairs	-	1,229	1,229
Wages-ground maintenance	-	11,323	11,323
Depreciation	-	972	972
Total expenses	-	39,227	39,227
Operating income (loss)	-	(4,714)	(4,714)
Other income (expense)			
Interest income	733	2,814	3,547
Change in net position	733	(1,900)	(1,167)
Net position - February 16	81,162	225,340	306,502
Prior period adjustment	-	-	-
Net position - February 15	\$ 81,895	\$ 223,440	\$ 305,335

TOWN OF EASTON, MAINE

COMBINING BALANCE SHEETS - NON MAJOR FUND FEBRUARY 15, 2020

	Education Federal/State Programs
Liabilities	
Due to other funds	\$ 63,048
Fund balances:	
Unreserved, undesignated	\$ (63,048)

TOWN OF EASTON, MAINE

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - ALL NON-MAJOR FUNDS FEBRUARY 15, 2020

	Special Revenue
	Education
	Federal/State
	<u>Programs</u>
Revenues:	
Intergovernmental revenue	\$ 218,782
Expenditures:	
Education	<u>189,670</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues	
over (under) expenditures	29,112
Fund balance, beginning of year	<u>(92,160)</u>
Fund balance, end of year	<u><u>\$ (63,048)</u></u>

Schedule 8

TOWN OF EASTON, MAINE

PRIVATE PURPOSE TRUST FUNDS
COMBINING SCHEDULE OF FIDUCIARY NET ASSETS
FEBRUARY 15, 2020

	Larsen Scholarship Fund	McManus Scholarship Fund	Bragdon Scholarship Fund	Malcolm Scholarship Fund	Bradley Scholarship Fund	Hayden Family TR Scholarship	Town Cemetery Fund	Light up our field	Field Days	Totals
Assets										
Cash	\$ 18,273	\$ 2,330	\$ 3,113	\$ 9,448	\$ 398	\$ 1,086,777	\$ 25,440	\$ 73,498	\$ 6,924	\$ 1,226,201
Interfund receivables	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,930	-	1,930
Total assets	\$ 18,273	\$ 2,330	\$ 3,113	\$ 9,448	\$ 398	\$ 1,086,777	\$ 25,440	\$ 75,428	\$ 6,924	\$ 1,228,131
Liabilities:										
Due to general fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Interfund loan payable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Deferred compensation payable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total liabilities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net assets:										
Permanently restricted	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unreserved	18,273	2,330	3,113	9,448	398	1,086,777	25,440	75,428	6,924	1,228,131
	<u>18,273</u>	<u>2,330</u>	<u>3,113</u>	<u>9,448</u>	<u>398</u>	<u>1,086,777</u>	<u>25,440</u>	<u>75,428</u>	<u>6,924</u>	<u>1,228,131</u>
Total liabilities & net asset:	\$ 18,273	\$ 2,330	\$ 3,113	\$ 9,448	\$ 398	\$ 1,086,777	\$ 25,440	\$ 75,428	\$ 6,924	\$ 1,228,131

TOWN OF EASTON, MAINE

PRIVATE PURPOSE TRUST FUNDS
COMBINING SCHEDULE OF ADDITIONS, DEDUCTIONS AND CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET ASSETS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED FEBRUARY 15, 2020

	Larsen Scholarship Fund	McManus Scholarship Fund	Bragdon Scholarship Fund	Malcolm Scholarship Fund	Bradley Scholarship Fund	Hayden Family TR Scholarship	Town Cemetery Fund	Union Church Fund	Light up our field	Field Days	Totals
Additions:											
Contributions	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 160	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 36,984	\$ 2,366	\$ 39,510
Interest income	350	47	62	180	6	20,902	642	94	645	130	23,058
Other additions	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,700	-	-	-	1,700
Total additions	350	47	62	180	166	20,902	2,342	94	37,629	2,496	64,268
Deductions:											
Scholarships	100	200	100	-	-	12,000	-	-	-	-	12,400
Maintenance	-	-	-	-	-	-	12,921	6,918	-	-	19,839
Field Days expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9,387	9,387
Total deductions	100	200	100	-	-	12,000	12,921	6,918	-	9,387	41,626
Changes in net assets	250	(153)	(38)	180	166	8,902	(10,579)	(6,824)	37,629	(6,891)	22,642
Other items	-	-	-	-	-	3,000	12,000	-	37,799	7,200	59,999
Interfund transfers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net assets, February 16	18,023	2,483	3,151	9,268	232	1,074,875	24,019	6,824	-	6,615	1,145,490
Net assets, February 15	\$ 18,273	\$ 2,330	\$ 3,113	\$ 9,448	\$ 398	\$ 1,086,777	\$ 25,440	\$ -	\$ 75,428	\$ 6,924	\$ 1,228,131

SELECTED NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FEBRUARY 15, 2020

Property Tax

Property taxes are levied as of April 1 and are used to finance the operations of the Town for the fiscal budget year beginning February 16. Taxes are committed for collection on September 3rd and are due and payable on or before October 1st. In accordance with Maine law, taxes not collected within twelve months following the date of commitment are secured by liens. 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.

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, which amounted to \$134,453 for the year ended February 15, 2020.

The Town of Easton receives approximately 83% of its total property tax revenues from McCain Foods, Inc. and J.M. Huber Corp. Total tax revenues from these taxpayers totaled \$2,312,632 and \$2,457,014 for the fiscal years ended February 15, 2020 and 2019, respectively.

Notes ReceivableUDAG Fund

In 1984 the Town was co-recipient (along with the Town of Washburn) of an Urban Development Action Grant (UDAG) to assist McCain Foods, Inc. in upgrading plant equipment located in each Town. The towns loaned these funds to McCain Foods, Inc. Funds from the repayment of this loan have been used by the Town of Easton to create a revolving loan fund to assist other businesses in the Town. UDAG Fund notes receivable consisted of the following at February 15, 2020:

<u>Due From</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>February 15, 2020 Balance</u>
Tucker Sno-Cat Groomer	8/2027	\$ 23,697
Fire truck repairs	4/2020	5,628
EHC Roofing	6/2030	36,750
		<u>\$ 66,075</u>

The Snowmobile Club borrowed \$59,193 from the UDAG fund for a snow groomer purchase. There is no written agreement for this loan, but the Town has established a 15 year repayment.

The fire department borrowed \$5,628 for some repairs. This will be paid back to UDAG in April 2020.

In June 2019, the Easton Housing Authority borrowed \$39,750. This is an interest free loan with no formal repayment schedule. The loan balance at February 15, 2020 is \$36,750.

Proprietary Fund

In November 2015, the Town voted to loan \$25,000 to West Ridge Manor. This is a five year, no interest loan due in annual payments of \$5,000. At February 15, 2020 the loan balance was \$5,000.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (cont'd)

Village Acres Housing Project – UDAG

The Town is investing in a sub-division housing project with an investment to date totaling \$116,088. This amount consists of land; \$69,302 and engineering costs totaling \$46,786. When the project is completed, lots will be sold to repay the UDAG fund.

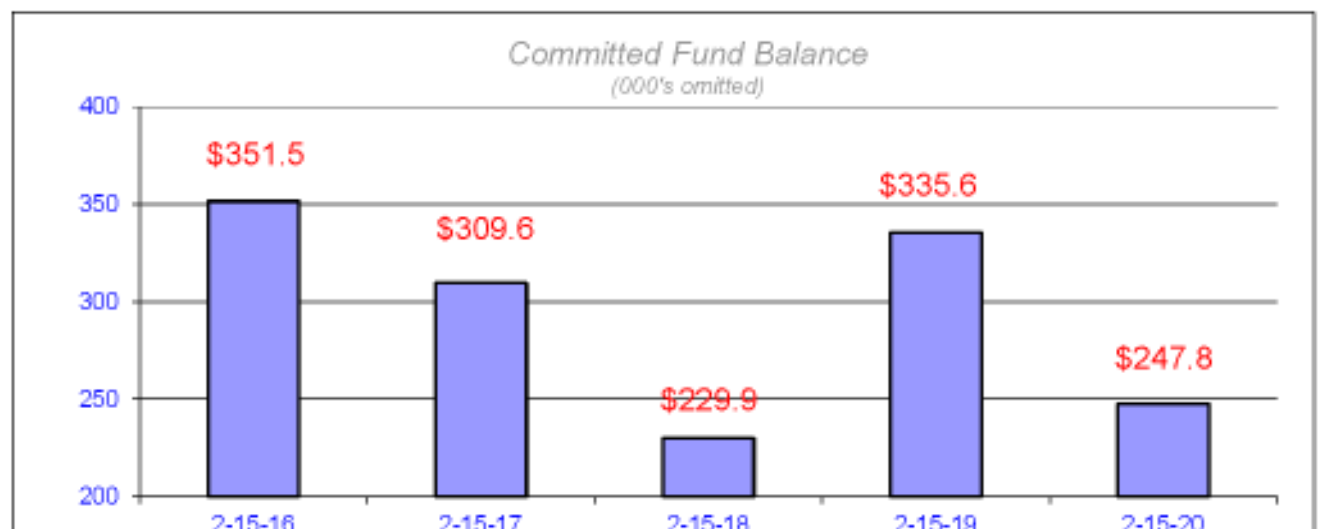
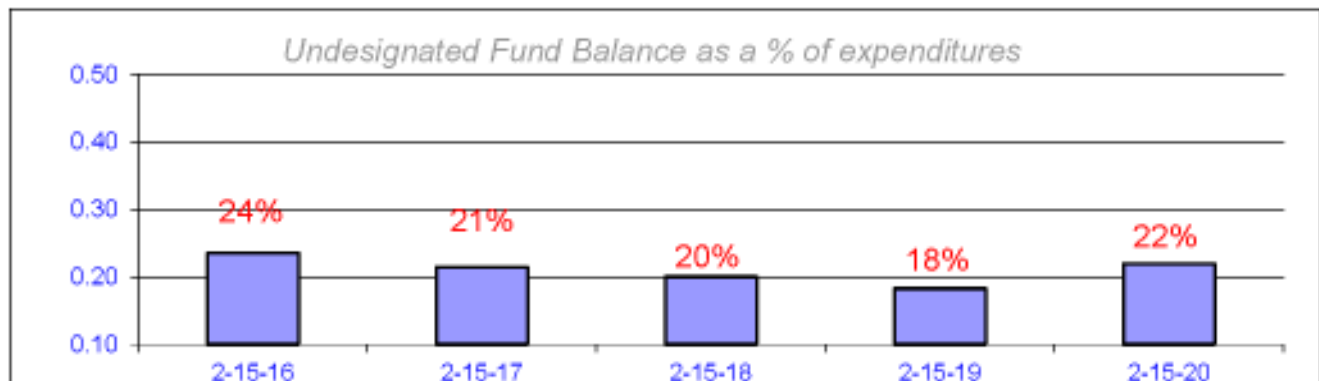
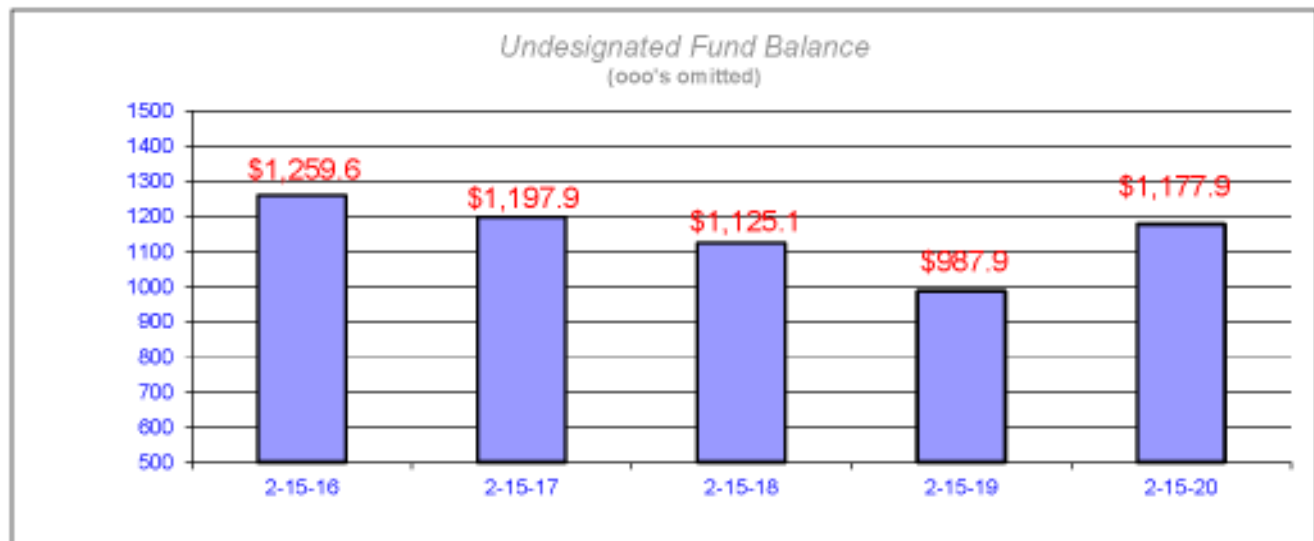
Assigned Fund Balance

At February 15, 2020, portions of the general fund equity were designated to future periods as follows:

Equipment Reserve	\$ 145,824
Septic	(2,340)
Selectmen's discretionary	1,935
Insurance reserve	3,000
Computer reserve	8,726
Town retirement reserve	8,754
Prestile Community Park	(28)
School retirement reserve	10,000
Town owned property	9,191
Salt/sand shed	(4,850)
Municipal building repair	687
Town road improvement	34,162
General assistance	6,520
Tennis courts	19,311
Signage	6,271
Planning	665
	<u>\$ 247,828</u>

Town of Easton.

Fund Balance Analysis



January 1, 2020

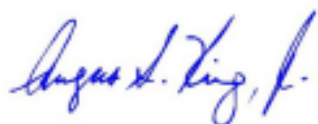
Dear Friends,

The beginning of a new year provides the opportunity to reflect on the progress of the past 12 months. If you've been watching cable TV, you might think that every waking moment of 2019 in Washington has been consumed by divisive, partisan issues – and while there's no shortage of those debates, there have also been opportunities for bipartisan cooperation. You sent me to the Senate to make the most of those opportunities, so as we enter into the New Year, I wanted to take a moment to update you on my efforts to work with members of both parties to make life better for the people of Maine.

One of my most important priorities this past year has been emphasizing preventive healthcare. Maine's distinction as the oldest state in the nation brings us wisdom, of course – but it also creates unique challenges, particularly relating to healthcare. The key to addressing these obstacles is being proactive, because the cheapest, safest medical procedure is the one that doesn't need to happen. That's why I've introduced legislation to incentivize healthier living, expand mental health screenings, and help more Americans access regular check-ups. We're making progress, but we've got a long way to go – and I'd like your help, because I know that the best ideas are the ones that come from families and communities on the front lines of these challenges. To strengthen this effort, I convened a policy forum on prevention in Bangor in October, which has already given me exciting new ideas that I'll carry with me into 2020. If you have additional thoughts on encouraging preventive healthcare, please share them with my office.

This year has also continued the growth of Maine's forest products industry – a key focus of my work to revitalize Maine's rural economy and communities. We've seen significant investment in mills across the state, creating good jobs to support rural Maine. I'm also pleased that the investments aren't just in our mills – the industry is thriving because of its commitment to innovation. We're fortunate to have the University of Maine's top-notch researchers exploring cutting-edge ways to use our forest resources, including capitalizing on the rise of 3D printing technology with the world's largest 3D printer. Combining this work with ongoing federal support, our vast forests, and Maine's dedicated workforce, I know that the future of this industry is bright, and I'll continue working to support it on all fronts.

I'm proud of all we've accomplished together this year, but even as I reflect on all that we've achieved, it is challenging to not think of the work left undone. It sometimes can be discouraging to watch these important priorities hang in limbo, but fortunately for me, encouragement is never far. After all, I get to live in Maine – which means I get to count Maine people as my neighbors and friends. I'm always struck by the kindness that our citizens show not only to me, but also to each other. This focus on collaboration and compassion is an inspiration, and it powers my efforts to bring a little bit of Maine common sense to Washington. Thank you for all you do to for our state – Mary and I are deeply grateful, and we hope that 2020 will be a good year for you, your family, your community, and the State of Maine.



Best Regards,
Angus S. King Jr., United States Senator



Dear Friends,

As 2019 ends and 2020 begins, I am pleased to report that Congress made progress on a number of issues important to Maine families despite the polarization in our country.

In a major win for surviving military and retiree spouses to whom we are deeply indebted, I was proud to co-lead the repeal of what is often referred to as the “Military Widow’s Tax,” an unfair offset of survivor benefits that has prevented as many as 67,000 surviving spouses—including more than 260 from Maine—from receiving the full benefits they deserve.

The high cost of health care and prescription drugs continues to be a top issue for families and seniors. To provide continued relief for more lower- and middle-income individuals, I led the charge to extend, for another two years, the medical expense tax deduction that I included in the 2017 tax law. Without this extension, nearly 20,000 Mainers and millions of Americans with high medical expenses, including many with preexisting conditions, would have faced an increased tax burden. In other good news, the CREATES Act I cosponsored became law. It will prevent pharmaceutical companies from blocking access to a sufficient supply of brand-name drugs needed for the studies that allow less expensive alternatives to enter the marketplace.

Improving people’s health and wellbeing remains my priority. On a per capita basis, Maine has the highest incidence of Lyme disease in the country. In August, I held a Senate hearing at the University of Maine’s Tick Lab on this growing public health crisis. A comprehensive public health strategy to combat this epidemic is needed, and the new law I authored will do just that.

In addition, I helped champion another \$2.6 billion increase for the National Institutes of Health, our nation’s premiere biomedical research institution, including significant boosts for Alzheimer’s disease and diabetes research. Last year, NIH funded more than \$111 million for research at 14 Maine institutions.

To help prepare the graduates of Maine Maritime Academy, I secured \$300 million for a new training ship, which will ensure rigorous instruction for MMA students for decades to come.

Significant federal funding was approved for work at Bath Iron Works and Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. Funding appropriated by Congress will pay for three new destroyers, make a down payment on an additional ship, and finance infrastructure improvements at PNSY.

As Chairman of the Transportation and Housing Appropriations Subcommittee, I have led efforts to improve our nation’s crumbling infrastructure and ensure that Maine’s housing needs are addressed. For Maine’s roads, bridges, airports, and seaports, tens of millions in federal funding will help make urgently needed upgrades and improve safety. Funding will also support housing assistance to low-income families and seniors and aid communities in reducing homelessness among our youth. The Community Development Block Grant program will assist numerous towns and cities in our State.

The Aging Committee I chair has continued its focus on financial security for our seniors. A new law I authored will make it easier for small businesses to offer retirement plans to their employees. Our Aging Committee’s Fraud Hotline fielded more than 1,200 calls this year. Congress passed a new law to crack down on robocallers who are often the perpetrators of these scams. And a new law I authored will expand the IRS’ Identity Protection PIN program nationwide to prevent identity theft tax refund fraud.

At the end of 2019, I cast my 7,262nd consecutive vote. In the New Year, I will keep working to deliver bipartisan solutions to the challenges facing Maine and the nation. If ever I can be of assistance to you, please contact one of my state offices or visit my website at www.collins.senate.gov. May 2020 be a good year for you, your family, your community, and our state.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins, United States Senator

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Dear Friends and Residents of Easton,

As a lifelong resident of Aroostook County, my number one priority in the Legislature is to make sure rural Mainers have a voice in Augusta. It's why I returned to the State House determined to put partisan politics aside and get things done for working people, small businesses and rural health care. I'm proud of what we accomplished for rural Mainers in 2019 and look forward to working hard still in 2020.

We passed a budget that provides \$130 million in property tax relief without raising taxes. We expanded the Property Tax Fairness Credit, increased the Homestead Exemption and made significant steps toward fully restoring revenue sharing. This means more Mainers can afford to stay in their homes and make ends meet and that's good for our economy.

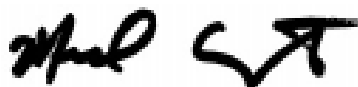
We fought to make health care more affordable and more accessible. We passed laws to prevent insurance companies from discriminating against Mainers with preexisting conditions and stood up to "Big Pharma" by passing our sweeping prescription drug reform package.

We stood up for rural hospitals and ambulance services, by providing critical funding to keep these services operating in rural Maine. No matter where you live, you should be able to get help in a health emergency. I'm proud to have done my part to secure funding for Northern Light A.R. Gould Hospital in Presque Isle and Houlton Regional Hospital.

I believe we did a lot of good work to make Maine a better place to live, work, raise a family and eventually retire. But I know there is still a lot of work left to do. I promise to keep fighting for your health, family, job and wallet in Augusta this year.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to me about the issues that matter to you. I can be reached by email at Mike.Carpenter@legislature.maine.gov or phone at (207) 287-1515. I send an email out regularly to update you on what's going in Augusta, please subscribe at www.mainesenate.org. Thank you for your input. It's an honor to serve you.

Sincerely,



Senator Mike Carpenter



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Dear Friends,

I hope this letter finds you well. It is an immense honor to serve as your representative in Congress. I take very seriously the responsibility that has been placed on me, and I would like to take this opportunity to share with you some of what I've been working on in my first year in Congress.

At the beginning of this term, the House passed H.R. 1, a comprehensive package of reforms I cosponsored to get big money out of politics and fight corruption in Washington. And in December, I helped pass H.R. 3, the *Lower Drug Costs Now Act*, which would limit out-of-pocket prescription drug costs paid by seniors, fund the expansion of Medicare coverage to include dental, vision, and hearing, and lower prescription drug prices for thousands of Mainers. Additionally, as a member of the House Armed Services Committee, I worked to ensure our annual defense authorization bill supports America's national security and Maine's shipyard workers, National Guardsmen, manufacturers, and universities.

On top of working on this legislation, I have also been advocating for our district directly to administrative agencies. I have been fighting for Maine lobstermen to urge the president to intervene in proposed regulations by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) that would hurt our lobster industry. I pressed government agencies to ground their regulations in sound science and data when crafting new regulations on Maine's lobstermen. I also persuaded the Army Corps of Engineers to hold a public hearing in Maine about the proposed Central Maine Power NECEC transmission line, which gave hundreds of people the opportunity to voice their opinions about the project.

Some of the most important work of members of Congress is rooted in on-the-ground constituent services. We have three offices in the district — in Caribou, Bangor, and Lewiston — and my staff work tirelessly to help Mainers solve problems they may face with federal government agencies. I urge you to stop by to talk to us in person and let us know how we can better serve you and your communities.

My favorite part of the job is coming home to the district and hearing about what matters to you. This year, I brought a hearing of the House Small Business Subcommittee on Contracting and Infrastructure to Maine to find ways to expand access to rural broadband. I've also held open town halls and coffee hours throughout the district to hear directly from Mainers veterans, as well as roundtables to find more ways to help small businesses in Maine grow and create jobs.

As always, please continue to reach out to me and my staff if you'd like to voice an opinion, let us know about a local event, or seek any assistance with federal agencies.

Respectfully,

Jared Golden



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Dear Easton Residents:

Thank you for the opportunity to continue to serve the residents of Easton in the 129th Legislature. It is truly an honor to serve our community in the Maine House of Representatives.

Our second regular legislative session is now underway, and we will review more than 650 measures covering a wide variety of topics. Last year, we passed bills to expand health care coverage, reign in the skyrocketing prices of prescription drugs, address climate change, lift up working Maine families, support our schools, improve broadband access and provide meaningful property tax relief. We will push even harder on those topics and more in the coming months.

I continue to serve on the Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry Committee, where we work on policies around food safety, inspection and labeling, the dairy industry, pesticide regulation, farmland preservation, state parks, historic sites, public lands, forest products and the Land for Maine's Future Program.

I also continue to serve on the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee. One of our top priorities will be increasing funding for career and technical education programs. We know that four-year colleges are not necessarily the best fit for everyone, so we're going to strengthen alternatives that better prepare our students to enter the workforce.

Whether we are dealing with the above issues or any other topic, I will continue to work with all of my colleagues, regardless of party affiliation, to make sure we're doing the best work we can for the people of our district and all the people of Maine.

Please contact me if I can be of any help to you or your family or if you want to discuss or testify on any legislation. I fully welcome your questions and feedback.

Respectfully,

David McCrea
State Representative



TOWN OF EASTON OFFICE HOURS:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM
 Tuesday 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM
 Friday 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Easton Board of Selectmen meet as needed but generally on
 the second Monday of the month at the Town Office at 7:00 PM.

Easton School Board meets the second Monday of the month
 at the Easton Elementary School Library at 7:00 PM.

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"There are no secrets to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work and learning from failure." Colin Powell

TRI-COMMUNITY LANDFILL HOURS:

	Private	Commercial
Monday-Friday	8:00 AM – 4:00 PM	8:00 AM – 3:30 PM
Saturday	8:00 AM – 3:00 PM	8:00 AM – 2:30 PM

All vehicles are required to display a valid TCL permit sticker, which must be affixed to the permitted vehicle. The permit does not guarantee free waste disposal. Disposal fees are based on type and origin of waste.

Closed all federal and state legal holidays and Sundays.

CLEAN UP DAY INFORMATION:

Easton Clean Up: Twice a year, the Town of Easton will provide a collection point at the town garage on the Fry Pan Road for household junk, such as appliances, tires, furniture, wood, etc. Wood products must be separated. **NO HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE OR USED OIL.** There will also be a collection point next to the recycling igloos behind the town office to dispose of electronics such as: televisions, computers, monitors, printers, fluorescent bulbs, circuit boards, cell phones, fax machines, scanners, laptops, DVD/VCR players, batteries and copiers. All recyclables must be deposited in the igloos behind the town office. **EASTON RESIDENTS ONLY. NO COMMERCIAL LOADS.**

Pinetree Waste, Inc.: Commercial pick-up on Wednesday and residential pick-up on Thursday.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Easton Town Office

488-6652 or 488-7706

Fax 488-7706

Town Manager

Town Clerk

Estes Park Cemetery

Mount Shiloh Cemetery

Pine Tree Cemetery

Easton Grange Apartments

Easton Odd Fellows' Hall

Easton Highway Department 488-7705

Easton Fire Department

EMERGENCY ONLY 911

All other calls 488-6652

Easton Animal Control Officer 488-6652

Easton Recreation Department 488-6601

Easton Odd Fellows' Hall 488-7708

Odd Fellows' Hall: Scheduling of the use of the Odd Fellows' Hall can be done at the Town Office.
Check for availability by calling Cheryl at 488-6652.

Easton School Department

Elementary School 488-7701

High School 488-7702

Easton Post Office 488-5751

Ambulance 911

Pinetree Waste Management 532-4264

Tri-Community Landfill 473-7840

Plumbing Inspector & Code Enforcement Officer (Tony Levesque) 472-3805

Maine State Police 532-2261

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Aroostook County Sheriff's Department 532-3471

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