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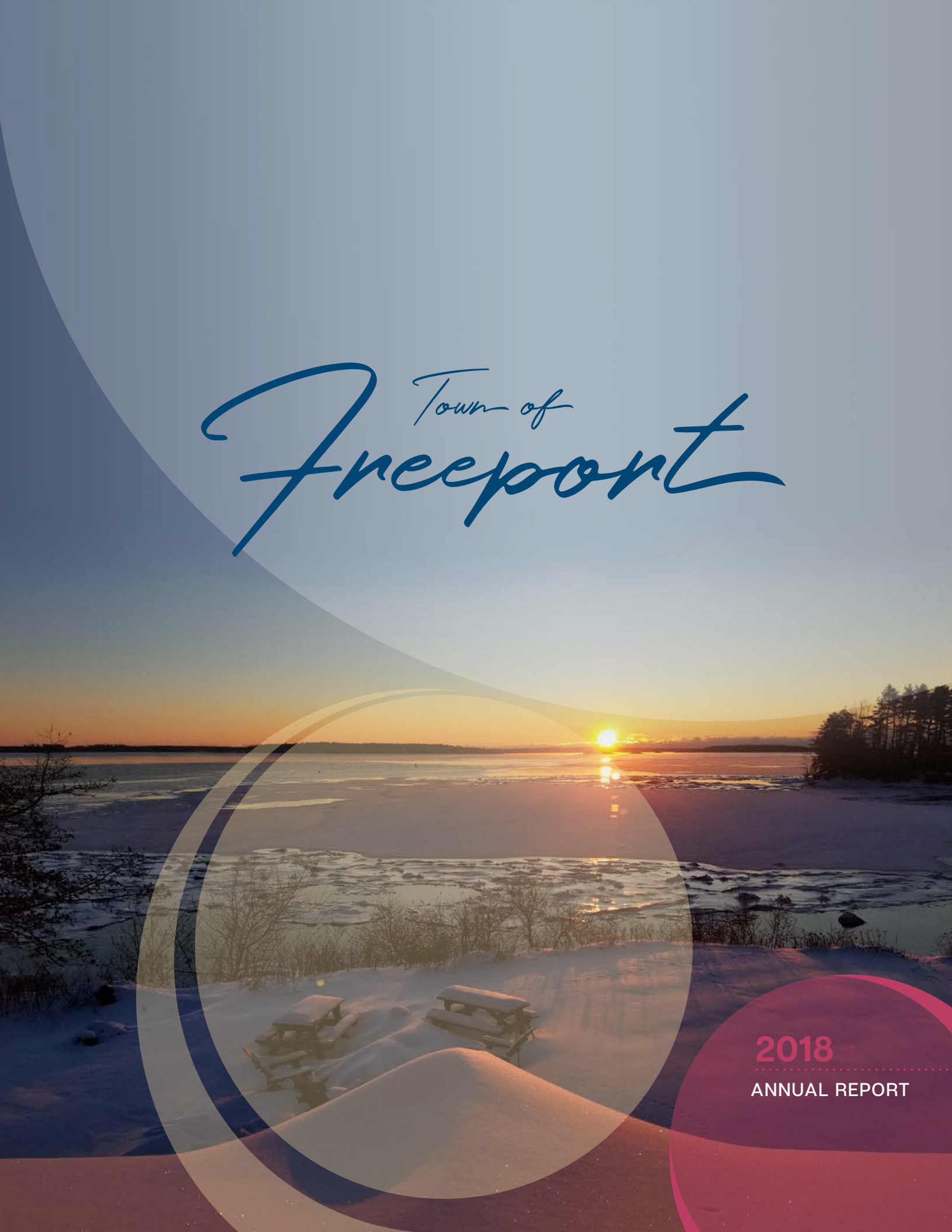

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In memory of:

This year's Annual Report is in memory of the beloved **SALLY RAND** for her lifelong work in volunteer and community service in historic preservation.

In 1955, after graduating from Smith College and starting her career with the Fogg Art Museum at Harvard University and then a publishing company, Sally and her family moved to Maine. She located to Freeport in 1963 and along with innumerable other civic organizations, she spent time serving on the Freeport Local Town Government Study Committee; the Freeport Charter Commission and the Freeport Conservation Commission. She was also an architectural historian for the Freeport Historic Survey and an historian for the Freeport Historical Society. Sally coordinated several Maine Preservation statewide conferences and received numerous awards for her tireless and generous work in historic preservation. Her extensive service to her community demonstrated her genuine passion for protecting and promoting our cultural arts and history for future generations.

Boards & Committees (as of June 2018)

Board of Appeals
David Gagne, Chair
Pamela Leone, Secretary
Phil Wagner
Clinton Swett
James Gorman
Art Colvin
Jerry Kennedy
STAFF PERSON: Nicholas Adams

Board of Assessment Review
Michael Healy, Chair
Jennifer Worthy
Bradford Pattershall
Chris Grimm
R. McAllister Lloyd

Cable T.V. Regulatory Board
Rodney Harmon
William Greene
Michael Ashby
RSU5 liaison, Lindsay Sterling
STAFF PERSON: Rick Simard
Jay Somers, Comcast Senior Manager of Government & Community Relations

Coastal Waters Commission
Jeff Stenzel, Chair
Dayton Benway, Secretary
Peter Polovchik
Joseph Frazer
Mark Morrissey
Daniel Piltch
Laurie Orlando
STAFF PERSON: Charles Tetreau

Conservation Commission
Guy Blanchard, Chair
Theresa Oleksiw
Barney Baker
Dimitra Voulgari
Andrew Arsenault
Michael Stumbo
Eric Horne, Council Liaison

Emergency Preparedness
Charles Jordan, Fire/Rescue Chief
Susan Nourse, Police Chief
Earl Gibson, Highway Supt.
Peter Joseph, Town Manager
Leland Arris, Sewer District
Dr. Becky Foley, RSU5 Supt.
Paula Paladino, FCS Representative
Johanna Hanselman, Gen. Asst
Charles Tetreau, Interim Harbormaster
Paul Conley, Rescue

Library Board of Trustees
Elizabeth Housewright, Secretary
Pamela Goucher, Vice Chair
Katherine Heye
Chris Abbe
Freyja Bradford
Judith Donahue
Joe Vertenten, Chair
Adalgisa Holtrop
Colin Kaveney
STAFF PERSON: Arlene Arris

Planning Board
Wendyll Caisse, Chair
Jamel Torres
Robert Ball
Sam Kapala
Aaron Cannan
Greg Savona
Lonny Winrich
STAFF PERSON: Donna Larson

Project Review Board
Ford Reiche
Drew Wing
Adam Troidl
Guy Blanchard
Suzanne Watson
F. Gordon Hamlin Jr.
Geralyn Campanelli
STAFF PERSON: Donna Larson

Hunter Road Fields Advisory Committee
Dave Intravasato, Dist 3, Chair
Walter Libby, Dist 4, Vice Chair
Phil Wagner, Dist 1
R. McAllister Lloyd, Dist 2
Nelson Larkins
John Egan, Council Liaison
Craig Sickles, RSU5 Representative
STAFF PERSON: Adam Bliss

Sustainability Advisory Board
Josh Olins, Chair
Sukie Rice
Kate Rosenfeld
Sarah Victor
Valy Steverlynck
Catrina Milliman
Todd Smith
John Egan, Council Liaison

Sewer District Trustees
Sara Randall, Chair
Thomas Hudak, Treasurer
Michael Ashby
Earle Rowe, Jr.
Sally Leland
Andrew Sachs
Gerald Kennedy

Shellfish Conservation Commission
Dale Sawyer
Karl Ochadleus
Nora Healy, Secretary
Jared Lavers
Malcolm McIntosh
Chris Grimm, Chair
Lee Arris, Council Liaison
STAFF PERSON: Charles Tetreau

Freeport Water District Trustees
Timothy Whitacre
Leland Arris Jr.
Charyl Haversat Matherson

South Freeport Water District Trustees
Jeffrey Stenzel, Chair
Melanie Ferrucci, Secretary
Eric Horne
Paul Beem

Winslow Park Commission
Susan Hazzard, Co-Chair
Robin Baron
Alex Robinson
Kim Swett
Nancy Marquis
Karissa Davan, Co-Chair
Lucy Lloyd
George Connick
Doug Reighley, Council Liaison
STAFF PERSON: Neil Lyman

Freeport RSU5 Board of Directors
Madelyn Vertenten
Sarah Woodard
Jeremy Clough
John Morang
Valy Steverlynck
Lindsay Sterling

Active Living Committee
Andy Spaulding, Chair
Kathleen Damon
Geralyn Campanelli
Todd Coffin
David Bennell
John Lowe
Eric Horne, Council Liaison
STAFF PERSON: Donna Larson

Traffic & Parking Committee
Gary Profenno, Chair
Jim Gorman, Vice Chair
Susan Nourse, Police Chief
Geralyn Campanelli
Doug Leland
Rod Regier
Doug Reighley, Council Liaison
STAFF PERSON: Adam Bliss

Citizens of the Year

The Freeport Citizen of the Year award is bestowed annually by the Special Projects Committee of the Freeport Town Council upon an individual or group of individuals that have substantively contributed to the quality of the Town, the wellbeing of the citizens, and the reputation of the Town, in a manner that has caused a measurable improvement in the circumstances of a significant number of townspeople. **FRED PALMER** and **JOHN PATERSON**, both of Freeport, were named the 2017 Citizens of the Year. They were recognized at a special ceremony preceding the February 6, 2018 Town Council meeting in the Town Council Chambers at Freeport Town Hall.

(L-R) Fred Palmer and John Patterson

Mr. Palmer has been a resident of Freeport since the early 1970's. He enjoyed a successful career as a certified public accountant and was the owner of Downeast Concepts, Inc. and Cape Shore, a business based in Yarmouth. Fred was a former member and chair of the Freeport School Committee, and served on the Town Council from 1983-1986, where he also was Chair. Fred has volunteered his time in support of several community organizations over the years, notably as a strong advocate during the creation of the Casco Bay YMCA in Freeport and as a Board Member and volunteer with Seeds of Independence, a local nonprofit that mentors and supports adolescents. Fred has quietly and consistently supported athletics in Freeport; he helped to start the Freeport High School girls lacrosse program, assisted in the effort to add tennis courts to the High School campus, and was integral to the creation of the additional field behind the tennis courts, even rolling out the sod himself.

Mr. Paterson has been a resident of Freeport since the early 1980's. Prior to moving to Freeport, John was Deputy Attorney General serving in the Environmental Division of the Maine Attorney General's Office. John was a shareholder at the law firm of Bernstein Shur for many years and served as Chair of the Litigation Department until his retirement. Over the years, John served on the Freeport School Committee, as well as on the Town Council from 1987-1990. He is a past President of the Maine Chapter of the ACLU, and has spent countless hours volunteering as a mentor for middle and high school kids in Freeport and Topsham through Seeds of Independence. John also serves as the Chairperson of the Development Committee for Safe Passage, a non-profit that provides education, support and hope for at-risk children in Guatemala. John has also been involved with the Freeport Players, the Greater Freeport Community Chorus and other arts organizations throughout the years.

Most recently, Fred and John served as Chair and Vice-Chair, respectively, of the Tri-Town Track and Field Committee, a local non-profit that was instrumental in advocating for the creation of, and raising funds for, the recently completed track and field project adjacent to Freeport High School. Other volunteers on this project have credited both Fred and John's leadership, as well as the hundreds of hours of hard work they volunteered, as a critical factor in the ultimate success of the project.

"The track and field project is a tangible reflection of the decades of dedication and service that Fred and John have given to this community, particularly to the development and support of Freeport's next generation," Town Council Chair Sarah Tracy said. "Although it truly took a village to make the Track and Field Project a reality, it also required people who were willing to step forward, put that project on their backs and carry it from the start to the finish line. Fred and John were those people and their efforts are truly appreciated."

Special Projects Committee Chair Melanie Sachs added: "The Special Projects Committee was unanimous in its selection of Fred and John as this year's honorees. The depth and breadth of their service to the Town of Freeport in so many different areas is truly impressive. We are delighted to recognize their contributions, and are grateful for their many years of dedication to the community"

Past Citizen of the Year Recipients

George Denney	2016
Kate and Jonas Werner	2015
Freeport Community Services Founding Mothers	2014
Edward Bradley	2013
Thomas Wright	2012
Vicki Lowe	2011
Bob Stevens	2010
Rod Regier	2009
Barbara Gifford	2008
Dr. Jonathan Strout	2007
Mary Sauer & Jon Hoy	2006
Betsy Ruff	2005
Edgar Leighton	2004
E. Ann Westervelt	2003
Louis Marstaller	2002
Vaughndella Curtis	2001
Edward Bonney	2000
Frank Small	1999
Frank Garland	1998
Fred Fernald & Edward Bueter	1997
Paul Powers	1996

Town Council

(L-R) Douglas Reighley, D. Scott Gleeson, Sarah Tracy, Eric Horne, John Egan. Not shown: Leland Arris Jr., Melanie Sachs

The Freeport Town Council adopted six goals at the beginning of the year to guide their work together. I am pleased to offer this summary of progress on these goals. This progress is indicative of the collaborative working relationship between the Town staff, Freeport residents, and the Council.

The Council has worked hard to align its work with the primary goals of solid fiscal management; transparency in operations and government activities; the engagement of residents and community partners in the governance, operation and activities of the Town; maintaining a strong relationship with RSU5 and the neighboring municipalities; the exploration of ways to reduce Freeport's energy costs and examination of infrastructure opportunities to promote active lifestyles.

The Council worked diligently to maintain a stable tax rate this past year. This required the Councilors to go through the capital and operating budgets line by line in public forums. Workshop sessions were held with boards and committees, department heads and community groups. The results of the Council's efforts were significant cost management and savings to the taxpayers. The overall capital budget was decreased slightly for the coming fiscal year, and the budget increase for the Town operating budget was trimmed to 2.14%. This would have been a 0.41% tax impact on the mil rate; however due to valuation adjustments we actually saw a 0.4% decrease to the town mil rate. This translated to a decrease of approximately 1 cent per $1,000 valuation for the average homeowner.

In an effort to bring greater transparency to Freeport residents about the budget process and the factors which impact their tax bill, ongoing discussion and updates about the RSU5 budget process was a priority, given the RSU5 budget increase and the impact it would have on Freeport's taxpayers.

Connection with the residents of Freeport and facilitating residents' engagement with Town government continues to be a high priority for the Freeport Town Council. Councilors held workshop meetings for all four Freeport voting districts this fiscal year. Resident concerns expressed at those meetings were actively listened to and discussions ensued about how to address them. Concerns about speeding continued to be voiced by Freeport residents and will continue to be an area of focus by the Council in its work with the Public Safety Department. The Council also engaged in discussions during the budget process as to how to improve the communication with the community, particularly during emergency events, but also to make residents aware of ongoing events in the Town. Accordingly, the Council approved funding for an electronic sign to be located at Town Hall and additional funding for mobile electronic signs for public safety announcements throughout the town (e.g. road closings, etc.). The Town, under the leadership of the Fire Department's Chief, Charles Jordan, has also continued to encourage residents to sign up to participate in the CodeRED system (reverse 911 system), which is a voluntary high-speed notification system to alert residential and business communities of messages regarding the safety or welfare of the community. For more information on CodeRED and to sign up for notifications (cell phone users must opt in), please visit the Town's website at: http://www.freeportmaine.com/news.detail.php?news_id=955 or visit the CodeRED website for Cumberland County at: https://public.coderedweb.com/CNE/en-US/BFF2E84D696F

Councilors continue to commit many hours to strengthening the lines of communication and enhancing the understanding between the members of the Freeport Town Council, the RSU5 leadership and other municipal partners. In February, the Council held their fourth Annual Meeting at the Freeport Community Center for all elected officials and administrative leaders from Freeport, Pownal, Durham, and RSU5. The purpose was to provide information to the other entities about budget concerns, process questions, and community updates. Additionally, throughout the late spring and into the fall of 2018, a small group from the Town Council participated in the RSU5 Finance Committee's ongoing consideration of the cost allocation formula regarding the local monies portion of the RSU5 budget between the three RSU5 communities (Freeport, Pownal and Durham). The Council will continue its active involvement in this ongoing discussion, as the out-

come has the potential to have a significant impact on the taxes paid by Freeport residents and businesses.

The Freeport Town Council has a wide array of methods to engage residents and disseminate information, which includes holding district meetings, televising Council meetings, personal outreach, and surveys. The Town Manager also generates a "Town Manager Report" that is presented during each council meeting, emailed to interested residents, and available online on the Town's website www.freeportmaine.com. Several projects this year involved intense engagement by the Council with citizens, including the reconsideration of the parking requirements for downtown Freeport businesses, the parking proposal presented by the South Freeport Church, as well as addressing the ongoing zoning compliance issue presented by the Island Rover vessel and its' impact on nearby residents. In every case, the Council and citizens worked closely together to provide a transparent process and collaborative outcomes.

The Town Council continued to explore solutions related to renewable energy and energy efficiency to reduce the energy costs of the Town of Freeport. The Council approved funding in the FY 2018 budget process to convert its streetlights to LED lights and engaged a consultant to begin the project and continued the implementation process for this project. This is ongoing and the project is expected to be complete in the first quarter of 2019. Additionally, at the request of the Council, Town staff is continuing to explore whether a solar project at one of Freeport's municipal facilities would result in electricity price stability and future savings. Members of the Council and Town staff have actively engaged in discussions with RSU5 and the Freeport Sewer District regarding opportunities for a joint solar project. Efforts to pursue these opportunities will continue in FY 2019, as the Council keeps an eye on potential policy changes with respect to solar energy at the state level under the new administration.

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Cost to the median taxpayer $12

There are 7 elected Councilors

Finally, the Council pursued infrastructure opportunities to promote active lifestyles by actively participating in the ongoing design discussions for the Route 1 South Bridge located near the Muddy Rudder restaurant and, along with representatives from Yarmouth, encouraging the Maine Department of Transportation to include bike and pedestrian lanes in the bridge design.

I would like to thank my fellow Councilors – Melanie Sachs, Scott Gleeson, Lee Arris, Jr., Doug Reighley, John Egan, and Eric Horne – for all of their hard work this past year. I would also like to thank the many Freeport residents who volunteer their time and talents to serving our community. I am grateful for their engagement and service to our Town.

Freeport

BY THE NUMBERS

On most pages of the annual report you will notice a section labeled "By the Numbers". In this section, you will find information about what each department costs the median taxpayer and staffing levels for the department. The hope is that this will give the reader a quick overview of the scope of the department. Please keep in mind that the numbers are based on the median assessed value of all residential properties for FY 2018, which was $270,200. If your property is assessed higher or lower, then your contribution to each department would be different. The number does not take into account revenues generated by the department. Staffing levels indicated are shown in a full-time equivalent (FTE) unless otherwise noted, which does not take in to account the actual number of employees, but rather the total employee hours budgeted for that department and how many full time employees that would equal. There are expenses in the Town's budget that are non-departmental, and therefore they are not broken down on a page, and would total $262 dollars on the median tax bill. This includes expenses such as utilities, insurance, promotions, miscellaneous and contingency, employee benefits, overlay and debt service.

Town Manager

Peter E. Joseph
Town Manager

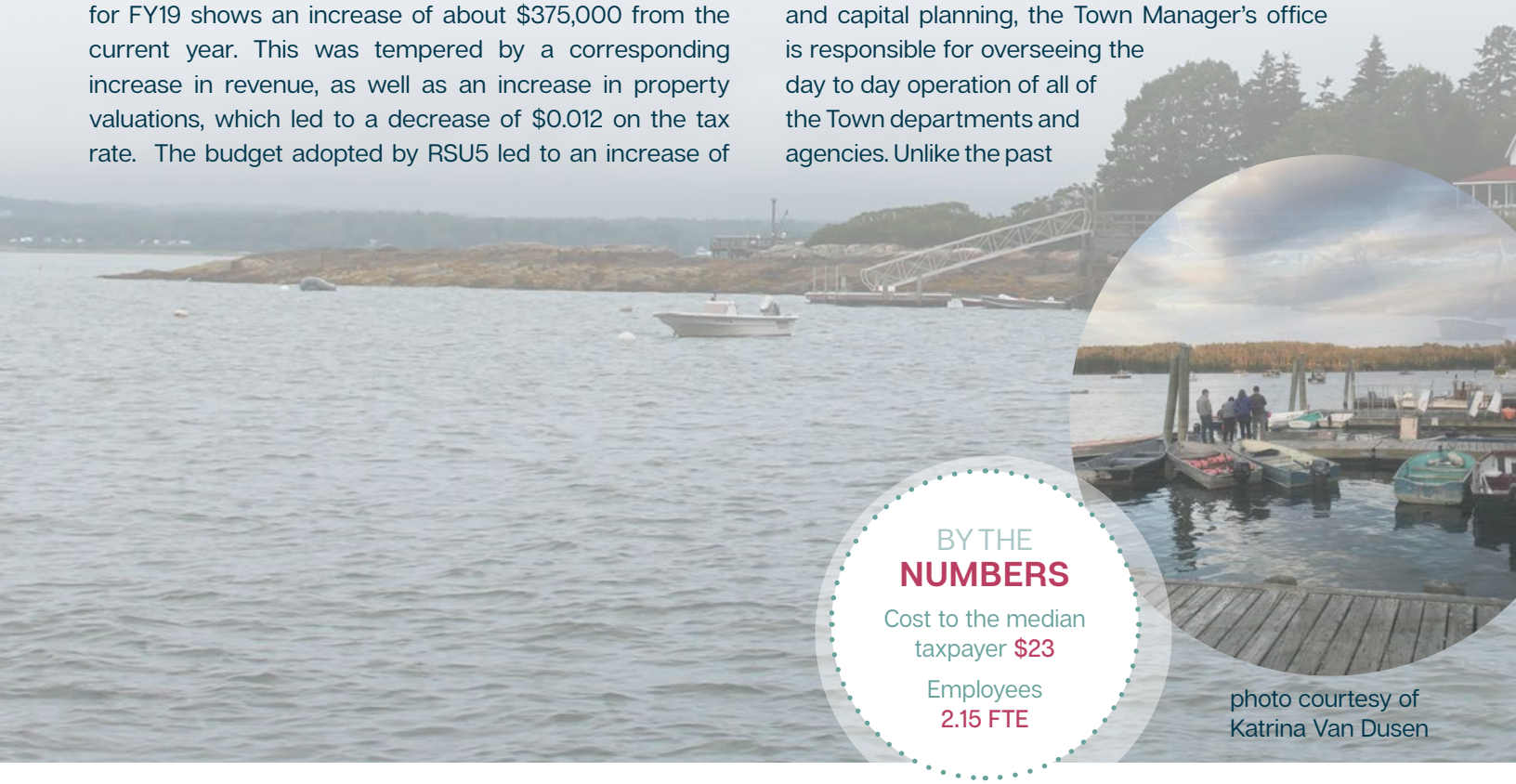
Judith Hawley
Assistant to the Town Manager

It is my continued honor to serve the Town of Freeport in the role of Town Manager. At the simplest level, the Town Manager's office is responsible for both the overall operation and management of all municipal departments and employees, as well as the implementation of all policy decisions made by the Town Council. Fiscal Year 2018 saw a great deal of work accomplished by the Town thanks to our dedicated and experienced staff and clear direction from the Council.

Each year, the Town Manager and Finance Director work closely with the various department directors and the Town Council to develop an annual operating budget for the upcoming fiscal year. The annual operating budget is considered during May and June each year, and is approved by the Town Council, usually with amendments, before July 1st, which is the start of the Town's fiscal year. I'm happy to report that in FY 2018, the approved operating budget for FY19 shows an increase of about $375,000 from the current year. This was tempered by a corresponding increase in revenue, as well as an increase in property valuations, which led to a decrease of $0.012 on the tax rate. The budget adopted by RSU5 led to an increase of about $0.103, and the budget adopted by Cumberland County contributed an additional $0.009 increase - for a total tax rate increase of $0.10. Credit for maintaining a responsible budget lies not only with the Finance Director and Town Manager, but also with the Town's department directors, who work hard each year on their budgets to minimize impact to the local taxpayers, and ensure that residents are getting a good value for the Town services they fund.

Along with the operating budget, the Town Manager also is responsible for the development of a five year capital plan for the repair and replacement of major items such as buildings, vehicles, equipment, roads, sidewalks, and various other types of infrastructure. The purpose of the capital program is to establish a savings plan to fund major purchases, and to schedule these purchases in a manner that minimizes drastic impacts to the tax rate with "peaks" and "valleys" that could occur if capital purchases vary widely from year to year. It's very encouraging to note that the Town's capital program is able to successfully insulate the tax rate from wide swings from year to year through the widespread use of reserve accounts to save for major capital purchases.

In addition to the ongoing annual duties such as budgeting and capital planning, the Town Manager's office is responsible for overseeing the day to day operation of all of the Town departments and agencies. Unlike the past



BY THE
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Cost to the median taxpayer **$23**

Employees
2.15 FTE

photo courtesy of Katrina Van Dusen

few years in which we had employee turnover due retirements, we saw low employee turnover as many of our recently hired department heads got successfully settled in to their new roles. Due to an aging workforce, we do anticipate some turnover in the coming years as additional long-term employees approach retirement. We continue to work closely with and further develop the skills of our current staff, so that we will be prepared for these changes.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank both the employees and volunteers of the Town. The countless hours of hard work put in by our volunteers, board members, and employees is a true asset to the Town, and truly makes a difference. Freeport is lucky enough to have some of the best employees and volunteers in Maine, and we are thankful for all that they do. Special thanks goes to Town Manager's Office employees Judy Hawley and Johanna Hanselman for making my job easier ever day, and to the Freeport Town Council, for all of their support of the municipal departments and employees throughout the year.

If I can be of any assistance to you, please don't hesitate to contact me. I wish you all the best in the coming year.

Municipal Phone Directory

ANIMAL CONTROL
Freeport Police 865-4800

TAX ASSESSOR
Robert Konczal 865-4743 x140

CABLE TV DIRECTOR
Rick Simard 865-4743 x114

CODES ENFORCEMENT
Nick Adams 865-4743 x102

FINANCE DIRECTOR
Jessica Maloy 865-4743 x115

FIRE RESCUE CHIEF & EMERGENCY PREP
Charles Jordan 865-3421

GENERAL ASSISTANCE
Johanna Hanselman 865-4743 x120

HARBORMASTER
Charles Tetreau 865-4800

LIBRARY
Arlene Arris 865-3307

MARINE RESOURCE CONSERVATION OFFICER
Charles Tetreau 865-4800

POLICE CHIEF
Susan Nourse 865-4800

PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT
Earl Gibson 865-4461

RECYCLING FACILITY
Suzanne Duplissis 865-3740

RSU5 SUPERINTENDENT
Dr. Becky Foley ..... 865-0928 Ext. 5

TOWN CLERK & REGISTRAR OF VOTERS
Christine Wolfe 865-4743 x123

TOWN ENGINEER
Adam Bliss 865-4743 x106

TOWN MANAGER
Peter Joseph 865-4743 x121

TOWN PLANNER
Donna Larson 865-4743 x103

TRAIN AND INFORMATION CENTER MANAGER
Ed Bonney 869-5310

WINSLOW PARK MANAGER
Neil Lyman 865-9052

WINSLOW PARK GATEHOUSE
(May-Oct) 865-4198

Town Clerk

This year was a year with some change for the Clerk's Office. Deputy Clerk Mary Howe left the Clerk's Office in August to accept the position of Town Clerk in Woolwich. We were thrilled to welcome Freeport resident Lynn Horr to our offices to fill that position. Lynn has been a wonderful addition to the Town Hall staff and attended many Maine Town and City Clerks Association (MTCCA) trainings since she arrived. Next, in July she will be attending the New England Municipal Clerk's Institute in New Hampshire for a week of intensive training. This year the Clerk's Office took on the added duty of scheduling the Hunter Road Fields events.

BY THE **NUMBERS**

Cost to the median taxpayer
$11

Employees
2 FTE

ELECTIONS

November 2017: The November 7, 2017 State Election saw voters, with a 41% voter turnout, being asked to decide two Citizen Initiatives, a transportation bond issue and a Constitutional Amendment. Voters turned down the Citizens Initiative to allow casinos in York County, approved the initiative to expand Medicare eligibility, approved the Infrastructure Bond and approved the Constitutional Amendment to reduce volatility in the State pension funding.

November was also the annual election of officers. Eric Horne was elected as Councilor at Large. Sarah Tracy was reelected as Councilor District 2, Douglas Reighley joined us as Councilor District 3. Lindsay Sterling and Madelyn Vertenten won seats on the RSU5 Board of Directors, Sally Leland and Gerald Kennedy won seats on the Sewer District Board of Trustees and Timothy Whitacre was a write-in winner for a seat on the Water District Board of Trustees.

June 2018: June 12, 2018 was a State Primary and Referendum Election having a 42% voter turnout. The State ballot had us selecting our party nominations for Governor, United States Senator, Representative to Congress, State Senator (District 24), Representative to Legislature (District 48), Judge of Probate, Sheriff and District Attorney. The Green Independents and the Libertarians did not have Primary Candidates in our Districts. The State Referendum question asked voters if they wished to continue voting for certain offices using Ranked Choice Voting. The referendum, shadowed in much controversy due to the wording of the question, passed State-wide and Ranked Choice Voting is now the law of the land. This election was the first time that Ranked Choice Voting was used for a State-wide election. Although there was great concern about the logistics of the process, it was used for the nomination race for Governor and turned out to be incredibly successful and problem free. Voters knew the results of the Democratic nomination within 10 days of Election Day.

We also had the RSU5 Budget Validation Referendum on June 12, 2018. Voter's in Durham, Pownal and Freeport overwhelmingly approved the Fiscal Year 2019 operating budget at $32,946,000.

6936 REGISTERED VOTERS (AS OF JUNE 30, 2018)

2,997-Democrat
2,212-Unenrolled
1,504-Republican
195-Green Independent
27-Libertarian

Christine Wolfe (R)
Town Clerk and Registrar of Voters
Lynn Horr (L)
Deputy Town Clerk

VITAL STATISTICS

Marriages: 67
Births: 81
Deaths: 133
Burial Permits: 62
Certified Copies Sold: 946

MUNICIPAL LICENSING AND OTHER SERVICES

Automobile Junkyard Licenses: 2
Catering Permits: 29
Commercial Passenger Boat Licenses: 3
Food Peddler Licenses
on Public Property: 3
Liquor Licenses: 23
Special Amusement Permits: 6
Victualer's Licenses: 82
Hunt/Fish licenses (all types): 284
Dog Licenses: 1,656
(includes online dog registrations)
Shellfish Licenses:
Resident Commercial: 42
Resident Student Commercial: 5
Non-resident Commercial: 5
Non-Resident Student Commercial: 1
Recreational Shellfish Licenses:
Resident: 67
Non-Resident: 20

Please be advised that many services are available online and can save you a trip to the Town Office. Please visit our website at www.freeportmaine.com for information on how to register a dog or obtain hunting and fishing licenses online, as well as other information regarding elections, vital records, municipal licensing and other services we provide.

Cable TV3

This Fiscal Year saw the planned continuation of equipment and technology updating. The cameras were replaced in the Council Chambers with High Definition (HD) equipment, while the old cameras were moved to the Community Center enhancing the recording quality at the remote meeting site.

(L-R) Devon Eartha, John Goran, Richard Simard (Cable Director) and Brian Lougee

If you would like to produce your own FCTV 3 programs, regular series, one-time production, or you just want to learn how to do it, we are here to help. There will never be a charge for using the equipment and facilities for the residents of Freeport, and free training is available as well.

If you have an idea for a locally produced program to be shown on Freeport Cable TV 3 (FCTV 3) please let us know by contacting the Cable TV 3 department at 865-4743 ext. 114 or rs@freeportmaine.com.

If you want to make use of our quick and easy Video On Demand (VOD) and streaming service, please go to fctv3.viebit.com to view meetings online, and as always you can select an agenda item in the VOD video, eliminating the need to search or watch the entire meeting.

BY THE **NUMBERS**

Cost to the median taxpayer
$8

Employees
1.72 FTE

FACTS AND FIGURES OF FCTV

· 27 Town Council meetings were recorded
· Town Council meetings were watched 1,279 times on VOD
· Town Council workshops were watched 42 times on VOD
· 15 Project Review Board meetings were recorded
· Project Review Meetings were watched 681 times on VOD
· 10 Planning Board meetings were recorded
· Planning Board meetings were watched 294 times on VOD
· 6 Other Town meetings were recorded
· The Browntail Moth presentation was watched 126 times on VOD
· The Ranked Choice Voting presentation was watched 373 times on VOD
· 2,726 programs were cablecast on FCTV 3
· 2,973 meetings were viewed on VOD
· 910 hours were spent watching meetings on VOD
· Funding for FCTV 3 is derived from franchise fees paid by cable rate payers. No tax dollars are used for the operation and control of FCTV 3.

Town Engineer

Adam Bliss
Town Engineer

The Town Engineer's function involves the design, administration, and management of capital projects; coordination and management of the Town's environmental compliance permits; and technical review and inspections of commercial and residential developments on behalf of the Planning Department. Adam also serves as the Director of Public Works and the Director of Recycling and Solid Waste. In addition, he provides staff support to the Traffic and Parking Committee, Active Living Committee, and Hunter Road Fields Committee. Other engineering and administrative services are performed by the Town Engineer as requested by the Town Manager.

The Town Engineer oversees many of the Town's capital projects and provides engineering support for other Town projects. One major capital project completed in FY 2018 was the paving of South Freeport Road from Porter's Landing to Smelt Brook Drive. Traffic calming measures, also known as "Road Dieting", were incorporated into the project. Examples of the calming measures are visible through narrower travel lanes, wider shoulders, speed tables, and additional signage. The measures help provide added safety and comfort to bicyclists and pedestrians that use the road in common with vehicles.

The Town received a grant from the U.S. EPA and Maine DEP for design, permitting, and 850 linear feet of stream restoration off of Concord Road. The design and permitting components were completed in 2017 with a construction kickoff scheduled for July of 2018.

The Town leverages capital expenses with grants from federal agencies whenever possible. In FY 2016, the Town was awarded a grant from the Maine DEP to replace an undersized culvert on Hunter Road with a much larger structure designed for aquatic organism passage and passage of larger flooding events. Construction kickoff for the 2 to 3 week long project was scheduled for early July of 2018.

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NUMBERS

Cost to the median taxpayer
$12

Employees
1 FTE

One of the least known responsibilities of the Town Engineer is coordination and management of the Town's Municipal Stormwater Permit. The Town has been regulated by the Maine DEP since 2003 under this permit which requires minimization and mitigation of the potential for pollutants to come into contact with stormwater discharges off Town-owned properties and roadways. The permit requires a variety of activities including stormwater system monitoring, catch basin cleaning, road sweeping, outfall inspections, public education, and annual reporting, among many other things. The current Municipal Stormwater Permit was issued in July 2013 and expired June 30, 2018 but was administratively continued. The fourth permit cycle is expected to commence July 1, 2019 and will increase the testing and monitoring requirements of stormwater outfalls among a number of other stormwater management measures. Information about the permit, Yardscaping, and other stormwater topics are available on the Town's, Maine DEP's, and Cumberland County Soil and Water Conservation District's websites. Feel free to register for the Urban Runoff 5k walk / race held every Earth Day. The family event is a great public education tool on clean water.

THINK BLUE MAINE

On a related topic, Concord Gully Brook and Frost Gully Brook are classified by the State of Maine as Urban Impaired Streams. The streams' impairments relate to chloride, bacteria, and impervious cover (pavement and roofs). Chloride is understood to originate from deicing materials used in winter seasons while the bacteria source is unknown but believed to be from wildlife based on a study conducted by the University of New Hampshire. A Watershed Management Plan study was completed in April 2015 through a grant awarded by the Maine DEP. The Watershed Management Plan identified several projects on both private and public properties that would help restore the natural stream hydraulics and biota.

The Traffic and Parking Committee addressed a number of traffic and safety issues over the course of the year. Some notable items include: sidewalk connections on Snow Road, Justin's Way, and Elm Street; traffic calming improvements on South Freeport Road; Metro bus shelter and crosswalk on U.S. Route One; speed monitoring and traffic calming throughout Town; and enhanced pedestrian safety on South Freeport Road. The Town Engineer continued working and meeting with the Active Living Committee to consider improvements to public facilities.

The Town Engineer enjoys working with the many volunteers, committees, and other Town employees that help to make Freeport such a special place. All of these efforts help to maintain and improve the quality of life in Freeport.

BY THE
NUMBERS
Cost to the median taxpayer
$11

Hunter Road Fields

The Hunter Road Fields Recreational Facility is now established as a high quality youth sports site. The fields were completed in 2012 and the building opened for use at the end of the fiscal year in 2013. The fields are maintained under a contract with RSU5, and oversight of the facility is provided by the Hunter Road Fields Advisory Committee.

In the fall and spring, the fields were well used by Freeport United Soccer Club, RSU5 Community Program Soccer, and RSU5 Soccer. The fall season-ending events provided competitive tournament opportunities for Freeport soccer participants. The fields were used during the spring by Freeport-Pownal Little League, Freeport United Soccer Club, RSU5 Community Program Lacrosse, RSU5 Lacrosse and the Little League All-Stars. Over the full fiscal year, the facility hosted over 55 teams, 700 kids, and nearly 250 games.

The Hunter Road Fields Advisory Committee met periodically this past year and discussed field usage requests and related allowable practices identified in the Field Usage policies. There were relatively few issues requiring repair or maintenance at the facility. The facility did experience an increase in parking demand because of added usage by the RSU5 Recreation Group and private athletic clubs. The Advisory Committee and Town staff receive usage requests and prioritize them based on the adopted policy. The Committee is currently evaluating parking needs for the 3 to 4 large annual events. A report will be provided to the Town Council during the winter of 2018 which hopefully provides recommendations that balances event scheduling with long-term parking plans.

The Hunter Road Recreation Facility is a valuable asset for the active youth in our community. The facility has resulted in less pressure on the fields owned by RSU5, so the condition of all the playing fields in Freeport has improved. The Town continues to receive praise from the various users on the great condition of its fields. The Hunter Road Advisory Committee is pleased with this success, and we enjoy our work to help the facility meet the community's needs.

If you or your organization are interested in reserving the facilities, please contact the Clerk's office at Town Hall. Additional information about facility use, policies, rules and fees are available on the Town's website at www.freeportmaine.com.

Solid Waste & Recycling

(L-R) **Suzanne Duplissis** (Site Manager) and **Josh Harriman**

Recycling reduces taxpayer costs and saves the Town money by avoiding disposal costs at ecomaine, the waste-to-energy facility in Portland. There are now four Silver Bullet containers placed around town (West Street, Wardtown Road, Hunter Road, and South Freeport Road) and a Single Sort Container at the Recycling Center on Hedgehog Mountain Road to help make recycling easier for residents.

OPERATIONAL CHANGES

The Transfer Station and Recycling Center made exciting changes to the way it processed recyclable material in FY 2018. Cardboard, mixed paper and opaque HDPE plastic had traditionally been separated out of the recyclables brought to the Transfer Station. These materials were baled and sold for revenue which typically ranged from $5,000 to $6,000 annually depending on market rates. Baled recyclables required three full-time employees and a part-time employee. One of the staff decided to retire in 2017 which presented an opportunity to transition away from baling recyclables and put all single-sort recyclables into a compactor. The Town realized a significant operational cost savings by reducing operations to 2 full-time and 1 part-time staff. The Town Council approved the capital plan request and in September 2017, a single-sort compactor replaced the baling operation and the silver bullet located at the Transfer Station.

BY THE **NUMBERS**

Cost to the median taxpayer
$37

Employees
2.35 FTE

Residents appreciated the ease with which they could drop off the recyclables because they no longer needed to sort. It is easier to place material into the larger opening afforded by the compactor as compared to the smaller sized openings of the Silver Bullets. The decision was a win for Freeport residents and the Town, as recycling became easier, money was saved, and staffing resources could be redistributed to other operations.

RECYCLING IN THE NEWS

In January 2018, China instituted its National Sword policy sending shock waves through the world of recycling. The National Sword policy implemented tolerance restrictions to less than 5 percent of contaminants in recyclables. In other words, recyclable loads with more than 5 percent contamination would be rejected. China was one of the world's largest customers for recycled material and added restrictions that affect wholesalers all around the world, including ecomaine.

The staff at the Transfer Station, in conjunction with ecomaine, continues to remind residents on what can and cannot be recycled. The single-sort container at the Transfer Station has shown to have low contamination rates, often less than 5 percent. The Silver Bullet containers around Town, however, have contamination rates reported as high as 30 percent. Some materials pulled out of the Silver Bullets include tires, an automobile transmission, rubber rafts, and trash bags, which are clearly non-recyclable. We are all responsible for educating ourselves and so ecomaine has created a webpage titled Recyclopedia to help people know if a particular item is recyclable. Recyclopedia can be found on the ecomaine website or by following the link on the Town website under the Recycling/ Landfill Facility tab. Residents are encouraged to visit the Town website, **ecomaine's Recyclopedia** webpage, or ask a Transfer Station staff person for guidance. It is important for everyone to be diligent in their recycling efforts so that disposal costs are minimized and Silver Bullets remain throughout Town.

OCTOBER 31ST STORM

Cleanup from the October 31st storm brought a tremendous amount of brush to the Transfer Station from residents as well as the Public Works crew. In an effort to assist residents with cleanup costs, the fee for brush was suspended for three months. Many residents took advantage of the reprieve.

SPRING CLEANUP

In 2018, the Town observed a slight increase in redeemed coupons despite the reduction of the cleanup period from 4 weeks to 2 weeks. The reduction in the cleanup period length fits with what the Town has historically scheduled and aligns with current staffing levels. The total number of redeemed coupons was 785 compared to 771 in FY 2017.

COST SAVINGS FROM RECYCLING

Throughout the year, residents recycled 768.6 tons of material which saved the Town $54,188 in avoided disposal costs. This figure includes material from the Silver Bullets around Town, the Transfer Station single-sort container, and pick-up of residential recyclables by private haulers. The recycling rate dropped slightly from 37% in FY 2017 to 33% in FY 2018.

COST SAVINGS FROM FOOD SCRAP DIVERSION

In 2018, the food scrap drop-off program at the Transfer Station yielded 28,450 pounds of wet, heavy food scraps generated by residents. The food scraps were diverted from the waste stream headed to ecomaine's incinerators and instead were taken to the We Compost It facility in Auburn and converted into valuable compost. The drop off program, offered at no charge, is a great option for residents who want to do the right thing and reduce solid waste but are unable or unsure how to compost at home.

Buildings & Grounds

The Buildings and Grounds Division was established in 2015 to cost effectively maintain Town properties that had been previously maintained by private contractors. The Division is responsible for maintaining municipal buildings and grounds which include Town Hall, the Train Station, Hunter Road Fields, Pownal Road Fields, Leon Gorman Park, municipally-owned cemeteries, and Exit 22 grounds. Brent Moon leads the division as Maintenance Supervisor, with staff assistance provided by Helen Fournier, Kenny Stilkey, and Seth Pierce.

BY THE **NUMBERS**

Cost to the median taxpayer
$34

Employees
3.2 FTE

The Building and Grounds division is responsible for litter control and rubbish removal in the Village area; maintenance of the Freeport Train and Information Center and train platform (including snow removal); mowing of municipal properties, parks, and cemeteries; maintenance and cleaning of the Concessions Building at Hunter Road Fields; maintenance of the grounds at Exit 22; and maintenance of building and grounds at Leon Gorman Park.

The Division did not have any capital purchases for Fiscal Year 2018. Operations continue to flow smoothly despite the numerous and varied requests from Town Departments. The creation of this Division is a strong example of the Town exercising fiscal responsibility for services provided to the community.

(L-R) Seth Pierce, Ken Stilkey, Helen Fournier and Brent Moon (Maintenance Supervisor)

Public Works Department

Front row (L-R): William Gorham, David Osgood, Connie Carpenter, Earl Gibson (Superintendent), Tammy Morrissey, Robert Bradley

Back row (L-R): Jeremy Arsenault, Alan Walsh, Howard Dyer, Jeffrey Goldrup, Jeremiah Rumery, Daniel Libby

I would like to compliment our Department for doing an outstanding job on our construction projects, maintenance projects and winter snow removal operations. Our biggest challenge this year was the late October wind storm which downed trees, blocked roadways and knocked out power for a couple of weeks for some residents. Thankfully, our new generator had been installed just weeks before the storm arrived so we were able to keep our facility up and running during the power outage. The tree cleanup from this storm ran into winter and continued into the spring. This winter was an extremely cold one with several small, under 6", back-to-back storms and icy conditions. Due to the cold temperatures, we had a long posted road season, making it a challenge to get started on our summer projects. Many thanks to the crew, the other Town departments, the Town Council, and the citizens of Freeport for their continued support of the Public Works Department!

BY THE **NUMBERS**

Cost to the median taxpayer
$142

Employees
11.8 FTE

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

The base pavement was completed on South Freeport Road (from Smelt Brook to Porters Landing). The final surface pavement was completed in South Freeport on Park, Middle and Main Streets. Complete reconstruction and pavement of Curtis Road was completed in FY18. Cross-culvert replacements and ditching work was done on Baker Road (from Cedar Lane to the end of the Town's way) in preparation for reconstruction of that road in 2018.

CAPITAL EQUIPMENT PURCHASED

2018 Back Hoe, 60KW Facility Generator

ROAD PAVING PROJECTS

The following is a list of roads paved this fiscal year: Wolfe's Neck Road (from Burnett to the end), Foster Road and Old Brunswick Road. These are pavement overlay projects, in addition to the Capital Projects.

ROAD AND STREET CROSS CULVERT REPLACEMENTS

The replacement and upgrade of driveway/drainage culverts is always an ongoing project for our department.

ROAD AND STREET MAINTENANCE

Roadside mowing, seasonal striping, street sweeping and drainage maintenance of our town roads are tasks we complete on an annual basis.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

The Public Works Department began work on the new Elm Street/Snow Road sidewalk, which will connect the Main Street sidewalk to the back of the high school as well as to L.L. Bean's sidewalk on Justin's Way.

WINTER SEASON

The Town had 33 snow storms this year. We used 1,465.40 yards of road salt, 1,344.40 yards of winter sand and 19,956 gallons of road surface treatment.

FACT:
Freeport's total snow accumulation was approximately 98.5 inches

Finance Department

The Finance Department is dedicated to serving all Freeport citizens and Town Departments. The Finance Department is responsible to ensure funds are budgeted, expensed, and collected accurately and efficiently. We oversee and administer the Town's financial and accounting systems, including the collection and disbursement of all monies for the Town. We are responsible for all property and excise tax collection for 4,500 real estate property and 500 personal property accounts, federal and state grants, parking tickets, various permit and license fee collection, and processing vehicle registrations. Other functions of the Department include the weekly payroll processing for the Town's 67 full-time and 75+ part-time employees, paying all of the Town's invoices and billing for any receivables.

BY THE
NUMBERS

Cost to the median taxpayer
$37

Employees
5 FTE

The Town of Freeport accepts debit and credit card payments. For citizen's that wish to use this form of payment, there is an additional fee of $1 for transactions up to $40 or a 2.5% fee for transactions over $40. This charge covers the cost of the processing fees from our third-party processor and is collected directly by them at the point of sale. Debit and credit card payments are accepted both online and over the counter, as well as at the Recycling Facility.

The Department is also responsible for all cash reconciliation and investing the Town's funds to ensure proper cash flow and maximum security and liquidity. The Finance Director works closely with the Town Manager on the budget process, and is responsible for the annual estimate of revenue and preparing a balanced budget, in addition to preparing the financial statements and all subsequent notes and schedules. Several important financial statements are located at the end of this annual report. The full financial statements from FY2018 are available at Town Hall or on the Town's website www.freeportmaine.com under Documents/Financial Reports – Annual. The audit was performed by Runyon Kersteen Ouellette of South Portland, Maine.

For FY2018, the Finance Department issued 4,979 tax bills, completed 11,605 vehicle registrations, and processed 2,773 accounts payable checks.

IMPORTANT TAX INFO

Freeport's tax year starts July 1 each year and ends June 30 the following year.

If you have recently purchased or sold property in the Town of Freeport, please notify the Assessor's Office and the Finance Office with the correct name, address, & mortgage holder(s) so that tax bills may be sent to the proper person(s). Please direct any questions about the valuation of your property to the Assessor's Office.

Many of the services we offer, including re-registrations for automobiles, trailers, ATVs, snowmobiles and boats can be done online; please visit our website at www.freeportmaine.com. If any member of the public has questions regarding the Finance Department, please call Finance Director Jessica Maloy at 865-4743 ext 115.

(L-R) Gail Pinard, Debbie Reeder, Diane Hutchinson, Todd Reynolds, Jessica Maloy (Finance Director)

Outstanding Real Estate Taxes

PROPERTY OWNER	PROPERTY ID	TOTAL DUE
2014		
GEROW, SUSAN B & GROSE, LELANI V	021018001000	$599.22
2015		
GEROW, SUSAN B & GROSE, LELANI V	021018001000	$1,405.85
2016		
GEROW, SUSAN B & GROSE, LELANI V	021018001000	$1,406.35
GRONDIN, FRANK	017042001000	$1,353.23
2017		
BAKER, GARY L	01804200B000	$922.14
BERNIER, IVY S & JOSEPH G	01705100A000	$1,377.79
BOLDUC DAVID	01802900B000	$1,148.09
BOLDUC, DAVID	01802900A000	$863.45
BOLDUC, DAVID A	018025000000	$1,040.47
BOLDUC, DAVID A	018029000000	$3,419.88
BOLDUC, DAVID A	01804900G000	$1,328.57
BOLDUC, DAVID A	018056000000	$3,222.03
BOLDUC, DAVID A	01802600A000	$1,141.13
BREWER, BRADLEY & PACKARD, BEVERLY	021098000000	$61.27
BREWER, SCOTT S	01905300B000	$3,255.01
BROBERG, STEPHEN F, PARTY IN POSSESSION	825063006000	$426.11
CHABOT, CONNIE V	01907600J000	$1,329.55
CHIASSON, NICHOLAS	817028F-N029	$106.06
CLARK, KEVIN C	003028ETC000	$7,532.69
CLIFFORD, PHILIP P	05A002000000	$547.59
CLIFFORD, SUSAN F	02108000A000	$1,557.66
CLIFFORD, SUSAN F, PR	021080000000	$3,669.80
COSKERY, ROLAND	019036001000	$3,680.22
D A B INC	018026000000	$5,144.99
DEHAHN, LAWRENCE & JUDY, HEIRS OF	020059000000	$2,069.98
DORRINGTON, J.FRANKLIN	02106400E000	$1,982.87
DURAND, CHARLES L	01702300A000	$1,672.39
FARLEY, SAMANTHA J, PARTY IN POSSESSION	018022000000	$341.87
FAULKNER, CAROLINE & KEARNS, JOHN	01809000L000	$1,172.65
GALLI, JUTTA & ARTHUR	02102500B000	$1,157.70
GEROW, SUSAN B & GROSE, LELANI V	021018001000	$1,122.05
GILLIAM, MICHAEL L	02102100B000	$1,205.86
GOLDRUP, KAREN E	02200800C000	$2,008.91
GRONDIN, FRANK	017042001000	$1,252.21
HART, BRENDA, PR	02102000B000	$1,503.87
JAMES BURGESS INC	01705000B000	$2,458.40
JAMES BURGESS INC	018043000000	$5,382.75
LIBBY, KENNETH R	001018000000	$6,391.10
MCCARTHY, ELAINE	02203100C000	$2,224.10
MOORE, LOIS ANN	01805300C000	$1,274.10
NORTON, JOYCE E	01804200I000	$1,297.34
NORTON, JOYCE E	022020000000	$2,970.38
PLUMMER, CAROL	001020000000	$8,036.38
PROFENNO, SCOTT	01804900P000	$1,037.01
PUSHARD, BRIAN L	021093001000	$1,514.29
PUSHARD, WILLIAM L, HEIRS OF	008005000000	$1,540.30
PUSHARD, WILLIAM L, HEIRS OF	008006000000	$2,262.29
RAND, DAVID	010010000000	$1,656.23
RATHEAU, YALI T	01904400A000	$3,392.11
ROMAC, CHRISTOPHER W	018070030000	$1,998.49
SCOTT, LAWRENCE	825063011000	$455.61
SKIFFINGTON, ENID CARLA	023016000000	$1,783.58
SOULE, MICHAEL D & BILLIE M	01809600A000	$572.88
TOWLE, WILLIAM	825063010000	$309.43
VALADE JR, RONALD L	00900600C052	$1,998.16
VICKERSON III, RANDALL A	01907600F000	$981.48
WILLIAMS, WARREN C JR	021003002000	$1,097.49
WINSHIP, DANIEL L	01805300B000	$233.12
2018		
46 MALLETT DRIVE LLC	012037000000	$2,647.81
8 VARNEY LLC	02305600A000	$3,955.02
ABRAMSON-KAHN LIVING TRUST	0BB013000000	$8.86
ABRAMSON-KAHN LIVING TRUST	0BB01300A000	$0.55
APEX LUXURY RENTALS LLC	01304800B000	$1,815.68
ASHBY, MICHAEL J	006026000000	$1,901.64
AUMICK-BIETTE, CYNTHIA	01809000K000	$1,600.70
BAKER, GARY L	01804200B000	$2,080.58
BAKER, WARREN F	0BD00300AETC	$1.23
BARTER, NELSON M	02101500I000	$489.61
BATES, JONATHAN P	013099000000	$66.65
BB ROYAL LLC	013001001000	$291.23
BB ROYAL LLC	013023000000	$1,419.78
BE HOSPITABLE LLC	025009000000	$33,155.53
BENNETT, HEIDI M	018047000000	$868.57
BENWAY, C DAYTON & T	01703700F000	$1,208.76
BERNIER, IVY S & JOSEPH G	01705100A000	$3,546.45
BERRYMAN, BRADLEY D	010013007000	$68.52
BISSON JR, JEAN PAUL	01802100A000	$1,153.22
BLACKWELL, MARIAN	02007500G000	$1,107.31
BOLDUC, DAVID	01802900B000	$1,103.84
BOLDUC, DAVID	01802900A000	$830.73
BOLDUC, DAVID A	018025000000	$998.91
BOLDUC, DAVID A	018029000000	$1,100.75
BOLDUC, DAVID A	01804900G000	$3,282.59
BOLDUC, DAVID A	018056000000	$1,279.74
BOLDUC, DAVID A	01802600A000	$3,097.43
BOLTON, JOHN-MICHAEL	02002100A000	$3.57
BOMBAY HOSPITALITY LLC	02202900D000	$27,128.89
BOND, ALEXUS	01706100H000	$1.69
BONNY LLC	013001000000	$1,546.23
BOWMAN, THOMAS E	014005000000	$5,996.78
BOYKO, JAMES G	0BB033000000	$4.01
BREWER, BRADLEY & PACKARD, BEVERLY	021098000000	$454.48

PROPERTY OWNER	PROPERTY ID	TOTAL DUE
BREWER, SCOTT S	01905300B000	$3,066.56
BREWER, SCOTT S	019053000000	$2,079.55
BRINK, COLLEEN E	018049000000	$2,070.58
BROBERG, STEPHEN F	825063006000	$437.26
BROWN, ALAN C & MARIA	01805700B000	$705.51
BROWN, HEIDI J	02104800A000	$0.04
BROWN, MICHAEL R	02100200D000	$1,333.44
BROWN, RICHARD K	012045000000	$2,660.76
BUCK, PATRICIA S	825063025000	$1.86
BUILDING SYSTEMS LLC	017033000000	$0.11
CARNEY, PATRICIA E	02108600B000	$541.08
CASCO BAY TRADING POST	025004000000	$3.35
CHABOT, CONNIE V	01907600J000	$1,356.89
CHANCE ALONG REALTY	019012000000	$0.06
CHASSE, MICHAEL W	01809000A000	$1.20
CHEER UP INC	01706100A000	$1,972.98
CHIASSON, NICHOLAS	817028F-N029	$89.70
CHIPMAN, CAROL K	005069000000	$10.48
CIGRI PROPERTIES LLC	009002000000	$884.16
CIGRI PROPERTIES LLC	011099000000	$3,786.09
CIGRI, TINA & LAURA L	009002002000	$4,063.86
CIGRI, TINA L	01709100A000	$1,331.78
CLARK, KEVIN C	003028ETC000	$14,649.51
CLARK, KIMBERLY	825063019000	$0.27
CLIFFORD, PHILIP P	05A002000000	$522.12
CLIFFORD, PHILIP P	05A003000000	$5,348.70
CLIFFORD, SUSAN F	02108000A000	$1,498.85
CLIFFORD, SUSAN F, PR	021080000000	$3,527.94
COFFIN, WALTER J	019068000000	$3,428.04
COLBY, STEPHEN	012004000000	$2.02
COLE, ADRIAN V	02100500A000	$3,195.42
COLE, LINDA M	01903600C000	$0.38
COLEMAN, JOSEPH P	01901500B000	$687.58
COLHOUN, ALEXANDER	018096000000	$19.30
COLLINS, ROBERT EDWARD PR	022060000000	$2,622.18
CORDICE, PATRICIA A	02000200F000	$0.82
CORDNER, RONALD LEE	026049000000	$321.98
CORLISS, RAYMOND H	017034010000	$1,945.00
CORLISS, RAYMOND H	018090000000	$1,723.78
COSKERY, ROLAND	019036001000	$3,531.03
CRAWFORD, STEVEN J	022019000000	$1,842.95
CRONE, GARY R	02108800C000	$1,839.16
CTCF LLC	003015000000	$1,546.58
CURIT SR, ROBERT E	01707700C000	$3,674.51
CURTIS, KENNETH	020020ETC000	$2.17
CWB LAND PRESERVE LLC	011087000000	$1.82
D A B INC	018026000000	$4,912.03
DAISY, WILLIAM E	05A071000000	$66.25
DAVENPORT, PETER M	019109000000	$107.09
DBB PRESERVE LLC	011076000000	$0.70
DEHAHN, LAWRENCE & JUDY, HEIRS OF	020059000000	$2,119.90
DELORME, NOAH & HOLD	02504100B011	$0.88
DLBC ASSOCIATES LLC	02306400A000	$11.98
DOANE, DONNA M	018019000000	$1,225.92

PROPERTY OWNER	PROPERTY ID	TOTAL DUE
DODGE, MARK L	01808300F000	$684.22
DORRINGTON, J.FRANKLIN	02106400E000	$1,906.21
DORSEY, KELLY G	018077000000	$1,545.83
DORSEY, MARK M	023009000000	$4,345.22
DUBE, GLEN E	017013002000	$1,506.21
DUFFY, MICHAEL T	03001100M000	$0.82
DUPONT, GLADYS, PR	026009000000	$1,472.63
DURAND, CHARLES L	01702300A000	$1,517.37
DURAND, CHARLES L & SUSAN L	01702300B000	$597.96
E&R MAINE PROPERTIES	013032000000	$1.43
ECKEL, MADILYN J	0BE092000000	$0.70
EDWARDS, RANDALL PR	018016000000	$9.27
ENGLISH, SANDRA ANN	825063005000	$514.28
FARLEY, SAMANTHA J, PARTY IN POSSESSION	018022000000	$944.92
FAULKNER, CAROLINE & KEARNS, JOHN	01809000L000	$1,728.77
FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE	01801700A000	$1,435.18
FONGEMIE, JACOB J	0210090C000	$0.60
FOSTER, PETER E & LINDA D	020007000000	$1,150.09
FP CAFE INC	025009001000	$4,034.05
FRASER, CYNTHIA &	81702800C05	$0.46
GALLI, JUTTA & ARTHUR	02102500B000	$1,765.80
GARDELLA, JOHN J	018063000000	$4,170.30
GEROW, SUSAN B & GROSE, LELANI V	021018001000	$1,020.52
GILBODY, DAVID & MIC	008008000000	$281.06
GILBODY, DAVID & MIC	008010000000	$331.89
GILLIAM, MICHAEL L	02102100B000	$2,443.19
GOLDRUP, KAREN E	02200800C000	$1,870.73
GORMLEY, CHRISTOPHER	02602500A000	$81.55
GRAY, DIANE L	010013003000	$6.38
GREENLAND GROUP INC	025032000000	$2,602.24
GRONDIN, FRANK	017042001000	$1,182.54
GRONDIN, FRANK	24A007ETC000	$13,653.09
GURNEY, MARC	008001006000	$0.06
HALE, MICHAEL W	825063013000	$213.27
HAMILTON, SUZANNE L	02003300A000	$33.71
HARDALEEVENTURES LLC	005060000000	$5.71
HART, BRENDA, PR	02102000B000	$1,426.34
HBG OF BREVARD INC	008001003000	$2,398.45
HOWARD FAMILY LIVING TRUST	01709400A000	$8.81
HOWARD, MICHAEL A & JAMES A	022059000000	$573.97
INTRAVERSATO, DAVID A	027009RST000	$1,570.13
INVESTMENT PROPERTIES	011090001000	$2,342.90
ISLAND VIEW HOLDINGS	01702800C008	$1,608.62
JACKSON, MARY ELIZABETH	05A06400C000	$6,914.38
JAMES BURGESS INC	01705000B000	$2,332.09
JAMES BURGESS INC	018043000000	$4,879.63
JESSEN, ANTHONY R	02504500E000	$7.27
JKTHELEN ENTERPRISES	017034002000	$1,069.67
JOHNSON, CHARLES E	0BA057000000	$1,297.66
KENNEDY JR, JOSEPH A	02602200B000	$111.55
KENNEY, RICHARD & LOLITA	01703300A000	$1,221.11
KIRKLAND, STEPHEN C	0BE108000000	$0.08

Outstanding Real Estate Taxes, cont.

PROPERTY OWNER	PROPERTY ID	TOTAL DUE
KIRKLAND, STEPHEN C	0BA030ETC000	$0.64
KNOCK, GLEN & SARAH	005061000000	$3.01
KRISTINA S COUCH REVOCABLE TRUST	05A024000000	$1.87
LAMBERT, JOHN D	01704200A000	$109.28
LANE, JOHN	01808300D000	$39.76
LAND, FREDERICK K	01808300C000	$375.10
LANGMAID, VALERIE C	01709200B000	$0.35
LAROCHE, KEVEN R	021059000000	$554.78
LEA, LOLA S	028016000000	$5,629.43
LEAVITT-GARREC, LAURIE	004022000000	$1,892.21
LEDUC-KUNTZ, GINA	01804900N000	$1,190.45
LEFEBVRE, GARETT E	01703900C000	$7.78
LEIGHTON, PORTER D	01309500A000	$2,255.16
LIBBY, KENNETH R	001018000000	$6,256.00
LIMERICK, ELIZABETH	018050000000	$108.24
LINCOLN, DAVID J	0BA076ETC000	$17.86
LUMLEY, ANDREW PR	05A044000000	$54.30
LY, CUONG C	01700400B001	$3,296.47
LY, VALAMI	00901200G000	$3,712.09
MAGGIE MAY MEADOWS LLC	026007000000	$799.33
MAIER, JACK W	011088000000	$102.95
MAINES, GENEVA R	01800200A000	$1,193.33
MAINES, GENEVA R	01800200C000	$1,236.43
MARTIN, SUSAN D	0BC025000000	$2.07
MATTSON, JEANNE M	02007100A000	$9,390.10
MAXSON, KENNETH C	01804900H000	$1,676.32
MAY, JACK W	002029000000	$70.75
MAZZURCO, CHRISTOPHER	02109700G000	$1,284.20
MCCARTHY, ELAINE	02203100C000	$2,108.35
MCKENZIE, PATRICIA	017075002000	$5.31
MCKENZIE, PATRICIA	017075005000	$4.45
MCMANUS, AMY	005082000000	$2.42
MCMANUS, AMY E	00507400A000	$63.72
MCMANUS, AMY E	005074000000	$69.52
MCTEER, JANET	019013001000	$1,577.23
MECAP LLC	02005600B000	$874.58
MEYER, ERIC	017075006000	$4.74
MH & RB LLC	023050001000	$43.20
MH & RB LLC	023050002000	$11.00
MH & RB LLC	023050003000	$2,214.84
MOODY JR, WENDALL L	01703900A000	$819.23
MOORE, LOIS ANN	01805300C000	$1,224.20
MUNROE JR, KENNETH H	015012001000	$3.58
NEW KIRKLAND REALTY	0BE019ETC000	$0.99
NEW KIRKLAND REALTY	0BE059ETC000	$0.45
NG, TOMMY H	017086001000	$1,227.40
NINGUMIRIZE, LUC-ARM	018031000000	$236.66
NORTH NECK TRUST	026009002000	$31.71
NORTON, JOYCE E	01804200I000	$1,164.02
NORTON, JOYCE E	022020000000	$2,893.75
O'BRIEN, SEAN & ALYSSA	023095000000	$1.83
OBRIEN, SEAN P	01401400A000	$302.16
OLIVER, SHARON	81702800FN-9	$202.72
PALMER, BENJAMIN I	002066000000	$5,017.81
PATHIAKIS, STELLA	005120000000	$1,294.67
PATHIAKIS, STELLA	00512800C000	$2,018.25
PATHIAKIS, STELLA	00512800E000	$346.84
PEAVEY, JULIE A	01703100A000	$1,802.83
PELLETIER, EMERY C	01801200J000	$0.31
PETERS, JEFFREY T	013018000000	$3,292.11
PHILLIPS JR, CHARLES	02503000C000	$2,694.80
PLUMMER, CAROL	001020000000	$7,789.77
POST, CRISTINA	02302400A004	$19.98
PROFENNO, SCOTT	01804900P000	$997.37
PUCKETT, BONNIE JEAN	01707900D000	$1,785.85
PUSHARD, BRIAN	021092000000	$242.83
PUSHARD, BRIAN L	021093001000	$1,455.65
PUSHARD, WILLIAM L, HEIRS OF	008005000000	$1,481.89
PUSHARD, WILLIAM L, HEIRS OF	008006000000	$2,171.61
RAND, DAVID	010010000000	$3,268.07
RATHEAU, YALI T	01904400A000	$3,254.81
RAY, ALLYSON	00202600B000	$12.95
ROBERTS, JAMES D	0BC00J001ETC	$0.06
ROBERTS, JAMES D	0BC028ETC000	$0.15
ROMAC, CHRISTOPHER W	018070030000	$1,966.39
ROOS, ALAIN H	021075001000	$820.23
ROUX B&D LLC	013004000000	$4,831.64
ROWE, CHARLES F	022049000000	$1,478.14
SATTERTHWAITE, JAMES	020087000000	$131.56
SATTERTHWAITE, JAMES	02008700B000	$3,518.48
SAWYER, BRUCE R	02600300B004	$1,542.13
SAWYER, KIMBERLY R	825063003000	$0.35
SCHWENK, CATHERINE E	020058000000	$0.44
SCHWENK, JOHN F	02006000A000	$0.40
SCOTT, LAWRENCE	825063011000	$441.89
SEMON, N DAVID	01703700D000	$6.04
SEYMOUR, PAUL J	017085001000	$2,773.39
SEYMOUR, TONI J	01703900B000	$550.59
SHIELDS, SIMONE A	0BB02200B000	$752.99
SIALA, MAHER	00900600C043	$7.92
SIMS, ANDREW F	003019000000	$3.67
SKIFFINGTON, ENID CARLA	023016000000	$3,412.21
SKIFFINGTON, ENID CARLA	023017000000	$100.88
SMITH & MUNIZ INC	24A02800B000	$14,191.26
SMITH, JEFF & ALLISON	05A013001000	$11.46
SMITH, LINDA E	817028FN024	$99.96
SMITH , PAUL E	017005000000	$1,727.47
SOULE, MICHAEL D & BILLIE M	01809600A000	$1,773.51
STAPLES, LORI L	017010001000	$545.82
STEPHEN B BENENSON L	023010000000	$33.46
STEVENS, WILLIAM E	030044000000	$0.03
STILKEY, CHRISTOPHER	01804700A000	$0.16
STONE, WILLIAM L	015010001000	$1,062.11
STRONG, ROBERT A	020094002000	$6,129.49
SULLIVAN, MARTINA	001030000000	$1,099.85
SWIFT, NOEL J & REBECCA K	01601200B000	$1,874.64
SWIFT, REBECCA K	02105200D000	$4,607.22
TAKACS, TINA E	00900600B036	$1,613.11
TAYLOR, NANCY A	02602200B000	$3,608.93

PROPERTY OWNER	PROPERTY ID	TOTAL DUE
THE BUZZ LLC	02504100B003	$24,097.91
THEODORE J SAMUEL RE	002019000000	$6,497.27
TOUTANT, MICHAEL J	005037ETC000	$9,056.28
TOWLE, WILLIAM	825063010000	$236.21
TRAFTON, ALLISON C	004025000000	$4.03
TUDDENHAM, ANN D	00401400F000	$0.02
TWIGGE, GIOVANI	02008300A000	$17.19
TYLER, CATHRYN	01703700G000	$1,449.48
TYSON, DAVID A	002064000000	$4,071.63
URBAN TRUST	021064000000	$1.32
URQUHART, ROBERT	817028C0023	$171.86
VALADE JR, RONALD L	00900600C052	$2,031.21
WEILLEUX, CALI & MEG	0BC012000000	$0.20
VICKERSON III, RANDALL A	01907600F000	$886.28

PROPERTY OWNER	PROPERTY ID	TOTAL DUE
VICKI I CRAY LIVING TRUST	01805700D000	$719.09
WAPPLER, PETER R	01905400D000	$8,479.64
WARDTOWN MOBILE HOME PARK	81702800C0E	$0.06
WATERMAN, RALPH E	021094000000	$2.04
WEILAND, JANE M	0BC011000000	$62.72
WHITEHOUSE, NIDENA E	02008200D000	$1,375.25
WHITNEY, PETER & MCCONNELL, CLARA	019073016000	$9.97
WILKINS, SHERRY A	825063001000	$0.26
WILLIAMS, WARREN C JR	021003002000	$1,983.37
WILLMAN, EMMA F	006018000000	$2,908.46
WINSHIP, DANIEL L	01805300B000	$1,671.41
WINTER HILL FARM LLC	017035000000	$1,264.77
WINTER HILL FARM LLC	01703600A000	$5,713.89
WORTH, ROBERT C	021012004000	$635.25

Outstanding Personal Property Taxes

PROPERTY OWNER	PROPERTY ID	TOTAL DUE
2008		
FREEPORT INTEGRATED HEALTH CENTER	667	$218.95
SEYMOUR EXCAVATING INC	333	$173.09
2009		
FREEPORT INTEGRATED HEALTH CENTER	667	$1,797.90
SEYMOUR EXCAVATING INC	333	$957.02
2010		
FREEPORT INTEGRATED HEALTH CENTER	667	$1,493.12
SEYMOUR EXCAVATING INC	333	$1,754.24
2011		
HENDRICKS, JAMES A DC	667	$871.88
SEYMOUR EXCAVATING INC	333	$1,779.63
2012		
HENDRICKS, JAMES A D C	667	$847.55
SEYMOUR EXCAVATING INC	333	$1,712.47
2013		
HENDRICKS, JAMES A DC	667	$1,135.91
SEYMOUR EXCAVATING INC	333	$2,469.85
2014		
HENDRICKS, JAMES A DC	667	$1,000.96
RINGS MARINE SERVICE INC	318	$306.23
SEYMOUR EXCAVATING INC	333	$2,263.47
2015		
HARRIS GOLF INC	160	$0.32
HENDRICKS, JAMES A DC	667	$189.87
RINGS MARINE SERVICE INC	318	$107.11
SEYMOUR EXCAVATING INC	333	$837.04

PROPERTY OWNER	PROPERTY ID	TOTAL DUE
2016		
HARRIS GOLF INC	160	$544.03
HENDRICKS, JAMES A DC	667	$161.58
RINGS MARINE SERVICE INC	318	$91.38
SEYMOUR EXCAVATING INC	333	$658.56
2017		
HARRIS GOLF INC	160	$478.99
HENDRICKS, JAMES A DC667	$143.36	
RINGS MARINE SERVICE INC	318	$96.22
2018		
BE HOSPITABLE LLC	159	$3,630.86
BEEN, PAUL C	38	$18.57
BRINK, COLLEEN E	1210	$41.44
CENTER-COTTON INC	412	$59.61
CHEER UP INC	83	$430.58
COFFIN, WALTER	525	$241.29
DAB USED AUTO SALES INC	13	$293.29
FREEPORT CAFE INC	409	$2,205.18
FREEPORT INTEGRATED HEALTH CENTER	667	$127.58
HALDEMAN, JOHN GORDO	1018	$92.39
HARRIS GOLF INC	160	$419.50
HIGH SH LLC	1324	$64.18
HINCKAGUM LLC	1269	$1,390.20
KENNEY, LOLITA	1307	$38.41
KHANTHASY, KHONE	476	$142.79
MILLIMAN, CATRINA	1348	$2.40
RIDGEBACK INC	313	$0.50
RINGS MARINE SERVICE INC	318	$85.79
SHERMANS BOOK & STATIONARY INC	750	$1.50
SPRINT SPECTRUM LP	889	$126.37
SULLIVAN, T KEVIN DMD	542	$9.40
TOMRA MAINE	1329	$0.01
WASHO, MIKE	924	$2.04

Tax Assessor

The Town Assessor is an agent of the State, and is charged by law with valuing property for the purpose of taxation. To raise the funds for the budget approved by the Town Council, the Assessor prepares a taxable valuation list of all properties, then commits the assessments to the Town Tax Collector for collection. The Assessing Office then reports its activities for the year to the Property Tax Division of Maine Revenue Services.

BY THE **NUMBERS**

Cost to the median taxpayer
$18

Employees
2 FTE

VALUATION HISTORY

This office conducted an update of valuations in 2006 to bring assessments more in line with the market and to help restore equity. Subsequently, the national real estate market softened. As a consequence, this office cut back valuations by applying a factor of .85 for assessments as of April 1, 2010. Owing to the market's recovery, the Town has implemented market updates effective April 1, 2014, 2016, and 2017. The real estate market remains active in this low interest rate environment. The town now certifies a 100% assessment ratio with Maine Revenue Services for this year, however, prices appear to continue their ascent.

VALUATIONS COMMITTED ON SEPTEMBER 18, 2017:

Taxable Real Estate	$1,643,445,500
Taxable Personal Property	68,821,322
Total taxable valuation	$1,712,266,822

TAX RATE

The tax rate has stayed fairly steady over the past several years. The FY 2018 rate was $14.95

HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

If you owned a home in Maine for 12 months prior to April 1, you may apply for this program. If eligible, one's property valuation was reduced by $20,000. Forms are available at the Tax Assessor's office and on the Town's website at www.freeportmaine.com If you have already applied, there is no need to reapply.

VETERAN'S EXEMPTION

A property owner may obtain a reduction in the valuation of their property up to $6,000 if they are a veteran who was not dishonorably discharged and is over 62, or is an un-remarried widow/widower of a qualifying veteran. If the veteran is under 62 but is 100% disabled due to a service-connected disability, he/she might likewise qualify. Applications for these exemptions are available in the Assessor's Office and on our website at www.freeportmaine.com

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The State offers a refundable Property Tax Fairness Credit that can be claimed on the Maine Individual Income Tax Form. The credit became available beginning in January 2014 on the Maine Individual Income Tax Form 1040ME. A worksheet is included with Form 1040ME to help you figure out the amount of the credit. **Forms can be downloaded from the Maine Revenue Services web site at: http://www.maine.gov/revenue/forms. You may also call 207-624-7894 to request a form be mailed to you.**

MISCELLANEOUS

This Office also coordinates the Town website, tax maps, E911 addressing, and acts as Census liaison.

Robert Konczal (L)
Assessor

Louise Thibeault (R)
Assistant Assessor

Codes Enforcement

New residential construction in Freeport was similar to last year. This year there was a total of sixty-one (61) new residential units permitted; which is above the average of fifty-four (54) units per year. Thirty-eight (38) permits were issued for single-family houses; which is down from fifty-one (51) permits the previous year. Details can be observed in the table below.

The number of permits issued for new commercial construction decreased with only two (2) permits being issued. This was another slow year for new commercial growth, which could in part be due to the low vacancy rates in the retail area of Freeport Village. There was a large construction project underway with the RSU5 high school addition, which is now up and running.

The Town has standards for accessory apartments, and a permit is required for the construction of these units. One permit for an accessory apartment was issued this year. If you are interested in putting in an accessory apartment, a copy of the regulations can be obtained at the Codes Office at Town Hall or on the Town's website. The Town may see more permits for various types of apartment units over the next few years, as some standards have changed which makes it easier to construct units in existing buildings.

BY THE
NUMBERS

Cost to the median taxpayer
$8

Employees
1 FTE

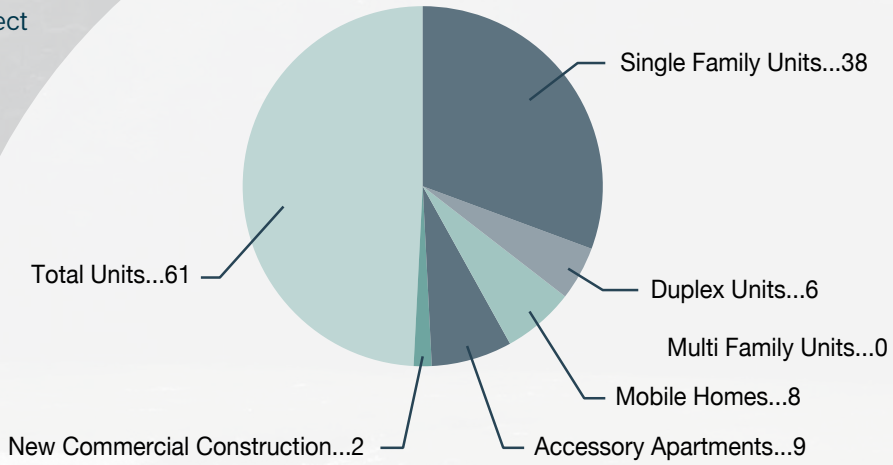
The Board of Appeals had an average year for requests. There were 10 setback reduction/variance requests, the same as the previous year, and one mis-located building appeal.

The 2009 Shoreland Zoning changes are still in effect and the way the shore setback is measured varies by property. If you live in the Shoreland Zone, including in any stream protection areas, or are not sure, please stop by the Town Office or visit the Town's website to obtain a copy of the regulations to see if these changes affected your property. In addition, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) preliminary flood insurance rate maps have been published and a copy has been delivered to the Town Office for review by the public. We encourage all property owners near a water body to stop by and see if changes are proposed on their property.

Nick Adams
Codes Enforcement Officer

As a reminder, since December 2010 we have been enforcing the 2009 building codes as mandated and amended by the State of Maine. Forms and information on the current codes are available on the Codes Enforcement page of the Town's website at www.freeportmaine.com. As always, we encourage you to contact our office prior to starting a construction project of any size.

2018 Permits Issued



Planning Department

The Planning Department strives to make Freeport a great place to live, work, play and visit.

This Department serves a variety of functions for the Town of Freeport, such as, providing assistance to Boards and Committees, writing and administering grants, overseeing energy consumption for town-owned buildings, and completing a variety of special projects on an as-needed basis. The Department staff is always available to help residents and business owners understand local codes and ordinances and how they relate to their property.

During fiscal year 2018, the Project Review Board worked on projects smaller in nature, such as requests for (12) Design Review Certificates, (3) Changes of Use, and (18) Site Plans or amendments; the largest approval being a 12,000 square foot boat storage building on US Route One. The Board also started the review on two residential subdivisions and one commercial subdivision.

The Staff Review Board reviews small development proposals. This Board was created to help expedite the review and approval of smaller commercial expansions and new business proposals. In the past year, the Board reviewed a total of two projects; a gravel pit renewal and a change of use.

The Planning Board does the long- and short-term planning for the community. Planning topics come to the Board in different ways. In most cases it's an idea of the Comprehensive Plan that needs to be fully vetted. Sometimes a project comes up that doesn't meet the standards of the Zoning Ordinance and an amendment is requested. In all cases the Board conducts a thorough investigation of the issue so that they can make the best decision for the people and businesses of Freeport. This year the Planning Board's work focused on making adjustments to ordinances to enhance clarity, as well as, the parking requirement in the Village Commercial 1 District.

The Planning Department also helps out the Conservation Commission and the Active Living Committee. This fiscal year the Conservation Commission was awarded a grant from the Maine Conservation Corp to rebuild bog bridges at Florida Lake. The Active Living Committee works on making the town safer for bicyclists and pedestrians. That Committee advocated for building 700' of sidewalk on US Route One south as part of the paving project, suggested adjustments to the town's website regarding outdoor recreation opportunities, collaborated with Yarmouth residents on recommending the new design of the Cousins River Bridge and hosted a "Build-a-Bridge" event to gather information that will guide planning for Exit 22 improvements.

BY THE **NUMBERS**

Cost to the median taxpayer
$15

Employees
2 FTE

The major special project for the Planning Department this year was the installation of LED streetlights. That project will be completed in FY19. Ridership on the Metro Breez continued to grow as the route was extended to Brunswick. The Department is always looking for ways to decrease energy consumption and increase the use of renewable energy resources. As always, grants will be prepared as they become available.

Donna Larson, AICP (L)
Town Planner

Caroline Pelletier (R)
Assistant to the Town Planner

Special Notices

PROPERTY TAX VIEWING – NOW ONLINE

Real estate and personal property tax information is now available online. Visit the Town's website and click on the tab for online services or go to https://freeportmaine.munisselfservice.com/default.aspx

PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK PROGRAM NOW EVERYDAY

The Freeport Police Department has installed a secured permanent drug drop-off box in the lobby of the Public Safety Building. Residents can now drop off expired, unwanted or outdated drugs during their normal business hours (Sunday thru Saturday 8 a.m.-4 p.m.). No sharps please (e.g. needles). The Police Department will also continue to take part in the semi-annual drug take back program each fall.

METRO BREEZ

The METRO Breez provides service between Portland, Yarmouth, Freeport and Brunswick. Single tickets and ten-ride passes are available for purchase at the Town Office. For up-to-date information, including schedules, visit http://gpmetrobus.net

MUNICIPAL BULLETIN

The Town publishes a Municipal Bulletin which contains information on town activities, events, as well as the Town Manager's report. The Bulletin is produced once or twice a month, generally in conjunction with the Town Council Meeting schedule. This Bulletin is posted on the Town's website under "Quick Links". There is also the option to subscribe to receive the Bulletin via email.

EVENTS AT THE LIBRARY

The Freeport Community Library publishes a quarterly newsletter which has information on all of their upcoming events (for adults and children). Visit their website at http://www.freeportlibrary.com/pdfs/FCLnewsletter.pdf

TOWN OF FREEPORT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Interested in becoming involved in your community? The Town of Freeport is in need of residents interested in serving on the Town's many important Boards or Committees. If you are interested in serving on a committee, applications are available at the Town Hall (30 Main Street, Freeport) and on the Town's Website www.freeportmaine.com.

Maine Cumberland County

Cost to median taxpayer: $178

The calendar year 2018 County tax for the Town of Freeport was $1,109,052. For this amount, Cumberland County provides the Town of Freeport services such as Cumberland County Jail, Sheriff, District Attorney, Probate Office, Registry of Deeds, Regional Communications Center, and Emergency Management Agency. In 2018, Commissioner Stephen Gorden represented District 3, which includes the Town of Freeport, as a chief elected official of the County.

For the 4th year running Freeport again had valuation increases above the norm for the county, although not nearly as far above the average as prior years. Overall valuation increased 4.53% countywide, and Freeport was 5.0%. As a result, their taxes went up 4.96%, greater than the 4.54% countywide average.

Police Department

The Freeport Police Department welcomed three officers to our ranks in FY 2018. William Brown, Jonathan Edwards, and Steven Milton joined Freeport's dedicated group of officers who work hard 24/7 responding to calls for assistance from Freeport's residents and visitors. Officer Paul Chenevert retired from the department after proudly serving 27 years. We thank him for his work and wish him well in retirement. We honored several citizens and employees at our first Community Service Recognition Ceremony in May of 2018. Derek Moran (CVS), two employees from a local hotel, Steve Roy (Fire Rescue), and Matthew Moorhouse (Police) were commended for their actions to help others in our community. Chief Nourse found some youngsters before the 4th of July parade who were dressed in superhero costumes. They represent the next generation of community members who will extend a helping hand to others. Working in collaboration with our public safety partners on the Fire Rescue Department, Freeport's police officers are able to "do something" when a member of the public "sees something" and then "says something."

BY THE
NUMBERS

Cost to the median taxpayer $123

Employees 17.9 FTE (not including Brunswick Dispatch/includes local Public Safety Reception)

Fire Rescue Department

Charles D. Jordan, Jr., Chief
Freeport Fire Rescue

It is with great pleasure that I report to you on the activities of your Fire Rescue Department for FY 2018. It is our privilege to provide around-the-clock fire, rescue, and emergency medical services (EMS) coverage to the community. By way of organization, our on-duty providers are cross-trained as firefighters and EMS providers with-coverage to the paramedic level. During fiscal year 2018, the Freeport Fire Rescue Department answered 1,727 calls for service inclusive of medical calls, fires, automatic alarms, motor vehicle accidents, and varied other emergencies. During this period, the Department responded to 52 fires, resulting in property loss of $231,005, with $101,755 in structural fire losses, $127,250 in vehicle fire losses, and $2,000 in other losses. In addition to the responses noted above, your Fire Rescue Department completed 182 revenue-generating, inter-facility medical transfers. These provide some financial offset to the Department's impact on the general fund.

For FY 2018, Department members participated in numerous hours of training, covering diverse topics ranging from engine and ladder company operations and safe driving habits, to the myriad emergency medical technician skills which need to be kept up to date. An EMS provider must obtain continuing education hours (CEH) in a variety of subject areas during their three-year licensure period. Specifically, an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) must obtain 52 hours of CEH training, an Advanced EMT must obtain 56 hours of CEH training, and a Paramedic must obtain 72 hours of CEH training. Senior staff members are in the process of completing the Fire Inspector I program through the Maine State Fire Marshal's Office and the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), with an eye toward restarting the inspections program. It has been my pleasure to witness the dedication and professionalism as our members continue to improve their skills in order to better serve the citizens of, and visitors to, Freeport.

We feel very well supported in our efforts as your generosity during the recent fundraising campaigns will allow us to implement a community-wide program to increase the number of citizens trained in the American Heart Association's new Hands Only CPR and to promote the health and safety of our responders. We believe these programs, coupled with the increasing availability of AEDs (automated external defibrillators), will make a significant contribution to Freeport's life-saving effort.

BY THE
NUMBERS

Cost to the median taxpayer $88

Employees 17.45 FTE emergency services, 8.5 FTE non-emergency services

Fiscal Year 2018 also brought with it the Halloween Storm of 2017. The lessons learned from our response to that event are informing the rewrite of the Town of Freeport Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) which we hope to present to the Town Council late this fall (November 2018). I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those who have lent their time, expertise and sense of community to this endeavor.

Finally, I wish to end by thanking you the citizens, the Town Council and town staff for your continued support of Freeport Fire Rescue. As your Fire Chief, I hope you will utilize me as the link to the services provided by your Fire Rescue Department. I may be reached by telephone at 865-3421 or by e-mail at cjordan@freeportmaine.com, but I encourage you to stop by the Public Safety building at 4 Main Street for a tour or to discuss any fire/rescue related matter.

We are available to provide
CPR training to groups and organizations.
For more information, please call
Chief Jordan at 865-3421.

RSU5 Superintendent of Schools

There are many exciting things happening in RSU5. The track and field project is completed. The students and community are enjoying the new facility. The new track and field was only made possible by the support of many community members. Thanks to all who came out for the grand opening on May 18 and participated in the fun run with Joan Benoit Samuelson around the track.

We want to thank all residents for the passage of our current budget. This was only the second time since the formation of the RSU that all three towns passed the budget. The adopted budget for 2018-19 is $33,058,024. This budget adds some needed support positions, as well as an increase to the capital improvement line.

We are fortunate and thankful for the individuals willing to volunteer and serve on the RSU5 Board of Directors. In 2017/18, Board members representing Durham were Candace deCsipkes, Jen Galletta, and School Board Chair Michelle Ritcheson; members representing Freeport were Jeremy Clough, John Morang, Maddy Vertenten, Lindsay Sterling, Valy Steverlynck, and Sarah Woodward; and members representing Pownal were Kathryn Brown and Naomi Ledbetter. Naomi is no longer serving on the Board and Erica Giddinge has replaced her. For the first time, we had two student representatives on the Board: Junior Ben Morang and Senior Carter Jedrey-Irvin. The Board established three key priorities for the past year: implementation of proficiency-based teaching and learning, improved teacher/administrator effectiveness and creating a new strategic plan to guide the District over the next five to seven years. These goals were successfully completed, although the strategic planning goal is a two year goal. We hope to have a completed plan by the end of this upcoming year. These Board goals aim to ensure every student has an engaging, student-centered education, and graduate college and career ready.

To attain the Board goals we have an extremely dedicated, qualified staff serving our students. Administrators, teachers, support staff and volunteers work together to be a champion for all of our students, collaborating and sharing responsibility for student learning. We educated 1,947 students during 2017-18, which was an increase of 64 students from the previous year. In June, 106 students graduated from Freeport High School, ready to venture into their post-graduation lives. We believe our student enrollment will continue to rise as we anticipate over 2000 students attending RSU5 this upcoming year.

BY THE
NUMBERS
Cost to the median taxpayer
$2,928

In order to support life-long learning, RSU5 provides opportunities through the Community Programs Department. These programs are centered on youth and adults. Our programs include the Laugh and Learn Childcare Program, adult enrichment classes and youth recreation programs.

There is no better investment than creating an educated populace. Through the collective efficacy of our staff, parents, students and community members, we believe we can provide an education to our students that results in improved student achievement throughout the District. We encourage you to become involved, whether it be through the boosters, volunteering in the schools, attending Board meetings, or attendance at school events. We hope you join us in our mission to "provide our students with a world-class education that will challenge minds, engage creativity, develop self-discipline, and advance inherent strengths!"

Dr. Becky Foley
Superintendent of Schools

photo courtesy of Katrina Van Dusen

Freeport Community Library

This year we have added some new faces as we have slowly filled open positions. Brandi Lemieux and Ali Reddy have joined the Children's Room team. Meghan Fogg, Stephanie Brown, and Heather Shirley have joined the Adult Services team. They are all wonderful additions to the library, so please make sure to say "hello" next time you're in!

BY THE
NUMBERS

Cost to the median taxpayer
$41

Employees
9.2 FTE

Our library continues to be a busy place. The children's Summer Reading Program, sponsored by L. L. Bean, had 654 children who participated, reading 7,297 books in eight weeks. Every week, new and accomplished readers came in to tally their reading charts. Many also participated in Bedtime Math, an online program. Special thanks go to the Freeport Elders who sewed over 500 small bags for the reading program. The Elders have been very loyal volunteers for many summers. The summer program helps children keep up their reading and math skills while school is not in session and expands their love of reading. This year our programming included events focused on a wide variety of interests. Some highlights were Earth Jams; Henna Tattoos; Planetarium; Marine Mammal Rescue; Sparks' Ark; Rewild ME Bow and Arrow and Ropes; Mason Jar Succulents; reading to therapy dogs; and monthly preschool and toddler yoga. All of these programs make a real difference to the families of Freeport. We also had 30 junior pages volunteer throughout the year.

In addition, we had author talks with Amy Bass; Bruce Robert Coffin; Len Kalkwarf; Kevin Mannix; Barton Seaver; Kathryn Swegart; and Andy Young. Patrons traveled vicariously to the Canadian Arctic, Hudson Bay, and Berlin in our March Armchair Travel series. The High Winds Flute Choir turned a regular night extraordinary. We treated our volunteers to a Volunteer Brunch to show them how much we appreciate them! We have added Tech Appointments twice a week for general technology assistance for patrons.

Our Adult Summer Reading program has been particularly successful. We find adult summer reading vital as it promotes adult literacy, sets an example for kids, and encourages patrons to interact with their library in new ways. From 2017 to 2018, our participation has gone up 78%, with a general increase of 60% since we first began the program in 2016.

All of these events haven't replaced our focus on being a center for adults, students, young people after school, families, homeschoolers, people working online, genealogy researchers, visitors using the public computers and Wi-Fi, newspaper readers, and people sending faxes, getting state and federal tax forms or copying documents, as well as patrons checking out adult books, children's books, magazines, movies, and audiobooks. Our priority remains having our library be a welcoming place for everyone who walks through our doors, both real and virtual, seeking information of all kinds.

> "A library is not a luxury but one of the necessities of life."
> *- Henry Ward Beecher*

Front (L-R) Holly Elliott, Ali Reddy, Heather Shirley, Arlene Arris (director), Courtney Sparks, Meghan Fogg. Back (L-R) Mary Lehmer, Brandi Lemieux, Kim Mcclelland, Stephanie Brown, Robin Lowell

General Assistance

Johanna Hanselman
General Assistance Administrator

The General Assistance Program is a State-mandated, municipally-administered financial assistance program. It was designed to be the program of last resort for residents of the community who are unable to provide for their basic needs (e.g. food, shelter, fuel, electricity). The Town of Freeport serves as the Regional General Assistance Office for residents from the towns of Freeport and Yarmouth. Appointments to apply for general assistance can be made by contacting the General Assistance Office (865-4743 x120).

This office continues to see many Freeport residents requesting assistance for help with their basic necessities. Overall maximum levels of assistance, which are set by the State, are extremely low and many in need are over the income guidelines for the General Assistance Program. In an effort to assist households not qualifying for general assistance, yet unable to cover the cost of their basic necessities, the Town of Freeport has established a number of programs to address meeting some of those needs. The Freeport Heating Assistance Fund is funded through both public and private sources and administered through the General Assistance Office. Through the generosity of our local citizens and businesses, emergency heating fuel was provided to 35 households during this fiscal year. Donations continue to be accepted and will be used to assist people in need during the 2018-2019 and future heating seasons.

The Town is also fortunate to have the ability to provide financial assistance to Freeport residents with hospital expenses, prescription drugs, physician visits and dental emergencies through money generated from the Gould and Davis Trust Funds. Over $6,513 was awarded to 67 Freeport individuals for financial help with medical expenses during the past fiscal year. Applications for these funds are available through this office and Freeport residents are eligible based on financial need.

The Emergency Rental Assistance Fund, a recent collaboration between the Freeport Housing Trust and the Town of Freeport, was established to help prevent lower-income renters from becoming homeless. Households may be eligible when a documented, non-preventable emergency has caused the applicant's housing situation to be in jeopardy and all other assistance programs have been exhausted. This program has assisted 10 households which were on the verge of becoming homeless.

In conjunction with the Town Planner, the Town applied for and received Community Development Block Grant funds to purchase Metro Breez passes for income eligible Freeport residents and employees of Freeport businesses. Since the start of this program, 56 households have received bus passes. Providing reliable transportation has enabled these recipients to obtain and retain jobs, make it to essential medical appointments and attend events that they otherwise would not have been able to without this support. Interested applicants must complete a simple application at the General Assistance Office at the Freeport Town Hall.

I would like to take this opportunity to express how fortunate Freeport is to have so many dedicated individuals, businesses and organizations which work together to offer services to Freeport residents, including Town employees, Freeport Community Services, Freeport Housing Trust, local clergy, school personnel, senior citizen representatives and police personnel. It is truly an honor and delight to work with members of the Freeport community.

BY THE **NUMBERS**

Cost to the median taxpayer
$9

Employees
1 FTE

Freeport Heating Assistance Fund
Donations can be made to:
Freeport Heating Assistance Fund
30 Main Street
Freeport, Maine 04032

Human Service Agencies

AGENCY INFORMATION	SERVICES OFFERED	# FREEPORT RESIDENTS SERVED ANNUALLY	FY2018 SUPPORT
Freeport Community Services PO Box 119, Freeport (207) 865-3985	Food Pantry; financial assistance (gas, heat, school supplies, camp scholarships, CMP, clothing) referral and information; transportation for medical appointments; free community lunch; community center with public meeting space, etc.	varies by program	$21,000.00
Port Teen Center 17 West St, Freeport (207) 865-6171	Teen center, special events, educational opportunities	varies by program	$8,250.00
Freeport Elders 53 Depot St, Freeport (207) 865-3985 x 219	Senior center, fitness programs, information & educational programs, community support, trips	varies by program	$6,500.00
Freeport Dental Program - Alta Dental 348 US Route One, Freeport (207) 865-1900	Routine dental care, fluoride & sealants, restorative work for school age children	17	$1,800.00
Oasis Free Clinic 66 Baribeau Drive, Brunswick (207) 721-9277	Free quality medical, dental and mental health services and prescription assistance program	35	$750.00
Agency on Aging 136 US Route 1, Scarborough (207) 396-6500	Meals on Wheels, Maine Senior Games, information and resources, health insurance counseling, etc.	156	$1,000.00
Family Crisis PO Box 704, Portland (207) 767-4952	Prevention education; individual and court advocacy services	27	$500.00
		Total	$39,800.00

BY THE
NUMBERS
Cost to the median taxpayer
$4

* Please note: The above information was self-reported by the respective agencies during the budgeting process.

Harbormaster

The Harbormaster's Office deals with a wide range of issues within Freeport's coastal waters which include: assisting mariners, recovering lost, stolen or sunken vessels and ensuring all vessels are operating with the proper safety equipment. The Harbormaster provides emergency transportation for the Freeport Police and Fire Departments as well as other neighboring agencies. The Harbormaster ensures that all public boat landings are operating safely and efficiently and plays a vital role in enforcing state laws as well as the Freeport Coastal Waters Ordinance.

The Harbormaster and Assistant Harbormaster work with the Freeport Shellfish Commission in keeping Freeport's waters clear of any pollutants that will directly impact the health of marine life. With over fifty commercial shellfish license holders, we continue to take routine water samples for the Department of Marine Resources to monitor the health of Freeport's waters. We inspect marine sanitation devices ensuring that all "Y" valves are in the locked position while in Freeport waters. Transient vessels are informed and educated that Freeport's waters are a shellfish protection zone where no overboard discharge is tolerated.

Freeport's waters are constantly changing and remain a resource for many different fisheries as well as recreational uses. The Harraseeket River holds over 350 moorings and is home to marinas, commercial fishermen, kayakers and more. It is important that we continue to manage our waters as a place for future generations to enjoy as well as earn a living.

The Coastal Waters Commission remains very busy dealing with a variety of waterfront issues along with ordinance updates and changes. This year the Commission thanks Jay Pinkham for all of his years of service as he enjoys retirement in Boothbay Harbor and welcomes Charles Tetreau as the new Harbormaster.

The Commission is always looking for new members. Anyone interested in serving is encouraged to apply. Application forms are available in the Town Clerk's Office at the Freeport Town Hall and on the Town's website.

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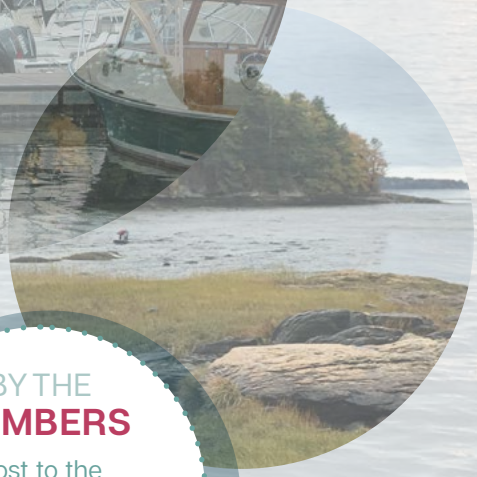

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BY THE **NUMBERS**

Cost to the median taxpayer
$7

Employees
1.24 FTE

Marine Resource Conservation Officer

The shellfish industry continues to be a vital yet fragile industry. During the past year, the Shellfish Commission and harvesters have worked diligently to maintain open and productive flats. Market price of clams remained down this year as a direct result of high landings of clams statewide. Soft shell clam landings for Freeport in 2017 were 379,496 lbs, representing a 56% increase from 2016 (242,289 lbs) and a 60% decrease from 2012 (939,695 lbs).

There are many variables that influence the ability to maintain open harvesting and a healthy environment for the shellfish. To ensure protection of the quality of the water, Casco Bay has been designated a "no discharge zone" for all boats. The Shellfish Commission, along with the Harbormaster and personnel at the local boat yards, continue to educate boaters about the effects of overboard discharge and direct them to pump-out sites located at the two boat yards. Local boaters are surveyed on an annual basis about boat usage and discharge systems as well as random inspections completed by the Harbormaster with assistance from the Marine Resource Conservation Officer. Several signs have been placed at boat yards and docks indicating the no discharge area. The no discharge sign located in the river channel has been updated and replaced.

This year in particular, the Freeport Shellfish Commission focused on maintaining and improving Freeport's water quality. The following activities were integrated into the Shellfish Commission Conservation Program: locating pollution sources, shoreline cleanups, educating Freeport's residents on the importance of cleaning up after their pets, and adding additional pet waste stations in areas chosen by the Commission. The Shellfish Commission is also currently conducting a rainfall study that will show how different amounts of rainfall affect the northern end of the Harraseeket River.

In a joint effort, the Marine Resource Conservation Officer, Harbormaster, Food and Drug Administration, and the Maine Department of Marine Resources maintain a year round water quality monitoring schedule of all tidal areas in the Town of Freeport. Freeport's water quality continues to test very well, thus maintaining the ability to keep our flats open. The status of our clam flats are monitored and revised continually by the State. Current conditions may be found on the DMR web site http://www.maine.gov/dmr/shellfish-sanitation-management/index.html or by calling the State Hotline, 1-800-232-4733.

Charles Tetreau
Harbormaster and Marine Resource Conservation Officer

Access to the flats is limited, and without the cooperation of businesses and private land owners access would be even more difficult. On behalf of the commercial and recreational harvesters, thanks are extended to all who have made access possible. In addition to the efforts of the Shellfish Commission and the local harvesters, we must recognize and thank all the other groups and individuals that help support and protect this important resource. Among those are the local boat yards, the Harraseeket Yacht Club, the Harbormaster, Wolfe's Neck Farm, and all of the responsible dog owners.

Looking ahead to next year, several areas of focus are emerging, which include: creating greater opportunity for a new generation of harvesters to enter the profession; monitoring statewide shellfish aquaculture initiatives for possible introduction in Freeport, to include subtidal shellfish aquaculture; identifying and implementing a sustainable and credible survey mechanism that will capture the health of the shellfish resource, identify challenges, and inform Shellfish Commission decision making; and evaluating the possibility of establishing (with local schools) an intertidal education and research program.

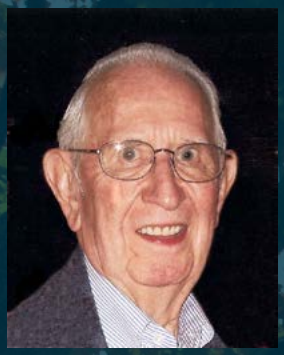
The Freeport Shellfish Commission is always looking for new members who have a passion for promoting the health of Freeport's waters, as well as sustaining a working waterfront. Anyone that is interested in serving is encouraged to apply. Applications are available online and at the Town Clerk's Office at the Freeport Town Hall.

BY THE **NUMBERS**

Cost to the median taxpayer
$6

Employees
1 FTE

Freeport Train & Information Center



Ed Bonney
Manager

The Freeport Train & Information Center is located at 23 Depot Street in The Hose Tower Building adjacent to the Downeaster Platform. The Center serves as the Freeport Downeaster train station and as a Visit Freeport Information Center. **The Center is open 7 days a week and its hours are: Monday through Friday 7 a.m. until 6 p.m., Saturday 7 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. and on Sunday from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. and from 5:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m.** The staff's mission at the Freeport Train & Information Center is to provide information and assistance to all visitors to Freeport. Our goal is to give whatever assistance we can to make their visit an enjoyable experience.

Freeport has had Downeaster service since November 1, 2012. Presently it has three round trip trains to Boston each day and two late night trains from Boston. The Downeaster layover facility in Brunswick is now operational and as soon as the 4 mile Royal Junction track in Cumberland and Falmouth is complete, Freeport will have 5 round trips to Boston each day. Completion of this work is expected in late 2018.

Since the start of service in November of 2012 through June of 2018 Freeport has served 70,763 Downeaster passengers. During this same period the staff at the Center assisted 32,474 non-train visitors. From July 2017 through June of 2018, the Town's fiscal year, the Train & Information Center has served 12,690 train passengers and 5,407 non-train visitors. Freeport ridership continues to recover after the loss of ridership in 2015 and 2016 due to the winter weather, track and bridge construction, maintenance delays, and cancellations. The combination of these events resulted in decreased ridership. Not included in the above passenger numbers are event train passengers that each December ride the Visit Freeport Sparkle Express train to Portland and the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority's Holiday Train from Boston to Brunswick. These trains average between five and six hundred passengers per year. Staff at the Train & Information Center enjoy making these events a great experience for children and their families.

In August of 2017, the Downeaster had the use of an Amtrak Dome Car for a month and passengers using our early morning and early evening trains had an opportunity to ride in it on their southbound trips. Passengers arriving in Freeport from the south also had an opportunity to enjoy the Dome Car. The Amtrak Dome Car is scheduled again for August of 2018.

Passengers departing Freeport on the Downeaster continue to be a mix of folks taking the train to Boston and other Downeaster destinations. Many riders that board in Freeport are planning to continue their travel once reaching Boston either by train or airplane. Freeport also serves several riders that work in Boston during the week. They commute, leaving on Sunday night or Monday morning and return Friday night for the weekend. Arriving trains carry a mix of day shoppers, extended stay visitors and area travelers returning from vacation or business travel. School, civic and family groups also travel from Freeport to Boston on the Downeaster for day trips, concerts and sporting events. During the summer and fall months a large number of visitors from all over the world use the Downeaster to travel to Freeport. Boston is the most frequent departure and destination for passengers using the Freeport Train & Information Center. Haverhill and Woburn, Massachusetts are next in order for Freeport usage.

Train Center staff assist Downeaster passengers with ticket purchases, information on train schedules, train arrival and departure status, ticket pricing, Downeaster travel packages and trip planning for the entire Amtrak System. Staff at the Center welcome train and non-train visitors to Freeport by providing them with Visit Freeport maps and guides, coupons, brochures on Freeport stores, restaurants, hotels, Bed and Breakfast accommodations and attractions in the area. Staff also provide visitors with driving directions to other destinations in Maine along with State of Maine maps.

If you have not visited the Train & Information Center, please do.

Ed Bonney: Manager
Sue Granholm: Assistant Manager
Staff: Sherri Hofacker, Susan Peterson, Julie Fraser and George Fraser

BY THE **NUMBERS**

Cost to the median taxpayer
$9

Employees
2.15 FTE

Winslow Park

The park saw a very busy summer with large crowds using the beach, picnic area, campground and attending the Thursday evening concert series. Park staff concentrated on upgrades and painting projects on many of the existing facilities, as well as building replacement picnic tables and renovating the old cabin moved from Pound of Tea Island, which opened in June as a community area for games and gathering.

The summer season saw some of the highest usage rates in park history. The park remained steadily busy every day and swelled on the weekends with local users and tourists. Day usage remained high with 500 season passes being sold, down slightly from the previous year. Park entry remained free for those six years of age and under and those sixty-two years of age and over. Total campsite occupancy also remained steady at 67%. Harb cottage was booked, as usual, for the entire summer season. Close to 200 lottery applications were received for the 18 possible weeks at the cottage. One week in October was once again donated to Freeport Community Services as an auction item for their annual fundraiser. The cottage was also available for short term rental from November through May by reserving online.

Winslow Park was again host to a number of events. The shelters in the day use area were heavily used for company outings, weddings, family reunions, and other private events. The day use area was used by a number of school and summer camp groups on a regular basis. The park also hosted large events such as the Freeport Rotary Club's Close to the Coast Race, Winslow Park Family Fun Day and the Lobsterman Triathlon with over 600 participants.

Neil Lyman
Park Manager

Winslow Park continues to offer extensive discounts to Freeport residents including discounts on entry, season passes and camping. There also continues to be three free weeks of camping; one in June and two in September. The local school department hosted many fall and spring events and field days at no charge.

A large storm struck the area causing heavy damage to the park in late October. Park maintenance staff, who had finished for the year, returned to do extensive tree cleanup. Dozens of downed trees were limbed, cut up, moved and, with the help of the Freeport Public Works Department, trucked off the property to be disposed.

Construction of a new, larger maintenance building was started in the spring. The new barn style building will be used as a storage and workshop area for equipment maintenance as well as hosting a woodshop.

The past season was, again, on par with the heavier usage the park has seen over the past decade as well as the highest grossing season in park history. Winslow Park staff and the Winslow Park Commission would like to thank all of the users of the park for supporting and utilizing such an amazing asset. We hope that as many as possible continue to enjoy this beautiful property as we continue to do our best to maintain and improve.

BY THE
NUMBERS

Cost to the median taxpayer $0
Supported entirely by user fees.

Employees
4.5 FTE

Greetings from Bustins Island

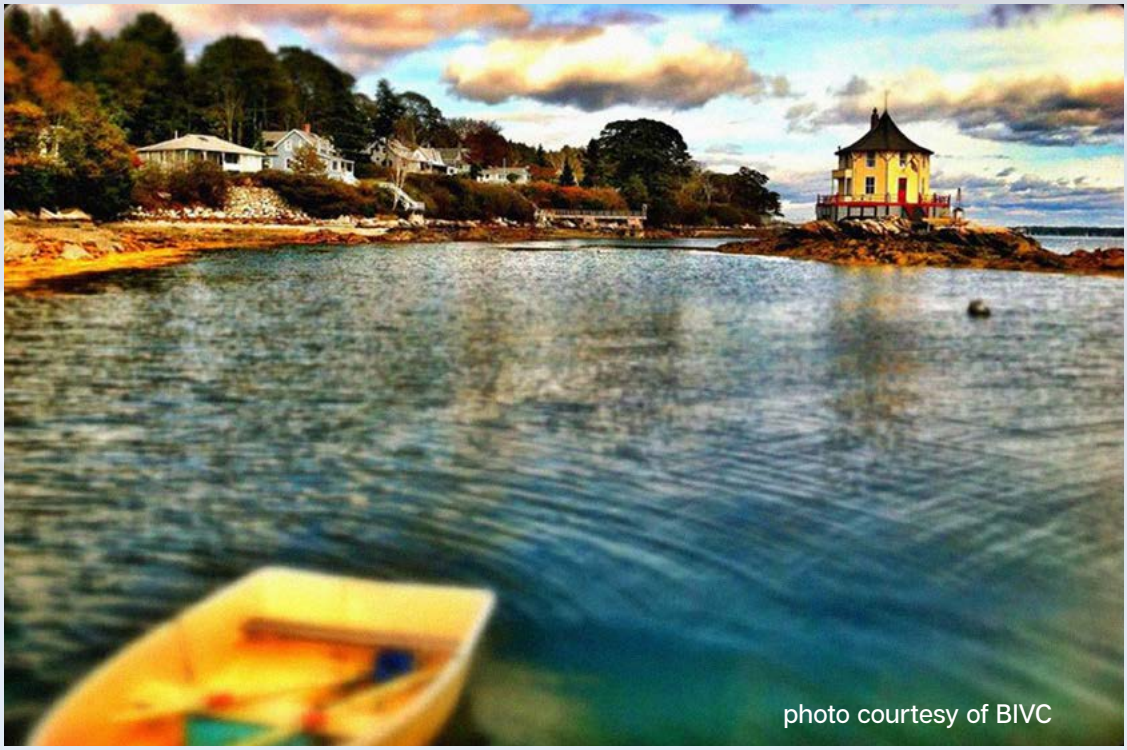


photo courtesy of BIVC

The Bustins community continues to be grateful
for the support from Freeport and its officials.

We've had a few changes in island officials this year. Ken Barrows completed his second term on the Board of Overseers. A first-time Overseer was elected to a three-year term: Amanda Meyer. Tanya Sweatt was elected Chair of the Board of Overseers and Rob Boone, after a long successful run as Chair, is now Vice-Chair.

We held our Annual Meeting on August 4th which was short and sweet. Further road acceptance was made in the recording of island roads projects and winter road closures were accepted for another 10 years.

As we returned to the island this year we found extensive tree damage due to high winds and heavy winter storms. Our community of volunteers worked hard to get us cleaned up and ready for the season.

We would like to thank the Freeport Fire Department for continuing to support our Island Safety Day, helping to keep us informed and up to date for fire prevention and preparedness, as well as Freeport Police and the Harbor Patrol for their presence and support.

A special thank you to Peter Joseph, Town Manager, Adam Bliss, Town Engineer, the Town Council and the other Freeport officials who supported our successful application
for a grant towards replacing our boat ramp.

Best regards from Bustins.

BY THE
NUMBERS

Cost to the median taxpayer
$18

Approximately 60% of taxes paid are returned to the Island.

House of Representatives

Sara Gideon
Speaker of the House

Speaker's Office
Augusta, ME 04333-0002
(207) 287-1300

Dear Neighbors,

Thank you for the opportunity to represent you in the House of Representatives during the 128th Maine Legislature. It is an honor to serve as your state representative and as the Speaker of the Maine House. It is both the most challenging and the most rewarding work of my career.

While I'm happy to share that we made smart, targeted investments to grow our economy and increase prosperity for every Mainer, there is still more work to do. At the time of this letter, the Legislature is still convened for a Special Session and I remain committed to addressing legislation concerning tax conformity, clean elections and our child welfare system.

We started the 128th Maine Legislature by promising Mainers we would stand up for better education funding, expanded access to affordable healthcare, and new tools to combat the opiate crisis. We also promised to push for new investments to strengthen our economy and promote growth for our small businesses.

I'm pleased that we have made progress in all of those areas. But maybe most importantly, I'm proud that we came together to invest in creating sustainable pathways out of poverty and into prosperity for more Maine families, while also addressing our state's workforce development challenges.

This year, we were able to pass bipartisan legislation that will strengthen the financial stability of low-income families through increased access to higher education and training. I was proud to be the lead sponsor of this bill. This new law establishes the Higher Opportunity Pathways to Employment (HOPE) program, modeled after the current Parents as Scholars program. As a result, more Mainers will have a chance to participate in job training programs that are specifically designed to ensure placement in a secure profession with economic stability. There is no more important work we could do than making a meaningful and life-long difference in the lives of kids, their families and our future. I pledge to continue this work now and in my future service.

As we look ahead, we have a great deal of work to do to ensure Maine has a bright and prosperous future. We must do all we can to create opportunity for Maine workers and entrepreneurs, prepare our young people for success and protect the natural assets that make our state both competitive and so special. Accomplishing all of this will take our cooperation and dedication.

As always, I remain committed to working with my colleagues to improve the lives of all Maine people. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns or if you need assistance with any aspect of state government. You can also learn more on my website speakergideon.com, sign up to receive periodic email updates from the State House or contact me directly by emailing sara.gideon@legislature.maine.gov.

With kind regards,

Senate of Maine

Brownie Carson
State Senator

128th Legislature
Senate District 24
Augusta, ME 04333-0002
(207) 287-1515

Dear Residents of Freeport,

I hope 2018 finds you and your families doing well. It is an honor to represent you and your community in the State Senate.

This past year, the Legislature made progress in providing direct property tax relief to Maine homeowners. I was outspoken in our effort to increase the Homestead Property Exemption from $15,000 to $20,000.

In addition to direct property tax relief, we also protected state funding for local services such as fire departments and road maintenance, and increased public K-12 education funding by $162 million over the biennium. These efforts will decrease the pressure on municipalities to increase mil rates. I know this is a top priority for many residents, and I will continue to work toward greater relief.

I sponsored and invested considerable time and effort on a bill, LD 1108, to restore our public health nursing program, which had been decimated by cuts over the past eight years. Public health nurses provide community health services, support Maine's frail and elderly population, and are the first line of defense against infectious disease outbreaks. They also do crucial work with new parents and help drug-affected babies recover and grow into healthy children.

The bill, which requires that staff of Maine's public health nursing service be rebuilt, passed over the governor's veto with strong, bipartisan support from legislators in every corner of Maine. I am continuing my efforts to ensure this law is implemented by the current administration.

I am always available to listen to your thoughts or concerns as the Legislature does its work. As part of my effort to bring matters happening in Augusta back home to our district, I am pleased to offer an email newsletter to share information about ongoing legislative issues and useful resources.

If you would like to be added to the email list or need assistance with anything else, please do not hesitate to contact me. You can reach me via email at Brownie.Carson@legislature.maine.gov or at 287-1515.

Best Regards,

Brownie Carson

Statement 1

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

	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total	Component Unit FEDC
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 15,488,489	-	15,488,489	69,778
Investments	6,207,356	-	6,207,356	-
Receivables:				
Accounts, net	126,144	47,217	173,361	-
Due from other governments	52,508	-	52,508	-
Taxes receivable	476,722	-	476,722	-
Tax liens	107,471	-	107,471	-
Prepaid items	-	-	-	554
Internal balances	315,006	(315,006)	-	-
Inventory	13,132	-	13,132	-
Receivable - RSU #5 debt service payments	1,575,795	-	1,575,795	-
Capital assets, not being depreciated	3,507,669	-	3,507,669	-
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	17,025,554	37,458	17,063,012	-
Total assets	44,895,846	(230,331)	44,665,515	70,332
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions	481,954	-	481,954	-
Total deferred outflows of resources	481,954	-	481,954	-
LIABILITIES				
Accounts payable and other current liabilities	1,254,375	-	1,254,375	42
Accrued wages and benefits payable	69,890	7,182	77,072	1,065
Accrued interest	12,116	-	12,116	-
Noncurrent liabilities:				
Liabilities due in one year	521,000	-	521,000	-
Other long-term liabilities	2,706,703	-	2,706,703	-
Other postemployment benefits liability	827,906	-	827,906	-
Bonds due in more than one year	1,425,000	-	1,425,000	-
Total liabilities	6,816,990	7,182	6,824,172	1,107
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions	226,511	-	226,511	-
Deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB	215,861	-	215,861	-
Total deferred inflows of resources	442,372	-	442,372	-
NET POSITION				
Net investment in capital assets	20,179,018	37,458	20,216,476	-
Restricted for:				
Grants and other programs	1,717,018	-	1,717,018	-
Nonexpendable trust principal	1,494,230	-	1,494,230	-
Expendable trust - income portion	66,199	-	66,199	-
Unrestricted	14,661,973	(274,971)	14,387,002	69,225
Total net position	**$ 38,118,438**	**(237,513)**	**37,880,925**	**69,225**

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Statement 2

TOWN OF FREEPORT, MAINE
Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended June 30, 2018

Functions/programs	Expenses	Program Revenues: Charges for services	Program Revenues: Operating grants and contributions	Program Revenues: Capital grants and contributions	Net (expense) revenue and changes in net position – Primary Government: Governmental activities	Primary Government: Business-type activities	Primary Government: Total	Component Unit: FEDC
Primary government:								
Governmental activities:								
General government	$ 3,147,785	998,210	965	-	(2,148,610)	-	(2,148,610)	-
Public safety	3,715,159	370,796	56,507	-	(3,287,856)	-	(3,287,856)	-
Public works	3,545,875	455,277	137,404	-	(2,953,194)	-	(2,953,194)	-
Community services	1,375,487	550,422	79,836	-	(745,229)	-	(745,229)	-
Community development	1,609,144	-	-	-	(1,609,144)	-	(1,609,144)	-
Education	17,355,332	-	-	-	(17,355,332)	-	(17,355,332)	-
Unclassified	1,107,914	-	25,804	-	(1,082,110)	-	(1,082,110)	-
Interest on debt	14,803	-	-	-	(14,803)	-	(14,803)	-
Total governmental activities	31,871,499	2,374,705	300,516	-	(29,196,278)	-	(29,196,278)	-
Business-type activities:								
Nonemergency transportation	219,675	207,843	-	-	-	(11,832)	(11,832)	-
Total business-type activities	219,675	207,843	-	-	-	(11,832)	(11,832)	-
Total primary government	**$ 32,091,174**	**2,582,548**	**300,516**	-	**(29,196,278)**	**(11,832)**	**(29,208,110)**	-
Component Unit:								
Freeport Economic Development Corporation	96,964	-	95,000	-	-	-	-	(1,964)
General revenues:								
Property taxes, levied for general purposes					$ 25,701,308	-	25,701,308	-
Motor vehicle excise taxes					1,959,247	-	1,959,247	-
Interest and lien costs					24,193	-	24,193	-
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs:								
Homestead exemption					264,308	-	264,308	-
BETE reimbursements					587,396	-	587,396	-
State revenue sharing					367,137	-	367,137	-
Other State aid					95,148	-	95,148	-
Unrestricted investment earnings					488,077	-	488,077	22
Miscellaneous revenues					47,801	-	47,801	-
Total general revenues					29,534,615	-	29,534,615	22
Change in net position					338,337	(11,832)	326,505	(1,942)
Net position - beginning, restated					37,780,101	(225,681)	37,554,420	71,167
Net position - ending					**38,118,438**	**(237,513)**	**37,880,925**	**69,225**

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Statement 3

TOWN OF FREEPORT, MAINE
Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds
June 30, 2018

		General	Capital Projects Funds	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS					
Cash and equivalents	$	12,938,472	1,718,470	831,547	15,488,489
Investments		406,526	4,227,449	1,573,381	6,207,356
Receivables:					
Accounts, net of allowance		8,860	117,284	-	126,144
Due from other governments		52,508	-	-	52,508
Taxes receivable		476,722	-	-	476,722
Tax liens		107,471	-	-	107,471
Interfund loans receivable		-	4,260,253	2,717,624	6,977,877
Inventory		13,132	-	-	13,132
Receivable - RSU #5 debt service payments		1,575,795	-	-	1,575,795
Total assets	**$**	**15,579,486**	**10,323,456**	**5,122,552**	**31,025,494**
LIABILITIES					
Accounts payable		572,687	265,947	99,932	938,566
Accrued wages and benefits		66,301	-	3,589	69,890
Interfund loans payable		6,122,148	234,588	306,135	6,662,871
Development escrows		150,546	-	-	150,546
Other unearned revenues		165,263	-	-	165,263
Total liabilities		7,076,945	500,535	409,656	7,987,136
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES					
Unavailable revenue - property taxes		194,702	-	-	194,702
Unavailable revenue - ambulance receivables		-	22,069	-	22,069
Unavailable revenue - RSU #5 debt service payments		1,575,795	-	-	1,575,795
Total deferred inflows of resources		1,770,497	22,069	-	1,792,566
FUND BALANCES					
Nonspendable		13,132	-	1,494,230	1,507,362
Restricted		-	-	1,783,217	1,783,217
Committed		1,990,038	9,800,852	1,435,449	13,226,339
Assigned		600,000	-	-	600,000
Unassigned		4,128,874	-	-	4,128,874
Total fund balances		6,732,044	9,800,852	4,712,896	21,245,792
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balances	**$**	**15,579,486**	**10,323,456**	**5,122,552**	

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:	
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.	20,533,223
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current period expenditures and, therefore, are deferred in the funds.	
Unavailable revenue - property taxes	194,702
Unavailable revenue - ambulance billings	22,069
Unavailable revenue - RSU #5 debt service payments	1,575,795
Deferred inflows/(outflows) related to pensions	255,443
Deferred inflows/(outflows) related to OPEB	(215,861)
Long-term liabilities, including bonds payable, are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.	(5,492,725)
Net position of governmental activities	**$ 38,118,438**

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Statement 4

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

		General	Capital Projects Funds	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues:					
Taxes	$	26,189,030	-	1,655,119	27,844,149
Licenses, permits and fees		347,946	-	-	347,946
Intergovernmental		1,526,921	-	16,850	1,543,771
Charges for services		277,533	664,351	1,032,801	1,974,685
Fees and fines		56,774	-	-	56,774
Unclassified		46,756	-	66,034	112,790
Investment earnings		163,502	198,438	126,137	488,077
Total revenues		28,608,462	862,789	2,896,941	32,368,192
Expenditures:					
Current:					
General government		1,644,785	-	-	1,644,785
Public safety		2,763,843	-	23,138	2,786,981
Public works		2,244,017	-	-	2,244,017
Community services		795,775	-	289,344	1,085,119
Community development		-	-	1,609,144	1,609,144
Education		17,355,332	-	-	17,355,332
Insurance and fringe benefits		1,681,263	-	-	1,681,263
County tax		1,056,633	-	-	1,056,633
Unclassified		582,360	-	18,740	601,100
Capital outlay		-	1,793,390	198,668	1,992,058
Debt service		146,730	-	-	146,730
Total expenditures		28,270,738	1,793,390	2,139,034	32,203,162
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures		337,724	(930,601)	757,907	165,030
Other financing sources (uses):					
Transfers from other funds		610,900	1,325,034	-	1,935,934
Transfers to other funds		(1,122,400)	(177,165)	(636,369)	(1,935,934)
Total other financing sources (uses)		(511,500)	1,147,869	(636,369)	-
Net change in fund balances		(173,776)	217,268	121,538	165,030
Fund balances, beginning of year		6,905,820	9,583,584	4,591,358	21,080,762
Fund balances, end of year	**$**	**6,732,044**	**9,800,852**	**4,712,896**	**21,245,792**

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Statement 5

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

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds (from Statement 4)	$	165,030
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities (Statement 2) are different because:		
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlays exceeded depreciation.		165,886
Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds.		(158,359)
Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.		37,712
Bond proceeds provide current financial resources to governmental funds, but issuing debt increases long-term liabilities in the statement of net position. Repayment of bond principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net position. This is the amount of repayments.		560,000
The Town has bonds that were originally issued for School purposes. These amounts will be funded by Regional School Unit #5 when the debt service payments are due. The Town has recorded a long-term receivable for the amount that will be paid by the School Unit for these bonds. The amount of the receivable at year end was $1,575,795 with principal amounts paid off during the year totaling $431,932.		(431,932)
Change in net position of governmental activities (see Statement 2)	**$**	**338,337**

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Statement 6

TOWN OF FREEPORT, MAINE
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
Budget and Actual - All Budgeted Governmental Fund Types
General Fund
For the year ended June 30, 2018

		Budgeted amounts			Variance with Final Budget Positive
		Original	Final	Actual	(Negative)
Revenues:					
Taxes	$	25,165,260	25,165,260	26,189,030	1,023,770
Licenses, permits and fees		247,900	247,900	347,946	100,046
Intergovernmental		1,178,500	1,178,500	1,526,921	348,421
Charges for services		193,500	193,500	277,533	84,033
Fees and fines		100,000	100,000	56,774	(43,226)
Unclassified		25,900	25,900	46,756	20,856
Investment earnings		21,000	21,000	143,750	122,750
Total revenues		26,932,060	26,932,060	28,588,710	1,656,650
Expenditures:					
Current:					
General government		1,714,618	1,714,618	1,644,785	69,833
Public safety		2,612,110	2,612,110	2,763,843	(151,733)
Public works		2,223,521	2,223,521	2,244,017	(20,496)
Community services		887,806	887,806	795,775	92,031
Education		17,355,392	17,355,392	17,355,332	60
Insurance and fringe benefits		1,901,700	1,901,700	1,681,263	220,437
County tax		1,056,633	1,056,633	1,056,633	-
Unclassified		244,450	244,450	581,035	(336,585)
Debt service		146,730	146,730	146,730	-
Total expenditures		28,142,960	28,142,960	28,269,413	(126,453)
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures		(1,210,900)	(1,210,900)	319,297	1,530,197
Other financing sources (uses):					
Use of unassigned fund balance		600,000	600,000	-	(600,000)
Transfers from other funds		610,900	610,900	610,900	-
Transfers to other funds		-	-	(1,122,400)	(1,122,400)
Total other financing sources (uses)		1,210,900	1,210,900	(511,500)	(1,722,400)
Net change in fund balance - budgetary basis		-	-	(192,203)	(192,203)
Fund balance, beginning of year - budgetary basis				6,380,868	
Fund balance, end of year - budgetary basis				6,188,665	
Reconciliation to GAAP basis:					
Committed reserve funds fund balance				543,379	
Fund balance, end of year - GAAP basis	**$**			**6,732,044**	

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Exhibit A-1

TOWN OF FREEPORT, MAINE
Comparative Balance Sheets - General Fund - Budgetary Basis
June 30, 2018 and 2017

		2018	2017
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	$	12,938,472	12,258,531
Investments		406,526	331,836
Accounts receivable		8,860	14,319
Due from other governments		52,508	48,589
Taxes receivable		476,722	423,333
Tax liens		107,471	112,431
Inventory		13,132	8,584
Receivable - RSU #5 debt service payments		1,575,795	2,007,727
Total assets	**$**	**15,579,486**	**15,205,350**
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable		572,687	115,824
Accrued wages and benefits		66,301	64,188
Interfund loans payable		6,122,148	5,548,246
Development escrows		150,546	209,442
Other unearned revenues		165,263	-
Total liabilities		7,076,945	5,937,700
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Unavailable revenue - property taxes		194,702	354,103
Unavailable revenue - RSU #5 debt service payments		1,575,795	2,007,727
Total deferred inflows of resources		1,770,497	2,361,830
FUND BALANCE			
Nonspendable		13,132	8,584
Committed - Stabilization Fund		1,000,000	1,000,000
Committed - other		446,659	430,754
Committed - reserves		543,379	524,952
Assigned		600,000	710,900
Unassigned		4,128,874	4,230,630
Total fund balance		6,732,044	6,905,820
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balances	**$**	**15,579,486**	**15,205,350**

Exhibit A-2

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

	2018			
	Budget	Actual	Variance positive (negative)	2017 Actual
Revenues:				
Taxes:				
Property taxes	$ 23,623,960	24,205,590	581,630	23,216,353
Excise taxes and registration fees	1,491,300	1,959,247	467,947	1,897,096
Interest and lien costs	50,000	24,193	(25,807)	69,048
Total taxes	25,165,260	26,189,030	1,023,770	25,182,497
Licenses, permits, and fees:				
Building, plumbing and electrical permits	100,000	175,027	75,027	131,696
Town clerk licenses and fees	28,800	42,055	13,255	41,133
Moorings and other harbor fees	70,000	82,607	12,607	79,568
Solid waste permits	1,600	1,650	50	1,650
Shellfish licenses	12,500	10,902	(1,598)	12,611
Alarm permits	35,000	35,705	705	32,950
Total licenses, permits, and fees	247,900	347,946	100,046	299,608
Intergovernmental:				
State tree growth reimbursement	65,000	71,234	6,234	71,106
State general assistance	15,000	33,814	18,814	24,027
State revenue sharing	340,000	367,137	27,137	327,296
State homestead exemption reimbursement	140,000	264,308	124,308	210,316
State BETE reimbursement	425,000	587,396	162,396	635,870
State road assistance	129,000	132,704	3,704	130,692
Public safety contributions	43,500	46,414	2,914	44,267
Other intergovernmental	21,000	23,914	2,914	30,182
Total intergovernmental	1,178,500	1,526,921	348,421	1,473,756
Charges for services:				
Planning	11,500	25,671	14,171	20,514
Transfer station and recycling	135,000	191,093	56,093	163,553
Parking lot	37,500	37,500	-	37,500
Vehicle maintenance	2,000	2,976	976	2,556
Engineering	4,000	15,593	11,593	9,000
Hunter Road Fields	3,500	4,700	1,200	5,000
Total charges for services	193,500	277,533	84,033	238,123
Fees and fines:				
Police parking and other fines	85,000	37,624	(47,376)	54,624
Library fines and fees	11,000	13,605	2,605	11,906
Alarm and other fire fees	4,000	5,545	1,545	5,341
Total fees and fines	100,000	56,774	(43,226)	71,871

Exhibit A-2, cont.

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

	2018			
	Budget	Actual	Variance positive (negative)	2017 Actual
Revenues, continued:				
Unclassified	$ 25,900	46,756	20,856	161,407
Investment earnings	21,000	143,750	122,750	45,727
Total revenues	26,932,060	28,588,710	1,656,650	27,472,989
Expenditures:				
Current:				
General government:				
Town council	128,400	126,649	1,751	128,629
Town manager	114,300	114,754	(454)	111,076
Finance and treasury	411,055	402,516	8,539	373,031
Assessing	173,460	161,081	12,379	162,408
Code enforcement	83,350	80,164	3,186	103,721
Town clerk and elections	124,445	115,807	8,638	109,677
General administration	146,940	142,328	4,612	124,051
Municipal buildings	372,160	356,977	15,183	331,334
Planning	160,508	144,509	15,999	139,840
Total general government	1,714,618	1,644,785	69,833	1,583,767
Public Safety:				
Police department	1,166,420	1,181,478	(15,058)	1,157,293
Special enforcement	58,220	58,160	60	72,560
Fire department	582,500	730,829	(148,329)	681,438
Rescue	389,520	394,632	(5,112)	375,563
Reception	197,450	187,319	10,131	186,550
Hydrant rental	160,000	163,319	(3,319)	153,365
Street lights	58,000	48,106	9,894	46,307
Total public safety	2,612,110	2,763,843	(151,733)	2,673,076
Public Works:				
General road operations	819,830	818,372	1,458	771,942
Summer roads	576,000	553,167	22,833	587,192
Winter roads	169,000	168,624	376	157,843
Tree program	11,500	17,916	(6,416)	10,639
Solid waste	405,500	456,881	(51,381)	420,558
Engineering	123,700	115,969	7,731	109,411
Hunter Road Fields Maintenance	117,991	113,088	4,903	110,257
Total public works	2,223,521	2,244,017	(20,496)	2,167,842

Exhibit A-2, cont.

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

	2018			
	Budget	Actual	Variance positive (negative)	2017 Actual
Expenditures, continued:				
Current, continued:				
Community services:				
Human services agencies	$ 39,800	39,800	-	36,651
General assistance	104,740	103,252	1,488	94,926
Public library	454,330	407,322	47,008	405,437
Cable TV	84,590	67,195	17,395	70,434
Promotions	7,200	5,206	1,994	7,344
Coastal waters	75,615	64,160	11,455	58,616
Shellfish commission	6,000	1,289	4,711	694
Amtrak station operations	101,981	98,018	3,963	67,107
Other	13,550	9,533	4,017	1,257
Total community services	887,806	795,775	92,031	742,466
Education	17,355,392	17,355,332	60	16,610,407
Insurance and fringe benefits:				
Employee benefits	1,799,700	1,583,981	215,719	1,517,287
Insurances	102,000	97,282	4,718	97,890
Total insurance and fringe benefits	1,901,700	1,681,263	220,437	1,615,177
County tax	1,056,633	1,056,633	-	991,074
Unclassified:				
Bustin's Island Corporation	195,900	192,582	3,318	188,069
Miscellaneous and contingency	23,550	17,960	5,590	11,441
Abatements	25,000	370,493	(345,493)	12,401
Total unclassified	244,450	581,035	(336,585)	211,911
Debt service	146,730	146,730	-	171,443
Total expenditures	28,142,960	28,269,413	(126,453)	26,767,163
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	(1,210,900)	319,297	1,530,197	705,826

Exhibit A-2, cont.

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

		2018			
		Budget	Actual	Variance positive (negative)	2017 Actual
Other financing sources (uses):					
Budgeted utilization of surplus	$	600,000	-	(600,000)	-
Transfers in		610,900	610,900	-	540,000
Transfers out		-	(1,122,400)	(1,122,400)	(1,236,029)
Total other financing sources (uses)		1,210,900	(511,500)	(1,722,400)	(696,029)
Net change in fund balance - budgetary basis		-	(192,203)	(192,203)	9,797
Fund balance, beginning of year - budgetary basis			6,380,868		6,371,071
Fund balance, end of year - budgetary basis			6,188,665		6,380,868
Reconciliation of fund balance to GAAP basis:					
Committed reserve funds fund balance			543,379		524,952
Fund balance, end of year - GAAP basis	**$**		**6,732,044**		**6,905,820**

Exhibit C-2

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

		Tax Increment Financing Funds								
	Winslow Park	TIF II Desert Road Phase II	TIF IV Destination	TIF V Hotel	TIF VI Housing	Bartol Building Lease Fund	Tower Lease Fund	Other Town Grants & Programs	Leon Gorman Park	Totals 2018
Revenues:										
Property taxes	$ -	1,263,723	299,000	79,226	13,170	-	-	-	-	1,655,119
Charges for services	283,087	-	-	-	-	367,753	258,696	123,265	-	1,032,801
Gifts and donations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	66,034	-	66,034
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16,850	-	16,850
Investment income	7,849	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,997	12,846
Total revenues	290,936	1,263,723	299,000	79,226	13,170	367,753	258,696	206,149	4,997	2,783,650
Expenditures:										
Current:										
Community services	224,365	-	-	-	-	-	-	48,856	1,488	274,709
Community development	-	1,131,773	384,975	79,226	13,170	-	-	-	-	1,609,144
Public Safety	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	23,138	-	23,138
Unclassified	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12,665	-	12,665
Capital	162,428	-	36,240	-	-	-	-	-	-	198,668
Total expenditures	386,793	1,131,773	421,215	79,226	13,170	-	-	84,659	1,488	2,118,324
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	(95,857)	131,950	(122,215)	-	-	367,753	258,696	121,490	3,509	665,326
Other financing uses:										
Transfer to other funds	-	-	-	-	-	(350,000)	(200,000)	(86,369)	-	(636,369)
Total other financing uses	-	-	-	-	-	(350,000)	(200,000)	(86,369)	-	(636,369)
Net change in fund balances	(95,857)	131,950	(122,215)	-	-	17,753	58,696	35,121	3,509	28,957
Fund balances (deficits), beginning of year	601,851	(75,562)	499,734	-	-	523,842	545,537	895,419	132,689	3,123,510
Fund balances, end of year	**$ 505,994**	**56,388**	**377,519**	**-**	**-**	**541,595**	**604,233**	**930,540**	**136,198**	**3,152,467**

Exhibit C-3

TOWN OF FREEPORT, MAINE
Other Town Grants and Programs
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
For the year ended June 30, 2018

	Fund Balance (deficit) June 30, 2017	Revenues: Inter-governmental	Revenues: Gifts and donations	Revenues: Charges for services	Expenditures	Revenues over (under) expenditures	Other sources and (uses)	Fund Balance June 30, 2018
Town Grants and Programs:								
Road Impact Fees	$ 241,004	-	-	96,192	-	96,192	(106,100)	231,096
Stormwater Connection Fees	50,320	-	-	1,678	-	1,678	-	51,998
Sandy Beach Stairs/SHIP Grant	(1,809)	-	-	-	-	-	24,531	22,722
Maine Arts Commission	1,907	-	-	-	-	-	115	2,022
Project Canopy Grant	8,657	-	-	-	-	-	-	8,657
CDBG-Elders Bus	2,139	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,139
Regional Efficiency grant	1,249	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,249
CDBG-Weatherization	6,954	15,885	-	-	15,885	-	-	6,954
CDBG-Habitat for Humanity	455	-	-	-	-	-	-	455
Police Speed Enforcement/Seat Belt	34,165	-	-	-	22,391	(22,391)	-	11,774
Village Open Spaces	17,257	-	-	-	-	-	(4,800)	12,457
FEMA	61,085	-	-	-	-	-	-	61,085
Shellfish Water Testing	24,077	-	-	1,643	-	1,643	-	25,720
Fuel Assistance Fund-Freeport	7,946	-	10,033	-	7,489	2,544	-	10,490
Fuel Assistance Fund-Yarmouth	1,929	-	8,100	-	7,665	435	-	2,364
Freeport Housing Trust Rental Assistance Grant	7,599	-	214	-	1,988	(1,774)	-	5,825
Fire and Rescue Annual Appeal Donations	46,772	-	10,093	-	747	9,346	-	56,118
Library Donations	52,658	-	11,790	-	-	11,790	-	64,448
Fire Department Burn Building Donations	2,628	-	678	-	-	678	-	3,306
Police Donations	3,141	-	100	-	-	100	-	3,241
Rescue Donations	578	-	-	-	-	-	-	578
Library Book Donations	17,261	-	13,483	-	15,829	(2,346)	-	14,915
Public Works Donations	3,941	-	1,392	-	2,128	(736)	-	3,205
Dollars for Scholars	1,779	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,779
Soule School Lease	164,352	-	-	15,837	-	15,837	-	180,189
Dunning Boat Yard Lease	101,517	-	-	7,915	-	7,915	-	109,432
Other	35,858	965	10,151	-	10,537	579	(115)	36,322
Total Town Grants and Programs	**895,419**	**16,850**	**66,034**	**123,265**	**84,659**	**121,490**	**(86,369)**	**930,540**

Exhibit D-1

TOWN OF FREEPORT, MAINE
Capital Project Funds
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - Individual Funds
For the year ended June 30, 2018

	Fund Balance (deficit) June 30, 2017	Revenues: Charges for Services	Revenues: Interest	Expenditures	Transfers in (out)	Fund Balance (deficit) June 30, 2018
Police Department Capital Project Funds:						
Communication upgrade	$ 123,027	-	-	38,714	-	84,313
Bullet proof vests & protective equipment	28,623	-	-	24,038	-	4,585
Building enhancements	108	-	-	-	-	108
In-Car cameras	38,457	-	-	37,755	-	702
Vehicle replacement	70,000	-	-	68,652	48,000	49,348
Total police department	260,215	-	-	169,159	48,000	139,056
Fire Department Capital Project Funds:						
Protective clothing	8,104	-	-	-	-	8,104
Engine five	10,059	-	-	3,597	-	6,462
Engine three	31,750	-	-	14,390	-	17,360
EMP Portable Digital Signs	-	-	-	-	15,000	15,000
Communication upgrade	57,558	-	-	-	-	57,558
Service vehicle	-	-	-	-	52,000	52,000
Thermal imaging cameras	17,500	-	-	-	-	17,500
Total fire department	124,971	-	-	17,987	67,000	173,984
Rescue Department Capital Project Funds:						
Ambulance replacement	36,386	-	-	-	-	36,386
Communication upgrade	106,387	-	-	-	23,613	130,000
Rescue equipment	6,519	-	-	-	(3,613)	2,906
Total rescue department	149,292	-	-	-	20,000	169,292
Public Works Capital Project Funds:						
Grader repair	2,579	-	-	-	-	2,579
Dump truck replacement, sander & plow	17,089	-	-	951	-	16,138
Wood chipper refurbishment	2,006	-	-	-	-	2,006
Loader	-	-	-	-	165,000	165,000
Sidewalk plow-shared with TIF	667	-	-	-	75,000	75,667
Fuel depot	1,792	-	-	1,792	-	-
Pick-up truck replacement	19,438	-	-	1,867	-	17,571
One ton truck replacement	5,082	-	-	3,879	-	1,203
Backhoe	115,000	25,000	-	118,219	-	21,781
Total public works	163,653	25,000	-	126,708	240,000	301,945
Recycling Capital Project Funds:						
Landfill closing	165,450	-	-	-	-	165,450
Single sort recycling	37,691	-	-	36,635	-	1,056
Other	72,779	-	-	-	15,000	87,779
Total recycling capital projects	275,920	-	-	36,635	15,000	254,285

Exhibit D-1, cont.

TOWN OF FREEPORT, MAINE
Capital Project Funds
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - Individual Funds
For the year ended June 30, 2018

	Fund Balance (deficit) June 30, 2017	Revenues: Charges for Services	Revenues: Interest	Expenditures	Transfers in (out)	Fund Balance (deficit) June 30, 2018
Comprehensive Town Improvement Funds:						
Curtis Road reconstruction	$ 500,000	-	-	359,486	(558)	139,956
Litchfield Road reconstruction	156,348	-	-	-	-	156,348
South Freeport Village project	273,673	-	-	246,892	-	26,781
Wardtown Road reconstruction and shoulders	(558)	-	-	-	558	-
Baker Road reconstruction	-	-	-	-	350,000	350,000
Lower Main Street paving overlay	-	-	-	85,180	200,000	114,820
Main St. paving and drainage match	28,494	-	-	-	-	28,494
Flying Point Road-2011 reconstruction	23,044	-	-	-	-	23,044
US Route 1 South (PACTS)	339,500	-	-	146,191	-	193,309
Concord Gully Brook watershed restoration	25,000	-	-	5,236	75,000	94,764
South Street project	140,743	12,268	-	-	-	153,011
Desert Road match	19,393	-	-	-	-	19,393
Burnett Road bridge	11,048	-	-	-	-	11,048
US Route 1 North (PACTS)	134,991	-	-	-	-	134,991
South Freeport Road (PACTS)	258,804	147,311	-	367,691	-	38,424
Prout Road culvert	9,316	-	-	-	-	9,316
West Street-Depot Street to South Street reconstruction	8,838	-	-	-	-	8,838
Desert Road business park	235,000	-	-	-	-	235,000
Freeport fields and trails project	65,948	-	-	411	-	65,537
Culvert replacement	41,273	-	-	40,650	-	623
Other	6,552	-	-	-	-	6,552
Total comprehensive town improvement	2,277,407	159,579	-	1,251,737	625,000	1,810,249
Municipal Buildings and Other Improvement Funds:						
Computer system upgrade/connectivity town-wide	109,196	-	-	34,345	85,000	159,851
Dunning boat yard	31,445	-	-	-	-	31,445
Cable TV	146,392	-	-	67,665	4,000	82,727
Valuation update	50,450	-	-	-	5,000	55,450
Building winterization	67,390	-	-	-	75,000	142,390
Public safety renovation (sallyport, flooring, etc.)	6,013	-	-	4,894	-	1,119
Town hall exterior	40,000	-	-	-	20,000	60,000
Public works roofing projects	76,684	-	-	-	90,000	166,684
LED lighting conversion	133,861	-	-	-	-	133,861
Copier replacement	18,073	-	-	11,246	-	6,827
Library building exterior	20,000	-	-	-	-	20,000
Vehicle replacement	12,772	-	-	7,774	-	4,998
Other	243,342	-	-	31,507	55,500	267,335
Total municipal buildings and other	955,618	-	-	157,431	334,500	1,132,687
Boards and Committees Improvement Funds:						
Recreation fund	5,131	-	-	-	(5,131)	-
Harbor fund	24,531	-	-	-	(24,531)	-
Citizens Survey & performance measures	1,288	-	-	-	(1,288)	-
Historic society archiving	1,387	-	-	-	-	1,387
Florida Lake bridge replacement	1,955	5,743	-	12,780	-	(5,082)
Quiet zone Study	5,108	-	-	-	1,624	6,732
Hedgehog Mountain bridge replacement	1,000	-	-	-	-	1,000
Withdrawal committee	7,827	-	-	-	-	7,827
Other	(3,916)	-	-	-	4,860	944
Total boards and committees	44,311	5,743	-	12,780	(24,466)	12,808
Capital Reserves - See Exhibit E for Details	5,332,197	474,029	198,438	20,953	(177,165)	5,806,546
Total capital project funds	**9,583,584**	**664,351**	**198,438**	**1,793,390**	**1,147,869**	**9,800,852**

Exhibit E

TOWN OF FREEPORT, MAINE
Reserve Funds
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - Individual Funds
For the year ended June 30, 2018

		Fund Balance June 30, 2017	Revenues: Charges for Services	Revenues: Interest	Revenues: Expenditures	Transfers in (out)	Fund Balance June 30, 2018
Capital Project Reserves							
Administration - general	$	229,774	-	8,645	480	(100,500)	137,439
Boards and commissions		37,900	-	1,426	79	65	39,312
Building maintenance		586,380	-	22,063	1,225	(180,000)	427,218
Cable TV equipment		445,505	160,221	16,763	930	(104,000)	517,559
Energy savings		29,988	-	1,090	61	-	31,017
Fire equipment		604,718	-	23,657	1,323	205,270	832,322
Hedgehog mountain		20,111	-	757	42	-	20,826
Land purchase		142,929	-	1,564	-	-	144,493
Land trust		23,359	-	879	49	-	24,189
Municipal parking lot		407,913	21,886	15,348	10,852	-	434,295
Police equipment		420,561	-	15,824	878	(23,000)	412,507
Public infrastructure		553,239	-	22,295	1,253	275,000	849,281
Public works equipment		903,235	-	33,985	1,886	(15,000)	920,334
Recycling equipment		157,937	-	5,942	330	(15,000)	148,549
Rescue equipment		768,648	291,922	28,200	1,565	(220,000)	867,205
Total capital project reserves		5,332,197	474,029	198,438	20,953	(177,165)	5,806,546
General Fund Reserves							
Unemployment compensation fund		425,711	-	16,018	1,118	-	440,611
Other		99,241	-	3,734	207	-	102,768
Total general fund reserves		524,952	-	19,752	1,325	-	543,379
Total Reserve Funds	**$**	**5,857,149**	**474,029**	**218,190**	**22,278**	**(177,165)**	**6,349,925**

Exhibit F-2

TOWN OF FREEPORT, MAINE
Permanent Funds
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - Individual Funds
For the year ended June 30, 2018

		Principal			Unexpended Income				
			Revenues						
		Fund Balance June 30, 2017	Unrealized/ Realized Gains (Losses)	Fund Balance June 30, 2018	Fund Balance (deficit) June 30, 2017	Interest Income	Expenditures	Fund Balance (deficit) June 30, 2018	Total June 30, 2018
Cemetery Care:									
Perpetual Care:									
850 Burr	$	158,904	5,376	164,280	(17,719)	2,650	3,021	(18,090)	146,190
851 Grove		61,669	2,111	63,780	(6,190)	1,041	1,081	(6,230)	57,550
852 Webster		17,001	592	17,593	(1,440)	292	303	(1,451)	16,142
853 Woodlawn		24,702	802	25,504	(3,624)	396	411	(3,639)	21,865
854 South Freeport		56,922	7,237	64,159	(4,726)	979	1,017	(4,764)	59,395
855 Flying Point		9,021	302	9,323	(1,096)	148	154	(1,102)	8,221
856 Town maintained		2,878	123	3,001	366	61	7	420	3,421
802 Davis Mausoleum		1,057	66	1,123	665	32	34	663	1,786
803 Carrie Thomas		631	30	661	151	15	15	151	812
804 A.O. Woodard		12,843	585	13,428	2,592	289	32	2,849	16,277
Total Cemetery Funds		345,628	17,224	362,852	(31,021)	5,903	6,075	(31,193)	331,659
Library Funds:									
710 Albert Conley		41,560	3,397	44,957	15,193	1,029	119	16,103	61,060
711 Paul and Emma Bennett		20,628	1,156	21,784	(1,315)	350	40	(1,005)	20,779
712 Eleanor Brewer		8,908	639	9,547	1,765	193	22	1,936	11,483
713 Bartol Association		47,859	2,779	50,638	(1,427)	842	97	(682)	49,956
714 Grace Ritchie		3,334	178	3,512	(360)	54	6	(312)	3,200
757 Jane Hall		164,003	9,877	173,880	(976)	2,970	3,806	(1,812)	172,068
Total Library Funds		286,292	18,026	304,318	12,880	5,438	4,090	14,228	318,546
School Scholarship Funds:									
720 Fitts Award		3,310	208	3,518	170	63	7	226	3,744
721 Salomon Plummer		11,150	646	11,796	(355)	196	23	(182)	11,614
722 Wallace True		6,690	437	7,127	611	132	15	728	7,855
723 Millard and Enid Crooker		33,017	2,025	35,042	727	612	511	828	35,870
724 Alice Pollock		14,206	914	15,120	1,071	277	32	1,316	16,436
725 Auldis Foster		2,523	168	2,691	279	51	6	324	3,015
726 Kenneth Thompson		10,123	655	10,778	781	198	23	956	11,734
742 Christine Small Cushing		205,858	13,344	219,202	16,812	4,037	2,267	18,582	237,784
Total School Scholarship Funds		286,877	18,397	305,274	20,096	5,566	2,884	22,778	328,052
Benevolent Funds:									
740 George Davis		14,624	975	15,599	1,663	295	34	1,924	17,523
741 Arthur L. Gould		505,538	31,842	537,380	25,271	9,625	7,627	27,269	564,649
Total Benevolent Funds		520,162	32,817	552,979	26,934	9,920	7,661	29,193	582,172
Total	**$**	**1,438,959**	**86,464**	**1,525,423**	**28,889**	**26,827**	**20,710**	**35,006**	**1,560,429**

Freeport Community Library
10 Library Drive (off Main Street)
Monday, Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Thursday: 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Friday: 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday: 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. (Labor Day to Memorial Day)
(No Saturday hours on a holiday weekend)

Freeport Recycling Facility
Hedgehog Mountain Road (off Pownal Road)
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Town Hall
30 Main Street
Monday - Thursday: 7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Friday: Closed

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