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ANNUAL REPORT
of the
MUNICIPAL OFFICERS
of the TOWN of
ROQUE BLUFFS
for the
YEAR 1946-1947

Parlin Printing Co.,—Machias

AUG 29 1947

**LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL
TOWN OF ROQUE BLUFFS, MAINE
Year Ending February 28, 1946**

Machias, Maine, June 18, 1946

To the Citizens of Roque Bluffs:

You will find attached, report of audit of Town's accounts for the year ending February 28, 1946.

The Ledger has been written up and accounts closed in accordance with the report.

The Treasurer's account discloses a difference of \$1.19, due evidently to the confusion attending change of treasurers in mid-year, by reason of the illness of Mr. Watts.

It is recommended that the check book stub record of the treasurer be kept complete as deposits are made and checks drawn.

Reconciliation of Bank Statement and check book balance should be made monthly on form furnished by bank on the back of the statement.

The Assessors' record is well kept and adequately describes property on which tax is laid.

The Collector is to be congratulated on her work for the year, all taxes having been collected.

Yours truly,

EARL C. LUCE, Auditor.

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS 1946-1947

Selectmen and Overseers of Poor

JOHN B. PRESTON

WALTER R. MORSE

WYMAN A. JOHNSON, Jr.

Assessors

JOSEPH J. RICHARD

WYMAN A. JOHNSON, Jr.

GEORGE A. RICHARDS

Treasurer

EVA Q. RICHARD

Town Clerk

FRANK R. WELCH

Tax Collector

EVA Q. RICHARD

School Committee

HARLAN P. JOHNSON

CARL W. SMITH

ERNEST MORSE

TOWN OF ROQUE BLUFFS, ME., 1946-47**VALUATION OF ASSESSMENT**

Real Estate, Resident	\$20,038.00	
Real Estate, Non-Resident	24,320.00	
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		\$44,358.00
Personal Estate, Resident	\$ 3,273.00	
Personal Estate, Non-Resident	493.00	
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		\$ 3,766.00
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Total Valuation		\$48,124.00
Rate of Taxation	.0692	
Assessed Property	\$3,330.49	
Assessed on Polls	93.00	
Polls not Taxed 2		
Supplemental Tax	3.00	
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		\$3,426.49

REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR

Debits

Total Appropriations	\$3,423.49	
Supplemental Tax	3.00	
	<hr/>	\$3,426.49
Plus Excise Tax		74.00
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		\$3,500.49

Credits

Cash to Treasurer, Town Tax	\$3,409.88	
Unpaid Town Tax	3.46	
Abatements	13.15	
Excise Tax	74.00	
	<hr/>	\$3,500.49

Abatements

Veterans World War II, Two Poll Taxes	\$ 6.00	
Earl Foss, Poll Tax	3.00	
Delia Andrews	4.15	
		\$ 13.15

Uncollected Tax

Robert G. Watts	\$ 3.46
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EVA Q. RICHARD, Tax Collector

REPORT OF TREASURER**Receipts for Year**

Cash Balance Mar. 1, 1946, per		
1946 Audit	\$	878.87
E. T. & B. Co., loan		300.00
E. T. & B. Co., int. on School Fund		.79
State, snow removal		320.25
State, Bank Stock		3.90
State, Equalization Fund		579.00
State, School Fund		836.42
Eva Q. Richard, Coll., 1946		
Town Tax		3,409.88
Eva Q. Richard, Coll., 1946		
Excise Tax		74.00
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		\$6,403.11
Warrants Paid	\$	5,857.43
Balance March 1, 1947		545.68
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		\$6,403.11

EVA Q. RICHARD, Treasurer

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

Assets March 1, 1946

Cash	\$ 880.06	
State Snow Account	320.25	
School Fund	52.65	
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Total		\$1,252.96

Liabilities March 1, 1946

School Balance	\$ 228.61	
School Fund	52.65	
State Aid Road	300.00	
3rd Class Maintenance	43.68	
Cutting Bushes	63.68	
State Snow Removal	320.25	
Public Health	10.00	
Surplus	234.09	
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		\$1,252.96

Assets March 1, 1947

Cash	\$ 545.88	
State Snow	320.25	
School Fund	52.65	
1946 Taxes	3.46	
		\$ 922.24

Liabilities March 1, 1947

School Fund	\$ 52.65	
State Aid Road	300.00	
3rd Class Maintenance	35.28	
State Snow Removal	320.25	
Surplus	214.06	
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		\$ 922.24

OFFICERS SALARIES

Appropriation	\$300.00
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Expenditures

Superintendent's Salary	\$ 65.52
Harlan P. Johnson, Moderator	3.00
Wyman A. Johnson, Jr., Assessor	15.00
George A. Richards, Assessor	15.00
William B. Watts, Ballot Clerk	4.00
Joseph J. Richard, Assessor	25.00
John B. Preston, Election Official	4.00
Walter R. Morse, Selectman	5.00
Mrs. Thomas Preston, Ballot Clerk	2.00
Wyman A. Johnson, Jr., Selectman	5.00
John B. Preston, Selectman	25.00
Frank R. Welch, Town Clerk	10.00
Eva Q. Richard, Tax Collector	52.25
Eva Q. Richard, Treasurer	64.03

\$294.80

Unexpended

\$ 5.20

CONTINGENT ACCOUNT**Receipts**

Appropriation	\$125.00
Overlay on Taxes	10.95
Bank Stock	3.90

\$139.85

Expenditures

E. T. & B. Co., charge on check ac.	\$ 8.42
E. T. & B. Co., int. on note	7.00
Loring Short & Harmon, books	5.75
E. C. Luce, auditing	25.00

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Parlin Ptg. Co., town reports	37.50
Parlin Ptg. Co., collector's bills	4.00
Emily G. Bradbury, bond	20.00
Eva Q. Richard, postage	6.76

Total	\$114.43
Unexpended	\$ 25.42

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING

Appropriation	\$10.00
Expended	\$10.00

ROADS AND BRIDGES

Appropriation	\$150.00
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Expenditures

Treasurer of State	\$ 3.50
Freeman W. Preston	45.15
Eldred Bryant	7.70
Horace Preston	2.64
L. S. Crane	11.40
Ernest Morse	14.52
Walter Morse	14.52
Kenneth B. Smith	14.52
Wyman Johnson, Jr.,	15.52
William B. Watts	11.24
H. Blaine Davis	101.17
John Preston	12.00

Total	\$253.88
Overdraft	\$103.88

PATROL STATE AID ROAD

Appropriation	\$250.00
Expended	\$250.00

PATROL UNIMPROVED ROAD

Appropriation		\$ 60.00
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Expenditures

Freeman Preston	\$ 52.20	
Horace Preston	5.28	
Frank Welch	1.80	

Total		\$ 59.28
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Unexpended		\$.72
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STATE AID CONSTRUCTION

Balance March 1, 1946		\$300.00
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Unexpended		\$300.00
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SNOW REMOVAL

Appropriation	\$350.00	
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State, Snow Removal	320.25	
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Total		\$670.25
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Expenditures

Carroll Look	\$384.30	
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Due Carroll Look	256.20	
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Freeman Preston, sanding	3.00	
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Ernest Morse, sanding	1.50	
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Total		\$645.00
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Unexpended		\$ 25.25
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THIRD CLASS MAINTENANCE

Appropriation	\$ 38.00	
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Balance March 1, 1946	43.68	
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		\$ 81.68
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Expenditures

State Grader	\$ 2.50	
Freeman Preston	29.30	
Eldred Bryant	7.40	
George Richards	6.00	
Frank Welch	1.20	
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Total		\$ 46.40
Unexpended		\$ 35.28

CUTTING BUSHES—TOWN ROAD

Appropriation	\$ 63.68
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Expenditures

Ernest Morse	\$ 29.04	
Horace Preston	29.04	
George Richards	11.28	
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Total		\$ 69.36
Overdraft		\$ 5.64

TOWN POOR

No Appropriation
No Expenditures

TEMPORARY LOANS

Receipts

Eastern Trust and Banking Co.	\$300.00
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Expenditures

Eastern Trust and Banking Co.	\$300.00
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ABATEMENTS

No Appropriation Abatements	\$13.15
Overdraft	\$13.15

STATE TAX

Appropriation	\$349.80
Expenditures	\$349.80

COUNTY TAX

Appropriation	\$216.98
Expenditures	\$216.98

EXCISE TAX

From Collector	\$ 74.00
Deducted from Appropriation	57.00
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Surplus	\$ 17.00

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Due State Snow Removal	\$320.25
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SCHOOLS

Receipts

Balance March 1, 1946	\$ 228.61	
Appropriation	1,400.00	
State School Fund	836.42	
Equalization Fund	579.00	
Int. on School Fund	.79	
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Total		\$3,044.82

Expenditures

Teacher	\$ 992.52	
Janitors	71.20	
Conveyance	1,035.00	
Fuel	80.50	
Tuition	490.00	
Office	22.41	
Books	61.38	
Supplies	40.90	
Withholding Tax	115.00	
Old Pension	52.75	
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Total		\$2,962.16
Unexpended		\$ 82.66

REPAIRS

Appropriation	\$225.00
Expended	\$176.84
Unexpended	\$ 48.16

ANNUAL REPORT FOR ROQUE BLUFFS**January 1 to December 31, 1946****BUREAU OF HEALTH NURSING SERVICE**

The Public Health Nursing Service in Roque Bluffs has been greatly curtailed due to the shortage of nursing personnel. Realizing that certain phases of the nurse's work should be considered as emergencies, an effort has been made to visit each reported case of Venereal Disease and Tuberculosis.

The Crippled Children and Pediatric Clinics have been made available to the children in this community throughout the year.

Schools have been visited and consultation and advisory service has been available to teachers and parents on request.

Whenever health problems have been called to the attention of the District Health Office, an effort has been made to help with their solution.

In February a Public Health Nurse will again be available in your town. She will carry on a complete Public Health Nursing program. Public support and understanding are necessary for an adequate Public Health Service. During the coming year it is hoped interest may be stimulated in forming a local Health Council which will be closely affiliated with the health program.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY C. HAYES,

Bureau of Health

Public Health Nurse

Annual Report

of the

Public Schools

of

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for the

FISCAL YEAR ENDING MARCH 1947



Superintending School Committee

Harlan Johnson,	Term expires March 1947
Carl Smith,	Term expires March 1948
Ernest Morse,	Term expires March 1949

Ernest Morse—Attendance Officer

LeRoy W. Moan—Superintendent and Secretary

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the Superintending School Committee:

I submit, herewith, my annual report of your public schools.

For the fall term our teacher was Mr. Homer Scott. Although Mr. Scott did not know our teaching methods, he did have a very rich background from which to draw, and our children did learn many fine things from him. Just before Christmas he had to leave us and we were able to get Mrs. Mary Bowles to finish the year. Under Mrs. Bowles' direction the school has been progressing very rapidly.

A new oil heater has been purchased which has proven very satisfactory. New storm windows have been ordered. These should help immensely to keep the building warm.

Conveyance has been very satisfactory this year. Following the vote of the Special Town Meeting concerning conveyance, we were able to get Mrs. Bowles to convey the two children from across the Beach. Next year this trip will be included with our regular conveyance route.

The teaching profession, as a whole, is still in a very critical condition. Teachers are few in number. The larger and richer communities are drawing them away from us chiefly because they can pay larger salaries.

At the time of this writing, it is expected that the Legislature will pass a \$1,500.00 minimum salary law. If this is so, each town will receive \$150.00 more per teacher from the State, and the Town will have to make up the difference. This fact has been taken into consideration in planning the budget for 1947-1948.

ENROLLMENT

Sub-1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Tl.	
	4	4	4	1		4	3	3	2	25

Tuition students at M. H. S.	3
Tuition students at W. A.	1
Tuition students in Senior Class	1

BDUGET 1947-1948

Estimated Expenditures

Teacher	\$1,500.00	
Janitor	150.00	
Conveyance	1,260.00	
Fuel	75.00	
Tuition	600.00	
Office	25.00	
Books	30.00	
Supplies	30.00	
Overdraft	28.75	
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Total		\$3,698.75

Estimated Resources

State School Fund	\$1,000.00	
Equalization Fund	627.00	
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Total		\$1,627.00
Necessary to appropriate for Schools		\$2,100.00
Necessary to appropriate for Repairs		\$ 150.00

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Resources

Unexpended balance	\$ 228.61	
State School Fund	836.42	
Equalization Fund	579.00	
Int. on Res. Land	.79	
Appropriation	1,400.00	
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Total		\$3,044.82

Expenditures

Teacher	\$ 992.52	
Janitors	71.20	
Conveyance	1,035.00	
Fuel	80.50	
Tuition	490.00	
Office	22.41	
Books	61.38	
Supplies	40.90	
Withholding Tax	115.50	
Old Pension	52.75	
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Total		\$2,962.16
Unexpended Balance		\$ 82.66

REPAIRS

Appropriation	\$225.00	
Expended	176.84	
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Unexpended balance		\$ 48.16

In conclusion, I wish to thank the School Committee and Citizens for their fine cooperation throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,
 LeROY W. MOAN
 Superintendent of Schools

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

STATE OF MAINE

To Harlan P. Johnson, a Constable of the Town of Roque Bluffs, in the County of Washington and State of Maine,

GREETING:

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Roque Bluffs aforesaid, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the School House in the said town of Roque Bluffs, on the thirty-first day of March A. D. 1947, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, there and then to act upon the following articles, to wit:

- Article 1. To choose a moderator to preside over said meeting.
- Article 2. To choose a town clerk for the ensuing year.
- Article 3. To see if the town will vote to accept the report of the selectmen and other officers as printed.
- Article 4. To choose three selectmen.
- Article 5. To choose three assessors.
- Article 6. To choose one or more overseers of the poor.
- Article 7. To choose a town treasurer for the ensuing year.
- Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to accept the resignation of Ernest Morse from the School Board.

- Article 9. To choose one member of the Superintending School Committee to replace Ernest Morse if resignation is accepted.
- Article 10. To choose one member of the superintending school committee for three years.
- Article 11. To see if the town will vote to elect a road commissioner, and, if so, to elect the same and fix his compensation.
- Article 12. To fix the amount to be paid for the collection of taxes.
- Article 13. To choose a tax collector.
- Article 14. To choose all other necessary officers for the ensuing year.
- Article 15. To see what sum the town will raise for maintenance of improved state road under the provisions of Section 18, of Chapter 28 of the Revised Statutes of Maine, 1930.
- Article 16. To see if the town will raise and appropriate \$10.00 for public health nursing in Roque Bluffs. Said sum to be expended by the State Bureau of Health, for local service.
- Article 17. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to contract for removal of snow from State and Town ways approved by the State Highway Commission for snow removal. The contract not to exceed \$70.00 per mile.
- Article 18. To see what sums of money the town will vote to raise for the following purposes: Contingent Fund; Highways and Bridges; Poor; Snow Removal and Sanding;

Schools; Repairs on School Buildings; and all and any other town charges for the year ensuing.

Article 19. To see what sum the town will raise and appropriate for State Aid road construction (in addition to the amounts regularly raised for the care of ways, highways and bridges) under the provisions of Section 19, Chapter 28, Revised Statutes of Maine, 1930, or under the provisions of Section 3, Chapter 229, Public Laws of Maine, 1937.

Article 20. To see if the town will vote to raise a sum of money, to be not less than Thirty-eight Dollars, for the maintenance of improved Third Class Roads.

Article 21. To see if the town will vote to borrow not exceeding Eleven Hundred Dollars upon the faith and credit of the town, during the municipal year 1947 and 1948, in anticipation of and to be paid from the amount to be collected from taxes of said municipal year. And if the town votes so to borrow, to authorize and direct the treasurer to execute and deliver the negotiable interest bearing promissory note or notes of the town for the sum or sums so borrowed.

Article 22. To see whether or not the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00) to be paid to the State of Maine Publicity Bureau to be expended and used for advertising the natural resources, advantages and attractions of the State of Maine in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 80, Section 95, of the Revised Statutes of Maine.

- Article 23. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for advertising our natural resources, advantages and attractions under the provisions of Chapter 5 Section 82 of the Revised Statutes; said money to be expended under the direction of the Washington County Chamber of Commerce.
- Article 24. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen on behalf of the town to sell and dispose of any real estate acquired by the town for non-payment of taxes thereon, on such terms as they deem advisable, and to execute and deliver quitclaim deeds for such property.
- Article 25. To see what compensation the town will vote to the Fire Warden for his services.
- Article 26. To see what compensation the town will vote the Moderator for his services.
- Article 27. To transact any other business that may properly and legally come before said meeting.

The Selectmen hereby give notice that they will be in session at the School House at 8:30 A. M. on the day of said meeting, for the purpose of revising and correcting the list of voters.

Given under our hands this twenty-fourth day of March, A. D. 1947.

JOHN B. PRESTON
WALTER R. MORSE
WYMAN A. JOHNSON, Jr.
Selectmen of Roque Bluffs

A true copy, attest:

Constable of Roque Bluffs.

