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ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

of the TOWN of

ROQUE BLUFFS, MAINE

for the

YEAR 1948-1949

Parlin Printing Co.,—Machias

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AUDITOR'S REPORT

SAWYER & SAWYER
Accountants and Auditors
Milbridge, Maine

November 18, 1948

Board of Selectmen
Roque Bluffs, Maine
Gentlemen:

In accordance with Chapter 16, Section 3, Revised Statutes of 1944, and at your request, we have audited the records of the Town of Roque Bluffs for the period March 1, 1947 to March 1, 1948.

The examination was made in accordance with generally accepted standards applicable in the circumstances and included all procedures which were considered necessary. Insofar as could be ascertained within the scope of the examination the financial transactions of the Town appear to have been appropriately handled.

Exhibits and Schedules included in this report impartially present the financial position of the Town and the result of its operations for the period designated.

Comments and other data incorporated in the report may prove of interest to you, all of which is respectfully submitted.

Very truly yours,

SAWYER AND SAWYER
By A. F. Sawyer
Accountants and Auditors

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS 1948-49

Selectmen and Overseers of Poor

HARLAN P. JOHNSON WYMAN A. JOHNSON, Jr.
PURCELL L. JOHNSON

Assessors

MARGARET E. JOHNSON
WYMAN A. JOHNSON, Jr.
HARLAN P. JOHNSON

Treasurer

PHYLLIS M. PRESTON

Town Clerk

FRANK WELCH

Tax Collector

JULIA JOHNSON

School Committee

ERNEST MORSE HARLAN P. JOHNSON
CARL SMITH

*Annual Town Report***VALUATION AND ASSESSMENT**

| | | |
|-------------------------------|------|-------------|
| Real Estate, Resident | | \$29,965.00 |
| Real Estate, Non-Resident | | 25,823.00 |
| | | <hr/> |
| Total | | \$55,788.00 |
| Personal Estate, Resident | | \$ 3,491.00 |
| Personal Estate, Non-Resident | | 825.00 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$ 4,316.00 |
| | | <hr/> |
| Total Valuation | | \$60,104.00 |
| Rate of Taxation | .086 | |
| Assessment on Property | | \$5,301.90 |
| Assessment on Polls | | 96.00 |
| Supplementary Tax | | 6.00 |
| Polls not taxed | 4 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| Total | | \$5,403.90 |
| Estimated Excise Tax | | 74.00 |
| | | <hr/> |
| Total | | \$5,329.90 |

REPORT OF COLLECTOR

| | | |
|-----------------------|------------|------------|
| Total Appropriation | \$5,397.90 | |
| Supplemental Poll Tax | 6.00 | |
| Surplus Excise Tax | 227.62 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| Total | | \$5,631.32 |

Credits

| | | |
|--------------------------|------------|------------|
| Cash to Treas., Town Tax | \$3,367.12 | |
| Abatements | 104.32 | |
| Excise Tax to Treasurer | 301.62 | |
| Unpaid Taxes | 2,013.14 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| Total | | \$5,786.20 |

Unpaid Taxes

| | |
|-----------------------|----------|
| Irving Foss and Heirs | \$ 36.98 |
| Walter Morse | 48.59 |
| Ernest Morse | 34.40 |
| John Preston | 131.15 |
| Burleigh Preston | .86 |
| Thomas Preston | 136.31 |
| Leon Sinford | 147.06 |
| D. L. Sinford | 232.20 |
| Lewis Schoppee | 16.70 |
| Carl Smith | 160.29 |
| Amanda Wallace | 44.46 |
| Carl White | .86 |
| Ronald Thaxter | 42.57 |
| Charles Watts | 173.12 |
| Howard Watts | 89.00 |
| Robert Watts | 124.27 |
| Ralph Watts | 110.57 |

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|-----------------|--------|
| Frank Welch | 300.57 |
| N. C. Johnson | 43.86 |
| Harvey Schoppee | 8.60 |
| Scott Watts | 130.72 |

Total

\$2,013.14

ABATEMENTS

| | |
|-------------------------|----------|
| W. N. Morris and others | \$ 29.67 |
| Sam Holway | 43.00 |
| Bertha Watts | .35 |
| Ronald Thaxter | 3.00 |
| Woodrow Preston | 3.00 |
| Delia Houghton | .27 |
| Carl Smith | 8.09 |
| Chas. Watts | 16.94 |

\$ 104.32

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REPORT OF TREASURER

Receipts for the Year

| | |
|---|------------|
| Bank balance, March 1, 1948 | \$ 224.67 |
| E. T. & B. Co., loan | 1,300.00 |
| Julia Johnson, undeposit. '47 poll tax | 3.00 |
| Julia Johnson, undep. '47 excise tax | 5.00 |
| Julia Johnson, 1947 town tax | 38.50 |
| Julia Johnson, supplemental poll tax | 3.00 |
| Julia Johnson, 1948 town tax | 3,322.62 |
| Julia Johnson, 1948 excise tax | 271.62 |
| Julia Johnson, 1948 excise tax de- posited Feb. 28 | 25.00 |
| State, snow removal | 476.75 |
| Fire Reimbursement Money | 233.69 |
| Bank Stock tax | 4.87 |
| Equalization Fund | 554.00 |
| State School fund | 1,007.99 |
| Int. on School Fund | .79 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total | \$7,471.50 |
| Total Warrants paid | \$6,815.47 |
| | <hr/> |
| Bank balance | \$ 656.03 |

Reconciliation of Treasurer's Cash Balance

| | |
|--|------------|
| Balance per bank statement Feb. 25, 1949 | \$1,993.02 |
| Deposited Feb. 28 | 25.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total | \$2,018.02 |
| Outstanding Checks | \$1,361.99 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total | \$ 656.03 |

*Annual Town Report***COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET****Assets March 1, 1948**

| | | |
|----------------------------|-----------|------------|
| Bank balance March 1, 1948 | \$ 225.43 | |
| Cash not deposited | 8.00 | |
| 1947 Taxes | 38.50 | |
| School Fund | 52.65 | |
| State, snow removal | 320.25 | |
| State, sanding | 156.50 | |
| School balance | 120.19 | |
| State, fire account | 233.69 | |
| | | \$1,155.21 |

Liabilities March 1, 1948

| | | |
|----------------------|-----------|-------------|
| School balance | \$ 120.19 | |
| School fund | 52.65 | |
| State, snow removal | 256.20 | |
| E. T. & B. Co., note | 400.00 | |
| Surplus | 326.17 | |
| | | \$ 1,155.21 |

Assets March 1, 1949

| | | |
|----------------------------|-----------|------------|
| Bank balance March 1, 1949 | \$ 656.03 | |
| 1948 Taxes | 1,991.90 | |
| School Fund | 52.65 | |
| School balances | 305.70 | |
| State, snow removal | 289.42 | |
| | | \$3,295.70 |

Liabilities March 1, 1949

| | | |
|---------------------------------|------------|--|
| Temporary Loans, E. T. & B. Co. | \$1,300.00 | |
| School Fund | 52.65 | |
| State, snow removal | 300.30 | |

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|----------------------------------|----------|------------|
| School balances | 305.70 | |
| Accounts payable: | | |
| Harlan P. Johnson | 5.00 | |
| School bills, books and supplies | 63.33 | |
| Highway patrol | 250.00 | |
| Surplus | 1,018.72 | |
| | <hr/> | \$3,295.70 |

Undetermined Liabilities

| | | |
|------------|------------|------------|
| Fire Bills | \$1,388.33 | |
| Pumper | 500.00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$1,888.33 |

OFFICERS' SALARIES

| | |
|---------------|-----------|
| Appropriation | \$ 350.00 |
|---------------|-----------|

Expenditures

| | | |
|-------------------------------|----------|-----------|
| Harlan Johnson, selectman | \$ 25.00 | |
| Wyman Johnson, Jr., selectman | 5.00 | |
| Purcell Johnson, selectman | 5.00 | |
| Wyman Johnson, Jr., assessor | 15.00 | |
| Margaret Johnson, assessor | 25.00 | |
| Harlan Johnson, assessor | 15.00 | |
| Harlan Johnson, moderator | 3.00 | |
| Phyllis Preston, treasurer | 74.46 | |
| Julia Johnson, collector | 54.90 | |
| Frank Welch, town clerk | 10.00 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| Total | | \$ 232.36 |
| | | <hr/> |
| Unexpended | | \$ 55.88 |

CONTINGENT ACCOUNT

| | | |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Appropriation | \$ 125.00 | |
| Bank stock tax | 4.87 | |
| Overlay on taxes | 435.21 | |
| Surplus excise tax | 69.00 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| Total | | \$ 634.08 |

Expenditures

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------|-----------|
| E. T. & B. Co., charge on check ac. | \$ 6.98 | |
| Marks Printing House | 1.25 | |
| Loring, Short and Harmon | 7.80 | |
| Ernest Morse, supplies | 2.25 | |
| Dunbar & Vose | 5.00 | |
| Machias Valley News-Observer | 48.50 | |
| Machias Valley News-Observer | 7.00 | |
| Colin J. Campbell, legal expense | 10.00 | |
| Emily G. Bradbury, surety bonds | 25.00 | |
| Julia Johnson, postage | 4.00 | |
| Sawyer & Sawyer, audit | 45.00 | |
| Harlan Johnson, posting warrants | 2.00 | |
| Mrs. Thomas Preston, elections | 6.00 | |
| William Watts, elections | 6.00 | |
| Expense to Bangor, Donald Watts | 20.00 | |
| Exp. to Bangor, Norman Johnson | 7.00 | |
| Dr. Karl V. Larson | 11.00 | |
| Dr. Oscar F. Larson | 8.00 | |
| Harlan P. Johnson | 2.00 | |
| Harlan P. Johnson | 5.00 | |
| Wyman Johnson, Jr. | 5.00 | |
| Ernest Morse | 3.00 | |
| Phyllis Preston | .60 | |
| Julia Johnson | .50 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| Total | | \$ 238.88 |
| Unexpended | | \$ 395.20 |

THIRD CLASS MAINTENANCE

| | | |
|------------------------|---------------------|-----------|
| Appropriation | | \$ 100.00 |
| | Expenditures | |
| Truck, Elwin Kenton | \$ 4.13 | |
| Labor, Kenneth Smith | 5.25 | |
| Labor, Norman Johnson | 5.25 | |
| Truck, Norman Johnson | 5.25 | |
| Labor, Bernard Johnson | 4.13 | |
| Labor, Elwin Kenton | 4.13 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| Total | | \$ 28.14 |
| Unexpended | | \$ 71.86 |

SNOW REMOVAL

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|-----------|
| Appropriation | | \$ 350.00 |
| | Expenditures | |
| Carroll Look | \$ 100.10 | |
| Freeman Preston | 77.68 | |
| Freeman Preston, Jr. | 46.74 | |
| Horace Preston, Jr. | 31.16 | |
| Horace Preston | 6.56 | |
| Adrian Preston | 6.56 | |
| Freeman Preston, Truck | 9.75 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | | \$ 278.55 |
| To Accts. Payable, due on plowing | | 300.30 |
| | | <hr/> |
| Total | | \$ 578.85 |
| Overdraft | | \$ 228.85 |

TOWN ROADS

| | | |
|----------------|---------------------|-----------|
| Appropriation | | \$ 150.00 |
| | Expenditures | |
| Ronald Thaxter | \$ 4.13 | |

| | | |
|----------------------|--------|-----------|
| Elwin Kenton | 8.26 | |
| Eldred Bryant | 13.35 | |
| Carroll Look | 18.75 | |
| Neil Wilson | 11.25 | |
| Freeman Preston | 37.20 | |
| Freeman Preston, Jr. | 18.00 | |
| State Highway grader | 5.50 | |
| N. E. Culvert Co. | 129.30 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| Total | | \$ 245.74 |
| Overdraft | | \$ 95.74 |

PATROL STATE AID ROAD

| | | |
|-------------------|--|-----------|
| Appropriation | | \$ 250.00 |
| To Accts. Payable | | \$ 250.00 |

STATE AID ROAD CONSTRUCTION

| | | |
|---------------|--|-----------|
| Appropriation | | \$ 450.00 |
|---------------|--|-----------|

Expenditures

| | | |
|---------------------|-----------|-----------|
| State Highway Dept. | \$ 450.00 | |
| Norman P. Johnson | 5.00 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| Total | | \$ 455.00 |
| Overdraft | | \$ 5.00 |

TOWN POOR

| | | |
|---------------|--|----------|
| Appropriation | | \$ 50.00 |
| Unexpended | | \$ 50.00 |

TEMPORARY LOANS

| | | |
|----------------------------|--|------------|
| Receipts—E. Trust & B. Co. | | \$1,300.00 |
| Due—E. Trust & B. Co. | | \$1,300.00 |

FIRE LOAN FROM 1947

| | |
|------------------------|-----------|
| E. T. & B. Co. | \$ 400.00 |
| Paid to E. T. & B. Co. | \$ 400.00 |

ABATEMENTS

| | |
|--------------------------------|-----------|
| No Appropriation Abatements | \$ 104.32 |
|--------------------------------|-----------|

STATE TAX

| | |
|--------------------|-----------|
| Appropriation | \$ 377.31 |
| Treasurer of State | \$ 377.31 |

COUNTY TAX

| | |
|------------------|-----------|
| Appropriation | \$ 234.00 |
| County Treasurer | \$ 234.00 |

EXCISE TAX

| | |
|------------------------------|-----------|
| From Collector | \$ 227.62 |
| Deducted from Appropriations | \$ 74.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$ 153.62 |

PUBLIC HEALTH AND NURSING

| | |
|-----------------|----------|
| Appropriation | \$ 10.00 |
| State Treasurer | \$ 10.00 |

FIRE ACCOUNT

| | |
|---------------|-----------|
| Appropriation | \$ 300.00 |
| Unexpended | \$ 300.00 |

SCHOOLS

Receipts

| | |
|----------------------------|-----------|
| Unexpended balance 1947-48 | \$ 120.19 |
| State School Fund | 1,377.64 |

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|-------------------------|----------|------------|
| Equalization Fund | 554.00 | |
| Interest on School Fund | .79 | |
| Appropriation | 2,350.00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$4,402.62 |

Expenditures

| | | |
|-----------------------|------------|------------|
| Teacher | \$1,515.30 | |
| Janitors and Cleaning | 208.20 | |
| Conveyance | 1,595.00 | |
| Fuel | 84.72 | |
| Tuition | 520.00 | |
| Books | 117.35 | |
| Supplies | 49.22 | |
| Office | 14.70 | |
| Withholding Tax | 21.30 | |
| Teacher's Pension | 77.00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$4,202.79 |
| Unexpended balance | | \$ 199.83 |

SCHOOL REPAIRS

| | |
|----------------|-----------|
| Appropriation | \$ 100.00 |
| Expenditures | \$ 197.12 |
| | <hr/> |
| Overdraft | \$ 97.12 |
| 1947 Overdraft | 38.76 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$ 135.88 |

Annual Report

of the

Public Schools

of

Roque Bluffs

for the

FISCAL YEAR ENDING MARCH, 1949

Superintending School Committee

Ernest Morse

Term expires 1949

Harlan Johnson

Term expires 1950

Carl Smith

Term expires 1951

Harlan Johnson—Attendance Officer

LeRoy W. Moan—Superintendent and Secretary

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BUDGET 1949-1950

Estimated Expenditures

| | | |
|----------------------|------------|------------|
| Teacher | \$1,650.00 | |
| Janitor and Cleaning | 200.00 | |
| Conveyance | 1,620.00 | |
| Fuel | 125.00 | |
| Tuition, 8 Pupils | 1,200.00 | |
| Office | 25.00 | |
| Books | 60.00 | |
| Supplies | 70.00 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| Total | | \$4,950.00 |

Estimated Resources

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| State School Fund | \$1,375.00 | |
| Equalization Fund | 745.00 | |
| Unexpended balance, 1948-49 | 200.00 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| Total | | \$2,320.00 |
| Necessary to appropriate for Schools | | \$2,650.00 |
| Necessary to appropriate for Repairs | | \$ 50.00 |

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Resources

| | | |
|----------------------------|-----------|------------|
| Unexpended balance 1947-48 | \$ 120.19 | |
| State School Fund | 1,377.64 | |
| Equalization Fund | 554.00 | |
| Interest on Res. Land | .79 | |
| Appropriation | 2,350.00 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| Total | | \$4,402.62 |

Expenditures

| | |
|-----------------------|------------|
| Teacher | \$1,515.30 |
| Janitors and Cleaning | 208.20 |

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| | |
|--------------------|------------|
| Conveyance | 1,595.00 |
| Fuel | 84.72 |
| Tuition | 520.00 |
| Books | 117.35 |
| Supplies | 49.21 |
| Office | 14.70 |
| Income Tax | 21.90 |
| Pension | 77.00 |
| <hr/> | |
| Total | \$4,203.38 |
| Unexpended balance | \$ 199.24 |

REPAIRS

| | |
|---------------|-----------|
| Appropriation | \$ 100.00 |
| Expended | \$ 197.12 |
| | <hr/> |
| Overdraft | \$ 97.12 |

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

Respectfully submitted,

LeROY W. MOAN

Supt. of Schools

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

STATE OF MAINE

To John B. Preston, 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 twenty-eighth day of March A. D. 1949, 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 choose one member of the superintending school committee for three years.

- Article 9. To see if the town will vote to elect a road commissioner, and, if so, to elect the same and fix his compensation.
- Article 10. To fix the amount to be paid for the collection of taxes.
- Article 11. To choose a tax collector.
- Article 12. To choose all other necessary officers for the ensuing year.
- Article 13. 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 14. 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 15. To see what sums of money the town will vote to raise for the following purposes: Contingent Fund; Highways and Bridges; Poor; Fire Bills; Snow Removal and Sanding; Schools; Repairs on School Buildings; and all and any other town charges for the year ensuing.
- Article 16. 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 Sections 25 and 29, Chap. 20, R.S. 1944, as amended.

- Article 17. To see if the town will vote to raise a sum of money for the maintenance of improved Third Class Roads.
- Article 18. To see if the town will vote to borrow not exceeding Sixteen Hundred Dollars upon the faith and credit of the town, during the municipal year 1949 and 1950, 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 19. 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 20. 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 quit-claim deeds for such property.
- Article 21. To see what compensation the town will vote to the Fire Warden for his services,

Article 22. To see what compensation the town will vote the Moderator for his services.

Article 23. 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 nineteenth day of March, A. D. 1949.

HARLAN P. JOHNSON

WYMAN A. JOHNSON, Jr.

PURCELL L. JOHNSON

Selectmen of Roque Bluffs

A true copy, attest:

Constable of Roque Bluffs

