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In Memory

Ruth Elizabeth Hennessey
1919-2017

Ruth Elizabeth Hennessey, after 97 years of love, laughter, hard work, generosity and faith journeyed to the Spirit World on January 15, 2017. She died of old age at her home in West Bath. Born in Bath, she lived most of her life at the Brown's saltwater farm in West Bath.

Dedicated to her family, Ruth also participated in community life as a member of the West Bath Grange, the West Bath PTA, The Choral Arts Society, and the Democratic Party. She volunteered at the soup kitchens in Brunswick and Bath. She was a member of the Bath United Church of Christ serving on the Good Samaritan team, in the church choir, and participating in the Shawl Knitting Life Circle.

In summer, Ruth lived by the tide. No matter how pressed with work at home and away, she always made time to take the kids swimming. She herself swam in Mill Cove daily until she was 95. As an elder, she spent hours in the swing under the maple tree, reading, and when her eyesight failed, praying. In winter, she sledded and skated with her children, and in turn, with her grandchildren. She enjoyed shoveling the snow off the deck until her 96th year.

Ruth was an extraordinary woman who lived an ordinary life. West Bath is a lesser place for her absence, but lucky to have called her one of our own.
Annual Report
for the Town of West Bath
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Budget Town Meeting
West Bath School, 126 New Meadows Road
Tuesday, May 30, 2017 at 6:00pm
and Wednesday, May 31, 2017 if necessary
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WEST BATH TOWN OFFICE STAFF AND INFORMATION

West Bath Town Office Hours
Monday 8:30am to 5pm
Tuesday-Friday 8:30am to 4pm
Office Phone: 207-443-4342
Office Fax: 207-443-3256

During inclement weather, please call to make sure the Town Office is open. Delays and cancellations are announced on WCSH (NBC) and WMTW (ABC)

Town Administrator
Adam Garland (Ext 15)
townadministrator@westbath.org

Tax Collector/Treasurer
Julie House (Ext 13)
taxcollector@westbath.org

Assessing Agent
Ronald Beal (Ext 10)
Tuesday & Thursday 9am-5pm
assessor@westbath.org

Codes Enforcement Officer
Ellis Reed (Ext 16)
Weds 1-5pm & Thurs 3-5pm
codes@westbath.org

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor
Peter Oceretko, Chair (443-5572) Term Expires November 2019
Paula Nelson (443-3631) Term Expires November 2017
Madelyn Hennessey (522-6357) Term Expires November 2018

Visit the West Bath website www.westbath.org or stop by the Town Office at 219 Fosters Point Road for information regarding each official, their duties, and upcoming meetings.

West Bath Municipal Holidays
Fiscal Year End Audit (Close at noon) Friday, June 30, 2017
Office Closed Monday, July 3, 2017
Independence Day Tuesday, July 4, 2017
Labor Day Monday, September 4, 2017
Columbus Day Monday, October 9, 2017
Veterans Day Friday, November 10, 2017
Office Closed at Noon Wednesday, November 22, 2017
Thanksgiving Thursday, November 23, 2017
Office Closed Friday, November 24, 2017
Christmas Monday, December 25, 2017
New Year’s Day Monday, January 1, 2018
Martin Luther King Day Monday, January 15, 2018
Presidents Day Monday, February 18, 2018
Patriots Day Monday, April 16, 2018
Memorial Day Monday, May 28, 2018
TOWN OF WEST BATH BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Board of Appeals
Justin Hennessey, Chair · Walter Frank, Vice Chair
Debra Bruce · Ashleigh Randall, Alternate

Board of Assessment Review
Juanita Wilson-Hennessey, Chair · Robert Morris
Richard Totten · Lisa Atkins & Chester Garrison, Alternates

Board of Selectmen
Peter Oceretko, Chair · Madelyn Hennessey · Paula Nelson
Board of Selectmen meetings are held at the West Bath Town Hall at 5:30 pm on the second and fourth Monday of every month. Meetings are scheduled around holidays and special events. Additional meetings are scheduled as needed. To discuss an agenda item, please contact the Town Administrator.

Budget Advisory Committee
David Hennessey, Chair · Darlene Estabrook
Jeffery Emmerson · Justin Hennessey · Donna Merry

Economic Development Corporation
Ronald Beal · Paul Coombs · David Hennessey
Leslie Kalisz · Steven Kalisz · Robert Weir

Marine Resources Board
Warren Swanson, Chair · Paul Mateosian, Secretary
Tim Davis · Dale McNelly · Dave Morin, Alternate
Marine Resources Board meetings are held at the West Bath Town Hall on the last Wednesday of each month, at 7:00 pm during daylight savings time and at 6:00 pm the rest of the year.

Planning Board
Richard Davis, Chair · James Williams, Vice Chair · Wayne Renshaw
Kathy Travis · Jeremie Whorff · Scott Andresen & Jay Paris, Alternates
Planning Board meetings are held at the West Bath Town Hall at 6:30 pm on the second Tuesday of the month. Other meetings held as needed. To discuss an agenda item, contact the Codes Enforcement Officer.

Recycling Committee
Elizabeth Woodworth · Roberta Jordan

West Bath School Board of Directors
Keith Hinds, Chair · Dennis Crews, Vice Chair
Bob McDaniel · Ashleigh Randall · Jordi St.John
The West Bath School Board of Directors meetings are held at 6:30 pm on the first Wednesday of every month at the West Bath Elementary School, 126 New Meadows Road, West Bath.

Winnegance River Herring Commission
David Hennessey, Chair · Jonathan Davis

Other town sponsored board and committees meet in less formal schedules.
Please check the town website www.westbath.org for a full calendar of events
or contact the Town Office at 443-4342.
IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Police, Fire, Ambulance (Emergency Only) .......................................................... 9-1-1
Bath Middle School .................................................................................. 443-8270
Bath Superior Court ............................................................................... 443-9734
BMV (Topsham) ................................................................................. 725-6520
Department of Human Services ............................................................. 287-3707
Maine Dept of Transportation ................................................................. 885-7000
Maine District Court in West Bath .......................................................... 442-0200
Morse High School ............................................................................. 443-8250
Red Tide Hotline ................................................................................ 1-800-232-4733
RSU 1 Superintendent ....................................................................... 443-6601
Sagadahoc County Registry of Deeds .................................................. 443-8214
Sagadahoc Sheriff’s Dept (non-emergency) ............................................. 443-8201

WEST BATH CONTACTS & APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Animal Control Officer ....................................................................... Todd Stead, 319-4715
Assessor/911 Addressing .................................................................. Ron Beal, 443-4342
Codes Enforcement Officer ................................................................. Ellis Reed, 443-4342
Fire Chief/EMA Director .................................................................. Jonathan Beane, 449-2699
Harbor Master .................................................................................... Joseph Vaillancourt, 443-6362
Health Officer ..................................................................................... Jodie Lenardson, 450-4711
Road Commissioner .......................................................................... Steve Renaud, 442-0581
Shellfish Warden ............................................................................... Doug Alexander, 443-3114/504-1523
West Bath Cemetery Association ..................................................... Ron Beal, 442-8598
West Bath Fire Dept (Non-Emergency) ............................................. 443-1500
West Bath Fire Hall (Rental) .............................................................. Lisa Moore, 751-3489
West Bath Grange Hall ....................................................................... Craig Johnson, 443-1266
West Bath Historical Society .............................................................. 389-4498
West Bath School Superintendent ................................................... Emily Thompson, 443-9145
West Bath Transfer Station ................................................................. 443-3217
A Citizen's Guide to Town Meeting

WHAT HAPPENS AT TOWN MEETING?
Town Meeting serves many of the same functions as the Legislature in Augusta and the Congress in Washington, passing laws and adopting budgets. But Town Meeting is more than just the “legislature”; it is also the “electorate”, electing the Selectmen and other town officials. In fact, under state law, the only act required at the annual town meeting is the election of officials.

Unlike Legislature and Congress, Town Meeting is not a representative body. It’s just what it says it is: a meeting in which participation is the right and responsibility of every voter. Some say Town Meeting is the purest form of democracy because citizens, not representatives, participate directly in the making of laws and the raising and spending of their taxes.

WHY SHOULD I PARTICIPATE IN TOWN MEETING?
Perhaps the most colorful answer to this question appeared in the Biddeford Journal Tribune in 1994: “If you ask why town meetings are so poorly attended, people will tell you they go if there’s something exciting on the warrant. They’ve been watching too much television. When it comes to doing your civic duty (the key to accountability in self-government) there’s no room for channel surfing. On town meeting day, town meeting is the only show in town.

HOW CAN I PREPARE FOR TOWN MEETING?
Most towns publish the warrant in their annual report. Get a copy before the meeting and read it. If you have questions, you may wish to ask them of the Town Administrator or a Selectmen before the meeting. Some of the answers may be found in that section of the annual report that indicates in detail the various spending accounts and how much was spent in the previous year; compare it with what is being requested this year. Also check as to how much money is in the so-called surplus or undesignated funds account.

WILL I SEEM SILLY IF I ASK QUESTIONS?
NO. Most articles in the warrant are less than brief and are written to comply with legal requirements. Which is to say, many articles are not self-explanatory. If you want or need more information before you vote, you have a duty to ask for it. Voting for something you do not understand is worse than not voting at all. Some commonly asked questions are:

- How much did we spend last year on this? Can you explain the difference?
- Can we set up a committee to study this?
- I don’t think the town has enough information.
- Should we establish a reserve account and build for this instead of raising taxes?
- Are we taking too much from surplus? How much will this leave us within surplus?
- Is this ordinance really necessary? What’s really the problem?
- Why is work being done on the “________ Road” this year?

SOME TIPS FOR ASKING QUESTIONS:
- Keep questions short and to the point
- Ask one question at a time – do not interrupt.
- Direct your questions to the Moderator.
TO: Ellis Reed, a Constable of the Town of West Bath, County of Sagadahoc:

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of West Bath, in the said County, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the West Bath School, in said Town, on Tuesday, May 30, 2017 at 6 p.m., then and there to act on the following Articles, set out to wit:

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

[NOTE: All municipal budget articles are recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee unless otherwise noted. All other municipal articles are recommended by the Selectmen unless otherwise noted.]

Art. 2 – 16: The Moderator may entertain a motion to consider and vote on Articles 2-16 as a group, unless a voter requests one or more specific article(s) be set aside for individual consideration, which request shall be honored.

ALEWIVES

Art. 2. To see if the Town will vote to maintain, and exercise if appropriate, its right to take alewives from the New Meadows Lake consistent with the terms and conditions specified at the March 1977 Town Meeting.

Art. 3. To see if the Town will vote to maintain a fishway on Winnegance Lake and to exercise its right to take alewives from Winnegance Lake in accordance with the terms and conditions specified at the June 1988 Town Meeting and an agreement with the City of Bath and the Town of Phippsburg.

MUNICIPAL FISCAL MANAGEMENT

Art. 4. To see if the Town will vote to fix the date of October 16, 2017 as the date when taxes shall become due and payable and to charge a 7% interest rate (as allowed by 36 M.R.S.A. § 505(4), the State maximum rate) on unpaid taxes to start after that date.

Art. 5. To see if the Town will vote to set the rate of interest to be paid by the Town on refunds of taxes that are paid but later abated at 3% (as allowed by 36 M.R.S.A. § 506-A, the State maximum rate less 4%) and to authorize such interest paid or abatements granted to be appropriated from overlay funds or, if necessary, from unassigned fund balance (surplus).
Art. 6. To see if the Town will vote to apply the unassigned fund balance (surplus) in excess of 12% of the total non-capital expenditures for FY 2016-17, and not otherwise appropriated herein, to reduce the tax commitment for the ensuing fiscal year.

Art. 7. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate $50,000 from unassigned fund balance (surplus) to reduce the tax commitment for the FY 2017-18 fiscal year.

Art. 8. To see if the Town, in accordance with 36 M.R.S.A. § 506, will vote to authorize the Tax Collector/Treasurer to accept prepayment of taxes not yet committed and to pay no interest on any excess prepaid over the amount finally committed.

Art. 9. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell and dispose of all tax acquired property held by the Town on such terms as they deem advisable and to execute quitclaim deeds for such property.

Art. 10. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer to waive the foreclosure of tax lien mortgages pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. § 944 upon a finding by the Selectmen that ownership of the property that is subject to the tax lien mortgage would be contrary to the Town’s best interests.

Art. 11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appropriate from unassigned fund balance (surplus) up to $10,000 to meet unanticipated financial obligations.

Art. 12. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to apply for State, federal (including Community Development Block Grants) and other grants on the Town’s behalf for purposes deemed by the Selectmen to be in the best interests of the Town; to accept such grants, including, when necessary, the authority to sign contracts and related documents and to accept conditions of approval; and to appropriate such grant funds for any purpose for which the Town has appropriated funds in FY 2017-18.

Art. 13. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to accept or reject donations of personal property and/or to accept or reject gifts of money to the various accounts of the Town for the ensuing fiscal year and to appropriate those moneys donated for specific purposes.

Art. 14. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to accept conditional or unconditional gifts of real property provided that no single gift will obligate the Town to incur liabilities that total $1,000 or more per year, as determined by the Selectmen.

Art. 15. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to dispose by sealed bid of Town-owned personal property with a value of over $500 and deemed by the Selectmen to be surplus.

Art. 16. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to annually set fees for returned checks; copies of Town ordinances and other documents; permit, license and land use application fees; notary services; and various other fees.
Art. 17. To see if the Town will vote to carry forward the following appropriated but unexpended funds at the end of FY 2016-17, provided that the funds are used for the same purpose as originally appropriated:
   a) General Assistance
   b) Marine Resources/Harbor and Waterway
   c) Boat Excise (for Harbor & Waterways/Marine Resources expenses)
   d) Business/Economic Development – Economic Development Committee
   e) Business/Economic Development – Wing Farm Industrial Park

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Art. 18. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate $342,631 from motor vehicle excise tax revenue for the maintenance of public roads, hot-topping, construction, salt shed utilities, signs, plowing and sanding of Town roads and parking lots, the Road Commissioner’s annual stipend and other public works related projects. (FY 2016-17: $442,780)

Art. 19. To see if the Town will vote to deposit any motor vehicle excise tax revenue not otherwise appropriated elsewhere in this Warrant in the Public Works Roads Capital Improvement Fund and to appropriate the same for road projects; provided, however, that the Selectmen shall conduct a public hearing on the proposed expenditure of any such funds prior to such expenditure.

Art. 20. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate, from revenue generated from the Transfer Station - Rent account as follows: (a) $11,750 to operate the public Drop-Off/Recycling Center (FY 2016-17: $11,750); and (b) $1,200 for use by the Recycling Committee for hazardous waste drop-offs and other special events (FY 2016-17: $1,200).

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Art. 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate $70,071 for Fire Department Operations. (FY 2016-17: $74,655)

Art. 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate $18,400 for the Fire Department Fire Protection Account to be used for the fire fighter reimbursement and incentive program. (FY 2016-17: $18,400)

GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

Art. 23. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for wages and stipends, payroll taxes, worker’s compensation insurance, unemployment payments, and benefits (health insurance for full-time employees and retirement contribution for full-time employees, Assessing Agent and CEO). [Note: The amount excludes the Shellfish Warden’s wages and the Harbor Master and Road Commissioner’s stipends, which are funded by associated revenue accounts.]

SELECTMEN AND BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMEND: $321,453
(FY 2016-17: $312,082)
Art. 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $87,090 for municipal operating expenses, which include, but are not limited to, utilities, advertising, elections, supplies, property/casualty/liability insurance, postage, animal control expenses, grounds and building maintenance, janitorial service, training/seminars, travel, deed fees, and all computer-related network support and support contracts. (FY 2016-17: $92,467)

Art. 25. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate all dog licensing fees and penalties collected during FY 2017-18, with the exception of the recording fee that must be retained by the municipal clerk pursuant to State law, as additional payment to the Animal Control Officer for services rendered to the Town.

Art. 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums for the accounts below:

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<tr>
<th>Account</th>
<th>FY 2017-18</th>
<th>FY 2016-17</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Ambulance</td>
<td>$60,000</td>
<td>$55,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>General Assistance</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Hydrant Rental</td>
<td>27,160</td>
<td>27,160</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Street Lights</td>
<td>2,000</td>
<td>1,400</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cemetery Repairs/Maintenance</td>
<td>2,100</td>
<td>2,100</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Selectmen’s Contingency Fund</td>
<td>5,000</td>
<td>5,000</td>
</tr>
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Art. 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $37,847 for professional services/dues/memberships (MMA, Lincoln County Animal Shelter, town maps, annual report, auditing, Board of Assessment Review, Board of Appeals, legal services and litigation expenses, Planning Board). (FY 2016-17: $43,807)

Art. 28. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to transfer funds from budget accounts that have unexpended balances at the end of FY 2017-18 to budget accounts that have overruns at the end of FY 2017-18, provided that any such transfer is not more than ten percent (10%) of the funds appropriated under the municipal budget and any such transfer is first approved at a properly called public meeting of the Selectmen.

COMMUNITY AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS

Art. 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following as donations to community agencies:

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<tr>
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<th>FY 2017-2018</th>
<th>FY 2016-17</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>a. Bath Senior Citizens</td>
<td>875</td>
<td>875</td>
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<tr>
<td>b. Bath Area Food Bank</td>
<td>1,500</td>
<td>1,500</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>c. Senior Spectrum</td>
<td>1,365</td>
<td>1,365</td>
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<tr>
<td>d. Sweetser/Shoreline Mental Health</td>
<td>2,252</td>
<td>2,252</td>
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<tr>
<td>e. Midcoast Maine Community Action</td>
<td>1,500</td>
<td>730</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>f. New Hope for Women</td>
<td>500</td>
<td>0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Total</td>
<td>$7,992</td>
<td>$6,722</td>
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Art. 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate $32,547 as a payment to the Patten Free Library. (FY 2016-17: $31,909)
WATERWAYS & HARBORS

Art. 31. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate up to $3,853 from the Boat Excise/Mooring Fee/Marine Resources Joint Revenue Account to be used for the Harbor Master’s stipend and reimbursements/expenses. (FY 2016-17: $3,250)

MARINE RESOURCES

Art. 32. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate $17,138 from the Boat Excise/Mooring Fee/Marine Resources Joint Revenue Account for Marine Resource expenses to be used for Shellfish Warden wages and expenses. (FY 2016-17: $14,877)

Art. 33. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate $700 from the dedicated Boat Excise/Mooring Fee/Marine Resources Joint Revenue Account to be used for maintenance, equipment, fuel, and servicing of the Town boat. (FY 2016-17: $800)

LONG TERM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

Art. 34. To see if the Town will vote to raise $19,000 and to transfer $31,000 from unassigned fund balance (which $31,000 represents the remaining proceeds of the Town’s sale of tax acquired property at 16 Whistlers Cove Road), for a total of $50,000, for the Long-Term Capital Improvement Fund Reserve Account in order to restore funds that were previously appropriated for the construction of the new salt/sand shed.

PROPERTY TAX LEVY LIMIT (LD 1)

Art. 35. (Written ballot required by State statute). To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of $550,018 established for the Town of West Bath by State law, but only in the event that the municipal budget approved under the preceding Articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that property tax levy limit.

ORDINANCES

Art. 36. Shall an ordinance entitled “2017 amendments to the Marine Resource Conservation Ordinance” be enacted?
[The proposed ordinance amendments are available for review and inspection at the Town Clerk’s Office and will be available at the Town Meeting.]

Art. 37. Shall an ordinance entitled “2017 Amendments to the Land Use Ordinance Regarding Accessory Residential units” be enacted?
[The proposed ordinance amendments are available for review and inspection at the Town Clerk’s Office and will be available at the Town Meeting.]
**WEST BATH SCHOOL BUDGET**

**Expenditures**

**Art. 38.** To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Board of Directors to expend for Regular Instruction.

   School Board of Directors Recommends: $2,134,134.55

   Explanation: This article covers salaries and benefits for regular education teachers and support personnel, as well as classroom supplies, equipment, books, and repairs for grades K-5. This article also includes the contracted services for pre-kindergarten students and tuition costs for students in grades 6-12.

**Art. 39.** To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Board of Directors to expend for Special Education.

   School Board of Directors Recommends: $647,593.10

   Explanation: This article provides salaries and benefits for special education teachers and support personnel, out of district placement, and professional services.

**Art. 40.** To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Board of Directors to expend for Career and Technical Education.

   School Board of Directors Recommends: $0

   Explanation: Career and Technical Education will be provided through RSU 1 and is included in tuition rates.

**Art. 41.** To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Board of Directors to expend for Other Instruction.

   School Board of Directors Recommends: $4,500.00

   Explanation: This article includes costs to provide students with learning experiences not included under other programs (i.e., co-curricular, extra-curricular activities).

**Art. 42.** To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Board of Directors to expend for Student and Staff Support.

   School Board of Directors Recommends: $195,079.41

   Explanation: This article covers salaries and benefits for Guidance, Health, Technology, Improvement of Instruction, Staff Development, Library, and Student Assessment.
Art. 43. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Board of Directors to expend for System Administration.

School Board of Directors Recommends: $93,613.26

Explanation: This article provides salaries and benefits for the Office of the Superintendent. It also covers expenses for the School Board of Directors, financial software, insurance, advertising, dues and fees, legal fees, and auditing expenses.

Art. 44. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Board of Directors to expend for School Administration.

School Board of Directors Recommends: $200,509.90

Explanation: This article includes salaries and benefits for the Principal and support staff. It includes equipment, supplies, dues and fees, and contracted services.

Art. 45. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Board of Directors to expend for Transportation.

School Board of Directors Recommends: $165,034.75

Explanation: This article covers expenses for transporting students to and from school.

Art. 46. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Board of Directors to expend for Facilities Maintenance.

School Board of Directors Recommends: $208,498.00

Explanation: This article covers expenses for facilities operations and contracted services for the West Bath School and grounds.

Art. 47. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Board of Directors to expend for Debt Service and Other Commitments.

School Board of Directors Recommends: $0

Explanation: There is no current outstanding indebtedness relating to the West Bath School.

Art. 48. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Board of Directors to expend for Other Expenditures, including Food Service.

School Board of Directors Recommends: $35,000

Explanation: This article covers expenses relating to the school lunch program.
**Revenues**

**Art. 49.** To see what sum the Town will appropriate for the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and to see what sum the Town will raise and assess as the municipality’s contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15688.

School Board of Directors Recommends Total Appropriated: $2,111,483.25

School Board of Directors Recommends Total Raised: $1,986,368.53

Explanation: The school administrative unit’s contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act is the amount of money determined by state law to be the minimum amount that the municipality must raise and assess in order to receive the full amount of state dollars.

**Art. 50.** (Written Ballot Required) To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate in additional local funds (the School Board of Directors recommends $1,112,241.98), which exceeds the State’s Essential Programs and Services allocation model by (the School Board of Directors Recommends $1,572,479.72) as required to fund the budget recommended by the School Board.

The School Board of Directors recommends $1,112,241.98 for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State’s Essential Programs and Services funding model by $1,572,479.72:

The additional local funds represent local costs to support the school administrative unit school programs that are not included in the State’s funding model, including costs for transportation and special education services.

Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the school administrative unit’s local contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act that will help to achieve the budget for educational programs.

**Art. 51.** To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Board of Directors to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018 from the school administrative unit’s contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, non-state-funded school construction projects, additional local funds for school purposes under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, Section 15690, undesignated fund balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy and other receipts for the support of schools.

School Board of Directors Recommends: $3,683,962.97
Explanation: This article is a summary article and approves expenditures of the proposed budget of $3,683,962.97. This article authorizes the School Board of Directors to spend the money appropriated in the previous articles, plus other revenues. This article does not raise any additional money. The following estimated revenue sources to be used are:

- Local Contribution $1,986,368.53
- Additional Local Contribution 1,112,241.98
- EPS State Subsidy 125,114.72
- Tuition Credit (from RSU 1) 113,993.40
- Carryover from 16-17 282,214.95
- Carryover from 15-16 Undesignated Funds 64,029.39

Total: $3,683,962.97

Art. 52. In addition to the amount in Article 51, shall the School Board of Directors be authorized to accept and expend any state, federal, and other grants, aid, and receipts during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018, for school purposes, provided that such grants, aid, and receipts do not require the expenditure of other local funds not previously appropriated?

The School Board of Directors Recommends a YES vote.

Art. 53. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the amounts appropriated in Article 48 to the Food Service Fund and to authorize the School Board of Directors to expend those funds from said reserve fund.

The School Board of Directors Recommends a YES vote.

Explanation: The Food Service Fund is an existing reserve fund that is used to support the school nutrition program.

Art. 54. To see if the Town will vote to (1) create a “Special Education Reserve Fund,” (2) transfer up to $70,000 from undesignated fund balances to that reserve fund, and (3) authorize the School Board of Directors to expend up to $70,000 from said fund if necessary.

The School Board of Directors Recommends a YES vote.

Explanation: This reserve fund will be established in order to provide a mechanism for the West Bath School Administrative Unit to manage the budgetary impact of special education students who transfer into the district or students who have a program change during the school year and have not been planned for in the development of the budget.
Art. 55. To see if the Town will vote to (1) create a “School Capital Reserve Fund,” (2) transfer up to $15,000 from undesignated fund balances to that reserve fund, and (3) authorize the School Board of Directors to expend up to $15,000 from said fund if necessary.

The School Board of Directors Recommends a YES vote.

Explanation: This reserve fund will be established in order to fund capital improvement projects, maintenance of plant, facility upgrades and minor remodeling, emergency repairs, and capital equipment purchases.

Art. 56. In the event that the West Bath School Administrative Unit receives more state education subsidy than the amount included in its budget, shall the School Board of Directors be authorized to use all or part of the additional state subsidy to increase expenditures for school purposes in cost center categories approved by the School Board of Directors, increase the allocation of finances in a reserve fund approved by the School Board, and/or decrease the local cost share expectation, as defined in Title 20-A, section 15671-A(1)(B), for local property taxpayers for funding public education as approved by the School Board of Directors?

The School Board of Directors Recommends a YES vote.

Given under our hands at said West Bath, Maine, this 24th day of April, 2017.

Town of West Bath Board of Selectmen

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Peter Oceretko, Chair

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Paula Nelson

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Madelyn Hennessey
Article 36. Shall an ordinance entitled “2017 Amendments to the Marine Resource Conservation Ordinance” be enacted?

[The proposed ordinance amendments are available for review and inspection at the Town Clerk’s Office and will be available at the Town Meeting.]

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2017 AMENDMENTS
TO THE TOWN OF WEST BATH
MARINE RESOURCE CONSERVATION ORDINANCE

Section 10 of the Town of West Bath Marine Resource Conservation Ordinance shall be amended as follows (additions are underlined and deletions are struck out):

Section 10. VIOLATIONS: Any failure to comply with the terms and conditions set forth in this Marine Resource Conservation Ordinance shall be considered in violation of the Ordinance. Specific violations include, but are not limited to:

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E. Harvesting shellfish during the nighttime hours between sunset (as defined in 12 M.R.S.A. § 6001(46)) and sunrise (as defined in 12 M.R.S.A. § 6001 (45)) at night using an artificial light.
Article 37. Shall an ordinance entitled “2017 Amendments to the Land Use Ordinance Regarding Accessory Residential Units” be enacted?

[The proposed ordinance amendments are available for review and inspection at the Town Clerk’s Office and will be available at the Town Meeting.]

2017 AMENDMENTS TO THE TOWN OF WEST BATH LAND USE ORDINANCE REGARDING ACCESSORY RESIDENTIAL UNITS

The Town of West Bath Land Use Ordinance shall be amended as follows (additions are underlined and deletions are struck out):

1. Amend Article I of the Land Use Ordinance, regarding General Provisions, as set forth below:

ARTICLE I

GENERAL PROVISIONS

D. ADMINISTRATIVE BODIES

1. PLANNING BOARD

   d. Powers and Duties

       The Planning Board shall administer the Land Use Ordinance and the Development Review Ordinance:

   ii. For all home occupations, expansions of non-conforming structures, small wind energy conversion systems, Large Solar Energy Systems, Communications Towers, and accessory residential units.
2. Amend Article III of the Land Use Ordinance, regarding Land Use Standards, as set forth below:

ARTICLE III

LAND USE STANDARDS

All land use activities shall conform to the following applicable land use standards:

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B. RESIDENTIAL AND ACCESSORY USE STANDARDS:

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12. ACCESSORY RESIDENTIAL UNITS are allowed in all land use districts with Code Enforcement Officer approval, provided that the owner submits a signed, notarized affidavit stating that the owner will reside in the principal structure, and that the ACCESSORY RESIDENTIAL UNIT will be occupied by the owner’s relative (by blood, marriage or adoption), the owner’s caregiver, or any other person who provides day-to-day assistance to the owner. The affidavit must be recorded in the Sagadahoc County Registry of Deeds prior to issuance of a permit by the Code Enforcement Officer. Code Enforcement Officer approval of ACCESSORY RESIDENTIAL UNITS shall be limited to a term of five (5) years, which term may be renewed by the Code Enforcement Officer for additional five (5) year terms upon application by the owner. The Code Enforcement Officer's written decision granting any renewals shall be recorded in the Sagadahoc County Registry of Deeds. In the event the five (5) year term expires without renewal by the owner, the owner shall remove the kitchen facilities from the ACCESSORY RESIDENTIAL UNIT within thirty (30) days of the expiration of the term.
MINUTES FOR THE TOWN OF WEST BATH
BUDGET (Special) TOWN MEETING MAY 16, 2016

A legal Town Meeting was held at the West Bath Elementary School, in the Town of West Bath, on the 31st of May 2016. The meeting was called to order May 31, 2016 at 6:00 pm by Brandi D. Lohr, Town Clerk for the Town of West Bath, who subsequently read the warrant through to Article 1.

Art. 1  William Dale was nominated as moderator and then seconded. It was moved and seconded that nominations close. By way of written ballot, William Dale was voted Moderator (3-0) and sworn in by Brandi D. Lohr at 6:04 pm.

Moderator Dale described the Town Meeting processed to be followed and proceeded moderating the Town Meeting.

Motion made and seconded to allow Treasurer Julie House, Town Administrator Adam Garland, Town Clerk Brandi Lohr, Superintendent Emily Thompson, and CEO Ellis Reed.

[NOTE:  All municipal budget articles are recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee unless otherwise noted. All other municipal articles are recommended by the Selectmen unless otherwise noted.]

Art. 2 – 16: The Moderator may entertain a motion to consider and vote on Articles 2-16 as a group, unless a voter requests one or more specific article(s) be set aside for individual consideration, which request shall be honored.

MOTION WAS MADE AND SECONDED TO VOTE ON ITEMS 2-16 AS ONE ITEM VOTED AND APPROVED AT 6:06 PM

MOTION MADE AND SECONDED TO APPROVE ARTICLES 2-16 AS PRINTED VOTED AND APPROVED AT 6:06 PM

ALEWIVES

Art. 2. To see if the Town will vote to maintain, and exercise if appropriate, its right to take alewives from the New Meadows Lake consistent with the terms and conditions specified at the March 1977 Town Meeting.

Art. 3. To see if the Town will vote to maintain a fishway on Winnegance Lake and to exercise its right to take alewives from Winnegance Lake in accordance with the terms and conditions specified at the June 1988 Town Meeting and an agreement with the City of Bath and the Town of Phippsburg.

MUNICIPAL FISCAL MANAGEMENT

Art. 4. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate all funds in the Transfer Station – Rent account in excess of $50,000, and not otherwise appropriated herein, to reduce the tax commitment for the ensuing fiscal year. (FY 2015-16: $50,000)
Art. 5. To see if the Town will vote to fix the date of October 17, 2016 as the date when taxes shall become due and payable and to charge a 7% interest rate (as allowed by 36 M.R.S.A. § 505(4), the State maximum rate) on unpaid taxes to start after that date.

Art. 6. To see if the Town will vote to set the rate of interest to be paid by the Town on refunds of taxes that are paid but later abated at 3% (as allowed by 36 M.R.S.A. § 506-A, the State maximum rate less 4%) and to authorize such interest paid or abatements granted to be appropriated from overlay funds or, if necessary, from unassigned fund balance (surplus).

Art. 7. To see if the Town will vote to apply the unassigned fund balance (surplus) in excess of 12% of the total non-capital expenditures for FY 2015-16, and not otherwise appropriated herein, to reduce the tax commitment for the ensuing fiscal year.

Art. 8. To see if the Town, in accordance with 36 M.R.S.A. § 506, will vote to authorize the Tax Collector/Treasurer to accept prepayment of taxes not yet committed and to pay no interest on any excess prepaid over the amount finally committed.

Art. 9. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell and dispose of all tax acquired property held by the Town on such terms as they deem advisable and to execute quitclaim deeds for such property.

Art. 10. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer to waive the foreclosure of tax lien mortgages pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. § 944 upon a finding by the Selectmen that ownership of the property that is subject to the tax lien mortgage would be contrary to the Town’s best interests.

Art. 11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appropriate from unassigned fund balance (surplus) up to $10,000 to meet unanticipated financial obligations.

Art. 12. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to apply for State, federal (including Community Development Block Grants) and other grants on the Town’s behalf for purposes deemed by the Selectmen to be in the best interests of the Town; to accept such grants, including, when necessary, the authority to sign contracts and related documents and to accept conditions of approval; and to appropriate such grant funds for any purpose for which the Town has appropriated funds in FY 2016-17.

Art. 13. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to accept or reject donations of personal property and/or to accept or reject gifts of money to the various accounts of the Town for the ensuing fiscal year and to appropriate those moneys donated for specific purposes.

Art. 14. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to accept conditional or unconditional gifts of real property provided that no single gift will obligate the Town to incur liabilities that total $1,000 or more per year, as determined by the Selectmen.

Art. 15. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to dispose by sealed bid of Town-owned personal property with a value of over $500 and deemed by the Selectmen to be surplus.
**Art. 16.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to annually set fees for returned checks; copies of Town ordinances and other documents; permit, license and land use application fees; notary services; and various other fees.

**MOTION MADE AND SECONDED TO APPROVE ARTICLES 2-16 AS PRINTED VOTED AND APPROVED AT 6:06 PM**

**Art. 17.** To see if the Town will vote to carry forward the following appropriated but unexpended funds at the end of FY 2015-16, provided that the funds are used for the same purpose as originally appropriated:

a) General Assistance  
b) Marine Resources/Harbor and Waterway  
c) Transfer Station – Rent  
d) Excise Tax/Urban Rural Initiative Program (URIP) (for Major Road Projects)  
e) General Roads  
f) Public Works Roads Capital Improvement Fund  
g) Boat Excise (for Harbor & Waterways/Marine Resources expenses)  
h) Fire Department – Operations  
i) Fire Department – Capital Fund  
j) Planning Board Expenses/Permit Application Fee Account  
k) Fire Department – Reimbursement for Services  
l) Business/Economic Development  
m) Ambulance  
n) Municipal Capital Improvement Fund  
o) School Capital Fund

**VOTED APPROVED AS PRINTED AT 6:08 PM**

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

**Art. 18.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate $442,780 from motor vehicle excise tax revenue for the maintenance of public roads, hot-topping, construction, salt shed utilities, signs, plowing and sanding of Town roads and parking lots, the Road Commissioner’s annual stipend ($5,250) and other public works related projects. (FY 2015-16: $362,454)

**VOTED APPROVED AS PRINTED AT 6:10 PM**

**Art. 19.** To see if the Town will vote to deposit any motor vehicle excise tax revenue not otherwise appropriated elsewhere in this Warrant in the Public Works Roads Capital Improvement Fund and to appropriate the same for road projects; provided, however, that the Selectmen shall conduct a public hearing on the proposed expenditure of any such funds prior to such expenditure.

**VOTED APPROVED AS PRINTED AT 6:12 PM**
Art. 20. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate, from revenue generated from the Transfer Station - Rent account as follows: (a) $11,750 to operate the public Drop-Off/Recycling Center (FY 2015-16: $11,750); and (b) $1,200 for use by the Recycling Committee for hazardous waste drop-offs and other special events (FY 2015-16: $1,000).

VOTED APPROVED AS PRINTED AT 6:13 PM

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Art. 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate $74,655 for Fire Department Operations. (FY 2015-16: $72,863)

VOTED APPROVED AS PRINTED 6:14 PM

Art. 22. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate any Fire Department Reimbursement for Services funds that are received during FY 2016-17 for purposes approved by vote of the Selectmen.

VOTED APPROVED AS PRINTED 6:14 PM

Art. 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate $18,400 for the Fire Department Fire Protection Account to be used for the fire fighter reimbursement and incentive program. (FY 2015-16: $18,400)

VOTED APPROVED AS PRINTED 6:15 PM

Art. 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate $15,000 for the Fire Department Capital Improvement Fund. (FY 2015-16: $15,000)

VOTED APPROVED AS PRINTED 6:15 PM

GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

Art. 25. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for wages and stipends, payroll taxes, worker’s compensation insurance, unemployment payments, and benefits (health insurance for full-time employees and retirement contribution for full-time employees, Assessing Agent and CEO). [Note: The amount excludes the Shellfish Warden’s wages and the Harbor Master and Road Commissioner’s stipends, which are funded by associated revenue accounts.]

SELECTMEN AND BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMEND: $312,082
(FY 2015-16: $287,343)

VOTED APPROVED AS PRINTED 6:20 PM
**Art. 26.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $92,467 for municipal operating expenses, which include, but are not limited to, utilities, advertising, elections, supplies, property/casualty/liability insurance, postage, animal control expenses, grounds and building maintenance, janitorial service, training/seminars, travel, deed fees, and all computer-related network support and support contracts.  (FY 2015-16: $85,750)

VOTED APPROVED AS PRINTED 6:21 PM

**Art. 27.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate all dog licensing fees and penalties collected during FY 2016-17, with the exception of the recording fee that must be retained by the municipal clerk pursuant to State law, as additional payment to the Animal Control Officer for services rendered to the Town.

VOTED APPROVED AS PRINTED 6:22 PM

**Art. 28.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums for the accounts below:

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<th>Account</th>
<th>FY 2016-17</th>
<th>FY 2015-16</th>
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<td>Ambulance</td>
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<td>General Assistance</td>
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<td>7,500</td>
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<td>Hydrant Rental</td>
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<td>Street Lights</td>
<td>1,400</td>
<td>1,200</td>
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<td>Cemetery Repairs/Maintenance</td>
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<td>2,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>Business/Economic Development</td>
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<tr>
<td>Selectmen’s Contingency Fund</td>
<td>5,000</td>
<td>5,000</td>
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VOTED AS APPROVED 6:24 PM

**Art. 29.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appropriate from unassigned fund balance (surplus) up to $10,000 to meet unanticipated legal and litigation expenses.  (FY 2015-16: $10,000)

MOTION TO DEFEAT THIS ARTICLE SECONDED ARTICLE DEFEATED AT 6:26 PM.

**Art. 30.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $43,807 for professional services/dues/memberships (MMA, Lincoln County Animal Shelter, town maps, annual report, auditing, Board of Assessment Review, Board of Appeals, legal services and litigation expenses).  (FY 2015-16: $65,017)

VOTED APPROVED AS PRINTED AT 6:26 PM

**Art. 31.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to transfer funds from budget accounts that have unexpended balances at the end of FY 2016-17 to budget accounts that have overruns at the end of FY 2016-17, provided that any such transfer is not more than ten percent (10%) of the funds appropriated under the municipal budget and any such transfer is first approved at a properly called public meeting of the Selectmen.

VOTED AS APPROVED AS PRINTED AT 6:27 PM
Art. 32. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate $10,000 for the dedicated Municipal Emergency Capital Improvements Sinking Fund for repairs to Town owned properties. (FY 2015-16: $3,000)

VOTED APPROVED AS PRINTED AT 6:29 PM

COMMUNITY AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS

Art. 33. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following as donations to community agencies:

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<th>Agency</th>
<th>FY 2016-2017</th>
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<td>a. Bath Senior Citizens</td>
<td>875</td>
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<td>b. Bath Area Food Bank</td>
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<td>c. Senior Spectrum</td>
<td>1,365</td>
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<td>d. Sweetser/Shoreline Mental Health</td>
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<tr>
<td>e. Midcoast Maine Community Action</td>
<td>730</td>
<td>730</td>
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<td>Total:</td>
<td>$6,722</td>
<td>$5,222</td>
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VOTED APPROVED AS PRINTED AT 6:30 PM

Art. 34. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate $31,909 as a donation to the Patten Free Library. (FY 2015-16: $30,971)

VOTED APPROVED AS PRINTED AT 6:31 PM

WATERWAYS & HARBORS

Art. 35. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate up to $3,250 from the Boat Excise/Mooring Fee/Marine Resources Joint Revenue Account to be used for the Harbor Master’s stipend ($2,100) and reimbursements/expenses ($1,150). (FY 2015-16: $3,480)

VOTED APPROVED AS PRINTED AT 6:31 PM

MARINE RESOURCES

Art. 36. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate $14,877 from the Boat Excise/Mooring Fee/Marine Resources Joint Revenue Account for Marine Resource expenses to be used for Shellfish Warden wages ($11,061) and expenses ($3,816). (FY 2015-16: $14,351)

VOTED APPROVED AS PRINTED AT 6:33 PM

Art. 37. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate $800 from the dedicated Boat Excise/Mooring Fee/Marine Resources Joint Revenue Account to be used for maintenance, equipment, fuel, and servicing of the Town boat. (FY 2015-16: $800)

VOTED APPROVED AS PRINTED AT 6:35 PM
RSU 1 SETTLEMENT FUNDS DISPOSITION

**Art. 38.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer $775,000, which is the remaining amount of the settlement money received from the City of Bath and RSU 1 in late 2014 as part of the RSU 1 cost sharing litigation, from unassigned fund balance (surplus) to a new Long Term Capital Improvement Fund reserve account. (Any expenditure of this reserve account will require approval from Town Meeting.) *(This article is recommended by the Selectmen, the Budget Advisory Committee, and the Investment Committee)*

**VOTED APPROVED AS PRINTED AT 7:13 PM**

**Art. 39.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer $102,622, which is the amount of money received by the Town as part of the RSU 1 fund balance reconciliation audit performed after the Town withdrew from RSU 1, from unassigned fund balance (surplus) to a new Long Term Capital Improvement Fund reserve account. (Any expenditure of this reserve account will require approval from Town Meeting.)

**VOTED APPROVED AS PRINTED AT 7:13 PM**

**Art. 40.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of $370,000 from the Long Term Capital Improvement Fund established under Article 38 and/or Article 39 for the construction of a new salt/sand shed.

**MOTION MADE AND APPROVED TO ADD “UP TO $370,000” AND AT THE END OF THE ARTICLE TO ADD “AND REMAINING MONIES SHALL LAPSE BACK INTO THE LONG TERM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND AT 7:23 PM**

**VOTED APPROVED AS AMENDED AT 7:36 PM**

**PROPERTY TAX LEVY LIMIT (LD 1)**

**Art. 41.** (Written ballot required by State statute). To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of $550,018 established for the Town of West Bath by State law, but only in the event that the municipal budget approved under the preceding Articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that property tax levy limit.

**MOTION TO REDUCE**

**ORDINANCES**

**Art. 42.** Shall an ordinance entitled “2016 Amendments to the Marine Resource Conservation Ordinance” be enacted?

[The proposed ordinance amendments are available for review and inspection at the Town Clerk’s Office and will be available at the Town Meeting.]

**VOTED APPROVED AS PRINTED AT 8:10 PM**
Art. 43. Shall an ordinance entitled “2016 Amendments to the Land Use Ordinance, Development Review Ordinance and Definitions Ordinance to Update Various Administrative Provisions” be enacted?

[The proposed ordinance amendments are available for review and inspection at the Town Clerk’s Office and will be available at the Town Meeting.]

VOTED APPROVED AS PRINTED AT 8:14 PM

Art. 44. Shall an ordinance entitled “2016 Amendments to the Land Use Ordinance and Definitions Ordinance Regarding Accessory Residential Units” be enacted?

[The proposed ordinance amendments are available for review and inspection at the Town Clerk’s Office and will be available at the Town Meeting.]

VOTED APPROVED AS PRINTED AT 8:17 PM

Art. 45. Shall an ordinance entitled “2016 Amendments to the Land Use Ordinance Regarding Solar Energy Systems” be enacted?

[The proposed ordinance amendments are available for review and inspection at the Town Clerk’s Office and will be available at the Town Meeting.]

VOTED APPROVED AS PRINTED AT 8:19 PM

Art. 46. Shall an ordinance entitled “2016 Amendments to the Land Use Ordinance and Development Review Ordinance Regarding Communications Towers” be enacted?

[The proposed ordinance amendments are available for review and inspection at the Town Clerk’s Office and will be available at the Town Meeting.]

VOTED APPROVED AS PRINTED AT 8:21 PM

Art. 47. Shall an ordinance entitled “2016 Amendments the Land Use Ordinance Regarding the Official Land Use Ordinance District and Overlay Zone Map and Related Text” be enacted?

[The proposed ordinance amendments are available for review and inspection at the Town Clerk’s Office and will be available at the Town Meeting.]

VOTED APPROVED AS PRINTED AT 8:33 PM
WEST BATH SCHOOL BUDGET

Art. 48. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Board of Directors to expend for Regular Instruction.

School Board of Directors Recommends: $2,012,839.17

Explanation: This article covers salaries and benefits for regular education teachers and support personnel, as well as classroom supplies, equipment, books, and repairs for grades K-5. This article also includes the contracted services for pre-kindergarten students and tuition costs for students in grades 6-12.

VOTED APPROVED AS PRINTED AT 8:34 PM

Art. 49. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Board of Directors to expend for Special Education.

School Board of Directors Recommends: $465,800.17

Explanation: This article provides salaries and benefits for special education teachers and support personnel, out of district placement, and professional services.

VOTED APPROVED AS PRINTED AT 8:36 PM

Art. 50. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Board of Directors to expend for Career and Technical Education.

School Board of Directors Recommends: $0

Explanation: Career and Technical Education will be provided through RSU 1 and is included in tuition rates.

VOTED APPROVED AS PRINTED AT 8:36 PM

Art. 51. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Board of Directors to expend for Other Instruction.

School Board of Directors Recommends: $4,500.00

Explanation: This article includes costs to provide students with learning experiences not included under other programs (i.e., co-curricular, extra-curricular activities).

VOTED APPROVED AS PRINTED AT 8:37 PM
Art. 52. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Board of Directors to expend for Student and Staff Support.

School Board of Directors Recommends: $233,986.17

Explanation: This article covers salaries and benefits for Guidance, Health, Technology, Improvement of Instruction, Staff Development, Library, and Student Assessment.

VOTED APPROVED AS PRINTED AT 8:37 PM

Art. 53. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Board of Directors to expend for System Administration.

School Board of Directors Recommends: $70,724.85

Explanation: This article provides salaries and benefits for the Office of the Superintendent. It also covers expenses for the School Board of Directors, financial software, insurance, advertising, dues and fees, legal fees, and auditing expenses.

VOTED APPROVED AS PRINTED AT 8:38 PM

Art. 54. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Board of Directors to expend for School Administration.

School Board of Directors Recommends: $186,557.41

Explanation: This article includes salaries and benefits for the Principal and support staff. It includes equipment, supplies, dues and fees, and contracted services.

VOTED APPROVED AS PRINTED AT 8:39 PM

Art. 55. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Board of Directors to expend for Transportation.

School Board of Directors Recommends: $141,520.06

Explanation: This article covers expenses for transporting students to and from school.

VOTED APPROVED AS PRINTED AT 8:39 PM
Art. 56. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Board of Directors to expend for Facilities Maintenance.

School Board of Directors Recommends: $222,700.00

Explanation: This article covers expenses for facilities operations and contracted services for the West Bath School and grounds.

VOTED APPROVED AS PRINTED AT 8:41 PM

Art. 57. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Board of Directors to expend for Debt Service and Other Commitments.

School Board of Directors Recommends: $0

Explanation: There is no current outstanding indebtedness relating to the West Bath School.

VOTED APPROVED AS PRINTED AT 8:41 PM

Art. 58. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Board of Directors to expend for Other Expenditures, including Food Service.

School Board of Directors Recommends: $30,000

Explanation: This article covers expenses relating to the school lunch program.

VOTED APPROVED AS PRINTED AT 8:42 PM

Revenues

Art. 59. To see what sum the Town will appropriate for the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and to see what sum the Town will raise and assess as the municipality’s contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15688.

School Board of Directors Recommends Total Appropriated: $2,172,871.53

School Board of Directors Recommends Total Raised: $2,060,312.58

Explanation: The school administrative unit’s contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act is the amount of money determined by state law to be the minimum amount that the municipality must raise and assess in order to receive the full amount of state dollars.

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Art. 60. (written ballot required) To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate in additional local funds (the School Board of Directors recommends $836,863.54), which exceeds the State’s Essential Programs and Services allocation model by (the School Board of Directors Recommends $1,195,756.30) as required to fund the budget recommended by the School Board.

The School Board of Directors recommends $836,863.54 for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State’s Essential Programs and Services funding model by $1,195,756.30:

The additional local funds represent local costs to support the school administrative unit school programs that are not included in the State’s funding model, including costs for transportation and special education services.

Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the school administrative unit’s local contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act that will help to achieve the budget for educational programs.

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Art. 61. To see what sum the Town of West Bath will authorize the School Board of Directors to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017 from the school administrative unit’s contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, non-state funded school construction projects, additional local funds for school purposes under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, Section 15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy and other receipts for the support of schools.

School Board of Directors Recommends: $3,368,627.83

Explanation: This article is a summary article and approves expenditures of the proposed budget of $3,368,627.83. This article authorizes the School Board of Directors to expend the money appropriated in the previous articles, plus other revenues. This article does not raise any additional money. The following estimated revenue sources to be used are:

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Total: $3,368,627.83

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Art. 62. In addition to the amount in Article 61, shall the School Board of Directors be authorized to accept and expend any state, federal, and other grants, aid, and receipts during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017, for school purposes, provided that such grants, aid, and receipts do not require the expenditure of other local funds not previously appropriated?

School Board of Directors Recommends a YES vote.

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Art. 63. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the amounts appropriated in Article 58 to the reserve fund that supports the school nutrition program, and to authorize the expenditure of funds from that reserve fund.

School Board of Directors Recommends a YES vote.

VOTED APPROVED AS PRINTED AT 8:54 PM

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made and seconded, by verbal acclamation, the town voted to adjourn at 8:55 pm on May 31, 2016.

Town of West Bath Board of Selectmen
Peter Oceretko, Chair
Paula Nelson
Madelyn Hennessey

I attest that this is a true copy of the Minutes of the Town of West’s Bath’s Budget (Special) Town Meeting of May 31, 2016

ATTESTED BY: ____________________________
Brandi D. Lohr, Town Clerk
Town of West Bath, Maine
A legal Special Town Meeting was held at the West Bath Town Hall in the Town of West Bath on Monday, the 26th of September. The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm by Karly Perry, Town Clerk, who subsequently read the warrant through to Article 1.

**Article 1: To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.**
Selectman Hennessey moved to nominate Town Administrator, Adam Garland, as moderator, seconded by Selectman Oceretko. The Town Clerk then called for a vote, to which Administrator Garland was unanimously voted as moderator (3-0) and sworn in by Karly Perry at 5:31p.m.

**Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to execute and deliver an easement deed to Rebecca L. Mitchell and Sherman Mitchell, Jr. to allow the Mitchells to install, maintain, repair and replace a water line over and across a portion of Town-owned property located at 192 State Road (Tax Map U8, Lot 15-A), all on such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deems to be in the best interests of the Town of West Bath.**
David Hennessey moved to accept the article, seconded by Selectman Nelson. The Moderator opened the floor up for discussion, to which there was none. Selectman Oceretko moved to accept the article as written, seconded by Selectman Nelson. The Moderator then called for a vote on the article. By a show of hands Article 2 was unanimously voted to approve (7-0)

The Moderator announced that all articles had been voted upon. Motion to adjourn was made by David Hennessey and seconded by Selectman Nelson. Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m. by unanimous acclamation.

TOWN OF WEST BATH BOARD OF SELECTMEN:
Peter Oceretko, Chair
Paula Nelson
Madelyn Hennessey

I attest that this is a true copy of the Minutes of the Town of West Bath’s Special Town Meeting of September 26, 2016.

Attested By:
_______________________________
Karly A. Perry
Town of West Bath, Maine
A legal Town Meeting was held at the West Bath Fire Hall in the Town of West Bath, Maine on the 8th of November 2016. The meeting was called to order November 8, 2016 at 7:40 am by Karly Perry, Town Clerk for the Town of West Bath, who subsequently read the warrant.

Art. 1. Robin Whorff was nominated as Moderator (&Warden) and seconded. By way of written ballot, Robin Whorff was voted as Moderator (4-0) and sworn in by Karly Perry at 7:45 am. Robin Whorff later swore in Catherine Powers as her Deputy Moderator/Warden. In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of the Town.

Art. 2. The polls were then opened at 8:00 am at the West Bath Fire Hall for the townspeople to cast their ballots for: One (1) Selectman, who shall also be an Assessor and Overseer of the Poor, for a three-year term and one (1) West Bath School Board member, for a three-year term.

Election Results are as follows:

Selectperson for three-year term: Peter Oceretko
West Bath School Board three-year term: Ashleigh Randall

ADJOURNMENT

The Deputy Moderator/Warden closed the polls at 8:00 pm, concluding the Annual Town Meeting.

Town of West Bath Board of Selectmen
Peter Oceretko, Chairman
Paula Nelson
Madelyn Hennessey

I attest that this is a true copy of the Minutes of the Town of West Bath’s Annual Meeting of November 8, 2016.

ATTESTED BY:

Karly A. Perry, Town Clerk
Town of West Bath, Maine
To the Citizens of West Bath:

The Board of Selectmen are happy to report that there isn’t really a lot of news; nothing really which may be report-worthy. We’re running on a fairly even keel. Things are rather quiet. After several years of intrigue and chaos, from outside interests, West Bath has again settled into that bucolic community that a lot of us were familiar with and the one that we all prefer.

We have a new addition to our Town Hall Staff: Karly Perry (a native of West Bath) has joined us as Town Clerk and Asst. Treasurer, Elections Warden, and many other roles that she has assumed. Karly is a perfect addition to the A-Team which runs the Town Hall and virtually all of the Town’s business. Her curiosity and enthusiasm make her a pleasant addition to our staff.

We have completed the details for the new Salt Shed. Plans are to begin construction this spring and to will be ready for use in November.

We have taken a closer look at Town owned foreclosed properties in our inventory. These are properties which should be generating tax revenue, but aren’t, because they are Town owned. We managed to sell one of them at public auction this summer, generating a considerable cash return, and returning the property to the tax rolls as a performing asset; generating tax revenue for the Town. We plan to address other properties in the same manner. Some, but not all, are salable properties and their sale will help contribute to our tax revenue when sold.

The West Bath School is doing very well. The quality of education compared to other local schools is apparently “getting out”. We have many inquiries from people who are relocating and trying to decide on the best community in which to live, the school being an important factor in their decision. Ironically, the trend seems to be a preference for West Bath for K-5th grades but a reluctance for 6-12 at RSU-1 facilities. It is fortunate that we were able to negotiate a school choice option for our students.

West Bath has a history of municipal officials who are dedicated to the interests of the residents and tax payers and who have taken seriously the business of running the Town. I think that this is because we have chosen to remain a “small” town and haven’t grown a big government to sustain the status quo. This choice was taken and sustained by interested citizens who are neighbors and friends. I believe that the team in place now, the committees and departments and those who serve in them, is the strongest and most effective ever. We have adapted and moved forward, learning from the previous administrations. We have changed with the changing world, but changed only enough to endure. We commit to continue the tradition in this manner into the future; providing for our public an open and transparent leadership which welcomes public participation, should the public so wish to participate.

Peter Oceretko, Chairman West Bath Board of Selectmen
Paula Nelson, Selectman
Madelyn Hennessey, Selectman
The first paragraph of the Maine Municipal Board of Appeals Manual introduces the duties of the West Bath Board of Appeals best. It states, “Serving on a municipal board of appeals is probably one of the most difficult jobs that a citizen can volunteer to do. The board of appeals, more than any other board, generally performs the same function at the local level as an appeals court judge. Like a judge, the appeals board must decide difficult questions in accordance with local ordinances, State laws, and court cases. Often those decisions will seem harsh and contrary to “common sense;” both to board members and to the general public. This is particularly true when the board is asked to decide a request for a variance. However, the board is bound to follow the law until the law is changed. Explaining this to citizens seeking help from the board probably is one of the board’s most unpleasant tasks.”

The Board of Appeals takes action on the first Tuesday of each month at the Town Office, provided there is business for the Board to address. If you need to request a hearing, please pick up an application at the Town Office. Make sure the entire application is completed before submitting it along with the filing fee, so a date may be scheduled with no delay.

In 2016 there were no applications made to the appeals board.

Respectfully submitted,
Justin Hennessey
Board of Appeals Chair

**Town of West Bath · Board of Assessment Review**

The Board of Assessment Review (BAR) has not had any requests for appeal hearings for the Tax Commitment effective April 1, 2016 as of the date of this submittal.

Each year any taxpayer who feels an error or irregularity has occurred in the assessment of his/ her property has 185 days from formal tax commitment (usually in the fall) to first discuss the concern with the Assessing Agent and then to file a formal request for abatement if the taxpayer’s concern is not alleviated. If the abatement is denied by the elected Assessors the taxpayer may then appeal the denial to the local BAR. BAR Hearings are open to public attendance and are advertised in the Times Record and posted on the website calendar. The decision of the BAR may be appealed directly to Superior Court by either the taxpayer or by the town.

Respectfully submitted,

Juanita Wilson-Hennessey, Chair Term ends 2017
Robert Morris, Secretary Term Ends 2018
Richard Totten Term Ends 2019
Chet Garrison (Alternate) Term Ends 2019
Lisa Atkins (Alternate) Term Ends 2017
West Bath voters voted at the 2016 Annual Town Meeting to create an investment account from the RSU1 lawsuit funds and to use that account to pay for major town expenses.

The town also voted to build a new salt/sand shed. Despite being put out to bid twice the cost of the salt/sand shed came in at $429,900. Which was over the engineer’s estimate of $369,500. The investment account will be used to pay for this building and the plan is to repay the investment fund at $50,000 per year. This will allow the fund to be used for other major expenses in the future.

The town is faced with a challenging proposed budget for 2017-18. The largest increase is with special education programs with these services adding nearly $400,000 to the proposed school budget. There is no accurate method to plan for this expense as students move in or out of town. With that noted the school board and superintendent are reviewing their proposed budget to find any savings. The final budget for the school cannot be completed until the State of Maine finalizes the school aid package.

The remaining budgets (town office, fire department and roads) have been reduced to help hold down the town’s tax rate. These reductions have come about as a result of many meetings with the Budget Advisory Committee (BAC), the Board of Selectmen, the town administrator and department heads. Tax payers need to keep in mind that many of these proposed reductions will need to be funded in the future. Equipment purchases and road repairs can only be put off for so long.

The BAC reminds residents that our meetings are open to the public and we encourage all residents to participate in the Annual Town Meeting scheduled for May 30, 2017.

As always members of the BAC will be at the Town Meeting to answer any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

David P. Hennessey, Chair
Budget Advisory Committee
Marine Resources Committee

Licenses Issued in 2016:
- 21 Resident Commercial
- 3 Non-Resident Commercial
- 1 Student
- 35 Resident Recreational
- 4 Non-Resident Recreational

To maintain a commercial shellfish license, clammers must complete 12 hours of conservation time. This conservation time is a combination of reseeding, surveys, clean up, meetings and water quality tests. These hours have resulted in the cleanup of all overboard discharges, repair of faulty systems and a much cleaner water quality. Our water along the coast of West Bath now meets Department of Marine Resource quality standards. Money is often available to help repair shoreline pollution problems.

This year the harvesters of West Bath had two reseeding events where we harvested seed from our neighbors in Phippsburg and transplanted them into several coves in West Bath. These clams ranged in size from ¼ to 1 ¼ inch long and should mature within a year or two. The reasoning for having to harvest clams from Phippsburg was because our seed beds have decreased considerably. The reason for the depletion is due to several reasons. To name a few, I would say climate change, green crabs and the over use of our flats from several different fishing industries.

The Marine Resources Committee will continue to do random water quality testing as required by the Department of Marine Resources (DMR) with the Town Boat. These are done to identify any pollution sources so they can be corrected in a timely manner. This includes shoreline surveys which are done on a tri-annual basis. In addition, accelerated testing is being done twice a month to re-categorize and reopen areas that have been closed earlier due to pollution.

West Bath is proud of our Marine Resources conservation efforts. We feel that our shellfish fisheries are important and implement our own sustainability program. The town’s Shellfish Warden, Doug Alexander has been patrolling and monitoring the clam flats for illegal diggers. Feel free to contact Doug at 443-3114 or 504-1523 (cell) if you have any questions regarding clam digging or suspicious shoreline activity.

The Shellfish Committee meets on the last Wednesday of each month at 6 pm from October to March and 7 pm from April to September. Please contact me at 443-4068 regarding surveys, harvesting, pollution or potential pollution problems, or with any shellfish questions in general. Also, please feel free to attend any of our committee meetings.

Respectfully submitted,
Warren Swanson, Chairman
Dear Townspeople of West Bath:

The Planning Board exists to encourage appropriate use of land within the Town of West Bath through regulations outlined in our ordinances. The Board consists of volunteers from the community, five (5) regular members and two (2) alternate members. A quorum of three (3) members is required to conduct a meeting. The documents used when conducting Planning Board business are the Land Use Ordinance and Development Review Ordinance. Copies are available at the Town Offices or online at www.westbath.govoffice.com.

The Planning Board meets the second Tuesday of every month at 6:30 pm. Additional meetings for ordinance work sessions are scheduled as needed throughout the year and are posted in the Times Record and on the Town web site.

This past year has seen applicants seeking approval for home expansions in shoreland areas, subdivision modifications, business expansions, and new businesses moving into existing spaces.

In addition to the monthly meetings, work continues to bring West Bath’s ordinances on par with adjacent communities, to become more aligned with the West Bath Comprehensive Plan and comply with the ever-changing State of Maine laws and mandates. These ordinance changes make West Bath a more competitive community for both business and residential projects.

Please consider joining our Planning Board. We need another member who is objective and without an agenda who wishes to spend one evening a month looking out for what’s reasonable and best for our Town and its townspeople.

You are always welcome and encouraged to attend any and all Planning Board meetings and workshops. Public input, support and awareness is an important element to the success of the Planning Board.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Davis

Rick Davis, Chair
Wayne Renshaw
Jim Williams
Kathy Travis
Jeremie Whorff
Scott Andresen, Alternate
Jay Paris, Alternate
WEST BATH CEMETERY ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL REPORT

To the Inhabitants of the Town of West Bath:

The following is a report of the West Bath Cemetery Association for the year ending December 31, 2016.

Two new lots were sold and one lot bought back from the Orchard Hill Cemetery this year. To date there are 117 families or individuals that have purchased a total of 211 grave lots.

Since bank interest rates are still at an all-time low and are likely to remain that way for a number of years to come. The cemetery liability insurance has gone up a lot in the past three years, but the annual income from Perpetual Care interest is insufficient to pay for maintenance of the cemetery grounds. This year the mowing was done by Cory Wallace of Phippsburg again, he has done a very nice job, the mowing is being done more consistently than in the past. However, it would be most helpful if lot owners were to trim grass and locate flags accordingly, flowers and ornamentals in close proximity to all monuments. This would allow us to do a better job mowing around the grave sites.

Approximately 45 lot spaces remain available. Sixty percent of the $400.00 lot purchase price goes to the Perpetual Care Fund. The remainder goes toward operating costs of the Orchard Hill Cemetery. Those interested in purchasing a cemetery lot or offering their services for minor cemetery maintenance should contact Ronald G. Beal, Peter Oceretko or Gerry Mitchell, Jr.

This spring the cemetery needs to have a good clean up from fallen branches, leaves and debris.

The West Bath Cemetery Association wishes to thank Cory Wallace for the great job he did on the Orchard Hill Cemetery Grounds last summer.

The Cemetery Association needs to find a secretary this year and also some new members as well as a new president all will be discussed when we have our meeting next summer.

The flag pole that was constructed by the V.F.W. two years ago has been an excellent addition at the Orchard Hill Cemetery, however it was vandalized and a locksmith was hired to repair it. The cemetery sign, off of the State Road, was set on fire by vandals and needs to be replaced with a new one. The Over the Hill ATV Club has offered to construct and put up a new cemetery sign in appreciation of the Donnell Family for giving them permission to maintain an ATV trail over the Donnell property.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ronald G. Beal, President
Mary J. McGloin
Everett J. McNelly
Peter Oceretko
Gerry Mitchell, Jr.
Darlene Estabrook
Winnegance River Herring

The 2016 harvest of 93 bushels was down from the 2015 total of 238 bushels. There is no one factor to account for the drop in the harvest. At times there seemed to be a large number of river herring outside of the bridge but they did not enter the lake.

After talking with Mike Brown at the Department of Marine Resources (D.M.R.) he has agreed to monitor the condition of the water in the lake for one year. The results will be compared to other water studies done by D.M.R. in earlier years. By doing this, we hope to get a better understanding of the lake and how those changes may be affecting the harvest.

This is the first year of three years for Greg Gilliam’s current contract which pays the Commission $5.00 a bushel.

The Winnegance River Herring Commission had $10,514.19 in the savings account and $1,822.86 in the checking account as of August 1, 2016.

The current members of the Winnegance River Herring Commission are as follows:

  Bath – Lori Benson and Jamie Omo  
  Phippsburg – Brett Gilliam and Peter Roberts  
  West Bath – Jon Davis and David Hennessey

Respectfully submitted,

David Hennessey,  
Chairman
West Bath’s Historical Society is a volunteer organization dedicated to improving our town’s sense of community.

Our mission:
- Preserve the history and traditions of West Bath, Maine
- Identify, research, and record locations of historical sites, buildings, and artifacts
- Identify, record, and catalog photos; and the written and oral history of West Bath
- Publish a historical and current events newsletter, The Middle Ground
- Serve as a resource for the West Bath School and Patten Free Library’s History Room
- Hold free events with historical content for members and the community

As part of that mission, we have spearheaded the challenging restoration of West Bath’s two important historical buildings: Old West Bath Meeting House located at 680 Berry’s Mill Rd, and Littlefield School at 363 Berry’s Mill Rd. For both those efforts we enjoyed a great deal of community support, both financially and with volunteer efforts. The Old West Bath Meeting House, built in 1839, needed a great deal of help, including shoring up the building, repairing and repainting walls and exterior, refinishing the floors, modernizing the electricity within a historic perspective while preserving old kerosene lamps, and repairing the stained glass windows. Littlefield School, one of Maine’s few remaining one-room school houses, and now listed on the National Register of Historic Places, was in even worse shape. Built in 1853, it is a classic one-story Greek Revival, timber-framed building; by 2007 it was in precarious condition. Its foundation had shifted and was collapsing. At one point, it was slated for a fire department exercise burn. Only community outrage stopped that from happening. This lovely old building is now restored, thanks in part to a generous bequest from the late Bruce Burden, whose mother attended the school, and a federal grant awarded to the West Bath Historical Society. Now that the buildings are safely restored, our challenge is to maintain their integrity and to open them to the public for special events and occasions.

West Bath Historical Society Annual Events in 2016
- WBHS participated in the annual Town History Series offered by The Sagadahoc History and Genealogy Room and sponsored by the Patten Free Library, with a presentation by Sally Graves, “Over the Hill and Through West Bath”. The talk covered the history and use of the trail systems in West Bath currently used and maintained by Over the Hill ATV Riders. The Town History Series talks are filmed for local television.
- WBHS organized the always popular, non-sectarian, traditional candlelight Annual Community Christmas Service & Carol Sing, led by Rev. Holly S. Morrison, joined by organist Susie Knowles and Sue Mack playing the Scottish small pipes, with readings from members of every generation in our community. WBHS shares the evening’s offering with a local non-profit, again this year the Bath Area Food Bank.
- Our Annual Meeting and Potluck Supper was held on a late summer afternoon, and featured speakers Mike Clark, a financial advisor, and Jennifer Cavalli, who spoke on “Adaptive Reuse of Historic Buildings”.
- Heritage Days Open Houses at the historic Littlefield School and Old West Bath Meeting House were enjoyed by local and summer visitors.
Special events in 2016

*Gifted in Maine* by Jennifer Cavalli at Littlefield School for the summer months. Jen managed a cooperative offering crafts mostly by local artisans, created and donated an exhibit of the schoolhouse’s history, and gave tours of the one-room school. Nearly 400 visitors enjoyed this experience during the 63 days that Jennifer opened the door.

President Emeritus Avery Hunt represented the West Bath Historical Society at Georgetown Historical Society's 300th anniversary, presenting a talk about how and why West Bath broke away from Bath (formerly also a part of Georgetown) and became an independent town in 1844.

The Meeting House served as the gathering place for a private family celebration.

2016 Highlights of Volunteer Time and Talent

Littlefield School and Old West Bath Meeting House: Repair of the sign frame thanks to Dean Batterman, replaced plexiglass window protectors thanks to Launy Fitzjarrald, new door lock, new fire extinguishers, guest books, and replaced the American flag. A new heirloom Winesap apple tree planted to replace the one initially planted in 2003. Foyer painted, chimney inspected. New membership dues reminders and use of facilities forms. Acquisition of Jennifer Cavalli’s framed history narratives with images. A bronze plaque mounted in dedication to Bruce Burden in honor of his mother Evelyn Redlon Burden who was a student at the schoolhouse in the 1930’s.

Archivist Kerry Nelson continues to contribute to the online historic newspaper website in order to research West Bath topics, procure materials for reference, assist with all publications and programs, and maintain and expand on historic accuracy for all things West Bath.

We thank The Town and its citizens for continued support of our efforts.  We encourage you to become involved with the West Bath Historical Society

- Research or write for *The Middle Ground*, or an oral history project (by interviewing, transcribing, or being interviewed), or help design and present a program
- Join in building restoration and preservation (cleaning, painting, carpentry, etc.)
- Help with USGenWeb projects
- Contribute refreshments for events and Open Houses
- Help with outreach for educational programs
- Monetary donations are always gratefully accepted

West Bath Historical Society Board of Directors 2016:

Amy Wesson, President • Sally Graves, Recording Secretary • Pam Mayo, Secretary/Treasurer
W. N. “Pete” Guild, Secretary/Treasurer Emeritus • Becky Kresovsky • Leah Zartarian
Bob Bittner • Raisa Bittner • Beth Brewer • Ivon Boyer • Kerry Nelson, Archivist
Avery Hunt, President Emeritus/Editor: *The Middle Ground*
Betty Fitzjarrald, Littlefield School Chairperson • Fran Soverel, Archival Contributor

Please visit the West Bath Historical Society page on the Town of West Bath’s website to access:

- Old West Bath Meeting House Brochure & Application for Use
- Littlefield School Brochure & Application for Use
- Short History of West Bath
- *The Middle Ground* (current and past issues of our newsletter)
- Membership form: join and receive our publication, *The Middle Ground*
Town Administrator’s Report

This year town staff, the Board of Selectmen, School Board and other various committees have worked diligently together to provide quality services to the town’s people of West Bath. Here are a few points of interest from this past year:

**Budget:** This year the FY2017-2018 budget has brought about a few challenges for the Town. One challenge comes in the form of an increase in the Town’s County Tax bill of $26,438 over last year. The second challenge comes in the form of unanticipated special education costs. Unfortunately, these are not costs that can be predicted and are unavoidable. In an effort to handle the increase in a way that would have the least impact on taxpayers, the Board of Selectmen, Budget Committee and I have worked together to make reductions in the Town’s budget that would not impact Town services. Unfortunately, it is next to impossible for the Town’s Municipal Operating Budget to be reduced enough to make up for the increase in special education costs. Please note, the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee are in agreement with the entire proposed FY 2017-2018 budget.

**Sale of Tax Foreclosed Property:** Many years ago, the Town foreclosed on 16 Whistlers Cove Road due to property taxes not being paid. This year in an effort to move some of the tax foreclosed property off of the books the Town reached out to a real estate auction company to assist in the sale of 16 Whistlers Cove Road. In working with the auction company the Town was able to sell the property to a West Bath resident for a purchase price of $111,100.

**Completion of the Hill Road Project:** The Hill Road reconstruction project was a multiyear project to address many of the issues with the road to include drainage problems as well as areas of hazardous conditions for drivers. Through the hard work of the Road Commissioner, Steve Renaud all final aspects of this project were addressed and the project was completed in the fall of 2016.

**New Sand/Salt Shed:** As approved by the May 2016 Town Meeting the Town will be moving forward with building a new sand/salt building on the Arthur J. Reno Sr Road. This project was put out to bid twice at the conclusion of which the Selectmen awarded the construction project to David Trask of Trask and Son’s Incorporated. Construction will begin in April of 2017 and will conclude in October of 2017.

**Town Road and Parking Lot Plowing:** The 2016-2017 winter marked the end of the Town’s current plowing contract. Following the Town’s bid process two bid packages were put out to public bid, the first for the plowing of the Town Roads and the second for the plowing of Town Parking Lots. At the conclusion of the bid process the Selectmen awarded the Town Road plowing contract to Goodall Landscaping Incorporated and the Town Parking Lots plowing contract to DTB Snowplowing. Both contracts are a three-year contract ending in 2020.

In closing, if you would like to volunteer to serve on a Town committee please contact me as the Town has many openings on Town Committees. As always, if you have any questions or ideas that you would like to discuss, please feel free to contact me at the West Bath Town Office or by email, townadministrator@westbath.org. If you would simply like to stop in and chat, my door is always open and I would thoroughly enjoy meeting anyone who wishes to drop in at the Town Office.

Sincerely,

Adam Garland, West Bath Town Administrator
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Respectfully submitted,

Ronald Beal
Assessor
INDEPENDENT AUDITORS’ REPORT

Board of Selectmen
Town of West Bath
219 Foster’s Point Road
West Bath, Maine 04530

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, business-type activities, and each major fund of the Town of West Bath, as of and for the years ended June 30, 2016 and 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town’s basic financial statements as listed in the Table of Contents.

Management’s Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditor’s Responsibility

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

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

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

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, business-type activities, and each major fund of the Town of West Bath as of June 30, 2016 and 2015, and the respective changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

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

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of West Bath’s basic financial statements. The introductory section, combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements, and statistical section, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements.

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

The introductory and statistical sections have not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on them.

December 12, 2016

Bath, Maine
Codes Enforcement Officer

Total permits issued in calendar year 2016: 48 \textit{(decrease of 2 permits from 2015)}
Total fees: $4,832.30

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Respectfully submitted,

Ellis Reed
Codes Enforcement Officer

Plumbing Inspector

Plumbing permits issued during calendar year 2015

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<td>Total retained by town</td>
<td>$7,619.35</td>
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Respectfully submitted,

Ellis Reed
Plumbing Inspector
West Bath Fire Department

Dear Citizens of West Bath,

It has been yet another busy year for the members of the West Bath Fire Department. The department is comprised of approximately 23 men and women who provide firefighting and first responder services to the town of West Bath, along with many of our surrounding towns through our mutual aid agreements. The members of this department put in countless hours of training, responding to calls, and providing community outreach. We provide services to the town with the following apparatus:

- Engine 8: 1996 Central States - 1250 GPM pump, 750 gallon tank, compressed air foam capabilities
- Tank 8: 2002 Freightliner - 1250 GPM pump, 2550 gallon tank
- Squad 8: 2005 Ford F550 - on board twin line hydraulic Jaws of Life Pump, cold water rescue equipment
- Service 8: 2000 GMC 2500 - Equipment and personnel transport
- Brush 8: 2006 Jeep Wrangler - Forestry unit

We responded to 237 calls for service in 2016. This is not just a number for us; we are aware that each call represents a time when someone in our community is experiencing an unexpected, and often times unfortunate incident. It is our intent to provide them with not only a prompt response from a qualified professional, but also support in their time of need.

Although most of the interaction that our members have with the community is during these calls for assistance, we also host our annual Fire Prevention Week Open House in October as a way to interact with the citizens that we serve. Our 2016 Open House was held on Tuesday, October 4th. Prior to the open house, two members of our department visited the West Bath Elementary School at an assembly. We decided to get back to basics this year and spotlight the West Bath Fire Department volunteers and our own apparatus. We held a bike raffle; in order to be entered into the bike raffle, children had a card that they had to fill out. In order to get their cards complete, they had to ask questions of the firefighters about our particular apparatus. This provided an excellent opportunity for collaboration between the volunteers and community members; as well as a chance for citizens to get to know the individual functions of our equipment. We ended the open house with a live fire demonstration.

In addition to calls for assistance and community outreach, we spend a great deal of time throughout the year on training. We hold two monthly training sessions; one for firefighting and one for EMS. In addition to our monthly training sessions, we also had a building donated to us which we used for live fire exercises in June. This provides a great opportunity for our members to get hands on experience, which is invaluable.

As always, please remember these important safety tips: install smoke detectors on every level of the home and in all sleeping areas; test your smoke detectors on a monthly basis; change your batteries when you change your clocks for daylight savings time; have an escape plan and practice it; choose a meeting place a safe distance away from your home; never go back inside a burning building; and make sure that your house number is visibly marked.

Finally, as a department, we would like to thank our community and town administration for their continued support. It is very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Chief Jonathan Beane
SHELLFISH WARDEN REPORT

West Bath,
It was a pleasure to serve the citizens of West Bath as your shellfish warden.

In 2016, I checked the following:
430 commercial harvesters
300 bushels of shellfish
245 marine worm diggers.

Your shellfish harvesters work hard to keep the waters clean and the trash picked up around the shore and landings.

Any questions or complaints, please call my cell at 504-1523

Respectfully submitted

Doug Alexander
Shellfish Warden

HARBOR MASTER REPORT

Here we are, and another boating season nears. Moorings are still $10 and by ordinance no more than two moorings are allowed. Remember moorings are to be maintained properly. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Don’t forget to register your moorings when you register your boat. It is important to remember your wake when you are boating, and it is common courtesy when on the water.

Have a safe season,

Joseph Vaillancourt
Harbor Master
ROAD COMMISSIONER REPORT

2016 we continued roadside tree trimming, completing Hill and Bull Rock Roads. We will be focusing on Sabino, Birch Point and Mountain Roads this year. The project on Hill Road is completed. Ditching and shoulder work will continue all throughout the Town.

Upcoming Projects:

- Repair frost heave on Bull Rock Road
- Continue ditching and shimming primarily Mountain, Sabino and Birch Point Roads
- Road sweeping and striping will be done in the early spring

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns that you may have. I can be reached at (207) 442-0581.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Renaud
Road Commissioner
TOWN CLERK ANNUAL REPORT

2016 REGISTRAR OF VOTERS REPORT

The Town of West Bath held several elections and special town meetings, most notably marked by the 2016 General Election where Donald Trump defeated Hillary Clinton, and the State voted in favor of a Citizen Initiative to legalize marijuana among many other very close votes.

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<td>School Budget Validation</td>
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<td>September 26, 2016</td>
<td>Special Town Meeting</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>1%</td>
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<td>November 8, 2016</td>
<td>General Election (Town Meeting)</td>
<td>1257</td>
<td>78%</td>
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Without the help of our dedicated Election Workers, State and local elections would be a nearly impossible endeavor. I encourage anyone interested in taking part to contact the Town Hall.

I would like to personally thank each of them for taking time out of their busy schedules to serve the Town of West Bath. Below is the list of current Election Clerks:

Carol Beal    Beth Brewer    Debra Bruce
Jonathan Davis  Diane Delano  Evelyn Desmond
Penny Faulkingham  Martha Garrison  Robin Hansen
Joyce Hennessey  Madelyn Hennessey  Jill Kornrumpf
Peter Lamarre  Debbie Leighton  Katherine McDaniel
Robert McDaniel  Phyllis McNelly  Maria Morris
Jay Pappas  Joseph Pluto  Catherine Powers
Ashleigh Randall  Annie Wright  Earnest Stallworth
Judith Stallworth  Richard Totten  Kathleen Travis
Sandra Tuttle  Robin Whorff  Margaret Totten

A very special thank you to Roger Therriault, Robin Whorff, Paula Nelson, and Catherine Powers who served as Moderators and Deputy Moderators for the 2016 Elections.

Respectfully submitted,
Karly Perry, Registrar of Voters

DOG REGISTRATIONS

Dog licenses expire annually December 31st and must be paid by January 31st. Licenses paid on or after February 1st will be charged an additional $25 late fee. Tags are available for sale beginning Oct 15th. You may obtain or renew your dog license by going online at: www1.maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/dog_license/index.pl You will need: rabies certificate, veterinarian information, license/tag number (for renewal), spay or neuter certificate (if applicable) and a credit card for online payment.
Vital Statistics

Births: 15 Births in 2016
Deaths: 22 Deaths in 2016

In Memoriam

Marilyn Marie Bruce
Seth H. Washburn
Judith Jeannine Coffin
Richard Farnsworth Alexander Sr.
G. Scott McIntyre
Durene Carol Carleton
Martha J. Murray
Louise Agnes Thornton
Carolyn Marie Lemont
Tristan Martin Friedman
George Everett Boynton II
Jacqueline Mae Sylvester
Margot O. Weber
Gladys Meriam Walker
Lisa Marie Williams
Frank L. Rose
Ruth W. Claxton
Kristyn Marie Westbrook
Elaine Rose Lemont
Granville Horace Thompson
Colin Niles Quinn
Albert J. White Jr.

Weddings: 10 Weddings in West Bath for 2016

Nicole Gagnon and Robert Phillips
Jessica Lathrop and Nathaniel McKim
Laura Gallant and Jacob Mintzer
Ashleigh Elwell and Ryan Dube
Mary McClintock and Spencer Hallowell
Melissa Judkins and Andrew Whittaker
Maura Walker and Matthew Adlestein
Laurie Bissonnette and Shawn Perkins
Amanda Cloutier and Jason Downing
Louise Janelle and Stephen Lennox

All dates are January 13, 2016
## TREASURER’S REPORT
July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016

### YEAR END BALANCE: RESOURCES

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GENERAL GOVERNMENT EXPENSES

- FIRE DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS: $45,271.55
- FIRE DEPARTMENT INCENTIVE: $19,178.03
- FIRE DEPARTMENT CAPITAL: $5,000.00
- GENERAL GOVERNMENT SALARIES & BENEFITS: $324,156.34
- PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AND MEMBERSHIPS: $122,596.47
- MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS: $52,531.05
- PUBLIC WORKS: $500,634.67
- COMMUNITY SUPPORT: $38,470.00
- MISCELLANEOUS: $20,704.80
- HARBORS AND WATERWAYS/MARINE RESOURCES: $33,150.46
- SOLID WASTE RECYCLING CENTER/COMMITTEE: $12,111.32
- CEMETERY MAINTENANCE: $1,650.00
- COUNTY TAX: $627,093.00
- EDUCATION: $2,849,359.92

**TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT EXPENSES:** $4,651,907.61

CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS

- Frank J Fowler: $284.03
- Ruth F Coombs: $688.19
- Fred D Winter: $300.71
- Martha D Oliver: $219.96
- Odie M Rich: $515.63
- Lee Brothers: $565.65

**TOTAL CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS:** $2,574.17

TRUST FUND

- Marietta T Atwood Memorial: $1,646.27

**TOTAL TRUST FUNDS:** $4,220.44

Respectfully submitted,
Julia M. House, Treasurer
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General Revenues:
- Property Taxes $3,851,351.07 |
- Homestead Reimbursement $25,481.00 |
- Excise Taxes $360,000.00 |
- Intergovernmental $52,232.24 |
- Interest and Investment Earnings $6,874.96 |
- Loss on Sale $(1,220.00) |
- RSU #1 Settlement $102,622.00 |
- **Total General Revenues** $4,398,561.27 |

Changes in Net Position:
- **Transfer In - School Assets** 167,052.00 |
- **Net Position, July 1** 5,916,816.25 |
- **Net Position, June 30** 6,568,255.33 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.
TOWN OF WEST BATH
RECONCILIATION OF TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCES
TO NET POSITION OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2016 AND 2015

Exhibit C

GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCES:

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Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statements of Net Position are different because:

- Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds. 3,951,730.59 3,635,091.44
- Deferred outflows are deferred as expense in the fund financial statements in the government-wide financial statements as expense in the year following the year paid. 88,998.43 14,215.00
- Notes payable are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds. (262,500.00)
- Pension liability is not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds. (72,752.00) (24,472.00)
- Property taxes not collected within the sixty days after year end are deferred as revenue in the fund financial statements. In the government-wide financial statements the revenue is income in the year it is assessed. 165,020.78 179,037.77
- Deferred inflows are deferred revenues related to pension expenses that are amortized in the government-wide financial statements. (37,294.00) (25,991.00)

Net Position of Governmental Activities (Exhibit A)

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## WING FARM

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## TOWN OF WEST BATH

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN UNAPPROPRIATED SURPLUS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016**

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TOWN OF WEST BATH
STATEMENT OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS
JUNE 30, 2016

TOTALS:

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$ 77,490.29
$ 47,248.93
$ 696,670.80
$ 627,194.92
$ 22,326.95
$ 649,421.87
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## TOWN OF WEST BATH
### STATEMENT OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS
#### JUNE 30, 2016

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Schedule A-4 (Cont'd)
TOWN OF WEST BATH
RECONCILIATION OF TREASURER'S CASH BALANCE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

Cash on Hand $ 300.00

Androscoggin Savings Bank:
   Balance Per Bank Statement $ 109,567.37
   Add: Deposits in Transit 6,120.26
   Deduct: Outstanding Checks (30,608.56)
   Balance Per Books 85,079.07

Androscoggin Savings Bank:
   School Lunch 41,241.49

Bath Savings Institution:
   Certificate of Deposit - General Fund 216,442.75

Androscoggin Savings Bank:
   ICS Savings - General Fund 2,310,740.72

Cash Balance, June 30, 2016 $ 2,653,804.03

STATEMENT OF TAXES RECEIVABLE
FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2016 AND 2015

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Schedule A-11
TOWN OF WEST BATH
ABATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2016

Real Estate
2015
Bilodeau, Joseph & Jana $ 2,990.00
Trottier, Roland & Carol 203.84
Secskas, Elaine 406.64
Wakely, Mark & Anita 39.52
Maine Audubon Society 3,855.28
Waterhouse, Edna 62.40
Garrison, Chester 74.88
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2014
Veevers-Carter, Digby $ 1,109.76
Garrison, Chester 73.44

1,183.20

2013
Garrison, Chester 73.08

Personal Property
2015
Elavon, Inc. 7.39

$ 22,328.87
Dear Shellfish Committees and Town Clerks:

**News and Updates:**

As stated in the 2015 Annual review Letter, once again we will no longer be making exceptions for applications received outside of the deadlines for submission. Applications for:

- Transplant activity applications must be submitted, fully completed, to DMR no less than 10 days in advance of the scheduled activity as required by DMR Regulations Chapter 7. Requests received less than 10 days in advance will cause delay in approval for the activity.
- Conservation Closure AND Opening applications must be submitted, fully completed, to DMR at least 20 days in advanced of the scheduled closure/opening as required by DMR Regulations Chapter 7. Permit requests submitted less than 20 days in advance will be denied or delayed. DMR also reminds you that there is a mandatory 5 day notification period for all conservation closures. Please be sure notification and public postings are made accordingly. The reason for these tight deadlines is due to any violation of these closures/openings is a Class D criminal violation and proper notice is required by statute.
- **Beginning on January 1, 2017, all applications NEED to be submitted on the newest version of the forms available on the website, if not they cannot be accepted.**

As most of you are already aware, we are now uploading permits, maps, and ordinances for each town to our website to make them more accessible for the public. The link is: [http://www.maine.gov/dmr/shellfish-sanitation-management/programs/municipal/ordinances/towninfo.html](http://www.maine.gov/dmr/shellfish-sanitation-management/programs/municipal/ordinances/towninfo.html)  New information is uploaded as it becomes available.

**Annual Municipal Shellfish Management Review Reports (DMR Regulations Chapter 7.30(4.)):**

These forms can be found as fillable electronic forms on the Department of Marine Resources webpage: [http://www.maine.gov/dmr/shellfish-sanitation-management/programs/municipal/forms/index.html](http://www.maine.gov/dmr/shellfish-sanitation-management/programs/municipal/forms/index.html)  If you have any problems locating or using these forms, please contact Angel Wilson or your Area Biologist for assistance. Enclosed is the list of towns covered by each Area Biologist. The newest versions of these forms MUST be utilized whether printed and completed or filled out online. Old versions of applications will no longer be accepted and will be sent back to the towns for revision.

The Annual Municipal Shellfish Management Review Report identifies the key management components within municipal shellfish programs that must be completed in order for your program to meet statutory and regulatory requirements under Title 12, Section 6671 and DMR Regulation Chapter 7. Properly completed, the Annual Municipal Shellfish Management Review Report also serves as the shellfish management plan, as required under DMR Regulations Chapter 7.20.

The completed Annual Shellfish Management Review for the year 2016 must be submitted directly to the DMR to the Shellfish Program Coordinator; PO Box 8, West Boothbay Harbor, ME 04575-0008 no later than **April 1, 2017** for review and approval. Incomplete reports will be returned. Any municipality that has not submitted their Annual Review within 30 days of the due date will receive a letter from the Commissioner giving notice of his intent to rescind their ordinance. As a reminder, several supplemental forms are required including the Transplant Activity form, the Budget Worksheet, Enforcement Worksheet, New Warden Form if applicable, and any resource survey data. Copies of all forms available online.

Should you have questions concerning these issues and/or requirements, please contact me, your Area Biologist or the Shellfish Program Coordinator.

Sincerely,

Denis-Marc Nault  
Supervisor, Shellfish Management Program
OVER THE HILL ATV RIDERS

FOUNDED IN 2006, OVER THE HILL ATV RIDERS IS A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT WORKS WITH OVER 50 PRIVATE LANDOWNERS, TO RIDE AND MAINTAIN APPROX 18 MILES OF TRAILS IN WEST BATH AND BATH. OUR GOAL IS TO PRACTICE SAFE RIDING WHILE HAVING FUN AND BEING RESPECTFUL TO THE ENVIRONMENT. WE WORK WITH LANDOWNERS TO ADDRESS ANY CONCERNS THEY MIGHT HAVE WITH THE IMPACT OF ATV’S ON THEIR PROPERTY. BUILDING BRIDGES, FILLING IN RUTS WITH ROCKS AND WOODCHIPS, DITCHING, AND CUTTING NEW TRAILS AROUND SENSITIVE AREAS, ARE SOME OF THE THINGS WE DO TO HELP PROTECT AGAINST DAMAGE TO THE LAND.

IN 2016 DEDICATED MEMBERS PUT IN ALMOST 500 HOURS OF LABOR ON THE TRAILS.
OVER 200 OF THOSE HOURS WERE PUT IN BY ONE OF OUR FOUNDING FATHERS AND FORMER TRAILMASTER, BILL HOCHGESANG AND HIS WIFE CAROL, WHO WE SAID GOODBYE TO, AS THEY MOVED SOUTH TO TENNESSEE TO BE WITH FAMILY. ONE OF OUR OTHER FOUNDING MEMBERS AND LONG TIME PRESIDENT, JOHN HOUCK, ALSO STEPPED DOWN, HANDING OVER THE REIGNS SO HE COULD FOCUS ON RETIREMENT.

OVER THE YEARS WE HAVE PARTICIPATED IN NUMEROUS PARADES INCLUDING THE ST. PATTY’S DAY, MEMORIAL DAY, AND ALSO THE BATH 4TH OF JULY PARADE. WE HAVE AN ANNUAL ROADSIDE CLEANUP FROM THE BOTTOM OF WITCH SPRING HILL TO THE FOSTERS POINT ROAD, WHICH USUALLY RESULTS IN 2 OR 3 TRAILER LOADS OF GARBAGE, CAR PARTS, DIRTY DIAPERS AND TIRES BEING TAKEN TO PINE TREE WASTE. THE HONKS AND WAVES FROM PASSERBY’S LET US KNOW THIS WORK IS APPRECIATED.

WE ALSO PARTICIPATE IN NUMEROUS RIDES THROUGHOUT THE STATE, NEAR AND FAR. FOR THE PAST FEW YEARS WE GO ON A 3 DAY CAMPING TRIP, WHICH ALWAYS LEADS TO SOME GOOD TIMES AND GOOD STORIES. WE HAVE MULTIPLE CLUB RIDES RIGHT ON OUR OWN TRAILS IN WEST BATH, WHICH USUALLY END UP AT WITCH SPRING HILL ICE CREAM FOR A COUPLE HOT DOGS AND DESSERT. AND DON’T FORGET ABOUT THE STOP AT THE LILY POND TO HAVE A SNACK AND SKIP SOME ROCKS.

WE HAVE A GREAT LITTLE TRAIL SYSTEM HERE IN THE WOODS OF WEST BATH, WHICH WOULDN’T BE POSSIBLE WITHOUT THE GENEROSITY OF THE LANDOWNERS OF THE TRAILS WE RIDE ON. PLEASE BE RESPECTFUL AND RIDE SAFE, SO WE CAN CONTINUE THIS SPORT IN THE YEARS TO COME.

CURRENT CLUB OFFICERS:
PRESIDENT- JERROD LOZIER
VICE PRESIDENT- JOE MACMAHAN
SECRETARY- KARLY PERRY
TREASURER- AL HOWE
TRAILMASTER- MATT BEAL

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT OUR WEBSITE: WWW.OVERTHEHILLATVRIDERS.COM OR LIKE US ON FACEBOOK.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED, JERROD LOZIER, PRESIDENT
On behalf of the Board, Corporators, and Staff of the Patten Free Library, thank you to the Town of West Bath for making the Patten Free Library your library. Your support of the library in 2015-16 has enabled:

178,865 people to visit the Library  
133,411 total items to be borrowed  
27,028 items to be borrowed and loaned through interlibrary loan  
25,503 people to use the public computers  
10,703 reference questions to be answered  
8,143 eBooks and audiobooks to be borrowed  
5,281 people to participate in 267 children’s programs  
1,894 people to attend 90 adult programs  
1,973 young adults to participate in 178 programs  
561 children to participate in the Summer Reading Program  
53 teens to participate in the Teen Summer Reading Program

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

Some highlights of the Library's service in 2015-16 include:

- The 11th Annual Town History Series, featuring “Over the Hill and Through West Bath” presented by Sally Graves  
- iPad classes, genealogy workshops, lectures, musical concerts, film showings, author talks, poetry readings, and art exhibits  
- Finding Wonderland children’s summer reading program with 561 participants; 29 of them from West Bath  
- First grade visit with West Bath School; 13 students attending with 7 new cards issued
- 178 programs for young adults with 1973 attendees; programs include visits to area schools and events at the Library

Respectfully submitted,  
Lesley Dolinger  
Director
Sagadahoc County
Communications Center Report for West Bath
2016

- Requests for Police Response 1,061
- Requests for Fire Response 103
- Requests for Ambulance Response 207

- Police had an increase of 22 calls from 2015
- Fire had an increase of 5 calls from 2015
- Ambulance had an decrease of 5 calls from 2015

What to expect when you call 9-1-1

When you call 9-1-1 you will be asked basic information about the situation and the patient. We ask these questions to make sure the appropriate response is sent and so that we can assist you until help arrives.

During a typical call you will be asked for:

The address of the emergency
The phone number you are calling from (in case we are disconnected)
The nature of the problem
The status of the patient (consciousness and breathing)

You may also be asked specific questions relating to the patient’s particular problem.

We understand that most of our callers are not medically trained or may not be right with the patient. The questions we ask are designed so that you can answer by observing the patient or by asking him/her directly. If you do not know, and are unable to find out, it is ok. Please do the best you can to answer the questions.

Often your dispatchers will be working in tandem so that as one person is speaking with you, another has the ability to listen in on the call. This allows the second dispatcher to send and update responders while the first dispatcher can remain on the line with you.

Once these questions are asked and a response has been sent, your dispatcher will also be able to provide instructions that will help you assist the patient until the responders arrive. These instructions are based on years of research and are provided under the direction of our state medical director. Instructions range from encouraging the patient to rest to step by step CPR instructions.

For more information about the Sagadahoc County Communications Center and public safety services throughout our county, please call Brodie Hinckley at 386-5800 or email at director@sagcommunications.com.
Please check out our website at www.sagcommunications.com
The Sagadahoc County Emergency Management Agency (SCEMA) is responsible for policy development, planning, agency coordination, education and training surrounding the health and safety of those who live, work and play within the ten municipalities of Sagadahoc County. SCEMA is charged with creating the framework within which communities reduce vulnerability to hazards and cope with disasters. SCEMA protects communities by coordinating and integrating all activities necessary to build, sustain, and improve the capability to mitigate against, prepare for, respond to, and recover from natural disasters, acts of terrorism or other man-made disasters. Existing partnerships were enhanced and new partnerships with government, non-profit and industry were established over the course of 2016.

On September 1, 2016, SCEMA hired a Deputy Director, Sarah Bennett, who has officially stepped into the role of EMA Director, effective March 1, 2017. Mr. Eric Sawyer has resigned from his position with the County as of November 17, 2016.

SCEMA brought in close to $66,000 in Federal Homeland Security Program Grant funds for fiscal year 2016. These funds translated into a number of projects across the County. Some of the projects included updates and improvements to unit identifiers for County Law and Fire primary frequencies, the purchase of a county incident support trailer and various supplies to support all municipalities, and animal emergency response shelter kits, just to name a few.

During the 2015 calendar year, SCEMA began working with our local partners, the Maine Emergency Management agency (MEMA) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to create our County Hazard Mitigation Plan. During 2016, the Plan has been fully developed and approved for final stage, the Adoption and Resolution Process, which will conclude the Hazard Mitigation Plan process in its entirety during the early portion of 2017. The Plan will be effective for the next 5 years.

In the later part of 2016, all ten municipalities worked in partnership to complete a Hurricane Storm Surge evacuation mapping project which was coordinated between SCEMA, MEMA and the Local EMA Directors. This project will allow for more precise targeting of evacuation zones based on individually identified directional landmarks (such as a streams, coastlines, train tracks, roads etc.) SCEMA intends to build upon the current CodeRED alert and warning notification system capabilities by geo-targeting these pre-identified evacuation zones. Once the project is complete, the maps will become available to the County and towns for use in evacuation planning, which is expected in 2017.

Working closely with the Sagadahoc County Board of Health, SCEMA staff partnered with County partners and stakeholders, neighboring jurisdictions and subject matter experts to target and address three areas of focus for 2016 and the coming year: 1.) Childhood lead based paint exposure/screening 2.) Obesity, and 3.) Mental health.

For more information, visit us at www.sagcounty/ema and like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/SagadahocCountyEMA. We look forward to another successful year of service to the residents of Sagadahoc County.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah J. Bennett
EMA Director
Sagadahoc County Emergency Management Agency
Sagadahoc County Board of Heath
To the Residents of the Town of West Bath:

On behalf of the members of the Sagadahoc County Sheriff’s Office I want to thank the residents of West Bath for their continued support. The Sheriff’s Office is committed to keeping you and your family safe.

Specifically to the Town of West Bath, the Sheriff’s Office responded to 974 incidents, an increase of 6% from 2015. Of that total, 32% were for motor vehicle related incidents. There were 120 motor vehicle accidents reported last year, a 19% increase from the previous year. Of that total, 13 involved personal injury, which was nearly half of the previous year. Fortunately, there were no fatalities. As for criminal activity, we saw a slight increase in reportable UCR crimes for the first time in several years.

I am particularly pleased to report that the Sheriff’s Office expanded its jail diversion programs in an effort to limit the cost of incarcerating people for non-violent offenses. We continue to utilize alternative sentencing practices such as Adult Day Reporting, Home Release and Pre-Trail programs that reduce the number of inmates and keeps correctional costs flat. The new graduated sanctions program, coupled with our home release program saved 1,430 bed days in 2016. The diversion program is also an effort to confront the heroin epidemic that is sweeping the state. A critical component to this program is utilizing a Recovery Coach through a partnership with Mid Coast Hospital Addiction Resource Center.

The Sheriff’s Office continues to provide a public works program where inmates from Two Bridges Regional Jail can give back to the community. In 2015 our public works program saved taxpayers in Sagadahoc County nearly $57,000 in potential labor costs.

The Sagadahoc County Sheriff’s Office is committed to the prevention of crime, the protection of life and property, and the preservation of peace. We continue to work with community partners, whether it’s Merrymeeting Bay Triad or Communities Against Substance Abuse. By doing so, we can help make West Bath a safe place in which to live, work, and raise a family.

It is my pleasure to serve you. Please feel to get in touch with us by calling my office at 443-8228 or through our new website at www.sagsheriff.com.

Respectfully submitted,

Joel A. Merry, Sheriff
Meetings are held the on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday each month
Social hour at 6:00 pm followed by the meeting at 7:00 pm
Visitors are always welcome!!!

Look for Grange Suppers through most of the year held on the 1st Saturday of the month
4:30-6:30 · $8.00/person donation (children under 3 years old are free)
Funds raised are used for the upkeep of the building.

In 2013 a group of people in the Bath/West Bath area who didn’t want to see the 1901 Grange building and all its history be forgotten, became the West Bath Seaside Grange. Our goal was to Keep the community. We have had success in community service and community use of the building along with suppers.

It is now 2017, 4 years later we have been trying to build our membership without success. We are looking to find people that would like to become active members and share the same goal. We cannot continue without a membership. The Grange of today is still a community service organization. We are always looking for members to join our Grange, maintain the 100 plus year old building, do some community service and enjoy good company.

Visit us on the Town of West Bath website or visit our Facebook page.

The Grange Hall is available to rent for:
Weddings · Showers · Birthdays · Reunions · Any Occasion
Contact Mr. Craig Johnson at 443-1266 for more information.
GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES FOR WEST BATH

Commissioner Carol Grose  
County of Sagadahoc: District 3  
(Arrowsic, Georgetown, Phippsburg, Richmond, West Bath, Woolwich)  
752 High Street, Bath, ME 04530 · (207) 443-8202

Governor Paul LePage  
State of Maine  
1 State House Station, Augusta ME 04333 · (207) 287-3531

Joyce “Jay” McCreight, State Representative  
House of Representatives: District 51  
(Brunswick, Harpswell, West Bath)  
2 State House Station, Augusta ME · (207) 287-1400 TTY (207) 287-4469

Chellie Pingree, Member of Congress  
Congress of the United States  
1st District, Maine  
1 Silver Street, Waterville, ME 04902 · (207) 873-5713

Senator Angus King  
United States Senate  
133 Hart Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510 · (202) 224-5344

Senator Eloise Vitelli  
Senate District 23 (Arrowsic, Bath, Bowdoin, Bowdoinham, Dresden, Georgetown, Phippsburg, Richmond, Topsham, West Bath, Woolwich)  
3 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333 · (207) 287-1515

Senator Susan Collins  
United States Senate  
413 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510 · (202) 224-2623
Dear Friends and Neighbors,

It is my honor to continue to serve the citizens of West Bath as a Sagadahoc County Commissioner. As I begin my third term, I remain totally committed to insuring that the services provided by the County are delivered in the most cost effective and professional way possible.

As we move forward in an economic climate which for us is accentuated by the uncertainty of issues such as union contract negotiations and the funding of county jails, the Commissioners remain acutely aware of the impact the County tax assessment has on Sagadahoc municipalities. In FY 2016-17 the amount to be raised through taxes decreased by 0.14%, and we remain committed to minimizing increases as we enter into the FY 2017-18 budget process.

During 2016, the County’s many activities and accomplishments included the following:

- **Administration** continued to oversee the self-funded health insurance program, which had a rate increase of only 3% for the first year (vs. an increase of 6.25% by our previous insurer),
- **Probate Court** was busy processing petitions for guardianship, conservatorship, change of name, adoption, and estates. They also processed passport applications and continued to back-scan records into an electronic database.
- **Deeds** continued its efforts to make all documents available for viewing at sagadahocdeedsme.com. They also stayed busy handling increased recordings due to the improved housing market.
- The **Emergency Management Agency** welcomed new Director Sarah Bennett, who continued to work on the planning and implementation of regional training; assist local EMA Directors and community officials to meet federal emergency preparedness requirements; and collaborate with area emergency responders and public health agencies.
- The **Communications Center** continued to make significant equipment upgrades. In addition, a joint Task Force was established with the County’s Fire Chiefs to explore long term improvements to the E-911 system.
- The **District Attorney’s Office** handled a high volume of court cases and added a part-time employee to assist with the implementation of a new court process.
- The **Sheriff’s Office** saw a decrease of approximately 1.4% in the number of calls when compared with 2015, from 5,207 to 5,133. The **Transport Division** handled 904 transports last year and continued to monitor inmates on home release. The community public works program resulted in the performance of approximately 2,725 hours of labor in Sagadahoc County, saving over $56,800 in labor costs. The **Civil Division** continues to serve orders and writs in a consistently professional manner.

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

Sincerely,
Carol A. Grose
Dear Citizens of West Bath:

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

My vision for Maine is prosperity, not poverty. For this reason, one of my top priorities continues to be the reduction and eventual elimination of the income tax. Raising the minimum wage is not the path out of poverty; I want Mainers to earn a career wage. Reducing the income tax is the biggest and most immediate pay raise for all hard-working Mainers.

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

Unfortunately, voters approved a referendum question to raise the income tax to 10.15% on successful Maine households and small businesses. Enacting the second highest income tax rate in the country shows the nation we are eager to punish people for being successful. It will drive them out of our state and make it even more difficult to attract much-needed doctors, dentists, scientists, engineers and other professionals to Maine. They can live in neighboring New Hampshire, which takes no income tax from their paychecks. Even worse, there is no guarantee the extra revenue from this tax will go to fund education, as proponents promised.

As successful people leave Maine, state and municipal government will lose the significant amount they pay in property, sales and incomes taxes. This will put even more upward pressure on local property taxes. Municipalities will have to get more creative to provide local services without increasing property taxes. Reforming the tree growth program, collecting property taxes on land in conservation or preservation programs, charging a payment in lieu of taxes on state land that is taken off the property tax rolls and having non-profit organizations pay a two-percent tax on their net revenues are all ways for municipalities to increase revenues.

Such bold measures would take strong leadership and commitment from local officials and residents. If ever I can be of assistance to you or if you have any questions or suggestions, I encourage you to contact my office by calling 287-3531 or by visiting our website at www.maine.gov/governor.

Sincerely,

Paul R. LePage
Governor
Dear West Bath Residents,

It is an honor to serve our community in my second term as your State Representative. I will continue to represent you conscientiously through my work at both the State House and here at home.

This session, the Legislature will address a number of issues critical to our district and our state. With over 1,500 bills to consider, we will be focused on enhancing access to health care, strengthening education at all levels, supporting job growth and, of course, passing a balanced, bipartisan budget.

I am happy to report that I have been re-appointed to the Legislature’s Judiciary Committee. Preserving basic fairness and equal protections under the law for all Maine people continues to require diligent attention.

I have also been appointed to serve on the Taxation Committee, where I am working to prevent increases to property taxes, broaden the ways we assist working families and improve access to needed resources so that our older adults can stay in their homes.

In addition to my new committee roles, protecting marine resources remains one of my top priorities. I am sponsoring several constituent-driven bills in support of our vital fishing industries and will monitor other legislation to make sure our interests are well served.

As we move forward tackling these and other challenges, I am determined to do the best work I can for the people of our district and all the people of Maine.

Please contact me if I can be of any help to you and your family or if you want to discuss or testify on any legislation. My email is jay.mccreight@legislature.maine.gov and my phone number is 449-3293. I also send out monthly email updates and would be honored to include you. Just drop me an email or give me a call to let me know you would like to receive them.

Respectfully,

Joyce “Jay” McCreight
State Representative
Dear Friend,

I hope this letter finds you well. It’s a privilege to share an update on my work to represent you and your family in Washington and in Maine.

As always, the interests of my constituents are what guide my work. There are many things I could talk about in that regard. But I want to focus here on one issue of particular importance—economic development. Having good-paying jobs allows future generations to make this wonderful state their home. With that goal in mind, I’m working to address Maine’s economic challenges and capitalize on its opportunities.

One such opportunity is agriculture, where Maine is bucking national trends. The average age of our farmers is actually going down while acreage in cultivation is going up. Consumer demand for local food is driving that growth. I’ve been successful in reforming federal policies to help farmers and processors meet that demand. My work will continue this year as Congress reauthorizes the Farm Bill.

I’m also working to support jobs in our coastal communities. Last year, I helped block Sweden’s proposed ban on the export of Maine lobsters to the European Union. I also introduced legislation to lift unnecessary regulations on seafood exporters and invest in working waterfront infrastructure.

On the House Appropriations Committee, I’m defending federal programs that support jobs throughout Maine. These programs invest in worthy projects that are beyond the reach of private, municipal, or state resources. In our state, they provide loans to small businesses, clean polluted sites for redevelopment, find new marketable uses for Maine’s natural resources, build broadband infrastructure, and much more.

Aside from economic development, advocating for Maine veterans is one of my highest priorities. With Congress’ current agenda, I’m also fighting to defend Medicare and Social Security, protect clean air and water, and ensure that our communities have the resources to address hunger, homelessness and lack of health care access.

Just as important as my policy work in Washington is what my office does to help individuals in Maine. Every year, my staff helps hundreds of constituents who have issues with federal agencies or programs. Please call my Portland office at (207) 774-5019 for assistance. It’s an honor to serve you.

Take care,

Chellie Pingree
Member of Congress
Dear Residents of West Bath,

It is an honor and privilege to serve as your Senator in the Maine State Legislature. This year is the first year of the 128th Legislature and I look forward to the work ahead!

As happens every year in the Legislature, my colleagues and I are working on hundreds of pieces of legislation. This year I have submitted several bills focused on economic development and education. Since I understand that Mainers need the skills for good paying jobs, I will be submitting a bill focused on expanding workforce training programs. In addition I will be submitting two education bills aimed at reducing student debt burdens. Our young people should be starting their life with a leg up, not a financial burden.

For this legislative session, I will be serving on the Marine Resources Committee. In this role and as your voice in the Legislature, I will advocate for government that serves Maine people well and meets the needs of our region. Though we face significant challenges, we live in a place with great natural resources, a highly regarded work ethic, and a strong sense of community. If we all work together, I am confident about a better future for our children and grandchildren.

If I can be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me with questions, comments, concerns. You can reach me through email at Eloise.Vitelli@legislature.maine.gov or at my office at 287-1515.

Kind regards,

Senator Eloise Vitelli
Dear Friends of West Bath,

Since being sworn into the Senate in 2013, I have made it my mission to address at the federal level the most important issues facing our great state. Working closely with my colleagues in the Maine Congressional Delegation, we’ve been able to successfully secure a number of legislative victories that support our state’s economy, our rich traditions, and the hardworking people I am proud to represent.

In an increasingly polarized Congress, my goal as an Independent is to put partisanship aside, build consensus and further common-sense solutions to address the needs of the American people. To this end, I have co-founded the Former Governors Caucus, a group of former state executives who are frustrated with legislative gridlock and eager to find bipartisan solutions. And as always, I aim to bridge the partisan divide by hosting barbeque dinners in Washington with colleagues ranging from Ted Cruz to Elizabeth Warren.

One of the accomplishments of which I am most proud is the legislative victory that protects our college students and their families from an expensive hike in student loan interest rates. In 2013, as students faced a significant spike in interest rates that would have taken thousands of dollars out of their pockets, I brought together colleagues from across the political spectrum to broker compromise legislation called the Bipartisan Student Loan Certainty Act. Thanks to this bill, students will save $50 billion over the next 10 years by lowering their interest rates, which means that a student in Maine will now save between $3,000 and $6,000 over the life of their loan.

Being an Independent in the Senate has allowed me to make calls and vote on policies that are best for Maine, but it has also made it possible to play key roles in finding simple solutions and legislative fixes that make good common-sense to both parties. Of course, much of what we do in the Senate doesn’t happen on the Senate floor, or even in committee. Instead, it involves working across all levels of government to ensure the State of Maine receives attention and support from the federal government.

Take, for example, the opioid and heroin epidemic devastating communities across our state. While Congress has passed legislative solutions aimed at expanding access to medical treatment, I’ve also pressed for other changes that can be accomplished more quickly and make a more immediate difference in Maine. For example, I successfully urged the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to increase the number of patients to whom a doctor can provide medication-assisted treatment, and in 2015 brought the Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy to Brewer to meet directly with Mainers and hear their stories. I’ve also engaged law enforcement – including the Drug Enforcement Agency – to crack down on the production of opioids and work to limit their diversion. Together, Senator Collins and I helped pass the Northern Border Security Review Act to combat drug and human trafficking along our border with Canada.

While the opioid epidemic is certainly our biggest public health crisis, job loss in Maine is still our number one economic problem and that’s why we need to focus on bringing good paying jobs back to Maine and protecting the ones we still have. As a member of the Armed Services Committee, I teamed up with Senator Collins and Representative Poliquin to successfully secure a provision in the defense bill that can help domestic shoe manufacturers like New Balance. The three of us also worked together with the Department of Commerce to establish an Economic Development Assessment Team, known as an EDAT, to assist Maine’s forest industry in the wake of several mill closures. We have an incredible spirit of innovation and ingenuity in Maine and I believe finding ways to invest in that spirit will reignite Maine’s forest products sector and our economy. Part of our economic path forward must also include expanding access to high-speed broadband, which can help connect our businesses and communities to information and economic opportunities.
As a member of the Senate Armed Services and Intelligence Committees, I work to keep Maine and our nation safe. Part of that important work means continuing to work for funding for the construction of Navy ships that will be used to protect American interests across the globe. We all know that “Bath Built is Best Built,” which is why I’ve fought to authorize funding for Navy ships built at BIW. The best way to preserve peace is by deterring war through unassailable strength, and to do that we must support our shipbuilders and our brave service members and invest in our military. I strive to meet this solemn responsibility every day as a member of these committees, which is why I hardly ever miss a hearing and take great care in overseeing the agencies sworn to keep us safe. Armed Services Chairman John McCain called me “one of the most serious and hard-working members” of the Committee, and that’s a humbling compliment from a true American hero.

As always, please call or write me with thoughts or concerns with matters currently before Congress, or if you need assistance navigating a federal agency. As a public servant, it is critical to me to listen and learn from you, which is why staying connected with people from all over our beautiful state remains a top priority for my work in the Senate. Please call my toll-free line at 1-800-432-1599 or one my offices: Augusta: (207)622-8292, Bangor: (207)945-8000, Presque Isle (207)764-5124, Scarborough (207)883-1588, or Washington, D.C. (202)224-5344. You can also write me on our website at www.king.senate.gov/contact.

It is an honor and a privilege serving the people of Maine in the Senate, and I look forward to working with you in our search for a more perfect Union.

Sincerely,

Angus S. King, Jr.
United States Senator
Dear Friends:

It is an honor to represent Maine in the United States Senate. I am grateful for the trust the people of our State have placed in me and welcome this opportunity to share some key accomplishments.

Growing our economy by encouraging job creation remains a top priority. The tax relief bill enacted during this last Congress contains provisions I authored to provide small businesses with the certainty that they need to invest, grow, and, most important, hire new workers. The 2017 National Defense Authorization Act includes a provision the Maine delegation worked together to champion requiring that military recruits be provided with athletic footwear made in America, as is required for other equipment and uniform items whenever possible. This is a great victory for our troops and for the 900 skilled workers at New Balance factories here in Maine.

Maine’s contributions to our national security stretch from Kittery to Limestone. As a senior member of the Appropriations Committee, I successfully advocated for critical funding for projects at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard and $1 billion towards the construction of an additional ship that will likely be built at Bath Iron Works. This funding will strengthen the Navy and our national security, and the additional destroyer will help meet the Navy’s goal of a 355-ship fleet.

Maine’s growing population of older individuals creates many challenges. That’s why, as Chairman of the Senate Aging Committee, my top three priorities are fighting fraud and financial abuse directed at our nation’s seniors, increasing investments in biomedical research, and improving retirement security.

The Aging Committee’s toll-free hotline (1-855-303-9470) makes it easier for senior citizens to report suspected fraud and receive assistance. Last May, a call to the hotline helped lead to the arrest of a national crime ring targeting seniors, and in June I worked to secure the humanitarian release of a Maine senior who had been imprisoned in Spain after being victimized by an international drug smuggling scam.

The Aging Committee also released an extensive report detailing the findings of our bipartisan investigation into the abrupt and dramatic price increases for prescription drugs whose patents expired long ago.

I advocated strongly for the $2 billion increase in funding for the National Institutes of Health to advance research on such diseases as diabetes and Alzheimer’s. I also championed and authored portions of the 21st Century Cures Act that will further support biomedical innovation and make significant reforms to our mental health system.

The Senate also took steps in the past year to combat the nation’s heroin and opioid epidemic by passing the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA), which I was proud to cosponsor. CARA is a monumental step forward in our effort to address the devastating addiction crisis affecting countless families and communities across the country and right here in Maine.

A Maine value that always guides me is our unsurpassed work ethic. In December 2016, I cast my 6,236th consecutive vote, continuing my record of never missing a roll-call vote since my Senate service began in 1997.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve West Bath and Maine in the United States Senate. If ever I can be of assistance to you, please contact my Portland state office at (207) 780-3575 or visit my website at www.collins.senate.gov. May 2017 be a good year for you, your family, your community, and our state.

Sincerely,

Susan M. Collins
United States Senator
West Bath Sunday School (1941)

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