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Town of West Paris 60th Annual Report 2017



of the Municipal Officers and Officials
Year ending December 31st, 2017

DEDICATION

SID ABBOTT

Sid faithfully and tirelessly served as the Town's Plumbing Inspector on and off for a countless number of years. He brought an unmatched asset to the town with his knowledge in all aspects of plumbing/septic design as well as all aspects of excavation. His humor and dry wit a wonderful bonus. Thank you Sid!



IN MEMORIAM

JAMES "JIM" L. JOHNSTON
July 6, 1937 ~ July 19, 2017

Jim served two terms on the MSAD#17 School Board for West Paris from 1978-1984 and another two terms from 1988-1994. Jim also served as a Selectman for one term from 2003-2006. He owned and operated a hardware store in town, maintained numerous candy machines in the area, to name just a few of his many ventures. Thank you Jim for your contributions to the Town of West Paris.



Town of West Paris, Maine

Town Office

25 Kingsbury Street
P.O. Box 247
West Paris, ME 04289

Telephone: (207) 674-2701
Fax Machine: (207) 674-2703
Email: wpto@megalink.net
Website: www.westparisme.com

Office Hours

Monday	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Thursday	10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Friday	8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Handy Telephone Numbers

<i>Emergencies – Fire Police Rescue</i>	911
Highway Department	674-2702
Animal Control (Sheriff Non-emergency #)	743-9554
Code Enforcement Officer	592-5559
Fire Station (Non-Emergency)	743-2288
Agnes L. Gray School	674-2332
U.S. Post Office	674-2951
Water District	674-2234

Board Of Selectmen Meetings

2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month at 5:00 p.m.
Meetings are held in the Town Office

West Paris Public Library

226 Main Street
Telephone: (207) 674-2004

Library Hours

Monday	1:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday	1:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Friday	1:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Saturday	10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Transfer Station and Recycling Center

117 Pioneer Street

Station Hours

Wednesday	8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Saturday	8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Sunday	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Planning Board Meetings

2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.
Meetings are held in the Town Office

Town of West Paris Elected and Appointed Officials, Committee Members and Staff

ELECTED OFFICIALS

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

Michael Grass, Chairman (2016-2018)
Randall Jones (2016-2019)
Dale Piirainen (2017-2020)

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT 17 DIRECTORS

Natalie Andrews (2015-2018)
Toby Whitman (2017-2019)

WATER DISTRICT TRUSTEES

Philip Edmunds (2015-2018)
Ralph Brown (2016-2019)

APPOINTED COMMITTEES

PLANNING BOARD

Steven McCann, Chairman (2017-2020)
Dianne Holt (2015-2018)
Dian Rainey (2016-2019)
Rick Swain (2016-2019)
Christopher Cooper (2017-2020)
Dennis Henderson, alternate (2017-2020)
1 alternate needed

BOARD OF APPEALS

Wendy Newmeyer (2015-2018)
David Walton (2015-2018)
3 members needed

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Natalie Andrews (2016-2018)
Kenneth Poland (2016-2019)
Dian Rainey (2017-2020)
Caleb White (2017-2020)
1 member needed

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Rodney Abbott (2015-2018)
Sandra Broberg (2015-2018)
Karen Wilson (2016-2019)
Linda Liimatta (2017-2019)
Mary Ann Brown (2016-2019)
Elaine Emery (2017-2020)
Janet Fournier (2017-2020)
Bruce Downing (2017-2020)
Wendy Newmeyer (2017-2020)

OTHER OFFICIALS AND STAFF

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Willard Keach, Foreman
Warren Packard, Equipment Operator
Troy Billings, Equipment Operator

TOWN MANAGER

Wade E. Rainey

DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR-DEPUTY TREASURER, ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK

Karen Wilson

DEPUTY TOWN CLERK, REGISTRAR OF VOTERS, MOTOR VEHICLE AGENT

Donna DiConzo

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Troy Billings, Chief
Erik Poland, Deputy Chief
Tim Powers, Captain
Zach Yates, Lieutenant
Tony Allen, Firefighter
Jennifer Billings, Dispatcher
Charles Blaquiere, Photographer
Scott Cassidy, Firefighter
Mike Henderson, Firefighter
Jonathan Labelle, Firefighter
Stan Larson, Firefighter
John LemMon, Firefighter
Robert Massat, Firefighter
Doug Penley, Firefighter
Ed Pennell, Firefighter
Gabe Sappington, Jr Firefighter
Randall Sappington, Firefighter
Jason Sciortino, Firefighter
Wayne Theofrastou, Firefighter
Jennifer Wakefield, Firefighter
Matt Welch, Firefighter
Clay Wilson, Firefighter

TRANSFER STATION

Kevin Gibbs, Chief Operator
Larry Noyes, Operator
Joseph Hoff, Operator

LIBRARY

Brenda Gould, Librarian Lauren Scott, Assistant

ASSESSORS' AGENT

Donna Hays

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Osman Hart

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

Hartley Mowatt

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Shane Poland Kingston Brown, alternate

PLUMBING INSPECTOR

Kingston Brown

GENERAL ASSISTANCE INTAKE Shannon Moxcey

To the Citizens of West Paris,

We welcomed newly elected Dale Piirainen to the Select Board in 2017. 2017 was full of costs savings initiative to help keep our mill rate as low as possible for the coming years. We have installed LED lighting in several areas, improved the heating in the town garage and fire station, cut cellular spending to a minimum to perform job functions and this will help us control our costs over the coming years. The town selectmen & town manager were the only attendees at a school board budget meeting in which the budget committee was figuring out what to do with \$1,042,000 that was released to MSAD # 17 after the budget had been instituted. I am very happy to report that we were able to sway the budget committee and the final school board committee to return a portion of this money to the towns that MSAD #17 serves. I would be remised if I did not also praise our school board member, Natalie Andrews, for her efforts to help persuade both the budget committee and full school board to return some of the money back to the towns—Thank you. Because of these efforts, the town will save over \$20,000 during this current year's school budget.

Unfortunately, we had to acquire property for non-payment of real estate taxes for 3 years. We were able to reach resolution with 2 of the 9 properties, but the other 7 we ended up putting out to bid and awarding the property to the highest bidder. We were able to recoup all of the lost revenue from the non-payment of taxes on these properties. Although this is never what we would like to happen in our town, we felt it necessary to be responsible to those who do pay taxes, and help our town continue to provide necessary services, resources, maintain infrastructure and continue to be financially strong.

We will face some heads winds in 2018 with a proposed increase in county taxes by 8% and with the uncertainty of school funding from the state, we will have to remain vigilant with our internal controls—we need to control what we can control.

Overall, our outlook is very positive for our town. With ZERO debt, and strong residuals and assets, we are in a great financial position to weather those heads winds we may face.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael S. Grass". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Michael" being the most prominent part.

Michael S Grass-Chairman West Paris Select Board

Town Manager's Update

The condemned building at 10 Church St was slated to be torn down when it was bought and renovated into 5 apartments putting it back on the tax list for the Town.

In June the Bureau of Labor, Safety Works did an inspection of all departments. There was a lot of work to be done to bring us up to the standards set by the Bureau of Labor, Safety Works.

Being a small Town with minimum crews, it was a challenge to bring us up to date.

56 Building permits were issued ranging from decks and sheds to new dwellings adding to our tax base.

Financially, staying within a tight budget is a challenge and seems almost impossible with higher fuel costs and a general increase of the cost of goods. Even with these challenges, the Town is in good financial shape.

We continue to strive to give the best service possible.

Wade E. Rainey,
Town Manager

2017 Highway Report

The winter of 2017 was normal for the most part. We were still plowing snow and sanding roads in April. There was a lot going on during January thru April. Besides working on roads we posted the roads to restrict heavy loads, planning the work that was to be done on Stearns Hill Rd. The hooped salt shed roof started to cave in from snow that didn't slide off. We had to work at getting the snow off to keep it from collapsing. We also were meeting with salesmen for buying a new truck.

The new truck a Western Star was ordered in April. We started grading roads and it seemed like we were repairing it every few weeks. The transmission oil cooler had to be removed four times to be repaired. We took it to two different repair shops and finally repaired it in house. The fuel transfer pump had to be replaced two times, the first one failed in less than a week. With the advice of a certified mechanic we removed the injector pump to be rebuilt, which it needed. Then it was a process to get the timing right to get the motor to run.

One mile of Stearns Hill Rd. was rebuilt. Trees and brush was cut, culverts were replaced, ditching was done and rip rap installed. The road was ground up, compacted, graded and paved. Paving was done on August 24 & 25.

The new truck was delivered to the dealer then to Lewiston for the dump body and plow gear in August. It was ready for pickup on Sept. 20.

We started getting the sanders ready and piling up 3000 yards of sand for winter use. The salt shed was taken down and a wooden building is being put up. New furnaces and LED lights were installed.

**West Paris Water District
P.O. Box 233
West Paris, ME 04289
207-674-2174**

TO: Citizens and Customers of West Paris Water District

RE: Report for the 2018 Annual Town Report

DATE: February 9, 2018

Dear Residents & Customers:


We, the Trustees, wish to inform the Town and the District customers of the condition of the West Paris Water District. The important thing is that the water quality provided by our ground water supply is very good to excellent. The various water quality parameters are provided to everyone through our Annual Consumer Confidence Reports.


Although the water is excellent, some parts of the piping system are in bad shape. The old 1950's transite pipe on Pioneer Street is frequently failing. These failures threaten the District's ability to provide water to the system, and the repairs are draining the District's cash reserves. An application has been filed for \$313,201 with the Maine Drinking Water Program to fund the replacement of this pipe with State Revolving Loan funds. These funds are low interest (about 1%) and may come with up to 25% forgiveness. We will know in about 4 to 6 weeks.

The District has other added operating costs associated with the opening of a District office at 175 Main Street, and hiring of office staff. Both activities increase the operating costs for the District.

These activities will create the need for increasing the user rates. The exact amount is not known yet. It does appear that this increase would not take place until the end of this year or beginning of next year.

Respectfully submitted by the Board of Trustees,





ASSESSORS' REPORT

Assessing By The Numbers

\$87,225,787 – Taxable value of West Paris
\$1,648,567.37 – 2017 Tax Levy
2,795 – Acres of Tree Growth Program
1,120 – Parcels taxed
414 – Number of Homestead Exemptions
57 – Veterans Exemptions active
18.90 – 2017 Tax Rate
04/01/2018 – Last day to file for exemptions

WAYS TO REDUCE YOUR PROPERTY TAX

The following information is provided in an effort to help reduce your property tax burden. All applications are available at the Town Office or by visiting the Maine Revenue Services web site at www.maine.gov/revenue/propertytax.

Property Tax Exemptions

Homestead Exemption

Under this law, homeowners are eligible for a \$20,000 reduction in valuation. In order to qualify you must have owned homestead property in Maine for at least twelve months prior to April 1st and make the property you occupy your permanent residence.

Veteran's Exemption

A homeowner may be eligible for a reduction in the valuation of their property if they:

- 1 Have their permanent residence in West Paris on April 1st
- 2 Are a veteran who was honorably discharged
- 3 Served during a recognized war period in the U.S. Armed Forces
- 4 Are 62 or older or an unmarried widow/widower of a qualifying veteran
- 5 Are under 62 but 100% disabled due to a service-related disability

An application along with proof of service and discharge, such as a copy of their DD214 must be provided. For veterans who served during World War II or later the exemption is a \$6,000 reduction in valuation.

Paraplegic Veteran

A veteran who received a federal grant for a specially adapted housing unit may receive an exemption of \$50,000 in valuation.

Blind Exemption

A homeowner who is determined to be legally blind by a medical doctor receives a \$4,000 exemption.

All of the above exemptions require a completed application and may require additional information to support the claim for exemption. All applications must be submitted to the Town Office no later than April 1, 2017.

Current Use Programs

The State of Maine offers the following “current use programs” which give the property owner a reduction in their assessed value. Applications for all these programs are available at the Town Office or at the Maine Revenue Services web site and must be filed on or before April 1, 2017. In order to be eligible each program has certain criteria that must be met and any change in use of the land warrants withdrawal from the program and a penalty assessed.

Tree Growth

This program provides for the landowner with at least 10 acres of forested land who wishes to maintain land for the planting, culture and continuous harvesting of trees. A Forest Management and Harvest Plan must be prepared and submitted with the application. Applications must include a map of the parcel indicating the forest type breakdown as well as all other areas not classified as tree growth. The 100% valuation per acre for each forest type by county is determined by the State Tax Assessor each year. If the classified parcel no longer meets the criteria of eligibility or the landowner withdraws from the program a penalty of an amount between 20 and 30% of the difference between the tree growth value and the fair market value will be assessed depending on the amount of time in the program.

Farm Land

In the farmland program the land must be used for farming, agriculture, horticulture and can include woodland and wasteland. At least 5 contiguous acres of land is required and the tract must contribute at least \$2,000 gross income from farming activities per year in one of the two or three of the five calendar years preceding the date of application. If the property no longer qualifies as farmland or the landowner withdraws from the program then a penalty equal to an amount of taxes that would have been paid in the last five years had it not been in the program, less the taxes that were originally assessed, plus any interest on that balance will be assessed.

Open Space

Under this program no minimum acreage is required and the tract of land must be preserved or restricted in use to provide a public benefit such as public recreation, scenic resources, game management or preserving wildlife habitat. Classified land is valued by reducing the fair market value in accordance with a cumulative percentage reduction for which the land is eligible according to certain categories.

- 1 Ordinary Open Space – 20% reduction
- 2 Permanently Protected – 30% reduction
- 3 Forever Wild – 20% reduction
- 4 Public Access – 25% reduction

If the property met all of the above requirements, the owner would see a cumulative reduction of up to 95% on the classified land. If the classified parcel no longer meets the criteria of eligibility or the landowner withdraws from the program a penalty of an amount between 20 and 30% of the difference between the open space value and fair market value will be assessed depending on the amount of time in the program.

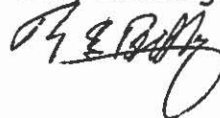
Town of West Paris

Fire Department

To the citizens of the Town of West Paris it has been a great privilege to serve you as Fire chief this past year. We have made a lot of improvements and will continue to make more in 2018. Our membership is up and we are still getting applications to join the department. In February we were part of a smoke detector program where we went around and installed smoke detectors free of charge to the people in West Paris we still have some left over and still will come if asked. We were able to get both our class A engine stocked with 5" supply hose because we had one truck with 4" and one with 5" which made for logistic nightmare. Another logistic nightmare we overcame was getting all our air paks changed to the same model all at no cost to the taxpayers. We had 3 members Scott Cassidy, Randall and Gabe Sappington go through the 85-hour Maine Basic Firefighter Course congrats to them. We were able improve our M/A with the Towns of Woodstock, Sumner, Norway and Paris. Meaning that we will respond automatic to assist them with any building fires in their towns and they will do the same for us. We still struggle with daytime coverage meaning we may have 1 or 2 people in town to answer a call depending on the day we may have no one this is a big concern to me and the members of the department. We would like to work with you as the taxpayers to solve this problem. Our problem hours are from 630am to 500pm after that time we average 5 to 10 trained firefighters around to answer calls. If you ever have concern, please feel free to call the fire station or town office and we will get back to you. We are thankful to all of you for your support of the fire department because without you we couldn't do our duty. We owe thanks to the select board, town manager, town office staff, water department and the highway dept. We look forward to serving you with great service in 2018

Respectfully Submitted

Troy E Billings Fire Chief





West Paris Fire Department **Incident Type Report by Date** **1/1/2017 - 12/31/2017**

Incident Type	Total Incidents
111 Building fire	5
114 Chimney or flue fire, confined to chimney or flue	2
116 Fuel burner/boiler malfunction, fire confined	1
118 Trash or rubbish fire, contained	1
131 Passenger vehicle fire	1
138 Off-road vehicle or heavy equipment fire	1
141 Forest, woods or wildland fire	1
142 Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire	1
143 Grass fire	1
151 Outside rubbish, trash or waste fire	1
162 Outside equipment fire	1
300 Rescue, EMS incident, other	2
311 Medical assist, assist EMS crew	3
320 Emergency Medical Service, other	2
324 Motor vehicle accident with no injuries	5
351 Extrication of victim(s) from building/structure	1
352 Extrication of victim(s) from vehicle	1
361 Swimming/recreational water areas rescue	1
411 Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill	1
444 Power line down	1
460 Accident, potential accident, other	1
463 Vehicle accident, general cleanup	6
500 Service Call, other	2
531 Smoke or odor removal	4
550 Public service assistance, other	2
551 Assist police or other governmental agency	1
553 Public service	3
561 Unauthorized burning	3
571 Cover assignment, standby, moveup	11
611 Dispatched & canceled en route	8
631 Authorized controlled burning	3
651 Smoke scare, odor of smoke	2
652 Steam, vapor, fog or dust thought to be smoke	1
700 False alarm or false call, other	1
736 CO detector activation due to malfunction	2
741 Sprinkler activation, no fire - unintentional	1
743 Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional	2
745 Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	1
911 Citizen complaint	3

Total Number of Incidents: 90
Total Number of Incident Types: 39



Oxford County Sheriff's Office

Law Total Incident Report, by Location, Nature, West Paris

Location: West Paris

<u>Nature of Incident</u>	<u>Total Incidents</u>
Abandoned Vehicle	2
Accidental Shooting	1
Administration Related Detail	3
Administrative Personnel Case	6
Agency Assistance	18
Burglar Alarm	11
Emergency Response Alarm	1
Alcohol Offense	1
Abusing Animals	1
Vicious Animal	3
Animal Problem	10
Assault	4
Non-sufficient Funds Check	1
Violation Of Release Condition	2
Burglary	4
Child Abuse or Neglect	1
Citizen Dispute	7
Civil Complaint	32
Internet Crimes	2
Criminal Mischief	4
Custodial Interference	8
Detail	1
Detail School	1
Disabled Vehicle	8
Disorderly Conduct	1
Domestic Problem	15
Exercise	1
Drug Info/Statistics	2
Controlled Substance Problem	3
DUI Alcohol or Drugs	4
DV Follow Up	2
TELEPHONE HANG UP CALL	30
Domestic	7
Fireworks	1
Discarded Items	2
Found Property	1
Fraud	8
Gaming And Weapons	5
Propane Leak	1
Sex Offense	1
Harassment	13
Hemorrhage	1
Illegal Dumping	1

<u>Nature of Incident</u>	<u>Total Incidents</u>
Information	1
Information Report	8
Intoxicated Person	8
Juvenile Problem	16
Accident	30
Lost Dog	1
Lost Property	2
Medical Emergency	1
Mental Disorder	6
Wrong Number	6
Missing Person	5
911 MISUSE	1
Neighbor Dispute	2
Disturbance	4
Operating After Suspension	3
Drug Overdose	1
Service Of Papers	15
Parking Problem	2
Traffic Accident w/ Damage	14
Peace Officer Detail	15
Inspection/Towing	3
Traffic Accident, w/ Injuries	3
Plowing Complaint	1
Property Damage, Non Vandalism	2
Operation ID	1
Abnormal Behavior	1
Radar Detail	1
Repossession of Property	2
Request Call	62
Request Officer	29
Request Patrol	4
Robbery	1
Subpoena Service	2
Sex Offender Registration	2
Sex Off 90 day Registration	4
Sex Offender Annual Regist.	5
Sex Offender comm notification	1
Sex Offender Initial Regist.	1
Sex Offense	2
Sexual Abuse Of Minor	2
Illegal Shooting Weapons	5
Snowmobile Problem	1
Building Fire	1
Threatening Suicide	6
Attempted Suicide	1
Summons	9
Suspicious Person/Circumstance	26
Telephone Harassment	9
Terrorizing	1
Theft	20

<u>Nature of Incident</u>	<u>Total Incidents</u>
Theft From Motor Vehicle	1
Auto Theft	1
Threat	4
Threatening	1
Traffic Complaint	9
Traffic Hazard	6
Traffic Violation	39
Traffic Stop	2
Trespassing	6
Unattended Death	2
Unconscious Person	1
Unknown Problem Person Down	2
Unsecure Premise	1
Unwanted Tenant	13
Vehicle Off Rd	6
Violation Of Privacy	1
Violation of Papers	8
Wanted Person	2
Arrest Warrant	1
Welfare Check	23
Total Incidents for This Location	709

Total reported: 709

Report Includes:

All dates between '00:00:00 01/01/17' and '23:59:59 12/31/17', All agencies matching '0900', All natures, All locations matching 'WPARS', All responsible officers, All dispositions, All clearance codes, All observed offenses, All reported offenses, All offense codes, All circumstance codes

Librarian's Report for 2017

It's been a great year!

Staff: In March, we welcomed Lauren Scott, our outstanding assistant librarian!

Services and Demographics: This year there were 4,881 visits to the library to enjoy events, meetings, programs, and services including fax, photocopies, Wi-Fi, 6 public computers, movies, books, interlibrary loan, and reference. Each open day, we had an average of 25 visits. Attendance at events included 51 people (25 children) at the Easter Egg Hunt, and 55 persons at Let Your Lights Shine. Computers were used by 31% of visitors. Patron cards were issued to 77 new members. Patrons borrowed more than 6,356 items (books, audiobooks, movies). The library added 1,064 items to the collection, including many generously donated by the community. Some new items were funded with a 2014 grant from SeniorsPlus.

Ongoing Programs: Story Time for Preschoolers, Wednesday at 10 a.m. (year-round); STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) Toys; Art and Craft Area; Rodney Abbott, Poetry Discussion Group, Wednesdays from 6 to 7 p.m. (except second Wednesday); Books on Wheels (provided cooperatively with Meals-on-Wheels/Seniors Plus).

Events and Exhibits Sponsored by the Friends of the Library: Easter Egg Hunt (with a story and craft), Apr. 15; Maine Wildlife Park Discounted Pass, Apr. 15 to Nov. 11; Stephanie Emery, Birds Found In Your Own Backyard, Feb. 3 to May 22; Low - Commotion Tuba Ensemble, May 7; Library's Permanent Art Collection, June 1 to Aug. 15; David Thomas Mulhearn, Nature Art, Aug. 16 to Nov. 17; Fall Festival and Book Sale, Oct. 14; Old Fashioned Christmas, Nov. 28 to Jan. 3; Let Your Lights Shine & A 'Chording to Kantele, Dec. 8.

Other Programs and Events: Donna Marshall, Knitting for Beginners, Mar. 17 to Apr. 14; Summer Reading Program, June 28 to Aug. 25; Solar Eclipse Activities w/ Live Streaming from NASA, Aug. 21; Doug Rawlings, Let's Talk About It-Becoming American Fall Book Discussion Group (Sponsored by Maine Humanities Council and Maine State Library), Sept. 7 to Dec. 7.

Friendship with Agnes Gray School: It was a pleasure to visit Agnes Gray School and read Dr. Seuss to the Kindergarten class for Read Across America on Mar 2. We have enjoyed regular visits from Jennifer Chafin's First Grade Class, Sarah Timm's Fifth Grade Class, and Eileen Storck's Explorers Summer and After School Programs. Ann Toita's Fourth Grade Class held a Writing Celebration at the library on Oct. 20. We were absolutely delighted on Dec. 20, when most of Agnes Gray School arrived on foot and treated us to caroling on the lawn!

Maine Public Library Fund - Professional Development Grant: We were fortunate to be awarded a \$500 grant, which allowed staff attendance this year at several conferences and workshops. These included the Maine Library Association Conference, Project Outcome, and Reading Roundup. In addition, this grant permitted purchase of educational materials for ongoing professional development. This grant was funded by voluntary contributions on the Maine income tax form.

Maine Bureau of Labor Standards – Workplace Safety & Health Division: In June, the library underwent a voluntary inspection. In response to what we learned during that inspection, our Hazard Communication Plan was updated to include the Global Harmonization System (GHS). Our Emergency Action Plan was also updated. Safety training was completed on VDT and GHS. Staff were trained by West Paris Fire Department on proper use of fire extinguishers. One emergency light was replaced. Our final safety item involved replacement of all twenty-five castle chandelier bulbs with unbreakable safety bulbs. Because these new bulbs now perfectly match one another, they provide unexpectedly beautiful soft lighting.

Technology, Furniture and more: Two new desktop computers were purchased to replace those that had become old and obsolete. Forty folding chairs and a dolly were purchased for event seating. Two matching revolving racks have been added for our expanding movie collection. The Friends purchased and donated one of these racks; John Haney purchased and donated the other. The Friends also purchased a new rolling event sign and brightened the interior of the castle with new table covers and flowers.

Gratitude and Thanks: We are deeply indebted to the many members of this community who assist the library. These include Trustees, Friends of the Library and many people who volunteer in our day-to-day operations. These caring and dedicated people are critically important to our ability to provide the many programs and services that we offer. Some wear multiple hats within the library family. Following, are some of the many folks who have helped us this year.

Thank you to our hard-working library volunteers, who this year included: Carson Bailey, Aleah Berry, Brandon Billings, Kelly Blake, John F. Haney, Skye Hebert, Terry Kline, Robert Lassen, Laurel Leach, Crystal Michel, Priscilla Pulsifer, Colby Ring, Sophrinia Smith, Beverly Stevens, Kyle Willis, Kristina Wilson, and Savannah Wilson.

Thank you to the Friends of the Library, who this year included: Julia Bennett, Priscilla Pulsifer, Susan Lyons, Jeanne Millett, Joanne Shawchuk, Lois Abbott, and Patricia Makley.

Thank you also to the artists, speakers, and facilitators who so generously shared their work. Thank you to those who have donated books, movies and other items. Thank you to Elaine Emery for sharing beautiful decorations and collections throughout the seasons. Thank you to student Jordyn Hosford who organized the Writing Celebration. Thank you to West Paris Fire Department who in addition to training, also lent their assistance with outdoor lighting at our holiday celebration. Thank you to the Maine State Library and the Maine Humanities Council, for the many resources they provide. Thank you to 3-year-old Ariella Hesketh, who turned on the castle's big red heart and lights for Let Your Lights Shine.

Thank you to the residents of West Paris, for giving me this opportunity to serve my community!

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Brenda Lynn Gould". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Brenda Lynn Gould, Librarian

LIBRARY TRUSTEES REPORT 2017

The library continues to provide a variety of exhibits of art, photography, and other interesting endeavors. We are pleased by the community's response to these exhibits. The librarian's report will give more specific information about the various programs the library offers.

Thanks to generous donations of the townspeople and others, the roof of the original library has been replaced, along with specific sections of the mortar. The mortar has deteriorated over the years and allows moisture to enter the building. Our engineering consultants have advised us to repair the remaining areas of the mortar in order to maintain the building's structural safety. The estimated cost is \$110,000. With available funds of \$30,000 and grant funds of \$15,000, we must raise an additional \$65,000. The \$10,000 request from the library to the town is to help pay for this masonry work.

In response to a safety inspection by the Maine Bureau of Labor Standards--Workplace Safety and Health Division, new safety bulbs have replaced the older type in chandeliers in the "old" part of the library. A number of training sessions were organized and conducted by the librarian, covering topics ranging from fire extinguisher training to proper evacuation of employees in an emergency. Older fire extinguishers were replaced by the fire department, along with an emergency light. We appreciate the many hours our librarian was engaged in this work.

Current members of the Board of Trustees include Karen Wilson, Secretary; Sandra Broberg, Treasurer; Elaine Emery; Linda Liimatta; Rodney Abbott; Mary Ann Brown; Janet Fournier; Bruce Downing; and Wendy Newmeyer. At the present time members have not elected a new chairman and chairing the meetings is a shared responsibility until a new chairman is elected. David McDowell, who had been chairman, resigned from the board in December 2017. David served during the time the work on the roof was undertaken and spent many hours overseeing the project. Les Pulsifer, after years of serving on the board in various capacities and helping with library projects, also left the board in 2017. We will miss them and we thank them for their service to the community.

The Oxford Hills School District Board of Directors is now developing its fifty-eighth school budget in preparation for the 2018-19 school year, and starting to wrap up its fifty-seventh year with many successes and a few challenges.

The Oxford Hills School District is now in its third year of a five-year strategic plan. The specific action steps taken this year may be reviewed on the District's web page under the heading of "Strategic Plan".

The District continues to work on the arduous task of complying with the State's requirement for new proficiency based diplomas.

"Proficiency-based education refers to any system of academic instruction, assessment, grading and reporting that is based on students demonstrating mastery of the knowledge and skills they are expected to learn before they progress to the next lesson, get promoted to the next grade level or receive a diploma. The general goal of proficiency-based education is to ensure that students acquire the knowledge and skills that are deemed to be essential to success in school, higher education, careers and adult life. If students struggle to meet minimum expected standards, they receive additional instruction, practice time and academic support to help them achieve proficiency, but they do not progress in their education until expected standards are met." *Maine Department of Education*

The move to proficiency is strongly supported by District administration and staff. However, implementing a proficiency diploma will require us to change many of the traditions parents and students are familiar with, including: policy, graduation standards and grading. These changes will result in more clarity for students and families and greater opportunities for students to demonstrate achievement.

By the fall of 2018 the Agnes Gray and Legion Schools will be fully occupied for the first time in 8 years. This year grade five students were returned to Agnes Gray School from Paris Elementary and next year grade six students will be returned. Legion School has been reopened and now houses Pre Kindergarten and Kindergarten students.

The Maine legislature continues to fine tune the FY 19 budget. Changes in the funding of the Career and Technical Education (CTE) schools is now based on a new funding formula that will likely reduce funding for programs that currently serve over 400 students in SAD 17 annually. State support of central office costs has been reduced forcing the local side to pick up the costs of providing District wide services mandated by the state. Up front funding for expanded or new Pre Kindergarten classrooms has been made available and special education funding has been increased. It is too soon to predict the impact on our budget of this legislative season but I am confident that the Board will continue to address these challenges with students and taxpayer interest balanced.

It continues to be a pleasure to serve the students and residents of the eight communities that comprise the Oxford Hills School District. We have something very special in the Hills – something that resonates well within our state.

Richard Colpitts
Superintendent of Schools

TOWN CLERK - VITAL STATISTICS 2017

Records Recorded

Births	19
Marriages	18
Deaths	<u>43</u>
	80

Deaths Recorded

Name		Date of Death	Age	Location of Death
Matero	Shirley M.	January 2, 2017	92	West Paris
Martin	Richard K.	January 20, 2017	77	Auburn
Yeaton	Barbara L.	January 30, 2017	82	West Paris
Roderick	Robert A.	January 30, 2017	86	West Paris
Nasatowicz	Jean C.	February 5, 2017	86	West Paris
Packard	Cecile V.	February 22, 2017	94	West Paris
Sande	Sandra P.	March 21, 2017	63	West Paris
Danforth	Olive M.	March 24, 2017	86	West Paris
Roberts	Peggy A.	April 5, 2017	80	West Paris
Kernander	Marianna	April 19, 2017	61	West Paris
Sylvester	Beverly L.	April 24, 2017	93	West Paris
Dean	Doris Y.	April 27, 2017	82	West Paris
Palmer	Louise M.	May 3, 2017	82	West Paris
Cross	Janice Y.	May 9, 2017	92	West Paris
Young	Jane B.	May 11, 2017	85	West Paris
Roderick	Mary A.	May 11, 2017	82	West Paris
Dion	Francis X.	May 18, 2017	85	West Paris
Buccina	Olga	May 20, 2017	92	West Paris
Faulkner	Charles L.	June 4, 2017	79	West Paris
Davis	Phillip C.	June 16, 2017	77	West Paris
Knight	Norma L.	July 11, 2017	101	Paris
Hebert	Theresa M.	July 14, 2017	91	West Paris
Johnston	James L.	July 19, 2017	80	Lewiston
Brown	Theodore W.	July 28, 2017	80	West Paris
Leathern	Douglas V.	July 28, 2017	83	West Paris
Vallier	William F.	August 14, 2017	69	West Paris
Veayo	Pauline V.	August 17, 2017	79	West Paris
Devlin	T. James	August 29, 2017	36	West Paris
Sargent	Theresa M.	September 14, 2017	74	West Paris
Ross	Reginald W.	September 20, 2017	78	West Paris
Howe	Joan E.	October 4, 2017	82	West Paris
Gibson	Jane P.	October 11, 2017	95	West Paris
Stevens	Beverly A.	October 17, 2017	65	Auburn
Robbins	Rose M.	October 23, 2017	78	West Paris
Poland	Dennsi V.	November 8, 2017	67	West Paris
Boudreau	Marie T.	November 10, 2017	84	West Paris
Gallant	Marlene I	November 10, 2017	75	West Paris
Farrar	Helen R.	November 16, 2017	90	West Paris
Allen	Sylvia M.	November 19, 2017	81	West Paris
Cunningham IV	Peter J.	November 30, 2017	33	West Paris
Brett	Mary A.	December 25, 2017	84	West Paris
Marcellino	Susan A.	December 25, 2017	67	West Paris
Melville	Gary A.	December 31, 2017	84	West Paris

DOG LICENSING

Spayed/Neutered Dogs Licensed	248
Non-Spayed/Non-Neutered Dogs Licensed	88

AGENT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

Hunting and Fishing Licenses Issued	170
Boats Registered	80
Boats Registered Online	05
All-Terrain Vehicles Registered	78
Snowmobiles Registered	84

AGENT FOR THE BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLES

Vehicles Registered	2090
Rapid Renewal (online vehicle registrations)	49

RESPONSIBLE PET CARE OF OXFORD HILLS, INC.

Shelter & Adoption

9 Swallow Road, Paris Maine

www.rpc.petfinder.com ~ Facebook

Responsible Pet Care of Oxford Hills, Inc. is a non-profit, 501-C3 organization that provides a no-kill shelter for homeless cats and dogs located at 9 Swallow Road in Paris. We are equipped to provide treatment and shelter for up to 100 felines and 20 dogs. All cats and dogs are adopted into approved homes for reasonable adoption fees. All are spayed/neutered, vaccinated, tested and flea treated. In 2017, we adopted out or returned to owners nearly 700 cats and dogs from our shelter.

"RPC" has agreements with the Towns of Norway, Paris, Oxford, Otisfield, Woodstock, West Paris, Greenwood, Hebron, Buckfield, Mechanic Falls, Poland, Gilead, Milton Township and Bethel to take strays. We accept owner surrender cats and dogs when cage/kennel space allows, as well as transfers from other shelters.

- Did you know? One unspayed female cat is capable of producing 20+ kittens per year for most of her life, female kittens start reproducing as early as 6 months of age, *and* siblings will breed. This is why it is so important to spay, neuter and report strays to the animal control officer.
- Did you know? Each time a dog gives birth to puppies it takes two years off her life. When you purchase a puppy, be conscious of where it comes from. Do not support "puppy mills". In "puppy mills", female dogs are bred too often, puppies may be sold too young and dogs may be kept inhumanely. They may be sick or become sick. Be very careful if you purchase a pet on line.
- Did you know? It is unlawful to sell a puppy or kitten before the age of 6 weeks. It is also required that a breeder and/or pet dealer provide the buyer of the puppy or kitten with a written disclosure indicating their history, including healthy records.

Responsible Pet Care can direct you to resources for low cost spay and neuter for dogs and cats. The State of Maine FIX ME spay/neuter program in Augusta issues certificates at a cost of only \$10 for cats and \$20 for dogs. These certificates are for income qualifying residents of Maine only. Responsible Pet care will cover these fees to qualifying individuals, which essentially means free spay/neuter! RPC also has grants to assist owners with the cost of spaying and neutering their pets that do not qualify for FIX ME. To contact FIX ME, 800 367-1317, to contact RPC 743-8679.

Dog licenses are due each year by January 1. Cats are required by law to be vaccinated for rabies. There is rabies present in our area, so vaccination is very important. If your dog gets lost and is wearing the dog license tag or other identification, there is a very good chance that he will be returned to you. The cost to register your dog is \$6.00 if spayed/neutered and \$11.00 if not. If you do not license your dog by January 31, there is a late fee of \$25.00 per dog. "RPC" urges all pet owners to make sure pets are identified by ID tag, dog license tag and microchip if possible so that pets may be returned if lost. Responsible Pet Care sponsors rabies vaccinations clinics in January and September. For more information regarding those clinics please call us at 743-8679. Also, if you are missing your pet, please call both your animal control officer.

As always, we appreciate and thank you for your support and compassion.

Responsible Pet Care Directors

**Shirley H. Boyce, Cynthia Wescott, Corinna Morse
Morgan Miles, Jayden Irons**



Paul R. LePage
GOVERNOR

STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
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Dear Citizen of West Paris:

For the past seven years as your Governor, my priority has been to make Maine—our people—prosper. Helping you keep more money in your wallet by reducing taxes has been part of that mission.

Too many Maine families are facing skyrocketing property taxes that strain household budgets. Our elderly on fixed incomes are particularly vulnerable to these increases. School budgets are often blamed for annual increases in property taxes. But there's another reason. A tremendous amount of land and property value has been taken off the tax rolls, leaving homeowners to pick up the tab.

As of 2016, towns and cities owned land and buildings valued at nearly \$5.5 billion statewide. Large and wealthy non-profits, such as hospitals and colleges, often escape paying property taxes on their vast real estate holdings—totaling more than \$5.1 billion statewide.

In Maine, nearly 2.5 million acres of land have been set aside for conservation by the federal and state governments and non-profit organizations, including land trusts. Municipalities are losing out on property taxes on an estimated \$2 billion in land that has been either removed from the tax rolls or prohibited from development—shifting the cost of municipal services to local homeowners through higher property taxes.


It's time to recognize the results of taking property off the tax rolls and identify solutions to reduce the burden on our homeowners. My administration's proposals have been met with staunch resistance.

In 1993, about 35,800 acres of land were documented as land-trust owned. That number has increased by an astonishing 1,270 percent. Land trusts now control over 490,000 acres with an estimated value of \$403 million. We must restore the balance. We will be working this session to ensure all land owners are contributing to the local tax base. It's time for them to pay their fair share.

I encourage you to ask your local officials how much land in your municipality has been taken off the tax rolls, as well as how much in tax revenue that land would have been contributing today to offset your property taxes.

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



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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-1904

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 from this past year.

Maine has the oldest average age in the nation. As Chairman of the Senate Aging Committee, my top three priorities for the Committee are fighting fraud and financial abuse directed at our nation's seniors, increasing investments in biomedical research, and improving retirement security. Following the Committee's investigation into skyrocketing prescription drug costs, I authored bipartisan legislation to foster generic competition, which was signed into law. The Aging Committee's toll-free hotline (1-855-303-9470) makes it easier for seniors to report suspected fraud and receive assistance. To support the 40 million family caregivers in the United States, I am proud to have authored the RAISE Family Caregivers Act to create a coordinated strategy to support family members who make countless personal and financial sacrifices to care for their loved ones.

The opioid crisis touches families and communities across our state. As a member of the Appropriations Committee, I fought for significant increases in funding to support community, law-enforcement, and public health efforts. In April, the State of Maine was awarded over \$2 million to fight this devastating public health crisis. Additionally, I have authored legislation to support grandparents and other extended family members who are raising grandchildren as a result of the nation's opioid epidemic.

Biomedical research has the potential to improve and save lives, and also supports good jobs at research facilities here in Maine. Last year, the Appropriations Committee approved a \$2 billion increase for the National Institutes of Health for the third consecutive year. This includes an increase of nearly 30 percent for research on Alzheimer's, our nation's most costly disease. As founder and co-chair of the Senate Diabetes Caucus, I work to raise awareness of the threats posed by diabetes, invest in research, and improve access to treatment options. My bill to establish a national commission of health care experts on diabetes care and prevention was signed into law in 2017.

We owe our veterans so much. Last year, I worked to secure the authorization of a Community-Based Outpatient Clinic in Portland to support the health care of Maine's veterans in the southern part of our state. I also worked to secure funding extensions to help veterans throughout rural Maine receive health care within their communities. I also worked to secure funding for housing vouchers for veterans to reduce veterans' homelessness.

Maine's contributions to our national security stretch from Kittery to Limestone. I successfully advocated for critical funding for projects at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard for construction of an additional ship that will likely be built at Bath Iron Works. This funding will strengthen our national security and preserve great jobs in our state.

As chairman of the Transportation and Housing Appropriations Subcommittee, I worked to increase funding for the TIGER program that has provided Maine with more than \$122 million for vital transportation projects. For housing, I worked to provide \$160 million to help communities protect children from the harmful effects of lead poisoning.

Growing our economy remains a top priority. I supported the comprehensive tax reform bill because it will help lower- and middle-income families keep more of their hard-earned money; boost the economy; and encourage businesses, both small and large, to grow and create jobs here in Maine and around the country. This legislation contains key provisions I authored that are important to Mainers, including preserving the deduction

for state and local taxes, expanding the deduction for medical expenses, and enabling public employees such as firefighters, teachers, and police officers, as well as clergy and employees of nonprofits, to make "catch-up" contributions to their retirement accounts. I led the effort to ensure that the tax cut will not trigger automatic budget cuts to Medicare or any other programs.

A Maine value that always guides me is our unsurpassed work ethic. As of December 2017, I have cast more than 6,500 consecutive votes, continuing my record of never missing a roll-call vote since my Senate service began in 1997.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve Oxford County and Maine in the United States Senate. If ever I can be of assistance to you, please contact my Lewiston office at 207-784-6969 or visit my website at www.collins.senate.gov. May 2018 be a good year for you, your family, your community, and our state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan M. Collins". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Susan M. Collins
United States Senator

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COMMITTEES
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RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

January 3, 2018

Dear Friends,

Representing Maine in the United States Senate is an honor.

I continue my work on the Senate Armed Services Committee, each year authorizing the funding required to build our military capabilities and ensuring that our service members are trained and equipped to defend our nation. I was pleased to be part of a bipartisan effort to enact a new law to simplify the appeals review process to reduce the backlog our veterans are facing, as well as a new law that provides critical funding to the VA Choice Program, allowing veterans in rural Maine to access services closer to home.

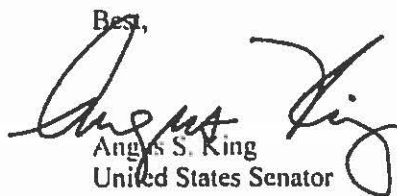
While my committee work is important, working to combat the opioid epidemic is one of my top priorities. Although Congress has made some important strides, much remains to be done to provide additional funding for prevention, treatment and enforcement. I am working with colleagues on both sides of the aisle to pressure the Drug Enforcement Administration to reduce the amount of opioids produced and to thwart the flow of fentanyl and other deadly drugs into our country.

I am very optimistic about the integrated, multiagency effort I led with Senator Collins to foster innovation and commercialization in Maine's forest economy. Through the Economic Development Assessment Team (EDAT) we are already experiencing increased federal investments that will strengthen our existing forest products industry and help support job creation in rural communities. Initiatives like Cross Laminated Timber, Combined Heat and Power, nanocellulose, 3D printing with biobased materials and other biobased products will mean that Maine's wood-basket will continue to be a major jobs and economic contributor for our future.

Finally, the coming year will continue the work of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence in the ongoing investigation of Russian interference in the 2016 election. Our Committee has held seven public hearings and numerous classified sessions, reviewed tens of thousands of pages of documents and conducted hundreds of interviews. I remain focused on the security of our elections and committed to developing strategies to prevent interference by foreign governments in our democracy.

May 2018 be a good year for you, your family, your community and our great State.

Best,



Angus S. King
United States Senator

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Annual Report to the Town of West Paris
A Message from Senator Lisa Keim

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to represent you in the Maine Senate. It has been an honor to work on your behalf to make our state an even better place to live, work and conduct business.

On August 2, Maine lawmakers finally adjourned for the year, after what proved to be the longest session in recent memory due to a brief government shut down over budgetary disagreements. While no state budget is ever perfect, the end product was a state budget that makes a record investment in our students, supports our communities and will tremendously benefit small businesses and our economy.

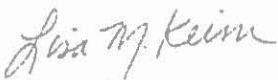
Perhaps the most significant action the Legislature took last year, as part of the biennial budget, was the removal of the oppressive, job-killing surtax. This tax was already hurting small businesses, doctors and other professionals that we so critically need, especially in rural Maine. In November 2016, voters sent a clear message that education funding was to be a priority of the 128th Legislature, and we heard that message loud and clear. However, the funding mechanism which was included in the measure – the surtax – presented a serious threat to the state's economy. This new tax gave Maine the ominous distinction of being the highest-taxed state in the country and primarily impacted small businesses, which are the backbone of our economy, taxing them at a rate that is higher than larger corporations are subject to pay. I am proud to say that after a lot of hard work and negotiating, in addition to our rebounding economy, we were able to support our local schools at a level we have never been able to before – without any additional taxation.

The Homestead Exemption, which provides much-needed property tax relief for homeowners, was also preserved in the budget with an increased exemption of \$20,000.

The Legislature also passed a measure to make Maine compliant with the REAL ID Act. As a result of this important new law, the federal government has granted Maine a waiver, meaning that Maine citizens can continue to use their driver's licenses to board commercial airplanes and access certain federal buildings.

While we accomplished much, there is still a lot of work ahead of us next session. Again, thank you for putting your trust in me to represent you in Augusta. Please feel free to contact me if you need my help in navigating the state bureaucracy. I can be reached at home, 562-6023, in Augusta at 287-1505, or by email at Lisa.Keim@legislature.maine.gov.

Sincerely,



Lisa Keim
State Senator, District 18



District 71
Norway, Sweden,
Waterford, West Paris

State Representative Tom Winsor

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January 2018

Town of West Paris
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Dear Friends and Neighbors:

It is an honor to serve you as your State Representative for House District 70. Last year, we completed the longest legislative session in Maine history. Despite the disagreements and partisan gridlock we still managed to accomplish quite a bit as we continue to reform state government and move Maine forward. Lowering the tax burden on Maine's small businesses, reinstating the "tip credit" for our restaurant workers, and reducing the cost of medical services are considerable highlights.

There continues to be many challenges facing our communities and the state today, particularly the growth of drug use and its related crimes in our State. Families are being ruined and children lost. Politics aside, there is a bipartisan effort to develop more effective and unified plans to reduce drug use, its effect, and related crimes.

I want to hear your thoughts about this and any other subject you are concerned about. Please call me anytime during session at 287-9991 or at 754-3678 weekends or after we adjourn. My e-mail address is Tom.Winsor@gmail.com. I have a weekly newsletter and if you would like to receive it just send me you e-mail address. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Tom Winsor
State Representative

Town Employees Payroll
2017

<u>Name</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Wages</u>
Billings, Hailey N	Fire Department	\$193.50
Billings, Jennifer M	Fire Department	\$705.00
Billings, Troy E	Highway/Fire Department	\$43,888.09
Blaquiere, Charles A	Fire Department	\$30.00
Cassidy, Scott A	Fire Department	\$3,653.64
Cooper, Christopher	Planning Board	\$110.00
DiConzo, Donna M	Town Office	\$18,823.42
Gibbs, Kevin G	Transfer Station	\$15,727.90
Gilleland, Ian J	Swimming Lessons Instructor	\$693.00
Gould, Brenda L	Library	\$13,901.96
Grass, Michael S.	Selectman	\$786.90
Hart, Osman V	Animal Control Officer	\$3,000.00
Henderson, Dennis H	Selectman/Planning Board	\$338.92
Henderson, Michael E	Fire Department	\$520.46
Hewey, Kyle Anthony	Fire Department	\$97.92
Hoff, Joseph P	Transfer Station	\$5,262.78
Holt, Diane E	Planning Board	\$215.00
Johnson, Cynthia	Town Office/Library	\$4,190.00
Jones, Randall	Selectman	\$457.50
Keach, Willard C. Jr	Highway	\$48,788.06
LaBelle, Jonathan N	Fire Department	\$1,030.97
Larson, Stanley E	Fire Department	\$159.12
LemMon, John T	Fire Department	\$987.25
Longley, Jonathan K	Fire Department	\$208.85
Massat, Robert Z	Fire Department	\$185.64
McCann, Steven S	Planning Board	\$120.00
McNulty, William D	Fire Department	\$198.90
Moxcey, Shannon L	General Assistance	\$1,599.98
Noyes, Larry	Transfer Station	\$7,898.24
Packard, Warren C	Highway	\$41,204.48
Penley, Douglas	Fire Department	\$36.72
Piirainen, Dale W	Selectman	\$512.40
Poland, Erik T	Fire Department	\$2,013.48
Poland, Shane	Code Enforcement	\$2,300.00
Powers, Timothy L	Fire Department	\$3,972.66
Rainey, Dian P	Planning Board	\$110.00
Rainey, Wade E	Town Office	\$52,785.60
Sappington, Gabriel P.	Fire Department	\$697.50
Sappington, Randall L	Fire Department	\$2,221.56
Sciortino, Christopher Jason	Fire Department	\$742.56
Scott, Lauren A	Library	\$2,027.25
Swain, Richard H	Planning Board	\$90.00
Theofrastou, Wayne C	Fire Department	\$2,772.00
Wakefield, Jennifer M	Fire Department	\$208.85
Wilson, Karen Y	Town Office	\$31,083.54
Wilson, M Clayton	Fire Department	\$198.90
Yates, Zachary R.	Fire Department	<u>\$3,714.62</u>
47 Employees		\$320,465.12

2017 Unpaid Taxes
as of 12/31/2017

ABBOTT, ARTHUR L.	\$419.55	LANG, CHARLES D.	\$680.81
ABBOTT, CLAY	\$488.20	LAVINE, SHARON	\$1,271.99
ABBOTT, CLAY A.	\$1,699.17	LAWRENCE, DONALD	\$539.69
ABBOTT, GERALDINE	\$1,222.41	LAWRENCE, DONALD D.	\$841.00
ABBOTT, SIDNEY M. & GERALDINE B.	\$2,090.11	LAWRENCE, DONALD D.	\$669.37
ALLEN, JESSICA & FREDERICK	\$591.18	LAWRENCE, DONALD D.	\$642.67
ANGEVINE, LAUREL B.	\$1,275.81	LEGER, SHELLIE A.	\$699.83
ASHLEY, LUCILLE	\$1,165.20	LELAND, TAMMY	\$472.94
BADER, STEVEN R. & RUTHANN	\$1,872.71	LEVESQUE, JOSEPHAT & RITA	\$766.63
BEAULIEU-DOW, MARGUERITE C.	\$1,022.17	LEWIS, JUDITH & SCOTT	\$1,987.13
BELL, LESTER E. & PATRICIA D.	\$1,356.47 **	LOGAN, CARLENE, PR	\$1,386.42
BETH A. COFFIN IRR LIV TRUST	\$1,630.51	MACK, ROGER P. & THERESA L.	\$1,720.15 **
BONVILLE, DENNIS J.	\$978.31	MARTIN, JACOB RALPH	\$1,354.00
BORST, DAVID	\$1,149.94 *	MASON, BRYCE H.	\$398.57 **
BRAKHAN, JUTTA	\$2,099.65	MASON, JAMES L., JR.	\$518.71 **
BROWN, DAVID	\$2,343.56 **	MASON, JAMES L., JR.	\$343.27 **
BUCKLEY, MECHELLE	\$755.19 **	MASON, JAMES SR. (LIFE ESTATE)	\$958.54
BULMER, JOSEPH	\$230.75 **	MASON, KALVIN	\$261.26
CAMPBELL, JAMES M.	\$833.37	MASON, KALVIN B & CATHY	\$940.17
CAREY, ROBERT A.	\$1,046.96 **	MASON, KALVIN B.	\$70.56
CHAMBERLAIN, RUTH	\$1,167.11 *	MASSAT, ROBERT Z.	\$1,472.23
CHASE, MARIAN	\$596.90	MCLAUGHLIN, SHERIDAN L.	\$530.16
CHRISTIANA TRUST	\$1,079.38	MESSERVEY, WANDA M.	\$693.71 *
COBBLE VIEW PROPERTIES	\$139.21	MILLER, ELIZABETH E. & WILLIAM H.	\$1,735.40 **
COBBLE VIEW PROPERTIES, INC.	\$131.59	MILLER, WILLIAM J	\$661.74
COFFIN FAMILY REVOCABLE TRUST-1999	\$1,554.23 **	MOYSE, THOMAS	\$1,186.69
CONLEY, HAROLD D.	\$1,058.40	PALMER, DANIEL & GORDON, MARGARET	\$707.51
CONNELL, KENNETH P.	\$818.12	PALMER, ELEANOR & MARY ANN	\$303.73
COPITHORNE, RICHARD	\$1,609.54	PAUL, DANIEL J.	\$567.08
COTE, ANTHONY RICHARD, TRINA ANN	\$460.50	PAUL, JEFFREY & MARIA	\$464.95
COTE, CLARISSA A.	\$1,931.83	PERHAM, PAUL C.	\$760.91 *
COTE, WILLIAM & CLARISSA	\$257.45	PITTMAN, MICHAEL	\$1,779.26
COTE, WILLIAM B. & CLARISSA	\$657.93	POLAND, WELDON E. & CHARLES E.	\$703.70
DAMON, RICHARD	\$1,916.57	PROPERTY BROTHERS, LLC	\$3,112.28
DAVIS, CORRINE (ABBOTT)	\$2,050.06 **	RAINEY, MARC	\$711.32
DEVLIN, JAMES	\$120.14	RECORD, FORREST S.	\$803.76 *
DOUGLAS, TIMOTHY W. & KATHLEEN	\$799.05	RICHARDS, JASON	\$137.31
DOUGLAS, TIMOTHY W. & KATHLEEN	\$1,277.71	RING, RICHARD	\$314.50
DUCHAIINE, DARREN M.	\$2,082.48	ROBBINS, GARY P. & KRISTIE L.	\$1,342.55 **
EMERY, DANIEL K.	\$244.10	ROBERTS, JACK & LIN	\$390.94
EVANS, ANTHONY L. & ELIZABETH M.	\$2,381.89	ROBERTS, JACK V. & LIN	\$2,301.79
FARNUM, KEVIN J. & AMY M.	\$1,638.14	ROBERTS, JACK V. & LIN	\$762.81
FARRAR, JUANITA M. (BRAGG)	\$371.87	ROBERTS, JACK V. & LIN	\$718.95
FIELD, HOWARD	\$1,811.68	ROBERTS, JOEL B.	\$1,689.63
FINISHED INTERIORS, LTD,	\$2,044.34	ROBINSON, DAVID B. & PAULINE A.	\$869.61
FLOSTER, JOHN	\$3,360.20	ROBINSON, DAVID B. & PAULINE A.	\$2,221.70
FLOSTER, JOHN G.	\$1,098.45	ROBINSON, MATTHEW & VIRGINA	\$1,153.76
GAMMON, STEVEN M.	\$907.75	ROE, MICHAEL R.	\$392.85
GIBBS, KEVIN	\$806.68	ROE, MICHAEL R.	\$898.21
GOULD, KATHERINE M. & MICHAEL A.	\$909.28	ROWELL, JESSE & CAROLYN	\$1,371.16
GRABOWSKA, IWONA	\$601.90 *	RYAN, JAMES J., JR.	\$1,834.57
GRILLO, KATHY	\$77.41	SANBORN, TAMMY	\$1,130.87
HADLEY, DALE SCOTT	\$1,151.85	SANDE, JESIAH E. & SANDRA P.	\$877.24
HADLEY, KEITH A.	\$930.63	SARGENT, LESLIE J. (REED-BECKER)	\$372.09
HADLEY, KEITH ALLEN	\$812.40	SCOTT, LINWOOD A.	\$1,476.05
HADLEY, SHARON (BEAUDET)	\$1,189.99 **	SEAMS, STEVEN L.	\$448.15
HARLOW, GINA L. & CHRISTOPHER J.	\$787.61	SHATTENBERG, CHERYL A.	\$446.40 **
HART, ROBIN	\$408.11	SILVER, ADAM	\$873.42
HEATH, MELISSA B.	\$985.94	SISSON, JACK DAVID	\$976.40
HEMLOCK HAVEN	\$705.60	SMITH, ANNE E. & ALBERT E.	\$2,778.55
HEMLOCK HAVEN	\$392.85	STEARNS, CHAD	\$1,805.96
HEMLOCK HAVEN	\$392.85	STODDARD, ERIC	\$1,657.76
HEMLOCK HAVEN, INC.	\$392.85	STONE, ANITA	\$1,212.87
HENDERSON, DENNIS H.	\$1,132.78	STONE, NORINE	\$506.54
HENDERSON, MICHELLE	\$253.64	THERIAULT, ELIZABETH JANE	\$836.91
HERRICK, JUDITH & LEWIS	\$463.41	THOMAS, BRUCE J.	\$2,116.81
HODGKIN, DONALD A. SR.	\$1,125.15	THOMPSON, ALLAN R.	\$1,210.97
HOFF, JOSEPH P.	\$415.73	TRUDEAU, MARC A.	\$635.04
HOOD, DONNA	\$2,976.88	WELCHMAN, KRISTIN A. & RUSTAD, CHRISTINE	\$392.85
HUDSON, JON C	\$1,559.96 **	WESTLEIGH-GRIFFIN, LOUISA M.	\$2,896.79
HUTCHINSON, GRETCHEN S.	\$757.09	WHITE, JOHN E.	\$908.46
HUTCHINSON, GRETCHEN S.	\$1,052.68	WICKLMAN, NORMAN & BARBARA L.	\$937.84
JOHNSON, ERICA L.	\$1,365.44	WILLIS, TODD & LAURIE	\$230.75
JONES, JEANMARIE T. GULLY - & RANDY	\$2,479.15 **	WOODWORTH, SPENCER A.	\$493.92
KENNISON, JERROLD A & WENDY L	\$1,216.69	YOUNG, DANA E & GLENN W.	\$1,222.41
KENNISON, TILDA A.	\$326.62	YOUNG, JAMES L.	\$291.78
KING, LESLEY HELEN	\$537.78	YOUNK BRYAN	\$368.06
KNIGHT, CHRISTINE	\$1,521.81	ZEEGERS, BETTY S.	\$453.87
KRASTINS, ALEKS	\$301.31	ZEEGERS, MARK E. & BETTY S.	\$364.24
KRONSTADT, ANDREW S.	\$3,301.08	Total for 160 Accounts	\$167,087.80
LANDERS, CHARLES, JR.	\$875.33		

** Paid in full after close of books

*Partial payment after close of books

2016 Unpaid Taxes
as of 12/31/2017

ANGEVINE, LAUREL B.	\$1,425.73	MARTIN, JACOB RALPH	\$1,408.68
BEAULIEU-DOW, MARGUERITE C.	\$1,354.76	MASON, KALVIN B & CATHY	\$976.46
BONVILLE, DENNIS J.	\$1,040.42	MASON, KALVIN B.	\$107.54
CAREY, ROBERT A.	\$728.92 **	MILLER, SALETA	\$313.86
CONLEY, HAROLD D.	\$725.42	NORTON, ANTHONY & HODGKIN, DONALD	\$1,181.45
CONNELL, KENNETH P.	\$642.93	POLAND, WELDON E. & CHARLES E.	\$851.05
COTE, WILLIAM & CLARISSA	\$313.24	PROPERTY BROTHERS, LLC	\$3,161.24
COTE, WILLIAM B. & CLARISSA	\$710.91	RAINEY, MARC	\$865.20
CURTIS, JULIE A.	\$1,523.28	RICHARDS, JASON	\$288.62
EMERY, DANIEL K.	\$192.55	ROBERTS, JACK & LIN	\$445.80
FARRAR, JUANITA M. (BRAGG)	\$521.54	ROBERTS, JACK V. & LIN	\$2,437.94
FLOSTER, JOHN	\$3,400.83	ROBERTS, JACK V. & LIN	\$815.06
GAMMON, STEVEN M.	\$1,053.66	ROBERTS, JACK V. & LIN	\$771.51
HADLEY, DALE SCOTT	\$1,207.96	ROBERTS, JOEL B.	\$1,830.07
HADLEY, KEITH A.	\$981.70	ROBINSON, MATHEW & VIRGINA	\$902.16
HADLEY, KEITH ALLEN	\$864.30	ROWELL, JESSE & CAROLYN	\$1,517.98
HEATH, MELISSA B.	\$1,036.62	SANBORN, TAMMY	\$1,180.53
HEMLOCK HAVEN	\$758.25	SANDE, JESIAH E. & SANDRA P.	\$928.67
HEMLOCK HAVEN	\$447.69	SCOTT, LINWOOD A.	\$1,529.88
HEMLOCK HAVEN	\$447.69	SEAMS, STEVEN L.	\$597.30
HEMLOCK HAVEN, INC.	\$447.69	SILVER, ADAM	\$1,026.17
HENDERSON, ROBERT & MICHELLE	\$309.45	SISSON, JACK DAVID	\$1,033.74
HUTCHINSON, GRETCHEN S.	\$809.38	STEARNS, CHAD	\$1,781.81
HUTCHINSON, GRETCHEN S.	\$1,204.17	STONE, ANITA	\$1,261.96
JOHNSON, ERICA L.	\$1,112.88	WESTLEIGH-GRIFFIN, LOUISA M.	\$1,422.49
KING, LESLEY HELEN	\$591.60	WILLIS, TODD & LAURIE	\$286.73
KNIGHT, CHRISTINE	\$1,568.74 *	WOODWORTH, SPENCER A.	\$548.05
LANDERS, CHARLES, JR.	\$679.09	YOUNG, DANA E & GLENN W.	\$1,278.03
LANG, CHARLES D.	\$733.63	ZEEGERS, BETTY S.	\$455.94
LAVINE, SHARON	\$1,428.29	ZEEGERS, MARK E. & BETTY S.	\$461.64
LELAND, TAMMY	\$628.49	Total for 61 Accounts:	\$60,559.37

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Tax Acquired (as of 12/31/2017)

DOBSON, STEPHEN W.	7 Kittridge Brook Road	\$2,515.09
DUBE, ROGER	213 Main Street	\$8,290.55
FADDEN, ROGER (mobile home only)	2 Frayed Knot Lane	\$778.08
GENEVA VENTURES LLC	Briggs Street	\$1,593.38
GENEVA VENTURES LLC	26 Briggs Street	\$2,929.14
MCALLISTER, STEVEN L., PR	6 Ellingwood Road	\$5,845.78
PAGE, KAREN	67 Stearns Hill Road	\$3,763.15
STAFFA, SUSAN E.	101 Tuelltown Road	\$1,367.88
WATERMAN, CHRIS & MARTIN, JULIA (mobile home only)	3 Knot Hole Road	\$852.32

UNPAID PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES
as of 12/31/2017

		2017		
ABBOTT, SIDNEY M.& GERALDINE B.	2017	141.75	-1.28	\$143.03
CROUCH, JOHN JR.	2017	226.80	-2.04	\$228.84 **
GENERAL NEIGHBORHOOD GROCERY	2017	251.37	-2.27	\$253.64
HILLTOP POOLS AND SPAS	2017	22.68	-0.20	\$22.88 **
MASON, KALVIN B.& CATHY	2017	18.90	-0.17	\$19.07
MIKE SMITH BUILDING & REMODELING	2017	32.13	-0.29	\$32.42
WILDAY,LLC	2017	1,744.47	-15.72	\$1,760.19
				\$2,460.07
		2016		
GENERAL NEIGHBORHOOD GROCERY	2016	235.17	-18.58	\$253.75
MASON, KALVIN B.& CATHY	2016	17.55	-1.39	\$18.94
MIKE SMITH BUILDING & REMODELING	2016	29.84	-2.36	\$32.20
WILDAY,LLC	2016	1,619.87	-127.99	\$1,747.86
				\$2,052.75
		2015		
MASON, KALVIN B.& CATHY	2015	17.25	-2.57	\$19.82
WILDAY,LLC	2015	2,452.95	-365.05	\$2,818.00
				\$2,837.82
		2014		
MASON, KALVIN B.& CATHY	2014	17.00	-3.73	\$20.73
WILDAY,LLC	2014	2,417.40	-529.91	\$2,947.31
				\$2,968.04
		2013		
MASON, KALVIN B.& CATHY	2013	15.75	-4.55	\$20.30
WILDAY,LLC	2013	2,239.65	-647.29	\$2,886.94
				\$2,907.24
		2012		
MASON, KALVIN B.& CATHY	2012	15.20	-5.46	\$20.66
WILDAY,LLC	2012	2,161.44	-775.99	\$2,937.43
				\$2,958.09
		2011		
MASON, KALVIN B.& CATHY	2011	14.80	-6.35	\$21.15
WILDAY,LLC	2011	2,020.20	-867.08	\$2,887.28
				\$2,908.43
		2010		
MASON, KALVIN B.& CATHY	2010	13.14	-6.56	\$19.70
WILDAY,LLC	2010	1,846.90	-921.98	\$2,768.88
				\$2,788.58
		2009		
MASON, KALVIN B.& CATHY	2009	13.68	-10.01	\$23.69
WILDAY,LLC	2009	1,836.16	-379.38	\$2,215.54
				\$2,239.23
		2008		
MASON, KALVIN B.& CATHY	2008	12.64	-12.70	\$25.34
				\$25.34

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Treasurer's Report
2017 Revenues Received
as of 12/31/17

	Budget	Actual	Balance
01 - Administration			
05 - Excise Tax - Vehicle	\$288,000.00	\$290,653.28	\$ 2,653.28
06 - Excise IFW	\$1,400.00	\$1,371.90	\$ (28.10)
07 - Permit Fees	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$ 300.00
10 - SRS	\$77,500.00	\$82,539.66	\$ 5,039.66
20 - URIP	\$31,480.00	\$31,836.00	\$ 356.00
30 - Bank Interest	\$1,600.00	\$3,896.98	\$ 2,296.98
40 - Tax Interest	\$15,000.00	\$11,509.96	\$ (3,490.04)
45 - Lien Fees	\$0.00	\$1,435.78	\$ 1,435.78
46 - gain on sale of tax acured i	\$0.00	\$4,975.34	\$ 4,975.34
50 - Admin Rev	\$500.00	\$424.89	\$ (75.11)
51 - Tree Growth	\$5,500.00	\$5,053.54	\$ (446.46)
52 - Veterans refund	\$1,400.00	\$1,486.00	\$ 86.00
53 - BETE REFUND	\$0.00	\$744.00	\$ 744.00
55 - Birth	\$400.00	\$159.80	\$ (240.20)
56 - Deaths	\$600.00	\$782.80	\$ 182.80
57 - Marriage	\$200.00	\$282.40	\$ 82.40
58 - Intentions	\$400.00	\$648.00	\$ 248.00
59 - Burial	\$400.00	\$378.00	\$ (22.00)
75 - Agent Fees	\$7,000.00	\$7,278.50	\$ 278.50
86 - PI CEO HO	\$0.00	\$1,761.00	\$ 1,761.00
87 - Homestead	\$50,000.00	\$68,171.00	\$ 18,171.00
88 - Unemployment Dividend	\$0.00	\$333.00	\$ 333.00
91 - Wood Sale	\$0.00	\$3,426.09	\$ 3,426.09
10 - Public Safety			
01 - Fire Dept	\$0.00	\$5,107.00	\$ 5,107.00
04 - Fire Auxilary	\$0.00	\$2,927.74	\$ 2,927.74
20 - Animal Control	\$0.00	\$1,076.00	\$ 1,076.00
15 - Public Works			
10 - Transfer Station	\$0.00	\$2,664.00	\$ 2,664.00
20 - Highway			
01 - Garage Operations	\$0.00	\$11,881.44	\$ 11,881.44
40 - Community Service	\$0.00		
05 - Library	\$0.00	\$109,014.85	\$ 109,014.85
10 - Old Home Days	\$0.00	\$124.25	\$ 124.25
15 - Derby Track	\$0.00	\$1,720.00	\$ 1,720.00
25 - Athletic Association	\$0.00	\$3,821.27	\$ 3,821.27
30 - Swim Lessons	\$0.00	\$420.00	\$ 420.00
90 - Miscellaneous			
01 - Snowmobile Reimbursement	\$337.00	\$337.62	\$ 0.62
Final Totals	\$481,717.00	\$658,542.09	176,825.09

Treasurer's Report
2017 Expenditures
as of 12/31/2017

Account	Budget	Expenditures	Balance
01 - General Gov			
01 - Administrati	290,160.00	281,024.83	9135.17
05 - Assessing	20,700.00	19,474.50	1225.50
06 - Reval	10,000.00	0.00	10000.00
10 - Plan/Appeals	1,200.00	850.00	350.00
20 - Code Officer	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00
35 - Building	16,000.00	12,419.51	3580.49
10 - Public Safet	147,467.00	140,181.79	7285.21
01 - Fire Dept	88,450.00	83,238.67	5211.33
05 - Street Light	15,000.00	13,385.45	1614.55
10 - Hydrant Rent	35,467.00	35,407.00	60.00
15 - Emerg Manage	1,650.00	1,690.00	(40.00)
20 - Animal Contr	6,900.00	6,460.67	439.33
15 - Public Works	93,000.00	101,113.29	(8113.29)
01 - Cemeteries	4,000.00	2,363.38	1636.62
05 - Veterans Mem	250.00	117.50	132.50
10 - Transfer Sta	88,750.00	98,632.41	(9882.41)
20 - Highway	324,800.00	318,679.05	6120.95
01 - Garage	55,800.00	59,896.64	(4096.64)
05 - Summer	144,000.00	114,260.20	29739.80
10 - Winter	125,000.00	144,522.21	(19522.21)
40 - Comm. Servic	89,664.00	92,579.07	(2915.07)
01 - Organization	34,680.00	34,680.00	0.00
05 - Library	34,460.00	36,049.88	(1589.88)
15 - Derby Track	0.00	925.90	(925.90)
25 - Athletic Asn	7,475.00	7,684.64	(209.64)
30 - Swim Lessons	600.00	1,190.55	(590.55)
35 - Ball field	12,449.00	12,048.10	400.90
45 - GA	3,600.00	4,092.43	(492.43)
01 - GA	3,600.00	4,092.43	(492.43)
55 - Capital Impr	150,000.00	256,670.71	(106670.71)
01 - Equipment Pu	70,000.00	70,000.00	0.00
02 - Highway Proj	70,000.00	70,000.00	0.00
04 - Building Cap	0.00	46,133.61	(46133.61)
05 - Library Proj	10,000.00	70,537.10	(60537.10)
80 - Taxes	959,282.54	950,344.83	8937.71
01 - SAD # 17	875,903.54	866,965.83	8937.71
05 - County Tax	83,379.00	83,379.00	0.00
90 - Misc	35,337.00	33,749.02	1587.98
01 - Snmbi rebimb	337.00	337.00	0.00
10 - Disc & Inter	35,000.00	33,412.02	1587.98
Final Totals	2,143,710.54	2,213,679.03	(69968.49)

Hoisington Bean, P.A.
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Selectmen
Town of West Paris, Maine

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities of the Town of West Paris, Maine as of and for the year ended December 31, 2017, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibilities

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. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting 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 statement, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal controls relevant to the Town's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statement 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 Town's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities of the Town of West Paris, Maine, as of December 31, 2017, and the respective changes in financial position, thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and the other required supplementary 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 historic 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 consist 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 Paris, Maine's basic financial statements. The combining and individual non-major fund financial statements, listed in the table of contents, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The supplementary information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Hoisington & Bean, P.A.

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Certified Public Accountants

Norway, Maine
January 31, 2018

**TOWN OF WEST PARIS, MAINE
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017**

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
ASSETS	
Current assets:	
Cash, including time deposits	\$ 1,347,434
Taxes receivable	199,384
Tax liens	61,177
Tax acquired property	<u>28,012</u>
Total current assets	<u>\$ 1,636,007</u>
Non-current assets:	
Capital assets (net)	<u>\$ 3,422,143</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>\$ 5,058,150</u></u>
 LIABILITIES	
Current liabilities:	
Accounts payable	<u>\$ 8,874</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$ 8,874</u>
 DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Unavailable revenues	<u>\$ -</u>
 NET POSITION	
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	\$ 3,422,143
Restricted for:	
Nonexpendable principal	60,488
Unrestricted	<u>1,566,645</u>
TOTAL NET POSITION	<u>\$ 5,049,276</u>
 TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION	<u><u>\$ 5,058,150</u></u>

**TOWN OF WEST PARIS, MAINE
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017**

	<u>PROGRAM REVENUES</u>			
	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Charges for Services</u>	<u>Grants and Contributions</u>	<u>Net (Expense) Revenue</u>
FUNCTIONS/PROGRAMS				
General government	\$ 358,580			\$ (358,580)
Protection	177,076	\$ 9,111		(167,965)
Health and welfare	143,826	2,664		(141,162)
Highways and bridges	490,209	11,881		(478,328)
School Administrative District #17	866,966			(866,966)
County taxes	83,379			(83,379)
Unclassified	<u>74,354</u>	<u>6,927</u>	<u>\$ 38,017</u>	<u>(29,410)</u>
NET (EXPENSE) REVENUE	<u><u>\$ 2,194,390</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 30,583</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 38,017</u></u>	<u><u>\$ (2,125,790)</u></u>
GENERAL REVENUES				
Taxes				\$ 1,939,470
Intergovernmental revenues				191,687
Realized and unrealized gains (losses)				3,372
Other fees and reimbursements				36,663
Interest income				<u>21,867</u>
TOTAL REVENUES				<u><u>\$ 2,193,059</u></u>
Change in net position				\$ 67,269
Net position - beginning				<u>4,982,007</u>
Net position - ending				<u><u>\$ 5,049,276</u></u>

**TOWN OF WEST PARIS, MAINE
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2017**

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>		
	<u>General</u>	<u>Other Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
ASSETS			
Cash, including time deposits	\$ 1,229,853	\$ 117,781	\$ 1,347,434
Uncollected taxes	199,384		199,384
Tax liens	61,177		61,177
Tax acquired property	28,012		28,012
Interfund balances	(297,935)	297,935	
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 1,220,291</u>	<u>\$ 415,716</u>	<u>\$ 1,636,007</u>
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable	\$ 8,874		\$ 8,874
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$ 8,874</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 8,874</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Deferred revenues	\$ 166,140		\$ 166,140
FUND BALANCES			
Nonspendable			
Permanent fund		\$ 60,488	\$ 60,488
Unassigned:			
General fund	\$ 890,543		890,543
Assigned:			
General fund	154,734		154,734
Committed:			
Capital projects fund		315,455	315,455
Permanent fund		39,773	39,773
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 1,045,277</u>	<u>\$ 415,716</u>	<u>\$ 1,460,993</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 1,220,291</u>	<u>\$ 415,716</u>	

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

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds, net of accumulated depreciation of \$2,586,747.	3,422,143
Deferred tax revenues are not recognized in the statement of net position	166,140
Net position of governmental activities	<u>\$ 5,049,276</u>

See the accompanying independent auditor's report.
The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

TOWN OF WEST PARIS, MAINE
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>		
	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Other Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
REVENUES			
Taxes	\$ 1,939,470		\$ 1,939,470
Intergovernmental	191,687		191,687
Charges for services	30,583		30,583
Other fees and reimbursements	36,663		36,663
Capital grants and contributions		\$ 38,017	38,017
Interest income	20,595	1,272	21,867
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 2,218,998	\$ 39,289	\$ 2,258,287
EXPENDITURES			
General government	\$ 349,681		\$ 349,681
Protection	140,181		140,181
Health and welfare	137,404		137,404
Highways and bridges	318,679		318,679
School Administrative District #17	866,966		866,966
County taxes	83,379		83,379
Unclassified	60,717		60,717
Capital outlay		\$ 389,660	389,660
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 1,957,007	\$ 389,660	\$ 2,346,667
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Interfund transfers	(196,755)	196,755	
Realized and unrealized gains		3,372	3,372
Net change in fund balances	\$ 65,236	\$ (150,244)	\$ (85,008)
Fund balances - beginning	980,041	565,960	1,546,001
Fund balances - ending	\$ 1,045,277	\$ 415,716	\$ 1,460,993

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**TOWN OF WEST PARIS, MAINE
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017**

(Concluded)

Reconciliation of the change in fund balances - total governmental funds
to the change in net position of governmental activities:

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds	<u>\$ (85,008)</u>
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Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities
are different because:

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures while
governmental activities report depreciation expense to allocate
those expenditures over the life of the assets:

Capital asset purchases capitalized	\$ 389,660
Depreciation expense	<u>(237,383)</u>
	<u>\$ 152,277</u>

Government funds report changes in deferred taxes as revenues while governmental activities do not report changes in deferred taxes	<u>\$ -</u>
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Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities	<u><u>\$ 67,269</u></u>
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**TOWN OF WEST PARIS, MAINE
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
GENERAL FUND
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017**

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance with</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>	<u>Amounts</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>
				<u>Positive (negative)</u>
Beginning budgetary fund balance	\$ 980,041	\$ 980,041	\$ 980,041	\$ -
Taxes				
Property	\$ 1,648,567	\$ 1,648,567	\$ 1,647,445	\$ (1,122)
Excise	289,400	289,400	292,025	2,625
	<u>\$ 1,937,967</u>	<u>\$ 1,937,967</u>	<u>\$ 1,939,470</u>	<u>\$ 1,503</u>
Intergovernmental				
State revenue sharing	\$ 77,500	\$ 77,500	\$ 82,540	\$ 5,040
State highway assistance	31,480	31,480	33,692	2,212
State reimbursement of taxes	7,638	7,638	7,284	(354)
State homestead reimbursement	78,065	78,065	68,171	(9,894)
	<u>\$ 194,683</u>	<u>\$ 194,683</u>	<u>\$ 191,687</u>	<u>\$ (2,996)</u>
Charges for services				
Solid waste fees		\$ 2,664	\$ 2,664	
Recreation			4,241	\$ 4,241
Fire department			8,035	8,035
Animal control			1,076	1,076
Highways			11,881	11,881
Library		505	505	
Old Home Days			124	124
Derby Track		1,720	1,720	
Snowmobile reimbursement		337	337	
	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 5,226</u>	<u>\$ 30,583</u>	<u>\$ 25,357</u>
Other fees and reimbursements				
Clerk's fees	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000	\$ 8,004	\$ 1,004
Gain on sale of assets			8,401	8,401
Miscellaneous fees and reimbursements	2,500	2,500	20,258	17,758
	<u>\$ 9,500</u>	<u>\$ 9,500</u>	<u>\$ 36,663</u>	<u>\$ 27,163</u>
Interest income	\$ 16,600	\$ 16,600	\$ 20,595	\$ 3,995
Amounts available for appropriation	<u>\$ 2,158,750</u>	<u>\$ 2,163,976</u>	<u>\$ 2,218,998</u>	<u>\$ 55,022</u>

**TOWN OF WEST PARIS, MAINE
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
GENERAL FUND
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017**

(Continued)

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance with</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>	<u>Amounts</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>
				<u>Positive (negative)</u>
Charges to appropriations:				
General Government				
Salaries and administration	\$ 253,360	\$ 253,360	\$ 247,376	\$ 5,984
Assessing and mapping	20,700	20,700	19,475	1,225
Planning board	1,200	1,200	850	350
Code enforcement	2,500	2,500	2,500	
Contractual	31,600	31,600	28,963	2,637
Discounts	35,000	35,000	33,412	1,588
Dues	5,200	5,200	4,685	515
Revaluation	10,000	10,000		10,000
Town complex	16,000	16,000	12,420	3,580
	<u>\$ 375,560</u>	<u>\$ 375,560</u>	<u>\$ 349,681</u>	<u>\$ 25,879</u>
Protection				
Fire department	\$ 88,450	\$ 88,450	\$ 83,238	\$ 5,212
Street lights	15,000	15,000	13,385	1,615
Hydrants	35,467	35,467	35,407	60
EMA	1,650	1,650	1,690	(40)
Animal control	6,900	6,900	6,461	439
	<u>\$ 147,467</u>	<u>\$ 147,467</u>	<u>\$ 140,181</u>	<u>\$ 7,286</u>
Health and Welfare				
Social services	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	
Ambulance	27,180	27,180	27,180	
General assistance	3,600	3,600	4,092	\$ (492)
Solid waste	88,750	91,414	98,632	(7,218)
	<u>\$ 127,030</u>	<u>\$ 129,694</u>	<u>\$ 137,404</u>	<u>\$ (7,710)</u>
Highways and Bridges				
Roads and bridges	\$ 324,800	\$ 324,800	\$ 318,679	\$ 6,121
	<u>\$ 324,800</u>	<u>\$ 324,800</u>	<u>\$ 318,679</u>	<u>\$ 6,121</u>
Special Assessments				
School Administrative				
District #17	\$ 875,904	\$ 875,904	\$ 866,966	\$ 8,938
County taxes	83,379	83,379	83,379	
Overlay	33,896	33,896		33,896
	<u>\$ 993,179</u>	<u>\$ 993,179</u>	<u>\$ 950,345</u>	<u>\$ 42,834</u>

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**TOWN OF WEST PARIS, MAINE
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
GENERAL FUND
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017**

(Concluded)

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance with</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>	<u>Amounts</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>
				<u>Positive (negative)</u>
Unclassified:				
Cemetery	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 2,363	\$ 1,637
Library	34,460	34,965	36,049	(1,084)
Recreation	20,524	20,524	20,924	(400)
Derby Track		1,720	926	794
Snowmobile reimbursement		337	337	
Other	250	250	118	132
	<u>\$ 59,234</u>	<u>\$ 61,796</u>	<u>\$ 60,717</u>	<u>\$ 1,079</u>
Other				
Interfund transfers out	<u>\$ (150,000)</u>	<u>\$ (150,000)</u>	<u>\$ (196,755)</u>	<u>\$ (46,755)</u>
	<u>\$ (150,000)</u>	<u>\$ (150,000)</u>	<u>\$ (196,755)</u>	<u>\$ (46,755)</u>
Total charges to appropriations	<u>\$ 2,177,270</u>	<u>\$ 2,182,496</u>	<u>\$ 2,153,762</u>	<u>\$ 28,734</u>
Ending budgetary balances	<u>\$ 961,521</u>	<u>\$ 961,521</u>	<u>\$ 1,045,277</u>	<u>\$ 83,756</u>

2018 Budget Summary

	2017 Budget	2018 Requests	2018 Manager Recommendations	2018 Budget Committee Recommendations	2018 Selectmen Recommendations	2018 manager recommendations compared to 2017 budget
Administration	\$290,160.00		\$293,620.00	\$293,620.00	\$293,620.00	\$3,460.00
Assessing	\$20,700.00		\$19,900.00	\$19,900.00	\$19,900.00	-\$800.00
Revaluation	\$10,000.00		\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00
Planning & Appeals	\$1,200.00		\$1,325.00	\$1,325.00	\$1,325.00	\$125.00
Code Officer	\$2,500.00		\$3,800.00	\$6,800.00	\$6,800.00	\$1,300.00
Building	\$16,000.00		\$14,400.00	\$14,400.00	\$14,400.00	-\$1,600.00
General Government	\$340,560.00		\$343,045.00	\$346,045.00	\$346,045.00	\$2,485.00
Fire Dept	\$88,450.00	\$97,650.00	\$94,050.00	\$87,955.00	\$87,955.00	\$5,600.00
Street Lights	\$15,000.00		\$13,500.00	\$13,500.00	\$13,500.00	-\$1,500.00
Hydrant Rental	\$35,467.00		\$35,500.00	\$40,825.00	\$40,825.00	\$33.00
Emergency Management	\$1,650.00		\$1,560.00	\$1,560.00	\$1,560.00	-\$90.00
Animal Control	\$6,900.00		\$6,900.00	\$6,900.00	\$6,900.00	\$0.00
Public Safety	\$147,467.00	\$97,650.00	\$151,510.00	\$150,740.00	\$150,740.00	\$4,043.00
Cemeteries	\$4,000.00		\$2,900.00	\$2,900.00	\$2,900.00	-\$1,100.00
Veterans Memorial	\$250.00		\$450.00	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$200.00
Transfer Station	\$88,750.00		\$99,190.00	\$98,255.00	\$98,255.00	\$10,440.00
Public Works	\$93,000.00		\$102,540.00	\$101,605.00	\$101,605.00	\$9,540.00
Garage Operations	\$55,800.00	\$62,025.00	\$62,025.00	\$62,250.00	\$62,250.00	\$6,225.00
Summer Operations	\$144,000.00	\$130,600.00	\$130,600.00	\$130,600.00	\$130,600.00	-\$13,400.00
Winter Operations	\$125,000.00	\$147,300.00	\$147,300.00	\$147,300.00	\$147,300.00	\$22,300.00
Special Projects	\$0.00		\$3,600.00	\$3,600.00	\$3,600.00	\$3,600.00
Highway	\$324,800.00	\$339,925.00	\$343,525.00	\$343,750.00	\$343,750.00	\$18,725.00
Ambulance	\$27,180.00	\$27,180.00	\$27,180.00	\$22,000.00	\$22,000.00	\$0.00
Tri-County Mental Health	\$500.00	\$1,250.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
Community Concepts	\$500.00	\$1,750.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
R.E.A.C.H.	\$500.00	\$450.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
Seniors Plus	\$500.00	\$2,000.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
Andros Home Care & Hospice	\$500.00	\$1,500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
Explores after-school program	\$5,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$6,500.00	\$6,500.00	\$6,000.00	\$1,500.00
Library	\$34,460.00	\$36,185.00	\$36,185.00	\$36,185.00	\$36,185.00	\$1,725.00
Athletic Association	\$7,475.00		\$7,750.00	\$7,750.00	\$7,750.00	\$275.00
Swim Lessons	\$600.00		\$800.00	\$800.00	\$800.00	\$200.00
Ball field	\$12,449.00		\$5,750.00	\$5,750.00	\$5,750.00	-\$6,699.00
Community Service	\$89,664.00	\$78,315.00	\$86,665.00	\$81,485.00	\$80,985.00	-\$2,999.00
General Assistance	\$3,600.00		\$4,100.00	\$4,100.00	\$4,100.00	\$500.00
Equipment	\$70,000.00		\$70,000.00	\$70,000.00	\$70,000.00	\$0.00
Highway Projects	\$70,000.00		\$70,000.00	\$70,000.00	\$70,000.00	\$0.00
Library Projects	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00
Capital Improvements	\$150,000.00		\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$0.00
Snowmobile	\$337.00		\$662.00	\$662.00	\$662.00	\$325.00
Discounts	\$35,000.00		\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00	\$0.00
Miscellaneous	\$35,337.00		\$35,662.00	\$35,662.00	\$35,662.00	\$325.00
	\$1,184,428.00		\$1,217,047.00	\$1,213,387.00	\$1,212,887.00	\$32,619.00

Warrant for Town Meeting
Date of Town Meeting – March 3, 2018

To: Willard Keach, a citizen of the Town of West Paris,

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters in the Town of West Paris, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Agnes L. Gray School Gymnasium, on Saturday, March 3, 2018 at 10:00 a.m., to act on the following Articles, to wit:

1. To choose a moderator to preside over the meeting.
2. To choose the following officers: one (1) Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor (for a three year term); one (1) Director for the M.S.A.D. #17 Board of Directors (for a three year term); and one (1) Water District Directors (for a three year term), and one (1) Water District Directors (for a two year term to fill the vacancy left when Wayne Kennedy resigned).
3. To see if the citizens will vote to authorize the Selectmen to expend such money, as necessary, from each budget category of the annual budget during the period January 1, 2019 to March 2, 2019 in order to ensure the continuous operation of Town government.
4. To see if the citizens will vote to apply any overlay allocated to the miscellaneous account.
5. To see if the citizens will vote to authorize the Selectmen to carry forward balances or deficits at the end of the fiscal year, if they deem it advisable.
6. To see if the citizens will vote to have taxes due and payable at the date of commitment with interest charges at the rate of eight percent (8%) per annum on all taxes not paid on or before November 15, 2018.
7. To see if the citizens will vote to accept payment of taxes before commitment.
8. To see if the citizens will vote to set the interest rate to be paid by the Town on abated taxes at three percent (3%).
9. To see if the citizens will vote to authorize the Selectmen to assign, release, sell and convey all interest in real estate acquired by the Town by virtue of tax liens and to execute property instruments of conveyance, to authorize the Selectmen, at their sole discretion to sell back the property to the original owner upon such terms they may deem in the best interests of the Town, and that sale to any other by sealed bid.
10. To see if the citizens will vote to authorize the Selectmen, upon request of the Treasurer, to proceed to file notices in the registry of deeds to waive the foreclosure of a then pending real property tax lien, if they determine such course of action to be in the best interest of the Town.
11. To see if the citizens will vote to authorize a three percent (3%) discount on 2018 real estate and personal property taxes, paid in full, for the first thirty (30) days from the date of commitment and 2018 real estate and personal property taxes paid in full prior, and to appropriate \$35,000 for discounts. *The Budget Committee and Selectmen have recommended approval.*

12. To see if the citizens will vote to authorize the Selectmen to apply for, accept, expend and/or appropriate on behalf of the Town, money from State, Federal and other governmental units, and from private sources and foundations, which may be received from time to time, in the form of grants, donations or any other source during the period March 3, 2018 to March 2, 2019.
13. To see if the citizens will vote to have the Selectmen negotiate with Mid-West Price Company, LLC to lease a portion of the Town gravel pit on Route 26 and to enter into an agreement as they see is in the best interest of the Town. Mid-West Price Company, LLC is in need of more room for log storage. If this Article is passed, article #14 is void.
14. To see if the citizens will vote to sell a portion of the Town gravel pit on Route 26 by sealed bid.
15. To see if the citizens will vote to raise and appropriate \$103,200 for personnel benefits, including health insurance premiums and Social Security/Medicare employer match. *The Budget Committee and Selectmen have recommended approval.*
16. To see if the citizens will vote to raise and appropriate \$190,420 for Administration. *The Budget Committee and Selectmen have recommended approval.*
17. To see if the citizens will vote to raise and appropriate \$19,900 for Assessing. *The Budget Committee and Selectmen have recommended approval.*
18. To see if the citizens will vote to raise and appropriate \$10,000 for the Revaluation Fund. *Current balance of the reserve is \$34,000. Estimated cost for revaluation is \$75,000. The Budget Committee and Selectmen have recommended approval.*
19. To see if the citizens will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,325 for Planning Board and Board of Appeals expenses. *The Budget Committee and Selectmen have recommended approval.*
20. To see if the citizens will vote to raise and appropriate \$6,800 for the Code Enforcement Officer, and Licensed Plumbing Inspector. *The Budget Committee and Selectmen have recommended approval.*
21. To see if the citizens will vote to raise and appropriate \$14,400 for Municipal Buildings. *The Budget Committee and Selectmen have recommended approval.*
22. To see if the citizens will vote to raise and appropriate \$97,650 for the Fire Department. *The Budget Committee and Selectmen have recommended \$87,955 .*
23. To see if the citizens will vote to raise and appropriate \$13,500 for the baseball/softball program and ball field maintenance. *The Budget Committee and Selectmen have recommended approval.
Ball Program \$7,750, including a new yearly stipend of \$2500 for a Recreation Director.
Ballfield maintenance \$5,750*
24. To see if the citizens will vote to raise and appropriate \$13,500 for Street Lights. *The Budget Committee and Selectmen have recommended approval.*
25. To see if the citizens will vote to raise and appropriate \$40,825 for Hydrant Rental. *The Budget Committee and Selectmen have recommended approval.*

26. To see if the citizens will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,560 for Emergency Management.
The Budget Committee and Selectmen have recommended approval.
27. To see if the citizens will vote to raise and appropriate \$6,900 for Animal Control.
The Budget Committee and Selectmen have recommended approval.
28. To see if the citizens will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,900 for Cemeteries.
The Budget Committee and Selectmen have recommended approval.
29. To see if the citizens will vote to raise and appropriate \$450 for the maintenance and updating of the Veterans Monuments (\$250), and maintenance of the park(\$200). *Current balance of the reserve is \$2,303.*
The Budget Committee and Selectmen have recommended approval.
30. To see if the citizens will vote to raise and appropriate \$99,190 for the Transfer Station.
The Budget Committee and Selectmen have recommended 98,255.
31. To see if the citizens will vote to raise and appropriate \$343,750 for the Highway Department.
The Budget Committee and Selectmen have recommended approval.
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|---|-----------|---------------------|---------|
| Garage Operations/Equipment Maintenance | \$62,250 | Speed Detector Sign | \$3,600 |
| Summer Operations | \$130,600 | | |
| Winter Operations | \$147,300 | | |
32. To see if the citizens will vote to raise and appropriate \$27,180 for Ambulance services.
The Budget Committee and Selectmen have recommended \$22,000.
33. To see if the citizens will vote to raise and appropriate \$36,185 for the West Paris Library.
The Budget Committee and Selectmen have recommended approval.
34. To see if the citizens will vote to raise and appropriate \$10,000 for the Library masonry repair project.
The Budget Committee and Selectmen have recommended approval.
35. To see if the citizens will vote to authorize the disbursement of funds from the Library Reserve Account as needed to pay expenses for the masonry repair project.
36. To see if the citizens will vote to raise and appropriate \$800 for Swimming Instruction program.
The Budget Committee and Selectmen have recommended approval.
37. To see if the citizens will vote to raise and appropriate \$4,100 for General Assistance.
The Budget Committee and Selectmen have recommended approval.
38. To see if the citizens will vote to raise and appropriate \$70,000 for the Capital Equipment Reserve.
Current balance of the reserve is \$71,640. The Budget Committee and Selectmen have recommended approval.
39. To see if the citizens will vote to raise and appropriate \$70,000 for the Highway Improvement Reserve.
Current balance of the reserve is \$139,170. The Budget Committee and Selectmen have recommended approval.

40. To see if the citizens will vote to disburse the total snowmobile reimbursement from the State of Maine to the Mollycokett Sportsman's Club. The money is to be used for the construction and maintenance of snowmobile trails that are open to the public. The amount this year is \$662.00.

The Budget Committee and Selectmen have recommended approval.

41. To see if the citizens will vote to raise and appropriate \$8,000 for the West Paris Explorers After-School Program.

The Budget Committee recommends \$6500. The Selectmen recommend \$6,000.

42. To see if the citizens will vote to raise and appropriate \$6,950 for outside non-profit agencies.

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Request</u>	<u>Budget Committee recommends</u>	<u>Board of Selectmen recommends</u>
Tri-County Mental Health	\$1,250	\$500	\$500
Community Concepts	\$1,750	\$500	\$500
Sexual Assault Prevention	\$450	\$500	\$500
Seniors Plus	\$2,000	\$500	\$500
Androscoggin Home Health	<u>\$1,500</u>	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$500</u>
		\$2500	\$2500

43. To see if the citizens will vote to appropriate the following estimated sums of money to reduce the 2017 tax commitment.

The Budget Committee and Selectmen have recommended approval.

Municipal Revenue Sharing	\$82,500
Homestead Reimbursement	\$68,000
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	\$290,000
Other Revenues	\$31,760
Undesignated Fund Balance	\$60,000
Surplus SAD17 appropriation from 2017 re-assessment	<u>\$8,937</u>
	\$541,197

44. To see if the citizens will vote to appropriate \$8,806 from the Undesignated Fund to clear a deficit, created in 2010, in the Public Library Reserve Fund, as the result of an accounting oversight.

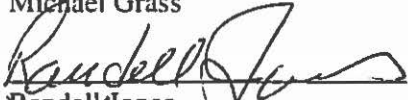
45. To see if the citizens will vote to increase the property tax levy limit, established for the Town of West Paris by Maine State Law LD 1, in the event that the municipal budget approved under the preceding articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that property tax levy limit.

The Registrar of Voters hereby gives notice that she will be in the Town Office on Thursday, March 1, 2018, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., for additions or corrections to the Voting List.

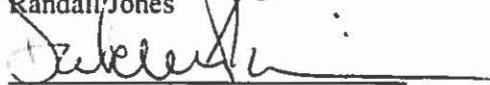
Given under our hands this 8th day of February, 2018



Michael Grass

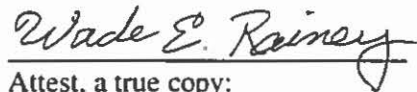


Randall Jones



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Board of Selectmen, Town of West Paris



Attest, a true copy:

Wade E. Rainey, Town Manager