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Town of Skowhegan



Run of River



July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014

Annual Report



The Town of Skowhegan is pleased to dedicate this year's Town Report to Gifford's Famous Ice Cream — for its success in the world of ice cream and its continued dedication to our community.

During the past 30 years, Gifford's has gone from operating one ice cream stand in Skowhegan to operating five ice cream stands in Skowhegan, Waterville, Bangor, Farmington and Auburn. Meanwhile, Gifford's Ice Cream also is sold in stores throughout New England, New York state, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, the Mid-Atlantic states, Illinois and Michigan, putting Skowhegan on the map as the starting point for an ice cream empire that last year sold 1.9 million gallons of its delicious frozen dessert; 13 percent of that was in Maine.

The story of Gifford's Famous Ice Cream dates back to the 1800s, when an industrious young man named Nathaniel Main from Pawcatuck, Connecticut started a home delivery milk and ice cream business from the back of his horse-drawn wagon. Later, his granddaughter, Audrey, married her college sweetheart, Randall Gifford of Maine, and they continued to build the business. Together they forged a splendid path that would eventually lead them to Skowhegan and the birth of Gifford's Famous Ice Cream.

The couple ran a small milk business and ice cream shop for 17 years in Connecticut, before returning to Randall's home state — and bringing their passion for ice cream along with them. They purchased a small dairy in Farmington in 1971, and three years later purchased what was Hunt's Dairy in Skowhegan. The ice cream plant remains there today at 25 Hathaway Street.





Randall and Audrey began creating small batches of creamy ice cream using Audrey's parents' recipes for strawberry, peach, wild blueberry and coffee. The first seasonal ice cream stand was opened in Skowhegan in 1980. They sold the dairy business in 1983 and sons, Roger and John, took over the ice cream portion of the business, transforming the milk plant into the world-class ice cream factory that it is today.

Gifford's is serving more than one million cones each summer from the five family-owned and operated stands. The company offers at least 100 unique ice cream flavors that can be found in grocery stores, independent ice cream shops, colleges, universities and restaurants all the way from Maine to the Mid Atlantic and as far west as Nevada. Roger and John's family carry on the legacy of Gifford's Famous Ice Cream. The next generation of Gifford ice cream entrepreneurs include Lindsay Gifford-Skilling, general manager; J.C. Gifford, vice president of sales, Samantha Gifford, marketing coordinator and Ryan Porter, production supervisor.



The newest layer of Giffords continue to be an integral part of life in Skowhegan, where they are active in the community, including such efforts as helping to support the team for the Annual Relay for Life, sponsoring the Skowhegan Recreation Center and Little League teams, supporting charitable events at the Elks Clubs and donating ice cream for various events. Skowhegan is so pleased Gifford's Famous Ice Cream, which today embraces more family members, chooses to continue to make its home among us.

Compiled by: Darla L. Pickett



Annual Report
of the
Municipal Departments

Skowhegan, Maine

Shire town of Somerset County. One hundred two miles from Portland, on the Kennebec River. Originally part of Canaan. Separated in 1823, and incorporated under the name of Milburn. The name was changed on March 25, 1863, to the Indian name of Skowhegan, which signifies, “a place to watch”. “Skowhegan Falls” was an ancient name, having been a noted locality for the Indians to “watch” for and catch salmon. Bloomfield annexed in 1861. Population in 1940 was 7,097. Population in 2008 was 8,742.

Covering July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014

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Town of Skowhegan

Town Manager

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Skowhegan, Maine 04976



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT FISCAL YEAR 2014

The following pages include an excerpt of the 2014 Audit Report. Complete Audit Reports are available for public viewing in the Town Clerk's Office and the Town Manager's Office at the Municipal Building.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Almand", written in a cursive style.

Christine Almand
Town Manager

Independent Auditor's Report

Board of Selectmen
Town of Skowhegan, Maine

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Skowhegan, Maine as of and for the year ended June 30, 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditor's Responsibility

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

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

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

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Skowhegan, Maine, as of June 30, 2014, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, budgetary comparison information, and post-retirement plan schedule of funding progress on pages 6 through 13 and page 41 through 42 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Skowhegan, Maine's basic financial statements. The other supplementary information on Schedules 1 and 2 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. The schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*, and is also not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The other supplementary information on Schedules 1 and 2 and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, Schedules 1 and 2 and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Brantner Hibbard & Associates

March 31, 2015

Town of Skowhegan, Maine
Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds
June 30, 2014

	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Permanent Fund	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,800	\$ 260,349	\$ 149,413	\$ -	\$ 411,562
Investments	4,477,308	-	6,911,218	1,048,144	12,436,670
Taxes receivable, net	629,854	-	-	-	629,854
Due from other governmental agencies	112,915	29,659	-	-	142,574
Due from Maine Bond Bank	-	-	10,933,081	-	10,933,081
Due from other funds	-	834,733	-	-	834,733
Due from Skowhegan Economic Development	52,944	-	-	-	52,944
Loans receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$19,262	-	367,219	-	-	367,219
	<u>-</u>	<u>367,219</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>367,219</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 5,274,821</u>	<u>\$ 1,491,960</u>	<u>\$ 17,993,712</u>	<u>\$ 1,048,144</u>	<u>\$ 25,808,637</u>
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES					
Liabilities					
Accounts payable	\$ 288,374	\$ 33,375	\$ 33,507	\$ -	\$ 355,256
Due to other funds	369,663	-	451,648	13,387	834,698
Payable to other governments	52,690	-	-	-	52,690
Unearned revenue	-	10,684	-	-	10,684
Other accrued expenses	14,055	-	-	-	14,055
	<u>724,782</u>	<u>44,059</u>	<u>485,155</u>	<u>13,387</u>	<u>1,267,383</u>
Total liabilities	<u>724,782</u>	<u>44,059</u>	<u>485,155</u>	<u>13,387</u>	<u>1,267,383</u>
Deferred inflows of resources					
Prepaid taxes	17,616	-	-	-	17,616
Unavailable property taxes	499,690	-	-	-	499,690
	<u>517,306</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>517,306</u>
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>517,306</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>517,306</u>
Fund balances					
Nonspendable for					
Trust fund principal	-	-	-	641,768	641,768
Loans receivable	-	367,219	-	-	367,219
Restricted for					
Trust fund income	-	-	-	392,989	392,989
Capital projects	-	-	10,896,978	-	10,896,978
Special revenue funds	-	1,080,682	-	-	1,080,682
Committed for					
Capital projects	-	-	6,611,579	-	6,611,579
Assigned for					
Other purposes	61,239	-	-	-	61,239
Next year's budget	1,000,000	-	-	-	1,000,000
Unassigned (deficit)	2,971,494	-	-	-	2,971,494
	<u>4,032,733</u>	<u>1,447,901</u>	<u>17,508,557</u>	<u>1,034,757</u>	<u>24,023,948</u>
Total fund balances	<u>4,032,733</u>	<u>1,447,901</u>	<u>17,508,557</u>	<u>1,034,757</u>	<u>24,023,948</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balances	<u>\$ 5,274,821</u>	<u>\$ 1,491,960</u>	<u>\$ 17,993,712</u>	<u>\$ 1,048,144</u>	<u>\$ 25,808,637</u>

Town of Skowhegan, Maine
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended June 30, 2014

	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Permanent Fund	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES					
Property taxes	\$ 17,453,144	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17,453,144
Excise and miscellaneous taxes	1,367,744	-	-	-	1,367,744
Fees and fines	10,382	-	-	-	10,382
Licenses and permits	37,037	-	-	-	37,037
Intergovernmental	2,533,318	655,173	171,076	-	3,359,567
Charges for services	316,531	-	-	5,200	321,731
Investment and interest earnings	61,175	15,488	68,973	11,180	156,816
Contributions and reimbursements	41,953	-	-	6,993	48,946
Miscellaneous	36,984	-	-	-	36,984
	<u>21,858,268</u>	<u>670,661</u>	<u>240,049</u>	<u>23,373</u>	<u>22,792,351</u>
EXPENDITURES					
Current					
General government	1,164,511	-	-	-	1,164,511
Protection	2,254,619	-	-	-	2,254,619
Public works	1,056,232	-	-	-	1,056,232
Waste water and pollution control	489,623	-	-	-	489,623
Solid waste management	759,024	-	-	-	759,024
Health and human services	141,642	-	-	-	141,642
Education	9,614,652	-	-	-	9,614,652
Parks and recreation	409,354	-	-	-	409,354
County tax	2,520,397	-	-	-	2,520,397
Cemeteries	76,726	-	-	9,807	86,533
Community services	146,867	-	-	-	146,867
Grant program expenses	-	531,127	-	-	531,127
Debt service					
Principal	697,484	-	199,500	-	896,984
Interest and other charges	159,787	-	56,944	-	216,731
Capital outlay	5,700	-	3,062,819	-	3,068,519
	<u>19,496,618</u>	<u>531,127</u>	<u>3,319,263</u>	<u>9,807</u>	<u>23,356,815</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	<u>2,361,650</u>	<u>139,534</u>	<u>(3,079,214)</u>	<u>13,566</u>	<u>(564,464)</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)					
Proceeds from capital lease	5,700	-	184,015	-	189,715
Proceeds from bond	-	-	11,852,591	-	11,852,591
Transfers in	14,643	-	2,268,815	-	2,283,458
Transfers out	(2,268,815)	-	-	(14,643)	(2,283,458)
	<u>(2,248,472)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,305,421</u>	<u>(14,643)</u>	<u>12,042,306</u>
Net change in fund balances	113,178	139,534	11,226,207	(1,077)	11,477,842
FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING	<u>3,919,555</u>	<u>1,308,367</u>	<u>6,282,350</u>	<u>1,035,834</u>	<u>12,546,106</u>
FUND BALANCES - ENDING	<u>\$ 4,032,733</u>	<u>\$ 1,447,901</u>	<u>\$ 17,508,557</u>	<u>\$ 1,034,757</u>	<u>\$ 24,023,948</u>

Town of Skowhegan, Maine
Budgetary Comparison Schedule
General Fund
For the Year Ended June 30, 2014

	Budgeted Amounts			Actual	Variance with Final Budget - Positive (Negative)
	Original	Changes**	Final*		
REVENUES					
Property taxes	\$ 17,442,090	\$ -	\$ 17,442,090	\$ 17,453,144	\$ 11,054
Excise and miscellaneous taxes	1,055,000	-	1,055,000	1,367,744	312,744
Fees and fines	7,550	-	7,550	10,382	2,832
Licenses and permits	21,475	-	21,475	37,037	15,562
Intergovernmental	2,475,348	27,415	2,502,763	2,533,318	30,555
Charges for services	273,965	-	273,965	316,531	42,566
Investment and interest earnings	47,000	-	47,000	61,175	14,175
Contributions and reimbursements	41,937	-	41,937	41,953	16
Miscellaneous	10,764	-	10,764	36,984	26,220
Total revenues	21,375,129	27,415	21,402,544	21,858,268	455,724
EXPENDITURES					
Current					
General government	1,269,233	(5,368)	1,263,865	1,164,511	99,354
Protection	2,383,849	-	2,383,849	2,254,619	129,230
Public works	1,274,796	-	1,274,796	1,056,232	218,564
Waste water and pollution control	523,136	-	523,136	489,623	33,513
Solid waste management	804,881	-	804,881	759,024	45,857
Health and human services	114,227	27,415	141,642	141,642	-
Education	9,614,652	-	9,614,652	9,614,652	-
Parks and recreation	447,471	-	447,471	409,354	38,117
County tax	2,520,397	-	2,520,397	2,520,397	-
Cemeteries	77,869	-	77,869	76,726	1,143
Community services	146,867	-	146,867	146,867	-
Tax increment financing	1,313,003	(1,313,003)	-	-	-
Debt service					
Principal	692,750	4,666	697,416	697,484	(68)
Interest and other charges	179,155	702	179,857	159,787	20,070
Capital outlay	-	-	-	5,700	(5,700)
Total expenditures	21,362,286	(1,285,588)	20,076,698	19,496,618	580,080
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	12,843	1,313,003	1,325,846	2,361,650	1,035,804
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)					
Use of carryover fund balances	700,000	314,000	1,014,000	-	(1,014,000)
Overlay	(76,411)	-	(76,411)	-	76,411
Proceeds from capital lease	-	-	-	5,700	5,700
Transfers in	15,000	-	15,000	14,643	(357)
Transfers out	(951,432)	(1,327,003)	(2,278,435)	(2,268,815)	9,620
Total other financing sources and uses	(312,843)	(1,013,003)	(1,325,846)	(2,248,472)	(922,626)
Net change in fund balances	\$ (300,000)	\$ 300,000	\$ -	113,178	\$ 113,178
FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING				3,919,555	
FUND BALANCES - ENDING				\$ 4,032,733	

* includes assigned carryover accounts

** reclassification of budget and use of additional revenues

Town Manager, Christine Almand

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Town of Skowhegan

Town Manager

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To: Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of Skowhegan

As your new Town Manager, it is my pleasure and privilege to submit a report of the municipal activities by the various department heads, committees and organizations. There are financial reports included throughout and the June 2015 Annual Town Meeting Warrant is located at the end of this Town Report. The Town Report is a valuable resource of information and insight as to what is taking place in our community.

While I have only held this position since May 14, 2014, I have the benefit of being an employee of the town for almost eight years previously holding the position of Finance/Human Resource Director. While I rely on my experience in finances and human resources, the town has many dedicated employees that I can depend on to assist me.

The Board of Selectmen and Department Heads continue to explore ways to do more with less while staying committed to providing top quality services to the citizens of the Town of Skowhegan. With so many proposed financial cutbacks by the state and the recent devaluation of the mill, town administrators are tasked with being creative and innovative in finding funding methods other than local property taxes. In these efforts, the Department Heads and employees were able to bring in over half a million dollars from grants and donations during fiscal year 2014.

The Board of Selectmen and the town encourage citizen involvement and appreciate when citizens become an active part of our governmental process. Please check out our website at www.skowhegan.org for updated information. You can also sign up for alerts sent by email or text through the "Notify Me" feature on our website. We welcome you to attend Selectmen's Meetings which are held on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 5:30 pm in the Municipal Building Council Room. On these nights, the Clerk's Office is also open late for the public until 6:00 pm.

Special Thanks and credit must be given to the Board of Selectmen: Betty Austin, Vice Chairman; Darla Pickett, Donald Skillings, and Paul York and to the Department Heads: Trisha Austin, Finance/Human Resource Director; Edward Blais, Police Chief; Brent Dickey, Pollution Control Plant Superintendent; Gregory Dore, Road Commissioner; Randall Gray, Code Enforcement Officer/Transfer Station Supervisor; Jeffrey Hewett, Economic and Community Development Director; Shawn Howard, Fire Chief; Denise LeBlanc, Parks and Recreation Director; Gail Pelotte, Town Clerk/Treasurer and William Van Tuinen, Contracted Assessor. Our group of dedicated department heads has a combination of over 200 years of service to the Town of Skowhegan.

In closing, I want to thank the volunteers that give of their time and ask nothing in return. I must also thank the citizens of Skowhegan for the support and confidence you have given myself and all of those that work hard and support the town. Because of this the Town of Skowhegan is definitely a "Place to Watch".

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Christine Almand".

Christine Almand
Town Manager

Betty Austin, Vice Chairman
Darla Pickett
Donald Skillings
Paul York

Town of Skowhegan

Board of Selectmen

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To all Skowhegan residents,

If I were to name this 2014/2015 Town Year it would be *The Year of Collaboration*. Town departments, committees, groups, and other towns worked together on so many things. Saving money by sharing equipment or services, getting new ideas, and having a greater voice are just a few of the benefits of collaboration.

Last summer we were able to celebrate the unveiling of the refurbished Indian sculpture which was a collaboration of many including the Chamber of Commerce and the Main Street Board. It was a great event with people from near and far enjoying the result.

Our municipal parking lot is looking great and got that way because of department heads and committees working together. It is such a pleasure to having visitors remark about how nice things are looking in our town!

We have seen town managers and other officials work together on recent issues and go been to Augusta to speak regarding the needs of our town as well as others.

We , the selectmen board, the budget committee, and our Skowhegan School board members met recently to discuss our needs and how each of us were working on keeping budgets down while still meeting needs.

These are only a few of the ways many people in our town are working through difficulties and challenges to make Skowhegan not only a place to watch but also a place where people want to live, work, play, and gather together.

We have opportunities again at Town Meeting on June 8 and Election Day June 9 to make a difference. I hope to see you on both days as we make important decisions about the future of our town.

I look forward to another year of collaborations as we continuing to serve the Citizens of Skowhegan.

Sincerely,

Betty A. Austin

Betty A. Austin
Skowhegan Selectmen Vice Chair

TOWN OF SKOWHEGAN

July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014

Elected and Appointed Officials

Departments and Committees

By:

Gail R. Pelotte, Town Clerk

ELECTED OFFICIALS
July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014

SELECTMEN – 3 YEAR TERMS

Terms Expiring 2014:
Steve Spaulding

Terms Expiring 2015:
Newell Graf, Jr., Vice Chairman
Donald Lowe (R 4/2/14)

Terms Expiring 2016:
Betty Austin, Chairman
Paul York

ASSESSORS – 3 YEAR TERMS

David Summers, Vice Chairman – 2014
John Grohs – 2015
Ronald Blaisdell, Chairman - 2016

**OVERSEERS OF THE POOR –
3 YEAR TERMS**

Pamela Arinze – 2014
Vacant - 2015
Dana Hamilton - 2016

**TOWN CLERK & TREASURER –
3 YEAR TERMS**

Gail R. Pelotte – 2015

**ROAD COMMISSIONER –
3 YEAR TERM**

Gregory Dore – 2015

**PARK COMMISSIONERS –
5 YEAR TERMS**

Violet Ferland – 2014
Evalyn Bowman – 2015
Peter Foxwell – 2016
Robert Haynes – 2016

David Barter, Treasurer/Secretary - 2017

**DIRECTORS OF SAD #54 –
3 YEAR TERMS**

Terms Expiring 2014:
Wilmarth Ashe
Karyn Curran
Margaret Lovejoy
Mary Willett

Terms Expiring 2015:
Elizabeth Anderson
Jane Arthur
Noella DesPres
Mary Turbyne

Terms Expiring 2016:
Richard Irwin, Sr.
Jennifer Poirier
Timothy Spencer

APPOINTED OFFICIALS, COMMITTEES & DEPARTMENTS
July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014

TOWN MANAGER'S OFFICE

Telephone: 474-6907

Christine Almand- Town Manager /
Tax Collector / Emergency Mgmt
Director / Safety Commissioner /
Purchasing Agent / Agent to
Overseer of the Poor / General
Assistance Director (A 5/13/14)
Greg Dore – Interim (1/14/14-5/13/14)
John Doucette- Retired 1/9/14
Cara Mason, Executive Secretary /
Opera House Manager

SELECTMEN – FINANCE OFFICERS

Donald Lowe, Finance Officer (R 4/2/ 14)
Newell Graf, Jr., Deputy Finance Officer

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

Telephone: 474-6903

William VanTuinen, Contract Assessor
Leisa Porter, Assessor's Clerk

**MUNICIPAL BUILDING
SUPERINTENDENT**

Dayson Davis

**CODE ENFORCEMENT / PLUMBING
INSPECTOR / BUILDING INSPECTOR**

Telephone: 474-6904

Randall Gray
Cynthia Kirk, Secretary
Leo Mayo, Alternate Plumbing Inspector /
Deputy Code Enforcement Officer /
Alternate Building Inspector

TREE WARDEN-1 YEAR TERM

Christine Almand- (A 5/13/14)
Greg Dore- Interim (1/28/14-5/13/14)
John Doucette, Jr. - Retired 1/9/14

FINANCE OFFICER / HUMAN RESOURCE

Telephone: 474-6900

Christine Almand (R 5/12/14)
Trisha Austin (A 5/13/14)

TOWN CLERK / TREASURER

Telephone: 474-6900 or 474-6902

Gail R. Pelotte, Town Clerk / Treasurer
Melanie Alexander, Deputy Town Clerk /
Deputy Treasurer / Deputy Tax
Collector / Municipal Agent
Mary Jane Clifford, Collections Clerk
Lisa Frost (A 3/3/14)
Dena Rich, Collections Clerk (R 1/24/14)

PUBLIC ACCESS OFFICER

Gail R. Pelotte

GENERAL ASSISTANCE DIRECTOR

Telephone: 474-6900

Mary Jane Clifford

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Telephone: 474-6911

Gregory Dore, Road Commissioner
Charles Bess III
Randy Bowden
Robert Corrigan, Seasonal
Dennis Cotton (A 6/23/14)
Amos Courtney, Seasonal (A 1/13/14)
Thomas Green (R 10/4/13)
Timothy Holt (A 6/16/14)
Brian Hubbard (A 6/16/14)
Corey Johnson
Jason Kirk (R 4/18/14)
William Marsh, Jr.
Mark McKenney (R 11/19/13)
Michael McKenney, Seasonal
Scott Otis, Seasonal
Walter Powell
Matthew Quinn, Seasonal
Duane Whittemore

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Telephone: 474-6905

Jeffrey Hewett, Director
Trisha Austin, Secretary (R 5/13/14)
Dena Rich, Secretary (A 6/2/14)

PARKS & RECREATION DEPT-

Telephone: 474-6901

Denise LeBlanc, Director
Michael Hoyt, Program Assistant
Timothy Crockett, Staff Assistant
Stephen McDaniel, PT Staff Assistant
Timothy Poulin, Maintenance Assistant
Bethany Sevey, Asst Rec Director
(R 10/11/13)

TRANSFER STATION / RECYCLING CENTER

Telephone: 474-6918

Randall Gray, Supervisor
Steven Foss, Attendant
Wayne Householder, Attendant
Clyde Merrill, Attendant
James Travers, Attendant
Furnie White, Attendant

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Telephone: 474-6904

Cynthia Kirk, Recording Secretary

BOARD MEMBERS – 5 YR TERMS

Terms Expiring 2014:

Harvey Austin, Jr.
Donald Skillings, Chairman (R 6/24/14)

Terms Expiring 2015:

Steve Conley, Vice Chairman

Terms Expiring 2016:

Stephen Gould
Rodney Whitemore

Terms Expiring 2017:

Edward Goff, Jr.

Terms Expiring 2018:

Soren Siren, Vice Chairman

Note: Planning Board Members are also Comprehensive Planning members

POLLUTION CONTROL PLANT

Telephone: 474-6909

Brent Dickey, Superintendent
Joshua Chartrand, Mechanic
Lawrence Delano, Operator
Thomas Smith, Assistant Operator

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Telephone: 474-3400

Winton Keene, Fire Chief (T 12/30/13)
Richard Fowler, Jr. (A 5/13/14)
Shawn Howard, Interim Fire Chief
(1/14/14-5/12/14)
Richard Caldwell, Captain
Linwood Corson
Jason Frost
Shawn Howard, Captain
Michael S. Savage, Captain
Ty Strout
Daryl Wyman

FIRE DEPARTMENT CHAPLAINE-1 YEAR

Rev. Mark Tanner

CALL FIREFIGHTERS

Mike Allmendinger (LOA 1/16/14)
Jimmy Bigelow
Bradley Bosworth
Danny Bosworth
Jordan Burdet
Shawn Enright
Nicholas Gilman
Derrick Kinney
Scott Libby
Thomas Lyons, Jr.
Michael McKenney
Matthew Morin
Alan Nickerson
Devin Provencal
Nick Quimby
Matthew Quinn
Gregory Smith
Scott Washburn
Eric Witham

FIRE WARDEN

Winton Keene, Fire Chief (T- 12/30/13)
Richard Fowler Jr. (A 5/13/14)
Shawn Howard, Interim Fire Chief
(1/14/14-5/12/14)

**DEPUTY FIRE WARDENS
3 YEAR TERMS EXPIRING 2014**

Richard Caldwell
Linwood Corson
Jason Frost
Shawn Howard
Michael S. Savage
Ty Strout
Daryl Wyman

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

Telephone 474-3400

Christine Almand (A 5/13/14)
Greg Dore, Interim (5/28/14-5/12/14)
John Doucette, Jr. - Retired 1/9/14

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REVIEW
BOARD MEMBERS – 1 YEAR TERMS**

Karol Youney, Chairman
Joy Mase, Vice Chairman
Evalyn Bowman
Randall Gray
June Lowe

**COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD FOR
DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION – 2015
Committee formed 6/10/14**

Gregory Dore
Newell Graf Jr.
Cory King
Dugan Murphy
Gene Rouse

**SKOWHEGAN ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD
MEMBERS – 1 YR TERMS**

Christopher Perkins, Chairman (R 6/30/14)
Donald Skillings, Vice Chairman
Davida Barter, Treasurer (R 6/30/14)
Sally Dwyer
Bill Finley (A 6/24/14)
Jason Gayne
Reid Gibson (A 4/8/14)

John Jordan
Kurt Maynard
Darla Pickett
Doreen Poulin

HEALTH OFFICER – 5 YR TERM

Telephone: 474-6201

Timothy Malyk- 2017

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Telephone: 474-6908

Edward Blais, Chief
Donald Bolduc- Deputy Chief (A 10/7/13)
Keith Bigger, Sergeant
Joel Cummings, Sergeant
Kelly Hooper, Detective
Joshua King, Detective (A 1/28/14)

Police Officers

Ronnie Blodgett, Community Resource
Officer

Toby Blodgett
David Daigneault, School Resource Officer
Ryan Dinsmore
Daryl Gordon, MDEA
Kyle Haseltine (A 5/13/14)
Kristopher Gagne (A 5/13/14)
Joshua King (R 1/27/14)
Herbert Oliver
Timothy Williams

Reserve Police Officers

Teresa Brown
Alex Burns (A 3/11/14)
Garrett Buzzell
Brian Crater
Jason Gayne
Stanley Guilmette
Gary Paradis
Ian Shalit
Sarosh Sher
Andrew Smart

Constables

Edward Blais
Donald Bolduc (A 10/7/13)
Mark Sellinger
Robin Sellinger

Crossing Guard

Robert Holt (position terminated 6/30/14)

**ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER –
1 YEAR TERMS**

Sharon Kinney
Alternate Animal Control Officer-
Cara Mason (A-1/28/14)

FENCE VIEWERS – 1 YEAR TERMS

Newell Graf, Jr.
Steve Spaulding

**SEALER OF WEIGHTS/MEASURES –
1 YEAR TERMS**

Gary Wallace
Shane Yeaton, Deputy

**SURVEYOR OF LUMBER –
1 YEAR TERM**

Felix Quirion

**RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
1 YEAR TERMS**

Carol Jarvais
Colin Quinn
Carlene Sirois
F. Roderick Stevens
Robert Washburn
Rupert White
Kevin Withee

CEMETERY SEXTON – 1 YEAR TERM
Telephone: 474-9316

Mark Bossie

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Mark Bossie, Sexton
Mary Lou Holden Mollerus
Carl McKenney, Chairman
Gene Rouse
Steve Spaulding, Selectman's Rep.
Felix Quirion, Honorary Member
Gail R. Pelotte, Secretary

**BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW-
3 YEAR TERMS**

Bill Finley – 2017 (A 6/24/14)
Christopher Perkins – 2016
Warren Shay, Chairman -2015
Donald Skillings - 2014 (R 6/24/14)
Cara Mason, Secretary

.ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Bradley Corson - 2017
Mayron Corson – 2016
Howard Sevey, Secretary – 2015
Alex Turbyne, Chairman – 2014 (R 6/24/14)

TOWN ATTORNEYS – 1 YEAR TERMS

Kenneth Lexier
Warren Shay

HERITAGE COUNCIL – 5 YEAR TERMS

Terms Expiring 2014:
Diane Holms (R 6/30/14)
Andy Russakoff

Terms Expiring 2016:
Carol Lam
Katie Oulette, Chairman

Terms Expiring 2017:
Dionne, Jessica
Judie McCarthy
Gail Kay, Secretary
Pied, Andre

Terms Expiring 2018:
Theresa Taylor
Robert Washburn (A 11/12/13)
Shirley Whittemore, Vice-Chairman

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION –
5 YEAR TERMS**

Craig Denis- 2014 (R 6/30/14)
Iver Lofving, Chairman – 2014 (R 6/30/14)
Peter Whitkop – 2015
Sherri Vigue – 2015
Joseph Dembeck IV -2018
Derek Ellis – 2018 (A 3/11/14)
Corey Johnson – 2018 (A 12/3/13)

**CHANNEL 11 BOARD OF DIRECTORS
1 YEAR TERMS**

Jeff Evans
Newell Graf, Selectman's Rep
Darla Pickett

**BUDGET/FINANCE COMMITTEE
3 YEAR TERMS**

Terms Expiring 2014:
Robert Washburn, Chairman

Terms Expiring 2015:
Michelle Cummings (A 10/16/13)
John Grohs
Christopher Kruse (A 10/16/13)
Michelle Mills
Ann Spaulding

Terms Expiring 2016:
Dan Blais
Gene Rouse
Christian Savage (A 10/16/13)
Robert Schneider (A 2/26/14)

Terms Expiring 2017:
Rebekah Snakar (A 3/26/14)

**LAKE GEORGE COMMITTEE –
3 YEAR TERMS EXPIRING 2014**

Stephen Dionne
Karen Hart, Secretary
John Martin
Iver Lofving
Warren Shay, Clerk

RUN OF RIVER COMMITTEE

Gregory Dore, Chairman
Gary Bailey
Chris Beeuwkes
Darrell Buzzell
Nick Callahan
Karen Hart
Denise LeBlanc
Iver Lofving
Jeff McCabe
Craig Taylor

ELECTION OFFICIALS

OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR OF VOTERS TWO YEAR TERMS EXPIRING 1/1/2015

Joan Farnsworth, Registrar of Voters
Evalyn Bowman, Deputy Registrar of Voters
Alice Souther, Deputy Registrar of Voters
Gail Pelotte, Town Clerk/Deputy Registrar of Voters
Melanie Alexander, Deputy Registrar of Voters
Judith Bowzer, Deputy Registrar of Voters
Patricia Horine, Deputy Registrar of Voters

VOTER REGISTRATION APPEALS BOARD

Carole Clement, Chair-Term Expiring 3/13/2016 – 4 Year Term
Linda Smith, Democrat – Term Expiring 3/13/2015 – 3 Year Term
Christopher Perkins, Republican – Term Expiring 3/13/2015 – 3 Year Term

ELECTION/BALLOT CLERKS TERMS EXPIRING May 1, 2014 2 YEAR TERMS

Democrats

Lorraine Arsenault
Jane Arthur
Judith Bowzer
Phyllis Chamberlain
Carole Clement
Olivia Gray
Rose Gray
Bertha Irwin
Richard Irwin, Sr.
Robert Landry
Adrienne Leo
Laurie Lightbody
Winona Malbon
Janet McGowan
Theresa Norman
Charlene Plourde
Margaret Reid
Maxine Russakoff
Mary Ann Shaw
Linda Smith
Richard Smith
Carole Withee

Republicans

Sheila Beauford
Gwendolyn Chase
Judy Clark
Joan Cross
Angela Demo
Barbara Demo
Violet Ferland
Mary Lou Holden Mollerus
Dorothea LaCasse
Ronda LaPorte
June Lowe
Patricia Maynard
Carl McKenney
Gail McKenney
Beverly Noonan
Rebecca Poulin
Janet Powers
E. Gene Rouse
Frances Savage
Robert Shaw
Ann Spaulding

Voter Registration Report

July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014

To the Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Skowhegan

The following meetings and elections were held during this period:

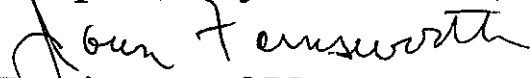
Special Town Meeting	August 13, 2013
General Election/Referendum Election	November 5, 2013
RSU 54/SAD #54 District Budget Meeting	May 7, 2014
Skowhegan Town Meeting	June 9, 2014
Skowhegan Municipal Election, RSU 54/SAD#54 Budget Election and Primary Elections	June 10, 2014

The number of registered voters as of June 30, 2014 is:

Democrats, 1964
Green Independents, 172
Republicans, 1691
Unenrolled, 2206
Total 6033

Voter turnout for the Primaries in June was good as the fall election was generating lots of interest.

Respectfully submitted,


Registrar of Voters

DIRECTORY OF REPRESENTATIVES

Federal United States Senate

Senator Susan M. Collins or P.O. Box 655
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Washington DC 20510 Bangor, Maine 04402
(202) 224-2523 (207) 945-0417

Senator Angus King or 4 Gabriel Drive
359 Dirksen Senate Office Building Suite F1
Washington DC 20510 Augusta, Maine 04330
(202) 224-5344 (207) 622-8282

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Congressmen Bruce Poliquin or 196 Lisbon Street
426 Canon House Office Building Lewiston, Maine 04240
Washington DC 20515 (207) 784-0768
(202)225-6306

State of Maine
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Clerk's Office
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Augusta Maine 04333-0002

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Representative Jeff McCabe
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State House: (207) 287-1430
Email: jeffmccabe4me@gmail.com
State House Email: Rep Jeffrey.McCabe@legislature.maine.gov

State of Maine
Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta Maine 04333-0003

Senate District 26
Senator Rodney Whittemore
PO Box 96
Skowhegan Maine 04976
Residence: (207) 474-6703
Business (207) 474-2591
State House: (207) 287-1505
rodwhittemore@gmail.com



STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
HOUSE DEMOCRATIC OFFICE
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002

JEFF M. McCABE
MAJORITY LEADER

MESSAGE TO THE CITIZENS OF SKOWHEGAN

Dear Neighbors:

It has been an honor to serve as your state representative for these past seven years.

As your voice in Augusta, I will continue to work to create more economic opportunities for the people in the communities I serve and to ensure that our schools, hospitals, public infrastructure and natural resources are sustained and protected in these difficult times.

I was honored to be chosen by my fellow colleagues as the House majority leader. This position provides the opportunity to focus on several of the major issues before the Legislature this session and be a strong voice for rural Maine.

The Legislature will be considering the biennial budget, which will guide state spending over the next two years. Crafting the budget can be a difficult endeavor, but with a bipartisan approach we can agree on a budget that ensures your government is working for you.

We are also discussing a variety of other legislation. One bill would benefit Skowhegan by creating a new funding system for public charter schools. Skowhegan and our surrounding towns have faced significant losses because of the flawed funding system in place. The legislation would change the current funding arrangement so that the state pays subsidy money and the local share directly to the charter school so that the school district does not have to pay.

I am working in collaboration with my colleagues to make sure that more people know about recreational opportunities in Maine. We must seek new ways to promote what Maine has to offer – in all four seasons. We must embrace Maine winters, expand summer tourism and grow fall and spring tourism to succeed and maximize our potential. We must grow opportunity statewide for all our outfitters, lodging establishments, guide services, restaurants and so much more. We can be proud of all Maine offers. I and my fellow lawmakers want to do even more to boost winter recreation and help small businesses in rural Maine.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns or if you need assistance with state government. I can be reached by email at Jeff.McCabe@legislature.maine.gov or by phone at 287-1430.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of stylized initials 'JM' followed by a long horizontal line.

Jeff McCabe
State Representative



Annual Report to the Town of Skowhegan
A Message from Senator Rod Whittemore

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

I am honored to represent you in the Maine Senate for a third term. I am so grateful for the trust you have placed in me and I will work tirelessly for the betterment of you and your neighbors, as well as for the great state of Maine.

I am proud of the results of the 126th Legislature, which worked hard to increase the availability of mental health services, pay off the debt our state owed our hospitals, and improve Maine's economic climate in a constrained fiscal environment. I am especially pleased that we were able to preserve many valuable gains made during the 125th Legislature. As a member of the Insurance and Financial Services Committee, ensuring that the Mainers have access to affordable reliable healthcare has continued to be a priority for me.

My fellow legislators and I have a great deal to accomplish in the 127th legislature. The most important item on our to-do list is clear: our state needs more jobs at all levels of the pay scale, so it is our responsibility and my solemn promise to work to expand economic opportunity for all Mainers. Growing our economy and increasing the number of jobs available to Mainers will be a challenge, but I am confident that our ongoing commitment to addressing our outrageous energy costs and the needs of our aging population will continue to move our state in the right direction.

Private sector gains remain the best vehicle to spur robust economic growth, and I am focused on ensuring that traditional industries and small businesses have their needs met so Maine will continue to create jobs. In the same sense, innovation is critical to providing a path forward for Maine's economy – and my colleagues and I are excited to encourage the ideas of entrepreneurial minds young and old.

Another essential component of a robust economy is efficiency in allocating the state government's scarce resources, and I was elected because I will be an attentive steward of your tax dollars. Unfortunately, Maine's current distribution of benefits from our welfare system is not helping the folks who need these benefits most. In order to help our truly needy survive and get back on their feet, I will work with my fellow legislators to protect our state's vulnerable citizens while fighting fraud, waste, and abuse in Maine's welfare system. In short, we must reform welfare.

You have my humble and sincere thanks for allowing me to represent you in Augusta. I stand ready to work with you over the next two years, so please feel free to contact me at 207-287-1505 and rodwhittemore@gmail.com if you would like assistance in navigating our state's bureaucracy. I will be gratified to help you.

Best,

Rod Whittemore
State Senator

ANGUS S. KING, JR.
MAINE

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(202) 224-5344
Website: <http://www.king.senate.gov>

United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

COMMITTEES:
ARMED SERVICES
BUDGET
INTELLIGENCE
RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

Town of Skowhegan
225 Water St,
Skowhegan, ME 04976

Dear Friends,

It has been a privilege to serve the State of Maine since being sworn into the U.S. Senate in January of 2013. First off, I want to make sure you know how to reach my offices, as I welcome your thoughts, questions, or concerns. You can call our toll-free, in-state line at 1-800-432-1599. In addition, our local numbers are as follows: Augusta (207) 622-8292, Presque Isle (207) 764-5124, Scarborough (207) 883-1588, and Washington D.C. (202) 224-5344. You can also provide your input on our website at www.king.senate.gov.

Maine is a large state; I know that traveling to our offices can present logistical and financial challenges, which is why our team implemented an outreach program, **Your Government Your Neighborhood**. My staff has been traveling to communities throughout the state for two years now, hosting office hours for local residents. Since we began, we have made over 400 trips and plan to increase that throughout 2015.

If we haven't yet been to your town office, community library, or school, or hosted an information table at a local non-profit, please let us know!

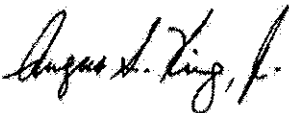
My work in Washington this year has been broad reaching, and I am committed to continue this work in a transparent and nonpartisan manner.

My projects have included:

- Overseeing national security and defense issues from ISIS to cybersecurity
- Continuing efforts to simplify student loans and make higher education more affordable
- Easing the regulatory burdens facing Maine businesses, farms, and schools
- Co-sponsoring budget initiatives for a smarter economic direction
- Supporting vital infrastructure and highway investments
- Tackling climate change mitigation and its long-term impacts
- Ensuring financial transparency in politics through campaign finance reform
- Promoting the growth of rural internet access
- Co-sponsoring legislation to help working families get paid leave to care for loved ones

I am tremendously grateful for the opportunity to serve you and will keep you informed of my activities in Maine and Washington.

Sincerely,



ANGUS S. KING, JR.
UNITED STATES SENATOR

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Augusta, ME 04330
(207) 622-8292

PRESQUE ISLE
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Presque Isle, ME 04769
(207) 764-5124

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323 US Route 1, Suite 1C
Scarborough, ME 04074
(207) 883-1588



STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE
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Paul R. LePage
GOVERNOR

March 30, 2015

Town of Skowhegan
225 Water St
Skowhegan, ME 04976

Dear Citizens of Skowhegan,

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

My vision for Maine is prosperity, not poverty. For this reason, one of my top priorities is the reduction and eventual elimination of the income tax. Not only does an income tax cut put more money back in your pockets, but it will attract businesses that can offer good paying careers to keep our young people here in Maine. Further, this tax cut maximizes one of our existing resources — tourism — and ensures the millions of visitors who come to Vacationland each year contribute their small part to our economy.

Simply put, this proposal results in an immediate pay raise for all of you hard-working Mainers. It creates stronger and even more vibrant communities as we show people that we are serious about wanting people and businesses to come — and stay — in Maine.

If we are to make Maine prosperous, we must also work hard to reduce our heating and energy costs. I am committed to lowering the cost of energy, not only to attract job creators, but also to allow Maine people to affordably and effectively heat and power their homes.

And finally, it is of utmost importance that we begin to address the growing drug problem in our state. Maine's people are its most precious commodity, and our safety is being threatened by the drugs that are entering our state each and every day. My goal is to face the problem head on by employing more drug agents, prosecutors and judges before the epidemic destroys our communities.

It is a pleasure serving as your Governor. 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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Town Manager, Christine Almand

TELEPHONE: (207) 474-6907
FAX: (207) 474-9413

Town of Skowhegan

Town Manager

225 Water Street
Skowhegan, Maine 04976



TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT 2014

As Tax Collector, I am responsible for the collection and administration of property taxes for the Town of Skowhegan. Property tax is defined as any tax, fee, charge, or assessment imposed by any government entity upon property or a property owner as a direct consequence of being owner of that property. There are three types of property subject to taxes: real estate, personal property, and motor vehicle. All real estate within Maine, not exempted from taxation by Maine law, and most business personal property of Maine, is subject to taxation according to its status on the first day of April.

I would like to remind all tax payers that real estate and personal property taxes are paid twice a year, typically due on September 15th and March 15th. The installment dates for taxes to be due and the interest rate for delinquent taxes are determined by the voters at annual town meeting. It is the responsibility of the taxpayer to ensure that payment is made on time. Late payments will result in interest penalties.

The tax lien process for delinquent taxes must be commenced no later than one year from the date of commitment. A 30-day notice commences the tax lien mortgage process. The notice must be served after the expiration of eight months and within one year of the date of commitment. The tax lien could ultimately result in foreclosure if the taxes are not paid before the lien matures.

The Town of Skowhegan continues to offer a "Tax Club", and more people are taking advantage of the club each year. The Tax Club allows several monthly, interest-free payments for a taxpayer's primary and legal residence. All previous years' taxes must be paid in full before enrolling. Please note that late payments will cancel enrollment, and interest will be applied to the unpaid balance. The enrollment period begins in early September and ends in early October. Please contact the Clerk's Office located at 225 Water Street or by calling 474-6900 to enroll or for more information.

In closing, I'd like to thank all of the staff in the Clerk's Office for the often thankless work that they do to collect taxes. Special thanks and recognition go to my Deputy Tax Collector, Melanie Alexander and the Town Clerk/Treasurer, Gail Pelotte for going above and beyond to work with taxpayers to get their accounts current.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Almand", written over a horizontal line.

Christine Almand
Town Manager

Office of Assessors
Town of Skowhegan
225 Water Street
Skowhegan, Maine 04976
(207) 474-6903 email: lemery@skowhegan.org

TAXPAYER'S NOTICE

REAL ESTATE:

If you have constructed, altered or removed any buildings since April 1, 2014 and on or before April 1, 2015, please notify the Assessors' Office at 474-6903.

BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY:

If you have started a new business, you need to notify the Assessors' Office to obtain forms for filing a list of your business furniture and equipment.

In accordance with Title 36, Section 706 of the Maine Revised Statutes, failure to furnish lists of taxable property or any of the aforementioned changes on or before the dates requested will bar one's right of an abatement of taxes.

EXEMPTIONS:

Taxation is the rule and exemption is the exception. If you think your property should have an exemption, and you are not already receiving it, you have an obligation to make the Assessors aware of the legal category of exemption the property may qualify for. All notifications and applications for exemption shall be made no later than April 1, 2016, for the 2015-2016 tax year. In the case of property owned by individuals, possible exemptions are for certain veterans, blind persons, and homestead owners as described below.

VETERANS:

All veterans who will be 62 years of age on or before April 1, 2016, any widow or minor children of veterans who would have been 62 years of age as of April 1, 2016 should contact the Assessors' office to see if they are eligible for a tax exemption. Any veteran who is receiving a 100% disability pension from the Veterans Administration should call to see if they are eligible for an exemption. Applications for veteran's exemption must be made with this office on or before April 1, 2016. If you are currently receiving a veteran's exemption, you do not need to reapply.

BLIND:

Any person who is declared blind by a Licensed Doctor should notify the Assessors' Office on or before April 1, 2016 to see if he or she is eligible for a tax exemption. If you are already receiving such an exemption, you do not need to reapply.

HOMESTEAD:

A person who owns his or her own home and has owned a home in Maine for at least 12 months prior to April 1, 2016 can apply for a Homestead Exemption. The application needs to be received by April 1, 2016. This exemption from taxation went into effect in 1998. We are assuming that it will be available in 2016 as well. One can only receive this exemption on the home that is his or her residence. If you are currently receiving this exemption, and you still reside in the same home, you do not need to reapply.

Respectfully submitted,

William Van Tuinen, Agent to the Board of Assessors

Leisa D. Emery, Assistant Assessor

SKOWHEGAN BOARD OF ASSESSORS REPORT

To the Citizens and Taxpayers of Skowhegan:

The tax rate for the fiscal year 2015, beginning 7/1/2014 and ending 6/30/2015, was \$17.15 per thousand.

Our last revaluation was done in 1991. We have endeavored to maintain our assessed valuations at a realistic level of value compared to sales prices. However, the data that our valuations are maintained from does stem back to 1991 and, therefore, does not reflect exactly all the individual property characteristics that exist today.

Skowhegan has a considerable industrial tax base. Major industrial accounts include the S.D. Warren Paper mill, the Weston Hydroelectric plant in the center of the town, and the Imerys precipitated calcium carbonate plant located at the S.D. Warren complex.

The graphic paper industry, the segment of the paper industry making paper for publishing, is experiencing less demand for its paper products. This is the result of more and more digital substitution for printed reading material. This year we reduced the valuation on the S.D. Warren mill due to this economic reality by \$100 million.

Recently the Assessors received a Tax Abatement Application from S.D. Warren for an additional \$137 million reduction in valuation. After thoroughly reviewing the application, the abatement application was denied. It is very likely to be appealed.

The long range trend is that the percentage of valuation of the Town comprised of industrial value is likely to continue to diminish.

Much of the Skowhegan property tax base consists of taxable machinery and equipment. A few years ago the State of Maine put in place the Business Equipment Tax Exemption. This exemption exempts from taxation certain new personal property, including manufacturing equipment, placed in service after April 1, 2007. Over time it is our expectation that this change will also gradually erode the Skowhegan tax base as older taxable equipment is replaced with new equipment. We will receive a reasonably substantial level of reimbursement from the state for this new exemption. However, it will be at a level of less than 100% and, therefore, result in tax and valuation loss.

It was a pleasure to serve the Town of Skowhegan and we wish to thank the community for its cooperation and support.

As you are aware, your Skowhegan tax bill raises revenue for three levels of government. In the 2015 fiscal year the tax commitment in Skowhegan raised the following net amounts:

1. The town of Skowhegan raised a net amount of \$4,379,539. Included in this town amount is a Downtown TIF appropriation of \$74,481. This was about 26.9% of the total tax and amounted to about \$4.61 per thousand of valuation.
2. SAD 54 raised a net amount of \$9,731,088, which comprises 58.8% of the total tax and amounted to \$10.08 per thousand of valuation.
3. Somerset County raised a net amount of \$2,372,279.18 which comprises 14.3% of the total or \$2.46 per thousand.

The growth in the Skowhegan tax base over the past year included 5 new homes valued at \$668,300, a new gas line installation valued at \$3,028,500, a new office valued at \$322,000, and a new store valued at \$384,900.

Qualifying taxpayers who reside in a home as their primary residence and who have an application on record with this office continued to receive an exemption from their taxable valuation. New property owners who reside in homes in Skowhegan need to file a homestead exemption by April 1. If you move from one home in Skowhegan to another, please call our office at 474-6903 to insure that we transfer your exemption to the new home.

Taxpayers are reminded that they have 185 days from the date of commitment of taxes to request an abatement of taxes in writing, if they believe that the valuation of their property is too high.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald F. Blaisdell, Chairman

David G. Summers, V. Chairman

John Grohs

Uncollected Real Estate Taxes

As of April 1, 2015

2011 Real Estate Taxes Due

CLOUTIER, TANAE	1,113.00
SINCYR, DAVID A	1,355.40
	\$2,468.40

2012 Real Estate Taxes Due

CLOUTIER, TANAE	1,154.36
FOSTER, LAURIE	59.23
HOUSE, CELINA	374.87
SINCYR, DAVID A	1,404.11
SKOWHEGAN HSG. LMTD PRTNRSH	4,971.93
	\$7,964.50

2013 Real Estate Taxes Due

CALER, CAROL - PERS REP	388.75
CLOUTIER, TANAE	1,331.30
FOSTER, LAURIE	972.76
HOUSE, CELINA	693.64
KEENE, CATHERINE	127.61
MANSIR, TOM	313.99
MCCARTHY, AMBROSE	2,837.48
SHAW, SUSAN	460.93
SINCYR, DAVID A	1,415.54
SKOWHEGAN HSG. LMTD PRTNRSH	5,576.03
SWEETSIR, OLIVE	171.27
YANKEE REALTY	464.55
YANKEE REALTY	397.16
YANKEE REALTY	398.85
YANKEE REALTY	398.85
YANKEE REALTY	398.85
YANKEE REALTY	410.64
YANKEE REALTY	412.33
	\$17,170.53

2014 Real Estate Taxes Due

AMES REAL ESTATE ENTERPRISES INC	409.74
AMES REAL ESTATE ENTERPRISES INC	377.34
AMES REAL ESTATE ENTERPRISES INC	380.75
AMES REAL ESTATE ENTERPRISES INC	379.04
AMES REAL ESTATE ENTERPRISES INC	375.63
B.D.C. MANAGEMENT CORPORATION	1,300.29
B.D.C. MANAGEMENT CORPORATION	1,359.97
B.D.C. MANAGEMENT CORPORATION	626.66
BAKER, PAMELA J- PR	2,265.52
BAUER, JAMIE L	404.07
BEAULIEU, MARC V	313.71
BERRY, MICHAEL A II	62.51

Uncollected Real Estate Taxes

BLAISDELL, SUSAN - PR	2,818.07
BOLDUC, ALEX KIM	970.25
BOROCZKY, THOMAS	566.97
BREINGAN, GLEN A	1,895.46
BROADLEY, GLENN	2,795.90
BROWN, NICOLE	216.00
BURNS, PAMELA M	1,223.54
CALER, CAROL - PR	389.62
CARPENTER, CHARLES J SR ET ALS	74.13
CEMEDO INC	1,561.21
CEMEDO INC	652.25
CHAPMAN, CRAIG	253.19
CHAPMAN, LAURIE	851.40
CLARK, EZRA	459.63
CLARK, TAMMY N	344.93
CLOUTIER, TANAE	1,337.46
CLUKEY, RALPH	459.08
COLLINS, WONNYA L	87.91
CORMIER, CHRISTOPHER C	1,064.60
CORSON, CAROL (RAYESKI)	728.42
CORSON, DOUGLASS M	1,034.25
CORSON, DOUGLASS M	2,514.52
CORSON, LARRY D	701.70
CORSON, RENEE A	585.67
COWETTE, KIM - LIFE ESTATE	384.50
CROCKER, BRANDON W	518.88
CROTEAU, MYRTLE A	256.25
CURTIS, MICHELLE	666.11
CUTTEN, GEORGE	490.23
DAVIS, ALLAN M	928.89
DAWES, TAMMY (COWETTE)	237.84
DERBYSHIRE, JAMES A	768.21
DERBYSHIRE, JAMES A	867.12
DICKISON, DOUGLAS	1,494.36
DORE, MAURICE ROBERT JR	357.31
DUDLEY, JOHN C	957.16
EASLER, HERMAN	324.82
EDELL, PAULINE H	71.79
ENCOR SKOWHEGAN DRIVE-IN CORP	548.22
ENCOR SKOWHEGAN DRIVE-IN CORP	532.86
ENNIS, JEFFREY M	486.82
ESTES, BRANNON R	1,306.05
FITTON, JUNE	237.84
FLOYD, WALTER G	244.66
FOSTER, LAURIE	800.61
FOWLER, LINDA (GRAF)	703.07
FOWLER, LINDA M	1,972.20
GILBLAIR, EDWARD	5,479.81
GIROUX, JOHN H JR	449.31

Uncollected Real Estate Taxes

GOLDSTEIN, ALEXANDER L	162.80
GRANVILLE, MARCIA - TRUSTEE	768.01
GRAY, JOHNNY A	314.58
GRAY, JOHNNY A	616.58
GREEN, THOMAS	1,259.35
GREENE, BRIAN	207.14
GRONDA, SHAUN	181.22
HADLEY, TRACI L	178.23
HARRINGTON, KATHLEEN	1,275.22
HARVILLE, THOMAS	1,180.69
HERRICK, ALBERT	271.94
HEWETT, LORI	2,002.90
HIGGINS, MICHAEL A	31.63
HINES, ROBERT D	464.31
HJORT, ALFRED J	1,355.63
HJORT, ALFRED J	1,097.35
HOUSE, CELINA	505.24
HOUSE, CELINA	93.56
HYDE, CYNTHIA K	1,059.48
IMMEDIATO, DANIEL J	477.96
JAMES, WAYNE W	1,080.89
JARVAIS, JEANINE	239.54
JEWELL, DONNA LEE	476.59
JEWELL, GREGORY W	2,168.32
JOHNSON, BRETT H	625.52
JOHNSON, CYPRIEN	2,636.09
JOHNSON, JACOBY	600.83
KEATON, DEREK	285.59
KEENE, CATHERINE	125.28
KENNEDY, ROY H	418.61
KITCHIN, JAMES SR	80.94
KNIGHT, KAREN	570.39
KNIGHT, KIM	171.16
KNOWLES, DAVID	1,572.80
KNOWLTON, DALE P	1,533.92
KRAMER, KEND D	1,671.59
LACASSE, RICHARD A	1,332.01
LACASSE, RICHARD A	2,178.55
LACASSE, RICHARD A	1,153.63
LACASSE, RICHARD A	1,852.48
LANDRY, JAMIE A	323.11
LANEY, LEWIS M & STEPHEN J	400.37
LEIBY, ELIAS	208.06
LEMIEUX, KEITH	128.36
LINCOLN REAL ESTATE LLC	1,363.50
LITTLEJOHN, DARLENE	299.42
LOCKE, ROLAND H	672.71
LUNT, KYM L	744.09
MALLARD, ROBERT JR	3,536.02

Uncollected Real Estate Taxes

MANSIR, TOM	307.76
MANWARING, RICKY L	1,000.14
MARCUE, LESLIE A	1,211.60
MCCARTHY, MARY MARGARET	154.28
MCDONALD, HEIDI	104.82
MCGREGOR, ELLEN M	1,533.92
MECEDO LLC	665.89
MECEDO LLC	775.03
MERRICK, LYNN L	1,168.78
MERRILL, MICHAEL	73.26
MERRILL, MICHAEL	1,919.34
MERRILL, MICHAEL	1,554.05
MERROW, TIMOTHY J	1,415.51
MIRZAC, CHARMAINE J	800.61
MTM MAINE PROPERTIES LLC	1,692.52
MUSTAKOS, TINA D	543.10
NADEAU, GERALD JAMES JR	626.14
OBERT, BRUCE R	502.17
OBERT, BRUCE R	498.76
OBERT, BRUCE R	498.76
OBERT, BRUCE R	500.46
OBERT, BRUCE R	549.92
OBERT, BRUCE R & DENISE	589.14
OBERT, DENISE L	478.29
OBERT, JEFFREY C	497.05
OTIS, MICHAEL L	94.59
PARADIS, JON A	430.26
PATURZO, RONALD C	1,378.74
PERKINS, BRUCE A JR	481.71
PERKINS, BRUCE L	692.83
PERRY, LESLIE P	102.62
PETERS, JAMES J	1,643.06
PIERCE, KIM D	2,234.83
POMERLEAU, VICTOR	84.36
POULIN PARK APARTMENTS LLC	577.20
POULIN PARK APARTMENTS LLC	555.03
PRENTISS, GORDON	1,091.56
PREVOST, DENNIS A - LIFE ESTATE	1,235.48
PRICE, BARBARA J	2,643.17
QUIMBY, GEORGE A	745.70
REED, GEORGE E II	1,057.22
ROBBINS, STEVE	173.73
ROLLINS, ARNOLD S	1,518.23
ROODE, MARY O	663.77
ROONEY, ANNABELLE	1,520.28
SALISBURY, KRISTINA L & NORMA M	877.32
SALISBURY, PETER A	882.13
SALLEY, IRA	300.94
SALLEY, IRA A	858.60

Uncollected Real Estate Taxes

SALLEY, PAUL	365.40
SALLEY, PAULINE	101.41
SANDERS, WAYNE	853.48
SAVAGE, LISA	568.34
SAVAGE, MARK M	1,845.66
SAWYER, HERBERT W - HEIRS OF	326.52
SCOTT, BRUCE	1,385.55
SHAW, NORMAN	471.48
SHAW, NORMAN	768.21
SHAW, NORMAN	1,375.32
SHAW, NORMAN	1,269.59
SHAW, NORMAN	665.89
SHAW, NORMAN	1,255.95
SHAW, SUSAN	456.13
SINCYR, CHESTER W	1,461.96
SINCYR, DAVID A	1,422.73
SIROIS, GLORIA F - LIFE ESTATE	1,363.38
SITES, BLAINE J	338.36
SMITH, MICHAEL B	901.59
SMITH, THOMAS F JR	155.99
SORACCHI, MICHAEL W	863.71
STEWART, SCOTT R - LIFE ESTATE	147.45
STROOT, RAYMOND	135.51
SWEETSIR, OLIVE	282.17
SYLVESTER, JAMES H	384.50
TESSIER, RICHARD W/LOUISE - LE	3,059.74
TETU, FRANCES M	568.68
TOZIER, DAVID	430.54
TOZIER, DAVID	1,757.32
TRACY, MARY ANNE	1,388.62
TUCK, STEVEN R	980.92
US BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION	2,043.83
WARREN, DANNY & KATHRYN M (1/2)	1,857.81
WASHBURN, RANDY L	3,041.13
WASHBURN, TERRY S	256.60
WATERVILLE OAKS, LLC	3,114.81
WATSON, KATHERINE F	900.45
WELLMAN, MELANIE L	1,213.83
WENTWORTH, VAUGHN A ET AL	4,591.65
WHITE, CHRISTOPHER D - PR	75.94
WILLIAMSON, SONYA (MESSIER)	1,473.21
WWF PROPERTIES LLC	176.02
WYMAN, CYNTHIA A	911.46
WYMAN, PHILIP	55.70
YANKEE REALTY	476.25
YANKEE REALTY	1,364.75
YANKEE REALTY	408.04
YANKEE REALTY	409.74
YANKEE REALTY	409.74

Uncollected Real Estate Taxes

YANKEE REALTY	409.74
YANKEE REALTY	421.68
YANKEE REALTY	423.39
YANKEE REALTY	1,622.26
	\$189,395.29

TOTAL DUE **\$216,998.72**

** Balance due does not include interest

Uncollected Personal Property Taxes

As of April 1, 2015

Personal Property Taxes due 2008

FRENCHYS DINER	162.39
JAMES DERBYSHIRE LLC	2,401.60
M & D LP GAS SERVICE	80.00
MISNER, DANIEL	707.20
NORTH AVE CAR WASH	83.20
SKOWHEGAN VILLAGE PIZZA	160.00
	\$3,594.39

Personal Property Taxes due 2009

FRENCHYS DINER	192.60
JAMES DERBYSHIRE LLC	2,409.11
M & D LP GAS SERVICE	80.25
MISNER, DANIEL	709.41
SKOWHEGAN VILLAGE PIZZA	160.50
	\$3,551.87

Personal Property Taxes due 2010

EMPIRE GRILL	105.67
FRENCHYS DINER	186.48
JAMES DERBYSHIRE LLC	2,332.55
M & D LP GAS SERVICE	83.45
MATT POWERS BUILDERS	4.50
MISNER, DANIEL	686.87
SCOTT SIROIS CONSTRUCTION	46.62
WILL FOSTER BUILDERS	8.26
	\$3,454.40

Personal Property Taxes due 2011

CENTRAL MAINE WREATH	1.15
CHARRIERS RESTAURANT & LOUNGE	627.75
GARDEN ISLAND OF SKOWHEGAN	1,718.95
MATT POWERS BUILDERS	62.00
MCCARTHY, AMBROSE G JR	621.46
MISNER LAWN CARE	499.10
SCOTT SIROIS CONSTRUCTION	46.50
WASHBURN & CO, LLC	62.00
WILL FOSTER BUILDERS	62.00
	\$3,700.91

Uncollected Personal Property Taxes

Personal Property Taxes due 2012

CENTRAL MAINE WREATH	153.84
CIT GROUP INC	545.40
GARDEN ISLAND OF SKOWHEGAN	1,582.83
MATT POWERS BUILDERS	63.44
MCCARTHY, AMBROSE G JR	951.60
MISNER LAWN CARE	466.28
SCOTT SIROIS CONSTRUCTION	47.58
WASHBURN & CO, LLC	63.44
WILL FOSTER BUILDERS	63.44

\$3,937.85

Personal Property Taxes due 2013

CENTRAL MAINE WREATH	163.62
GARDEN ISLAND OF SKOWHEGAN	1,411.02
GILBLAIR & SON TRUCKING	162.59
MATT POWERS BUILDERS	64.80
MCCARTHY, AMBROSE G JR	972.00
MISNER LAWN CARE	429.30
SCOTT SIROIS CONSTRUCTION	48.60
SUN RAYZ	306.18
WASHBURN & CO, LLC	64.80
WASHBURN ENT. LLC D/B/A CMFF	2,037.96
WILL FOSTER BUILDERS	64.80

\$5,725.67

Personal Property Taxes due 2014

CENTRAL MAINE WREATH	167.28
CHAPTER 11	82.00
GARDEN ISLAND OF SKOWHEGAN	1,193.92
GENUINE PARTS - TRACTION HD	2.22
GILBLAIR & SON TRUCKING	628.12
K & S GARAGE	130.20
KID FRIENDLY	8.20
MATT POWERS BUILDERS	65.60
MCCARTHY, AMBROSE G JR	984.00
MISNER LAWN CARE	375.56
SCOTT SIROIS CONSTRUCTION	49.20
SUN RAYZ	313.24
WASHBURN & CO, LLC	65.60
WASHBURN ENT. LLC D/B/A CMFF	1,841.72
WILL FOSTER BUILDERS	65.60

\$5,972.46

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Tax Collector
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*Human Resource – Finance Director
Telephone (207) 474-6900
Fax (207) 858-0320*

*Town of Skowhegan
Department of Finance
225 Water Street
Skowhegan, ME 04976*

**TOWN CLERK/TREASURER REPORT
July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014**

To the Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Skowhegan:

I would like to thank the citizens of Skowhegan for electing me to serve as Town Clerk and Treasurer.

The town's appropriation to S.A.D. #54 was nine million six hundred fourteen thousand six hundred fifty-two dollars (9,614,652.00). The town's appropriation to Somerset County was two million three hundred eighty-three thousand one hundred eighty-one dollars and thirty-eight cents (2,383,181.38).

Higgins educational loans totaling twenty-three thousand dollars (23,000.00) were issued to six graduates of Skowhegan Area High School's Class of 2013. Before making payments on their interest-free loans, recipients receive a one-year grace period upon completion of their education. Each year high school seniors have the opportunity to apply for a loan. A senior must contact the high school guidance office for an application between January and April 30 of their senior year. The application deadline is May 1.

I would like to take this opportunity to ask recipients of Higgins Loans that have not been making payments towards their loans to please begin making monthly payments. I have sent out several letters regarding repayment of these loans and several go unanswered. Please make payments so that future students can have the same opportunity as you and receive an interest free loan.

I would like to thank the individuals that continue to make monthly payments and also those who have paid their Higgins Loans in full within this past year. Through your efforts this great program can continue.

Thank you, the citizens of Skowhegan for your support.

Respectfully submitted,

**Gail R. Pelotte
Town Clerk/Treasurer**

**Town Clerk's Report
July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014**

	No. Issued	Paid to Town	Paid to State of Maine
INLAND FISHERIES & WILDLIFE			
Boat/Snowmobile/ATV			\$ 46,945.00
Hunting/Fishing Licenses			\$ 28,031.50
Sales Tax			\$ 14,793.34
Town Fees		\$3,442.75	
Totals		\$3,442.75	\$ 89,769.84
DOG LICENSES			
Male & Female	325	\$325.00	\$ 3,250.00
Neutered & Spayed	1293	\$1,293.00	\$ 3,879.00
Kennel Licenses	3	\$6.00	\$ 90.00
Totals	1621	\$1,624.00	\$ 7,219.00
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER FUND		\$8,677.00	
MUNICIPAL LICENSES			
Victualer Licenses	46	\$1,350.00	
Pool Table/Bowling/Licenses	6	\$180.00	
Innkeeper Licenses	2	\$60.00	
Special Amusement Licenses	9	\$270.00	
Totals	63	\$1,860.00	
OTHER SERVICES			
Marriage Intentions Files	82	\$2,952.00	
Record Search	3	\$3.00	
Partnership	1	\$10.00	
Certified Copies	993	\$12,909.00	\$ 1,986.00
Add'l Certified Copies	608	\$3,404.80	\$ 243.20
Burial Permits	376	\$5,264.00	\$ 2,256.00
Business Names Recorded	8	\$80.00	
Non-resident Notary Fees	87	\$435.00	
Totals	2,158	\$25,057.80	\$ 4,485.20

Local Live Births Recorded (Skowhegan Residents)	5
Births Reported to Other Towns**(7/1/13-7/31/13)	11
Births Received from Other Towns**(7/1/13-7/31/13)	1
Local Deaths Recorded	153
Marriage Returns Recorded & Reported to State	74
Births Reported to State (8/1/13-6/30/14)	139
Oaths Administered	179
Totals	562

****Due to new state law births are processed at state level – Effective August 1, 2013**

Respectfully Submitted,

**Gail R. Pelotte
Town Clerk**

**Melanie A. Alexander
Deputy Town Clerk**

Skowhegan Fire Department
16 Island Avenue
Skowhegan, ME 04976
Annual Report

To: Christine Almand, Town Manager
Board of Selectman
Citizens of the Town of Skowhegan

The Skowhegan Fire Department started last year with only 17 Call firefighters on its roster. Through recruiting efforts, I am happy to report that today we are fully staffed with 24 Call firefighters. We continue to employ 8 Fulltime staff, a Chief, 3 Captains, 3 Firefighters and 1 Utility (daytime) firefighter. In 2014 I was named as Chief of the department, Jason Frost was promoted to fill my vacancy as Captain of B-shift, Utility firefighter Daryl Wyman was promoted to shift, and Call firefighter Scott Libby was hired as the new Utility firefighter. We are all adjusting to the changes and it is exciting to learn our new responsibilities.

In September we were awarded a Federal grant to purchase new Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA). The grant of nearly \$150,000 allowed us to purchase 21 new SCBA, 42 air bottles and 30 facepiece. The Madison fire Department received a similar grant which allowed the two departments to save \$3,000 each by making a joint purchase. The old SCBA that we replaced were donated to the Athens and Cornville Fire Departments.

We have been very successful over the years in receiving federal grants to replace equipment. Since 2001 we have received over \$250,000 in federal grants. Captain Mike Savage is our grant administrator and has put hundreds of hours into applying for these grants. His hard work and dedication is truly remarkable and he should be commended for his success.

In December the Select board authorized the Fire department to order a new Fire Truck to replace a 1984 Pumper. The new truck will hold 1000 gallons of water, pump 1500 gallons per minute and seats five. The new truck cost \$475,000 and was funded from our Capital Improvement Account.

Looking forward, the department will continue to apply for grants to alleviate the burden to the taxpayers. We are also working to lower our ISO (Insurance Services Office, Inc.) rating by adhering to standards set forth by the National Fire Protection Association. A lower classification by ISO translates to lower insurance premiums. Lowering the ISO rating is a large undertaking, but I believe the effort is justified. A lower ISO rating saves taxpayers money and helps to attract new businesses.

In closing, I would like to thank the Town Manager, the Select board and fellow department heads for their support. To the citizens of Skowhegan; thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Fire Chief. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at 474-3400 or stop by anytime.

Respectfully,

Shawn P. Howard

Shawn P. Howard
Fire Chief



Skowhegan Police Department

225 Water Street
Skowhegan, Maine, 04976



Phone: (207) 474-6908

Fax: (207) 474-6914

To: Ms. Christine Almand, Town Manager
Board of Selectman
Citizens of Skowhegan

I would like to thank the Board of Selectman, Town Manager Christine Almand and the Citizens of Skowhegan for allowing me the honor and privilege to serve as your Police Chief.

I would like to thank all of the Department Heads and all of the town's municipal employees for their teamwork, cooperation, and support.

I would like to thank the Skowhegan Police Department's Full-Time Officers, Reserve Officers and Administrative Assistant for a job well done. The employees of this department exhibited a high degree of professionalism and integrity in the performance of their duties for the citizens of this community.

Many changes in personnel occurred in the 2014/15 fiscal year. We hired several new officers but have lost a few more to other police departments. We are working hard on recruiting replacements. We have improved our wages and updated equipment to help with recruitment. Each officer must be certified through the Maine Criminal Justice Academy to work as a police officer. The basic police certification is an 18 week police academy. We have initiated a "Tuition Student Incentive Program" that would make a bonus available to candidate that put themselves through the police academy. This program could potentially save the taxpayers \$26,000.00 dollars per officer if utilized. Additionally, we would save the time that it takes to have a newly hired officer attend the police academy.

Several officers have attended specialized training such as Interview and Interrogation, Supervision, Leadership, Tri-tech Software Training, F.A.T.S. training which is a virtual training simulator effectively reinforcing marksmanship skills, judgmental training objectives, less lethal and general weapons familiarization, Recognizing Meth Labs, Elder Abuse, and Domestic Violence.

Officer David Daigneault was named "Officer of the Year" by the Skowhegan Elks Lodge this year. He has also served as a Camp Counselor at CAMP Postcard again this year, which is a camp provided for children who may not otherwise be able to attend a Summer Camp, six of our children were able to attend. This camp educates children about tobacco, alcohol, drug, and crime prevention, Camp P.O.S.T.C.A.R.D. is designed to benefit some of Maine's most deserving 5th and 6th graders. Camp P.O.S.T.C.A.R.D. (Police Officers Striving to Create and Reinforce Dreams) provides kids with direct involvement and mentoring with a variety of law enforcement and criminal justice professionals.

We were successful in obtaining additional funding from the Department of Justice for Bullet Proof Vests, the State of Maine Bureau of Highway Safety for High Visibility Impaired Driving, Speed Enforcement and Seatbelt Enforcement, Maine Justice Assistance Council FY 14 Byrne/JAG Grant, Youth and Family Services/Greater Somerset County Public Health Collaborative for Underage Drinking Enforcement, and a Department of Homeland Security Grant.

Skowhegan Police Department continues to work on community policing efforts. These programs include Children Fingerprinting, FAB Fair, Skow-Pendous, Sex Offender Community Notification and Tracking, Robbery Prevention Presentations, Education Participation and Visits in our Schools, Compliance Checks for Businesses and Bars, Prescription, National Drug Take Back events and Drug Drop Off Initiative Program.

Members of the department encourage all citizens to become involved in crime prevention and community issues. Citizens can assist us by reporting crime or suspicious activity to the department at 474-6908. If you have information pertaining to criminal activity but wish to remain anonymous please call the hotline at 474-6915. We have started a Neighborhood Watch Program which is doing very well. The use of social media has helped. Please check the Facebook page of "Skowhegan Neighborhood Watch" to see when we will be holding our next meeting.

The police department proudly continues to serve the citizens of Skowhegan twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week. If you need police services and discover the building is locked, please use the push button speaker telephone conveniently mounted on the exterior wall by the department's main entrance. The telephone is automatically programmed to ring into the Somerset County Communications Center. The dispatchers are ready to serve and will ascertain the nature of your complaint and then contact the on duty police officer or other emergency service provider to assist you.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Edward J. Blais". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Edward J. Blais
Chief of Police

School Resource Officer 2013-2014

To: Board of Selectmen and Citizens of the Town of Skowhegan

This is the eleventh year the School Resource Officer (SRO) Program has been in existence in School District #54. This program was originally funded by the COPS in School grant but it has since expired. This position is now being funded by MSAD#54. I have prepared the following statistics for the last three consecutive years, which reflect my daily activities.

	<u>2010-2011</u>	<u>2011-2012</u>	<u>2012-2013</u>
Misc. Calls for Service	275	281	292
Arrests/Detentions	4	5	7
Summonses Issued	46	31	35
Contraband Incidents	19	25	19
Trespass Warnings Issued	11	3	6
Harassment Warnings Issued	45	48	29
Accident Reports	2	3	4
K-9 Searches	0	0	1
Traffic Control	4 hrs	3 hrs	5 hrs
Counseling Session w/Staff	111.75 hrs	115 hrs	118 hrs
Counseling Session w/Student	176 hrs	147.5 hrs	160 hrs
Counseling Session w/Parent	43 hrs	34.5 hrs	38 hrs
Classroom Presentations	2	3	7
Bomb Threats	0	0	0
Sport Event Details	3	2	3
School Dance Details	4	5	4
Assemblies Attended	5	6	6
Lunch w/Students	64	71	93
Middle School Visits	118 hrs	116.5 hrs	113.5 hrs
Parking Lot Tours	62.5 hrs	65 hrs	62 hrs
Administrative Time	92.5 hrs	84 hrs	85.75 hrs
Faculty Meetings Attended	1	1	2
Meetings (Misc)	10	12	26
Workshops Attended	2	2	1
Training Programs Attended	5	3	0
Marti Stevens Learning Ctr. Visits	51 hrs	48.75 hrs	63.5 hrs
Special Events Attended	13	10	8

The School Resource Officer is filled by a full-time Skowhegan Police Officer. The officer provides a visible police presence in the high school, middle school and Marti Stevens Learning Center.

My main objective is to build a positive relationship between students and staff. I act as a liaison between the school and the police department. I concentrate my efforts in three categories: teaching, counseling and enforcement.

I strive to achieve a safe learning environment for all and to be proactive as much as possible in this effort.

I am also involved with the Law Enforcement Underage Drinking Task Force. This task force will bring knowledge and experience in providing an underage drinking program to the Senior Class. This is a hands on activity, which involves the use of the fatal vision goggles. This program will be implemented prior to prom night.

During the summer of 2013, I attended Camp POSTCARD (**P**olice **O**fficers **S**triving **T**o **C**reate **A**nd **R**einforce **D**reams). Camp POSTCARD is an amazing partnership with law enforcement agencies throughout Maine to provide a free summer camp experience to deserving 5th and 6th graders from every county in the state. This camp has proven to be an important opportunity to build strong relationships and valuable life skills that stay with the campers their entire life. This was my tenth year as a camp leader. Eight youths from Skowhegan had the pleasure of attending camp in 2014. Currently, I have referred twelve Skowhegan youths for camp in 2015 and five youths have been chosen to attend.

During 2014/2015, I plan to concentrate my efforts in making the schools a drug-free environment and a safe haven for our youths. I also plan to become more involved in community programs that are focused on educating our youths.

Sincerely,

David H. Daigneault
School Resource Officer



Skowhegan Highway Department
Skowhegan, Maine 04976

Gregory A. Dore
Road Commissioner
474-6911

“Public Works providing prompt courteous service at the lowest possible cost”

To the Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Skowhegan:

The Skowhegan Highway Department was awarded a Municipal Project Improvement grant from the Maine Department of Transportation that funded 50% of the cost for paving on the Malbon's Mills Road and the grinding and paving on the Dr. Mann Road. We also paved the Back Road from just south of the Rowe Road to the Bigelow Hill Road, Bigelow Hill Road we overlaid the last mile and we paved Hilton Hill to the Cornville town line. I have updated our road rating system and have a new 10 year paving plan. Please give me a call to find out when your road is scheduled to be paved.

We worked with the contractor doing the sewer bond work and were able to have East Maple Street and Winter Street reconstructed. The work included the separation of storm water and sewer and some sidewalk repair.

We have replaced the 2008 Ford 550 this year with a new 2015 Ford 550. This upcoming year we are in hopes to be able to replace the 1998 Kodiak single axle dump truck.

We used the asphalt millings from the Dr. Mann Road on the Red Bridge Road, Steward Hill Road and Grassland Lane. These asphalt millings have greatly improved the riding surface of these gravel roads and are less likely to soften up in the mud season.

The annual leaf pickup went very well this year. We were able to pick up leaves about 2,000 cubic yards of leaves and yard waste. This will provide approximately 800 cubic yards of compost for the citizens of Skowhegan. Last year the citizens of Skowhegan picked up more than 1,100 yards of screened compost. People use the compost to help their lawns and gardens. The taxpayer not only reaps the benefit of the compost but this program also takes these leaves out of the waste stream saving us the cost of disposal.

In summary, we have had a very productive and fun year working for the taxpayers of Skowhegan. **Our mission to you is to provide the best possible service for the lowest possible cost.** We still strive diligently to meet your needs and take care of your complaints. If you have a question about your road or sewer line, I can be reached at work 474-6911, home 474-3954 or anytime at 431-5021. Please leave a message so I can return your call. I would like to thank the many people who made cookies, phone calls, sent cards and letters of appreciation for the work we have done. These acknowledgements help to motivate the crew to strive to do even more for you. We continue to fulfill our mission statement, which is as follows:

Continuing to Provide Prompt Courteous Service!



Recycling Christmas Trees!

If you have a question about your road or sewer line, I can be reached at work 474-6911, home 474-3954 or anytime at 431-5021.

Sincerely,

Gregory A. Dore
Road Commissioner

Water Pollution Control Plant
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Town of Skowhegan

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Brent Dickey
Superintendent
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WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PLANT 2013 - 2014 ANNUAL REPORT

To: The Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Skowhegan

Apex Construction of Rochester, New Hampshire completed a 9-month long upgrade of the aeration system and clarifiers at the treatment plant in June 2014. Blowers were installed that will inject fine bubbles of air into the biological treatment system to replace our 40-year old mixer-style aerators and improve oxygen transfer and energy efficiency. All four clarifiers that perform the essential step of removing solid materials from the liquid waste stream were refurbished and retrofitted with new drive mechanisms. Two of the four clarifiers were covered with aluminum domes to prevent possible damage from the wastewater freezing during extended periods of cold weather. This project was designed by Olver Associates of Winterport, Maine and funded from the SAPPI tax increment financing reserve account. The total cost of the upgrade was approximately \$1,313,000.

Work began this year on the Phase 3 Combined Sewer Overflow Abatement project approved by the voters in June 2013. Sewer improvement projects over the next six years will be funded by an \$11,880,000 bond with the goal of eliminating the discharge of raw sewage to the Kennebec River when the sewer collection system is overloaded by storm water. Olver Associates of Winterport, Maine updated the Town's CSO Master Plan in 2012 and was awarded the contract for design of the sewer improvements and inspection services during construction.

The first phase of CSO work was the replacement of the 41-year old Island Avenue pump station. The new pump station was completed by T Buck Construction of Auburn, Maine in March 2014 at a total cost of \$705,700. The new station will eliminate CSO discharges that occurred with the old station and will greatly improve reliability.

A construction contract for Phase 3.2 sewer improvements was signed in late June 2014 with Jordan Excavation of Kingfield, Maine for \$2,749,805.34. The project areas will include East Maple Street, Winter Street, Chandler Street, Dane Avenue, Bennett Avenue and Summer Street. Work is expected to begin in July and be completed in 2015 after a winter shutdown.

Survey work is under way for Phase 3.3 that will include work on Main, Willow, Green, Bailey, Bloomfield and a small portion of West Front Street. The design for these sewer improvements will be completed over the winter with a request for bids expected in late winter 2015.

I would like to thank all the municipal departments for their assistance and support this year.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brent E. Dickey". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Brent Dickey

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Randall D. Gray

Code Enforcement Officer

Building Inspector-Plumbing Inspector

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CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

July 1, 2013-June 30, 2014

To: The Board of Selectman and the Citizens of the Town of Skowhegan

From July 2013 through the end of June of 2014, the Code Enforcement Department issued One hundred and three (103) building permits, forty three (43) interior plumbing permits, twenty one (21) septic system permits, twenty eight (28) Central Maine Power electrical forms, one (1) Consumers Maine Water service form, eight (8) shoreland zone permits. The Town also issued four (4) sewer capacity reserve permits.

The Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code (MUBEC) has been in effect for two full years now. Make sure that if you are planning any new construction, renovations or additions you contact the Code Enforcement Office before you start any work.

This Code consists of a compilation of the following editions of the following codes:

2009 International Building Code (IBC); 2009 International Residential Code (IRC); 2009 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC); ASHRAE 62.1-2007 (Ventilation for Acceptable Indoor Air Quality); ASHRAE 62.2-2007 (Ventilation for Acceptable Indoor Air Quality in Low-Rise Residential Buildings); and ASHRAE 90.1-2007 (Energy Standard for Buildings except Low-Rise Residential Buildings).

Every year the Code Enforcement Office works with Department of Environmental Protection on land use violations. In some cases when violations are found, fines will need to be paid and consent agreements completed. Please remember to contact our office prior to the start of any land use construction and we will be glad to assist you with any and all permits needed for your project. A new law has also come into effect which requires that if you are going to move any earth within 250 feet of any water body you are required to use an individual who is certified in erosion and sedimentation control.

Some of the new and relocated businesses in Skowhegan in the past year include: Horsin' Around Childcare, Auto Tech of Maine, Healthy Inspirations, Red Door Salon, Hosspower Motor Sports, Lacasse Bats and Pak Lee Restaurant.

Every year the Fire Department and Code Enforcement Department work together to inspect existing apartment buildings and businesses. Several of the buildings were made safer, by upgrading electrical, plumbing, heating systems, new fire escapes and egress windows.

The Code Enforcement Department is responsible for the enforcement of the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code (MUBEC), State of Maine Plumbing Code, Shoreland Zoning Ordinance, Subdivision Standards, Floodplain Management Ordinance, Building Safety Ordinance, Site Plan Review Ordinance and all State codes pertaining to unsafe buildings, building construction, and the Automobile Junkyard/Graveyard law.

I want to thank my administrative assistant Cynthia Kirk for all of her help. As always, I have enjoyed working for the Town in 2014 and look forward to working with the Town in 2015.

Respectfully Submitted,

Randall D. Gray

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Code Enforcement Officer

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Skowhegan Solid Waste Management Facility & Recycling Center Report
July 1, 2013-June 30, 2014

To: The Board of Selectman, and the Citizens of the Town of Skowhegan

Each year I report the current and upcoming changes to the Skowhegan Recycling Program. Our food scraps pilot program is continuing to grow and becoming a success. We have added a bin on the transfer station side to make it easier for residents to drop off their food scraps. The food scraps are going to make a big improvement to our already impressive composting program. We still have some room in this program if any residents would like to sign up. We will even provide you with a bucket for your food scraps collecting. With the expansion of the composting program we have now increased the compost pad area by an additional 30' by 160'. This will now be used to store our newly received leaf and yard waste to keep it dry.

Also this year we hope to start and finish construction on the addition to the recycling building. This addition will be used for storage and year round processing of the recyclable plastics we receive.

It is imperative that the Skowhegan Recycling Center continue to look for new materials to recycle in 2015. Increased recycling efforts will help to keep disposal costs down which in turn will help keep our local taxes down. The Town continues to work with all the local schools to increase their recycling efforts. We also offer and conduct recycling education instruction to area schools, groups and small businesses as well as our annual Open House. Anyone interested in this recycling education program should contact Cynthia Kirk at 474-6904. The Solid Waste Management Facility is open daily Tuesday through Saturday from 7am to 3:45 pm, with extended summer hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays until 4:45pm.

The Recycling Center processed 299 tons of cardboard, 77 tons of newspaper, 60 tons of mixed paper, 94 tons of metal, 16 tons of plastics, 15 tons of glass and 50 tons of material was sold or reused from the transfer station. Money received by the recycling facility from the sale of this recyclable material totaled over \$70,000. If this material were not recycled the town would have spent an additional \$47,041 in landfill tipping and hauling fees to dispose of the product. The recycling efforts of the community have resulted in a total savings of over \$117,000 from July 2013-June 2014. This savings includes both the sale of the recycled material and the avoidance of landfill tipping and hauling fees. Have you recycled today?

From July 2013-June 2014, the Transfer Station handled over 6,462 tons of municipal solid waste, construction demolition debris and other material disposed of through our transfer station and by commercial haulers at a cost of \$424,683 in landfill tipping fees to the Town of Skowhegan tax payers. The Town also spent \$9,208 for the disposal of 229 tons of construction demolition chipped wood and 326 tons of clean wood, along with 373 tires at a cost of \$680. The average household in the Town of Skowhegan disposes of 1480 pounds of trash per year. It is extremely important for all households to recycle more to help do their part to reduce the cost of trash disposal landfill tipping fees.

Our current permit stickers are still available. They are valid from January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2015. New stickers will be available starting in October 2015. The new stickers will be valid from January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2017. The cost of a permit sticker is \$5 each. This biannual sticker system helps to ensure that only Skowhegan residents are disposing waste at the Skowhegan Solid Waste Management Facility. The Town of Skowhegan Solid Waste Management Ordinance states that the Solid Waste permit sticker shall be attached and displayed on the vehicle that it is issued to only.

Thanks to the continued efforts of Skowhegan citizens and businesses Skowhegan's recycling volumes exceeded 35% in 2013/2014. I thank my staff Clyde Merrill, Steven Foss, Al (Furnie) White, James Travers, Wayne Householder and Cynthia Kirk, Administrative Assistant at the Solid Waste Management Facility for their dedication and hard work operating a very successful recycling program. **Remember, more recycling equals less taxes!!!!**

If you have any questions or would like a tour of the Recycling Center, please contact me at 474-6904.

Respectfully submitted,

Randall D. Gray

Randall D. Gray,

Solid Waste Management Supervisor/Code Enforcement Officer

Planning Office
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Planning Board
Phone: (207) 474-6904

Annual Report for 2015

Dear Citizens of Skowhegan:

We, as a Planning Board, are committed to the Economic Growth of our Town and to that end we are trying to facilitate a friendly work environment while protecting the town and its residents with safe, sound and smart growth. The Planning Board has been meeting once a month under the current ordinance and will continue to be available for a second meeting if needed. We choose to leave the budget in place in case a second meeting occurs and will turn back the money not used for the next budget season. This allows us to be responsive to developments in a timely manner and prudent with the resources the taxpayer gives us.

In addition to updating and developing ordinances, a few projects have come before the Planning Board over this past year including but not limited to: A revision to the McDonalds site plan for the change in their drive-up windows and parking lot. We continued to work on reviewing the Towns sign standards and passed the revision forward to the selectman for approval. The Olde School Inn subdivision was also approved and sits on the old middle school property owned by the Kruse's. We were also asked to permit another 6-month extension to the BDS facility plan that was reviewed in 2010-2011.

This year the Planning Board worked closely with Randall Gray, Code Enforcement Officer, Chris Huck, the contracted Town Planner from KVCOG and Cynthia Kirk, Secretary all of whom provide vital service to the people of Skowhegan and provide logistics for the Planning Board.

Planning Board Members include; Soren Siren, Chairman, Ned Goff, Vice Chairman, Steve Conley, Secretary, Stephen Gould, Harvey Austin, Rod Whitemore and Todd Smith.

Skowhegan faces both challenges and opportunities; working together we can provide a bright future for Skowhegan. Please feel free to contact me to share your thoughts on planning board issues. I can be reached at 858-5809 or email <mailto:SorenSiren@gmail.com>
Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Soren Siren".

Soren Siren
Skowhegan Planning Board Chairman

SKOWHEGAN PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT and SKOWHEGAN COMMUNITY CENTER



2014-2015 ANNUAL REPORT

To the Board of Selectman and the Citizens of Skowhegan:

It is great pleasure to submit this brief report on behalf of the Skowhegan Parks & Recreation Department. We are extremely proud of our departments mission which is to actively courage, promote and to provide quality programs, parks, facilities and a variety of enrichment opportunities with a professional standard of excellence what enhances the quality of life for all citizens and visitors in the community.

We are a diverse and busy department which constantly responds to change. We will continue to play a leading role in determining the quality of life and character of our town and changing the way people live.

Parks and Recreation have three values that make them essential services to communities:

****Economic Value *Health and Environmental Benefits *Social Importance***

2014-15 Highlights:

- ***Host site for several District, Regional & State Tournaments & Competitions (MLB, MRPA Hot Shot, Cal Ripken, Babe Ruth, USTA, USTF, etc.)***
- ***Continuous support and sponsors from local business for our youth programs and the Community Center Events; team sponsorships, Thanksgiving Dinner, etc...***
- ***Program, Activity & Facility Use continues to be successful.***
- ***Continuation of support & dedication from the hundreds of volunteers that make our programs and events successful & for the benefit of the families and especially the youth in the community.***
- ***National Youth Sports Coaching Association 5 Star Community.***
- ***Recognition and Active Involvement; Local, State, Regional & National Organizations (MRPA, NRPA, NNERPA, NEPA, MCDC and many organizations)***
- ***Maine Recreation & Park Association Vice President and 2015-16 Nominated President and Chair of the Annual State MRPA Conference.***
- ***Grant Recipient of several grants; USDA Summer Food Program, State Snowmobile Grant for the ITS 87 Trail maintenance for Skowhegan, Mercer & Norridgewock, New Balance Move More Kids Grant & USTA Equipment Grant.***
- ***Involved with the State Dept. of Conservation Land & Water Conservation Grant Review Board (LWCF)***
- ***Continuous support from New Balance; Doers for Dollars Program***
- ***Move More Kids Funding & assisting with the needs of athletic shoes for local children & families.***
- ***Move More Kids year round program successes; Summer SOAP, Afterschool Program at Bloomfield & Margaret Chase Smith School and many seasonal youth & family programs.***
- ***Increase in Summer Food Program Grant Funds & Feeding sites: SAD #54 Summer School Sites, Lake George Camp & Lake George Regional Park.***
- ***Summer Food Program increase in meals fed to children 18 & Under (8,000 meals)***
- ***Run of River Project-Selected as one of the Top 10 project recipients in the State and presented the ROR project at the Community Spotlight.***
- ***Collaboration with State Organizations & Association on Statewide Community Events; Great Maine Outdoor Weekend, MRPA/Red Claws Hot Shot Competition & MLBA Hit, Pitch & Run and many more.***
- ***Successful Partnerships: Collaborating and Creative Outreach***

Our department would not be so successful without the dedicated, support and shared commitment of our Parks & Recreation staff, the town manager, local officials, town departments, tax payers, advisory board, community organizations, SAD #54 schools, local businesses and the hundreds of volunteers. Thank you all for your continued help, assistance, time and being a major team player throughout the year.

We look forward to continuing to Serving the people in our community as Parks & Recreation changes how people live.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise LeBlanc, Director
Parks & Recreation Department
Community Center



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To the Citizens of the Town of Skowhegan:

During the past year, the office staff was able to close the Pedestrian Connector Project Grant, which is designed to help make the municipal parking, located in the downtown, more pedestrian friendly. The Town has received a \$400,000.00 – 2014 Downtown Revitalization Grant (DRG). This funding will be used for the next phase of the project, which includes the drainage and new pavement.

Office staff has continued working with the towns of Fairfield, Madison and Norridgewock, along with the Kennebec Valley Community Action Program and Somerset Heart Health, on the expansion of the Somerset Explorer Bus Program. This program is a low cost bus service between the above listed towns for 3 days a week, during the winter, and 5 days a week during the summer, of 2014. There has been an increase of riders, since its implementation, and hopefully that will continue into this coming summer. In the future, we will be looking at connecting this route with the Kennebec Explorer, in Fairfield. If that happens, someone in Anson will be able to ride to Augusta and back, on the buses.

The Whitten Brook Project, which is to restore water quality to help move the stream to a Class B water quality standard and help support brook trout, is complete. The funding came from a Department of Environmental Protection 319 Grant.

Office staff worked hard this year to improve the Town's Website. At this time there are more than one thousand events, meetings etc. listed on the Town's calendar, for the rest of this year. If any group or organization has an event coming up that is not listed, please go to the calendar and enter your event. If you don't have access to the website, please drop off the event information to the office.

SEDC has also revised the Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Loan Program, one criteria change was to offer larger loans to Skowhegan businesses. If any business would like information regarding one of our loan programs, please contact the office at (207) 474-6905 or by email to jhewett@skowhegan.org.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeff Hewett

Director of Economic & Community Development

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Tax Collector
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*Human Resource – Finance Director
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*Town of Skowhegan
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**Cemetery Report
July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014**

To the Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Skowhegan:

The Cemetery Committee met eight times: July 12, 2013; August 22, 2013; September 12, 2013; October 31, 2013; January 15, 2014; April 1, 2014; May 1, 2014; and June 5, 2014.

The Committee members during this period of time consisted of Carl McKenney, Chairman; Steve Spaulding, Selectmen's Representative; Mary Lou Holden-Mollerus; Gene Rouse; Gail Pelotte; Mark Bossie, Cemetery Sexton. The Cemetery Committee By-Laws were amended on June 10, 2013 to have seven (7) committee members. Melvin Burnham and Ann Spaulding joined the committee on August 22, 2013. Felix Quirion has been an Honorary Member of the committee since September 1995 and was a regular committee member previously.

Cemetery Expenditures 2014

Water	\$	732.30
Electricity	\$	138.97
Sexton Salary	\$	72,594.00
Tree Cutting	\$	1,050.00
Repair & Maint.	\$	1,611.00
Catholic Cemetery	\$	600.00

Cemetery record books, burial cards and maps of the cemeteries are available on the Town's Website for research.

Respectfully,

**Gail R. Pelotte
Town Clerk/Treasurer
Cemetery Committee Secretary**

JULY 1, 2013 – JUNE 30, 2014

Receipts

Town of Skowhegan	72,654.00
Stone Cleaning and Repair	<u>450.00</u>
	73,104.00

Expenditures

Wages paid	11,341.45
FICA, State, Federal, and Unemployment on Employees	2,665.90
Gas and oil	8,681.39
Supplies, parts and repairs	4,637.45
Insurance on vehicles	5,536.00
Registration and Excise Tax on vehicles	574.24
Office supplies	2,997.30
Equipment (lawn mowers, trimmers, etc.)	11,438.57
Loam, Cement	<u>44.71</u>
	47,917.01

Total Receipts	73,104.00
Total Expenditures	<u>47,917.01</u>
	25,186.99

Mark D. Bossie

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Town of Skowhegan
Wellness Works Program

Walter Powell, Highway Department
Leisa Porter, Municipal Building
Ty Strout, Fire Department
Ted Blais, Police Department
Denise Leblanc, Recreation Department
Brent Dickey, Pollution Control Plant
Al White, Solid Waste Management Facility

To the Skowhegan Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Skowhegan:

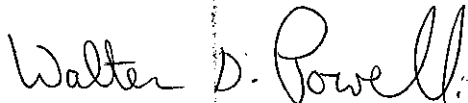
The Wellness Program is funded by the Maine Municipal Association Employees Health Trust. The program is available to any full time employee who wishes to participate.

The Wellness Program offered the following activities in 2014:

January Workshop—Take control Fiber
February Workshop - Take Control Sodium
March Workshop—On the Ball
April Workshop -- Bonus Benefits
May Workshop—Wellness Breakfast/Employee of the Year Award
June workshop – AIDS and CPR course
July—break
August Workshop Break
September Workshop—Yeah. Making Exercise Fit in
October Workshop—Overcoming exercise Barriers
November Workshop—Winter Workout
December Workshop—Take Control Fat

Congratulations to James Travers who was chosen as Wellness employee of the Year. I would like to thank the committee Members for their dedication and support. This program wouldn't be possible without them. We have a full schedule for 2015

Respectfully Submitted,



Walter Powell, Chairman
Town of Skowhegan Wellness Committee

Run of River Project



To the Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Skowhegan:

Greg Dore, Chair
-Skowhegan Road Commissioner

Gary Bailey
-Engineer

Joshua Farrand
-Rafting Randy's

Jack Gibson
-Trouts Unlimited

**Karen Hart,
Secretary**
-Skowhegan Savings Bank

Corey King
-Skowhegan Chamber of Commerce

William Houston
-SRVC, Outdoor Resources Instructor

Denise LeBlanc
-Skowhegan Parks & Recreation Director

Jeff McCabe
-Lake George Corp

Katie Ouilette
-Kennebec Valley Tourism Council

Bill Primmerman
-Somerset Heart Health

Denise Robinson
-Somerset Heart Health

The Run of River Committee wants to thank the Board of Selectmen and the citizen's of the town of Skowhegan for their continued support of the Run of River Project. We have completed the preliminary design and modeling and have begun working with a marketing communications firm Sutherland & Weston. This company is helping us with the next phase to institute a capitol campaign. Once funding is secure then we can move forward with permitting. There is a rendering proudly displayed in the council room at the municipal building.

The committee is joining together with the Main Street Skowhegan, Skowhegan Area Chamber of Commerce, Skowhegan Rotary, Skowhegan Lions and Skowhegan Savings Bank to continue the 2015 Riverfest for another weeklong event beginning August 3rd and ending with fireworks on August 9th. Monday night events begin with be Pub night, Tuesday the Lions will be hosting lunch and supper chicken bar-b-que, Wednesday the Farmer's market with be open, Antiquity Appraisal Show and Jazz concert, Thursday is Moonlight Madness with the Bed races, Friday will be the Rotary Lobster Bake and Skowhegan Chamber golf tournament, Glow Stick River Run and the weekend will be filled with raft rides, family events, glow light kayak ride, 5 K race and Saturday night fireworks at the eddy. Please join us for all the festivities.

If you need any further information, please feel free to call me at 474-6911.

WE NEED YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

Sincerely,

Gregory A. Dore
Road Commissioner



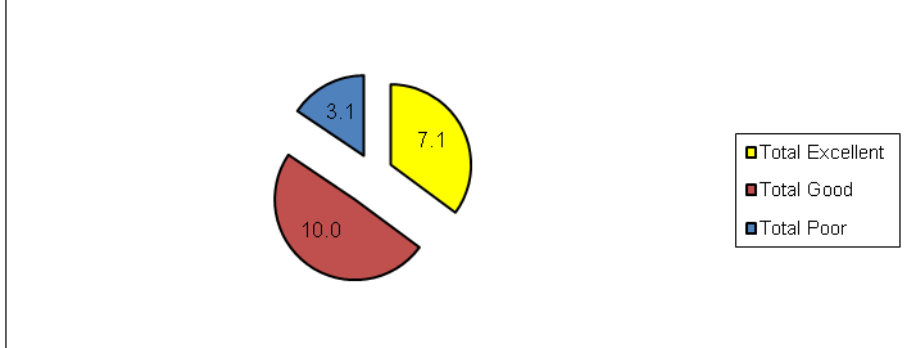
Gregory A. Dore
 Chairman
 474-6911

Skowhegan Sidewalk Committee
Established 1994

- Committee Members:**
- Gregory Dore**
Chairman
- Betty Austin**
Vice Chairman
- Don Lowe**
Selectman
- Denise Leblanc**
Recreation Department
- Rick Smith**
- Richard Irwin**
- Jim Sylvester**
Public Members

To the Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Skowhegan:

The amount of sidewalks needing to be rebuilt is quickly diminishing.



This past year we were able to complete a section of Fairview Avenue in front of the hospital.. The sidewalk on East Maple and Winter Street were rebuilt and brought up to ADA compliance with the help of the sewer bond work. The upcoming year our plan is to rebuild the sidewalk on Willow Street and Bridge Street. The list below is our ten year plan.

Priority	Name	Length	Paving year
1	Willow Street	1,800	2015
2	Bridge	370	2015
3	Willow Street	900	2015
4	Elm Street	1,000	2016
5	Greenwood Ave	850	2017
6	Spring Street	600	2020
7	Olive Street	550	2021
8	Pine Street	825	2023
9	French Street	1,000	2024
10	Bennett Ave	1,270	2025

We as a Committee asks for your input to help us better serve you and the needs of the people of the Town of Skowhegan.

Sincerely,

Gregory A. Dore
 Chairman

SKOWHEGAN HERITAGE COUNCIL



Meetings: 5 p.m. – 1st Tuesday of Month
SKOWHEGAN HERITAGE COUNCIL
Skowhegan, Maine

Dear Citizens of Skowhegan,

In the last Skowhegan Town Report, the word was that ‘the Heritage Council was Skowhegan’s best-kept secret’. In this Town Report, we say that the membership’s intent is to give voters the ‘best bang for their buck’. The Skowhegan Heritage Council has been challenged to do just that by its Charter. A resident recently said that ‘the Council’s Membership is an outstanding team’. Yes, and we are fortunate to have Cindy Kirk as the Council’s Administrative Secretary.

Skowhegan is a PRESERVE AMERICA COMMUNITY and members of the Council have taken an oath to assure that the community lives up to that designation. There are eleven members of your Council and each carries his or her volunteerism far beyond the Municipal Building Council Room and into our town. Members are: Shirley Whittemore, V.P.; Gail Kay, Chr. of the Dudley Corner School Project; Carol Lam, Rep. to the Skowhegan Cemetery Committee; Jessica Dionne and Theresa Taylor work in many capacities with Gail Kay in assuring the restorative completion of Dudley Corner Schoolhouse; Evalyn Bowmen is working with Judie McCarthy and Skowhegan Middle School Historian Lyn Perry in providing DVD copies of productions; Andre Pied is a new member who offers great insight into our immigrants to the Area; Andy Russakoff is our Downtown Representative; Shirley Whittemore and Judie McCarthy have interviewed Skowhegan Senior Citizens, and Shirley has actively worked with Skowhegan’s Economic Development Department in locating interpretive signage at Skowhegan’s various historic locales.

We are proud to tell voters that we have had visiting speakers who have enlightened us relative to Skowhegan’s history, as well. For instance, did you know that Skowhegan was, north-east, Canaan (where the Dudley Corner Schoolhouse is located)? Did you know that the south-side of the Kennebec was known as Bloomfield, the first Downtown, while the north-side of the Kennebec was Milburn? When, Skowhegan became ‘one’, voters decided that, since the American Indians inhabited our Kennebec shores, that Native American name meaning ‘a place to watch (for fish)’ should be the name and honor our true American forebears.

Most importantly, our Second Annual Governor Abner Coburn Day was celebrated on his birth date of March 22. Council Member, Attorney Robert Washburn, not only has been Chairman of that Day’s Celebration, but has made himself available to area schools and educating students that Skowhegan was the home of a Governor of Maine during the Civil War. As students grow to college age, they will see the name Coburn

on many campus buildings, gifts of Governor Coburn and those gifts join the many gifts he gave to Skowhegan by way of the Skowhegan Public Library and Somerset County Court House, and much, much more.

Yes, and in October of each year, Skowhegan Heritage Council honors its own Senator Margaret Chase Smith with Last Rose of Summer Day, and invites all Historic Societies to join us, as our Senator Smith inspired our U.S. Congress to designate the Red Rose as our NATIONAL FLOWER.

KT Valliere-Denis Ouilette

KT Valliere-Denis Ouilette
Chr. Skowhegan Heritage Council



Skowhegan Conservation Commission

Annual Report to the Selectmen and Citizens of the Town of Skowhegan:

The Conservation Commission has been working on a number of projects this past year. The multi-year water quality improvements focusing on Whitten Brook were completed last year with the planting of the bio-retention cells and installation of the porous paver parking area. During this year we will be improving the trails on town land along Whitten Brook. We invite you to use this beautiful town resource sometime this year.

Last year we started monitoring water quality in Whitten Brook and Cold Brook as part of Maine Department of Environmental Protection's Volunteer River Monitoring Program. All sampling equipment and data analysis is provided by Maine DEP, while volunteers from the Conservation Commission sample the brooks weekly from May through September. The intention is to conduct this monitoring annually to provide valuable data on these two brooks flowing through our town.

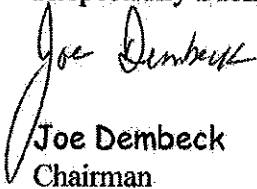
During the last year, members Iver Lofving and Craig Denis left the Conservation Commission. We thank them for their dedication and efforts over the years they were members. We are happy to welcome new member Bob McGorty.

The Conservation Commission is still looking for new members! If you have an interest in the natural spaces in our town and can find time for a 6pm Tuesday meeting once a month please come and join us. You can contact Cynthia Kirk in the town office.

Members serving on the Skowhegan Conservation Commission in 2014-2015 are listed below:

Joe Dembeck (*Chairman*), Peter Whitkop (*Vice-Chairman*), Sherri Vigue, Corey Johnson, Derek Ellis and Bob McGorty

Respectfully Submitted


Joe Dembeck
Chairman



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April 2015

To the Citizens of Skowhegan:

This year is Skowhegan's **tenth anniversary** as a nationally-designated Main Street community. While our volunteers, board members, and staff have accomplished a lot in this first decade, we have a lot to celebrate in just this past year.

In 2014, over **300 volunteers** donated nearly **3,000 hours** to Main Street projects. Private property owners invested nearly **\$100,000** in building improvements. Downtown also enjoyed a net increase of **one new business** and **two new jobs**.

We brought over **\$430,000** in grant dollars to Skowhegan: a **redesigned** and safer downtown parking lot, restoration of the **Skowhegan Indian** sculpture, a collection of **Bernard Langlais sculptures** to complement the Skowhegan Indian, **park improvements** at the Skowhegan Indian, the new **WXNZ Skowhegan Community Radio** station, and new **wayfinding signage** at the walking bridge, to name a few.

This last year was also a time of increasing capacity for Main Street. We created a **new staff** position, recruited **six new members** to our board of directors, and revived the **Business Enhancement Committee**. Our base of volunteers beautified the downtown **gardens**, developed the Main Street Skowhegan Savings **Entrepreneur Challenge**, and renewed the **Façade Improvement Program**.

We did all this while organizing and raising over **\$40,000** for our popular annual **community-building events**: River Fest, Holiday Stroll, and the Maple Festival.

Our achievements are made possible by the Downtown Tax Increment Financing (TIF) fund, private donations, and priceless volunteer time. If you want to help make a difference downtown, **please contact me** about volunteer opportunities at 612-2571 or dugan@mainstreetskowhegan.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dugan Murphy'.

Dugan Murphy, Executive Director

Board of Directors

Matt DuBois, President
Gene Rouse, Vice President
Mike DuBois, Treasurer
Lisa Caswell, Secretary
Karen Lewia
Margi Browne
Sam Hight
Darcy Spooner
Brandi Meisner
Patrick Dore
Don Bolduc
Lisa Landry



New Wayfinding Signage



Skowhegan Indian Restoration



Maple Breakfast Volunteers



May 13, 2015

Dear Skowhegan Selectmen, Skowhegan Budget & Finance Committee and Skowhegan Residents:

2015 marks the 75th anniversary of the Skowhegan Area Chamber of Commerce as we started in 1940. Throughout those years we have been the lead organization promoting tourism and business growth in the region by developing and executing special events and marketing materials. For decades the Town of Skowhegan has supported our local chamber of commerce and through that partnership we have brought in hundreds of thousands of new dollars to the region. The most important thing to remember is that the funding we get from the taxpayers goes directly to executing chamber events, developing marketing materials and upgrading our visitor center. All of these activities have one goal: to bring new tourists and new dollars into our region to help support our businesses and grow the economy. Here are just a few things that will be executed with this funding this year:

- Marketing the 20th Maine H.O.G. Rally at the Skowhegan Fairgrounds on July 23-25, 2015. This event will bring 300-500 Harley-Davidson owners to Skowhegan for three days and it will attract hundreds of additional other motorcyclists and viewers. Riders come from around the country to attend this and they spend, on average, \$250 per day. Over three days that is \$300,000 in the local economy. The marketing will offset some of the \$20,000 in anticipated expenses (along with sponsorships from businesses).
- Marketing and advertising, for RiverFest 2015. This funding helps expand the attendees of the annual six-day event which through these efforts is growing every year. Events for RiverFest include the Lion's Club Chicken BBQ, Moonlight Madness, the Rotary Lobster Bake, RiverFest Saturday and so much more. There are about \$23,000 in expenses for this event and many of those are marketing and event expenses, like posters, newspaper advertising, TV & radio advertising, tent rentals, and table/chair expenses. Hundreds of attendees come out daily depending on the event and many of those are tourists who come just for that.
- Building upgrades are vital, and you can come in and see how the office has changed in the past year. There is new flooring in the visitor center portion, new paint inside and out, and a new back door which is important as the office gets utilized by dozens of groups annually depending on the event. This is the front door to our community, and looking good is a part of that. We encourage anyone to stop by to see the changes. This year's funding will go to continuing the office upgrades according to the development plan set by the Board of Directors, however, we can say that new windows is very high on that list and a likely next project.
- Additional successes that this money has gone to in the past (to give you an idea of what type of activities this money supports) includes: creating the new chamber website, new photography that we can use in our various publications, expanding the marketing for Haunted Hayrides, software upgrades including data backups, new furniture in the visitor center, roof repairs & winter-proofing the office and so much more. An allotment of these funds goes towards the general fund, these are just a few examples of where that



money could go to this year. The Board of Directors will identify the specific projects that the money will support.

Please make the time to come to town meeting and support what we are asking for. This money, unlike some other taxpayer funds, helps bring in dollars that far exceed what we ask for. If you look at the anticipated economic impact of just the H.O.G. Rally and RiverFest, you are looking at over \$300,000 being spent in the local economy, for a town investment of \$24,000. That is a very conservative average, as the impact will likely be much greater. Now add the other projects that that \$24,000 will go to, and you get to an even greater amount of impact. Without the support, we will not be able to promote our activities as well which has a direct impact to how much money will be able to bring into the local economy. For the small impact to your individual tax bill (fractions of pennies per thousand) you get so much more in return.

I can go on and on about all sorts of activities and programs, but just look around. Look at all of the success we have been having, the events here, the turnout at the activities in town and the positive collaboration that is happening between the SACC and the organizations in town, including the Town of Skowhegan itself. This is working. We are seeing results, and we are making this a better place to live. What's that worth to you?

The SACC is asking for \$24,000, with no increase this year. We hope you can see the results of where that money goes and if you cannot please come in my office and we can show you all of what we are involved in and the direct impact it has on this community. If you cut this money out, we will not be able to provide the same level of activity in the town. If that happens we all suffer- the businesses, the residents, everyone. Please consider the full request of the SACC to keep the events in this area going strong and to continue the positive momentum that has been created. We provide a great service to this community and we want to continue providing it at the same level.

Thank you in advance for your consideration,

Cory King
Executive Director

Skowhegan Area Chamber of Commerce Request: \$ 24,000.00

Special Event Operational Costs
Special Event Advertising & Marketing
Regional & Local Advertising
Building Upgrades & Modifications
Chamber Operational Expenses & General Fund



Skowhegan Free Public Library

9 Elm Street ~ Skowhegan, ME 04976

207-474-9072 email: skowlib@skowhegan.lib.me.us

The Library celebrated its 125th Anniversary in June with an Art Show. Art lovers came out in droves to view these exceptional pieces. Many local artists participated.

The Library was visited by 22,887 people this year. They borrowed 31,897 books, audiobooks, e-books and videos. 8,560 folks used our free public computers, and 2,153 people attended our programs.

The Library offered a variety of adult and child programming this past year. A few adult examples: Publishing Your Book with Literary Agent Jan Kardys; Maine Humane Society on issues affecting animals; Skowhegan History House on Log Driving on the Kennebec; Maine Clean Elections and our candidates; and Governor Coburn Day. Child: Family Story Hour; with a variety of guest speakers including, Fire Fighter Rick, Office Daignault, and Heather from the Farmer's Market; Tween the Pages book club for middle schoolers; author visits from Lynn Plourde and Barbara Winslow; and, the Summer Reading Program. "Reading Around Town," with over 70 children reading more than 650 books.

Artistic talent was showcased during the year with our own Skowhegan high schoolers displaying their skills in painting, drawing and photography; Art Quilts Maine group placed beautiful, display sized quilts in the Library's Memorial Room; and our middle schoolers shared their vision of world peace with us through the Lion's Club "Peace Poster" program. About 3 dozen young people took part.

The Library was privileged to receive five sculptures from the late Bernard Langlais' estate. The sculptures were placed around the library. "Black Panther" in the Memorial Room; "Bluebird" near the public computers; and "Cow" near the Adult Circulation Desk. "Animal Crackers" and "Skaters" were placed in the back staircase.

We continued our renovations of the library this year with the help of the U.S.D.A. A complete fire protection system was installed throughout the Library. A grant from the U.S.D.A covered 50% of project expenses, with renovation fundraising picking up the remainder. The firm of Dean & Allyn installed the system. It is monitored 24/7 by Seacoast Security.

40 new LED light fixtures were installed throughout the library to replace the older and more energy hungry lights. These lights consume only 1/5 of the energy the older ones did, and have a life expectancy of 25 years before the lighting element has to be replaced. Our generous Friends of the Library group paid for 20 of the lights.

Respectfully Submitted

Dale Jandreau - Library Director

COBURN PARK COMMISSION

TREASURER'S REPORT

December 31, 2014

Balance checking account as of 12/31/13 \$1,339.51

Receipts

Town of Skowhegan	10,000.00	
Wm. Philbrick account	0.00	
Columbia account	3,000.00	
Gazebo Rental	750.00	
Skowhegan Savings Bank - concerts	800.00	
Donations	<u>0.00</u>	<u>14,550.00</u>

Total receipts 15,889.51

Expenditures

Care of grounds/Mowing	4,400.00	
Care of grounds/Caretaker	6,000.00	
Concerts in the Park	975.00	
Equipment purchase	1,600.67	
Equipment rental	800.00	
Insurance	375.00	
Maintenance	135.39	
Materials	309.51	
Miscellaneous	193.40	
Utilities	<u>1,012.52</u>	<u>15,801.49</u>

Balance checking account as of 12/31/14 \$88.02

David D. Barter, Treasurer

Skowhegan History House Museum & Research Center

66 Elm Street, PO Box 832, Skowhegan, Maine

“An important Skowhegan icon, repository for many of the town’s unique historic records dating well before the Revolutionary War, as well as artifacts representing Skowhegan’s heritage”

To the Citizens of the Town of Skowhegan,

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Skowhegan History House Museum & Research Center, I wish to thank the citizens of Skowhegan for their vital support for the work we do at the History House. Skowhegan History House Museum & Research Center continues to be a leader in preserving and promoting our community’s cultural heritage. We are recognized by patrons and museum professionals alike for our accomplishments.

The year 2014 proved to be a banner year for the museum. Thanks in no small part to the town’s support, together with a large private donation, dedicated funds from the Bloomfield Academy Trust, and general funds, the Board was able to make some much needed improvements to the historic 1839 building which will help preserve our vast collections. (See listing at right.)

The process of cataloging each item in the collection is progressing very well due to the generous donations that fund the Summer Intern Program. Curator Ben Doty, with the help of our dedicated volunteer team, made significant progress cataloging the hundreds of irreplaceable images in the collection. When completed, patrons and researchers alike will be able to quickly locate, examine, and use images pertinent to their needs.

Equally exciting, nearly 900 visitors from all over the United States and beyond enjoyed the featured exhibit, *Old Kennebec, Skowhegan’s First Highway*, which opened in May and will continue through 2015. A new permanent outside exhibit featuring a “Log Driver’s Bateau” and informative panels highlighting our historic riverfront will open in 2015.

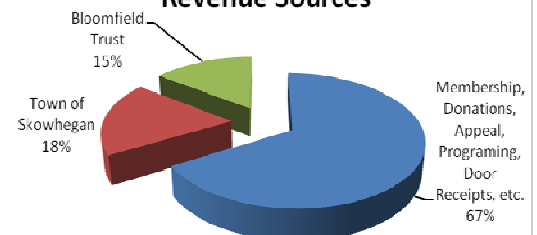
History House, as a valued community partner, provides opportunities for extended community members and visitors to engage with our heritage not only onsite, but even beyond the History House walls through historic tours, presentations, and exhibits. Staff members conduct museum tours, genealogical research, and provide historical information while maintaining and developing the archival collections.

The expenses for operating the museum on a nineteen week, six hours per day, (Tues-Sat) schedule with part-time curatorial staff continue to increase, just like those of other institutions and businesses. Several important projects, like the professional conservation of the Civil War Uniform, cannot be postponed again and

2014 Structural Improvements Projects

- **Windows**
Refurbished 14 Window Systems including scraping, repairing and painting 28 sashes, removing the aluminum combination windows, installing interior glass panels, scraping and painting the frames and interior finishes
- **Shutters**
Scraped, repaired and painted 28 wooden shutters, re-installing with operational hardware
- **Ridge Venting**
Installed a ridge vent on metal roof, and installation of soffit vents
- **Kitchen Refurbishing**
Repaired the plaster, painted and re-appointed the 1850’s kitchen
- **Light Reduction**
Installed new solar shades that reduce incoming light to 5%, and installed new curtains
- **New Permanent Exhibit and Storage Space**
Re-assigned the collections in the birthing room, repaired the plaster; painted the walls, ceiling, woodwork, and floor; installed new electrical outlets and lighting; installed picture hanging rails, and installed an audio-visual monitor
- **Crawl Space Barrier**
Installed a vapor barrier under the museum, and repaired a deteriorated heating duct
- **Master Bedroom**
Removed three layers of wallpaper, repaired the plaster; painted walls, ceiling, floor, and woodwork

Revenue Sources



require additional funding. The Board continually searches for dedicated volunteers and for partnerships and grants, as well as additional memberships and donations to fund program development.

We gratefully thank Lynch Landscaping, Inc., S & K Heating, Sherwin Williams, Econo Electric, Hight Chevrolet Buick, Dorothy Cleaver, Chuck Carpenter, Anne & Steve Spaulding, Patty & Brad Hager along with other private citizens and businesses who wish to remain anonymous for their continued support. These donors make it possible for the Board to improve programming and meet the important goals that renew and refresh the appeal of History House in this ever-changing world.

We invite everyone to visit the Skowhegan History House Museum & Research Center to conduct research or enjoy a tour, explore the new exhibits, visit our website (skowheganhistoryhouse.org) and become a fan on Facebook. We also extend an invitation to anyone who enjoys preserving history to explore the benefits of membership or to join our team of committed volunteers.

Respectfully,

Melvin Burnham

President, Board of Trustees



Celebrating 23 Years
1992-2015

Dear Citizens of Skowhegan,

As we head into our 23rd year, we are pleased to report we hosted our second successful Triathlon, installed new vegetative buffers, a memorial garden and have an updated, erosion free boat launch. We continue to see first hand the results of the collaborative work of Jeff McCabe, Park Director, and Derek Ellis, Park Manager. The benefits from their work efforts as we are moving into our final year of the Skowhegan Savings Bank 3 year challenge grant are evident to everyone who visits the park, particularly the west side of the park.

In 1992 a group of committed citizens gathered to launch the start of Lake George Regional Park. This founding group had a vision that the Park would someday be a destination for many and a regional treasure. In the spring of 2013, a group of local folks got together and decided the Park would be a good spot to start a Sprint Triathlon. The group, with support from businesses, volunteers and over 230 participants created an event likely to be one of the Park's signature annual events for years to come. A visit to the Park today proves that it has become an important part of the story of the Skowhegan/Canaan region. The Challenge to meet our mission continues: provide and maintain affordable public access to the services and facilities of Lake George Regional Park. The Park is managed using principles of safety, stewardship, and service learning and will offer recreational, educational, and social opportunities for visitors. For over 20 years a committed group of citizens and volunteers have guided the Park to support its mission, providing time, money, services and necessary park equipment.

Each year a combination of over 20,000 community members and visitors use the lake, public boat launch and the surrounding 320 acres of land for recreation and leisure, enjoying the beauty of the lake area.. Every summer over 200 Skowhegan and Canaan area children from grades one through six participate in a two-week-nature camp at the Park called Camp Podoc.

Lake George has become a destination of choice for people in the surrounding area as well as others looking for a tranquil spot on the shores of the lake.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several stylized, overlapping letters that appear to be "J.M.C." followed by a long horizontal line.

Park Director Park Line 474-1292 Cell phone 399-3185

Lake George Regional Park P.O. Box 896 Skowhegan, ME 04976

TOWN OF SKOWHEGAN, MAINE
ANNUAL
TOWN MEETING WARRANT
STATE OF MAINE

June 8, 2015 at 7:00 P.M.

Municipal Building Opera House

AND

SECRET BALLOT ELECTION

June 9, 2015 from 7:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M.

Municipal Building Council Room

Somerset, ss.

To Edward Blais, Constable of the Town of Skowhegan, Maine in the County of Somerset:

Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby requested to notify and warn the voters of the Town of Skowhegan in said County and State, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet in the **Opera House in the Skowhegan Municipal Building**, in said Town on Monday, the eighth day of June, A.D., 2015 at seven o'clock in the evening, to transact all business as herein enumerated in the articles of the Town Warrant.

And, to notify and warn said voters to meet in the **Council Room in the Skowhegan Municipal Building** in said Town, on Tuesday, the ninth day of June, A.D., 2015, then and there to act upon Article 2 by secret ballot as set out below, the polling hours therefore to be from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.

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

ARTICLE 2. To choose, by ballot, the following Town Officials, namely, Two Selectmen, for three-year terms; One Assessor, for a three-year term; One Overseer of the Poor, for a three-year term; One Coburn Park Commissioner, for a five-year term; One Road Commissioner, for a three-year term; One Town Clerk, for a three-year term; One Town Treasurer, for a three-year term; and Four Directors of RSU54/SAD54, for three-year terms.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,324,271.00 for General Government. (The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend passage of this article.)

Department	Budget Committee	Votes	Selectmen	Votes
Finance Department	\$434,053.00	6/1	\$434,053.00	3/1
Municipal Building Maintenance	\$102,519.00	6/1	\$102,519.00	4/0
Assessing	\$105,596.00	6/1	\$105,596.00	4/0
Town Manager	\$151,981.00	6/1	\$151,981.00	4/0
Planning & Ordinance Administration	\$18,383.00	6/1	\$18,383.00	4/0
Code Enforcement	\$150,568.00	6/1	\$150,568.00	4/0
Employee Benefits	\$114,580.00	6/1	\$114,580.00	4/0
Town Insurances	\$101,195.00	6/1	\$101,195.00	4/0
Economic & Community Development	\$145,396.00	6/1	\$145,396.00	4/0
General Government Total	\$1,324,271.00		\$1,324,271.00	

ARTICLE 4. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,283,870.00 for Police Department. (The Selectmen with a 4/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 5/1/1 vote recommend passage of this article.)

ARTICLE 5. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$821,827.00 for Fire Department. (The Selectmen with a 4/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 6/1 vote recommend passage of this article.)

ARTICLE 6. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$501,502.00 for Other Protection. (The Selectmen with a 4/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 7/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

ARTICLE 7. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$111,026.00 for Health and Human services. (The Selectmen with a 4/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 4/3 vote recommend passage of this article.)

Department	Budget Committee	Votes	Selectmen	Votes
General Assistance	\$109,734.00	4/3	\$109,734.00	4/0
Health Department	\$1,292.00	7/0	\$1,292.00	4/0
General Assistance/Health Dept. Total	\$111,026.00		\$111,026.00	

ARTICLE 8. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$551,270.00 for Waste Water and Pollution Control. (The Selectmen with a 4/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 6/1 vote recommend passage of this article.)

ARTICLE 9. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$816,065.00 for Solid Waste Management. (The Selectmen with a 4/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 6/1 vote recommends passage of this article.)

ARTICLE 10. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$428,936.00 for Public Works – Summer Roads Maintenance. (The Selectmen with a 4/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 6/1 vote recommends passage of this article.)

ARTICLE 11. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$586,996.00 for Public Works – Winter Roads Maintenance. (The Selectmen with a 4/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 6/1 vote recommend passage of this article.)

ARTICLE 12. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$247,000.00 for Public Works – Vehicle Maintenance. (The Selectmen with a 4/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 6/1 vote recommend passage of this article.)

ARTICLE 13. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$83,716.00 for the care of cemeteries. (The Selectmen with a 4/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 6/1 vote recommend passage of this article.)

Note: This figure includes an increase of \$2,232.00 for the Sexton's contract.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$454,971.00 for Parks and Recreation. (The Selectmen with a 3/1 vote and the Budget Committee with a 5/2 vote recommend passage of this article)

ARTICLE 15. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,802,999.00 for Capital Expenditures/Debt Retirement. (The Selectmen with a 3/1 vote and the Budget Committee with a 7/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

ARTICLE 16. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$108,000.00 for Capital Expenditures/Capital Reserve Funds for the Pollution Control Plant. (The Selectmen with a 4/0 vote and the Budget Committee with 6/1 vote recommend passage of this article.)

ARTICLE 17. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$45,000.00 for Capital Expenditures/Capital Reserve Funds for the Recreation Department. (The Selectmen with a 4/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 6/1 vote recommend passage of this article.)

ARTICLE 18. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 for Capital Expenditures/Capital Reserve Funds for the Municipal Building. (The Selectmen with a 4/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 6/1 vote recommend passage of this article.)

ARTICLE 19. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 for Capital Expenditures/Capital Reserve Funds for the Solid Waste Department. (The Selectmen with a 4/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 6/1 vote recommend passage of this article.)

ARTICLE 20. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$39,400.00 for Capital Expenditures/Capital Reserve Funds for the Police Department. (The Selectmen with a 4/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 5/1/1 vote recommend passage of this article.)

ARTICLE 21. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$121,000.00 for Capital Expenditures/Capital Reserve Funds for Public Works Equipment. (The Selectmen with a 4/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 6/1 vote recommend passage of this article.)

ARTICLE 22. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$265,000.00 for Capital Expenditures/Capital Reserve Funds for Public Works Roads and Sidewalks. (The Selectmen with a 4/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 6/1 vote recommend passage of this article.)

ARTICLE 23. To see if the town will vote to accept and carry forward in a separate account sums that may be received from the State Department of Transportation Local Road Assistance Program estimated at \$140,236.00. (The Selectmen with a 4/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 7/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

ARTICLE 24. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to expend the amounts voted in Articles 22 and 23 from the Capital Improvement Program/Public Works Roads and Sidewalks account for the town's share of the following proposed projects:
Shim and overlay the Russell Road from Beech Street intersection to the Skowhegan/Madison town line, the Palmer Road from the Middle Road to the Back Road and pave the finish coat on the Burrill Hill Road. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

ARTICLE 25. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$195,000.00 for Capital Expenditures/Capital Reserve Funds for the Fire Department. (The Selectmen with a 3/1 vote recommend \$175,000.00 and the Budget Committee with a 6/1 vote recommends \$195,000.00.)

ARTICLE 26. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 for Capital Expenditures/Capital Reserve Funds for Emergency Management. (The Selectmen with a 4/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 7/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

ARTICLE 27. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000.00 for Capital Expenditures/Capital Reserve Funds for Administration. (The Selectmen with a 4/0 vote recommend \$15,000.00 and the Budget Committee with a 6/1 vote recommend \$14,999.00.)

ARTICLE 28. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200,000.00 for Capital Expenditures/Capital Reserve Funds for Assessing. (The Selectmen with a 4/0 vote recommend \$50,000.00 and the Budget Committee with a 5/4 vote recommend \$200,000.00.)

ARTICLE 29. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,500.00 for Capital Expenditures/Capital Reserve Funds for Cemeteries. (The Selectmen with a 4/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 6/1 vote recommend passage of this article.)

ARTICLE 30. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,100.00 for Capital Expenditures/Capital Reserve Funds for the Planning Department. (The Selectmen with a 4/0 vote recommend \$2,100.00 and the Budget Committee with a 6/1 vote recommend \$2,000.00.)

ARTICLE 31. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 for Capital Expenditures/Capital Reserve Funds for Public Works Buildings. (The Selectmen with a 4/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 6/1 vote recommend passage of this article.)

Note: Organizations were informed that although the Town of Skowhegan does not require that petitions be filed in order to request funds, it is the only way to make sure that the requested amount appears on the Warrant. The Selectmen with a 4/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 7/0 vote decided that any organization that did not file a petition or did not meet statutory petition requirements would not be included in this Warrant.

ARTICLE 32. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$101,867.00 for Skowhegan Free Public Library. The Community Service Organization's request by petition is \$101,867.00. (The Selectmen with a 3/1 vote recommend \$77,426.00 and the Budget Committee with a 5/1 vote recommend \$48,934.00 from taxation.)

ARTICLE 33. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 for Coburn Park Commission. The Community Service Organization's request by petition is \$10,000.00. (The Selectmen with a 3/1 vote recommend \$7,912.00 and the Budget Committee with a 5/1 vote recommend \$5,000.00 from taxation.)

ARTICLE 34. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,500.00 for Skowhegan History House. The Community Service Organization's request by petition is \$7,500.00. (The Selectmen with a 3/1 vote recommend \$3,956.00 and the Budget Committee with a 5/1 vote recommend \$2,500.00 from taxation.)

ARTICLE 35. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$24,000.00 for Chamber of Commerce. The Community Service Organization's request by petition is \$24,000.00. (The Selectmen with a 3/1 vote recommend \$18,988.00 and the Budget Committee with a 5/1 vote recommend \$12,000.00 from taxation.)

ARTICLE 36. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,700.00 for KVCAP Transportation Services. The Human Service Agency's request by petition is \$3,700.00. (The Selectmen with a 3/1 vote and the Budget Committee with a 4/3 vote recommend \$0.00 from taxation.)

ARTICLE 37. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,700.00 for KVCAP Child Development Program. The Human Service Agency's request by petition is \$8,700.00. (The Selectmen with a 3/1 vote and the Budget Committee with a 4/3 vote recommend \$0.00 from taxation.)

ARTICLE 38. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,000.00 for Family Violence. The Human Service Agency's request by petition is \$6,000.00. (The Selectmen with a 3/1 vote and the Budget Committee with a 4/3 vote recommend \$0.00 from taxation.)

ARTICLE 39. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,766.00 for Spectrum Generations. The Human Service Agency's request by petition is \$7,766.00. (The Selectmen with a 3/1 vote and the Budget Committee with a 4/3 vote recommend \$0.00 from taxation.)

ARTICLE 40. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 for Hospice Volunteers of Somerset County. The Human Service Agency's request by petition is \$10,000.00. (The Selectmen with a 3/1 vote and the Budget Committee with a 4/3 vote recommend \$0.00 from taxation.)

ARTICLE 41. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,006.15 for Sexual Assault Crisis and Support Center. The Human Service Agency's request by petition is \$3,006.15. (The Selectmen with a 3/1 vote and the Budget Committee with a 4/3 vote recommend \$0.00 from taxation.)

ARTICLE 42.. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 for Skowhegan Community Food Cupboard. The Human Service Agency's request by petition is \$10,000.00. (The Selectmen with a 3/1 vote and the Budget Committee with a 4/3 vote recommend \$0.00 from taxation.)

ARTICLE 43. To see if the Town will vote to apply FY 2016 operational revenues in the amount of \$1,739,341.00 to offset the FY 2016 appropriations. (The Selectmen with a 4/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 6/3 vote recommend passage of this article.)

ARTICLE 44. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Assessors to apply \$1,000,000.00 of the undesignated fund balance to reduce the 2016 tax rate. (The Selectmen with a 4/0 vote recommend \$1,000,000.00 and the Budget Committee with a 5/4 vote recommend \$500,000.00.)

ARTICLE 45. To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of \$6,161,312.00 established for the Town of Skowhegan by State Law, in the event that the municipal budget approved will result in a tax commitment greater than the property tax levy limit. (The increase in property tax levy limit necessary to fund all preceding articles is estimated to be \$1,410,148.15. The Selectmen's recommendations would result in an increase of \$655,891.00, and the Budget Committee's recommendations would result in an increase of \$1,285,942.00) (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

ARTICLE 46. To see if the Town will vote to fund the General Assistance over-expenditure for fiscal year 2015 with the General Assistance State Reimbursement. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

ARTICLE 47. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, accept and expend, on behalf of the Town, grant funds from state government agencies, federal government agencies, or private organizations for any purpose they deem in the best interest of the Town. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

ARTICLE 48. To see if the Town, as the Legislative body will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen approving, applying for and accepting all Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) including the following:

2015 Micro-Enterprise Assistance Grant in the amount of \$150,000.00 and to make such assurances, assume such responsibilities and exercise such authority as are necessary and reasonable to implement such programs with the understanding that should the intended National Objective of the CDBG program not be met, all CDBG funds must be repaid to the State of Maine CDBG program. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

ARTICLE 49. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate all of the money received from the State for snowmobile registrations to the Skowhegan Snow-Hawks Snowmobile Club for the maintenance of their system or network of snowmobile trails, on the condition that those trails be open in snow season to the public for outdoor recreation purposes at no charge, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into an agreement with the Club, under such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen may deem advisable, for that purpose. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

ARTICLE 50. To see if the Town will vote to establish September 15, 2015 or 30 days after the commitment date of taxes, whichever comes later, as the date when the first installment of taxes shall be due and payable and March 15, 2016 as the date when the second installment of taxes shall be due and payable and to see if the Town will fix the rate of 7% interest to be charged on all taxes unpaid after said dates. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

ARTICLE 51. To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. § 506-A to fix the rate of 3% interest to be paid on overpaid or abated taxes.

ARTICLE 52. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of by the most prudent means possible, any equipment, vehicles, furniture or other non-real estate town property that is no longer necessary to town operations. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

ARTICLE 53. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, on behalf of the town, to sell and dispose of any real estate acquired by the town for non-payment of taxes due thereon, on such terms as they deem advisable and to issue quit claim deeds for such property. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

ARTICLE 54. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to expend funds from the "Proceeds from Sale of Town Owned Property" account to be used to purchase property as they deem advisable and without further town meeting authorization. (The account was established at the 1987 Annual Town Meeting with funds to be expended by Town Meeting vote only.) (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

ARTICLE 55. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to transfer an amount not to exceed 1% of the total town budget between budget categories as they deem advisable to meet unanticipated expenses and emergencies that occur during fiscal year 2016. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

ARTICLE 56. To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. § 506, to authorize the tax collector and treasurer to accept the prepayment of taxes not yet committed. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

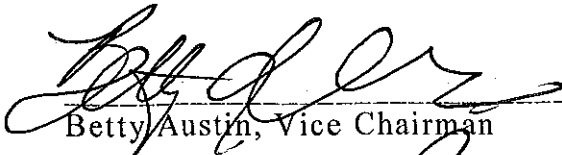
ARTICLE 57. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire a permanent drainage easement on the property located at 75 Fairview Avenue (Map 20 Lot 19A) for the perpetual right to repair, maintain, construct, replace and enlarge storm water infrastructure. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

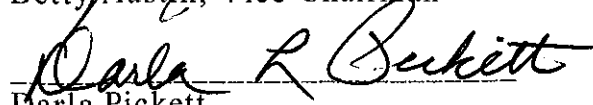
The Registrar will hold hours for the purpose of revising and correcting the list of voters on Thursday, June 4, 2015 and Friday, June 5, 2015 from noon to 4:00 P.M.; Monday, June 8, 2015 from noon to 4:00 P.M. and from 6:30 P.M. to the close of the Town Meeting and Tuesday, June 9, 2015 from 7:00 A.M. to close of polls at 8:00 P.M.

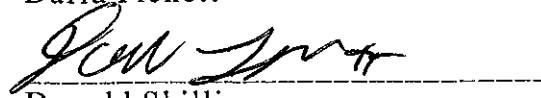
You are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting in a public and conspicuous place at least seven (7) days before the holding of said meeting.

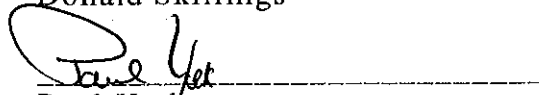
Hereof fail not and have this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place mentioned.

Given under our hands at Skowhegan, Maine the 28th day of April 2015.


Betty Austin, Vice Chairman


Darla Pickett


Donald Skillings

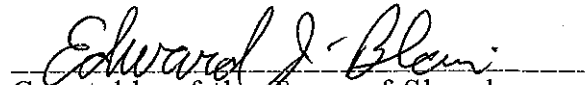

Paul York
Selectmen of the Town of Skowhegan

CONSTABLE'S RETURN

Skowhegan, Maine

April 29, 2015

Pursuant to the within warrant to me directed, I have notified and warned inhabitants of said town, qualified as therein expressed, to meet at said time, place, and for the purpose therein named, by posting a copy of said warrant, attested by me at the Municipal Building, Skowhegan Community Center and Hannaford, being public and conspicuous places in said town on the day of April 29, 2015, being at least seven (7) days before the meeting.


Constable of the Town of Skowhegan

Notes

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Emergency (Police/Fire/Ambulance) – Dial 911

<u>If you want information</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Phone #</u>	<u>E-Mail</u>
Administration	Town Manager	474-6907 474-9413	calmand@skowhegan.org Fax
Animal Control Officer	Sharon Kinney/Cara Mason	474-6386	cmason@skowhegan.org
Animal Shelter	Manager	474-6493	shsanimals.forever@yahoo.com
Assessor's Department	Assessor	474-6903	skowassessor@skowhegan.org
Bills and Accounts	Finance Officer	474-6900 858-0320	taustin@skowhegan.org Fax
Birth/Marriage/Death Certificates	Town Clerk	474-6902	skowtreas@skowhegan.org
Boat/Snowmobile/ATV Reg.	Town Clerk	474-6902	skowtreas@skowhegan.org
Building Inspections	Inspector	474-6904	skowcode@skowhegan.org
Chamber of Commerce	Director	474-3621	exdir@skowhegan.chamber.com
Code Enforcement	Officer	474-6904	skowcode@skowhegan.org
Community Center/Rec. Dept.	Director	474-6901	skowrec@skowhegan.org
Community & Economic Development	Director	474-6905	skowecon@skowhegan.org
District Court	District Court	474-9518	
Dog Licenses	Town Clerk	474-6902	skowtreas@skowhegan.org
Emergency Management	Town Manager	474-6900	calmand@skowhegan.org
Fire Department	Fire Chief	474-3400	showard@skowhegan.org
Fire Permits	Fire Chief	474-3400	skowfire@skowhegan.org
General Assistance	Director	474-6900	
Health Officer	Tim Malyk	474-3320	
Highway Department	Road Commissioner	474-6911	skowpwd@skowhegan.org
History House	Melvin Burnham	474-6632	474-1083
Hospital	RFGH	474-5121	
Hunting/Fishing Licenses	Town Clerk	474-6902	skowtreas@skowhegan.org
KVCAP	Office - Poulin Park	474-8487	
Lake George Regional Park	Park Ranger	474-1292	399-3185 (cell)
Library	Skowhegan Public	474-9072	
Margaret Chase Smith Library	Director	474-7133	
Opera House	Executive Secretary	474-6907	cmason@skowhegan.org
Ordinance	Code Enforcement	474-6904	skowcode@skowhegan.org
Passports	Executive Secretary	474-6907	cmason@skowhegan.org
Planning Board	Town Planner	474-6904	skowplan@skowhegan.org
Plumbing Information	Inspector	474-6904	skowcode@skowhegan.org
Police Department	Police Chief	474-6908	skowpd@skowhegan.org
Anonymous Tip Line	Detective	474-6915	skowdet@skowhegan.org
Pollution Control	Supervisor	474-6909	skowpoll@skowhegan.org
Recreation	Director	474-6901	skowrec@skowhegan.org
Registry of Deeds	Registrar	474-3421	
Recycling Center	Supervisor	474-6918	skowrecycle@skowhegan.org
Selectmen/Meetings, etc.	Executive Secretary	474-6907	cmason@skowhegan.org
Sewers	Road Commissioner	474-6911	skowpwd@skowhegan.org
Schools	Superintendent	474-9508	
Sheriffs Department	Sheriff	474-9591	
Solid Waste Management	Supervisor	474-6918	skowrecycle@skowhegan.org
State Police	State Police	474-3350	
Streets or Snow Removal	Road Commissioner	474-6911	skowpwd@skowhegan.org
Superior Court	Superior Court	474-5161	
Taxes	Tax Collector	474-6900	calmand@skowhegan.org
Town Treasurer/Town Clerk	Treasurer	474-6902	skowtreas@skowhegan.org
Vehicle Registrations	Main Office	474-6900	
Voter Information	Registrar of Voters	474-6906	skowvoter@skowhegan.org