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# Town of Skowhegan



## New Fire Engine – Holiday Stroll Parade



July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015

Annual Report

## CHARLES “CHUCK” A. ROBBINS, JR.

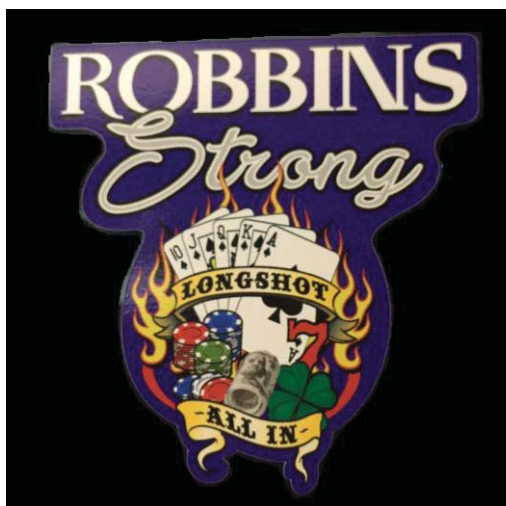
1963 - 2016

The Town of Skowhegan dedicates this year’s annual report to Chuck Robbins, a lifelong resident of Skowhegan who contributed so much to the community that he loved.

Chuck was a local businessman who was very proud to continue his father’s business here in Skowhegan. He took over the family business, Charlie & Son, in 1987.

As a long time member of the Elks Lodge, he was always very involved with its fundraisers. He played the part of Santa for many years for the Elks, meeting with local children to listen to their Christmas wishes.

Chuck always worked very hard to raise money for community events. He would visit local businesses to get donations and sponsorships for events, such as Moonlight Madness. He felt that community events were very important to the people of Skowhegan.



He was a lifetime member of the Skowhegan State Fair Association and raised money by getting donations and sponsors for demolition derbies to help rebuild the grandstands after the fire in 1999.

Chuck was a Babe Ruth baseball coach for many years. He would often joke that they were the “Bad News Bears” because he would always take children that he thought needed a little extra guidance. Chuck believed that team sports help give children the support that they need to succeed in life.

Chuck worked with the Skowhegan Police department to help fund the DARE program. He enjoyed racing an Enduro car all over Maine, donating sponsor money and winnings to the program.

He was always a supporter of the Skowhegan Fire and Police Departments. He was very close with the officers and firefighters after so many years of responding to accidents that required towing services, often in the middle of the night. Many times he donated old vehicles to the fire department for extrication training or to use at Moonlight Madness for demonstrations to the public.

Chuck died March 22, 2016 after a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer. His dedication to the community of Skowhegan will long be remembered.



***“Don’t count the days, make the days count.”***

**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, 2014 – June 30, 2015**

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Click on the “Notify Me” tab to sign up for notifications about bids, meetings, events, road closures, etc.

**ATTENTION: Property Revaluation  
(Property Tax Equalization)**

**ALL SKOWHEGAN PROPERTIES WILL BE VISITED**  
The Revaluation will take place from April 2016 through May 2017. Check the **Alert Bar** at the top of our website. This will be updated periodically to let everyone know what areas are being visited.

Town Manager, Christine Almand

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# Town of Skowhegan

## Town Manager

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Skowhegan, Maine 04976



## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT FISCAL YEAR 2015

The following pages include an excerpt of the 2015 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 cursive script, appearing to read "C. Almand".

Christine Almand  
Town Manager





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## 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, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

### *Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements*

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

### *Auditor's Responsibility*

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We did not audit the Schedules of Pension Amounts by Employer reported by the State of Maine Public Employees Retirement System, which provides information used to calculate the amounts recognized in the financial statements of the Town of Skowhegan, Maine as deferred outflows and deferred inflows related to pensions, net pension liability, pension expense, and pension revenue of governmental activities. Those schedules were audited by other auditors whose report has been furnished to us, and our opinion, insofar as it relates to the amounts included for the Town of Skowhegan, Maine, is based solely on the report of the other auditors and certain other procedures related to the allocation percentage and the amounts allocated to the Town of Skowhegan, Maine based on the allocation percentage. 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, based on our audit and the report of other auditors, 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, 2015, 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.

**Change in Accounting Principle**

As discussed in Note 1 to the financial statements, in the year ended June 30, 2015, the Town adopted new accounting guidance, Statement of Governmental Accounting Standards (GASB Statement) No. 68, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions and GASB Statement No. 71, Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

**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, pension information, and post-retirement plan schedule of funding progress on pages 6 through 13 and page 45 through 48 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.

*Shantree Hibodean & Associates*

March 31, 2016

**Town of Skowhegan, Maine**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**Governmental Funds**  
**June 30, 2015**

	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Permanent Fund	Total Governmental Funds
<b>ASSETS</b>					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,728	\$ 285,362	\$ 149,787	\$ -	\$ 436,877
Investments	4,338,982	-	5,411,328	1,042,743	10,791,033
Taxes receivable, net	579,014	-	-	-	579,014
Due from other governmental agencies	149,584	65,541	-	-	215,125
Due from Maine Bond Bank	-	-	9,394,951	-	9,394,951
Due from other funds	-	633,501	-	-	633,501
Prepaid expenses	-	-	462,176	-	462,176
Due from Skowhegan Economic Development	52,944	-	-	-	52,944
Loans receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$19,262	-	433,617	-	-	433,617
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 5,120,232</b>	<b>\$ 1,418,021</b>	<b>\$ 15,418,242</b>	<b>\$ 1,042,743</b>	<b>\$ 22,999,238</b>
<b>LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES</b>					
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Accounts payable	\$ 268,578	\$ 16,880	\$ 792,133	\$ -	\$ 1,077,591
Due to other funds	202,349	-	417,520	13,597	633,466
Payable to other governments	52,702	-	-	-	52,702
Unearned revenue	-	10,402	-	-	10,402
Other accrued expenses	14,338	-	-	-	14,338
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>537,967</b>	<b>27,282</b>	<b>1,209,653</b>	<b>13,597</b>	<b>1,788,499</b>
<b>Deferred inflows of resources</b>					
Prepaid taxes	25,698	-	-	-	25,698
Unavailable property taxes	474,653	-	-	-	474,653
<b>Total deferred inflows of resources</b>	<b>500,351</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>500,351</b>
<b>Fund balances</b>					
<b>Nonspendable for</b>					
Trust fund principal	-	-	-	647,545	647,545
Loans receivable	-	433,617	-	-	433,617
<b>Restricted for</b>					
Trust fund income	-	-	-	381,601	381,601
Capital projects	-	-	8,629,349	-	8,629,349
Special revenue funds	-	957,122	-	-	957,122
<b>Committed for</b>					
Capital projects	-	-	5,579,240	-	5,579,240
<b>Assigned for</b>					
Other purposes	61,336	-	-	-	61,336
Next year's budget	1,000,000	-	-	-	1,000,000
Unassigned	3,020,578	-	-	-	3,020,578
<b>Total fund balances</b>	<b>4,081,914</b>	<b>1,390,739</b>	<b>14,208,589</b>	<b>1,029,146</b>	<b>20,710,388</b>
<b>Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balances</b>	<b>\$ 5,120,232</b>	<b>\$ 1,418,021</b>	<b>\$ 15,418,242</b>	<b>\$ 1,042,743</b>	<b>\$ 22,999,238</b>

**Town of Skowhegan, Maine**  
**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances**  
**Governmental Funds**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2015**

	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Permanent Fund	Total Governmental Funds
<b>REVENUES</b>					
Property taxes	\$ 16,625,128	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16,625,128
Excise and miscellaneous taxes	1,444,335	-	-	-	1,444,335
Fees and fines	88,961	-	-	-	88,961
Licenses and permits	39,770	-	-	-	39,770
Intergovernmental	2,186,515	992,197	186,892	-	3,365,604
Charges for services	272,122	-	-	5,625	277,747
Investment and interest earnings	887	14,186	48,353	8,916	72,342
Contributions and reimbursements	44,312	-	-	6,189	50,501
Miscellaneous	14,100	-	-	-	14,100
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>20,716,130</b>	<b>1,006,383</b>	<b>235,245</b>	<b>20,730</b>	<b>21,978,488</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>					
<b>Current</b>					
General government	1,177,576	-	-	-	1,177,576
Protection	2,317,914	-	-	-	2,317,914
Public works	1,111,237	-	-	-	1,111,237
Waste water and pollution control	507,730	-	-	-	507,730
Solid waste management	766,062	-	-	-	766,062
Health and human services	173,375	-	-	-	173,375
Education	9,731,088	-	-	-	9,731,088
Parks and recreation	407,143	-	-	-	407,143
County tax	2,373,279	-	-	-	2,373,279
Cemeteries	80,594	-	-	12,069	92,663
Community services	136,867	-	-	-	136,867
Grant program expenses	-	1,063,545	-	-	1,063,545
<b>Debt service</b>					
Principal	756,613	-	729,000	-	1,485,613
Interest and loan fees	158,926	-	250,356	-	409,282
Capital outlay	-	-	3,538,674	-	3,538,674
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<b>19,698,404</b>	<b>1,063,545</b>	<b>4,518,030</b>	<b>12,069</b>	<b>25,292,048</b>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	1,017,726	(57,162)	(4,282,785)	8,661	(3,313,560)
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>					
Transfers in	14,272	-	982,817	-	997,089
Transfers out	(982,817)	-	-	(14,272)	(987,089)
<b>Total other financing sources and uses</b>	<b>(968,545)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>982,817</b>	<b>(14,272)</b>	<b>-</b>
Net change in fund balances	49,181	(57,162)	(3,299,968)	(5,611)	(3,313,560)
<b>FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING</b>	<b>4,032,733</b>	<b>1,447,901</b>	<b>17,508,557</b>	<b>1,034,757</b>	<b>24,023,948</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES - ENDING</b>	<b>\$ 4,081,914</b>	<b>\$ 1,390,739</b>	<b>\$ 14,208,589</b>	<b>\$ 1,029,146</b>	<b>\$ 20,710,388</b>

**Town of Skowhegan, Maine  
Budgetary Comparison Schedule  
General Fund  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2015**

	Budgeted Amounts			Actual	Variance with Final Budget - Positive (Negative)
	Original	Changes**	Final*		
<b>REVENUES</b>					
Property taxes	\$ 16,620,197	\$ -	\$ 16,620,197	\$ 16,625,128	\$ 4,931
Excise and miscellaneous taxes	1,055,000	-	1,055,000	1,444,335	389,335
Fees and fines	51,410	-	51,410	88,961	37,551
Licenses and permits	24,575	-	24,575	39,770	15,195
Intergovernmental	2,125,819	74,359	2,200,178	2,186,515	(13,663)
Charges for services	271,060	-	271,060	272,122	1,062
Investment and interest earnings	1,000	-	1,000	887	(113)
Contributions and reimbursements	43,578	-	43,578	44,312	734
Miscellaneous	11,714	-	11,714	14,100	2,386
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>20,204,353</b>	<b>74,359</b>	<b>20,278,712</b>	<b>20,716,130</b>	<b>437,418</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>					
<b>Current</b>					
General government	1,307,748	(3,169)	1,304,579	1,177,576	127,003
Protection	2,481,272	15,000	2,496,272	2,317,914	178,358
Public works	1,240,184	-	1,240,184	1,111,237	128,947
Waste water and pollution control	531,474	-	531,474	507,730	23,744
Solid waste management	805,419	-	805,419	768,062	39,357
Health and human services	99,016	74,359	173,375	173,375	-
Education	9,731,088	-	9,731,088	9,731,088	-
Parks and recreation	441,315	-	441,315	407,143	34,172
County tax	2,373,279	-	2,373,279	2,373,279	-
Cemeteries	81,684	-	81,684	80,594	1,090
Community services	136,867	-	136,867	136,867	-
Tax Increment financing	74,481	(74,481)	-	-	-
<b>Debt service</b>					
Principal	753,772	2,841	756,613	756,613	-
Interest and other charges	178,601	(14,672)	163,929	158,926	5,003
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<b>20,236,200</b>	<b>(122)</b>	<b>20,236,078</b>	<b>19,698,404</b>	<b>537,674</b>
<b>Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures</b>	<b>(31,847)</b>	<b>74,481</b>	<b>42,634</b>	<b>1,017,726</b>	<b>975,092</b>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>					
Use of carryover fund balances	1,000,000	-	1,000,000	-	(1,000,000)
Overlay	(61,841)	-	(61,841)	-	61,841
Transfers in	14,500	-	14,500	14,272	(228)
Transfers out	(920,812)	(74,481)	(995,293)	(982,817)	12,476
<b>Total other financing sources and uses</b>	<b>31,847</b>	<b>(74,481)</b>	<b>(42,634)</b>	<b>(988,545)</b>	<b>(925,911)</b>
<b>Net change in fund balances</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>49,181</b>	<b>\$ 49,181</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING</b>				<b>4,032,733</b>	
<b>FUND BALANCES - ENDING</b>				<b>\$ 4,081,914</b>	

\* 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

225 Water Street  
Skowhegan, Maine 04976



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

As your Town Manager, it is my pleasure and privilege to submit a report of the municipal activities by the various department heads, committees and organizations. The Town Report is a valuable resource of information and insight as to what is taking place in our community. You will find the June 2016 Annual Town Meeting Warrant located at the end of this Town Report.

Over the past year, the town has continued to increase its efforts of collaboration. As the Board of Assessors, the Board of Selectmen, and Sappi officials were coming to an agreement on the reduced value of the paper mill, town officials worked with our state legislators and other communities to successfully obtain tax relief so that Skowhegan taxpayers would not be burdened to pay for education funding on value that no longer exists.

Collaboration has also infused a new energy in economic development. With the formation of a Downtown TIF Oversight Committee to work on an amendment to extend and expand the current TIF, the following groups have been brought together: Town of Skowhegan, Main Street Skowhegan, Skowhegan Economic Development Corp., Somerset Economic Development Corp., the Skowhegan Area Chamber of Commerce, and public member, Amber Lambke. By joining forces, we have been able to take advantage of our assets and have also worked on other projects together, such as broadband and Run of River.

The town departments have also increased collaboration in areas of life and safety inspections, tax assessments, and sewer upgrade projects to name a few. We are fortunate to have a staff that embodies the true sense of teamwork. Special Thanks and credit must be given to the Board of Selectmen: Donald Skillings, Chairman; Paul York, Vice Chairman; Betty Austin, Darla Pickett, and Soren Siren and to the Department Heads: Trisha Austin, Finance/Human Resource Director; Donald Bolduc, 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.

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](http://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.

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 black ink, appearing to read "Christine Almand".

Christine Almand  
Town Manager



Donald Skillings, Chairman  
Paul York, Vice Chairman  
Betty Austin  
Darla Pickett  
Soren Siren

# Town of Skowhegan

## Board of Selectmen

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To all Citizens of Skowhegan,

It is with great pride that I issue you this update on the proceedings of the Select Board for these past 12 months. Last June, I was elected your board Chair and as such decided to prioritize our work in a slightly different fashion than past years. Our first mission was to write a set of bylaws that will help provide guidance and clarity for future members serving as a Selectmen.

We then decided that we would try to be proactive rather than reactive in regards to the larger issues regarding the Town. In doing this we prioritized six issues, including Economic Development/Run of River, Town Bid Policy, Job Classes and Pay Scales for Town Employees, Sewer User fees, Utilizing outside services and a Town Charter. In addition to our regular work we have addressed three of these issues and will continue to work toward resolving the other three in the near future.

Our revaluation is getting into motion as spring proceeds and property owners should expect to be contacted before December to have their property reevaluated. In addition, we as a board had two abatement requests from our largest taxpayer (SAPPI) that required much of our attention these past 12 months. It is with a great sense of accomplishment that we as a Board, along with the Board of Assessors and the Town Manager, were able to reach a compromise with SAPPI and conclude what could have been a long and lengthy battle over their valuation. In doing so, we provided stability to SAPPI, their employees and the Town for the next three years and hopefully laid a foundation to work in partnership with the mill in the future.

There is a great sense of community in town and it is the objective of this select board to continue to work for the betterment of our community. We encourage participation in our community in any form you see fit whether serving on a board, attending Selectman meetings or simply volunteering at the Recreation Department.

I look for to speaking with you all around town.

Sincerely,

*Donald L. Skillings*

Donald L Skillings  
Board of Selectmen Chairman

# **TOWN OF SKOWHEGAN**

July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015

Elected and Appointed Officials

Departments and Committees

By:

Gail R. Pelotte, Town Clerk



**ELECTED OFFICIALS**  
**July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015**

**SELECTMEN – 3 YEAR TERMS**

Terms Expiring 2015:

Newell Graf, Jr., Chairman  
(R 1/7/15)

Darla Pickett

Terms Expiring 2016:

Betty Austin, Vice-Chairman  
Paul York

Terms Expiring 2017:

Donald Skillings

**ASSESSORS – 3 YEAR TERMS**

John Grohs – 2015

Ronald Blaisdell, Chairman – 2016

David Summers, Vice Chairman – 2017

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

Deborah Jones - 2015

Dana Hamilton - 2016

Gary York (A 11/4/14 election) - 2017

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

Gail R. Pelotte – 2015

**ROAD COMMISSIONER –  
3 YEAR TERM**

Gregory Dore – 2015

**PARK COMMISSIONERS –  
5 YEAR TERMS**

Evalyn Bowman – 2015

Peter Foxwell – 2016

Robert Haynes – 2016

David Barter, Treasurer/Secretary – 2017

Violet Ferland – 2019

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

Terms Expiring 2015:

Elizabeth Anderson

Jane Arthur

Noella DesPres

Jessie Ladaga-Roderick (A 2/12/15)

Mary Turbyne (R 12/18/14)

Terms Expiring 2016:

Richard Irwin, Sr.

Jennifer Poirier

Timothy Spencer

Terms Expiring 2017:

Mark Bedard

Jeannine Conley

Karyn Curran

Margaret Lovejoy

**APPOINTED OFFICIALS, COMMITTEES & DEPARTMENTS**  
**July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015**

**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

Cara Mason, Executive Secretary /  
Opera House Manager

**SELECTMEN – FINANCE OFFICERS**

Newell Graf, Jr., Finance Officer (R 1/7/15)  
Betty Austin, 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

**FINANCE OFFICER / HUMAN RESOURCE**

Telephone: 474-6900

Trisha Austin

**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 (R 8/26/14)  
Jennifer Tenan (A 10/14/14)  
E. Gene Rouse, PT Collections Clerk

**PUBLIC ACCESS OFFICER**

Gail R. Pelotte

**GENERAL ASSISTANCE DIRECTOR**

Telephone: 474-6900

Mary Jane Clifford

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

Telephone: 474-6911

Gregory Dore, Road Commissioner  
Clyde Ayotte (A 4/21/15)  
Joshua Berryman (A 4/21/15)  
Charles Bess III  
Randy Bowden  
Dennis Cotton (R 11/14/14)  
Amos Courtney, Seasonal  
Timothy Holt (R 12/15/14)  
Brian Hubbard  
Corey Johnson  
William Marsh, Jr.  
Michael McKenney, Seasonal  
Scott Otis, Seasonal  
Walter Powell  
Matthew Quinn, Seasonal  
William Watters, Seasonal  
Duane Whittemore (R12/30/14,  
Seasonal 1/14/15, FT 4/21/15)

**COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT**

Telephone: 474-6905

Jeffrey Hewett, Director  
Dena Rich, Secretary

**PARKS & RECREATION DEPT-**

Telephone: 474-6901

Denise LeBlanc, Director  
Michael Hoyt, Program Assistant  
Timothy Crockett, Staff Assistant  
(R 1/30/15)  
Stephen McDaniel, Staff Assistant  
(A 4/6/15)  
Timothy Poulin, Maintenance Assistant  
(R 6/1/15)  
Bethany Sevey, PT Staff Assistant  
(A 4/6/15)

**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 2015:

Steve Conley

Terms Expiring 2016:

Stephen Gould  
Christopher Kruse (A 4/14/15)  
Rodney Whittemore (R 3/24/15)

Terms Expiring 2017:

Edward Goff, Jr., Vice Chairman

Terms Expiring 2018:

Soren Siren, Chairman

Terms Expiring 2019:

Harvey Austin, Jr.  
Todd Smith, (A6/24/14)

**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

Shawn Howard, Fire Chief (A 9/1/14)  
Richard Fowler, Jr., Fire Chief (T 8/8/14)  
Richard Caldwell, Captain  
Linwood Corson  
Jason Frost, Captain (9/22/14)  
Michael S. Savage, Captain  
Ty Strout  
Daryl Wyman

**FIRE DEPARTMENT CHAPLAINE-1 YEAR**

Rev. Mark Tanner

**CALL FIREFIGHTERS**

Seth Abbott (A 4/28/14)  
Mike Allmendinger (R12/31/14)  
Joseph Almand (A 4/24/14)  
Jimmy Bigelow  
Bradley Bosworth  
Danny Bosworth  
Bradford, Richard (A 12/22/14)  
Jordan Burdet  
Corson, Josh (A 2/12/15)  
Shawn Enright  
Nicholas Gilman  
Ashley Higgins (A 4/22/14)  
Derrick Kinney  
Bryan LaPointe (A 5/2/14)  
Scott Libby  
Thomas Lyons, Jr.  
Michael McKenney  
Matthew Morin  
Alan Nickerson  
Devin Provencal  
Nick Quimby  
Matthew Quinn  
Gregory Smith (R 7/1/14)  
Scott Washburn  
Eric Witham

## **FIRE WARDEN**

Shawn Howard, Fire Chief (A 9/1/14)  
Richard Fowler, Jr.,  
Fire Chief (T 8/8/14)

## **DEPUTY FIRE WARDENS 3 YEAR TERMS EXPIRING 2015**

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

## **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR Telephone 474-3400**

Christine Almand

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

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

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

John Jordan, Chairman  
Kurt Maynard, Vice Chairman  
Jason Gayne, Treasurer  
Sally Dwyer  
Bill Finley  
Reid Gibson  
Kurt Maynard  
Darla Pickett  
Doreen Poulin  
Donald Skillings (R6/11/14)  
Todd Smith (A 10/28/14)

## **HEALTH OFFICER – 5 YR TERM Telephone: 474-6201**

Timothy Malyk- 2017

## **2015 FAÇADE COMMITTEE EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2015**

Steve Gould  
Shahla Khan  
Christopher Perkins  
Bill Primemerman  
Donna Russakoff

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT Telephone: 474-6908**

Edward Blais, Chief  
Donald Bolduc- Deputy Chief  
Keith Bigger, Sergeant (R 11/12/14)  
Toby Blodgett, Sergeant (A 12/22/14, R  
2/22/15)  
Joel Cummings, Sergeant  
Kelly Hooper, Detective  
Joshua King, Detective

### **Police Officers**

Michael Bachelder (A 3/2/15)  
Ryan Blakeney (A 6/1/15)  
Toby Blodgett (R12/22/14)  
David Daigneault, School Resource Officer  
Ryan Dinsmore (R 11/16/14)  
James Gordon III (A 6/24/15)  
Daryl Gordon, MDEA (R 3/6/15)  
Kyle Haseltine (R 1/5/15)  
Kristopher Gagne (R12/28/14)  
Herbert Oliver  
Katelyn Treyllino (A 6/9/15)  
Christopher Viera (A 4/14/15)  
Timothy Williams

### **Reserve Police Officers**

Ronnie Blodgett  
Toby Blodgett  
Teresa Brown  
Garrett Buzzell  
Brian Crater  
Jason Gayne  
James Gordon III (A 3/6/15, R 6/23/15)  
Stanley Guilmette (R 12/15/14)  
Kyle Haseltine (A 1/5/15)  
Mike Pike  
Ian Shalit

### **Constables**

Edward Blais  
Donald Bolduc  
Mark Sellinger (R 1/2015)

Robin Sellinger (R 1/2015)

**PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING COMMITTEE  
TERMS EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2015  
(New committee formed 7/22/14)**

**Voting Members**

Fire Chief: Shawn Howard  
Police Chief: Edward Blais  
CEO: Randall Gray  
Road Commissioner: Greg Dore  
Selectman: Newell Graf and Paul York  
Primary Citizens:  
    Steven Conley  
    Daniel Davis  
    Beverly Fitzsimmons  
    Stephen Gould  
    Warren Shay  
    Steven Spaulding  
Alternate Citizens:  
    Todd Smith  
    Vacant

**Non-voting Members**

Town Manager: Christine Almand  
Fire Captains:  
    Michael Savage  
    Vacant  
Deputy Police Chief: Donald Bolduc

**ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER –  
1 YEAR TERMS**

Sharon Kinney  
Alternate Animal Control Officer-  
    Cara Mason

**FENCE VIEWERS – 1 YEAR TERMS**

Darla Pickett  
Donald Skillings

**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 (R 6/2015)  
Rupert White  
Kevin Withee

**CEMETERY SEXTON – 1 YEAR TERM  
Telephone: 474-9316**

Mark Bossie

**CEMETERY COMMITTEE**

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

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

Bill Finley – 2017  
Christopher Perkins – 2016  
Warren Shay, Chairman -2015  
Donald Skillings, (R 6/11/2014)  
Cara Mason, Secretary

**.ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

Bradley Corson - 2017  
Mayron Corson – 2016  
Howard Sevey, Secretary – 2015  
Vacant- 2019

**TOWN ATTORNEYS – 1 YEAR TERMS**

Kenneth Lexier  
Warren Shay

## **HERITAGE COUNCIL – 5 YEAR TERMS**

### Terms Expiring 2016:

Carol Lam  
Katie Ouilette, Chairman

### Terms Expiring 2017:

Dionne, Jessica  
Judie McCarthy  
Gail Kay, Secretary  
Pied, Andre

### Terms Expiring 2018:

Theresa Taylor  
Robert Washburn  
Shirley Whittemore, Vice-Chairman

### Terms Expiring 2019:

Andy Russakoff  
Evalyn Bowman (A 12/9/14)

## **CONSERVATION COMMISSION – 5 YEAR TERMS**

Peter Whitkop – 2015  
Sherri Vigue – 2015  
Joseph Dembeck IV -2018  
Derek Ellis – 2018  
Corey Johnson – 2018  
Robert McGorty - 2019

## **CHANNEL 11 BOARD OF DIRECTORS (Staggered expiration dates implemented)**

### Term Expiring 2016:

Darla Pickett

### Term expiring 2017:

Cara Mason (A 8/13/14)

### Term expiring 2018:

Jeff Evans

## **BUDGET/FINANCE COMMITTEE 3 YEAR TERMS**

### Terms Expiring 2015:

Michelle Cummings  
John Grohs  
Christopher Kruse  
Michelle Mills (R 2/1/15)  
Ann Spaulding

### Terms Expiring 2016:

Dan Blais  
Gene Rouse  
Christian Savage  
Robert Schneider

### Terms Expiring 2017:

Rebekah Snakar  
Robert Washburn, Chairman (R6/2015)

## **LAKE GEORGE COMMITTEE – 3 YEAR TERMS EXPIRING 2017**

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

## **RUN OF RIVER COMMITTEE**

Gregory Dore, Chairman  
Bill Finley  
Karen Hart  
Denise LeBlanc  
Iver Lofving  
Jeff McCabe  
Dugan Murphy  
Craig Taylor

## **ELECTION OFFICIALS**

### **OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR OF VOTERS TWO YEAR TERMS EXPIRING 1/1/2017**

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 3/13/2018 – 3 Year Term  
Christopher Perkins, Republican – Term Expiring 3/13/2018 – 3 Year Term

### **ELECTION/BALLOT CLERKS TERMS EXPIRING May 1, 2016 2 YEAR TERMS**

#### **Democrats**

Lorraine Arsenault  
Jane Arthur  
Judith Bowzer  
Phyllis Chamberlain  
Carole Clement  
Kathryn Evans  
Olivia Gray  
Rose Gray  
Bertha Irwin  
Richard Irwin, Sr.  
Robert Landry  
Adrienne Leo  
Laurie Lightbody  
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



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*Tax Collector*  
*Telephone (207) 474-6902*  
*Fax (207) 474-9413*



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

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

**Voter Registration Report**  
**July 1 2014 to June 30 2015**  
**To the Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Skowhegan**

The following meetings and elections were held during this period:

Special Town Meeting	October 28, 2014
Municipal Election	November 4, 2014
General Election and Referendum Election	November 4, 2014
Special Town Meeting	April 28, 2015
Special Town Meeting	June 8, 2015
Skowhegan Municipal Election and RSU/SAD#54 Budget Election	June 9, 2015.

The General Election in November saw a very large voter turnout and significant number of new voter registrations. The election of governor and the bear referendum question motivated many new voters to come in, which we always are glad to see.

The number of voters presently registered is:

Democrats 1948  
Republicans 1743  
Green Independents 175  
Unenrolled 2291  
Total 6157

Respectfully submitted,

*John Fansworth*  
Registrar of Voters



## DIRECTORY OF REPRESENTATIVES

### Federal United States Senate

Senator Susan M. Collins  
413 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington DC 20510  
(202) 224-2523

or

68 Sewall Street, Rm 507  
Augusta, Maine 04330  
(207) 622-8414

Senator Angus King  
133 Hart Building  
Washington DC 20510  
(202) 224-5344

or

4 Gabriel Drive, Suite 3  
Augusta, Maine 04330  
(207) 622-8292

### U.S. Representatives to Congress

Congressmen Bruce Poliquin  
426 Canon House Office Building  
Washington DC 20515  
(202)225-6306

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6 State Street, Suite 101  
Bangor, Maine 04240  
(207) 942-0583

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**House of Representatives**  
Clerk's Office  
2 State House Station  
Augusta Maine 04333-0002

District 107  
Representative Jeff McCabe  
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Skowhegan ME 04976  
Business: (207) 399-3185  
State House: (207) 287-1430  
Email: [jeffmccabe4me@gmail.com](mailto:jeffmccabe4me@gmail.com)  
State House Email: Rep [Jeffrey.McCabe@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:Jeffrey.McCabe@legislature.maine.gov)

**State of Maine**  
**Senate**  
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Senate District 3  
Senator Rodney Whittemore  
PO Box 96  
Skowhegan Maine 04976  
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Business (207) 474-2591  
State House: (207) 287-1505  
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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
HOUSE DEMOCRATIC OFFICE  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002

JEFF M. McCABE  
MAJORITY LEADER

**LETTER TO THE TOWN OF SKOWHEGAN**

Dear Neighbors:

It is an honor to continue to represent you in the State Legislature. Serving the citizens of Skowhegan over the past eight years has been truly rewarding and I thank you for the trust you placed in me when you elected me to the House of Representatives.

In my role as the House majority leader, I have had the great honor of working with people from all over the state about issues that impact Mainers. I am committed to caring for our senior citizens, supporting our veterans, strengthening schools through school funding so our children receive the best education and protecting our most vulnerable community members.

During the 2016 legislative session, we will discuss urgent legislation and bills carried over from 2015. All legislative work is scheduled to be completed by mid-April. Our top priorities for this session include strengthening the economy, growing good-paying jobs and solving the state's drug crisis.

I am dedicated to ensuring the release of the voter-approved Land for Maine's Future bonds, keeping property taxes low, funding our jails, growing the agricultural sector and investing in broadband and renewable energy so we can boost the economy of rural Maine.

Whether we are dealing with the above issues or any other topic, I stand ready to work with all of my colleagues, regardless of party affiliation, to make sure we're doing the best work we can for the people of our district and all the people of 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](mailto:Jeff.McCabe@legislature.maine.gov) or by phone at 287-1430.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of stylized initials and a long horizontal line.

Jeff McCabe  
State Representative



Dear Friends and Neighbors:

I am so grateful and thankful that you've selected me to represent you in the Maine Senate. I am honored that you've put your trust in me and I will continue to work tirelessly for the betterment of you and your neighbors, as well as for the great State of Maine. Please let me provide you with a recap of the first session of the 127<sup>th</sup> Legislature as well as my hopes for the second session, which has just begun.

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. To this end, my fellow legislators and I accomplished a great deal during the first session of the 127<sup>th</sup> Legislature.

We passed a biennial budget that ensured that more Maine families received a tax cut, even more than did in the previous "largest tax cut in Maine history" in 2011. This year's budget also stopped taxes on military pensions, so those who have sacrificed for our country can feel welcomed and at home in our state. We also restructured portions of our welfare system, increased funding for nursing homes, and put far more funding towards eliminating waitlists for services for brain-injured and intellectually disabled Mainers.

I'm really looking forward to watching how the significant changes we've already made will better the everyday lives of Mainers. I wanted to serve in Augusta in order to have an impact on the direction of our region and our state. Passing vital legislation (and, sometimes, stopping bad legislation) has remained one of my top priorities.

As you know, more changes are necessary. This year, during the second session of the legislature, we need to make progress towards addressing the cost of energy in this state. There are a number of bills that have been proposed that would change the way our state's energy system works, and I look forward to working hard on legislation that would lower your energy costs. I also believe that working to provide support to areas hard-hit by recent mill closings should be a focus of the 2016 session. Fighting the war on drugs here in Maine will also be a top priority for lawmakers. Several bills have been proposed that will aid officers in combating the drug epidemic.

You have my humble and sincere thanks for allowing me to represent you in Augusta. Please feel free to contact me at 207-287-1505 or at [rodwhittemore@gmail.com](mailto:rodwhittemore@gmail.com) if you have comments or questions, or if you would like assistance in navigating our state's bureaucracy.

Sincerely,

Rodney Whittemore  
State Senator



Dear Friends of Skowhegan:

It has been a privilege to serve the State of Maine since being sworn into the U.S. Senate.

Much of my time in Washington this past year has been devoted to the Senate Armed Services Committee and the Select Committee on Intelligence. Protecting our homeland and the people of Maine from terrorism and violence remains one of my top priorities. Through my work on the Armed Services Committee, I was able to secure several provisions in the 2016 National Defense Authorization Act that benefit Maine. The legislation authorizes the construction of an additional DDG-51 Arleigh Burke Class Destroyer that could be built at Bath Iron Works and expands the HUBZone program to stimulate economic growth at former military installations like the former Brunswick Naval Air Station.

Returning control to teachers, school districts, and states has also been a primary concern of mine. I am encouraged that the Every Student Succeeds Act has become law. It eliminates the burdensome requirements of the No Child Left Behind Act and ensures access to a quality education for all students. A provision I helped author in the bill will give states the opportunity to pilot the use of their own proficiency-based assessments in lieu of federally-mandated standardized tests. Also included in the bill are several measures I secured to promote local input, fund education technology initiatives, and explore new strategies to increase student access to the internet outside of school.

Communities across Maine have taken bold action to improve their broadband connectivity, and I have been proud to foster federal support for these types of projects. My amendments to the Every Student Succeeds Act will promote the type of work already occurring in Washington County, where students who lack broadband access are able to check out mobile hotspots from their local libraries. Additionally, a bill I co-sponsored, the Community Broadband Act, helped pave the way for the FCC to enact rules protecting the ability of municipalities to invest in better broadband. I am excited by Maine's leadership on this important economic development issue and will continue to support local efforts in this area.

After extensive negotiations, the Senate passed a five-year transportation bill that will increase highway and transit funding in Maine and provide stability to improve our transportation infrastructure. The legislation contains provisions I cosponsored to cut red tape and improve predictability and timeliness by streamlining the federal permitting process for large infrastructure projects. Also incorporated in this bill are my provisions to relieve financial regulations on Maine's community banks and credit unions and to reauthorize the Export-Import Bank, a critical tool that supports communities and small business across the state.

Following my inquiries in the Energy and Natural Resources Committee, the National Park Service has announced they will begin exploring strategies to allow park visitors to purchase electronic passes online and will pilot the program at Acadia National Park. These passes would improve access to our nation's most treasured landscapes and would generate resources for years to come. I remain deeply engaged in preserving Maine's natural beauty and strengthening our outdoor recreation economy.

It is with solemn responsibility that I have focused my energy addressing the opioid epidemic in Maine. This work includes convening roundtables with a wide-range of health care and law enforcement professionals to combat addiction; introducing a proposal to safely dispose of excess prescription drugs; cosponsoring a

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INTELLIGENCE  
RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

Senate-passed bill that addresses mothers struggling with addiction and the alarming effect it has on newborns; cosponsoring the TREAT Act, which expands the ability of medical specialists to provide life-saving medication-assisted therapies for patients battling heroin and prescription drug addiction; and calling on the Commander of U.S. Southern Command to increase efforts to stop the flow of heroin at our southern border.

I like to think of Maine as a big small town – and in a small town, the leaders are accessible and eager to listen. In that spirit, I've made it a priority to stay connected with people from all over Maine who e-mail, write, and call with suggestions or questions. If I can ever assist in your interaction with a federal agency, or you have thoughts, concerns, or personal input on a matter that is currently before Congress I hope you will contact me, let me know where you stand, and engage in this critical part of democracy. Please call my toll-free line at **1-800-432-1599** or one of my offices: Augusta (207) 622-8292, Presque Isle (207) 764-5124, Scarborough (207) 883-1588, or Washington, D.C. (202) 224-5344. You can also write me on our website at [www.king.senate.gov/contact](http://www.king.senate.gov/contact).

As always, I am honored to represent the people of Maine and look forward to working with you for the betterment of our great state.

Sincerely,



Angus S. King, Jr.  
United States Senator

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169 Academy Street, Suite A  
Presque Isle, ME 04769  
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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
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Paul R. LePage  
GOVERNOR

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. Some are pushing to raise the minimum wage, but I want Mainers to earn a maximum wage. Reducing the income tax is the biggest and most immediate pay raise for all hard-working Mainers.

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

Another of my priorities is to lower the cost of student debt in Maine. If young people are struggling with too much student debt, they are unable to afford homes or vehicles. We are now offering programs to help them lower their debt, stay in Maine, begin their careers and start families.

To provide good-paying jobs for our young people, we must also work hard to reduce our energy costs. High energy costs are a major factor in driving out manufacturers, mills and other businesses that need low-cost electricity. I am committed to lowering the cost of energy, not only to attract job creators, but also to allow Maine people to heat and power their homes affordably and effectively.

And finally, we are making progress to address the drug pandemic in our state. It is my most important duty to keep the Maine people safe. While education, treatment and prevention efforts are important, we must get the dealers off the streets. I am pleased the Legislature has finally agreed to fund my proposal for more drug agents to stem the supply of deadly opiates flowing into our communities, but our law enforcement agencies are still understaffed. We must do more.

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](http://www.maine.gov/governor).

Sincerely,

Paul R. LePage  
Governor



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Town Manager, Christine Almand

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# Town of Skowhegan

## Town Manager

225 Water Street  
Skowhegan, Maine 04976



## TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT 2015

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 15<sup>th</sup> and March 15<sup>th</sup>. 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 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 "Christine Almand".

Christine Almand  
Town Manager

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Town of Skowhegan  
225 Water Street  
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## TAXPAYER'S NOTICE

### REAL ESTATE:

If you have constructed, altered or removed any buildings since April 1, 2015 and on or before April 1, 2016, 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, 2017, for the 2017-2018 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, 2017, any widow or minor children of veterans who would have been 62 years of age as of April 1, 2017 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, 2017. 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, 2017 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, 2017 can apply for a Homestead Exemption. The application needs to be received by April 1, 2017. This exemption from taxation went into effect in 1998. We are assuming that it will be available in 2017 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*

William Van Tuinen, Agent to the Board of Assessors

*Leisa D. Emery*

Leisa D. Emery, Assistant Assessor



## SKOWHEGAN BOARD OF ASSESSORS REPORT

To the Citizens and Taxpayers of Skowhegan:

The tax rate for the fiscal year 2016, beginning 7/1/2015 and ending 6/30/2016, was \$18.30 per thousand.

Our last revaluation was done in 1991. Therefore, our data on properties is out of date. Pursuant to a town meeting vote in June of 2015 we are currently undergoing a revaluation. Vision Appraisal is the firm doing the work. They began work in April of 2016. The phase currently underway is data collection. An employee of the firm will ask to review the measurements of each taxpayer's primary buildings and to make a brief interior inspection. Your cooperation in this effort is appreciated.

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, has experienced less demand for its paper products. This is the result of more and more digital substitution for printed reading material. The Town recently reached a settlement agreement with S.D. Warren. Tax abatement appeals for fiscal years 2015 and 2016 were dropped. But a reduction in valuation of the paper mill will be made for the upcoming fiscal year.

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

This trend is not only due to the decline in the paper industry. 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 excludes 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 which is exempt from taxation. 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 2016 fiscal year the tax commitment in Skowhegan raised the following net amounts:

1. The town of Skowhegan raised a net amount of \$5,361,321.24. Included in this town amount is a Downtown TIF appropriation of \$74,021. This was about 30.8% of the total tax and amounted to about \$5.645 per thousand of valuation.

2. SAD 54 raised a net amount of \$9,470,013, which comprises 54.5% of the total tax and amounted to \$9.971 per thousand of valuation.
3. Somerset County raised a net amount of \$2,549.341.30 which comprises 14.7% of the total or \$2.684 per thousand.

The growth in the Skowhegan tax base over the past year included 10 new homes valued at \$1,142,300, 2 apartment houses under construction valued at \$410,800, and 3 new commercial buildings valued at approximately \$600,000.

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*

Ronald F. Blaisdell, Chairman

*David G. Summers*

David G. Summers, V. Chairman

*John Grohs*

John Grohs

**2011 Uncollected Real Estate Taxes  
As of April 1, 2016**

CLOUTIER, TANAE	\$ 1,113.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,113.00</b>

**2012 Uncollected Real Estate Taxes  
As of April 1, 2016**

CLOUTIER, TANAE	\$ 1,154.36
SKOWHEGAN HSG. LMTD PRTNRSH	\$ 1,453.88
	\$ 2,608.24
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,608.24</b>

**2013 Uncollected Real Estate Taxes  
As of April 1, 2016**

CALER, CAROL - PERS REP	\$ 388.75
CLOUTIER, TANAE	\$ 1,331.30
HOUSE, CELINA	\$ 193.00
KEENE, CATHERINE	\$ 127.61
SKOWHEGAN HSG. LMTD PRTNRSH	\$ 5,576.03
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
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 10,497.92</b>

**2014 Uncollected Real Estate Taxes  
As of April 1, 2016**

MCCARTHY, AMBROSE	\$ 38.21
CALER, CAROL - PERS REP	\$ 399.35
CARPENTER, CHARLES J SR ET ALS	\$ 83.86
CLOUTIER, TANAE	\$ 1,353.92
FOSTER, LAURIE	\$ 245.54
HOUSE, CELINA	\$ 528.43
HOUSE, CELINA	\$ 103.29

### 2014 Uncollected Real Estate Taxes

KEENE, CATHERINE	\$	135.01
YANKEE REALTY	\$	476.25
YANKEE REALTY	\$	1,364.75
YANKEE REALTY	\$	408.04
YANKEE REALTY	\$	409.74
YANKEE REALTY	\$	409.74
YANKEE REALTY	\$	409.74
YANKEE REALTY	\$	421.68
YANKEE REALTY	\$	423.39
YANKEE REALTY INC	\$	1,622.26
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>8,833.20</b>

### 2015 Uncollected Real Estate Taxes As of April 1, 2016

AMES REAL ESTATE ENTERPRISES	\$	392.80
AMES REAL ESTATE ENTERPRISES	\$	389.24
BAILEY, WANDA MARIE	\$	1,213.18
BAKER, PAMELA J - PR	\$	2,360.98
BARRETT, DOUGLAS	\$	1,106.26
BARRETT, DOUGLAS - TRUSTEE	\$	821.97
BARRETT, DOUGLAS - TRUSTEE	\$	1,221.90
BARRETT, DOUGLAS - TRUSTEE	\$	1,241.48
BARRETT, DOUGLAS - TRUSTEE	\$	1,086.70
BARRETT, DOUGLAS - TRUSTEE	\$	3,561.54
BARRETT, DOUGLAS - TRUSTEE	\$	4,164.69
BEANE, STEVEN A SR	\$	510.78
BERRY, MICHAEL A II	\$	1,277.06
BLODGETT, KERT	\$	1,168.92
BOLDUC, ALEX KIM	\$	1,990.91
BREINGAN, GLEN A	\$	1,974.89
BROADLEY, GLENN	\$	2,049.35
BURNS, PAMELA	\$	1,273.89
BUSSELL, ERIC	\$	382.51
CALER, CAROL - PERS REP	\$	403.86
CARPENTER, CHARLES J SR ET ALS	\$	74.71
CARPENTIER, ELLEN M - PERS REP	\$	151.62
CEMEDO INC	\$	815.61
CEMEDO INC	\$	677.86
CHAPMAN, LAURA	\$	1,051.48
CIPRIANO, ANTHONY	\$	1,916.08
CLARK, EZRA	\$	730.85
CLOUTIER, TANAE	\$	1,392.72
CLUKEY, RALPH E	\$	21.63
CORMIER, CHRISTOPHER C	\$	1,108.03
CORSON, DOUGLASS M	\$	2,549.74

### 2015 Uncollected Real Estate Taxes

CORSON, LARRY D	\$	562.68
CORSON, RENEE A	\$	827.32
COWETTE, KIM - LIFE ESTATE	\$	398.53
CROTEAU, MYRTLE A	\$	264.69
CUTTEN, GEORGE	\$	508.84
DAUPHINEE, TY E	\$	235.83
DAWES, TAMMY (COWETTE)	\$	245.52
DERBYSHIRE, JAMES A	\$	798.84
DERBYSHIRE, JAMES A	\$	902.04
DICKISON, DOUGLAS	\$	967.47
DIONNE, SUSAN ANN - PERSONAL	\$	420.36
DORE, MAURICE ROBERT JR	\$	690.32
DUDLEY, JOHN C	\$	120.38
EAST COAST MERCHANT SERVICES	\$	1,126.22
ENAIRE, CHAD	\$	741.43
ENCOR SKOWHEGAN DRIVE-IN CORP	\$	569.33
ENCOR SKOWHEGAN DRIVE-IN CORP	\$	553.31
ESTES, BRANNON R	\$	1,298.84
FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE	\$	565.90
FOSTER, LAURIE	\$	832.65
GILBERT, JUSTIN	\$	380.73
GOLDSTEIN, ALEXANDER L	\$	167.23
GOODRIDGE, RICHARD	\$	75.72
GRAY, JOHNNY A	\$	325.58
GRAY, JOHNNY A	\$	1,389.53
GREENE, BRIAN	\$	213.49
GREGOR, KIMBERLY	\$	236.63
GRONDA, SHAUN	\$	186.41
HARVILLE, THOMAS W	\$	1,275.67
HEALEY-SAVAGE, ANNMARIE	\$	1,682.72
HERRICK, ALBERT	\$	281.10
HEWETT, LORI	\$	1,517.96
HJORT, ALFRED J	\$	1,142.23
HORSIN' AROUND HOLDING	\$	3,233.79
HORTON, SHEILA A	\$	409.20
HOUSE, CELINA	\$	524.46
HOUSE, CELINA	\$	122.75
HYDE, CYNTHIA	\$	1,102.71
IRWIN, MICHAEL	\$	477.81
JAMES, WAYNE	\$	1,150.74
JEWELL, DONNA LEE	\$	494.61
JEWELL, GREGORY W	\$	1,446.48
JOHNSON, BRIAN L	\$	606.69
JOHNSON, CYPRIEN J	\$	2,862.71
JOHNSON, NICHOLE M	\$	709.88
KEATEN, DEREK	\$	295.34
KEENE, CATHERINE	\$	128.09
KNIGHT, KIM	\$	295.34
KNOWLTON, DALE P	\$	1,597.70

### 2015 Uncollected Real Estate Taxes

KRAMER, KENT D	\$ 1,816.50
LABELLE, PAUL	\$ 900.26
LACASSE, KAREN J	\$ 488.13
LACASSE, RICHARD A	\$ 2,270.24
LACASSE, RICHARD A	\$ 1,200.94
LACASSE, RICHARD A	\$ 1,930.02
LANDRY, JAMIE A	\$ 334.47
LEMIEUX, DANA A	\$ 766.82
LINCOLN REAL ESTATE LLC	\$ 4,108.14
LITTLEJOHN, DARLENE	\$ 270.68
LOCKE, ROLAND H	\$ 699.20
MALLARD, ROBERT	\$ 624.49
MALLARD, ROBERT JR	\$ 3,686.48
MANSIR, TOM	\$ 318.47
MARCUE, LESLIE A	\$ 1,261.44
MCCARTHY, AMBROSE	\$ 3,171.91
MCCARTHY, AMBROSE G JR	\$ 1,074.00
MCCARTHY, AMBROSE G JR	\$ 377.56
MCCARTHY, AMBROSE G JR	\$ 494.21
MCCARTHY, AMBROSE G JR	\$ 1,689.83
MCCARTHY, AMBROSE G JR	\$ 1,421.17
MCCARTHY, AMBROSE G JR	\$ 1,704.45
MCCARTHY, AMBROSE G JR	\$ 416.32
MCCARTHY, AMBROSE G JR	\$ 424.84
MCCARTHY, AMBROSE G JR	\$ 424.84
MCCARTHY, AMBROSE G JR	\$ 418.11
MCCARTHY, AMBROSE G JR	\$ 430.55
MCCARTHY, AMBROSE G JR	\$ 439.06
MCGREGOR, ELLEN	\$ 1,500.00
MEADER, KEVIN L	\$ 260.25
MECEDO, LLC	\$ 692.09
MECEDO, LLC	\$ 805.95
MERROW, TIMOTHY J	\$ 1,494.12
MILLETT, MONYA R - HEIRS OF	\$ 1,859.24
MUDIE, KIM CLARICE	\$ 495.29
MUSHERO, JEREMY	\$ 249.08
MUSTAKOS, TINA D	\$ 564.00
NADEAU, GERALD JAMES JR	\$ 850.05
OBERT, BRUCE R	\$ 517.73
OBERT, BRUCE R	\$ 517.73
OBERT, BRUCE R	\$ 519.51
OBERT, BRUCE R	\$ 571.12
OBERT, BRUCE R & DENISE	\$ 612.03
PARADIS, JON A	\$ 1,508.36
PARK, CHRISTOPHER	\$ 562.21
PARLIN, ERIC G	\$ 1,444.47
PATURZO, RONALD	\$ 1,435.80
PETERS, JAMES J	\$ 1,684.36

### 2015 Uncollected Real Estate Taxes

PIERCE, KIM D	\$ 2,328.95
POULIN PARK APARTMENTS LLC	\$ 599.58
POULIN PARK APARTMENTS LLC	\$ 576.44
PRENTISS, GORDON	\$ 1,703.89
PREVOST, DENNIS A - LIFE ESTATE	\$ 1,023.90
PROVOST, GORDON W - CONSERV.	\$ 2,332.50
QUIMBY, GEORGE A	\$ 609.04
RINGUETTE, MATTHEW ALLEN	\$ 241.96
ROBBINS, STEVE	\$ 233.78
ROLLINS, ARNOLD S	\$ 1,581.31
ROODE, MARY O	\$ 517.82
ROONEY, ANNABELLE	\$ 1,583.47
RUSSELL, SCOTT A - PERSONAL REP	\$ 276.01
SALISBURY, KRISTINA L & NORMA M	\$ 924.78
SALISBURY, RICHARD N	\$ 1,307.40
SALLEY, PAUL	\$ 378.35
SANDERS, WAYNE	\$ 887.80
SAVAGE, LISA	\$ 590.29
SAWYER, HERBERT W - HEIRS OF	\$ 338.03
SHAW, HAZEN R JR	\$ 377.17
SHAW, JUNE O	\$ 1,250.75
SHAW, NORMAN	\$ 489.26
SHAW, NORMAN	\$ 798.84
SHAW, NORMAN	\$ 1,432.25
SHAW, NORMAN	\$ 179.68
SHAW, NORMAN R	\$ 1,321.93
SHAW, NORMAN R	\$ 692.09
SHAW, NORMAN R	\$ 1,307.69
SIROIS, GLORIA F - LIFE ESTATES	\$ 1,419.78
SMITH, THOMAS F JR	\$ 90.46
SORACCHI, MICHAEL W	\$ 898.48
SPRAGUE, WILLIAM H & RUTH	\$ 39.00
STAPLES, TIMOTHY B	\$ 90.72
STERNS, RICHARD S	\$ 1,521.33
STEWART, DONALD	\$ 1,557.78
SYLVESTER, JAMES H	\$ 773.30
TADLOCK, SHANNON	\$ 2,129.67
TESSIER, RICHARD W/LOUISE M - LE	\$ 3,593.96
TILTON, LAWRENCE A	\$ 961.77
TRACY, MARTIN F	\$ 588.90
TRACY, MARY ANNE	\$ 1,446.09
TRAFTON, LEON E	\$ 191.93
WASHBURN, TERRY S	\$ 265.10
WASHBURN, TIMOTHY M JR	\$ 1,342.80
WATERVILLE OAKS, LLC	\$ 3,247.01

**2015 Uncollected Real Estate Taxes**

WENTWORTH, VAUGHN A ET AL	\$	4,787.79
WHITE, CHRISTOPHER	\$	391.02
WHITE, CHRISTOPHER D	\$	683.19
WHITE, CHRISTOPHER D - PERS REP	\$	103.18
WYMAN, PHILIP	\$	229.50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>180,971.53</b>



**2008 Uncollected Personal Property Taxes  
As of April 1, 2016**

FRENCHYS DINER	\$	162.39
JAMES DERBYSHIRE LLC	\$	2,401.60
M & D LP GAS SERVICE	\$	80.00
MISNER, DANIEL	\$	707.20
SKOWHEGAN VILLAGE PIZZA	\$	160.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>3,511.19</b>

**2009 Uncollected Personal Property Taxes  
As of April 1, 2016**

FRENCHIE'S 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
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>3,551.87</b>

**2010 Uncollected Personal Property Taxes  
As of April 1, 2016**

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
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>3,454.40</b>

**2011 Uncollected Personal Property Taxes  
As of April 1, 2016**

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

**2011 Uncollected Personal Property Taxes**

MISNER LAWN CARE	\$	499.10
SCOTT SIROIS CONSTRUCTION	\$	46.50
WASHBURN & CO, LLC	\$	62.00
WILL FOSTER BUILDERS	\$	62.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>3,700.91</b>

**2012 Uncollected Personal Property Taxes  
As of April 1, 2016**

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
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>3,937.85</b>

**2013 Uncollected Personal Property Taxes  
As of April 1, 2016**

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 CONSTRUCTION	\$	64.80
WILL FOSTER BUILDERS	\$	64.80
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>3,687.71</b>

**2014 Uncollected Personal Property Taxes  
As of April 1, 2016**

CENTRAL MAINE WREATH	\$ 167.28
CHAPTER 11	\$ 82.00
GARDEN ISLAND OF SKOWHEGAN	\$ 1,193.92
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
CONSTRUCTION	
WASHBURN ENT. LLC D/B/A CMFF	\$ 1,700.00
WILL FOSTER BUILDERS	\$ 65.60
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 5,828.52</b>

**2015 Uncollected Personal Property Taxes  
As of April 1, 2016**

ALICE'S RESTAURANT	\$ 240.10
CENTRAL MAINE WREATH	\$ 174.93
CHAPTER 11	\$ 85.75
CHESTNUT STREET AUTO	\$ 25.73
CUSTOM STRUCTURES	\$ 68.60
D & M AUTO	\$ 17.15
DECATO BUILDERS	\$ 32.58
DETAIL & COLOR TATOO	\$ 39.44
EATON MOUNTAIN INC	\$ 692.86
GARDEN ISLAND OF SKOWHEGAN	\$ 977.55
GILBLAIR & SON TRUCKING	\$ 51.45
HURRICANE CLEANERS	\$ 32.58
LACASSE SHOE REPAIR	\$ 186.93
M & D CAR WASH INC - EAST FRNT	\$ 15.21
MATT POWERS BUILDERS	\$ 68.60
MCCARTHY, AMBROSE G JR	\$ 1,029.00
MISNER LAWN CARE	\$ 327.57
NEW IMAGE HAIR & NAIL SALON	\$ 11.51
O.S.K. ALL IN ONE CONSIGNMENT	\$ 15.43
ORA SALON	\$ 15.43
SANDY & DAUGHTER, INC.	\$ 730.59
SCOTT SIROIS CONSTRUCTION	\$ 51.45
SPENCER AUTO BODY	\$ 85.75
SUN RAYZ	\$ 329.28
TADPOLE ACADEMY - DAYCARE	\$ 5.15

**2015 Uncollected Personal Property Taxes**

TROPICAL SUNSATIIONS -IND SUMMR	\$	10.29
WASHBURN & CO, LLC	\$	68.60
CONSTRUCTION		
WASHBURN ENT. LLC D/B/A CMFF	\$	1,684.13
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>7,073.64</b>

*Town Clerk -  
Treasurer*



*Human Resource –  
Finance Director*

*Town of Skowhegan  
Department of Finance*

**TOWN CLERK/TREASURER REPORT  
July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015**

**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 seven hundred thirty-one thousand eighty-eight dollars (\$9,731,088.00). The town's appropriation to Somerset County was two million three hundred seventy-three thousand two hundred seventy-nine dollars and eighteen cents (\$2,373,279.18).**

**Higgins educational loans totaling twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000.00) were issued to three graduates of Skowhegan Area High School's Class of 2014. 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*

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

**Town Clerk's Report  
July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015**

	No. Issued	Paid to Town	Paid to State of Maine
<b>INLAND FISHERIES &amp; WILDLIFE</b>			
Boat/Snowmobile/ATV			\$ 46,737.00
Hunting/Fishing Licenses			\$ 28,081.25
Sales Tax			\$ 14,531.18
Town Fees		\$3,336.25	
<b>Totals</b>		<b>\$3,336.25</b>	<b>\$ 89,349.43</b>
<b>DOG LICENSES</b>			
Male & Female	403	\$403.00	\$ 4,030.00
Neutered & Spayed	1351	\$1,351.00	\$ 4,053.00
Kennel Licenses	3	\$6.00	\$ 90.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1757</b>	<b>\$1,760.00</b>	<b>\$ 8,173.00</b>
<b>ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER FUND</b>		<b>\$12,917.01</b>	
<b>MUNICIPAL LICENSES</b>			
Victualer Licenses	48	\$1,410.00	
Pool Table/Bowling/Licenses	5	\$150.00	
Innkeeper Licenses	1	\$30.00	
Special Amusement Licenses	8	\$240.00	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>\$1,830.00</b>	
<b>OTHER SERVICES</b>			
Marriage Intentions Files	66	\$2,376.00	
Record Search	10	\$23.00	
Partnership	0	\$ 0.00	
Certified Copies	796	\$10,348.00	\$ 1,592.00
Add'l Certified Copies	665	\$3,724.00	\$ 266.00
Burial Permits	369	\$5,166.00	\$ 2,214.00
Business Names Recorded	13	\$130.00	
Non-resident Notary Fees	98	\$490.00	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2,017</b>	<b>\$22,257.00</b>	<b>\$ 4,072.00</b>



<b>Local Deaths Recorded</b>	<b>152</b>
<b>Marriage Returns Recorded &amp; Reported to State</b>	<b>69</b>
<b>Births Reported to State</b>	<b>147</b>
<b>Oaths Administered</b>	<b>184</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>552</b>

**Respectfully Submitted,**

*Gail R. Pelotte*

**Gail R. Pelotte  
Town Clerk**

**Skowhegan Fire Department**  
**16 Island Avenue**  
**Skowhegan, ME 04976**  
Annual Report  
2015

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

This past year the Skowhegan Fire Department began conducting Life Safety Inspections throughout the town. The purpose of these inspections is to ensure that any rental property or commercial building in town is current with all Life Safety Standards. During an inspection we look for items such as working smoke alarms, carbon monoxide alarms, egress windows and proper fire escape stairways from upper floors. If you have concerns about the building that you live in or own, we encourage you to contact the fire department to schedule an inspection.

In December we took delivery of a new fire truck. The new truck replaced a 1984 pumper. Engine 10 received a warm welcome at the 2015 Holiday Stroll as it carried out its first mission of delivering Santa to the hundreds of children waiting and cheering along Water Street.



The Fire department responded to 642 calls for service in 2015. This is an 18% increase in call volume from 2014 and a 50% increase in calls in the last 5 years. Due to the increase in calls, we have made adjustments to how we handle some emergency calls. Previously, anytime the on duty crew left the station for a call, off duty staff were called in to man the station and paid overtime. Today, if the emergency call is within the hydrant district of town and only requires a couple of firefighters, no off duty personnel are called in. This has saved thousands of dollars in overtime costs.

As always, we continue to look for grant opportunities to help offset our budget. In August we were awarded a grant for \$915,000.00 to replace our ladder truck. Captain Mike Savage worked numerous hours on writing the grant. Only 10% of departments in the country are successful in being awarded a grant to replace fire trucks. The new ladder truck will be delivered in November of 2016.

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

I would like to extend my thanks to the town officials, employees and citizens for giving me the honor of being your Police Chief and making my time here thus far a very pleasant and productive experience.

Our department has come a long way over the course of a year and shows every sign of continuing to advance. Fiscal year 2015/16 has seen a new Chief of Police and four new officers making the department fully staffed. We have had two officers who started in FY14/15 successfully complete the Basic Law Enforcement Training Program at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy, and currently there are two more attending and we are eager to have them back at the department. We continue to urge the officers to attend training that is specific to their interest and that adds to their knowledge as an officer and us as a department.

A restructuring change was implemented in September for the department in an effort to minimize administrative staff, and ensure that as many officers as possible are in a patrol function or available to assist patrol to become more proactive. The "boots on the ground" approach will increase focus on patrol, drug activity and investigations. The Deputy Chief position is currently unfilled which allowed us to promote an additional patrol Sergeant and also promote one Detective to Detective Sergeant.

We have again succeeded in obtaining additional funding from the Department of Justice for bulletproof vests, the Bureau of Highway Safety for speed and seatbelt enforcement, the Maine Justice Assistance Council FY15 Byrne/JAG Grant, and Youth and Family Services/Greater Somerset County Public Health Collaborative for Underage Drinking Enforcement.

Our community policing efforts include programs and events such as the Maine Special Olympics Torch Run, Skowpendous, FAB Fair, education participation and visits in our schools, compliance checks for businesses and other establishments, National Drug

Take Back events and Drug Drop-Off Initiative Program, as well as sex offender community notification and tracking. The Skowhegan Police Department continues to encourage citizens to be proactive in assisting us with crime prevention and other community matters.

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. Please visit our Web site and Facebook page for additional information.

A dedicated group of individuals make up the Skowhegan Police Department, and our current roster is as follows:

Chief of Police, Donald Bolduc

Sergeant Joel Cummings  
Sergeant Herbert Oliver  
Sergeant Don Avery  
Detective Sergeant Joshua King  
Detective Kelly Hooper  
Detective Katelyn Treyllino  
SRO David Daigneault

Patrol Ofc. Timothy Williams  
Patrol Ofc. Michael Bachelder  
Patrol Ofc. Christopher Viera  
Patrol Ofc. Ryan Blakeney  
Patrol Ofc. James Gordon  
Patrol Ofc. William Kulakowski  
Patrol Ofc. Jacob Boudreau

Reserve Ofc. Garrett Buzzell  
Reserve Ofc. & Reserve ACO Jason Gayne  
Reserve Ofc. Teresa Brown  
Reserve Ofc. Brian Crater  
Reserve Ofc. Michael Pike  
Reserve Ofc. Ronnie Blodgett  
Reserve Ofc. Ian Shalit  
Reserve Ofc. Kyle Haseltine  
Reserve Ofc. Toby Blodgett

ACO Sharon Kinney  
Reserve ACO Cara Mason  
Admin. Assistant Erin Brown

Respectfully Submitted



Donald J. Bolduc

Chief of Police

dbolduc@skowhegan.org

Chief Donald Bolduc

Phone: (207) 474-6908

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## Skowhegan Police Department

225 Water Street  
Skowhegan, Maine, 04976

### School Resource Officer 2015-2016

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

This is the thirteenth 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>2012-2013</u>	<u>2013-2014</u>	<u>2014-2015</u>
Misc. Calls for Service	292	301	286
Arrests/Detentions	7	4	5
Summonses Issued	35	27	21
Contraband Incidents	19	21	16
Trespass Warnings Issued	6	6	5
Harassment Warnings Issued	29	33	26
Accident Reports	4	3	4
K-9 Searches	1	0	0
Traffic Control	5 hrs	4.5 hrs	4 hrs
Counseling Session w/Staff	118 hrs	116.5 hrs	113.5 hrs
Counseling Session w/Student	160 hrs	163 hrs	158 hrs
Counseling Session w/Parent	38 hrs	39.5 hrs	35 hrs
Classroom Presentations	7	9	10
Bomb Threats	0	0	0
Sport Event Details	3	7	9
School Dance Details	4	4	5
Assemblies Attended	6	6	7
Lunch w/Students	93	67	63
Middle School Visits	113.5 hrs	110.5 hrs	107 hrs
Parking Lot Tours	62 hrs	65.5 hrs	63 hrs
Administrative Time	85.75 hrs	87 hrs	83 hrs
Faculty Meetings Attended	2	2	2
Meetings (Misc)	26	33	36
Workshops Attended	1	2	2
Training Programs Attended	0	2	4
Marti Stevens Learning Ctr. Visits	63.5 hrs	60.5 hrs	57 hrs
Special Events Attended	8	11	12

*Chief Donald Bolduc*

*Phone: (207) 474-6908*

*Fax: (207) 474-6914*



## **Skowhegan Police Department**

225 Water Street  
Skowhegan, Maine, 04976

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 program will be implemented prior to prom night.

During the summer of 2015, 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 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> 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 eleventh year as a camp leader. Five youths from Skowhegan had the pleasure of attending camp in 2015. Currently, I have referred sixteen Skowhegan youths for camp in 2016.

During 2015/2016, 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*

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:

Our paving program for the summer of 2015 included the Russell Road from Beech Street intersection ending at the Skowhegan/Madison town line and Palmer Road from Route 104 to the Back Road. This work included ditching and some shoulder work.

We worked with the contractor doing the sewer bond work and were able to have Bloomfield Street, part of Willow Street, Bailey Street and Summer Street reconstructed. The work included the separation of storm water and sewer and some sidewalk repair.

This summer we will be working with Maine Department of Transportation to improvement projects. The Island parking lot will be getting a new face lift with new pavement, lines and lighting. The MDOT park and ride program will be paying 80% of the cost. High Street, Pleasant Street and Norridgewock Avenue will be a 2" mill and fill, similar to the project we completed last year on the Dr. Mann Road. This is a Municipal Partnership Initiative program and the MDOT will pay 50% of all the costs.

In summary, we have had a very productive and exciting year working for the citizens of Skowhegan. 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:

We have replaced the 1998 GMC single axle dump truck with this 2016 International single axle dump truck.



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*  
Gregory A. Dore  
Road Commissioner

# Town of Skowhegan

225 Water Street  
Skowhegan, Maine 04976

Water Pollution Control Plant  
TEL (207) 474-6909  
FAX (207) 474-6922

Brent Dickey  
Superintendent  
e-mail [skowpoll@skowhegan.org](mailto:skowpoll@skowhegan.org)



## WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PLANT 2014 - 2015 ANNUAL REPORT

To: The Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Skowhegan

Work continued this year on the Phase 3 Combined Sewer Overflow Abatement project approved at the June 2013 Annual Town Meeting. Five sewer improvement projects funded by an \$11,880,000 bond issued by the State of Maine Revolving Loan Fund will be done over a six year period to eliminate 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 administration and inspection services during each phase of construction.

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

A construction contract for Phase 3.2 sewer improvements on East Maple Street, Winter Street, Chandler Street, Dane Avenue, Bennett Avenue and Summer Street was signed in late June 2014 with Jordan Excavation of Kingfield, Maine for \$2,749,805.34. Work began in July 2014 and resumed in spring 2015 after a winter shutdown. Completion of this phase of work is expected by November 2015.

T Buck Construction was awarded the Phase 3.3 contract for work on Main Street, Willow Street, Green Street, Bailey Street, Bloomfield Street, Alder Street, Turner Avenue and a small portion of West Front Street in April 2015 for \$2,356,626.00. Work is expected to be completed in November 2015.

Design and survey work for the Phase 3.4 contract is currently underway and is expected to go out for bids in January 2016. As with the previous two phases this project will involve replacement of sewer mains and installation of new separated drains for storm water. This work on Joyce Street, Mt Pleasant Avenue and on cross-country sewers between the Waterville Road and Joyce Street will replace several hundred feet of sewers that are ninety to over one hundred years old.

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

Any interested groups or individuals are encouraged to call us to arrange a tour of the wastewater treatment facility on Joyce Street.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Brent Dickey  
Superintendent

*Town of Skowhegan*

Municipal Building

225 Water Street

Skowhegan, ME 04976

Email: [skowcode@skowhegan.org](mailto:skowcode@skowhegan.org)



*Randall D. Gray*

Code Enforcement Officer

Building Inspector-Plumbing Inspector

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CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

July 1, 2014-June 30, 2015

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

From July 2014 through the end of June 2015, the Code Enforcement Department issued One hundred and twenty (120) building permits, fifty eight (58) interior plumbing permits, twelve (12) septic system permits, twenty six (26) Central Maine Power electrical forms, and nineteen (19) shoreland zone permits. The Town also issued nine (9) sewer capacity reserve permits.

The Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code (MUBEC) has been in effect for three 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: Sun Rays Tanning, Auto Tech of Maine, Kid Friendly Photo, Rejuvenate Salon, Cam's Nails, Taconnet Federal Credit Union, The New Look Salon and White's Auto Body.

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 and hard work. As always, I have enjoyed working for the Town in 2015 and look forward to working with the Town in 2016.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Randall D. Gray*

Randall D. Gray

Code Enforcement Officer

Building – Plumbing Inspector

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*Randall D. Gray*

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CEO / Building-Plumbing Inspector

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Skowhegan Solid Waste Management Facility & Recycling Center Report

July 1, 2014-June 30, 2015

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

Our food scraps pilot program is continuing to grow and becoming a success. This coming year we intend to start collecting both pre and post food scraps from a local restaurant transfer station side to make it easier for residents to drop off their food scraps. The food scraps have make a big improvement to our already impressive composting program. We encourage all residents to sign up. We will even provide you with a bucket for your food scraps collecting. By continuing to grow this program it has the potential to save the taxpayers **thousands** of dollars per year.

It is imperative now more than ever that the Skowhegan Recycling Center continue to increase its effort to recycle in 2016. Although we have processed 22 tons more of recycling materials then last year, we must continue to look for ways to continue to increase our recycling efforts. 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 294 tons of cardboard, 80 tons of newspaper, 59 tons of mixed paper, 119 tons of metal, 13 tons of plastics, 14 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 \$75,000. If this material were not recycled the town would have spent an additional \$50,747 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 \$125,000 from July 2014-June 2015. 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 2014-June 2015, the Transfer Station handled over 6,776 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 \$449,795 in landfill tipping fees to the Town of Skowhegan tax payers. The Town also spent \$14,118 for the disposal of 713 tons of construction demolition chipped wood and clean wood, along with 253 tires at a cost of \$568. 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 new permit stickers are now available. They are valid from January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2017. The cost of a permit sticker is \$5 each and are available at the Town Office and the Solid Waste Facility. 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 2014/2015. 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*  
*Town of Skowhegan*  
225 Water Street  
Skowhegan, ME 04976



Planning Board  
Phone: (207) 474-6904

## Annual Report for 2016

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 making changes to both the Controlled Substances Ordinance and the Parades and Gatherings Ordinances, a few projects have come before the Planning Board over this past year including but not limited to: Issuing Flood Hazard permits for projects on Island Avenue and Canaan Road. We also worked to approve the Shoreland Zoning Permit for the Gifford's Dairy expansion project. A new three lot subdivision was created on the corner of Dr. Mann Road and North Avenue. An older subdivision located on North Avenue was also un-subdivided.

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; Ned Goff, Chairman, Todd Smith, Vice Chairman, Steve Conley, Secretary, Stephen Gould, Harvey Austin and Chris Kruse. We currently have one vacant seat on the Planning Board so if this is something you might be interested in please contact the Planning Office at 207-474-6904.

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 474-6543 or email [skowheganequipment@gmail.com](mailto:skowheganequipment@gmail.com)

Respectfully Submitted,

*Ned Goff*

Ned Goff  
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



Skowhegan Community Center  
and Parks & Recreation Dept.  
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**To the Citizens of the Town of Skowhegan:**

During the past year, the office staff was able to close the Downtown Revitalization Grant (DRG), which was designed to help make the Municipal Parking Lot; located in the downtown, pedestrian friendly accessible. The contract for the project came in at an amount that allowed us to rehab the Indian Parking Lot on the north side of High Street as well.

Office staff has continued working with the Towns of Fairfield, Madison and Norridgewock, along with the Kennebec Valley Community Action Program and Somerset Public 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 2015. 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.

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.

The Office has been working with Somerset Economic Development Corp and KVCOG to gather information on the status of Broadband in Southern Somerset region; which includes: Skowhegan, Canaan, Cornville, Madison, Norridgewock, and Starks. A survey of the whole county is still being worked on. All of this work has been to prepare for applying for a Planning Grant for the sub region in 2016.

The Office was able to work with Maine Stitching Specialties LLC to help them finance the startup; after Dirigio Stitching decide to close. The company is now up to 22 employees and is poised for new growth.

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](mailto:jhewett@skowhegan.org).

Respectfully Submitted,

*Jeff Hewett*

Director of Economic & Community Development

*Town Clerk -  
Treasurer*



*Human Resource –  
Finance Director*

*Town of Skowhegan  
Department of Finance*

**Cemetery Report  
July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015**

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

**The Cemetery Committee met seven times: July 17, 2014; August 14, 2014; September 12, 2014; January 15, 2015; February 26, 2015; April 10, 2015; and June 4, 2015.**

**The Committee members during this period of time consisted of Carl McKenney, Chairman; Donald Skillings, Selectmen's Representative; Mary Lou Holden-Mollerus; Gene Rouse; Melvin Burnham; Ann Spaulding; Gail Pelotte; Mark Bossie, Cemetery Sexton. Felix Quirion has been an Honorary Member of the committee since September 1995 and was a regular committee member previously.**

**Cemetery Expenditures 2015**

<b>Water</b>	<b>\$ 459.18</b>
<b>Electricity</b>	<b>\$ 171.41</b>
<b>Sexton Salary</b>	<b>\$ 74,409.00</b>
<b>Tree Cutting</b>	<b>\$ 1,200.00</b>
<b>Repair &amp; Maint.</b>	<b>\$ 1,954.34</b>
<b>Catholic Cemetery</b>	<b>\$ 600.00</b>
<b>Cemetery Web Site</b>	<b>\$ 1,800.00</b>

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

**Respectfully,**

***Gail R. Pelotte***

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

**JULY 1, 2014 – JUNE 30, 2015**

Receipts

Town of Skowhegan	74,409.00
Stone Cleaning and Repair	<u>200.00</u>
	74,609.00

Expenditures

Wages paid	13,566.93
FICA, State, Federal, and Unemployment On Employees	3083.27
Gas and oil	7,232.79
Supplies, parts and repairs	4,872.16
Insurance	4,839.00
Registration and Excise Tax on vehicles	1,579.76
Office supplies	4,597.98
Equipment (lawn mowers, trimmers, etc.)	<u>10,446.16</u>
	50,218.05

Total Receipts	74,609.00
Total Expenditures	<u>50,218.05</u>
	24,390.95

Mark D. Bossie



Town of Skowhegan  
Wellness Works Program

Walter Powell, Highway Department  
Leisa Porter, Municipal Building  
Ty Strout, Fire Department  
Don Bolduc, 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.

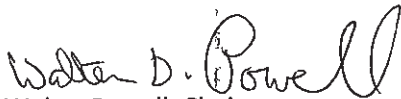
The Wellness Program offered the following activities in 2014:

January Workshop—Clean Eating  
February Workshop – cancelled due to weather  
March Workshop canceled due to instructor not able to come.  
April Workshop – The Power Of Ten  
May Workshop—Wellness Breakfast/Employee of the Year Award  
June workshop Move over Sugar  
July - no class  
August - no class  
September Workshop—CPR/AEDS certification  
October Workshop—The Importance Of Staying Hydrated  
November Workshop—Ditching The Diet  
December Workshop—Food Is Fuel

Take Control Fat

Congratulations to Dayson Davis 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 2016

Respectfully Submitted,



Walter Powell, Chairman  
Town of Skowhegan Wellness Committee

# Run of River Project



Greg Dore, Chair  
-Skowhegan Road Commissioner

Betty Austin  
-Selectman

Gary Bailey  
-Engineer

Karen Hart,  
-Skowhegan Savings Bank

Jeff Hewett  
-Skowhegan Economic and Community  
Development Director

Cory King  
-Skowhegan Chamber of Commerce

Kristina Cannon  
-Main Street Skowhegan

Denise LeBlanc  
-Skowhegan Parks & Recreation Director

Jeff McCabe  
-Maine House of Representatives

Shawn Howard  
-Skowhegan Fire Department

Craig Taylor  
-Community Member

Bill Finley  
-Community Member

To the Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Skowhegan:

The Run of River Committee is working with Planning Decisions, Inc. and Main Street Skowhegan to draft a business plan for the proposed Run of River Whitewater Recreation Area. The plan will include local, regional, and statewide economic impact data as well as a vision for the recreation area and action steps for realizing that vision. The Committee will use the plan as a fundraising tool during an upcoming capital campaign that is intended to raise remaining funding for the project.

The Run of River committee continues to promote the project through Riverfest with the help of Skowhegan Parks & Recreation Dept., Main Street Skowhegan, Skowhegan Area Chamber of Commerce, Skowhegan Rotary, Peter Shortier Post of the American Legion, Skowhegan/Madison Elks, Skowhegan Lions and Skowhegan Savings Bank. This multi-day event begins Tuesday with the Lions Club hosting a lunch and dinner chicken bar-b-que and Classic Car Cruise-in. Wednesday the Farmer's Market and the Hospice Volunteers are planning a Bingo night, and our local breweries and bars will be hosting a pub crawl. Thursday is Moonlight Madness. Friday will be the Rotary Lobster Bake, string concert and Skowhegan Chamber golf tournament. The day ends with the Glow Stick River Run, and the weekend will be filled with raft rides, family, events and Saturday night fireworks at the eddy. Please join us for all the festivities.

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.

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

WE NEED YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

Sincerely,

*Gregory A. Dore*

Gregory A. Dore  
Road Commissioner

**Gregory A. Dore**  
Chairman  
474-6911

**Skowhegan  
Sidewalk  
Committee**  
*Established 1994*

To the Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Skowhegan:

*"Our mission is to provide the citizens of Skowhegan with safe, reliable paved pathways to schools, parks, and other important points of interest"*

The sidewalks on Winter Street, East Maple Street and Summer Street were rebuilt out of the order of our ten year plan because the sidewalks were damaged by the construction work on the storm water sewer separation. Pine Street sidewalk was reconstructed this past summer also.

We are planning to rebuild Willow Street sidewalk during the summer of 2016 which will put us back on track with the ten year plan developed in 2012.

Name	Length	Paving year
Poulin Drive	1,100	2012
Fairview Ave.	1,000	2013
Winter Street	800	2014
East Maple	370	2014
Summer Street	900	2015
Pine Street	825	2015
Willow Street	1,700	2016
Bridge Street	400	2017
Elm Street	800	2017
Greenwood Ave.	1,150	2018
East Chandler	634	2019
Spring Street	825	2019
Olive Street	900	2020
Center Street	900	2020
French Street	1,960	2021

The committee has identified the following streets as needing sidewalks – Norridgewock Ave. from Elm to the Margaret Chase Smith Library, Joyce Street from Milburn St to Mt. Pleasant Ave., Heselton St. from Cardinal to Malbon's Mills Road, McClellan St. from Willow to West Front St., South Factory Street from Jones to Fairview Ave and Russell Road from Spring Street to Beech Street.

On behalf of the committee, I want to thank the taxpayers for their input. Your assistance makes it possible for us to better serve you and meet the needs of the people of the Town of Skowhegan. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at 474-6911 or any committee member.

Sincerely,

*Gregory A. Dore*

Gregory A. Dore  
Chairman

**Committee  
Members:**

**Gregory Dore**

Chairman

**Betty Austin**

Vice  
Chairman

**Paul York**

Selectman

**Denise  
LeBlanc**

Recreation  
Department

**Richard  
Smith**

**Richard  
Irwin**

**Member  
needed**

Public  
Members



# **SKOWHEGAN**

## **HERITAGE COUNCIL**



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

Dear Citizens of Skowhegan,

The members of the Skowhegan Heritage Council have been working tirelessly to ensure that the valuable memories of local citizens have been recorded. Shirley Whittemore and Judy McCarthy have interviewed several senior citizens who spent their lives in the town, Carol Lam has diligently documented all the cemeteries, and Andre Pied has worked to ensure that the rich French Canadian history of the town be remembered alongside the Native American history.

On March 22, the Town of Skowhegan will celebrate its third annual Abner Coburn Day. This year it will be celebrated at the Somerset County Courthouse where Rob Washburn will present a slideshow about Abner Coburn as well as a tour of the courthouse. Evalyn Bowman will be providing refreshments for this event.

I am happy to report that the outside of our 1823 Dudley Corner Schoolhouse has been finished. We appreciate the effort from Jessica Dionne for obtaining materials and from Joshua Taylor for his carpentry skills to complete the school. Paint has been donated for the completion of the inside of the school when the weather warms up and desks and tables will be moved in from the Mechanic Street School. We are very excited to soon be able to open the school to present-day students and to the public for viewing.

*Gail A. Kay*

Gail A. Kay, Chairman



## *Skowhegan Conservation Commission*

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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 second year of water quality monitoring in Whitten Brook and Cold Brook, as part of Maine Department of Environmental Protection's Volunteer River Monitoring Program, was completed in 2015. 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. This monitoring will continue in 2016.

Starting last Spring, the Conservation Commission members and volunteers are now providing upkeep and maintenance of the Yankee Woodlot Trail located on state land accessed at the UMaine Cooperative Extension Office off Norridgewock Avenue. We have already observed increased use of the trail and look forward to more public use of this wonderful trail system.

Last summer Peter Whitkop left the Conservation Commission after 10 years of service. Peter was instrumental in the water quality improvement projects conducted on Whitten Brook with Maine DEP. Peter continues to volunteer his time and assists with the water quality monitoring of Whitten and Cold Brooks. We are happy to welcome new members Tristen and Corey Hinkle.

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 2015-2016 are listed below:**

Joe Dembeck (*Chairman*), Bob McGorty (*Vice-Chairman*), Sherri Vigue, Corey Johnson, Derek Ellis, Tristen Hinkle, and Corey Hinkle.

Respectfully Submitted

*Joe Dembeck*

Joe Dembeck, Chairman



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To: Members of the Select Board and Citizens of the Town of Skowhegan  
From: Main Street Skowhegan; Kristina Cannon, Executive Director  
RE: 2014-15 Annual Report (Reporting Period: July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015)

In 2014-15, Main Street Skowhegan continued revitalization of Skowhegan through economic development, community engagement, and place-based planning and design. We have the following to report:

### **Economic Development**

- Main Street started the Economic Enhancement Committee in an effort to focus on economic development. The committee is chaired by Sam Hight, and other members include Patrick Dore, Ed Goff, and Vicki Alward.
- The Economic Enhancement Committee began planning the Main Street Skowhegan Savings Entrepreneur Challenge and secured a \$20,000 incentive package for the winning entrepreneur. The program is scheduled to begin in September 2015.

### **Projects**

- The CSA Incentive Program, funded by the Bingham Program, increased access to healthy local food by providing incentives for employees of local businesses.
- The Children's Cottage owner Karen Lewis completed rehabilitation of her second floor. Rehabilitation and energy efficiency improvements partially funded by a My Green Downtown grant awarded to Main Street.
- Main Street secured private grant funding for signage to improve the connection between Water Street and the River Walk trail.
- Skowhegan became a destination for public art by securing a spot on the Langlais Art Trail.
  - Langlais Park was completed (\$18,000 project supported in part by New Balance), with landscape improvements done by Lynch Landscaping and Gail Edwards and friends.
  - Restoration of the Skowhegan Indian was completed in partnership with the Skowhegan Area Chamber of Commerce and thanks to the generosity of many community members who contributed to the fundraising campaign.
  - Dionne and Son Builders began the process of restoring and installing more than two dozen Bernard Langlais sculptures gifted to Main Street Skowhegan by the Kohler Foundation.

### **Community Collaboration**

- Wesserunsett Arts Council
  - WXNZ 98.1 Skowhegan Community Radio began broadcasting. This project was supported in part by a collaborative grant from the Schwab Foundation to Main Street Skowhegan via Skowhegan native Jay Cromarty.
  - WesArts, with Main Street as the fiscal sponsor, applied for and received a \$10,000 grant from the Maine Community Foundation to begin a regional cultural planning process.

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- Façade Improvement Program
  - The Skowhegan Board of Selectmen approved a five-member committee to oversee the program. Members include Donna Russakoff of Russakoff Jewelers, Chris Perkins of Whittemore's Real Estate, Bill Primmerman of Somerset Public Health, Steve Gould of Sackett & Brake Survey, and Shahla Kahn, a new resident and trained architect.
  - Main Street Director Dugan Murphy worked with Skowhegan Economic Development Director Jeff Hewett to draft and submit paperwork for funding.
  - Committee began working with more than twenty potential program participants throughout the town of Skowhegan.

### **Successful Events**

- River Fest 2014, July 2014
  - Main Street Craft Fair increased vendors and attendance.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Holiday Stroll, December 2014
  - Largest parade to date, with 45 participants.
- 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Maple Festival, March 2015
  - Largest event attendance in years (ran out of maple syrup at pancake breakfast).
- Tenth Anniversary Gala & Auction, May 2015
  - Twenty live and silent auction items raised \$7,500 for Main Street Skowhegan projects.

### **New Board Members Added**

- Patrick Dore, Don Bolduc, Lisa Landry, Brandi Meisner, Sam Hight, and Darcy Spooner

### **Designation**

- Skowhegan was awarded renewed accreditation from the National Main Street Center as a nationally-designated Main Street community.

As we look to next year, Main Street Skowhegan plans to double-down on economic development initiatives, draft a strategic plan for the town, and partner with the Run of River Committee, investing significant time and resources into this important project.

Thank you for your continued support of Main Street Skowhegan.

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*Executive Director  
Cory King*

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May 9, 2016

Dear Skowhegan Taxpayer:

For several years now, the Skowhegan Area Chamber of Commerce has been supported at town meeting with a request for funding of \$24,000. That is not something we take lightly, and I hope you can see where that money has gone in helping to bring community events to the region, advertising in the form of magazine ads and brochures, calendars of events, chamber office remodeling and much more. The funding we receive is specifically earmarked for certain goals, and this year is no different. Please note though, that we are not asking for an increase of support, nor have we. We have been consistent in our request over the years, and lately you have been consistent in your support, and because of that wonderful things were able to be accomplished. In 2016, the SACC needs your support more than ever and we hope you will support an organization that brings so much to the town.

The \$24,000 is broken down into five general categories: Special Event Operational Costs (\$6500), Special Event Advertising/Marketing (\$2500), Regional/Local Advertising/Marketing (\$3000), Building Upgrades/Modifications (\$2500) & Chamber General Operational Fund (\$9500). Some of these are self-explanatory but briefly the Special Event categories refer to costs for River Fest, Haunted Hayrides and/or Opera House shows and expenses related to tent rentals, sound equipment, entertainment fees, police overtime, posters, flyers and such. The local marketing is for things like printing street maps, Facebook campaigns, radio ads and other general marketing expenses. Building upgrades would be for the windows, bathrooms, outdoor kiosk, outdoor signage, paint and such. Of course this money won't support all of our advertising or event expenses for the year, but rather cover a portion of it to help make the events and projects happen.

The Chamber General Operational Fund money is for the projects that come up. When we ask for signatures in November it's hard to know what we will need funding for the following summer and fall. This time of year we have a better idea. A few projects we are looking to complete include: a technology upgrade of new computers (the newest one is 8 years old) with security hardware and software. Also we are looking at winterizing the building to cut down on energy costs, an efficient air conditioner, cloud backup and document storage, increased social media marketing, an annual audit and perhaps hiring a temporary worker for the busy summer season at 10 hours/week. Ultimately, the Board of Directors decides which of these initiatives gets funded, but this should give you an idea of where the funding goes.

In year's past, as the Executive Director, I have spoken to you directly answering all of your questions at Town Meeting. This year I will not be there as I have given my resignation and will not be the Executive Director as of May 27. A brand new Interim Director will be in place, and this person won't have my nine years of experience answering all of the questions.

I ask you, don't turn your back on the organization now, because someone who is less than two weeks on the job doesn't have the experience I do. There is a transition plan being executed and your support for the chamber is more vital now than it has ever been. The Interim Executive Director and the businesses of the region need your support. Please give them the same funding you gave to the organization when I was there and they will do good with it. An investment in the Skowhegan Area Chamber is an investment in the tourism, economic development and the businesses of this region. I hope you will see the wisdom of supporting an organization that helps bring new tourists and new dollars into the community and you see that by investing in things that bring in new dollars, the entire community grows and prospers.

Thank you,

Cory R. King  
Executive Director



## **Skowhegan Free Public Library**

**9 Elm Street ~ Skowhegan, ME 04976**

**207-474-9072 email: [skowlib@skowhegan.lib.me.us](mailto:skowlib@skowhegan.lib.me.us)**

We were selected as one of the recipients of the Façade Grant. The funds were used to refurbish 11 windows in the mezzanine, with Steve Dionne and crew doing the job. These are the last of the windows to be refurbished.

The library offered a variety of adult programming this year. Your Gov't, Your Neighbor; Socrates' Café; Gardening Fever; High School Art Show; Decorative Scroll Saw Woodworking; National Alliance on Mental Illness; Let's Talk About It book group; Maine Quilters Guild; Maine Association of Retirees; Genetic Genealogy; Semper Fidelis Club; and the Cultural Plan Group

In the Children's Library, the back room was turned into a teen study room with two computers, and table and chairs. We continued some well-attended programs such as Preschool Storytime, Family Story Hour, and "Craft"ernoons. We created new programming such as the Tween Book Club, and Teen Regression Sessions. 96 kids signed up for the reading part of our Summer Reading Program, and read over 1500 books. 670 people attended the family programs. Other programs offered were the Halloween Parade in collaboration with Main Street Skowhegan; Skowpendous in collaboration with KVCAP; Holiday Stroll "Craft"ernoon and Book Giveaway; Mad Science; Farmer Minor and Daisy; Puppet shows; a Harry Potter Party; a Frozen Party; and science and nature programs with the LC Bates Museum.

Concerning the library renovations; we finished renovating the basement level of the library, and had an open house in September. Though we didn't move into the basement right away, we worked at it until it was ready. Donated metal library shelving was cut down and placed in the new genealogy room. A savings of almost \$10,000 was realized by using this shelving. All computers were updated to the Windows 10 operating system, and relocated to the new computer area. The basement was opened to the public on February 1<sup>st</sup> 2016. The open house was also the kick off for the final push to raise funds for the last part of the project, the elevator. At the end of the fiscal year, \$300,000 had been raised toward the \$535,000 needed to complete the project.

Finally, here's a few statistics from the past year. The Children's Library circulated 11,153 books, 82 audiobooks, and 891 videos. 1,613 children took part in our programs. 159 parents signed up their children for a library card. On the adult side; 11,138 books circulated, along with 226 audiobooks and 1,934 videos. 458 patrons enjoyed our programs. 205 adults signed up for a library card. 21,120 folks visited the library. 7,555 people used our computers (time allotted per patron was increased from ½ hour to 1 hour). A total of 453 volunteers gave 2,442 hours of their spare time. If these donated hours would have been compensated, it would have cost the library \$19,536.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dale Jandreau - Director

# COBURN PARK COMMISSION

## TREASURER'S REPORT

December 31, 2015

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

### Receipts

Town of Skowhegan	10,000.00		
Wm. Philbrick account	1,000.00		
Columbia account	3,000.00		
Gazebo Rental	550.00		
Concerts			
Skowhegan Savings Bank - 2015 grant*	800.00		
Canceled 2014 concerts	<u>300.00</u>	1100.00	
Donations			
SCAG	1,157.48		
Class reunion	<u>85.00</u>	<u>1242.48</u>	<u>16,892.48</u>

Total receipts 16,980.50

### Expenditures

Care of grounds/Mowing	6,000.00		
Care of grounds/Caretaker(s)	4,850.00		
Concerts in the Park*	1,000.00		
Equipment purchase	0.00		
Equipment rental	800.00		
Insurance	579.00		
Maintenance (tree cutting)	2,100.00		
Materials	167.99		
Miscellaneous	133.90		
Utilities	<u>1,047.28</u>	<u>16,678.17</u>	

Balance checking account as of 12/31/15 \$302.33

Davida 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.

Sadly, Mr. History House, Lee Granville, passed away this year. His knowledge and expertise shaped the foundation of best practices utilized at the History House today. In 2016 the recently refurbished exhibit gallery will be dedicated in his name. Lee is genuinely missed.



Lee Granville

Great strides were made in 2015. Thanks to the continued support from the citizens of Skowhegan, dedicated funds from the Bloomfield Academy Trust, grant funding, donations, and memberships, the Board of Trustees made substantial improvements to the historic 1839 building and to collection preservation. (See listing below right.)

History House was awarded four grants this year:

1. A Maine Community Foundation grant funded three illustrative panels. One depicts the early role of the river bateau used by Benedict Arnold during his failed journey to Quebec and by loggers during the log drives. It will be installed next to the new outdoor permanent River Bateau Exhibit, built and donated to History House by Dr. David Axelman. Two other illustrative panels will tell the story of the river-powered economic development of our section of the river from the 1800 to early 1900’s.
2. A Davis Family Foundation grant provided funding for the preservation of the Alexander Crawford Jr. Civil War uniform and for a new wall-mounted archival safe display case in which to exhibit the uniform.
3. A second Davis grant provided funding to digitize the 300 oldest, unique 19th century newspaper editions. Digitally archiving this collection ensures that the actual physical newspapers, some nearly 200 years old and handled many times over, will be protected from further wear and tear.
4. A Belvedere Fund Grant for Historic Preservation provided funding to reconstruct 16 exterior museum shutters to replace the original shutters which have deteriorated beyond maintenance, repair, or restoration.

History House, as a valued community partner, provides opportunities for extended community

## 2015 Projects

### Museum

- ✓ Repaired the plaster on the museum walls and ceiling, applied new wall and woodwork paint, installed new lighting fixtures and carpet

### Collection

- ✓ Completed the scanning, cataloguing, and storing of over 2000 photos in archival safe files
- ✓ Digitalized 300 newspapers dating 1870 and earlier and provided OCR software for ease of research

### New Exhibit

- ✓ Created a new permanent outdoor bateau exhibit with an illustrative panel

### New Historic Tour

- ✓ Stone Stories: Southside Cemetery

### Landscaping

- ✓ Redesigned the flower gardens immediately in front of the museum

## Coming in 2016

- Next Gallery Exhibit- *The Depot*
- New Illustrative Panels highlighting the industry along the river by History House
- Museum shutters will be reconstructed to match the style used in 1937
- Shutters at the front of the History House will be repaired and coated with new paint
- The newly conserved Civil War uniform will be on exhibit in a new display case
- Off-site archival storage will be established

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.

**Trustees are concerned that eighty years of local history, one third of the town's history, is not being preserved.** Due to the lack of on-site space for appropriate archival storage and collection display, our current policy restricts donations to those items made in, used in, or related to Skowhegan dating 1937 or earlier. Expanding archival storage and the accession of donations later than 1937 along with increasing funding and resources are major themes in the goals for the next 10 years.

The expenses for operating the museum on a nineteen week, six hour day, Tuesday through Saturday schedule with part-time curatorial staff continue to increase, like those of other institutions and businesses. 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, Econo Electric, Hight Chevrolet Buick, Dorothy Cleaver, Alice Souther, Jake & Molly Burnham, and Patty & Brad Hager along with other private citizens and businesses who wish to remain anonymous for their continued partnerships. 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, to explore the new exhibits, to visit our website ([skowheganhistoryhouse.org](http://skowheganhistoryhouse.org)) and to 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

## Madison Avenue Then and Now



# *Lake George Regional Park*

Celebrating 24 years  
1992-2016

Dear Citizens of Skowhegan,

As we move into our 24<sup>th</sup> year as Lake George Regional Park we are as excited as ever. There are a few important changes happening this year. Early this winter Jeff McCabe decided it was time to step down as Park Director and pursue other avenues. Jeff was instrumental in the park's success during his tenure and has made contributions that will last a lifetime. A legacy if you will. He will be missed by many including park visitors, the Board of Directors, and by his co-worker Derek.

With Jeff stepping down and the Park looking at hiring his replacement it became evident internal structural change would be appropriate due to the current needs of the park. It was given great thought and unlimited hours of discussion. The board and park staff decided it would be best to hire a part-time director (30-32 hrs/week) and to have the current Park Resource Manager play more of a central role in park operations. The directors duties will include having a scheduled presence in the office, answering the phone, data entry, spearheading fund-raising efforts, to work in cooperation with the Park Resource Manager, and a huge host of other administrative duties.

Stepping into the Directors role is Robert McGorty (Bob). Bob is a long time resident of Skowhegan where he lives with his partner Donna. He serves on several boards, committees, and commissions in town. He recently retired from the Maine Department of Labor where he worked with area youth helping them gain workplace skills and employment in his position as a career counselor at the Career Center. This is where Derek Ellis (Park Resource Manager) first met Bob and began their professional partnership four years ago. The park is an official site for the Career Centers work experience program. This program is one of many service based learning programs that are part of our extensive community outreach program. With Bob's understanding of park operations, his administrative skills, love of the outdoors, and his established work relationship with Derek make him the perfect fit for the job. We are super excited about the energy and knowledge Bob will bring to Lake George. He and Derek are already off to a fast and productive start.

20,000-25,000 people visit the park annually and enjoy its abundant resources. Keeping up with funding continues to be a challenge. Lake George generates 100% of its operating costs through fund-raisers, user fees, and continues to try to expand the donor base in an attempt to meet those financial needs. Lake George Corp. is a true non-profit and receives no monies from the State of Maine. Donor support and volunteerism are the backbone of our operation. We will continue our partnership with Unity College (24 years!!!!) to provide us with quality seasonal park staff that help run day to day park business. We continue to strive to make our park cleaner, safer, and to increase educational programming. One of summers main attractions, Camp Podooc, a four week day camp for roughly 200 children from Canaan and Skowhegan will take place in August. The spring dinner at Lakewood will be held in June. Our annual triathlon will happen again in September as well. Be sure to check out our updated web-site for information and a list of all our events, fund-raisers, and donation information. The summer of 2016 is sure to be packed with fun from swimming, hiking, biking, riding horses, boating, fishing, or just relaxing on the sand beach to name just a few of the things to do here at Lake George Regional Park.



**TOWN OF SKOWHEGAN, MAINE**  
**ANNUAL**  
**TOWN MEETING WARRANT**  
**STATE OF MAINE**  
June 13, 2016 at 7:00 P.M.  
*Municipal Building Opera House*  
**AND**  
**SECRET BALLOT ELECTION**  
June 14, 2016 from 7:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M.  
*Municipal Building Council Room*

Somerset, ss.

To Donald Bolduc, 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 thirteenth day of June, A.D., 2016 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 fourteenth day of June, A.D., 2016, 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; Two Coburn Park Commissioners, for five-year terms; and Three Directors of RSU54/SAD54, for three-year terms.

**ARTICLE 3.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,422,995.00 for General Government. (The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend passage of this article.)

Department	Budget Committee	Votes	Selectmen	Votes
Finance Department	\$535,524.00	7/0	\$535,524.00	5/0
Municipal Building Maintenance	\$96,130.00	7/0	\$96,130.00	5/0
Assessing	\$106,543.00	7/0	\$106,543.00	5/0
Town Manager	\$153,668.00	7/0	\$153,668.00	5/0
Planning & Ordinance Administration	\$13,383.00	7/0	\$13,383.00	5/0
Code Enforcement	\$154,376.00	7/0	\$154,376.00	5/0
Employee Benefits	\$112,995.00	7/0	\$112,995.00	5/0
Town Insurances	\$110,180.00	7/0	\$110,180.00	5/0
Economic & Community Development	\$140,196.00	7/0	\$140,196.00	5/0
<b>General Government Total</b>	<b>\$1,422,995.00</b>		<b>\$1,422,995.00</b>	

**ARTICLE 4.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,343,400.00 for Police Department. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 7/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 5.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$852,341.00 for Fire Department. (The Selectmen with a 3/2 vote recommend \$852,341.00 and the Budget Committee with a 5/2 vote recommend \$838,325.00.)

**ARTICLE 6.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$487,004.00 for Other Protection. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 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 \$151,733.00 for Health and Human services. (The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend passage of this article.)

Department	Budget Committee	Votes	Selectmen	Votes
General Assistance	\$150,441.00	7/0	\$150,441.00	5/0
Health Department	\$1,292.00	7/0	\$1,292.00	5/0
<b>General Assistance/Health Dept. Total</b>	<b>\$151,733.00</b>		<b>\$151,733.00</b>	

**ARTICLE 8.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$553,491.00 for Waste Water and Pollution Control. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 7/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)



**ARTICLE 9.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$818,163.00 for Solid Waste Management. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 7/0 vote recommends passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 10.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$423,502.00 for Public Works – Summer Roads Maintenance. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 7/0 vote recommends passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 11.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$559,533.00 for Public Works – Winter Roads Maintenance. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 7/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 12.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$220,000.00 for Public Works – Vehicle Maintenance. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 7/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 13.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$83,316.00 for the care of cemeteries. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 7/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 14.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$431,347.00 for Parks and Recreation. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 7/0 vote recommend passage of this article)

**ARTICLE 15.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,689,062.00 for Capital Expenditures/Debt Retirement. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 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 \$94,000.00 for Capital Expenditures/Capital Reserve Funds for the Pollution Control Plant. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 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 \$43,000.00 for Capital Expenditures/Capital Reserve Funds for the Recreation Department. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 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 \$6,000.00 for Capital Expenditures/Capital Reserve Funds for the Solid Waste Department. (The Selectmen with a 4/1 vote recommend \$6,000.00 and the Budget Committee with a 4/3 vote recommend \$4,500.00.)



**ARTICLE 19.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$44,400.00 for Capital Expenditures/Capital Reserve Funds for the Police Department. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 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 \$150,000.00 for Capital Expenditures/Capital Reserve Funds for Public Works Equipment. (The Selectmen with a 4/1 vote and the Budget Committee with a 4/3 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 21.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$270,000.00 for Capital Expenditures/Capital Reserve Funds for Public Works Roads and Sidewalks. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 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 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 \$141,984.00. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 7/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 23.** To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to expend the amounts voted in Articles 21 and 22 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 Back Road from the town line 5,500' going north, Steven's Road from the Back Road to Fairview Avenue, Main Street from the intersection of 201 to the Bigelow Hill Road intersection, Heselton Street from North Avenue to the Malbon's Mills Road. 2" mill and fill on High Street, Pleasant Street and Norridgewock Avenue to the M.D.O.T. compact line approximately 800' west of Mary Street. (The cost for the mill and fill will be shared 50/50 with the MDOT.) (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 24.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$123,000.00 for Capital Expenditures/Capital Reserve Funds for the Fire Department. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 6/1 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 25.** 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 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 7/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 26.** 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 5/0 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 \$7,500.00 for Capital Expenditures/Capital Reserve Funds for Cemeteries. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 7/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 28.** 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 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 5/2 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 29.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 for Capital Expenditures/Capital Reserve Funds for Public Works Buildings. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 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 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 6/0 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 30.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$103,952.00 for Skowhegan Free Public Library. The Community Service Organization's request by petition is \$103,952.00. (The Selectmen with a 3/2 vote recommend \$97,867.00 and the Budget Committee with a 5/1 vote recommend \$95,000.00 from taxation.)

**ARTICLE 31.** 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 4/1 vote and the Budget Committee with a 5/2 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 32.** 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 4/1 vote and the Budget Committee with a 5/2 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 33.** 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 3/2 vote and the Budget Committee with a 4/3 vote recommend \$20,000.00 from taxation.)

**ARTICLE 34.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000.00 for Main Street Skowhegan. The Community Service Organization's request by petition is \$40,000.00. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 4/2/1 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 35.** 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 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 4/2 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 36.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,800.00 for KVCAP Child Development Program. The Human Service Agency's request by petition is \$7,800.00. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 7/1 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 37.** 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 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 5/1 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 38.** 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 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 5/1 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 39.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000.00 for Hospice Volunteers of Somerset County. The Human Service Agency's request by petition is \$15,000.00. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 7/1 vote recommend \$10,000.00 from taxation.)

**ARTICLE 40.** 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 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 6/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 41.** To see if the Town will vote to apply FY 2017 operational revenues in the amount of \$1,941,279.00 to offset the FY 2017 appropriations. (The Selectmen with a 4/1 vote and the Budget Committee with a 8/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 42.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Assessors to apply \$750,000.00 of the undesignated fund balance to reduce the 2017 tax rate. (The Selectmen with a 3/2 vote recommend \$350,000.00 and the Budget Committee with a 7/1 vote recommend \$250,000.00. The Selectmen with a 4/1 vote decided to place this on the Warrant at \$750,000.00 which is the Town Manager's recommendation.)

**ARTICLE 43.** To see if the Town will vote to reallocate \$200,000.00 from the Assessing Reserve Account and apply it to reduce the 2017 tax rate. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 8/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 44.** To see if the Town will vote to fund the General Assistance over-expenditure for fiscal year 2016 with the General Assistance State Reimbursement. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 45.** 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 46.** 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) 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 47.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate all of the money received from the State for snowmobile registrations to the Skowhegan Sno-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 48.** To see if the Town will vote to establish September 15, 2016 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, 2017 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 49.** 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 50.** 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 51.** 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 52.** 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 2017. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 53.** 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 54.** To see if the Town will vote to adopt the amendment to the Town's Strategic Plan for Community Transformation (f/k/a Downtown Redevelopment Plan) as presented to this meeting and as has been on file in the Town Clerk's Office, with such changes thereto as are on file in the Town Clerk's Office at least 14 days prior to the Town Meeting, and such technical changes and further information as the Town Manager, at her discretion, deems reasonably necessary or convenient in order to facilitate the process for review and approval by the Commissioner of DECD as part of the amendment to the Downtown Municipal Development Tax Increment Financing District Development Program, so long as such revisions are not inconsistent with the basic structure and intent of the Strategic Plan for Community Transformation, a copy of which is incorporated herein and made a part of the minutes of this meeting. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 55.** To see if the Town will vote to (a) adopt the Amendment (Omnibus) to the Skowhegan Downtown Municipal Development Tax Increment Financing District Development program (the "Amendment") as presented to this meeting and as has been on file in the Town Clerk's Office, a copy of which is incorporated herein and made a part of the minutes of this meeting, (b) make the findings set forth in the Amendment, (c) authorize the Town Manager, on behalf of the Town of Skowhegan, Maine, to execute and submit the Amendment to the Commissioner of the Maine Department of Economic and Community Development ("DECD") with such technical changes and further information as the Town Manager, at her discretion, deems reasonably necessary or convenient in order to facilitate the process for review and approval of this Amendment by the Commissioner of DECD, so long as such revisions are not inconsistent with the Amendment or the basic structure and intent of the District, and (d) authorize the Board of Selectmen of the Town, from time to time, to authorize and enter Credit Enhancement Agreements with companies or developers, consistent with the terms of the Amendment. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 56.** To see if the Town will vote to repeal and replace the Cemetery Ordinance. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 57.** To see if the Town will vote to repeal and replace the Medical Marijuana Ordinance with the Controlled Substance Facilities Ordinance. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

ARTICLE 58. To see if the Town will vote to repeal and replace the Parades and Processions Ordinance with the Parades and Gatherings Ordinance. (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 9, 2016 and Friday, June 10, 2016 from noon to 4:00 P.M.; Monday, June 13, 2016 from noon to 4:00 P.M. and from 6:30 P.M. to the close of the Town Meeting and Tuesday, June 14, 2016 from 7:00 A.M. to close of polls at 8:00 P.M.

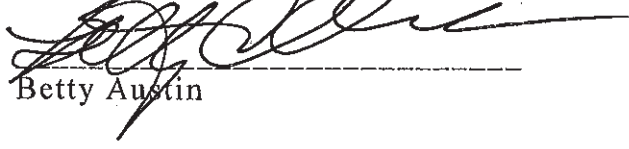
You are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting in a public and conspicuous place at least seven (7) days before the holding of said meeting.

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

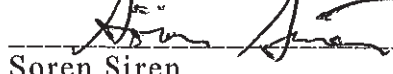
Given under our hands at Skowhegan, Maine the 10th day of May 2016.

  
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Donald Skillings, Chairman

  
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Paul York, Vice Chairman

  
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Betty Austin

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Darla Pickett


  
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Soren Siren  
Selectmen of the Town of Skowhegan

CONSTABLE'S RETURN

Skowhegan, Maine

May 12, 2016

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 12 day of May 2016, being at least seven (7) days before the meeting.

  
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Constable of the Town of Skowhegan







## 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	<a href="mailto:calmand@skowhegan.org">calmand@skowhegan.org</a> Fax
Animal Control Officer	Sharon Kinney/Cara Mason	474-6386	<a href="mailto:cmason@skowhegan.org">cmason@skowhegan.org</a>
Animal Shelter	Manager	474-6493	<a href="mailto:shsanimals.forever@yahoo.com">shsanimals.forever@yahoo.com</a>
Assessor's Department	Assessor	474-6903	<a href="mailto:skowassessor@skowhegan.org">skowassessor@skowhegan.org</a>
Bills and Accounts	Finance Officer	474-6900 858-0320	<a href="mailto:taustin@skowhegan.org">taustin@skowhegan.org</a> Fax
Birth/Marriage/Death Certificates	Town Clerk	474-6902	<a href="mailto:skowtreas@skowhegan.org">skowtreas@skowhegan.org</a>
Boat/Snowmobile/ATV Reg.	Town Clerk	474-6902	<a href="mailto:skowtreas@skowhegan.org">skowtreas@skowhegan.org</a>
Building Inspections	Inspector	474-6904	<a href="mailto:skowcode@skowhegan.org">skowcode@skowhegan.org</a>
Chamber of Commerce	Director	474-3621	<a href="mailto:exdir@skowhegan.chamber.com">exdir@skowhegan.chamber.com</a>
Code Enforcement	Officer	474-6904	<a href="mailto:skowcode@skowhegan.org">skowcode@skowhegan.org</a>
Community Center/Rec. Dept.	Director	474-6901	<a href="mailto:skowrec@skowhegan.org">skowrec@skowhegan.org</a>
Community & Economic Development	Director	474-6905	<a href="mailto:skowecon@skowhegan.org">skowecon@skowhegan.org</a>
District Court	District Court	474-9518	
Dog Licenses	Town Clerk	474-6902	<a href="mailto:skowtreas@skowhegan.org">skowtreas@skowhegan.org</a>
Emergency Management	Town Manager	474-6900	<a href="mailto:calmand@skowhegan.org">calmand@skowhegan.org</a>
Fire Department	Fire Chief	474-3400	<a href="mailto:showard@skowhegan.org">showard@skowhegan.org</a>
Fire Permits	Fire Chief	474-3400	<a href="mailto:skowfire@skowhegan.org">skowfire@skowhegan.org</a>
General Assistance	Director	474-6900	
Health Officer	Tim Malyk	474-3320	
Highway Department	Road Commissioner	474-6911	<a href="mailto:skowpwd@skowhegan.org">skowpwd@skowhegan.org</a>
History House	Melvin Burnham	474-6632	474-1083
Hospital	RFGH	474-5121	
Hunting/Fishing Licenses	Town Clerk	474-6902	<a href="mailto:skowtreas@skowhegan.org">skowtreas@skowhegan.org</a>
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	
Main Street Skowhegan	Director	612-2571	
Opera House	Executive Secretary	474-6907	<a href="mailto:cmason@skowhegan.org">cmason@skowhegan.org</a>
Ordinance	Code Enforcement	474-6904	<a href="mailto:skowcode@skowhegan.org">skowcode@skowhegan.org</a>
Passports	Executive Secretary	474-6907	<a href="mailto:cmason@skowhegan.org">cmason@skowhegan.org</a>
Planning Board	Town Planner	474-6904	<a href="mailto:skowplan@skowhegan.org">skowplan@skowhegan.org</a>
Plumbing Information	Inspector	474-6904	<a href="mailto:skowcode@skowhegan.org">skowcode@skowhegan.org</a>
Police Department	Police Chief	474-6908	<a href="mailto:skowpd@skowhegan.org">skowpd@skowhegan.org</a>
Anonymous Tip Line	Detective	474-6915	<a href="mailto:skowdet@skowhegan.org">skowdet@skowhegan.org</a>
Pollution Control	Supervisor	474-6909	<a href="mailto:skowpoll@skowhegan.org">skowpoll@skowhegan.org</a>
Recreation	Director	474-6901	<a href="mailto:skowrec@skowhegan.org">skowrec@skowhegan.org</a>
Registry of Deeds	Registrar	474-3421	
Recycling Center	Supervisor	474-6918	<a href="mailto:skowrecycle@skowhegan.org">skowrecycle@skowhegan.org</a>
Selectmen/Meetings, etc.	Executive Secretary	474-6907	<a href="mailto:cmason@skowhegan.org">cmason@skowhegan.org</a>
Sewers	Road Commissioner	474-6911	<a href="mailto:skowpwd@skowhegan.org">skowpwd@skowhegan.org</a>
Schools	Superintendent	474-9508	
Sheriffs Department	Sheriff	474-9591	
Solid Waste Management	Supervisor	474-6918	<a href="mailto:skowrecycle@skowhegan.org">skowrecycle@skowhegan.org</a>
State Police	State Police	474-3350	
Streets or Snow Removal	Road Commissioner	474-6911	<a href="mailto:skowpwd@skowhegan.org">skowpwd@skowhegan.org</a>
Superior Court	Superior Court	474-5161	
Taxes	Tax Collector	474-6900	<a href="mailto:calmand@skowhegan.org">calmand@skowhegan.org</a>
Town Treasurer/Town Clerk	Treasurer	474-6902	<a href="mailto:skowtreas@skowhegan.org">skowtreas@skowhegan.org</a>
Vehicle Registrations	Main Office	474-6900	
Voter Information	Registrar of Voters	474-6906	<a href="mailto:skowvoter@skowhegan.org">skowvoter@skowhegan.org</a>