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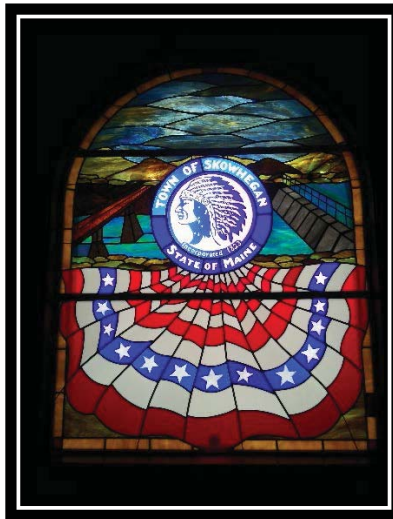
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# *Town of Skowhegan*

**In Memory of Fred Tenenbaum**

**May 14, 1941 – July 27, 2018**

Creator of the two breathtaking stained glass windows  
which are located in the stairwell of the Municipal Building



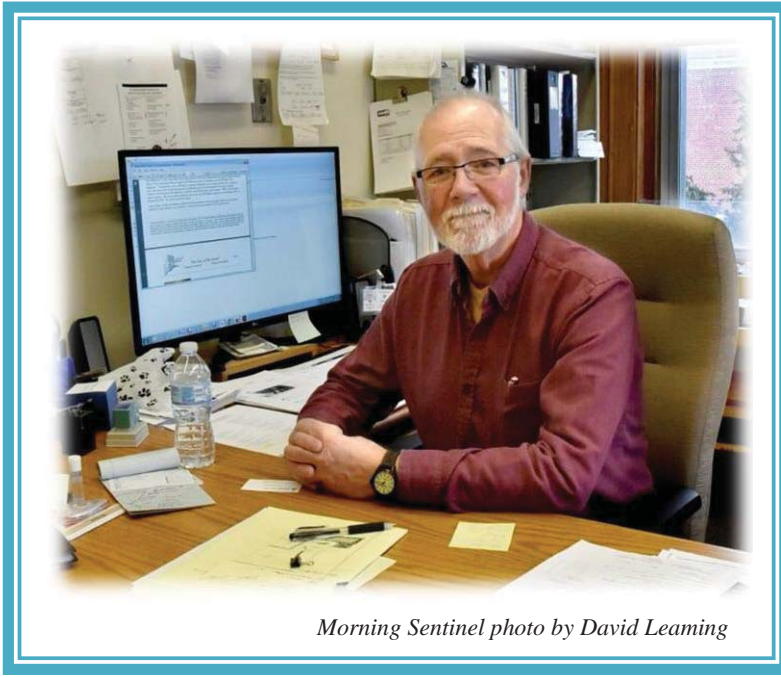
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*Installed in 1996*

*July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018*

*Annual Report*



*Morning Sentinel photo by David Leaming*

## THE TOWN OF SKOWHEGAN IS PLEASED TO DEDICATE THIS YEAR'S TOWN REPORT TO RANDY GRAY

Randall D. Gray's dedication to the Town of Skowhegan has been exceeded only by the way in which he delivers it—with good natured respect. Randy can be tough when he has to be, but it's a rare person who has ever seen him when he didn't handle himself with grace during his nearly 39 years of service to the town as the Solid Waste Supervisor and Code Enforcement officer / building inspector.

Along the way, Randy has succeeded in adding many other hats to his already busy life and career. He has long been seen as the go-to person when it comes to matters of the Municipal Building, its upkeep and anything else that may come into play. Sometimes that has even included getting out of bed to respond to an alarm going off in the building during the night.

Meanwhile, as town managers have come and gone, on vacation or to seminars, it has always been Randy who has been called upon to take charge in their absences, using his extensive institutional knowledge to help run the town.

Randy, 65, knows the building codes and ordinances inside and out and applies them with honesty and integrity, while still respecting the people involved. Over the years, he has taken on a startling number of new building codes with ease and finesse.

In his own unpretentious way, without seeking glory or gratitude, Randy has created a composting program at the Skowhegan landfill that many see as a model for 21st Century environmental stewardship. At the same time it has saved the town thousands of dollars— in some years in excess of \$100,000.

### Photo from the 1985 Town Report



The Skowhegan Community Development Office is working on single and rental housing rehabilitation on North Avenue, using a \$844,000.00 Community Development Block Grant that the town administration received in May. Examining applications are (from left) Randall Gray, Director of Community Development; Paula Crockett, Secretary; and Harold (Stan) Hawes, Rehabilitation Technician.

Taxpayers are always at the forefront with Randy, who, with his team, oversees a composting program that produces up to 800 yards a year, free for residents. In 2015, Randy introduced a food scraps program to the town's tree and yard waste-disposal process, making a richer compost that's finding people eager to take his product. But the best part is, he shares all that credit with his crew. Randy oversees a team of five people at the town transfer station and award-winning recycling center and often acknowledges their input and ideas that have made the recycling system work better.



Cynthia Kirk, Randy's administrative assistant for seven years, said his rapport with his employees is next to none. "He really listens to his employees, whether it's me or the guys at the transfer station and really works to incorporate whatever ideas we have. He just really makes you feel validated for the work you do."

His composting program in 2015 received an award for Compost Program of the Year from the Maine Resource Recovery Association. In 2007, Skowhegan won the MRRA award for Recycling program of the year. Randy is acknowledged statewide for his skills, ability and attitude, according to Mark A. King, organic management specialist with the Maine Department of Environmental Protection. "He is one of the finest people I have ever worked with in my entire career with the Maine DEP," King said. "He is dependable, enthusiastic, and he is willing to do whatever it takes to get the job accomplished. His can-do attitude has made working with him probably one of the best pleasures of my career as a solid waste compost expert. He's an incredible guy. He leaves some shoes; it will take three people to fill them."



He also is admired by his fellow department heads as an honest and direct human being, according to Trisha L. Austin, Finance and Human Resource Director. “He is one of the most real people that I have ever met,” Austin said. “As a friend, as a coworker, for the town—he’s just really going to be deeply missed. He treats everyone with the utmost respect, no matter whether it’s a resident, a department head or general worker. He cares what they think; he involves them in everything. He’s irreplaceable in the position he’s in, not because he’s a dear friend, but because of who he is and what he stands for—he is a good soul.”



Randy grew up in Skowhegan, graduated from its high school and, other than a short stint of less than a year working for the City of Augusta, he hasn’t really had another employer. Recently he received the 2019 Distinguished Service Award from Maine Resource Recovery Association at the Annual Maine Recycling and Solid Waste Conference. With family and town officials in attendance, Randy was also honored at the Maine Building Officials and Inspectors Association Annual Conference as the recipient of the 2019 Code Enforcement Officer of the Year Award.

Very much a family man, Randy’s retirement plans include visiting his children and grandchildren in other states. He lives in Skowhegan with his wife, Rose and daughter, Olivia. Randy is a NASCAR fan and, in his spare time, loves to relax in his wood-working shop. It is there he crafts furniture, from blanket chests, to shelves, to headboards. Some are given as prized gifts and, in many cases, he has donated them for fundraisers.



Town Manager Christine Almand said Randy will be sorely missed. “As we begin our search for a new code enforcement officer, we know we will not be fortunate enough to find another Randy. He exemplifies all of the qualities of an excellent team member. Randy fulfills his enforcement role with experience and knowledge while being reasonable to gain cooperation. I receive more compliments than complaints for his service, and I believe that to be rare in his field. Randy will truly be missed.”

Compiled by: Darla L. Pickett

## **Presentation of the Boston Post Cane To the Oldest Citizen of Skowhegan Irene Marie Gallant Dumont**



*Morning Sentinel photo by David Leaming*

The Boston Post Cane was awarded to Irene Marie Gallant Dumont on October 9, 2018 by Town Manager Christine Almand, Board of Selectmen Chairman Paul York, and Heritage Council Chairman Shirley Whittemore. Selectman Vanessa York was also on hand for the presentation. Irene was born in Keegan, Maine on August 23, 1917 and moved to Skowhegan when she was 14 years old. To help support her family, she worked at the Maine Spinning Company on the island. Irene was also a waitress at several local restaurants. A highlight for her was serving President Eisenhower during his visit in 1955.

In 1938, Irene married Eugene L. Dumont. She and Gene raised five children in Skowhegan. She enjoys weekly luncheons with a group of friends that call themselves the “Recycled Teenagers”. She plays Bingo on Sundays, likes cheering on her favorite football team, the Patriots, and bets on her favorite horses. Irene proudly lives independently in a small apartment in Skowhegan.



### *History of the Cane:*

In August of 1909 the Boston Post Cane was forwarded to the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen of 700 towns in Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Rhode Island. The canes are made of the finest materials, ebony and gold, and are to be presented to the oldest citizen of the community.

**IN MEMORIAM**  
**VANESSA QUINN YORK**  
**1970 – 2019**



The community joins the Quinn family in mourning the passing of Selectwoman Vanessa Lee on January 19, 2019. We lost a shining star who filled the dark spots in this world with her brilliant and winsome smile and good nature.

From the time the 48-year-old businesswoman took her seat at the table on the Board of Selectmen in June 2018, Vanessa began making an appearance at each opening of a new business, a forever champion of the people trying to enhance the town.

Always her own woman, Vanessa started training as a volunteer firefighter, but could not finish because she was afraid of heights and needed to climb the ladder on the truck, according to her sister, Alicia. Vanessa loved her community, that's why she ran for selectwoman. She even took the time to do a ride-along with the police and highway departments to better understand their challenges and her work on behalf of her town. Vanessa was a proud member of many organizations, including the Skowhegan Regional Chamber of Commerce, the Redington Fairview General Hospital Board of Directors and the Order of the Eastern Star.



Vanessa named her vehicles. She had a truck named Dory because the color was Deep Ocean Blue. She owned an SUV name Coco after a hairdresser in New York and a car named Chad after the lead singer of Nickelback. Vanessa was a loyal Nickelback fan, traveling countrywide to see her favorite band.

Vanessa spent every waking moment of her life working with her sister, Alicia, under the watchful eye of their father, Thomas H. Quinn, at the Quinn Hardware family business. Alicia said she and Vanessa babysat in the office for the great nieces on days they called Little A Days. “She loved Little A Days, the only days she wasn’t late to work”, Alicia joked. It’s rare when siblings can work well together, but Vanessa and her sister did it; they even took vacations together, Alicia said. At the top of her priority list, however, was her daughter, Emma Lee York, the light of her life.



Vanessa leaves behind a loving family, including her daughter, Emma; her sisters, Alicia and Jessica; three nieces and two great nieces, and her proud Mom, Lynda. She was predeceased by her Dad in November 2018.



A scholarship in Vanessa’s name will be established for young women from Skowhegan Area High School who plan to further their studies in business management. Contributions can be made to the Quinn Family Scholarship Fund and mailed to the school at: 61 Academy Circle, Skowhegan, Maine 04976.

*Compiled by: Darla L. Pickett*



**Spirit of America Foundation  
Honoring Volunteerism  
Resolve of the Town of Skowhegan  
Board of Selectmen**

The 2019 Town of Skowhegan, Maine Spirit of America Foundation Tribute honors Lynda Quinn for commendable community service.

Be it Resolved by the Town of Skowhegan Board of Selectmen as follows:

Whereas, Lynda Nutting Quinn personifies the meaning of volunteerism as presented by the Spirit of America.

Lynda, a lifelong resident of her central Maine community, is known for making things “work,” with persistence and tenacity.

A member of the Bloomfield Trustees, she also is chairman of the Library Trustees for Skowhegan Free Public Library and a member of the fundraising committee. Lynda was among the active volunteers who devoted hours of service to making the \$1.5 million major renovation project at the 1890s library a reality, “all with donations and grants.”

Lynda has always been dedicated to her town, spending 21 years as a selectwoman, nine years as its chairman, and says she has “loved every minute of it.”

A graduate of Skowhegan High School and University of Maine at Farmington, Lynda has devoted nearly 40 years of her life to education. She taught at North Elementary for 17 years, Skowhegan Area High School Special Education for 12 years, and founded her own school, Somerset Valley Academy, which she operated for seven years.

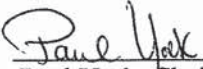
More recently, she has served as a member of the SAD 54 school board for four years.


She also has been a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution for 35 years and a member of the Skowhegan Woman’s Aid Society for six years.

She was, as a teenager, a member of Rainbow Girls Assembly 22, where she also later served as its Mother Advisor, and has been a member of Eastern Star for at least 40 years, currently serving as Worthy Matron of Minerva Order of Eastern Star Chapter 74.


Be it Resolved by the Town of Skowhegan’s Board of Selectmen that Lynda Quinn is hereby recognized for the outstanding achievements and honors she has brought upon this community with the 2019 Skowhegan Spirit of America Foundation Tribute.

In Testimony Whereof, we have hereunto set our hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the Town of Skowhegan in the State of Maine this 10<sup>th</sup> day of June in the year of 2019.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Paul York, Chairman

  
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E. Gene Rouse, Vice Chairman

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Betty Austin, Selectman

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Roger Staples, Selectman

**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, 2017 – June 30, 2018**

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Town Manager, Christine Almand

TELEPHONE: (207) 474-6907  
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# Town of Skowhegan

## Town Manager

225 Water Street  
Skowhegan, Maine 04976



## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT FISCAL YEAR 2018

The following pages include an excerpt of the 2018 Audit Report. Complete Audit Reports are available for public viewing in the Town Clerk's Office and the Town Manager's Office at the Municipal Building.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Almand", is written over a light gray rectangular background.

Christine Almand  
Town Manager

### **Independent Auditor's Report**

Board of Selectmen  
Town of Skowhegan, Maine

#### **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Skowhegan, Maine as of and for the year ended June 30, 2018, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

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

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

#### ***Auditor's Responsibility***

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

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

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

#### ***Opinions***

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Skowhegan, Maine, as of June 30, 2018, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

**Other Matters**

*Required Supplementary Information*

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, budgetary comparison information and pension and OPEB information on pages 6 through 13 and page 48 through 53 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 Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, 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.

**Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards**

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 29, 2019, on our consideration of the Town of Skowhegan, Maine's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town of Skowhegan, Maine's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Town of Skowhegan, Maine's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

*Brenton Thibodeau & Associates*

March 29, 2019

**Town of Skowhegan, Maine**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**Governmental Funds**  
**June 30, 2018**

	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Permanent Fund	Total Governmental Funds
<b>ASSETS</b>					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,710	\$ 349,168	\$ 150,965	\$ -	\$ 501,843
Investments	5,029,423	-	5,332,984	1,021,846	11,384,253
Taxes receivable, net	909,651	-	-	-	909,651
Accounts receivable	27,687	10,031	-	-	37,718
Due from other governmental agencies	124,105	101,637	-	-	225,742
Due from Maine Bond Bank	-	-	1,896,185	-	1,896,185
Due from other funds	-	389,499	-	-	389,499
Due from Skowhegan Economic Development	52,944	-	-	-	52,944
Loans receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$33,568	-	696,877	-	-	696,877
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 6,145,520</b>	<b>\$ 1,547,212</b>	<b>\$ 7,380,134</b>	<b>\$ 1,021,846</b>	<b>\$ 16,094,712</b>
<b>LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES</b>					
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Accounts payable	\$ 273,568	\$ 100,788	\$ 516,595	\$ -	\$ 890,951
Due to other funds	142,220	-	233,897	13,347	389,464
Payable to other governments	33,618	-	-	-	33,618
Due to pension plan	35,848	-	-	-	35,848
Unearned revenue	-	751	-	-	751
Other accrued expenses	17,378	-	-	-	17,378
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>502,632</b>	<b>101,539</b>	<b>750,492</b>	<b>13,347</b>	<b>1,368,010</b>
<b>Deferred inflows of resources</b>					
Prepaid taxes	59,531	-	-	-	59,531
Unavailable property taxes	635,585	-	-	-	635,585
<b>Total deferred inflows of resources</b>	<b>695,116</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>695,116</b>
<b>Fund balances</b>					
<b>Nonspendable for</b>					
Trust fund principal	-	-	-	660,130	660,130
Loans receivable	-	696,877	-	-	696,877
<b>Restricted for</b>					
Trust fund income	-	-	-	348,369	348,369
Capital projects	-	-	1,669,306	-	1,669,306
Special revenue funds	-	748,796	-	-	748,796
<b>Committed for</b>					
Capital projects	-	-	4,960,336	-	4,960,336
<b>Assigned for</b>					
Other purposes	61,980	-	-	-	61,980
Unassigned	4,885,792	-	-	-	4,885,792
<b>Total fund balances</b>	<b>4,947,772</b>	<b>1,445,673</b>	<b>6,629,642</b>	<b>1,008,499</b>	<b>14,031,586</b>
<b>Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balances</b>	<b>\$ 6,145,520</b>	<b>\$ 1,547,212</b>	<b>\$ 7,380,134</b>	<b>\$ 1,021,846</b>	<b>\$ 16,094,712</b>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.



**Town of Skowhegan, Maine**  
**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances**  
**Governmental Funds**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2018**

	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Permanent Fund	Total Governmental Funds
<b>REVENUES</b>					
Property taxes	\$ 17,551,544	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17,551,544
Excise and miscellaneous taxes	1,532,907	-	-	-	1,532,907
Fees and fines	72,831	-	-	-	72,831
Licenses and permits	43,161	-	-	-	43,161
Intergovernmental	3,155,360	376,002	290,805	-	3,822,167
Charges for services	283,330	-	-	-	283,330
Investment and interest earnings	41,386	35,731	36,222	7,182	120,521
Contributions and reimbursements	55,153	-	-	-	55,153
Miscellaneous	88,536	-	-	13,264	101,800
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>22,824,208</b>	<b>411,733</b>	<b>327,027</b>	<b>20,446</b>	<b>23,583,414</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>					
Current					
General government	1,303,809	-	-	-	1,303,809
Protection	2,607,406	-	-	-	2,607,406
Public works	1,114,636	-	-	-	1,114,636
Waste water and pollution control	445,236	-	-	-	445,236
Solid waste management	802,841	-	-	-	802,841
Health and human services	289,891	-	-	-	289,891
Education	9,552,286	-	-	-	9,552,286
Parks and recreation	405,179	-	-	-	405,179
County tax	2,546,407	-	-	-	2,546,407
Cemeteries	84,413	-	-	7,779	92,192
Community services	193,275	-	-	-	193,275
Grant program expenses	-	384,130	-	-	384,130
Debt service					
Principal	1,352,955	-	34,353	-	1,387,308
Interest and loan fees	297,849	-	61	-	297,910
Capital outlay	-	-	3,020,432	-	3,020,432
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<b>20,996,183</b>	<b>384,130</b>	<b>3,054,846</b>	<b>7,779</b>	<b>24,442,938</b>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	1,828,025	27,603	(2,727,819)	12,667	(859,524)
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>					
Proceeds from capital lease	-	-	100,403	-	100,403
Transfers in	18,192	-	1,528,454	-	1,546,646
Transfers out	(1,528,454)	-	-	(18,192)	(1,546,646)
<b>Total other financing sources and uses</b>	<b>(1,510,262)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,628,857</b>	<b>(18,192)</b>	<b>100,403</b>
Net change in fund balances	317,763	27,603	(1,098,962)	(5,525)	(759,121)
<b>FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING</b>	<b>4,630,009</b>	<b>1,418,070</b>	<b>7,728,804</b>	<b>1,014,024</b>	<b>14,790,707</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES - ENDING</b>	<b>\$ 4,947,772</b>	<b>\$ 1,445,673</b>	<b>\$ 6,629,842</b>	<b>\$ 1,008,499</b>	<b>\$ 14,031,586</b>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

**Town of Skowhegan, Maine  
Budgetary Comparison Schedule  
General Fund  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2018**

	Budgeted Amounts			Actual	Variance with Final Budget - Positive (Negative)
	Original	Changes**	Final*		
<b>REVENUES</b>					
Property taxes	\$ 17,723,688	\$ -	\$ 17,723,688	\$ 17,551,544	\$ (172,144)
Excise and miscellaneous taxes	1,305,000	-	1,305,000	1,532,907	227,907
Fees and fines	50,810	-	50,810	72,831	22,021
Licenses and permits	30,600	-	30,600	43,161	12,561
Intergovernmental	3,108,533	33,586	3,142,119	3,155,360	13,241
Charges for services	282,633	-	282,633	283,330	697
Investment and interest earnings	5,000	-	5,000	41,386	36,386
Contributions and reimbursements	50,210	-	50,210	55,153	4,943
Miscellaneous	65,622	-	65,622	88,536	22,914
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>22,622,096</b>	<b>33,586</b>	<b>22,655,682</b>	<b>22,824,208</b>	<b>168,526</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>					
<b>Current</b>					
General government	1,447,447	(8,727)	1,438,720	1,303,809	134,911
Protection	2,825,776	1,478	2,827,254	2,607,406	219,848
Public works	1,283,365	251	1,283,616	1,114,636	168,980
Waste water and pollution control	577,494	178	577,672	445,236	132,436
Solid waste management	825,085	97	825,182	802,841	22,341
Health and human services	249,286	40,605	289,891	289,891	-
Education	9,552,286	-	9,552,286	9,552,286	-
Parks and recreation	463,425	96	463,521	405,179	58,342
County tax	2,546,407	-	2,546,407	2,546,407	-
Cemeteries	84,849	-	84,849	84,413	436
Community services	193,275	-	193,275	193,275	-
<b>Debt service</b>					
Principal	1,352,955	-	1,352,955	1,352,955	-
Interest and other charges	314,989	-	314,989	297,849	17,140
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<b>21,716,639</b>	<b>33,978</b>	<b>21,750,617</b>	<b>20,996,183</b>	<b>754,434</b>
<b>Excess of revenues over expenditures</b>	<b>905,457</b>	<b>(392)</b>	<b>905,065</b>	<b>1,828,025</b>	<b>922,960</b>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>					
Use of carryover fund balances	750,000	2,612	752,612	-	(752,612)
Overlay	(146,723)	-	(146,723)	-	146,723
Transfers in	17,500	-	17,500	18,192	692
Transfers out	(1,528,234)	(2,220)	(1,528,454)	(1,528,454)	-
<b>Total other financing sources and (uses)</b>	<b>(905,457)</b>	<b>392</b>	<b>(905,065)</b>	<b>(1,510,262)</b>	<b>(605,197)</b>
<b>Net change in fund balances</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>317,763</b>	<b>\$ 317,763</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING</b>				<b>4,630,009</b>	
<b>FUND BALANCES - ENDING</b>				<b>\$ 4,947,772</b>	

\* includes use of assigned carryover accounts

\*\* reclassification of budget, use of assigned carryovers and additional revenues, and transfers between budget articles as allowed by budget

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 2019 Annual Town Meeting Warrant located at the end of this Town Report.

For many years Skowhegan has used funds from the undesignated fund balance, also called surplus, for the sole purpose of reducing the tax commitment. At the 2018 Town Meeting, the voters also approved funding for future projects in the reserve accounts to come from surplus. In total \$1,418,000 of surplus was used for the following purposes: \$1,000,000 to reduce the tax commitment; \$300,000 towards the planned ballfield compound; \$100,000 for road improvements; and \$18,000 for rifles and a video camera system for a patrol vehicle for the Police Department. The 2019 Town Meeting Warrant will give voters another opportunity to set aside additional funding for future projects.

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: Paul York, Chairman; Gene Rouse, Vice Chairman; Betty Austin, and Roger Staples and to the Department Heads: Trisha Austin, Finance/Human Resource Director; David Bucknam, 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 cursive script, appearing to read "Christine Almand".

Christine Almand  
Town Manager

Paul York, Chairman  
Gene Rouse, Vice Chairman  
Betty Austin  
Roger Staples

# Town of Skowhegan

## Board of Selectmen

225 Water Street  
Skowhegan, Maine 04976



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To all Citizens of Skowhegan,

Here we are again with another year behind us. I was once again elected as chairman of the board and continue to work for the people of Skowhegan. The board has continued to try and make Skowhegan a place for people to want to come and visit or even make a life here. It is a continuous effort to try and keep all services Skowhegan has to offer and keep taxes reasonable so people can afford to live in the Town of Skowhegan.

The Board of Selectman have been operating with only four members for the past few months as we recently lost a member. We will sadly miss Vanessa York in her passing. Even though she only had a short time on the Board she had a passion for Skowhegan and its citizens. Our hearts go out to the family.

The Board along with Main Street and the chamber continue to try to get new businesses in town. There is a lot of energy in the Skowhegan Main Street regime and they are moving forward rather steadily on the Run of the River Project. They have managed to acquire a considerable amount of money through grants and donations to help with the project which is great for the tax payers. I hope to see great progress in the next year on the business front.

I am also excited about new housing coming into the area. KVCAP has plans for new housing at their property located on Mary Street. They will be renovating the old building and adding on a new addition. The property as it stands is non-taxable. Once the project is complete it will become taxable property. The Board worked with KVCAP to come up with a way to make this project work and thanks to the voters who saw the benefit of this project and voted it in. It is nice to see organizations and businesses believe in Skowhegan enough to invest in such a project.

The voters at last town meeting voted down a new Public Safety Building. The Public Safety Committee is continuing its efforts on this front. I'm on the committee and I assure you we are trying to listen to the tax payers but are trying to be responsible on this issue.

I once again encourage people to get involved with the town. As citizens of Skowhegan, we should all participate and be involved with our town. I would love to see more people attend selectman's meetings and the annual town meeting and voice your opinions and concerns after all this is your town. We should be proud of where we live and should always strive to make a positive difference.

Sincerely,

*Paul A. York*

Paul A. York  
Board of Selectman Chairman

# **TOWN OF SKOWHEGAN**

July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018

Elected and Appointed Officials

Departments and Committees

By:

Gail R. Pelotte, Town Clerk

**ELECTED OFFICIALS**  
**July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018**

**SELECTMEN – 3 YEAR TERMS**

Terms Expiring 2018:

Darla Pickett, Vice Chairman  
Soren Siren

Terms Expiring 2019:

Betty Austin  
Paul York, Chairman

Terms Expiring 2020

E. Gene Rouse

**ASSESSORS – 3 YEAR TERMS**

John Grohs, Vice Chairman - 2018  
Ronald Blaisdell, Chairman - 2019  
Bonnie Baker - 2020

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

Deborah Jones – 2018  
David James - 2019  
Lisa Toles – 2020

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

Gail R. Pelotte – 2018

**ROAD COMMISSIONER –  
3 YEAR TERM**

Gregory Dore – 2018

**PARK COMMISSIONERS –  
5 YEAR TERMS**

Violet Ferland – 2019  
Michael Lambke-2020  
Peter Foxwell – 2021  
Robert Haynes - 2021  
Davida Barter, Treasurer/Secretary – 2022

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

Terms Expiring 2018:

Harold Bigelow  
Lynda Quinn  
Amy Rouse  
Todd Smith (Appt. 7/11/17)

Terms Expiring 2019:

Richard Irwin, Sr.  
Jennifer Poirier  
Karen Smith

Terms Expiring 2020:

Mark Bedard  
Jeannine Conley  
Derek Ellis  
Margaret Lovejoy

**APPOINTED OFFICIALS, COMMITTEES & DEPARTMENTS**  
**July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018**

**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**

Paul York, Finance Officer  
Darla Pickett, 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-(Ret 4/30/18-Rehired 5/2/18)  
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  
Deputy Tax Collector, Municipal  
Agent

Tonja Lary, Collections Clerk  
Deputy Town Clerk/Deputy  
Treasurer

Mary Jane Clifford, Collections Clerk  
Jennifer Tenan, Collections Clerk,  
Deputy Tax Collector  
Chelsea Gardiner, 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 (R 3/16/18)  
Charles Bess III  
Randy Bowden  
Kelly Dore (A 10/2/17)  
Chad Folsom  
Charles Gould (R 7/14/17)  
Eric Lancaster (A 4/9/18)  
Corey Johnson  
William Marsh, Jr.  
Walter Powell  
Duane Whittemore

**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  
Stephen McDaniel, Maintenance Supervisor  
Brent Cook, Staff Assistant  
Paris Duhamel, Staff Assistant (A 4/2/18)  
Evan Kingsbury, Staff Assistant (R 8/25/17)

**TRANSFER STATION / RECYCLING CENTER**

Telephone: 474-6918

Randall Gray, Supervisor  
Steven Foss, Attendant  
Clyde Merrill, Attendant  
Thomas Smith, Attendant  
James Travers, Attendant  
Furnie White, Attendant

**PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

Telephone: 474-6904

Cynthia Kirk, Recording Secretary

**BOARD MEMBERS – 5 YR TERMS**

Terms Expiring 2018:

Steven St. Pierre

Terms Expiring 2019:

Harvey Austin, Jr.  
Todd Smith, Vice Chairman

Terms Expiring 2020

Steve Conley, Chairman

Terms Expiring 2021:

Stephen Gould  
Christopher Kruse

Terms Expiring 2022:

Edward Goff

**Note:** Planning Board Members are also Comprehensive Planning members

**POLLUTION CONTROL PLANT**

Telephone: 474-6909

Brent Dickey, Superintendent

Joshua Chartrand, Mechanic (R 9/2/16)  
Trevor Tozier, Mechanic (A 3/5/18-  
R 6/1/18)

Gary Cowan II, Maint. Mechanic  
Lawrence Delano, Operator (R 8/11/17)

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Telephone: 474-3400

Shawn Howard, Fire Chief  
Richard Caldwell, Captain  
Linwood Corson  
Jason Frost, Captain  
Scott Libby  
Matthew Quinn  
Michael S. Savage, Captain  
Ty Strout  
Daryl Wyman

**FIRE DEPARTMENT CHAPLAINE-1 YEAR**

Rev. Mark Tanner

**CALL FIREFIGHTERS**

Seth Abbott (R 7/28/16)  
Joseph Almand  
Jimmy Bigelow  
Bradley Bosworth  
Danny Bosworth  
Richard Bradford (R 3/28/17)  
Jordan Burdet  
Josh Corson  
William Crawford (R 2/5/19)  
Shawn Enright  
Nicholas Gilman (R 2/5/19)  
Ashley Higgins  
Derrick Kinney (R 2/5/19)  
Bryan LaPointe  
Thomas Lyons, Jr.  
Michael McKenney (R 2/5/19)  
Alan Nickerson  
Timothy Pomelow  
Devin Provencal  
Nicholas Quimby  
Tyler Savage  
Ian Shalit (R 5/31/18)  
Joshua Stewart (R 11/8/17)  
Scott Washburn  
Eric Witham



**FIRE WARDEN**

Shawn Howard, Fire Chief

**DEPUTY FIRE WARDENS**

Richard Caldwell  
Linwood Corson  
Jason Frost  
Scott Libby  
Matthew Quinn  
Michael S. Savage (Ret. 11/29/17-Rehired  
12/1/17)

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**

Jason Gayne, Chairman  
Doreen Poulin, Vice Chairman  
Kristina Cannon  
Matt Dubois  
Sally Dwyer  
Bill Finley  
Reid Gibson  
Kurt Maynard  
Todd Smith

**HEALTH OFFICER – 5 YR TERM**

Telephone: 474-6201

Timothy Malyk- 2019

**2015 FAÇADE COMMITTEE EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2018**

Steve Gould  
Shahla Khan (Term Exp. 2018)  
Christopher Perkins  
Bill Primemerman (Term Exp. 2018)  
Donna Russakoff

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Telephone: 474-6908

David Bucknam, Chief (A 7/11/17)  
Joel Cummings, Dep. Chief (A 11/28/17)  
Don Avery, Detective Sergeant (9/27/17)  
Michael Bachelder, Detective (2/5/18)  
Brian Gardiner, Sergeant (1/22/18)  
Hebert Oliver, Sergeant  
Katelyn Nichols, Detective  
Abigail Viera, Admin. Asst. (R 10/12/17)  
Kelly Woodard, Admin. Asst. (FT 10/3/17)

**Police Officers**

Ryan Blakeney (R 7/21/17)  
Jacob Boudreau  
David Daigneault, School Resource Officer  
Amber Damon (A 10/2/17)  
Kyle Haseltine, (R 5/21/17)  
Kelly Hooper, (A 8/22/17 – R 6/17/18)  
Christopher Viera  
Tifani P.V. Warren  
Timothy Williams

**Reserve Police Officers**

Charles Ball (A 10/5/17)  
Ronnie Blodgett (R 10/16/17)  
Toby Blodgett (R 5/23/17)  
Andrew Bowman (A 6/12/18)  
Teresa Brown  
Alex Burns (A 6/26/18)  
Garrett Buzzell  
Jeremy Buzzell (A 8/8/17)  
Harald Christiansen (A1/25/18)  
Brian Crater (R 5/23/17)  
Stephen Gould (A 9/15/17)  
Kyle Haseltine  
Billie Hatfield (A 1/23/18)  
Kelly Hooper (Reserve 6/26/18)  
Mike Pike (R 5/21/18)  
Ian Shalit (R5/31/18)

**Constables**

Don Avery  
Joel Cummings  
Herbert Oliver

**PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING COMMITTEE  
TERMS EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2018  
(New committee formed 7/22/14)**

**Voting Members**

Fire Chief: Shawn Howard  
Police Chief: David Bucknam (A 7/11/17)  
CEO: Randall Gray  
Road Commissioner: Greg Dore  
Selectman: Darla Pickett and Paul York  
Primary Citizens:  
    Steven Conley  
    Beverly Fitzsimmons  
    Stephen Gould  
    Warren Shay  
    Steven Spaulding  
Alternate Citizens:  
    Todd Smith  
    Newell Graf (A 10/10/17)

**Non-voting Members**

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

**ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER –  
1 YEAR TERMS**

Sharon Kinney  
Alternate Animal Control Officer-  
    Cara Mason (R 8/8/17)  
Alternate Animal Control Officer-  
    Jason Gayne

**FENCE VIEWERS – 1 YEAR TERMS**

Darla Pickett  
Gene Rouse

**SURVEYOR OF LUMBER –  
1 YEAR TERM**

Felix Quirion

**RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
1 YEAR TERMS**

Paula Doughty (A 4/11/18)  
Colin Quinn  
Carlene Sirois  
Soren Siren (A 6/12/18)  
F. Roderick Stevens  
Rupert White  
Kevin Withee

**CEMETERY SEXTON – 1 YEAR TERM**

Telephone: 474-9316

Mark Bossie

**CEMETERY COMMITTEE**

Mark Bossie, Sexton  
Melvin Burnham, Vice Chairman  
David James, Chairman (A 8/8/17)  
Mary Lou Holden Mollerus  
Carl McKenney  
Gene Rouse, Selectman’s Rep. (8/17/17)  
Donald Skillings, Selectman’s Rep.  
    (Term Exp. 6/2017)  
Felix Quirion, Honorary Member  
Gail R. Pelotte, Secretary

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

Bill Finley - 2020  
Warren Shay - 2018  
Christopher Perkins – 2019, Chairman  
Cara Mason, Secretary

**.ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

Bradley Corson - 2022  
Mayron Corson - 2021  
Howard Sevey, Secretary – 2020  
Vacant- 2019

**TOWN ATTORNEYS – 1 YEAR TERMS**

Kenneth Lexier  
Warren Shay

**HERITAGE COUNCIL – 5 YEAR TERMS**

Terms Expiring 2018:

Barry Sites, (A 5/8/18)  
Theresa Taylor  
Robert Washburn  
Shirley Whittemore, Chairman

Terms Expiring 2019:

Andy Russakoff  
Evalyn Bowman

Terms Expiring 2023:

Gail Kay (A 2/13/18)  
Katie Quilette ( A 2/13/18)

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION – 5 YEAR TERMS**

Term Expiring 2018:

Joseph Dembeck IV, Chairman  
Derek Ellis  
Corey Johnson

Term Expiring 2019:

Robert McGorty, Vice Chairman

Term Expiring 2020:

Corey Hinkle  
Tristen Hinkle  
Sherri Vigue

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

Term Expiring 2018:

Jeff Evans

Term Expiring 2020:

Bonnie Young (A 6/27/17)

**BUDGET/FINANCE COMMITTEE 3 YEAR TERMS**

Terms Expiring 2018

Michelle Cummings  
Patrick Dore  
Ida Earle  
John Grohs  
Christopher Kruse

Terms Expiring 2019:

David James  
Gene Rouse (R 6/17)  
Christian Savage

Terms Expiring 2020:

Rebekah Shankar  
Judi York

**LAKE GEORGE COMMITTEE – 3 YEAR TERMS EXPIRING 2020**

Stephen Dionne (R 8/22/17)  
J P Kennedy  
Ganna Chugay (A 9/26/17)  
Erik LeVine (A 7/25/17)  
Warren Shay  
Rupert White (A 2/27/18)

**RUN OF RIVER COMMITTEE**

Betty Austin  
Kristina Cannon  
Clayton Cole  
Jason Cooke  
Gregory Dore  
Bill Finley  
Jason Gayne  
Karen Hart  
Jeff Hewett  
Shawn Howard  
Denise LeBlanc  
Jeff McCabe  
Craig Taylor  
Taylor Walker  
Anna Staehli Wiser

**DOWNTOWN TIF OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE – 1 YEAR TERM**

Vicki Alward  
Billy Finley  
Sam Hight  
Christine Almand  
Amber Lambke  
Soren Siren  
Travis Works

**OPERA HOUSE COMMITTEE  
1 YEAR TERM**

Cara Mason  
Bradley Adams  
Julie Cooke (R 2/13/18)  
Mary Haley (A 4/24/18)  
Jeff Hewett  
Jon Kimbell  
Fred Liebfried (A 2/13/18)  
Jim Preble

**FACADE COMMITTEE  
1 YEAR TERM**

Steve Gould  
Christopher Perkins  
Donna Russakoff

**SIDEWALK COMMITTEE  
1 YEAR TERM**

Gregory Dore  
Richard Irwin  
Denise LeBlanc  
Richard Smith

## **ELECTION OFFICIALS**

### **OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR OF VOTERS TWO YEAR TERMS EXPIRING 1/1/2019**

Joan Farnsworth, Registrar of Voters  
Alice Souther, Deputy Registrar of Voters  
Gail Pelotte, Town Clerk/Deputy Registrar of Voters  
Tonja Lary, Deputy Town Clerk/Deputy Registrar of Voters  
Mary Jane Clifford, 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 3/13/2020 – 4 Year Term  
Linda Smith, Democrat – Term Expiring 3/27/2021 – 3 Year Term  
Christopher Perkins, Republican – Term Expiring 3/27/2021 – 3 Year Term

### **ELECTION/BALLOT CLERKS TERMS EXPIRING May 1, 2018 2 YEAR TERMS**

#### **Democrats**

Lorraine Arsenault  
Jane Arthur  
Judith Bowzer  
Melvin Burnham  
Phyllis Chamberlain  
Carole Clement  
Kathryn Evans  
Olivia Gray  
Rose Gray  
Bertha Irwin  
Richard Irwin, Sr.  
Laurie Lightbody  
Janet McGowan  
Theresa Norman  
Charlene Plourde  
Margaret Reid  
Maxine Russakoff  
Linda Smith  
Richard Smith  
Carole Withee

#### **Republicans**

Shirley Aube  
Sheila Beauford  
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  
E. Gene Rouse  
Frances Savage  
Ann Spaulding

Voter Registration Report

July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018

To the Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Skowhegan

The following meetings and elections were held during this period:

State of Maine Referendum Election, November 7, 2017

Annual Town Meeting, June 11, 2018

RSU#54/SAD#54 Budget Referendum, June 12, 2018

Skowhegan Municipal Election, June 12, 2018

State of Maine Primary Election, June 12, 2018

The number of voters presently registered is:

Democrats 1984

Republicans 196

Green Independents 1903

Unenrolled 2317

Total 6400

Respectfully Submitted,

*Gail R. Pelotte*

Gail R. Pelotte

Deputy Registrar of Voters

## DIRECTORY OF REPRESENTATIVES

### Federal United States Senate

Senator Susan M. Collins or 68 Sewall Street, Rm 507  
413 Dirksen Senate Office Building Augusta, Maine 04330  
Washington DC 20510 (207) 622-8414  
(202) 224-2523

Senator Angus King or 4 Gabriel Drive, Suite 3  
133 Hart Building Augusta, Maine 04330  
Washington DC 20510 (207) 249-7400  
(202) 224-5344

### U.S. Representatives to Congress

Congressman Jared Golden or 6 State Street, Suite 101  
1223 Longworth House Office Building Bangor, Maine 04401  
Washington DC 20515 (207) 249-7400  
(202)225-6306

**State of Maine**  
**House of Representatives**  
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2 State House Station  
Augusta Maine 04333-0002

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Representative Betty Austin  
41 Woodland Drive  
Skowhegan ME 04976  
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State House: (207) 287-1400  
Email: [bettya415@gmail.com](mailto:bettya415@gmail.com)  
State House Email: Rep [Betty.Austin@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:Betty.Austin@legislature.maine.gov)

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

Senate District 3  
Senator Bradlee Farrin  
262 Skowhegan Road  
Norridgewock, Maine 04957  
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[Brad.Farrin@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:Brad.Farrin@legislature.maine.gov)



# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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## **Betty A. Austin**

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Dear Skowhegan Neighbors:

Thank you for the opportunity to continue to serve the residents of Skowhegan in the 129<sup>th</sup> Legislature. It is truly an honor to serve our community in the Maine House of Representatives.

Over the coming months, we expect to take up over 2,000 separate pieces of legislation covering a wide variety of topics. Top priorities include bringing relief from the opioid crisis, reducing student debt, repairing our roads and bridges, increasing protections for workers and consumers, getting prescription drug costs under control, protecting the independence of seniors and making sure we are caring for our neighbors with disabilities.

We will also be balancing the state budget for the next two years and will work to do so in a way that restores revenue sharing funds for all Maine towns and respects the mandate of the voters to properly fund public education.

I am pleased to have been reappointed to serve on the Transportation Committee. We will be working on policies around the Department of Transportation, Maine Turnpike Authority, highway and bridge construction, aeronautics, waterways, railroads and more.

Whether we are dealing with the above issues or any other topic, I will continue 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.

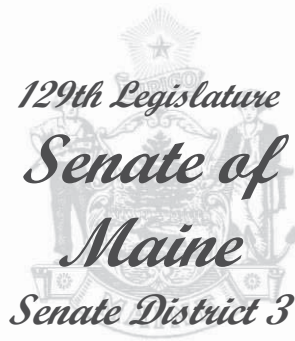
Please contact me if I can be of any help or if you want to discuss or testify on any legislation. My email is [betty.austin@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:betty.austin@legislature.maine.gov). My phone number is 431-4287. I also send out e-newsletters from time to time. Let me know if you would like to receive them.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Betty Austin".

Betty Austin  
State Representative





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**Annual Report to the Town of Skowhegan**  
A Message from Senator Brad Farrin

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

Let me begin by thanking you for the trust you have placed in me to be your voice in Augusta. It has been an honor serving as a State Representative over the last four years and I am humbled by the opportunity you have given me to represent you in the Maine Senate. I will continue to work tirelessly on your behalf, making sure your interests are heard and well represented in the Maine Legislature.

This past legislative session proved to be the longest in recent memory. After dealing with a number of major policy matters, we finally adjourned September 13.

Perhaps the most significant action the Legislature took last year was the passage of tax conformity. Failing to conform would have been a nightmare for businesses as well as for low-income and elderly Mainers. Maine would have lost \$37 million in one-time repatriated revenue. Due to the Legislature's actions and willingness to work together on the passage of tax conformity, Maine tax filers were unharmed by this policy change.

The 129<sup>th</sup> Legislature has many challenges of its own. The top priorities this session include finding a way to provide affordable and accessible healthcare to all Mainers, tackling the opioid crisis, education reform and funding, and lowering property taxes. I hope the Legislature can come together to tackle the difficult issues facing our state; and as always, I am ready to help.

You have my sincere thanks for allowing me to represent you in Augusta. Please feel free to contact me at 287-1505 or [brad.farrin@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:brad.farrin@legislature.maine.gov) if you have comments, questions or if you would like assistance in navigating our state's bureaucracy.

Sincerely,

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Brad Farrin  
State Senator

SUSAN M. COLLINS  
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ON INTELLIGENCE

Dear Friends,

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

As Chairman of the Senate Aging Committee, I worked to help ensure the well-being of our seniors. The *SeniorSafe Act I* authored became law last year and is empowering banks, credit unions, and other financial institutions to better protect seniors from financial fraud.

Following extensive committee investigations of prescription drug pricing, additional legislation I crafted became law, ending the egregious practice of pharmacy “gag clauses” that prevented pharmacists from informing patients on how to pay the lowest possible price.

This year, I was also successful in securing an extra \$425 million for Alzheimer’s research—the largest funding increase ever—bringing the total to \$2.34 billion. Additionally, the bipartisan *BOLD Act* I authored will create public health infrastructure to combat Alzheimer’s by promoting education, early diagnosis, and improved care management.

More than 40 million Americans—including 178,000 Mainers—are caregivers for parents, spouses, children, and other loved ones with disabilities or illnesses, such as Alzheimer’s. The *RAISE Family Caregivers Act* I authored was signed into law last year, giving caregivers more resources and training to better balance the full-time job of caregiving. Another law I wrote will help grandparents who are raising grandchildren, largely due to the opioid addiction crisis.

In addition to helping seniors, a major accomplishment over the past year is the increased federal investment in biomedical research that is leading to progress in the fight against numerous devastating diseases. Congress has boosted funding for the National Institutes of Health by \$7 billion in just the last three years, bringing total funding to more than \$39 billion.

One of my highest priorities as Chairman of the Transportation Appropriations Subcommittee is to improve our nation’s crumbling infrastructure and ensure that Maine’s needs are addressed. Since the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Transportation Grants program, formerly known as TIGER, was established in 2009, I have secured \$160 million for vital transportation projects throughout Maine.

Congress also delivered a Farm Bill last year, which includes many important provisions that will help the agriculture industry in Maine and across the country. Specifically, I secured provisions that will strengthen support for young farmers, improve local farm-to-market efforts, and increase funding for organic research.

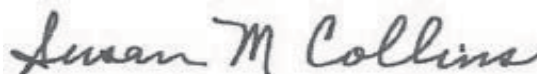
Congress took decisive action to address the opioid addiction epidemic. In addition to appropriating \$8.5 billion in federal funding last year, Congress enacted the *SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act*, a comprehensive package that embraces the multipronged approach I have long advocated for this epidemic: prevention, treatment, recovery, and enforcement to stop drug trafficking.

Maine plays a key role in ensuring a strong national defense. In 2018, Congress provided funding for five ships to be built at Bath Iron Works, which will help to keep our nation safe and provide our skilled shipbuilders a steady job. I also secured more than \$162 million for infrastructure projects at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard to support their important work to overhaul Navy submarines.

A Maine value that always guides me is our unsurpassed work ethic. In December 2018, I cast my 6,834<sup>th</sup> consecutive vote, continuing my record of never missing a roll-call vote since my Senate service began in 1997.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve Maine in the United States Senate. If ever I can be of assistance to you, please contact one of my state offices or visit my website at [www.collins.senate.gov](http://www.collins.senate.gov). May 2019 be a good year for you, your family, your community, and our state.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins  
United States Senator

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

January 3, 2019

COMMITTEES:  
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Dear Friends,

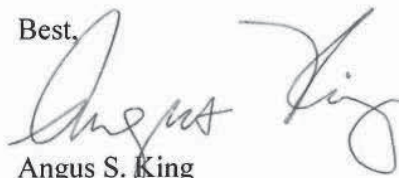
As I travel Maine, I hear from people who live in every corner of our state. I hear about their achievements, their successes, their work to improve their communities – I hear about the hope they have for our state. I also hear about our challenges, and all the work we have left to do. As I see it, that's my job: to listen to you, act where I can to build on what's good, and work on the tough parts. As 2018 comes to a close, I wanted to take a moment to share an update on some of the work we're doing in Washington to lift up the accomplishments of Maine people and make progress on the challenges they face.

From Portland to Presque Isle, from Milo to Camden, I hear about the pain that the opioid epidemic is inflicting on Maine communities. I've met with Maine people in recovery, family members of those struggling with substance use disorders, treatment providers, and law enforcement officials to learn about their experiences with this terrible disease, and everyone agrees that in order to fully respond to these problems, we need a stronger federal effort to end the opioid epidemic. Fortunately, some help is on the way – in October, we overwhelmingly passed a sweeping, bipartisan opioids bill. I've pushed hard for this type of legislation and was proud to have provisions I've advocated for included in the bill. These priorities have been guided by the voices of Maine people, and we'll keep working to confront this tragic problem.

I've also worked to strengthen the future of our forest economy. Maine's forests have powered our state's economy for generations, especially in our rural communities. So, when rapid shifts in the market led to the closure of many pulp and paper mills and biomass power plants, it required a collaborative approach to support future growth in this important industry. That's why, together with the other members of the state's Congressional delegation, I pushed to establish the Economic Development Assessment Team (EDAT). This integrated, multiagency effort aims to foster innovation and commercialization in Maine's forest economy, and we're already seeing the benefits: in recent months, several forest industry businesses have announced significant investments into Maine operations, and in September 2018, the Forest Opportunity Roadmap (FOR)/Maine released an action plan to make sure this industry, and the rural communities it supports, can continue to thrive for generations to come.

As I close this letter, please allow me to express my gratitude to each of you – for your dedication to our state, and to one another. It's often said that Maine is like a big small town (with very long streets)— that's because at our heart, we're one big community. It's not only a pleasure to serve you— it's a pleasure to know you. Thank you for being the reason Maine is so special. Mary and I hope that 2019 will be a good year for you, your family, your community, and our great State.

Best,



Angus S. King  
United States Senator

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PAUL R. LePAGE  
GOVERNOR

Dear Citizens of Maine:

For the past eight years as your Governor, my priority has been to make Maine prosperous. I am proud to say that my administration has had some success, but there is more that can be done.

Mainers experienced strong, record-setting economic growth in 2018, setting so many new records: a record-high number of employers; a record-high number of private-sector jobs; record-high revenues for the state; record-low unemployment; and the fastest net-earnings growth in New England. Our poverty rate declined to the lowest since 2005 with the fewest number of children in poverty in 17 years. Maine's future is the brightest it has been in decades: there's more new businesses, more money in your paycheck, and better opportunities for our children. And that's what it's all about: the future of our state.

We have brought stability to state finances and implemented pro-business, pro-growth policies across state government. The incoming administration is taking on a state government that is vastly improved—both structurally and financially—from the one I inherited. Therefore, I have suggested to the new administration that now is the time to cut taxes by an additional 20 percent.

My administration lowered taxes by 20 percent for more than half-a-million Mainers. Cutting taxes for our families has proven to be an excellent policy decision. Despite this cut, we are seeing higher revenue in almost every tax category—sales and use tax, individual income tax, and corporate income tax. We must always remember that the revenue we receive in taxes is due to the hard work of Maine's people. Democrats stated they want to use surplus money to fully fund revenue sharing at 5 percent, rather than the 2 percent the towns have received for the past 6 years. **However, there is no guarantee your local government will cut your property taxes by one penny—never mind dollar-for-dollar—if revenue sharing is increased.**

The people of Maine and the municipal balance sheets would be better off if the state cut income taxes and allowed municipalities to collect property taxes or service fees from non-profits to supplement the local property taxes. Everyone should contribute to the operation of local community governments.

I encourage you to pay attention to what happens in your municipality and in Augusta. So many good people have worked much too hard to achieve our current prosperity. We must avoid letting politicians drive Maine's finances and its economy back into the ground. I promise you that I will be watching.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul R. LePage".

Paul R. LePage  
Governor



Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

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Dear Friends,

I hope this letter finds you well. As I am settling into my new role as your representative, I wanted to give you an update on what we are doing in D.C. and in Maine this year.

My first priority is to be accessible to you and to our communities, which is why I have opened offices throughout the Second District at the following locations:

- **Caribou Office:** 7 Hatch Drive, Suite 230, Caribou ME 04736. Phone: (207) 492-6009
- **Lewiston Office:** 179 Lisbon Street, Lewiston ME 04240. Phone: (207) 241-6767
- **Bangor Office:** 6 State Street, Bangor ME 04401. Phone: (207) 249-7400

My team and I are here to serve you, so please come meet my staff, voice an opinion, inform us of local events, or seek assistance with federal benefits. I come home to Maine every weekend to hear from you and see what's happening in our communities. I appreciate you keeping us informed.

This year, I was proud to be appointed to the House Armed Services and Small Business Committees. On Armed Services, I'm using my experience serving in Iraq and Afghanistan to make sure our servicemembers have the resources and training they need to succeed and keep us safe. Within Armed Services, I was assigned to the Seapower Subcommittee, where I am fighting for our shipyard jobs and making sure our military can count on Bath-built ships for generations to come. Beyond Bath, I will advocate for the entire network of good Maine jobs that support our troops, equipping them to carry out their duties reliably and safely.

Maine would just not be the same without our small, family-owned businesses. On the Small Business Committee, I am working to ensure our small businesses have the tools to grow, look out for their workers, and provide more good jobs to people all over Maine. Within the Small Business Committee, I was honored to be appointed Chairman of the Subcommittee on Contracting and Infrastructure. With this position, I am highlighting the need for infrastructure investment and fighting to level the playing field when small businesses compete for federal contracts.

One thing I love about Maine is that we help each other out. Whether it's ensuring a job well done or lending a hand to a neighbor, I know you are strengthening our communities every day. I am proud to serve alongside you and look forward to all that we will accomplish together.

My wife Isobel and I wish you and your family happiness, health, and success in the year to come.

Sincerely,

Jared Golden  
Member of Congress

Town Manager, Christine Almand

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# Town of Skowhegan

## Town Manager

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## TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT 2018

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 after tax commitment which is typically in August or early September and ends a month later. 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,

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Christine Almand  
Town Manager

## **TAXPAYER'S NOTICE**

### **REAL ESTATE:**

If you have constructed, altered or removed any buildings since April 1, 2018 and on or before April 1, 2019, 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 706A 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, 2020, for the 2020-2021 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, 2020, any widow or minor children of veterans who would have been 62 years of age as of April 1, 2020 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, 2020. 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, 2020 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, 2020 can apply for a Homestead Exemption. The application needs to be received by April 1, 2020. This exemption from taxation went into effect in 1998. We are assuming that it will be available in 2020 as well. One can only receive this exemption on the home that is his or her residence. If you are currently receiving this exemption, and you still reside in the same home, you do not need to reapply.

Respectfully submitted,

William Van Tuinen, Agent to the Board of Assessors

Leisa D. Emery-Burns, Assistant Assessor

**2017 Uncollected Real Estate Taxes  
As of April 1, 2019**

<b>BARRETT, DOUGLAS</b>	<b>\$ 1,163.39</b>
<b>SCRIBNER, DAVID A</b>	<b>\$ 1,977.51</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 3,140.90</b>

**2018 Uncollected Real Estate Taxes  
As of April 1, 2019**

<b>ADAMS, DANIEL W</b>	<b>\$ 3,791.53</b>
<b>ALLMENDINGER, MARY (THOMPSON)</b>	<b>\$ 359.79</b>
<b>AMES SOMERSET PARKS INC</b>	<b>\$ 9,986.80</b>
<b>ARCHER, AMBER</b>	<b>\$ 354.76</b>
<b>BAILEY, WANDA MARIE</b>	<b>\$ 1,570.15</b>
<b>BAKER, PAMELA J - PR</b>	<b>\$ 1,464.44</b>
<b>BAKER, PAMELA J - PR</b>	<b>\$ 487.56</b>
<b>BARRETT, DOUGLAS</b>	<b>\$ 635.68</b>
<b>BEANE, STEVEN</b>	<b>\$ 218.08</b>
<b>BEANE, STEVEN A SR</b>	<b>\$ 867.93</b>
<b>BEAUSCHESNE, JACOB</b>	<b>\$ 745.27</b>
<b>BELANGER, DUSTIN</b>	<b>\$ 2,773.95</b>
<b>BLODGETT, KERT</b>	<b>\$ 701.72</b>
<b>BORDWICK, PETER</b>	<b>\$ 303.64</b>
<b>BOWMAN, DENNIS L JR</b>	<b>\$ 1,391.92</b>
<b>BRAGDON, PETER</b>	<b>\$ 3,311.60</b>
<b>BROWN, NICOLE L</b>	<b>\$ 772.82</b>
<b>BROWNE, KRYSTAL</b>	<b>\$ 142.85</b>
<b>BUMP, RAY L</b>	<b>\$ 4,422.67</b>
<b>BURNS, TIMOTHY J - LIFE ESTATE</b>	<b>\$ 713.70</b>
<b>BUSSELL, APRIL</b>	<b>\$ 149.54</b>
<b>BUSSELL, ERIC</b>	<b>\$ 446.18</b>
<b>CHAMBERLAIN, DON</b>	<b>\$ 230.11</b>
<b>CHANBERLAIN, DONNIE</b>	<b>\$ 240.93</b>
<b>CHAPMAN, LAURA ANITA - LIFE EST</b>	<b>\$ 441.69</b>
<b>CIPRIANO, ANTHONY</b>	<b>\$ 2,428.19</b>
<b>CLARK, EZRA</b>	<b>\$ 602.43</b>
<b>CLARK, JOSH</b>	<b>\$ 4,921.73</b>
<b>COLEMAN, BELINDA</b>	<b>\$ 230.55</b>
<b>COOLEY, DEVIN S</b>	<b>\$ 671.00</b>
<b>CORSON, RENEE A</b>	<b>\$ 847.15</b>
<b>COWETTE, KIM - LIFE ESTATE</b>	<b>\$ 429.55</b>
<b>CURRIER, REBECCA A</b>	<b>\$ 392.37</b>
<b>CURTIS, MICHELLE</b>	<b>\$ 627.72</b>
<b>CUTTEN, GEORGE</b>	<b>\$ 862.16</b>
<b>DAUPHINEE, TY E</b>	<b>\$ 704.23</b>
<b>DERBYSHIRE, JAMES A</b>	<b>\$ 1,146.32</b>
<b>DERBYSHIRE, JAMES A</b>	<b>\$ 601.75</b>
<b>DERBYSHIRE, JAMES A</b>	<b>\$ 712.48</b>
<b>DERBYSHIRE, JAMES A</b>	<b>\$ 501.68</b>
<b>DOIRON, AARON A</b>	<b>\$ 502.28</b>



2018 Uncollected Real Estate Taxes (continued)

DORE, MAURICE ROBERT JR	\$	959.34
DUMAS, BOBBI-JO A	\$	1,000.89
DYKE, JODI - PR	\$	1,996.06
EAST COAST MERCHANT SERVICES INC	\$	1,556.92
EATON MOUNTAIN INC	\$	2,636.62
ELLIOTT, SHAWNA A	\$	760.33
ENAIRE, CHAD	\$	867.93
EVERETT RYAN	\$	1,503.67
EVERETT, RICKY	\$	1,325.43
EVERETT, RICKY B	\$	2,702.87
EVERETT, RICKY B	\$	333.99
FOLSOM, CHRITOPHER M	\$	2,781.92
FORSMAN, CASEY	\$	63.73
FREDERICK, RYAN M	\$	1,603.83
GEORGE, ERNEST J	\$	857.54
GILBERT, JUSTIN	\$	331.91
GRAF, ROBERT M	\$	707.70
GRAY, JOHNNY A	\$	559.99
GRIFFETH RUTH-DAWN	\$	367.23
H & S FOUR, LLC	\$	194.79
HARTLEY, STACEY C	\$	649.78
HARVILLE, THOMAS W	\$	2,087.47
HARVILLE, THOMAS W	\$	757.81
HARVILLE, THOMAS W	\$	1,119.31
HARVILLE, THOMAS W	\$	1,651.18
HARVILLE, THOMAS W	\$	1,354.09
HARVILLE, THOMAS W	\$	1,034.13
HARVILLE, THOMAS W	\$	1,063.22
HAWES, LEIGH M	\$	142.17
HAYDEN, HEIDI	\$	1,104.77
HAYDEN, NICHOLAS	\$	158.34
HEALEY-SAVAGE, ANNMARIE	\$	1,996.50
HEWETT, LORI	\$	1,262.67
HIGGINS, MICHAEL A	\$	651.94
HJORT, ALFRED J	\$	1,281.36
HOLT, NANCY L - ESTATE OF	\$	1,181.65
HORSIN' AROUND HOLDING COMPANY LLC	\$	2,103.64
HYDE, CYNTHIA	\$	648.14
JEWELL, DONNA LEE	\$	410.86
JEWELL, GREGORY W	\$	1,300.07
JOHNSON, BRIAN L	\$	685.55
JOHNSON, CYPRIEN J	\$	3,109.64
JOHNSON, JACOBY R	\$	763.62
JOYCE, RAYMOND A - ESTATE OF	\$	2,480.13
KEATEN, DEREK	\$	115.84
KEITHAN, JAMES A - LIFE ESTATE	\$	957.27
KENNEDY, ROY H	\$	181.93
KETCHUM, IRENE M	\$	92.21
KING, ROXANN	\$	506.43
KINGSBURY, DAVID L	\$	2,925.18
KINNEY, DENNIS G	\$	1,207.53
KNIGHT, KATHLEEN H	\$	1,214.88
KNOWLTON, DALE P	\$	1,701.04

2018 Uncollected Real Estate Taxes (continued)

KRAMER, KENT D	\$	1,630.40
LABELLE, PAUL	\$	1,235.66
LACASSE RICHARD	\$	972.25
LACASSE, JESSE W	\$	3,324.07
LACASSE, KAREN J	\$	1,092.31
LACASSE, MARK J & KELLY M - 2/3 INT	\$	2,173.28
LACASSE, RACHAEL A	\$	3,319.92
LACASSE, RICHARD	\$	1,250.21
LACASSE, RICHARD	\$	597.84
LACASSE, RICHARD A	\$	1,134.30
LACASSE, RICHARD A	\$	2,281.13
LACASSE, RICHARD A	\$	3,155.35
LACASSE, RICHARD A	\$	1,135.94
LACASSE, RICHARD A	\$	2,412.01
LACASSE, RICHARD A	\$	1,308.38
LEMIEUX, DANA A	\$	622.77
LINCOLN REAL ESTATE LLC	\$	169.89
LITTLEJOHN, DARLENE	\$	296.59
LOCKE, ROLAND H	\$	732.89
MACHIE, JOHN N	\$	4,022.14
MAINE RIVERSCAPES LLC	\$	9,128.84
MALLARD, ROBERT	\$	728.73
MALLARD, ROBERT JR	\$	4,358.27
MARCUE, LESLIE A	\$	1,181.20
MCCARTHY, AMBROSE	\$	4,079.47
MCCARTHY, AMBROSE G JR	\$	2,715.34
MCCARTHY, AMBROSE G JR	\$	1,138.02
MCCARTHY, AMBROSE G JR	\$	1,725.97
MCCARTHY, AMBROSE G JR	\$	352.69
MCCARTHY, AMBROSE G JR	\$	373.46
MCLAUGHLIN, JAMES	\$	920.97
MEADER, KEVIN L	\$	1,703.12
MERROW, TIMOTHY J	\$	1,414.76
MILLER, EDGAR A	\$	2,204.25
MILLER, MARILYN	\$	1,256.44
MILLER, MARILYN J	\$	402.55
MILLETT, MONYA R - HEIRS OF	\$	2,692.05
MULLEN, BEVERLY E	\$	335.54
MULLEN, TONY	\$	471.79
NICKERSON, DYLAN E	\$	572.91
OAK POND APARTMENTS & STORAGE	\$	1,320.84
OBERT, AMANDA	\$	604.57
PATURZO, RONALD	\$	2,037.60
PELLETIER, CHRISTOPHER M	\$	1,543.54
PERKINS, BRUCE A JR	\$	595.76
PERKINS, BRUCE L	\$	459.08
PERKINS, JARED M	\$	1,587.20
PERKINS-LOMBARD, TINA L	\$	1,250.21
PETERS, JAMES J	\$	2,027.80
PIERCE, KIM D	\$	2,798.01
POMERLEAU, VICTOR	\$	1,252.72
PRENTISS, GORDON	\$	1,784.14
PREVOST, DENNIS A - LIFE ESTATE	\$	747.43

2018 Uncollected Real Estate Taxes (continued)

PRICE, CHRISTOPHER J	\$	1,689.01
PUGSLEY, LEE	\$	1,213.24
QUIMBY, GEORGE A	\$	556.73
ROBBINS, STEVE	\$	213.44
ROLLINS, ARNOLD S	\$	1,487.49
ROODE, MARY O	\$	405.83
ROONEY, ANNABELLE - LIFE EST	\$	1,528.60
ROSE, GLEN	\$	176.08
SALISBURY, GREGORY J	\$	3,542.21
SALISBURY, PETER A	\$	1,161.30
SANBORN, JAMEY	\$	629.44
SANBORN, JAMEY	\$	621.14
SAWYER, HERBERT - HEIRS OF	\$	539.67
SCRIBNER, DAVID A	\$	2,058.39
SECRETARY OF HUD	\$	1,908.44
SHAW, NORMAN	\$	574.99
SHAW, NORMAN	\$	611.71
SHAW, NORMAN	\$	1,694.80
SHAW, NORMAN R	\$	2,498.83
SHAW, NORMAN R	\$	801.45
SHAW, NORMAN R	\$	1,339.54
SINCYR, CHESTER W	\$	1,064.15
SINCYR, CHESTER W	\$	371.67
SIROIS, GLORIA F - LIFE ESTATES	\$	1,194.11
SMITH, JOSHUA M	\$	680.38
SORACCHI, MICHAEL W	\$	938.56
STAFFORD, NICHOLAS B	\$	2,324.31
STAPLES, DONNA L	\$	1,003.40
SULLIVAN, GERALD - ESTATE OF	\$	1,206.57
SYLVESTER, JAMES H	\$	669.55
TADLOCK, SHANNON	\$	1,516.13
TANNER, MARK K	\$	2,594.84
TANNER, MARK K	\$	2,715.34
TRACY, MARY ANNE	\$	1,223.63
WASHBURN, TIMOTHY M JR	\$	1,142.17
WATERVILLE OAKS, LLC	\$	3,942.76
WEEKS, DANA	\$	176.09
WHITE, CHRISTOPHER	\$	334.43
WHITE, CHRISTOPHER D	\$	849.23
WHITE, CHRISTOPHER D - PERS REP	\$	103.38
WHITE, JOSHUA	\$	1,635.43
WINCHESTER, RICHARD H JR	\$	50.78
TOTAL	\$	253,341.78

2008 Uncollected Personal Property Taxes  
As of April 1, 2019

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

2009 Uncollected Personal Property Taxes  
As of April 1, 2019

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

2010 Uncollected Personal Property Taxes  
As of April 1, 2019

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
TOTAL	\$	3,454.40

2011 Uncollected Personal Property Taxes  
As of April 1, 2019

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

2012 Uncollected Personal Property Taxes  
As of April 1, 2019

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 CONSTRUCTION	\$	63.44
WILL FOSTER BUILDERS	\$	63.44
TOTAL	\$	3,937.85

2013 Uncollected Personal Property Taxes  
As of April 1, 2019

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
TOTAL	\$	3,687.71

2014 Uncollected Personal Property Taxes  
As of April 1, 2019

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 CONSTRUCTION	\$	65.60
WILL FOSTER BUILDERS	\$	65.60
TOTAL	\$	4,128.52

2015 Uncollected Personal Property Taxes  
As of April 1, 2019

CENTRAL MAINE WREATH	\$	174.93
CHAPTER 11	\$	85.75
CUSTOM STRUCTURES	\$	68.60
GARDEN ISLAND OF SKOWHEGAN	\$	977.55
GILBLAIR & SON TRUCKING	\$	51.45
HURRICANE CLEANERS	\$	32.58
LACASSE SHOE REPAIR	\$	186.93
MATT POWERS BUILDERS	\$	68.60
MCCARTHY, AMBROSE G JR	\$	1,029.00
MISNER LAWN CARE	\$	327.57
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 FACILITY	\$	5.15
TROPICAL SUNSATIIONS -IND SUMMR	\$	10.29
WASHBURN & CO, LLC CONSTRUCTION	\$	68.60
WASHBURN ENT. LLC D/B/A CMFF	\$	800.00
TOTAL	\$	5,114.93

2016 Uncollected Personal Property Taxes  
As of April 1, 2019

CENTRAL MAINE WREATH	\$ 190.32
CHAPTER 11	\$ 91.50
COMMUNITY DRIVING SCHOOL	\$ 14.64
CRAZY CUZIN'S QUALITY THRIFT SHOP	\$ 18.30
CUSTOM STRUCTURES	\$ 73.20
GARDEN ISLAND OF SKOWHEGAN	\$ 1,072.38
GILBLAIR & SON TRUCKING	\$ 54.90
HORSIN' AROUND CHILDCARE	\$ 82.35
HURRICANE CLEANERS	\$ 124.44
KAREN'S KLOSET	\$ 5.49
KEYBANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION	\$ 60.39
LACASSE SHOE REPAIR	\$ 203.13
M & D LP GAS SERVICE	\$ 36.60
MAINELY MEALS	\$ 54.90
MATT POWERS BUILDERS	\$ 73.20
MCCARTHY, AMBROSE G JR	\$ 1,098.00
MISNER LAWN CARE	\$ 301.95
MISS KELLY'S LEARNING LOFT	\$ 69.54
O.S.K. ALL IN ONE CONSIGNMENT	\$ 16.47
ORA SALON	\$ 12.81
SANDY & DAUGHTER, INC.	\$ 786.90
SCOTT SIROIS CONSTRUCTION	\$ 54.90
SENTRY FINANCIAL CORP	\$ 9.15
SKOWHEGAN CHIROPRACTIC	\$ 431.80
SPENCER AUTO BODY	\$ 91.50
SPICE OF LIFE	\$ 151.89
TADPOLE ACADEMY - DAYCARE FACILITY	\$ 5.49
TROPICAL SUNSATIIONS -IND SUMMR	\$ 10.98
WASHBURN ENT. LLC D/B/A CMFF	\$ 1,544.52
TOTAL	\$ 6,741.64

2017 Uncollected Personal Property Taxes  
As of April 1, 2019

CENTRAL MAINE WREATH	\$ 152.32
CHAPTER 11	\$ 95.20
COMMUNITY DRIVING SCHOOL	\$ 13.33
CRAZY CUZIN'S QUALITY THRIFT SHOP	\$ 19.04
CUSTOM STRUCTURES	\$ 76.16
EATON MOUNTAIN INC	\$ 772.07
GARDEN ISLAND OF SKOWHEGAN	\$ 1,085.28
GILBLAIR & SON TRUCKING	\$ 57.12
HORSIN' AROUND CHILDCARE	\$ 85.68
HURRICANE CLEANERS	\$ 118.05
JEN'S HAIR STUDIO	\$ 59.02
KEYBANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION	\$ 55.22
LACASSE SHOE REPAIR	\$ 207.54
M & D LP GAS SERVICE	\$ 38.08
MAINELY MEALS	\$ 57.12
MATT POWERS BUILDERS	\$ 76.16
MCCARTHY, AMBROSE G JR	\$ 476.00
MISNER LAWN CARE	\$ 310.35
MISS KELLY'S LEARNING LOFT	\$ 57.12
O.S.K. ALL IN ONE CONSIGNMENT	\$ 17.14
ORA SALON	\$ 13.33
PERKINS, TOWNSEND, SHAY & TALBOT	\$ 479.81
REJUVENATE SALON	\$ 59.02
SANDY & DAUGHTER, INC.	\$ 811.10
SCOTT SIROIS CONSTRUCTION	\$ 57.12
SKOWHEGAN CHIROPRACTIC	\$ 190.40
SPICE OF LIFE	\$ 158.03
SPRING HOUSE GARDENS ASSOC.	\$ 297.02
TADPOLE ACADEMY - DAYCARE FACILITY	\$ 5.71
THE NEW LOOK SALON	\$ 19.04
TROPICAL SUNSATIIONS -IND SUMMR	\$ 11.42
WASHBURN ENT. LLC D/B/A CMFF	\$ 1,561.28
TOTAL	\$ 7,491.28

2018 Uncollected Personal Property Taxes  
As of April 1, 2019

AKEENI RECOVERY AND SERVICES	\$ 150.00
CENTRAL MAINE WREATH	\$ 164.00
CHAPTER 11	\$ 100.00
COMMUNITY DRIVING SCHOOL	\$ 16.00
CUSTOM STRUCTURES	\$ 80.00
EATON MOUNTAIN INC	\$ 1650.00
GARDEN ISLAND OF SKOWHEGAN	\$ 1,172.00
HILL TOP ANTIQUES	\$ 10.00
HORSIN' AROUND CHILDCARE	\$ 90.00
HURRICANE CLEANERS	\$ 116.00
JEN'S HAIR STUDIO	\$ 62.00
KEYBANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION	\$ 50.00
LACASSE SHOE REPAIR	\$ 222.00
LOON COVE GOLF	\$ 82.00
LYNETTE'S GIFTS N CARDS	\$ 18.00
MAGOON, MAURICE JR	\$ 700.00
MAINELY MEALS	\$ 60.00
MATT POWERS BUILDERS	\$ 80.00
MCCARTHY, AMBROSE G JR	\$ 500.00
NEW IMAGE HAIR & NAIL SALON	\$ 28.00
ORA SALON	\$ 14.00
PINEWOOD MOTEL	\$ 160.00
POULIN TRACTOR	\$ 2.93
PRIMO WATER CORPORATION	\$ 30.43
RICK'S PIT STOP	\$ 10.00
SCOTT SIROIS CONSTRUCTION	\$ 60.00
SPRING HOUSE GARDENS ASSOC.	\$ 318.00
THE NEW LOOK SALON	\$ 20.00
TROPICAL SUNSATIIONS -IND SUMMR	\$ 12.00
WASHBURN ENT. LLC D/B/A CMFF	\$ 1,650.00
WEST FRONT MARKET	\$ 731.28
TOTAL	\$ 8,358.64

## SKOWHEGAN BOARD OF ASSESSORS REPORT

To the Citizens and Taxpayers of Skowhegan:

The tax rate for the fiscal year 2019, beginning 7/1/2018 and ending 6/30/2019, was \$18.20 per thousand. That was a reduction of \$1.80 per thousand. The primary reason for the reduction was the substantial rebuild of a paper machine at Sappi. Even though such new business equipment is exempt from taxation, the State provides substantial reimbursement of the revenue such equipment would raise if taxable..

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

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 2019 fiscal year the tax commitment in Skowhegan raised the following net amounts:

1. The town of Skowhegan raised a net amount of \$7,800,068. Included in this town amount is a Downtown TIF appropriation of \$81,669. This was about 24.4% of the total tax and amounted to about \$4.449 per thousand of valuation.
2. SAD 54 raised a net amount of \$9,296,531 which comprises 60% of the total tax and amounted to \$10.927 per thousand of valuation.
3. Somerset County raised a net amount of \$2,402,383.43 which comprises 15.5% of the total or \$2.824 per thousand.

The growth in the Skowhegan tax base over the past year included 19 new homes valued at \$1,740,900, two seasonal homes valued at \$65,800, and two mobile homes valued at \$75,500. We also saw a new commercial building valued at \$462,500.

Qualifying taxpayers who reside in a home as their primary residence and who have an application on record with this office continued to receive a homestead 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

*John F. Grohs*  
John F. Grohs, V. Chairman

*Bonnie A. Baker*  
Bonnie A. Baker



**Town Clerk's Report  
July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018**

	No. Issued	Paid to Town	Paid to State of Maine
<b>INLAND FISHERIES &amp; WILDLIFE</b>			
Boat/Snowmobile/ATV			\$ 43,825.00
Hunting/Fishing Licenses			\$ 21,565.25
Sales Tax			\$ 14,533.91
Town Fees		\$4,494.25	
<b>Totals</b>		<b>\$4,494.25</b>	<b>\$ 79,924.16</b>
<b>DOG LICENSES</b>			
Male & Female	401	\$401.00	\$ 4,010.00
Neutered & Spayed	1296	\$1,296.00	\$ 3,888.00
Kennel Licenses	4	\$8.00	\$ 120.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1701</b>	<b>\$1,705.00</b>	<b>\$ 8,018.00</b>
<b>ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER FUND</b>		<b>\$9,377.00</b>	
<b>MUNICIPAL LICENSES</b>			
Victualer Licenses	47	\$1,380.00	
Pool Table/Bowling/Licenses	4	\$120.00	
Innkeeper Licenses	1	\$30.00	
Special Amusement Licenses	7	\$210.00	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>\$1,740.00</b>	
<b>OTHER SERVICES</b>			
Marriage Intentions Files	49	\$1,764.00	
Record Search	5	\$5.00	
Partnership	2	\$20.00	
Certified Copies	722	\$9,386.00	\$ 1,444.00
Add'l Certified Copies	530	\$2,968.00	\$ 212.00
Burial Permits	422	\$5,908.00	\$ 2,532.00
Business Names Recorded	8	\$80.00	
Non-resident Notary Fees	85	\$425.00	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1,823</b>	<b>\$20,556.00</b>	<b>\$ 4,188.00</b>

<b>Local Deaths Recorded</b>	<b>192</b>
<b>Marriage Returns Recorded &amp; Reported to State</b>	<b>49</b>
<b>Births Reported to State</b>	<b>194</b>
<b>Oaths Administered</b>	<b>146</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>581</b>

**Respectfully Submitted,**

*Gail R. Pelotte*

**Gail R. Pelotte  
Town Clerk**

*Town Clerk - Treasurer  
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*

**TOWN CLERK/TREASURER REPORT  
July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018**

**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 five hundred fifty-two thousand two hundred eighty-six dollars (\$9,552,286.00). The town's appropriation to Somerset County was two million five hundred forty-six thousand four hundred six dollars and ninety-three cents (\$2,546,406.93).**

**Higgins educational loans totaling nineteen thousand dollars (\$19,000.00) were issued to five graduates of Skowhegan Area High School's Class of 2017. 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**

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

To: Citizens of the Town of Skowhegan

The Skowhegan Fire Department responded to 708 calls for service in 2018.

In 2018 the citizens of Skowhegan voted not to fund a new Public Safety Building. While disappointing, it was understandable. The Committee has continued to work on a better solution. The fact remains that the Fire Station is 115 years old and needs to be replaced. The Committee has listened to the concerns of the voters and is determined to present a better proposal that addresses those concerns.

Like most Fire Departments across the nation, the Skowhegan Fire Department continues to struggle with a shortage of available firefighters. The average age of a firefighter in Skowhegan is 41 years old. The age groups are as follows;

5 Firefighters age 20-29
8 Firefighters age 30-39
8 Firefighters age 40-49
5 Firefighters age 50-59
2 Firefighters age 60+

The 28 Firefighters of the Skowhegan Fire Department have a combined 420 years of experience. Years of experience;

11 Firefighters 5 years or less
6 Firefighters 10-19 years
8 Firefighters 20-29 years
2 Firefighters 30-39 years
1 Firefighter 41 years

The average years of experience of a Skowhegan Firefighter is 15 years.

With more than half of the firefighters over the age of 40, the next decade could prove to be a turning point for the fire department. We must find ways to get young men and women interested in becoming call firefighters. Maine currently has proposed a program in Legislature to assist in providing incentives for call firefighters. The Length Of Service Award Program (LOSAP) will provide a type of monetary retirement program for Call and Volunteer Firefighters. This is just one step in addressing the shortage. We are at a critical point for the fire service. Call and Volunteer firefighter are the backbone of Maine Fire Departments. The best equipment, new stations, and bigger trucks will never replace the men and women of the fire service.

If you have an interest in joining the Skowhegan Fire Department, please call or stop in for more information!

In closing, I would like to thank the Town Manager, the Board of Selectman, 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 in anytime.

Respectfully,  
*Shawn P. Howard*  
Fire Chief

Skowhegan Police Department  
225 Water Street  
Skowhegan, Maine 04976  
207-474-6908

*"Servina Since -1823"*



*David A. Bucknam, Chief*

*Brian A. Gardiner, Deputy Chief*

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**To: Town Manager Christine Almand  
Board of Selectman  
Residents of Skowhegan**

**It is has been a busy year at the police department and I appreciate the support the citizens have shown us. When I first took this position, I stated how committed I was to this agency, the men and woman under my command and the citizens of Skowhegan. This has not changed and as we move into the New Year I can tell you this, we are just getting started.**

**There have been a few changes here at the police department. We have hired new officers and said "good luck" to others who have moved onto other agencies or occupations. I'm happy to say this issue of officers leaving has slowed down and I expect it to continue as we move forward.**

**Training as been a priority this year in which we have been able to certified officers as Instructors in various areas. Officer Boudreau became a Field Sobriety and Intoxilyzer Instructor, Officer Williams a Taser Instructor, SRO Daigneault and Deputy Chief Brian Gardiner are Active Shooter Instructors. Officer Damon graduated from the Police Academy and is back on the streets interacting with the community and leaving her trade mark quotes for local business checks. In addition, our officers have been instructing at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy and the Police Department has been hosting training courses which has brought officers from other agencies to our town.**

**In December, Brian Gardiner accepted the position as Deputy Chief and the Police Department has already benefitted from his motivation, ideas and commitment to this community. We also said goodbye to Administrative Assistant Kelly Woodard who is pursuing a career in the medical field. Her position was filled by local resident and retired Coast Guard Veteran Chief Nancy Weis. Nancy brings a plethora of experience which will be used in our daily operations.**

**Over the past year we have increased our community policing with officers working with our children in the schools. From the walking school bus program, snow shoeing and getting into snow ball fights during after school activities, the kids are starting to become more comfortable interacting with law enforcement. We hosted the first "National Night Out" in Coburn Park where we had law enforcement from all over Somerset County represented. This event brought in hundreds of families and friends who had a night of interacting with each other, their communities and law enforcement.**

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*David A. Bucknam, Chief*

*Brian A. Gardiner, Deputy Chief*

This department has a diverse group of officers which I believe is the key to building a strong and successful team to protect and serve this community. Some of these officers are known throughout the community, but I would like to introduce them to you.

**Chief David Bucknam**

Deputy Chief Brain Gardiner  
Sgt. Joel Cummings  
Sgt. Herb Oliver  
Det. Sgt. Don Avery  
Det. Katelyn Nichols  
Det. Michael Bachelder  
Officer David Daigneault  
Officer Timothy Williams  
Officer Jacob Boudreau  
Officer Tifani Warren  
Officer Amber Damon  
Officer Andrew Bowman  
Officer Alex Burns  
Officer Joshua York

Reserve Officer Garret Buzzell  
Reserve Officer Teresa Brown  
Reserve Officer Kelly Hooper  
Reserve Officer Kyle Haseltine  
Reserve Officer Kris McKenna  
Reserve Officer Billie Hatfield  
Reserve Officer Matthew Winters  
Reserve Officer Scott Christiansen  
Administrative Assistant Nancy Weis  
ACO Sharon Kinney

I cannot thank the community enough for all the support and dedication to the Police Department. This coming year will again bring positive changes to help keep Skowhegan a safe place live, work, and visit.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D.A. Bucknam".

Chief David Bucknam



## School Resource Officer

**2018-2019**

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

The School Resource Officer (SRO) position is filled by Officer David Daigneault. Officer Daigneault has held this position for sixteen years and has been with the Skowhegan Police Department for approximately 18 years.

The goal of the School Resource Officer is to establish a positive relationship with the students and school administration of MSAD#54, by building trust and respect between the community, youth and law enforcement, and help parents and students resolve conflict. The program also strives to reduce the potential for criminal behavior in school while promoting a safe learning and teaching environment.

The officer provides a visible police presence in the high school, middle school and Marti Stevens Learning Center.

I concentrate my efforts in three primary roles:

1. Law Enforcement: promote and maintain a safe and drug free environment
2. Education: the officer frequently involved in school curriculum focusing on such topics as the effects of drugs on the body, search and seizure and current events.
3. Counseling: the school resource officer is at the school to answer student's questions and to help them with some of their concerns.

SRO's serve as a role model, mentor, and positive image of law enforcement in our community.

I strive to help our community by volunteering as a leader in a local Boy Scout Troop. To help young men to become leaders, good citizens, and to give back to their community. As an Eagle Scout, I believe in helping our community through community service. I also volunteer my time as a merit badge counselor for the Boy Scouts of America.

This is was my fourteenth year as a camp leader at 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. Six youths from Skowhegan had the pleasure of attending camp in 2018.

**Skowhegan Police Department**  
**225 Water Street**  
**Skowhegan, Maine 04976**  
**207-474-6908**

*"Servina Since -1823"*



*David A. Bucknam, Chief*

*Brian A. Gardiner, Deputy Chief*

I have prepared the following statistics for the last three consecutive years, which reflect my daily activities.

	<u>2015-2016</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>
Misc. Calls for Service	277	283	268
Arrests/Detentions	3	2	3
Summonses Issued	24	21	20
Contraband Incidents	19	15	13
Trespass Warnings Issued	3	6	4
Harassment Warnings Issued	35	41	31
Accident Reports	3	2	2
K-9 Searches	0	0	0
Counseling Session w/Staff	120 hrs.	117 hrs.	114.5 hrs
Counseling Session w/Student	171 hrs.	163 hrs.	167 hrs
Counseling Session w/Parent	40.5 hrs.	38 hrs.	31.5 hrs
Classroom Presentations	13	14	17
Bomb Threats	0	0	0
Sport Event Details	12	15	18
School Dance Details	5	4	4
Assemblies Attended	7	6	7
Middle School Visits	103 hrs.	105.5 hrs.	101 hrs
Parking Lot Tours	68 hrs.	64.5 hrs	59 hrs
Administrative Time	84.5 hrs.	87 hrs.	89.5 hrs
Faculty Meetings Attended	2	2	3
Meetings (Misc.)	31	35	38
Workshops Attended	2	2	2
Training Programs Attended	4	3	5
Marti Stevens Learning Ctr. Visits	53 hrs.	58 hrs.	51.5 hrs
Special Events Attended	15	13	18

Sincerely,

David H. Daigneault  
 School Resource Officer





**Skowhegan Highway Department**  
Skowhegan, Maine 04976

*Gregory A. Dore*  
*Road Commissioner*  
474-6911

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

To the Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Skowhegan:

Our paving program for the summer of 2018 included approximately two miles of the East River Road, Greenwood Avenue, Cowett Street, Cleveland Street, Gem Street, Silver Street, Robinson Street, McClellan Street, Willow Street, Forest Green Street, and the Stewart Hill Road. Gem Street and Cleveland Avenue we installed a new sidewalk and curb.

We also worked with the Maine Department of Transportation to improve the Island Avenue parking lot to include new lighting, a handicap sidewalk with retaining wall and paving. The parking lot is now part of the park and ride system.

We have replaced the 2001 Sterling tandem axle dump truck with this 2020 Western Star tandem axle dump truck



2019 Schwarze



2020 Western Star

We have replaced the 2003 Johnston street sweeper / basin cleaner with a 2018 Schwarze Hypervac street sweeper/basin cleaner.

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, baked cakes, 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 as shown in the beginning of this letter.

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

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*Randall D. Gray*  
Code Enforcement Officer  
Building Inspector-Plumbing Inspector  
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CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT  
July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018

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

From July 2017 through the end of June 2018, the Code Enforcement Department issued One hundred and forty-four (144) building permits, fifty-five (55) interior plumbing permits, twenty (20) septic system permits, twenty-one (21) Central Maine Power electrical forms, and sixteen (16) shoreland zone permits. The Town also issued eight (8) sewer capacity reserve permits.

The Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code (MUBEC) has been in effect for six 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.

Our current Codes consists of a compilation of the following editions of the following codes:

2015 International Building Code (IBC); 2015 International Residential Code (IRC); 2009 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC); ASHRAE 62.1-2013 (Ventilation for Acceptable Indoor Air Quality); ASHRAE 62.2-2013 (Ventilation for Acceptable Indoor Air Quality in Low-Rise Residential Buildings); and ASHRAE 90.1-2013 (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. I also want to remind everyone 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: Wentworth Partners & Associates, Laney's Madison Ave., Pyro City, The Children's Center, Shelly's Toy Box and a portion of the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Downtown Cornville Charter School.

The Fire Department and Code Enforcement Department continue to 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, Property Maintenance Ordinance and all State codes pertaining to unsafe buildings, building construction, and the Automobile Junkyard/Graveyard law.

As many of you know, I will be retiring from the Town of Skowhegan on June 14, 2019. I want to thank the town manager Christine Almand, the Board of Selectmen, all of the department heads, my Administrative Assistant Cynthia Kirk and all of the citizens of Skowhegan for supporting me throughout my career. I wish you all the best in the future.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Randall D. Gray*

Randall D. Gray  
Code Enforcement Officer  
Building – Plumbing Inspector

Water Pollution Control Plant  
53 Joyce Street  
TEL (207) 474-6909

## Town of Skowhegan

225 Water Street  
Skowhegan, Maine 04976



Brent Dickey  
Superintendent  
e-mail skowpoll@skowhegan.org

### WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PLANT 2017 - 2018 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 completed 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 and resumed in spring 2015 after a winter shutdown and was completed in November 2015.

T Buck Construction of Auburn, Maine 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 on this contract was completed in December 2015.

The fourth phase of CSO abatement work was bid in March 2016 and awarded to Sargent Corporation of Stillwater, Maine for \$1,993,360.00. The sanitary sewers on Mt. Pleasant Avenue, Olive Street, Ash Street and Center Street were replaced and a new separated storm drain was built on Mt. Pleasant Avenue. The so-called Joyce Valley Sewer, constructed in 1905, that runs through the valley between Mt. Pleasant Avenue and Milburn Street east to Joyce Street was converted to a storm drain. Construction began in June and was completed in November 2016.

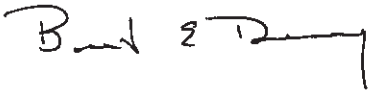
Lou Silver Inc. of Veazie, Maine began the \$2,144,641.00 Phase 3.5 construction project in June 2017. Work to be performed includes re-lining or replacement of sewers on North Avenue between Jewett and Water Street and separation of storm drains from the sanitary sewers. A limited amount of sewer separation

work will also be done on lower Madison Avenue. Silver failed to complete the project by the contract deadline of November 27, 2017 and resumed construction in May after a winter shutdown. Silver's projected completion date is September 2018.

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, appearing to read "Brent Dickey". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Brent Dickey  
Superintendent

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Skowhegan Solid Waste Management Facility & Recycling Center Report  
July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018

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

Our existing composting and food scraps program is continuing to grow and be a success. We have now partnered with the Cornville Charter Schools here in Skowhegan. They are collecting their food scraps which we in turn add to our compost. The food scraps have made a big improvement to our already impressive composting program. For the past 2 years now, we have worked with the Skowhegan Rotary and collected all of the shells and food scraps from their annual lobster bake. We also encourage all residents to sign up for the food scrap program. 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 even more **thousands** of dollars per year. Since we have continued to be able to produce such a large amount of compost over the years, we are going to be able to sell between 500-600 cubic yards of compost to contractors this coming year and still have plenty of free compost for our residents!

With the rising costs of trash disposal and the decrease in revenues being paid for recyclables, it is imperative now more than ever that the Town of Skowhegan increases its efforts to recycle in 2019. 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 at 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 amount of revenues generated at the Solid Waste Management Facility for July 1, 2017- June 30, 2018 totaled \$106,857.00. This includes the sale of all recycled materials, sticker fees and universal waste/bulky waste fees. The Recycling Center processed 627 tons of cardboard, newspaper, mixed paper, metal, plastics, glass and 50 tons of material was sold or reused from the transfer station. If this material were not recycled the town would have spent an additional \$53, 817.00 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 \$173,095.00 from July 2016-June 2017. 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 2017-June 2018, the Transfer Station handled over 6,758.52 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 over \$464,000 in landfill tipping fees to the Town of Skowhegan tax payers. The Town also spent \$18,206.00 for the disposal of construction demolition chipped wood and clean wood, along with over 456 tires at a cost of \$855.00. The average household in the Town of Skowhegan disposes of 1500 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 newest permit stickers will be available for sale in September 2019. They are valid from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021. The cost of a permit sticker is \$10 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.**

As many of you know, I will be retiring on June 14, 2019. I would like to thank the Skowhegan citizens and businesses for their efforts to recycle as much as possible over the years. I also want to thank my staff Clyde Merrill, Steven Foss, Al (Furnie) White, James Travers, Tom Smith and Cynthia Kirk, Administrative Assistant at the Solid Waste Management Facility for their dedication and hard work operating a very successful recycling program. I know they will continue to work hard for our citizens even after I am gone.

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 2019

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 business environment, while protecting the Town and its residents with safe, sound, and smart growth. We continually strive to provide wise guidance to the Selectmen concerning needed ordinances and policies, while at the same time recognizing the various rights and freedoms, especially the property rights, of the Town's residents. We seek to find a balance of the common good to the inevitable loss of freedoms which occurs with the passage of each new ordinance. We recognize the great responsibility we hold and thank you for your trust in us.

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 existing 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.

Over the past year, the Planning Board has worked hard in putting together recommendations to the Selectmen, concerning policy, new ordinances, changes in ordinances, and updates to ordinances. These were advisements, proposed policies, ordinances, changes, and updates that we believed were in the best interest of the town. Among these were:

- No adoption of the proposed Traffic Calming Policy
- Ongoing Victualer's Ordinance Review
- The Parades and Processions Ordinance
- Updates and combining of the Obscenities and Adult Entertainment Ordinances
- Updates to the Special Amusement Ordinance
- Updates to the Building Safety Ordinance
- Application, License and Permit Fees Ordinance

A few projects have come before the Planning Board over this past year, including but not limited to:

- Various Flood Hazard and Shoreland Zoning Permits
- Various letters of compliance
- Ryan Lane in the Timberview II Subdivision.
- Gifford Dairy freezer expansion
- Revision of the Robin L. Scanlin Subdivision
- KVCAP Mary Street Project
- Proposed Trinity Shelter

This year, as in the past, the Planning Board worked closely with Code Enforcement Officer Randall Gray, Joel Greenwood, 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. We want to thank them for their dedication and service to the Town of Skowhegan.

Planning Board Members included; Steve Conley, Chairman, Todd Smith, Vice Chairman, Stephen Gould, Secretary, Ned Goff, Harvey Austin, Steve St. Pierre, and Garrett Quinn.

Skowhegan continues to face both challenges and opportunities; however, 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 (cell) 1-937-205-1860 or email [4pastorconley@gmail.com](mailto:4pastorconley@gmail.com)

Respectfully Submitted,

*Steve Conley*

Steve Conley  
Skowhegan Planning Board Chairman

# SKOWHEGAN COMMUNITY CENTER

CELEBRATING

# 30 years

1989-2019



## *To the Citizens of Skowhegan:*

*I am proud to share this year's annual report with you all as it is the 30th Year Anniversary of the Skowhegan Community Center. For the past 30 years, the Skowhegan Community Center has been an important asset of the community serving as a thriving hub of activity for youths, families, senior citizens, civic organizations, parks & recreation department, and more.*

*It has connected us in some aspects through family celebrations, gathering, adult & youth programs and activities, school/group functions, exercise classes, afterschool activities, conferences, meetings, public services, community events, the center's outside facilities and much more that takes place at the Center.*

*The Community Center opened in August, 1989 providing excellent inside accommodations including a full size gymnasium with bleacher seating for 600 people, stage, exercise room, fitness/aerobics room, game room, conference rooms, commercial kitchen, locker rooms & storage rooms. Moving forward we continued to expand outside facilities with a large playground, multi-purpose park consisting of two (2) outdoor basketball courts and a skatepark, three (3) baseball field complex known as the Carl Wright Baseball Complex with a full concession stand, youth sized football field and this year the grand opening of the full-size youth football field.*

*Moving Forward our goal is to continue to expand on site per the towns 2006 approval and DEP/DOT permit for the facilities of need for our community youth and adults which includes; Rt. 2 By-Pass lane which is required per the DOT traffic study, community center parking expansion, football field concession/storage building. On the adjacent site that the town purchased in 2000 will consist of parking lots, walking trail, multi-use fields including soccer, adult softball and field hockey.*

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

*Our department would not be so successful without the dedication, support and shared commitment. Thank you all for your continued support, assistance, time and being a major team player throughout the year.*

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jennifer Klane".

Director,  
Skowhegan Community Center &  
Skowhegan Parks & Recreation Department





# SKOWHEGAN PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT



## OUR MISSION

Enhancing the quality of life for all residents. Fostering individual and community in all aspects.  
PHYSICAL · MENTAL · SOCIAL · ENVIRONMENTAL

### HEALTH BENEFITS

Access to parks and recreation facilities leads to healthy lifestyles for people of all ages. Parks and trails enable and encourage people to exercise. Exposure to nature improves psychological and social health.

### ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS

Parks, open spaces and trails play a key role in preserving water and air quality, reducing congestion and protecting wildlife.

### COMMUNITY BENEFITS

Parks and recreation sources give communities a vital identity. Parks and recreation opportunities encourage citizens to be engaged in their communities as volunteers, stewards, advocates and students.

### ECONOMIC BENEFITS

Parks enhance property values, contribute to healthy and productive work forces and help attract and retain businesses.

### 2018-19 HIGHLIGHTS

- \* 11,360 Registered Program Participants & Community Center Users (not including special community events & outside facility users)
- \* 300+ dedicated volunteers that assist the department in many ways which is detrimental to the success of the department yearly.
- \*Continued Success in Programs, Special Events & Community Services: Daddy Daughter Dance, Mom & Me Dance, School Dances, Summer Food Program, Community Thanksgiving Dinner, Outdoor Adventure Program, Annual Haunted House, Dances, Tournaments, Community Gardens, Great Maine Outdoor Week-end, Moonlight Madness Bed Races, Red Claws Hot Shot, MLB Hit, Pitch & Run, and much more.
- \*New Programs Offered and Successes: Pickleball, Preschool Classes, Afterschool Enrichment Activities, Movie Nights, Freestyle/Greco Wrestling, Ages 5-7 Scamper Camp, Unified Adult Basketball, etc..
- \*Grants Received: & Funding Support: USDA Summer Food Program, State Municipal Snowmobile Grant for ITS 87 Trail for Skowhegan, Norridgewock & Mercer, New Balance Move More Kids, Poland Spring 207ACT, NB Doers for Dollars Program, Wal-Mart,
- \* Successful Collaborations & Partnerships State Organizations & Associations.

## SAVE THE DATE

Your Invited To The Celebration of the  
Skowhegan Community Center's 30th Year Anniversary

Saturday, August 24, 2019

12:00-2:00 pm at the Skowhegan Community Center, 39 Poulin Drive.

All Welcome

Visitors will have free use of the facility and activities. Activities will include 5k Race, Kids X-Country Race, Music, Cookout, Whiffle Ball, Cornhole, Water slide, Basketball, Animal Presentation, Fitness Class, Live Radio and much more being planned

www.skowhegan.org  
skowrec@skowhegan.org  
(207)474-6901

Saturday Night, August 24th 7:00pm-11:00pm "Swinging into 30 Years of Service"

(21 & Over) Celebration at T & B's Celebration Center

Tickets & More Details TBA



**Director, Jeff Hewett**  
**E-mail: [jhewett@skowhegan.org](mailto:jhewett@skowhegan.org)**

**Secretary, Dena Rich**  
**E-mail: [drich@skowhegan.org](mailto:drich@skowhegan.org)**



**Town of Skowhegan**  
**Office of Economic & Community Development**  
**225 Water Street**  
**Skowhegan, Maine 04976**



**Phone (207) 474-6905**  
**Fax (207) 474-9413**

**To the Citizens of the Town of Skowhegan:**

2018 has been a very busy year for the office, we have been working on a large variety of projects such as the new Façade Grant to the Downtown TIF applications. We are always looking for different projects to help improve our Town and welcome any input from the public.

One of the projects we worked on was the 2018 Town-wide Façade Grant Program; which we received \$100,000. We are now working with 15 applicants who are planning on improving their business building facades. For every dollar that is granted to the business, the business has to match at a minimum of one dollar. There is already a waiting list for the next façade program.

The office has been in discussions of an energy reduction project. One of the major discussions we have been working on is converting the existing streetlights from Non-LED to LED lights. To do that the Town will have to purchase the lights and then pay for the conversion to LED. This discussion lead to the Town putting out an RFQ (Request for Qualifications) for a company to work with the Town to do a major Energy Reduction Project. The Selectmen decided to work with Siemens Industry, Inc.; to look at streetlight conversions, energy reductions for the Municipal Building, Community Center, Pollution Control, and the Highway Building.

The office worked with the new Downtown TIF Committee on one application for funding to assist in building improvements.

SEDC has reviewed and approved two RLF Loans for this year. 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).

SEDC has also sold two lots in Southgate to Civil Arms; who has built a 1.4 million-dollar facility on one of the lots purchased. We were able to work with Beeline Cable Company to supply Civil Arms with high speed internet as needed. With the improvements that Beeline has done in the park, we are now able to offer high speed connectivity to existing and future companies in the Southgate Industrial Park.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Jeff Hewett*

Director of Economic & Community Development

*Town Clerk - Treasurer  
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*

**Cemetery Report  
July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018**

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

**The Cemetery Committee met five times: August 17, 2017; September 7, 2017; January 25, 2018; May 3, 2018; and June 4, 2018.**

**The Committee members during this period of time consisted of David James, Chairman; Gen Rouse, Selectmen’s Representative; Mary Lou Holden-Mollerus; Carl McKenney; Melvin Burnham; 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 2018**

<b>Water</b>	<b>\$ 508.93</b>
<b>Electricity</b>	<b>\$ 185.12</b>
<b>Sexton Salary</b>	<b>\$ 78,174.00</b>
<b>Tree Cutting</b>	<b>\$ 1,150.00</b>
<b>Repair &amp; Maint.</b>	<b>\$ 1,995.30</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, 2017 – JUNE 30, 2018**

Receipts

Town of Skowhegan	80,073.50
Stone Repair	<u>150.00</u>
	80,223.50

Expenditures

Wages paid	18,584.50
FICA, State, Federal, and Unemployment On Employees	5,041.86
Gas and oil	5,552.69
Supplies, parts and repairs	4,532.80
Insurance	5,043.00
Registration and Excise Tax on vehicles	674.75
Office supplies	3,936.62
Equipment (lawn mowers, trimmers, etc.)	22,564.95
Loam/Cement	<u>916.00</u>
	66,847.17

Total Receipts	80,223.50
Total Expenditures	<u>66,847.17</u>
	13,376.33

Mark D. Bossie



Town of Skowhegan  
Wellness Works Program

Walter Powell, Highway Department  
Leisa Porter, Municipal Building  
Ty Strout, Fire Department  
David Bucknam, 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 2018- 2019Z

January Workshop—Laughter Is The Best Medicine  
February How Full Is Your Bucket  
March Workshop Alzheimer's 101  
April Workshop— Be Summer Smart  
May Workshop—Wellness Breakfast/Employee of the Year Award  
June workshop- summer smart (canceled)  
July - no class  
August - no class  
September Workshop— No Class  
October Workshop-Stretching Solutions  
November Workshop— Making Fitness Fit  
December Workshop—Dealing With Unexpected Change

Congratulations to Greg Dore 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 2019  
Respectfully Submitted,

Walter Powell, Chairman  
Town of Skowhegan Wellness Committee



**To: Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Skowhegan**  
**From: Run of River Committee**  
**Re: Run of River update, July 2017 – June 2018**

From July 2017 to June 2018, the Run of River Committee accomplished the following:

- Raised \$40,000 for the Run of River Whitewater Recreation Area
  - \$15,000 from the Davis Conservation Foundation
  - \$25,000 from the Quimby Family Foundation
- Contracted McLaughlin Whitewater and Kleinschmidt Associates to assist with project next steps and to provide a detailed budget and list of tasks that need to be completed prior to the submission of whitewater park permit applications.
- Met with representatives from Brookfield (owners of Weston Dam) to discuss plans for construction.
- Met with permitting agencies to determine all required permits and timeline for permitting and construction.
- Cultivated relationships with donors and met with different entities around the state to raise awareness for the project.
- In collaboration with partner Main Street Skowhegan, committee submitted several grant applications for project funding.
- Hosted the 2017 River Festival, an event that celebrates recreation and life on the river while showcasing the potential for the Run of River Whitewater Recreation Area.
- Hosted a June 2018 Support Paddle for Run of River to help grow awareness for the project. Approximately 30 people from all over the state paddled from the base of Weston Dam and through the gorge to the Kennebec Banks Boat Landing.

The Run of River Committee would like to thank the Board of Selectmen and the citizens of the Town of Skowhegan for continued support of Run of River.

### **Run of River Committee**

>>Greg Dore, Skowhegan Road Commissioner (Chair)

>>Betty Austin, Town of Skowhegan Select Board and State House Representative

>>Kristina Cannon, Main Street Skowhegan Executive Director (Fundraising Director)

>>Clayton Cole, ACA-New England President, Solartech Contractors Owner

>>Jason Cooke, Business owner and former Maine Huts & Trails Trail Manager

>>William Wallace Finley, RSU#54 Alpine Ski Coach

>>Jason Gayne, Skowhegan Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director

>>Karen Hart, Assistant Vice President and Branch Manager at Skowhegan Savings Bank

>>Jeff Hewett, Skowhegan Economic and Community Development Director

>>Shawn Howard, Skowhegan Fire Department Chief

>>Denise LeBlanc, Skowhegan Parks and Recreation Department Director

>>Jeff McCabe, Maine State Employees Association Director of Politics and Legislation

>>Taylor Walker, Whitewater Paddler, Freelance Filmmaker

>>Anna Staehli Wiser, Whitewater Paddler, Redington-Fairview General Hospital Physical Therapist



Gregory A. Dore  
Chairman  
474-6911

**Skowhegan Sidewalk Committee**  
*Established 1994*

**Committee Members:**

**Gregory Dore**  
Chairman

**Betty Austin**  
Vice Chairman

**Paul York**  
Selectman

**Denise LeBlanc**  
Recreation Department

**Richard Smith**  
Member needed

**Member needed**

**Member needed**

Public Members

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"*

We constructed new sidewalks on Gem Street and Cleveland Street the 2018 season. Greenwood Avenue we reconstructed this sidewalk.

We are planning to rebuild a section of North Avenue from Jewett Street to Water Street the cost will be shared with the MDOT MPI project and overlay sections of West Front Street.

	Priority	Name	Length	Paving year
	1	North Avenue	4,250	2020
		West Front Street	2,700	2019
	2	Bridge	370	2020
	5	East Chandler	400	2020
	6	Spring Street	600	2021
	7	Olive Street	550	2022
	9	French Street	1,000	2023
	9	French Street	1,060	2024
	1	Main Street	1,000	2025
	1	Main Street	1,000	2026

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, Cardinal Street, 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  
Chairman



## *Skowhegan Conservation Commission*

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Annual report to the selectmen and citizens of the town of Skowhegan:

This past year has been a transition year for the conservation commission. With the conclusion of the multi-year Whitten and Cold brooks water quality monitoring program, we looked to explore new opportunities to engage with the community. To that end, the commission sponsored The Marti Stevens School's "Invasive Species Carnival", collaborating with The State of Maine's Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, the Skowhegan Recreation Center, Marti-Stevens School students and faculty, as well as members of our community. Our intent will be to continue to seek out on educational opportunities that engage students, faculty and the community.

For the past several years the Conservation Commission members and volunteers have provided upkeep and maintenance of the Yankee Woodlot Trail located behind the University of Maine Cooperative Extension office on Norridgewock Avenue. We will look to be involved with this work again in the near future.

Further, we amended our meeting schedule from meeting once per month, to a bi-annual meeting schedule; meeting every six months, adding additional meetings as needed based on events and/or request.

This past year the commission saw three of our member's terms expire, resulting in two vacancies, as one of those members chose to serve for another term. We also added one new member to the commission. Bob McGorty, previously acting-Chair, and Tristen Hinkle were voted in as Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively.

The Conservation Commission is still looking for new members and projects. If you are interested in the natural spaces in our town and can make the time for a bi-annual meeting please come and join us, our next meeting will be held on the first Tuesday in August. If you are interested please contact one of our members or Cynthia Kirk in the town office.

**Members serving on the Skowhegan Conservation Commission in 2018-2019 are listed below:**

Bob McGorty (*Chairman*), Tristen Hinkle, (*Vice-Chairman*), Sherri Vigue, Corey Johnson, Barry Sites and Corey Hinkle.

Respectfully Submitted

Robert C. McGorty

*Bob*

Chairman



# 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 sponsored our 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Abner Coburn Day on March 22, 2019 at the Somerset County Court House. This year's presentation highlighted Coburn's term as Maine Governor during the Civil War. Heritage Council members Evalyn Bowman, Katie Oulette, and Shirley Whittemore prepared and served refreshments. A wonderful poem about Abner Coburn written by Shirley Whittemore was read by her daughter, Toni Jo Blaisdell, and Rob Washburn presented the PowerPoint program. Limited printed Abner Coburn postcards were handed out to all attendees.

In 2018, the Heritage Council revived the Boston Post Cane award for our oldest citizen. It was presented twice in 2018 – on April 26, 2018 to Hugh Bickford, 102 years old, and on October 9, 2018 to Irene Dumont, 101 years old.

The restoration of the Dudley School continues. The floors are next on the list of projects.

The Heritage Council is always looking for new members to help us preserve and celebrate Skowhegan's history and heritage. We meet the first Tuesday of every month at 5:00 pm in the Municipal Building Council Room. Feel free to join us anytime.

Sincerely,

*Shirley Whittemore*

Shirley Whittemore, 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: 201-18 Annual Report (Reporting Period: July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018)**

Main Street Skowhegan (MSS) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit focused on the ongoing revitalization of Skowhegan. In 2015 we expanded our purview to include the entire town—not just the downtown—enabling us to serve all Skowhegan businesses and implement town-wide projects. Our mission is to grow a vibrant and inviting historic town by encouraging innovation and economic development. We spearhead collaborative efforts to support businesses and diversify the economy, stimulate tourism, and tell Skowhegan's story.

### **Economic Development Initiatives (July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018)**

#### **Brought A New Business to Skowhegan via the Main Street Skowhegan Savings Entrepreneur Challenge**

In partnership with Skowhegan Savings Bank, the MSS Business Enhancement Committee coordinated five business-planning seminars and mentored nine entrepreneurs. The winner of the 2017-18 Entrepreneur Challenge was Amanda Leigh Clark, LCSW and her business River Trail Counseling & Wellness Center. Amanda was awarded a \$23,000 incentive package, which she used to open her business in the summer of 2018.

#### **Coordinated a Shop Local Event on Small Business Saturday**

MSS planned and executed the third annual Passport to Savings Program on November 25, 2017, Small Business Saturday. Incentivized by merchant discounts and incentives, shoppers made 787 purchases at 44 participating businesses located all over Skowhegan.

#### **Started the #ShopSkowhegan Incentive Program**

MSS kicked off a year-round shop local program that is free and open to any Skowhegan business. For each purchase made at a participating local business, patrons can sign up to win a \$25 gift card.

#### **Continued to Promote and Support Locally Owned Skowhegan Businesses**

- MSS writes monthly profiles to help promote our locally owned businesses. These profiles can be found on MainStreetSkowhegan.org and our Facebook page. According to Google Analytics reports, these profiles are very popular, garnering hundreds of unique page views.
- MSS sends out monthly business news emails to our contact list of more than 2,000 people. To have your business news, sales, or announcements included, please email details to info@mainstreetskowhegan.org.
- MSS offers advice and fee-for-service business and marketing support for local businesses.

### **Tourism Product Development Initiatives (July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018)**

#### **Raised \$40,000 for the Run of River Whitewater Recreation Area**

In partnership with the Run of River Committee, MSS was awarded \$40,000 in grant funding for Run of River. Funds were used to complete project next steps, including required pre-permitting tasks. MSS continues to develop and foster relationships with potential donors and apply for applicable project grants.

#### **Brought 6,000 People to Town for the Skowhegan Moose Festival**

The MSS Moose Festival Committee planned and executed a successful weekend of activities around the Maine Moose Permit Lottery in June 2018. The event drew record-breaking attendance—an estimated 6,000 people—to Skowhegan to celebrate recreation and outdoor heritage sports. Visitors stayed, shopped, and ate at local businesses, and more than 1,000 attendees participated in a Guinness-World-Record-breaking moose call!

#### **Hosted 400 Cyclists During BikeMaine Ride**

MSS coordinated BikeMaine's September 2017 visit to Skowhegan, where the ride both started and ended. Our volunteers served riders meals, handled luggage and parking, and provided information about Skowhegan and the region. The event brought 400 bicyclists from 35 states and 5 countries to Skowhegan.



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### **Coordinated Skowhegan Experiences for Motorcoach Tour Operators**

MSS continues to work with the Maine Motorcoach Network to bring bus tours to Skowhegan. In October 2017, MSS coordinated a day of Skowhegan-based stops and experiences at locally owned businesses for a dozen tour operators from across the country. Hopefully these tour operators will plan bus trips to Skowhegan in the future!

### **Producing 10-Video Series to Promote the Region**

A project of the Kennebec Valley Tourism Council (KVTC) led by MSS Executive Director Kristina Cannon, these videos will promote visitation to the Kennebec Valley region. Videos will feature lots of footage of Skowhegan. Kristina represents Skowhegan on the KVTC as the Vice Chair of the Board and Chair of the Marketing Committee.

### **Finalized Somerset Rural Cultural Plan**

MSS and the Wesserunsett Arts Council finalized the Somerset Rural Cultural Plan—a roadmap for strengthening the economic vitality of the region and making us a vibrant destination for visitors. Because Skowhegan is the county seat, our town will be a focal point for implementation of strategic initiatives, including Kennebec on Fire.

### **Brought Visitors to Town with Annual Events**

Main Street successfully planned and implemented the following community events:

- River Fest, Aug. 2-6, 2017 (in partnership with the Run of River Committee, the Skowhegan Recreation Department, and the Skowhegan Area Chamber of Commerce)
- Skowhegan Craft Brew Fest, Sept. 2, 2017
  - Brought nearly 1,100 people to Skowhegan from as far away as Virginia, California, and Mississippi.
  - Attendees love Skowhegan: One said "Your town is so cute!" Another said "I'm going to come back and spend a wad of cash at The Children's Cottage."
- Halloween Candy Parade, Oct. 28, 2017
- Holiday Stroll, Dec. 1-2, 2017
- Maple Festival, March 23-24, 2018

### **Did you hear?**

**Skowhegan was named one of Smithsonian's 20 Best Small Towns to Visit in 2018** as a result of our media outreach from our moose fest PR firm.

### **Marketing Initiatives (July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018)**

#### **Created Skowhegan Visitors' Guide**

In partnership with the chamber, MSS drafted content for and designed a Skowhegan Visitors' Guide. We printed 5,000 copies that were distributed around the state at visitors' centers along I-95 and in businesses and organizations in the region. A PDF version can be found at [MainStreetSkowhegan.org](http://MainStreetSkowhegan.org), or visitors can request to have a printed guide sent to their home via an online form. We have received guide requests from 16 states and two countries.

#### **Distributed 1,500 Skowhegan Postcards to Visitors**

We created and printed postcards with beautiful photos of Skowhegan and distributed them to local lodging establishments. These have been such a big hit, we've already had to order a second batch!

#### **Promoted Skowhegan via Advertising Initiatives**

- Purchased, with the chamber, a four-page Skowhegan spread in the 2018 Kennebec Explorer Vacation Planner, with 20,000 copies distributed throughout the Northeast.
- Purchased, with the chamber, a two-page Skowhegan ad in the 2018 Maine Motorcoach Network Profile Book.

### **Organization Updates (July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018)**

#### **We're Growing!**

- MSS hired Skowhegan native Mary Haley as our project coordinator. Mary plans events and executes special projects. She is a shared employee with the Wesserunsett Arts Council.
- We outgrew our space, so we moved to 48 Court St. where each staff member (3) has their own office and there's plenty of storage space for our event materials.



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**To: Members of the Select Board and Citizens of the Town of Skowhegan**

**From: Skowhegan Regional Chamber of Commerce, Jason S. Gayne, President & CEO**

The Skowhegan Area Chamber of Commerce exists to promote a healthy business climate through leadership, communication, and education for its members and the community, in the greater Skowhegan area.

Over the past year we have helped to foster the success of businesses and professionals in the Skowhegan area through programs and initiatives that facilitate connections with the town and communities at large. We strive to enhance community loyalty to member and community businesses through established channels and Chamber sponsored initiatives.

We send out business news and updates via email. This includes news for and about businesses in the Skowhegan region. These emails go out to more than 2,000 people and have proven to be an extremely successful way to convey information regarding current events, special happenings, legislative actions that affect our local business climate, new business openings, and business development in our area.

We have held small business week, which is free and open to the public. This has been proven to be successful thanks to the presenters that we have had, and the knowledge that they bring, participants have been able to learn the latest information concerning business development, climate, and support in our area.

Our local businesses are what make Skowhegan, well, Skowhegan. They give our community character, create vibrancy and bring us unique experiences. In order to better showcase what local businesses in the Skowhegan area have to offer we changed up the “Think, Shop, Buy Local” program. Although this program has been in place for several years, we are now changing things up by encouraging existing members, new members, and non-member businesses to take part and use the program as a way to engage community members in order to connect with the variety of products and services our local businesses have to offer. The key take away from this is to think before you shop and buy local whenever you can. We invite you to explore what these amazing retailers have to offer! With this we also have been working hard on local business advocacy with the special focus that small businesses need to survive and succeed in the global marketplace and current business climate.

The Skowhegan Visitor and Information Center continues to be one of the most visible and active aspects of the Chamber, seeing an average of 75-100 people daily during the peak tourism season between Memorial and Labor Days. The amount of people that are visiting our community during the summer is incredible and, as the face of Skowhegan, we have been working hard to make the Skowhegan center a one-stop destination where travelers can connect to local businesses and services. We work hard with our volunteers to make sure that we are welcoming, personable, and stocked with all the necessary materials to provide current, accurate, and trustworthy information that will satisfy

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any visitor. This past summer we extended our weekday hours and began opening on weekends as well so that we would be available to reach as many people as possible. We also have begun utilizing an iPad to help accommodate international visitors with interpretation services and to breakdown the communication barriers so that we are better able to meet their needs. This program is still new but we are making progress and are looking forward to the innovations and improvements it can offer as we use it further this summer. We also provide maps and directions to several people a day, and others are coming in asking what is there to do while here on vacation, so we are working to create a week's worth of activities and offerings that can be done here in our community during their stay.

Another aspect that the Chamber works hard on is political advocacy. This includes action and education about what is happening at the local, state, and federal levels to affect the businesses in our community. We are at most of the select board meetings and, if there are businesses that have any issues, we try to bring them to the forefront to be known. We also work behind the scenes to improve the way that businesses can operate in a way that makes Skowhegan a more business friendly community. We are a bi-partisan organization, but do take stands on issues that will affect our community businesses. We are also a part of several organizations that work to better our community by supporting both businesses and tourism.

We are proud of the organizations and committees that we have been able to be a part of over the past year. This includes the work that we have been assisting with at the Somerset Career and Technical Center and the events that we have been a part of in the community. You will find just a sample of some of the activities listed below, but there are many more that we have led, and will continue to lead, and assist in during the year to come, as well as the years following:

River Fest  
Holiday Stroll  
Maple Festival  
Skowpendous  
Business Week  
Workforce Development  
Free Movie Nights

The Skowhegan Regional Chamber of Commerce has made many positive changes over the past years, and will continue to grow and develop in order to best serve the town of Skowhegan, our citizens, our businesses, our organizations, and the people that choose to visit our great town. With your support we will continue to work hard for this community, as it is our home too, and we look forward to being here for many more years to come.

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# Skowhegan Free Public Library

Some major changes have taken place at the library this past year. Our previous Director, Dale, has stepped down and the Board of Trustees have restructured the existing staff. We now have three full time staff members: Angie who is the new Head Librarian—she has merged her youth services responsibilities with all of the administrative duties; Josie covers the computer lab and genealogy room as the new Technology Librarian; and Breanna is the new Adult Services librarian on the main floor. There are also two part-time librarians: Francoise has been moved back upstairs to the middle office area where she is in charge of all interlibrary loans, and Linda was hired on as the Library Aid/Substitute.

Another major change is now that the renovations are over and we have this big beautiful building, we are working on providing more services and community events to get the public in and involved with the library. Gone are the days of being book repositories or quiet, musty buildings with nothing but rows of books. Instead, we want to serve a broader scope and be a community cultural center. Thanks to a donation made by the Hight family, we now have a beautiful reading room on the third floor. This room has been used by teens on their laptops, kids playing games, adults knitting and talking, a few quiet meetings, and some homework. It is a versatile space that is used for so much more than reading. We need more of these spaces that can be used for meetings, collaboration, studying, and just “hanging out.”

Programming is a big focus for us currently. In 2018, we held 184 programs that saw 2638 people in attendance. These programs have ranged from story times, book clubs, craft sessions, author talks, game nights, art shows, guest speakers, and even a public paranormal investigation. The library also received a Maine Public Library Fund grant of \$1300 to purchase robots and iPads to create a Robotics and Coding Club that will start in the fall and \$500 from the Friends of the Library to purchase new board games to add to our collection for families to borrow.

A snapshot of our library statistics:

Library Visits	19523	Reference Questions	343
Active Card Holders	3211	Programs	184
Total Circulation	26263	Program Attendance	2638
Computer Usage	4865	Visits to our Website and FB Page	6773

Respectfully Submitted,  
Angie Herrick  
Head Librarian, Skowhegan Free Public Library

# COBURN PARK COMMISSION

## TREASURER'S REPORT

December 31, 2018

Balance checking account as of 12/31/17 \$274.58

### Receipts

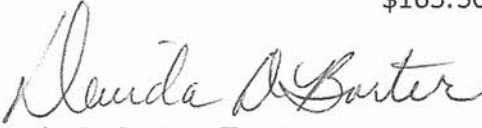
Town of Skowhegan	10,000.00	
Columbia account	6,000.00	
Wm. Philbrick trust account	2,500.00	
Gazebo rental	425.00	
Concerts in the Park		
Skowhegan Savings Bank Grant	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>19,925.00</u>

Total receipts 20,199.58

### Expenditures

Care of grounds/Mowing/Spring Cleanup	6,000.00	
Care of grounds/Caretaker	4,500.00	
Concerts in the Park	1,000.00	
Equipment rental	850.00	
Insurance	567.00	
Maintenance		
Tree cutting	1,500.00	
Band shell (stain)	2,100.00	
Fence (balance)	1,640.84	
Electrician	<u>204.90</u>	5,445.74
Materials		148.76
Miscellaneous		
Secretary of State	35.00	
Bank checks	33.86	
Postage	20.00	
Refund Gazebo Rental	<u>100.00</u>	188.86
Utilities		1,333.66

Balance checking account as of 12/31/18 \$165.56

  
Davida D. Barter, Treasurer

# HISTORY HOUSE MUSEUM, Inc.

(DBA: Skowhegan History House Museum & Research Center)

## To the Citizens of the Town of Skowhegan,

**On behalf of the Board of Trustees** of the Skowhegan History House Museum & Research Center, thank you Skowhegan citizens for your financial support for the work we do. We invite you to visit the History House to enjoy its 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century period furnishings, tools, documents, art work, Civil War memorabilia, toys, special exhibits, objects of everyday life, and more - all of which have provenance to our community. The Museum is on the National Register of Historic Places.

**History House staff, volunteers,** Board members, and guest presenters strive to highlight our community's cultural heritage. We showcase an historic House with an attached Museum as well as offer on-site and community-based programs, activities, and exhibits. Seasonally, we offer Curator guided House and Museum tours to elementary, high school and college students - as well as to local, regional, state-wide, national, and international visitors. We offer assistance to researchers and genealogists seeking their family histories. Our technology enhances both on-site exhibits and guided walking tours of four designated Skowhegan Historic areas. Additionally, we offer school-based local history programs for elementary classes and themed community-based programs during our off-season.

**The Historic Home Registry Program** issued thirteen plaques for Skowhegan homes and buildings which are at least one hundred years old. Of these 13 sites, three are over 200 years old! Please call us (465-7458) for more information about this program.

**We are grateful for continued support** from Skowhegan citizens, dedicated funds from the Bloomfield Academy Trust, revenues generated from our Society memberships, private donations, and our Annual Appeal. Because of your financial support the Board of Trustees was able to implement significant improvements to the historic 1839 building during the 2018 season. (See listing in box on the right).

**Our Trustees continue to be concerned** with the lack of on-site and off-site space for appropriate archival storage and collection displays. A major goal for History House over the next 7 years includes working with other Skowhegan organizations to expand off-site archival storage so that we will have the physical space needed to create more exhibits that further explore our cultural heritage.

**The expenses for operating History House** May - October (five days a week, Monday – Friday) with a part time curatorial staff member and a student intern continue to increase, like those of other institutions and businesses. The Board continually searches for dedicated

### 2018 Projects & Events

- Opened a new two year exhibit (*Shoe Shops*); offered four Historic Tours, presented two programs ("Exploring Notable Local Writers" & *A Discussion of Early Photography & Errors in Family Histories*).
- Awarded a \$10,000 Davis Family Foundation grant to restore six cellar windows systems & three museum windows. Secured a \$5,140 CDBG Façade Grant to restore the remaining five Museum windows.
- Awarded a \$3,000 Community Foundation Grant for a French drain system designed to halt water infiltration into the north side of the History House cellar.
- Regraded the eastside step system to comply with ADA standardized stair tread size; installed a new handrail.
- Created audio/video tours of second floor exhibits as well as outdoor exhibits/signage to comply with ADA regulations, making these areas accessible to handicapped visitors.
- Accepted The Independent Reporter (1910-1930's) and Somerset Reporter newspapers (dating back to the 1800's) from the Norway Advertiser Democrat.
- Partnered with Maine State Library (MSL) to scan, digitize, and OCR (optical character recognition) these newspapers, which then, uploaded to the MSL on-line digital site and to the History House website, make them available to the public at no cost.



volunteers, for partnerships, and grants, as well as additional memberships and donations to fund its Student Intern Program and on-going program development.

**We gratefully thank** the following businesses for their donations: Randy Frank for plumbing services, S&K Heating for heating oil, and Econo Electric for electrical services. We thank Hight Chevrolet Buick, Bangor Savings Bank, Franklin Savings Bank, Pat & Norman Dickey along with other private citizens and businesses, who wish to remain anonymous, for their continued partnerships and donations. These donors make it possible for the Board to improve programming, fund the Student Intern program, and meet goals that renew and refresh the appeal of History House in this ever-changing world.

**We are also thankful** for the loyal core of supporters who give of their time and energy to volunteer at History House. Their invaluable contributions include collection protection and special project tasks, technology support, and cataloguing as well as landscape and Heirloom Garden maintenance. We could not function without them.



**We invite you** to visit the History House where you can research your family history, participate in our Oral History Program, enjoy a tour, explore the *Shoe Shops Exhibit*, wander the Heirloom Gardens, explore the back lawn exhibits, and experience the lovely Kennebec view on our river overlook platform.

**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.

Sincerely,

*Patricia Horine*

Patrica Horine, President

History House Board of Trustees

**TOWN OF SKOWHEGAN, MAINE**  
**ANNUAL**  
**TOWN MEETING WARRANT**  
**STATE OF MAINE**  
June 10, 2019 at 7:00 P.M.  
*Municipal Building Opera House*  
**AND**  
**SECRET BALLOT ELECTION**  
June 11, 2019 from 7:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M.  
*Municipal Building Council Room*

Somerset, ss.

To David Bucknam, 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 tenth day of June, A.D., 2019 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 eleventh day of June, A.D., 2019, 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 Selectman, for a two-year term; One Assessor; for a three-year term; One Overseer of the Poor, for a three-year term; One Park Commissioner, for a five-year term 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 \$1,946,084.00 for General Government. (The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend passage of this article.)

Department	Budget Committee	Votes	Selectmen	Votes
Finance Department	\$826,630.00	7/0	\$826,630.00	3/0
Municipal Building Maintenance	\$91,988.00	7/0	\$91,988.00	3/0
Assessing	\$107,291.00	7/0	\$107,291.00	3/0
Town Manager	\$160,196.00	7/0	\$160,196.00	3/0
Planning & Ordinance Administration	\$14,183.00	7/0	\$14,183.00	3/0
Code Enforcement	\$160,978.00	7/0	\$160,978.00	3/0
Employee Benefits	\$304,335.00	7/0	\$304,335.00	3/0
Town Insurances	\$128,280.00	7/0	\$128,280.00	3/0
Economic & Community Development	\$152,203.00	7/0	\$152,203.00	3/0
<b>General Government Total</b>	<b>\$1,946,084.00</b>		<b>\$1,946,084.00</b>	

**ARTICLE 4.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,495,627.00 for Police Department. (The Selectmen with a 3/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 6/0/1 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 5.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$860,345.00 for Fire Department. (The Selectmen with a 3/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 7/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 6.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$536,036.00 for Other Protection. (The Selectmen with a 3/0 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 \$159,378.00 for Health and Human services. (The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend passage of this article.)

Department	Budget Committee	Votes	Selectmen	Votes
General Assistance	\$158,086.00	6/1	\$158,086.00	3/0
Health Department	\$1,292.00	7/0	\$1,292.00	3/0
<b>General Assistance/Health Dept. Total</b>	<b>\$159,378.00</b>		<b>\$159,378.00</b>	

**ARTICLE 8.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$585,238.00 for Waste Water and Pollution Control. (The Selectmen with a 3/0 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 \$866,027.00 for Solid Waste Management. (The Selectmen with a 3/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 7/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 10.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$479,551.00 for Public Works – Summer Roads Maintenance. (The Selectmen with a 3/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 7/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 11.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$647,612.00 for Public Works – Winter Roads Maintenance. (The Selectmen with a 3/0 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 \$242,000.00 for Public Works – Vehicle Maintenance. (The Selectmen with a 3/0 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 \$105,308.00 for the care of cemeteries. (The Selectmen with a 3/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 6/1 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 14.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$474,367.00 for Parks and Recreation. (The Selectmen with a 3/0 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 \$1,735,439.00 for Capital Expenditures/Debt Retirement. (The Selectmen with a 3/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 6/1 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 16.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000.00 for Capital Expenditures/Capital Reserve Funds for the Pollution Control Plant. (The Selectmen with a 3/0 vote and the Budget Committee with 7/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 17.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$138,000.00 for Capital Expenditures/Capital Reserve Funds for the Recreation Department. (The Selectmen with a 3/0 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 \$20,000.00 for Capital Expenditures/Capital Reserve Funds for the Municipal Building. (The Selectmen with a 3/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 7/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 19.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$27,000.00 for Capital Expenditures/Capital Reserve Funds for the Solid Waste Department. (The Selectmen with a 3/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 7/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 20.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$56,400.00 for Capital Expenditures/Capital Reserve Funds for the Police Department. (The Selectmen with a 3/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 6/0/1 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 21.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$240,000.00 for Capital Expenditures/Capital Reserve Funds for Public Works Equipment. (The Selectmen with a 3/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 7/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 22.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$550,000.00 for Capital Expenditures/Capital Reserve Funds for Public Works Roads and Sidewalks. (The Selectmen with a 3/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 6/1 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 23.** To see if the town will vote to accept and carry forward in a separate account sums that may be received from the State Department of Transportation Local Road Assistance Program estimated at \$145,456.00. (The Selectmen with a 3/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 7/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 24.** To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to expend the amounts voted in Articles 22 and 23 from the Capital Improvement Program/Public Works Roads and Sidewalks account for the town's share of the following proposed projects: Paving/work planned for East River Road, Dudley Corner Road, Russell Road from Spring Street to Beech Street, and North Avenue. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 25.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$292,500.00 for Capital Expenditures/Capital Reserve Funds for the Fire Department. (The Selectmen with a 4/0 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 \$5,000.00 for Capital Expenditures/Capital Reserve Funds for Emergency Management. (The Selectmen with a 3/0 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 \$30,000.00 for Capital Expenditures/Capital Reserve Funds for Administration. (The Selectmen with a 3/0 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 \$10,660.00 for Capital Expenditures/Capital Reserve Funds for Economic & Community Development. (The Selectmen with a 3/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 7/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 29.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$17,000.00 for Capital Expenditures/Capital Reserve Funds for Cemeteries. (The Selectmen with a 3/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 7/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 30.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 for Capital Expenditures/Capital Reserve Funds for the Planning Department. (The Selectmen with a 3/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 7/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 31.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 for Capital Expenditures/Capital Reserve Funds for Public Works Buildings. (The Selectmen with a 3/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 7/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 32.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 for Capital Expenditures/Capital Reserve Funds for Street Lights. (The Selectmen with a 3/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 7/0 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 voted on October 23, 2018 to change the signature requirement on petitions for funding requests from 10% to 5% of voters from the last gubernatorial election. 164 signatures were required for funding request petitions this year.*

**ARTICLE 33.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$120,294.00 for Skowhegan Free Public Library. The Community Service Organization's request by petition is \$120,294.00. (The Selectmen with a 4/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 5/1 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 34.** 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 4/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 6/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 35.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 for Skowhegan History House. The Community Service Organization's request by petition is \$10,000.00. (The Selectmen with a 4/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 6/0 vote recommend \$8,000.00 from taxation.)

**ARTICLE 36.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$45,000.00 for Main Street Skowhegan. The Community Service Organization's request by petition is \$45,000.00. (The Selectmen with a 4/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 5/0/1 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 37.** 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 4/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 4/1/1 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 38.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000.00 for Skowhegan Area Welcome & Information Center. The Community Service Organization's request by petition is \$30,000.00. (The Selectmen with a 4/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 5/0/1 vote recommend \$0.00 from taxation.)

**ARTICLE 39.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 for Lake George Regional Park. The Community Service Organization's request without a petition is \$13,600.00. (The Selectmen with a 4/0 vote recommend \$2,000.00 and the Budget Committee with a 5/0/1 vote recommends \$0.00 from taxation.)

**ARTICLE 40.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for Crisis & Counseling Centers. The Community Service Organization's request without a petition is \$3,211.00. (The Selectmen with a 3/1 vote recommend \$500.00 and the Budget Committee with a 5/1 vote recommends \$0.00 from taxation.)

**ARTICLE 41.** 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 4/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 6/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 42.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,100.00 for KVCAP Child Development Program. The Human Service Agency's request by petition is \$8,100.00. (The Selectmen with a 4/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 6/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 43.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,000.00 for Family Violence Project. The Human Service Agency's request by petition is \$6,000.00. (The Selectmen with a 4/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 6/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 44.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,782.00 for Spectrum Generations. The Human Service Agency's request by petition is \$7,782.00. (The Selectmen with a 4/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 5/1 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 45.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$18,000.00 for Hospice Volunteers of Somerset County. The Human Service Agency's request by petition is \$18,000.00. (The Selectmen with a 4/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 4/2 vote recommend \$15,000.00 from taxation.)

**ARTICLE 46.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,006.50 for Sexual Assault Crisis & Support. The Human Service Agency's request by petition is \$3,006.50. (The Selectmen with a 4/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 6/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 47.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000.00 for Skowhegan Community Food Cupboard. The Human Service Agency's request by petition is \$15,000.00. (The Selectmen with a 4/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 6/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 48.** To see if the Town will vote to apply FY 2020 operational revenues in the amount of \$2,111,333.00 to offset the FY 2020 appropriations. (The Selectmen with a 4/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 8/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)



**ARTICLE 49.** To see if the town will vote to appropriate an amount from undesignated fund balance, not to exceed \$1,167,071.00, toward one or more of the following purposes:

- a. to appropriate funds to the Police Department for:
  - 1. body cameras
  - 2. tasers
  - 3. trailer to transport weapons qualifications equipment;
- b. to appropriate funds to the Public Works Department for bridge work;
- c. to appropriate funds to the Public Safety Building Reserve Account;
- d. to appropriate funds to the Ballfield Compound;
- e. to reduce the tax commitment.

(The Selectmen with a 4/0 vote recommend \$1,167,000.00 for the following:

- \$20,000.00 body cameras
- \$75,000.00 bridges
- \$500,000.00 Public Safety Building
- \$572,000.00 reduce the tax commitment

The Budget and Finance Committee with a 7/1 vote recommends \$1,167,071.00 for the following:

- \$57,000.00 \$19,500.00 body cameras, \$36,000.00 tasers and \$1,500.00 trailer
- \$75,000.00 bridges
- \$500,000.00 Public Safety Building
- \$24,000.00 Ballfield Compound
- \$511,071.00 reduce the tax commitment.)

**ARTICLE 50.** To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of \$8,581,318.00 established for the Town of Skowhegan by State Law, in the event that the municipal budget approved will result in a tax commitment greater than the property tax levy limit. (The increase in property tax levy limit necessary to fund all preceding articles is estimated to be \$403,574.11. The Selectmen’s recommendations and the Budget Committee’s recommendations would result in no increase. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 51.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the June 30, 2019 year-end balance in the “Employee Benefits-Health Reimbursement Account” to the special revenue account “Health Reimbursement Account” as designated for the same purpose. (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 2020. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 53.** To see if the Town will vote to establish September 16, 2019 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 16, 2020 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 9% interest to be charged on all taxes unpaid after said dates. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 54.** To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. § 506-A to fix the rate of 5% interest to be paid on overpaid or abated taxes. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 55.** To see if the Town will vote to apply as much of the yearly overlay as may be necessary to fund property tax abatements and applicable interest granted during fiscal year 2020. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

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

**ARTICLE 57.** To see if the Town will 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 58.** To see if the Town, as the Legislative body will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen approving, applying for and accepting all Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), including the following:

Micro-enterprise Assistance Grant (Façade) in the amount of \$150,000.00

and to make such assurances, assume such responsibilities and exercise such authority as are necessary and reasonable to implement such programs with the understanding that should the intended National Objective of the CDBG program not be met, all CDBG funds must be repaid to the State of Maine CDBG program. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 59.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate all of the money received from the State for snowmobile registrations to the Skowhegan Snow-Hawks Snowmobile Club for the maintenance of their system or network of snowmobile trails, on the condition that those trails be open in snow season to the public for outdoor recreation purposes at no charge, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into an agreement with the Club, under such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen may deem advisable, for that purpose. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 60.** 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 61.** 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 62.** To see if the Town will vote to adopt the amended Budget and Finance Committee By-laws. Last amended at Town Meeting February 14, 2012. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 63.** To see if the Town will vote to adopt the amended Parades and Processions Ordinance. Adopted at Town Meeting March 8, 1999. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 64.** To see if the Town will vote to adopt the amended Special Amusement Ordinance. Last amended at Town Meeting June 11, 2018. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 65.** To see if the Town will vote to repeal the Adult Entertainment Businesses Ordinance (adopted December 11, 2006) and the Establishing Community Standards and Regulating Commerce in Obscene Material, Obscene Devices and Obscene Performances Ordinance (adopted November 5, 1996) and to replace them with the Obscenity and Adult Entertainment Ordinance. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 66.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to purchase a piece of property, located at 11 Main Street (Map 23, Lot 52) from Dale and Nancy Kinney for an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00 from the Sale of Town-Owned Property Account. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 67.** To see if the Town will vote to approve a ten-year lease agreement between the Town of Skowhegan and Lily Pond Farm LLC for lease of the land where the sludge building is located (Map 2, Lot 11). (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

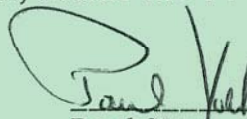
ARTICLE 68. To see if the Town, pursuant to the provisions of Title 30-A, Maine Revised Statutes, Chapter 3 (Municipal Affordable Housing Development District), will vote to Authorize the adoption of the Mary Street Affordable Housing District Development Program, the establishment of the "KVCAP Mary Street Affordable Housing Development District" located at 26 Mary Street (Skowhegan Tax Map 8, Lot 52B-4) as shown in said Development Program, the entering into an Affordable Housing Development Program Tax Increment Credit Enhancement Agreement with KVCAP or its designated successor, the terms of which shall be consistent with the provisions of the aforesaid Affordable Housing District Development Program, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen and the Town Manager to prepare and file an application with the Maine State Housing Authority for approval of the aforesaid Affordable Housing District Development Program. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

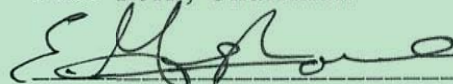
The Registrar will hold hours for the purpose of revising and correcting the list of voters on Thursday, June 6, 2019 and Friday, June 7, 2019 from noon to 4:00 P.M.; Monday, June 10, 2019 from noon to 4:00 P.M. and from 6:30 P.M. to the close of the Town Meeting and Tuesday, June 11, 2019 from 7:00 A.M. to close of polls at 8:00 P.M.

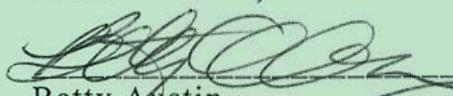
You are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting in a public and conspicuous place at least seven (7) days before the holding of said meeting.

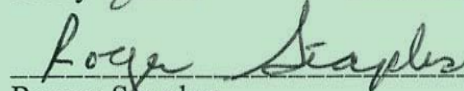
Hereof fail not and have this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place mentioned.

Given under our hands at Skowhegan, Maine the 14<sup>th</sup> day of May 2019.

  
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Paul York, Chairman

  
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E. Gene Rouse, Vice Chairman

  
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Betty Austin

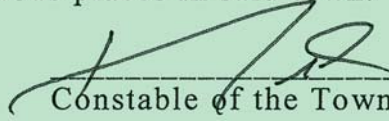
  
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Roger Staples  
Selectmen of the Town of Skowhegan

CONSTABLE'S RETURN

Skowhegan, Maine

May 15, 2019

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.

  
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	474-6386	
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:lemery@skowhegan.org">lemery@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:showard@skowhegan.org">showard@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	Patricia Horine	474-6632	
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	
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>