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ANNUAL REPORT

Of The

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

Of The Town Of

CUTLER

2015-2016



“Dr. Ruth”

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CUTLER, MAINE

For The Year

2015 - 2016

Also

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**ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS
and Appointed Officials
2015 – 2016**

Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor

Board of Assessors

Cynthia C. Rowden, Chair – Term expires 2016

Dennis W. Boyd – Term expires 2017 (resigned 06/02/16)

Mark L. McGuire, Jr. – Term expires 2018

Administrative Assistant

Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Treasurer, Registrar of Voters

E911 Coordinator

Teresa M. Bragg

(Appointed)

Deputy - Clerk, Tax Collector & Registrar

Elaine W. Cale

(Appointed 12/30/2013)

Town of Cutler

AOS 96 Board of Directors

Renee Patterson – Term to expire 2016

Melanie Ferguson – Term to expire 2017

Anita McKinley – Term to expire 2018

Road Commissioner

Kevin C. Feeney

(Elected)

Animal Control Officer

Kevin Brodie

(Appointed)

Planning Board Members

Linda Throckmorton, Chair

Adam Meyer

Anne McGhie, Secretary

Forest Moulton

Vacant position

Code Enforcement Officer/ Plumbing Inspector

James Bradley
(Appointed)

Board of Appeals

Vacant

Shellfish Warden

Kevin Brodie
(Appointed 04/01/2015)

Shellfish Committee Members

Gerald Cates Jr., Chair
Loraine Davis, Vice Chair
Bradford Geel, Secretary
Gregory Cates
Wendell Davis

Harbor Masters

Allan Fitzhenry (Appt expires 2016)
Patrick Feeney (Appt expires 2017)
Brian Cates (Appt expires 2018)

Harbor Management Committee

Andrew Patterson, Chair
Joshua Cates
Michael R. Ferguson
Norbert Lemieux
Jeremy Cates
Dean Crosman
Kristan Porter

Fire Chief

Wayne S. Dennison
(Appointed)

Emergency Management Director

Darrel Hinerman



STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE
04333-0001

Paul R. LePage
GOVERNOR

Dear Citizens of Cutler:

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

My vision for Maine is prosperity, not poverty. For this reason, one of my top priorities is the reduction and eventual elimination of the income tax. Some are pushing to raise the minimum wage, but I want Mainers to earn a maximum wage. Reducing the income tax is the biggest and most immediate pay raise for all hard-working Mainers.

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

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

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

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

It is a pleasure serving as your Governor. If ever I can be of assistance to you or if you have any questions or suggestions, I encourage you to contact my office by calling 287-3531 or by visiting our website at www.maine.gov/governor.

Sincerely,

Paul R. LePage
Governor





Dear Friends and Neighbors:

I am grateful that you've selected me to represent you in the Maine Senate. I am honored that you've put your trust in me and I will continue to work tirelessly for the betterment of you and your neighbors, as well as for the great State of Maine. Please let me provide you with a recap of the first session of the 127th Legislature as well as my hopes for the second session, which began in January 2016.

One of the most important items on our to-do list is clear: our state needs more jobs at all levels of the pay scale, so it is our responsibility and my solemn promise to work to expand economic opportunity for all Mainers. To this end, my fellow legislators and I accomplished a great deal during the first session of the 127th Legislature.

We passed a biennial budget that ensured that more Maine families received a tax cut than did in the "largest tax cut in Maine history" in 2011. That same budget stopped taxes on military pensions, so those who have given all that a person can give can feel welcomed and at home in our state. We restructured portions of our welfare system, increasing funding for nursing homes, and put far more funding towards eliminating waitlists for services for brain-injured and intellectually disabled Mainers.

I'm really looking forward to watching how the significant changes we've already made will better the everyday lives of Mainers. I wanted to serve in Augusta because I believe that, while I'm here, I can have an impact on the direction of our district and state. Because of this belief, passing vital legislation (and, sometimes, stopping bad legislation) has remained one of my top priorities.

As you know, more changes are necessary. In 2016, during the second session of the legislature, we need to make progress towards addressing the cost of energy in this state. There are a number of bills that have been proposed that would change the way our state's energy system works, and I look forward to putting my support behind legislation that would lower your energy costs. I also believe that working to provide support to areas hard-hit by recent mill closings should be a focus of the 2016 session. Fighting the war of drugs here in Maine will also be a top priority for lawmakers and myself. Several bills have been proposed that will aid officers in combating the drug epidemic taking place in Maine. We must come together and attack this epidemic through stronger enforcement, appropriate education and effective rehabilitation. I am sponsoring one of the several bills this session to address this serious problem.

You have my sincere thanks for allowing me to represent you in Augusta. Please feel free to contact me at 207-287-1505 or at senatorburns@myfairpoint.net if you have comments or questions, or if you would like assistance in navigating our State's bureaucracy.

Sincerely,

David C. Burns
State Senator

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March 2016

To the Residents of Cutler,

I want to begin by thanking you for reaching out to me over the past year. It is a great honor to serve you in the Maine House of Representatives, and I look forward to doing so for many years to come. As a firm believer in local control, and grassroots government, each of you who have taken the time to call, write, or email – whether it's regarding a bill you support, oppose, want me to put in, or even something you just want to fill me in on or need help with – are giving me the energy to keep working hard for Washington County at a time when so much of government is out of touch with the people it serves.

I am also extremely blessed to be a part of the Washington County delegation. Every single member – Senator David Burns, Reps. Robert Alley, Rich Malaby, Joyce Maker, Beth Turner, and I – are friends and colleagues first, and work together to make sure Washington County has a say. Even when we disagree, we encourage each other, push one another, and share information with one another that we can then bring back to you all. And really, that's what being a part of the Legislature is all about: doing the best you can for the people you serve.

On that note, I wanted to touch on a few things you might be interested in.

First, we passed a two-year budget that honors an agreement the State made with small towns like ours over 40 years ago by preserving revenue sharing at current levels. We also increased K-12 school subsidies by \$80 million in an attempt to offset local property taxes, while eliminating taxes on military pensions, and lowering the income tax rate by the largest percentage in history. Yes, it was contentious. No, not everyone agreed with the end result, but every legislator had ample time to review the final proposal and weigh the pros and cons before voting. And in the end, both parties put the best interests of Maine ahead of a crazy, never-tried-before scheme that would have hurt our towns, schools, property taxpayers, elderly, disabled, and everyday Mainers like you.

The Legislature has also tackled the drug crisis. Earlier this year we unanimously passed an anti-drug bill that steps up efforts to crack down on drug dealers, provides resources for treatment and recovery, and educates young Mainers about the dangers of drug abuse. Additional legislation to crack down on drug importation, develop peer support networks in Aroostook & Washington counties, and invest in youth education efforts are also on the docket, while faith-based rehabs like Arise Addiction Recovery in Machias may also garner another look by lawmakers.

I want to close with a special note to our fishermen and their families. I owe you all a huge debt for teaching me so much about your industry. I am not a fisherman. I've never hauled a trap, dug clams, or dragged scallops. Nor am I going to pass legislation that impacts your livelihood without listening to what you think beforehand. You all have been more than generous with me, and have been a huge help. Thank you for that, and for making "herring choker" a buzzword!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William R. Tuell".

Will Tuell
State Representative

Washington County Sheriff's Office

Barry Curtis
Sheriff

Michael Crabtree
Chief Deputy

Richard Rolfe
Jail Administrator

Paula Johnson-Rolfe
Office Manager



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To the Citizens of Washington County
January 2016

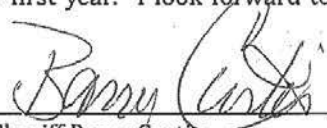
The first year of my administration has been full of many challenges and opportunities, but building relationships has been at the center of the major successes that we are proud to celebrate.

During the early fall of 2015, questionnaires were sent to each town in Washington County asking what we could do to better serve the residents. There was an impressive response rate, with all but two or three towns returning the questionnaires. Using the information we gathered, we have explored what the Sheriff's Office can do for the county's citizens. One of the clear requests was for more coverage. We have budgeted for an additional full-time patrol position, which would bring our roster to eleven full-time deputies. We feel this is a great beginning to building our relationships with each town.

In the past, we have had a strong collaboration with the MDEA. We improved our cooperative abilities this year by assigning a second deputy to work with the MDEA in Washington County. In 2015, we assisted in numerous drug investigations, including the discovery of a meth lab in Wesley. We value a continued joint-effort approach to addressing drug issues in our communities.

Besides working with communities and other agencies, we have also worked to renew leadership relationships. I was very happy this year to participate in the Maine Sheriff's Association annual meeting. I also met with the leadership of all law enforcement agencies within the county and discussed how we could assist them. I found this meeting valuable, and I anticipate facilitating a follow-up meeting.

Thank you for your essential support during my first year. I look forward to my second year of serving you.



Sheriff Barry Curtis

www.washingtoncountymaine.com

To the Member Municipalities and Tribal Governments of the Washington County Council of Governments (WCCOG):

Please accept my thanks for your support. Highlights of **2015 services and accomplishments** are summarized below:



Municipal Member Services

- Maintain 3 News Feeds (news, funding opportunities, training opportunities; www.wccog.net) throughout year for Planning Boards, Assessors, Code Enforcement Officers, other municipal officials; send multiple e-mails to municipal members providing notice and link to web site for supporting information
- Upgraded accounting software and consulting services to reduce accounting costs by more than 50%

Municipal/Local Contractual Services

- Completed Harbor Ordinance for **Pembroke** and Mooring Ordinance for **Perry**
- Near completion of Comprehensive Plan for **Roque Bluffs**; shepherded Comprehensive Plan Updates in **Baileyville, Indian Township and Baileyville** through public hearing and adoption

Access/assistance with funding opportunities

- Provided assistance and referrals to towns (**Jonesport, Whiting**) seeking to submit applications to the DEP Culvert Bond funds opportunity; circulated MDOT new design guidance on culvert sizing
- Assistance to Town of **Jonesboro** for SHIP application
- Assistance to the Port of **Eastport** application for funds (\$250,000 from Northern Border Regional Commission) to complete construction and installation of floats for the Eastport Breakwater project
- Assistance to **Calais** in scoping of application to HUD for affordable housing funds to renovate the old Calais Middle School into Senior Housing; need TIF and zone change to be competitive – next year
- Assistance to Maine DOT with TIGER grant application for **Jonesport-Beals** bridge
- Obtained Coastal Communities grant to install 10 additional rain gauges in **coastal Washington County** to improve accuracy of information determining shellfish closures after significant rain events

Economic Development

- Oversight and Administration of the **DownEast & Acadia Regional Tourism (DART)**, Maine Office of Tourism marketing and promotion grant; financial management; respond/maintain inquiries' database
- Implementing 3rd 3-year \$400,000 **Brownfields Assessment** grant; 3 Phase Is, 5 Phase IIs, redevelopment planning/marketing at 8 sites; Brochure and Poster; BBQ & cake celebration/open house at **Pembroke** Town Office; as with 2nd grant we are using funds on 2-year completion pace; will apply for 4th Assessment grant in Fall of 2015
- Meetings and assistance to scope environmental impact statement to determine impacts of alternative bridge connections for road and future rail to the Port that bypasses the Passamaquoddy Reservation at **Pleasant Point**.

Training

- Delivered 6 online GIS trainings in 3 computer labs county wide; 33 attendees (assessors, clerks, code officers, planning board members, realtors, loggers, selectmen) serving **every municipality in Washington County except Machiasport (2 registrants could not attend)**; Posted (<http://www.gro-wa.org/gis-map-instruction-guides.htm#Instructions>; <http://www.wccog.net/online-gis-mapping-instructional-videos.htm>) revised instruction manuals based on input/feedback during training sessions; provided notice to all workshops participants of revised/posted instruction manuals; Posted 11 instructional videos (3 Beginner; 3 Beginner/Intermediate; 5 Intermediate) describing how to use online GIS tools; Certification Credits for 5 Code Enforcement Officers (serving 10 municipalities); and 5 Assessors (serving 18 municipalities)
- Provided **Clams, Land Use and Economy** workshop in Machias for **Code Officers and Planning Boards**

- Presented on-line GIS mapping, storm surge scenarios and Climate Vulnerability Assessment at multiple venues including the NNECAPA Conference, GrowSmart Maine Summit on Regional Planning “Lessons Learned and Tangible Successes”, Sustaining the St Croix Watershed – A Science Form in St Andrews NB, and in articles at the request of the FHWA and the Office of Economic Resilience at HUD: profile of the Washington County Climate Vulnerability Assessment and Storm Surge Scenarios in their *Innovator Series*, part of 300 renewable energy and Sustainable Communities Initiative grantees across the country; see PDF here: <http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/documents/huddoc?id=climate-resilience.pdf>
- Provided training in valuation of Brownfields properties at Maine Property Tax School (certified credits for **Assessors and Realtors**)
- Provided *Rabies in Washington County* presentation at Executive Committee meeting to all municipalities with outreach (and CEU credits) for **Animal Control Officers and Local Health Officers**; outreach also to first responders and Game Warden

Regional Planning/Services

- Completed, for **Downeast Coastal Conservancy**, Management Plans for Two Rivers parcels in **Machias**
- Completed Downeast Sustainability Pilot in the **East Machias and Orange** River watersheds in collaboration with Sunrise County Economic Council and Downeast Salmon Federation; project focus: restoration of alewife access to the rivers to support bait fish industry, local food potential, municipal financial support (alewife harvest yields \$\$ to municipality as a locally managed resource), and economic yields to the community from conservation land and co-management of the fishery
- Updated **Local Food in Washington County** poster (~25 new farm and local food outlet database entries since first edition on 3-8-14); contributed to Local Foods Promotion Program planning study
- Initiated **Community Guided Planning and Zoning in the Unorganized Territories in Washington County**; completed required Process Document; assembled/communicating with 110+ stakeholders; created web site for posting of background, process and draft planning documents (<http://www.wccog.net/community-guided-planning-and-zoning.htm>)
- Awarded **Plan of the Year** by the Maine Association of Planners for the **Bold Coast Scenic Byway Corridor Management Plan**

Technical Assistance

- Assisted **Eastport** with city-wide income survey to determine actual low to moderate income households; income survey concluded 59.4% LMI vs. the 50.4% from the American Community Survey; **Eastport** then eligible for \$1,000,000 Public Infrastructure grant to help with breakwater repairs (**Awarded**)
- Working with **Milbridge** Area Merchants Association on Business Development opportunities for downtown and movie theater redevelopment efforts; also Brownfields assessment support
- Assisted with joint municipal hiring of Economic Development professional for **Calais and Baileyville**
- Reviewed/commented/coordinated with **Baileyville** GIS consultant on draft shoreland zoning and townwide zoning maps

Regional Capacity Building and Partnerships

WCCOG continued in several collaborative roles in 2014-15 with groups and agencies that provide economic development services in the County and region. This includes:

- Downeast Sunrise Trail Coalition, Downeast & Acadia Regional Tourism, Destination Cherryfield, Downeast RC&D, and Blackwoods Scenic Byway committees.
- Hancock County Planning Commission, Experience Maritime Maine, Maine Bicycle Coalition (SPOKES), the Maine Office of Tourism, and Tourism New Brunswick.
- GrowSmart Maine, Sunrise County Economic Council.
- St. Croix International Waterway Commission, Downeast Salmon Federation.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy East, Executive Director

PRESS RELEASE
For Immediate Release

Municipal officials are pleased to announce that the **Town of Cutler** has received a **\$590** dividend check from the Maine Municipal Association as a result of its good loss experience and loss prevention programs.

The Maine Municipal Association offers three self-funded pools for municipal and quasi-public entities in Maine: the Workers Compensation Fund formed in 1978, the Property & Casualty Pool formed in 1987 and the Unemployment Compensation Fund formed in 1978.

The programs are overseen by governing boards of elected and appointed municipal officials. Each year the boards review the programs' loss experience to determine if dividends may be paid. Patricia Kablitz, Director of Risk Management Services for MMA, said more than 78 percent of program participants received a dividend this year for their good risk management practices and loss experience.

This year the Workers Compensation Fund has distributed almost **\$650,000** in dividends to participants and the Property and Casualty Pool has paid dividends of nearly **\$550,000**, for total payments of just under \$1.2 million returned directly to MMA members.

Since 1997, the two programs have returned over **\$18.8 million** in dividends to participating members. For more information about any of the MMA Risk Management Services programs, including online training programs and other services, check the offerings on their website at www.memun.org and click on the Risk Management Services link, or call 1-800-590-5583.

Dear Friends of Cutler:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Angus S. King, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Angus S. King, Jr.
United States Senator



Proven Expertise and Integrity

July 20, 2016

Board of Selectmen
Town of Cutler, Maine
Cutler, Maine

We were engaged by the Town of Cutler and have audited the financial statements of the Town of Cutler as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015. The following statements and schedules have been excerpted from the 2015 financial statements, a complete copy of which, including our opinion thereon, will be available for inspection at the Town Office.

Included herein are:

Budgetary Comparison Schedule – Budgetary Basis Budget and Actual - General Fund	Schedule 1
Balance Sheet – Governmental Funds	Statement C
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances – Governmental Funds	Statement E
Schedule of Departmental Operations – General Fund	Schedule A
Combining Balance Sheet – Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Schedule B
Combining Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances – Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Schedule C

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TOWN OF CUTLER, MAINE

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE – BUDGETARY BASIS
 BUDGET AND ACTUAL – GENERAL FUND
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Budgetary Fund Balance, July 1	\$ 476,492	\$ 476,492	\$ 476,492	\$ -
Resources (Inflows):				
Property taxes	1,152,110	1,152,110	1,107,855	(44,255)
Excise taxes	95,507	95,507	108,510	13,003
Intergovernmental:				
Education subsidy	285,182	285,182	285,182	-
State revenue sharing	20,562	20,562	21,326	764
Homestead reimbursement	13,515	13,515	6,628	(6,887)
Wildlife refuge	9,500	9,500	11,881	2,381
BETE reimbursement	1,838	1,838	1,321	(517)
Local road assistance	-	-	7,052	7,052
Tree growth	10,000	10,000	12,405	2,405
School lunch subsidy	18,851	18,851	14,070	(4,781)
Tree growth / Veteran's / Other	950	950	1,237	287
Charges for services / fees:				
School lunch	-	-	9,390	9,390
Tuition	-	-	10,655	10,655
Administration	-	-	3,601	3,601
Other income:				
In lieu of payments	8,000	8,000	9,375	1,375
Interest / Fees on taxes	-	-	21,017	21,017
Other education revenue	1,000	1,000	11,983	10,983
Other revenue	-	-	2,076	2,076
Investment income	-	-	387	387
Proceeds from debt	387,900	387,900	387,900	-
Amounts Available for Appropriation	<u>2,481,407</u>	<u>2,481,407</u>	<u>2,510,343</u>	<u>28,936</u>
Charges to Appropriations (Outflows):				
General government	120,707	124,020	114,409	9,611
Public safety	20,120	21,028	21,959	(931)
Public works	86,834	113,309	95,924	17,385
Health and sanitation	20,000	20,000	19,641	359
Social services	3,500	6,911	-	6,911
Education	1,174,357	1,174,357	1,146,796	27,561
County tax	110,476	110,476	110,476	-
TIF	113,962	113,962	-	113,962
Debt service	141,264	141,264	120,189	21,075
Capital outlay	440,900	481,864	316,320	165,544
Unclassified	54,720	93,291	52,865	40,426
Total Charges to Appropriation	<u>2,286,840</u>	<u>2,400,482</u>	<u>1,998,579</u>	<u>401,903</u>
Budgetary Fund Balance - June 30	\$ 194,567	\$ 80,925	\$ 511,764	\$ 430,839
Use of Restricted Fund Balance	\$ 208,305	\$ 106,207	\$ -	\$ 106,207
Use of Committed Fund Balance	53,000	376,572	-	376,572
Use of Assigned Fund Balance	20,620	63,559	-	63,559
	<u>\$ 281,925</u>	<u>\$ 546,338</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 546,338</u>

See accompanying independent auditors' report and notes to financial statements.

STATEMENT C

TOWN OF CUTLER, MAINE

BALANCE SHEET – GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2015

	General Fund	Nonmajor Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 556,750	\$ 10,000	\$ 566,750
Accounts receivable (net of allowance for uncollectibles):			
Taxes and liens	246,959	-	246,959
Due from other governments	28,720	-	28,720
Inventory	255	-	255
Due from other funds	26,671	14,583	41,254
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 859,355</u>	<u>\$ 24,583</u>	<u>\$ 883,938</u>
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable	\$ 54,015	\$ -	\$ 54,015
Accrued expenses	54,005	-	54,005
Due to other funds	14,583	26,671	41,254
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>122,603</u>	<u>26,671</u>	<u>149,274</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Prepaid taxes	5,663	-	5,663
Deferred revenue	219,325	-	219,325
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	<u>224,988</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>224,988</u>
FUND BALANCES			
Nonspendable	255	-	255
Restricted	101,521	10,000	111,521
Committed	271,774	-	271,774
Assigned	58,840	14,583	73,423
Unassigned	79,374	(26,671)	52,703
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	<u>511,764</u>	<u>(2,088)</u>	<u>509,676</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 859,355</u>	<u>\$ 24,583</u>	<u>\$ 883,938</u>

See accompanying independent auditors' report and notes to financial statements.

STATEMENT E

TOWN OF CUTLER, MAINE

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND
BALANCES – GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

	General Fund	Nonmajor Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES			
Taxes:			
Property	\$ 1,107,855	\$ -	\$ 1,107,855
Excise	108,510	-	108,510
Intergovernmental	361,102	50,554	411,656
State of Maine on-behalf payments	32,000	-	32,000
Charges for services	23,646	6,480	30,126
Investment income	387	48	435
Other	44,451	-	44,451
Total revenues	<u>1,677,951</u>	<u>57,082</u>	<u>1,735,033</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
General government	114,409	-	114,409
Protection	21,959	-	21,959
Public works	95,924	-	95,924
Health and sanitation	19,641	-	19,641
Education	1,146,796	57,389	1,204,185
State of Maine on-behalf payments	32,000	-	32,000
County tax	110,476	-	110,476
Unclassified	52,865	5,467	58,332
Debt service	120,189	-	120,189
Capital outlay	316,320	-	316,320
Total expenditures	<u>2,030,579</u>	<u>62,856</u>	<u>2,093,435</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>(352,628)</u>	<u>(5,774)</u>	<u>(358,402)</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Proceeds from debt	<u>387,900</u>	-	<u>387,900</u>
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>387,900</u>	-	<u>387,900</u>
Net change in fund balances	35,272	(5,774)	29,498
FUND BALANCES - JULY 1	<u>476,492</u>	<u>3,686</u>	<u>480,178</u>
FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30	<u>\$ 511,764</u>	<u>\$ (2,088)</u>	<u>\$ 509,676</u>

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SCHEDULE A

TOWN OF CUTLER, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS – GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Expenditures	Variance Positive (Negative)
GENERAL GOVERNMENT					
Administration	\$ 25,000	\$ -	\$ 25,000	\$ 23,571	\$ 1,429
Office personnel	53,657	-	53,657	53,646	11
Officer / other salaries	11,870	-	11,870	10,720	1,150
Assessors / assessor fund	9,400	-	9,400	7,899	1,501
MMA Health insurance	9,580	-	9,580	9,580	-
Payroll taxes	7,000	-	7,000	6,994	6
Legal fees	3,000	-	3,000	1,664	1,336
Update comprehensive plan	-	3,313	3,313	-	3,313
Planning board	1,200	-	1,200	335	865
Total	120,707	3,313	124,020	114,409	9,611
PUBLIC SAFETY					
Volunteer fire department	7,750	-	7,750	7,750	-
Animal control	300	908	1,208	2,551	(1,343)
Street lights	7,000	-	7,000	6,618	382
Ambulance	5,070	-	5,070	5,040	30
Total	20,120	908	21,028	21,959	(931)
PUBLIC WORKS					
Town roads	10,000	26,475	36,475	20,028	16,447
Snow removal	69,334	-	69,334	69,344	(10)
Winter road salt	7,500	-	7,500	6,552	948
Total	86,834	26,475	113,309	95,924	17,385
HEALTH AND SANITATION					
Solid waste	20,000	-	20,000	19,641	359
Total	20,000	-	20,000	19,641	359

SCHEDULE A (CONTINUED)

TOWN OF CUTLER, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS – GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Expenditures	Variance Positive (Negative)
SOCIAL SERVICES					
Social service agencies	2,500	-	2,500	-	2,500
General assistance	1,000	3,411	4,411	-	4,411
Total	3,500	3,411	6,911	-	6,911
EDUCATION					
Education costs	1,174,357	-	1,174,357	1,146,796	27,561
Total	1,174,357	-	1,174,357	1,146,796	27,561
COUNTY TAX					
	110,476	-	110,476	110,476	-
TIF					
	113,962	-	113,962	-	113,962
CAPITAL OUTLAY					
Capital	440,900	40,964	481,864	316,320	165,544
Total	440,900	40,964	481,864	316,320	165,544
DEBT SERVICE					
	141,264	-	141,264	120,189	21,075
UNCLASSIFIED					
Harbor management	-	2,210	2,210	2,076	134
Parks and rec fund	750	-	750	-	750
Office building / library	8,000	-	8,000	7,973	27
Town properties	4,500	-	4,500	4,494	6
July 4th celebration	2,500	-	2,500	2,500	-
Contingency	10,000	-	10,000	9,475	525
Cemetery	2,500	-	2,500	-	2,500
Cemetery maintenance	6,000	-	6,000	5,012	988
Town office improvements	10,000	-	10,000	9,951	49
Library	50	-	50	50	-
SHIP grant	-	36,361	36,361	11,334	25,027
Overlay	10,420	-	10,420	-	10,420
Total	54,720	38,571	93,291	52,865	40,426
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 2,286,840	\$ 113,642	\$ 2,400,482	\$ 1,998,579	\$ 380,828

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SCHEDULE B

TOWN OF CUTLER, MAINE

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET – NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2015

	Special Revenue Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ -	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
Due from other governments	-	-	-
Due from other funds	14,583	-	14,583
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 14,583</u>	<u>\$ 10,000</u>	<u>\$ 24,583</u>
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Accrued payroll	-	-	-
Due to other funds	26,671	-	26,671
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>26,671</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>26,671</u>
FUND BALANCES			
Nonspendable	-	-	-
Restricted	-	10,000	10,000
Committed	-	-	-
Assigned	14,583	-	14,583
Unassigned	(26,671)	-	(26,671)
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	<u>(12,088)</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>(2,088)</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 14,583</u>	<u>\$ 10,000</u>	<u>\$ 24,583</u>

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TOWN OF CUTLER, MAINE

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN
 FUND BALANCES - NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

	Special Revenue Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
REVENUES	\$ 57,034	\$ 48	\$ 57,082
EXPENDITURES	<u>62,856</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>62,856</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>(5,822)</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>(5,774)</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers in	-	-	-
Transfers (out)	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	(5,822)	48	(5,774)
FUND BALANCES - JULY 1	<u>(6,266)</u>	<u>9,952</u>	<u>3,686</u>
FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30	<u>\$ (12,088)</u>	<u>\$ 10,000</u>	<u>\$ (2,088)</u>

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UNPAID BALANCES REPORT

Tax Year 2014 - Balances as of 6/27/16

Acct	Name	Property Tax Amt.
45	Barrows, Lori A.	1,863.65
392	Cates, Deborah A.	4,040.09
128	Channell, Denzil A	1,621.09
129	Channell, Denzil A	1,787.22
302	Chick, James	366.75
104	Cutler North LLC	1,426.70
100	Cutler Residential Development	1,606.13
* 101	Cutler Residential Development	1,606.13
102	Cutler Residential Development	1,606.13
103	Cutler Residential Development	1,606.13
106	Cutler Residential Development	1,426.70
147	Cutler Residential Development	2,754.14
* 122	Cutler Residential Development	1,366.89
119	Cutler Residential Development	1,366.89
120	Cutler Residential Development	1,606.13
* 121	Cutler Residential Development	1,366.89
124	Cutler Residential Development	1,845.37
163	Cutler Residential Development	1,426.70
689	Davis, Brent E., Sr	501.89
410	Feeney, Kevin	1,581.21
466	Feeney, Kevin C	592.70
28	Feeney, Kevin C.	498.01
480	Feeney, Kevin C.	29.18
203	Howard, Keith	1,803.84
248	Jessiman, Walter J. Jessiman, Kelly J.	1,936.75
316	Jones, Brenda Jones, Allan R	903.38
339	Look, David A.	244.74
* 558	Martin Devises, John Martin, Twyla D.	1,167.08
* 99	Mayer, Derik M. Cutler Lending LLC	1,845.37
69	McCaslin, Michael McCaslin, Waltrud	1,406.77
195	McGuire, Shirley A.	680.40
246	Monroe, Patricia A.	5,277.74
665	Morrison, Paul Devises Morrison, Patricia	1,214.05
650	Oak Leaf Realty, Inc	507.97
651	Oak Leaf Realty, Inc	572.76
643	Oak Leaf Realty, Inc	1,709.13

647	Oak Leaf Realty, Inc	509.63
649	Oak Leaf Realty, Inc	509.63
648	Oak Leaf Realty, Inc	509.63
646	Oak Leaf Realty, Inc	509.63
642	Oak Leaf Realty, Inc	1,725.75
556	Oak Leaf Realty, Inc.	2,385.30
396	Peabody Heirs, Carroll G. C/O Keith Howard	1,582.87
* 427	Petrusewicz (Estate), Joseph P.	157.50
* 403	Petrusewicz (Estate), Joseph P.	3.15
* 429	Petrusewicz (Estate), Joseph P.	157.50
* 678	Petrusewicz (Estate), Joseph P.	439.65
* 506	Petrusewicz (Estate), Joseph P.	3.15
* 603	Petrusewicz (Estate), Joseph P.	215.27
419	Pond Ridge Farm Inc. c/o Charles Beam	694.05
215	Pond Ridge Farm Inc. c/o Charles Beam	501.33
157	Powers, Karin J	1,780.58
127	Powers, Karin J.	2,210.87
671	Radley, Darcie J.	489.69
242	Sabosis Airpark, LLC	1,906.84
635	Sabosis Airpark, LLC	704.28
623	Stanley, John R	2,312.21
656	Verburgt Devisees, Stephen Verburgt, Amelia R.	2,190.93
512	Wood, Glenroy Wood, Pamela	338.52
620	Wood, Glenroy Wood, Pamela	182.35
513	Wood, Glenroy Wood, Pamela	2,210.87
Total for 61		77,393.88

* Foreclosed Properties

SHELLFISH CONSERVATION ACCOUNT

Balance July 01, 2014	\$12,455.95
Sale of Licenses	6,480.00
Fine Income	0.00
Town share of License Sales	(51.00)
Shellfish Expenses	<u>(5467.47)</u>
Balance June 30, 2015	\$13,417.48

HARBOR MANAGEMENT ACCOUNT

Balance July 01, 2014	\$4,831.98
Mooring permit fees	1,050.00
Harbor Committee Expenses	<u>(2,075.88)</u>
Balance June 30, 2015	\$3,806.10

CEMETERY ACCOUNT

Balance July 01, 2014	\$1,330.01
Reservations and Donations	225.00
2015 Appropriation	2,500.00
Cemetery Expenses	<u>(852.21)</u>
Balance June 30, 2015	\$3,202.80

PARK & RECREATION ACCOUNT

Balance July 01, 2014	\$3,342.79
Appropriation	750.00
Expenses	<u>(0.00)</u>
Balance June 30, 2015	\$4,092.79

GENERAL ASSISTANCE ACCOUNT

Balance July 01, 2014	\$4,211.71
Appropriation	1,000.00
Expenses	<u>(0.00)</u>
Balance June 30, 2015	\$5,211.71

PERPETUAL CARE CD'S

Perpetual Care Lots

Frank & Berla Huntley - \$200.00
Merritt & Harvard Wright - \$200.00
Carleton & Doris Meloon - \$200.00
James & Maurice Davis - \$200.00
George & Lottie Davis - \$200.00
Wilbur & Mildred Beam - \$200.00
Eugene & Mary Farris - \$200.00
Hal & Peggy Buckner - \$400.00
William Simpson / A & M McGuire - \$750.00
Ruth & Frederick McNeeland - \$200.00
Kenneth & Laura Dennison - \$230.00
Robert & Gladys Dudley - \$300.00
Gordon & Anne Trim - \$200.00
Charles & Flora Gardner - \$200.00
Allen & Myrtle Fitzhenry - \$500.00
Robert Sr. & Marjie Ackley - \$400.00
Otis & Phyllis Leighton - \$100.00
Orlando M. & Clarence M. Randall - \$300.00
Ruth Dennison - \$200.00
Hunt & Farris - \$200.00
Ruth Davis - \$200.00
Walter & Eleanor Anderson - \$500.00
Oscar Ward - \$200.00
Randall & Bryant - \$200.00
Mason & Ackley - \$200.00
Mary Morris Pineo - \$200.00
Elisha Ackley / Olive Wallace - \$200.00
Capt. Mark Thurlow - \$200.00
Waldo N. Huntley - \$200.00
Leigh & Corice Maker - \$200.00
John F. Trafton - \$200.00
(CD in the amount of \$7,980.00)

Interest Deposited to General Fund 06/30/15 \$21.56

Amanda & Willam P. Wright / Julian Cheney (CD) - \$1,000.00
James & Mary Ackley (CD) - \$1,000.00

Interest Deposited to General Fund 06/30/15 \$5.42

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN - 2016

It is hard to believe that another year has passed and we are once again getting ready for our annual town meeting. As I finish this term, I must say thanks for allowing me the chance to serve you as a Selectman and hope that whoever may do it next year does so with the best interests of the town!

I can finally report that the Town Parking and Public Access Project is well underway! It has been a LONG three years for the Advisory Committee, Teresa and the Board. Between the State of Maine Department of Transportation, DEP and CES, the process was brutal at times. Skipper would like to move on to phase two of the project which is the public pier. This of course produces another reason for work to be done with updating our town ordinances and land use plan. See Article 34.

The Sand / Salt Shed Project has become an issue as well as the sight that had been tentatively approved for the building does not pass site approval due to zoning issues and land use restrictions. This delays us as we try to find another suitable location and one that passes the State and Local restrictions.

On the upside of things, all town roads are done, the Bay Ridge School renovations are complete, the Bay View Cemetery is being expanded and the Town Office / Library has seen renovations nearing completion. All were sorely needed. The library has seen a re-birth with 60+ people now holding library cards.

All in all, we must be proud of who we are and the great sense of community and caring that we experience. Many town and cities are lacking that in this day and age.

For Skipper (Mark) McGuire and Dennis Boyd, I respectfully submit this report.

/s/Cynthia C. Rowden

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

ANNUAL REPORT

It is with great pride that I report to the citizens of Cutler the state of the Bay Ridge Elementary School. The administrators, teachers and support staff all work diligently every day to meet the educational needs of all students that attend the Bay Ridge School.

During the 2015/2016 school year, Principal Darlene Wheeler has provided the necessary support that teachers and support staff need to be successful meeting the social and academic needs of our students. Ms. Wheeler stays in touch with the challenges teachers face every day by teaching half of the school day. This is just one example of how she goes above and beyond to meet the educational needs of the Bay Ridge Elementary student body.

During the 2015/2016 school year our administrators and teachers worked together to develop a Comprehensive Teacher Evaluation System that is required by the State of Maine. The teachers took an active role in the development of the evaluation system. I believe the new evaluation system will enable administrators to enhance their support of the important work teachers do every day. The evaluation system is supported by a software system that is based on Robert Marzano's Principles of Teaching.

As many of you know, the Cutler high school students have school choice. Traditionally most of the students attend Washington Academy with some students attending Machias Memorial High School. Warrant Article 1 in the school budget contains the cost of providing regular education services at the Bay Ridge School, as well as, secondary tuition costs. Secondary tuition costs will comprise almost 50% of this budget article.

The proposed 2016/2017 school budget reflects no increase in the tax commitment for education even though secondary tuition costs increased by \$46,356.00. The School Committee added \$46,389.24 from fund balance to keep the tax commitment flat.

It is always a pleasure to work with the Cutler School Committee members. School Committee members Melanie Ferguson, Anita McKinley and Renee Patterson continue to provide the necessary support to the Cutler School Department to ensure that it operates effectively and efficiently. I thank all three School Committee members for their dedicated service to the School Department.

I must also thank the Cutler Selectmen for their steadfast support of the Bay Ridge Elementary School. They always stand ready to help the school.

I thank the citizens of Cutler for their support of the Bay Ridge Elementary School. If any citizens have questions or concerns please contact me any time at the AOS 96 central office.

Sincerely,

Scott K. Porter
Superintendent of Schools
AOS 96
Machias Bay Area School System

LOUISE CLEMENTS LIBRARY REPORT 2014

The Louise Clements Library celebrated its new look with an open house on December 3, with 48 attending.

Since that time, the library has purchased a new printer and two computers, and many patrons are using the free wireless internet service, a benefit of the Maine State Library system. In the computer room are shelves showcasing over 50 recent acquisitions, some of which are donations and others which we have purchased based on patrons' suggestions.

As of June, we have issued 68 cards for the Louise Clements Library, and have also started processing cards for borrowers to have free access to the Bangor Public Library, which includes interlibrary loan services, and over 70 online magazine subscriptions.

In May we presented a program of vintage Cutler photos, and this will be repeated later in the summer.

Our library board members are Amanda Hallissey, Aimee Ganon, Angie Potter, Cheryl Corbett, Charlene Cates, Pauline Cates, Charlotte McKinnon, and Teresa Bragg.

Respectfully submitted,
Pauline Cates

THE WARRANT

To: Melanie Ferguson, a resident of the Town of Cutler, County of Washington, and State of Maine.

Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Cutler, in said County and State, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Bay Ridge School in said Town on Thursday, the 09th of June, AD 2016 at 6:30 o'clock in the evening, Daylight Savings Time, then and there to act upon the following articles, to wit:

ARTICLE 01: To choose, by written ballot, a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ARTICLES FOR TOWN OF CUTLER SCHOOL BUDGET

ARTICLE 02: Shall the Town be authorized to expend \$612,328.30 for Regular Instruction?

ARTICLE 03: Shall the Town be authorized to expend \$178,705.78 for Special Education?

ARTICLE 04: Shall the Town be authorized to expend \$3,012.00 for Other Instruction?

ARTICLE 05: Shall the Town be authorized to expend \$700.00 for Student and Staff Support?

ARTICLE 06: Shall the Town be authorized to expend \$41,610.38 for System Administration?

ARTICLE 07: Shall the Town be authorized to expend \$47,396.79 for School Administration?

ARTICLE 08: Shall the Town be authorized to expend \$46,680.64 for Transportation and Buses?

ARTICLE 09: Shall the Town be authorized to expend \$149,008.11 for Facilities Maintenance?

ARTICLE 10: Shall the Town be authorized to expend \$65,458.41 for All Other Expenditures?

**ARTICLES 11 THROUGH 12 RAISE FUNDS FOR THE
PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET**

ARTICLE 11: Shall the Town appropriate \$869,807.10 for the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and shall the Town raise \$589,300.00 as the Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15688?

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

ARTICLE 12: (Written ballot required) Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$212,704.07 in additional local funds, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$192,440.92 as required to fund the budget recommended by the school committee?

The school committee recommends **\$212,704.07** for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by \$192,440.92: The Cutler School Department budget is over the Essential Programs and Services model in student to teacher ratios, school administration, system administration, maintenance, clerical costs, and the difference between the secondary tuition rate and the EPS tuition rate. In addition, the Essential Programs and Services model does not fully fund co-curricular activities and the model has not been fully funded by the State.

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

**ARTICLE 13 SUMMARIZES THE PROPOSED
SCHOOL BUDGET**

ARTICLE 13: Shall the Town authorize the school committee to expend \$1,144,900.41 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017 from the Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, non-state-funded school construction projects, additional local funds for school purposes under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy and other receipts for the support of schools?

**ARTICLE 14 AUTHORIZES EXPENDITURES OF
GRANTS AND OTHER RECEIPTS**

ARTICLE 14: Shall the Town be authorized to expend such other sums as may be received from federal or state grants or programs or other sources during the fiscal year for school purposes provided that such grants, programs or other sources do not require the expenditure of other funds not previously appropriated?

**ARTICLE 15 AUTHORIZES THE ADULT BASIC EDUCATION
PROGRAM AND RAISES THE LOCAL SHARE**

ARTICLE 15: Shall the Town appropriate \$900.00 for adult basic education and raise \$900.00 as the local share; with authorization to expend any additional, incidental, or miscellaneous receipts in the interest and for the well-being of the adult basic education program.

**THE REST OF THE ARTICLES RELATE TO
MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS**

ARTICLE 16: To elect, by written ballot, the following Municipal Official for the ensuing term:

One Road Commissioner for a one-year term

ARTICLE 17: To elect, by written ballot, the following Municipal Officials for the ensuing terms:

One School Board Member for a 3-year term (Renee Patterson's position)

One Selectman for a 3-year term (Cynthia Rowden's position)

One Selectman for a 1-year term (Dennis Boyd's position)

ARTICLE 18: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the following:

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND:

Administration	\$25,000.00
Office Personnel	68,640.00
M.M.A. Health Insurance	11,000.00
S.S. & Payroll Taxes	9,500.00
(Town Officers)	
3 Selectmen	4,500.00
Town Clerk	600.00
Registrar of Voters	120.00
Road Commissioner	500.00
Animal Control Officer	600.00
3 Assessors	900.00
Code Enforcement Officer	2,400.00
Fire Chief	500.00
3 Harbor Masters	2,250.00
Licensed Plumbing Inspector	<u>400.00</u>
	\$126,910.00

Selectmen recommend \$105,000.00 be appropriated from excise taxes and the remaining \$21,910.00 be raised from taxes to fund this Article.

ARTICLE 19: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the following:

TO BE RAISED:

Town Road Maintenance	10,000.00
Office Building Maintenance	8,000.00
Town Property Maintenance	4,250.00
Cemetery Maintenance	7,750.00
General Assistance	500.00

Street Lights	7,500.00
Solid Waste / Member Stipend	24,000.00
Ambulance	5,070.00
Animal Control Account	500.00
Snow Removal	92,250.00
Winter Road Salt	7,500.00
Legal Fees	3,000.00
Assessor's Fund	6,500.00
Planning Board Members / Secretary	2,400.00
Park & Recreation Fund	<u>500.00</u>
Total - Raised & Appropriated	\$179,720.00

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate an amount not to exceed \$2,800.00 to provide insurance for the Cutler Volunteer Fire Department through the Town's policy with MMA.
(Article submitted by CVFD)

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 for the Cutler Volunteer Fire Department, said monies to be deposited into a Town of Cutler Non-Lapsing Savings Account to be used as reimbursement upon request from the Cutler Volunteer Fire Department and approved by the Board of Selectmen for Fire Department purchases.
(Article submitted by CVFD)

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 for the Cutler Fourth of July Committee. (Article submitted by Cutler 4th of July Committee)

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for the Louise Clements Library. (Article submitted by Library Committee)

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate an amount not to exceed \$2,500.00 for Local Non-Profit Organizations, to be expended as deemed in the best interests of the Town by the Selectmen. (A list of organizations requesting donations is available at the Town Office.)

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$10,000.00 for the contingency account, said account to be used for unexpected and unforeseen expenditures.

ARTICLE 26: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$108,102.00 to pay the County Tax.

ARTICLE 27: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$5,000.00 to be deposited into an account for improvements to the Town Office/Library Building.

ARTICLE 28: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$14,400.00 for the 05th of 10 Municipal Loan Payments for the Destiny Bay Road Construction Project.

ARTICLE 29: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$28,800.00 for the 05th of 10 Municipal Loan Payments for the Little Machias Road Construction Project.

ARTICLE 30: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$11,500.00 for the 04th of 10 Municipal Loan Payments for the Little Machias Road Paving Project.

ARTICLE 31: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$20,620.00 for the 04th of 10 Municipal Loan Payments for the Destiny Bay Road, Fitzhenry Lane, Cove Road & Marsh Road Paving Project.

ARTICLE 32: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$25,750.00 for the 03rd of 10 Municipal Loan Payments for the 2014 Town Road Paving of the Little Machias Road, Destiny Bay Road & Ackley Road.

ARTICLE 33: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$19,160.00 for the 03rd of 10 Municipal Loan Payments for the 2014 Sand / Salt Storage Building Project.

ARTICLE 34: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00 to update the Town's Comprehensive Plan and any appropriate ordinances from the Tax Increment Financing District Program Fund.

ARTICLE 35: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$20,000.00 to be used towards land purchase of Map 12 Lot 59 for the placement of the Sand / Salt Shed from the Tax Increment Financing District Program Fund.

ARTICLE 36: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum as required by the Development Program for the Cutler Base Redevelopment Municipal Development and Tax Increment Financing District for deposit in the Town Cost Subaccount and to expend such amount for Alternate Project Costs, as defined in such Development Program.

ARTICLE 37: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector or Treasurer to accept prepayments of taxes and to accept overpayment of taxes as prepayments of taxes not yet committed pursuant to 36 MRSA Section 506.

ARTICLE 38: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to charge interest at the rate of 7.00% on any taxes not paid prior to December 31, 2016.

ARTICLE 39: To see if the Town will vote to set the interest rate to be paid by the Town on abated taxes at 3.00% pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. § 506-A and to authorize such interest paid or abatements granted to be appropriated from overlay funds or, if necessary, from unassigned fund balance.

ARTICLE 40: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of tax-acquired property in any manner in which the Selectmen deem to be in the best interests of the Town.

ARTICLE 41: Shall the Town authorize the Treasurer to waiver foreclosure on property in any manner in which the Selectmen deem to be in the best interest of the town?

ARTICLE 42: To see if the Town will vote to allow the Selectmen to apply for and accept all municipal revenue sharing (to reduce the tax commitment), local road assistance, state aid to education, civil emergency funds, snowmobile reimbursement, tree growth reimbursement, general assistance reimbursement, veterans exemption reimbursement, property tax relief, state grants or any other funds and to appropriate the same.

ARTICLE 43: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12 of the budgeted amount in each budget category of the 2016 – 2017 annual budget during the period from July 1, 2017 to the 2017 annual Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 44: Shall an ordinance entitled “2016 Amendments to the Town of Cutler Harbor Ordinance” be enacted?

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

ARTICLE 45: Shall an ordinance entitled “2016 Amendments to the Town of Cutler Shellfish Ordinance” be enacted?

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

Notice is hereby given that the Registrar of Voters will be at the Bay Ridge School on July 07th, 2016 from 6:00 o'clock DST in the evening until 6:30 o'clock DST in the evening to hear and decide upon the voter registration applicants, and correcting any error in or change of name or address on the voting list and accept the registration of any person who became 18 years of age on election day or the day prior to it. A person who is not registered as a voter may not vote in any election.

Given under our hands at Cutler this 30th day of June A.D., 2016.

SELECTMEN OF CUTLER

Cynthia C. Rowden

Dennis W. Boyd

Mark L. McGuire, Jr.

RETURN OF THE WARRANT

Date: June 30, 2016

Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have hereby notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Cutler, qualified as therein expressed, to meet at the time and place for the purpose therein named by posting this day two copies of the within Warrant, one at the Cutler Post Office and one at the Cutler Town Office and Library Building, the same being two conspicuous places in said Town.

Melanie D. Ferguson, Resident of Cutler, Maine

MARION TRANSFER STATION

HOURS OF OPERATION:

Tuesday - Saturday * 7:30am – 3:30pm.

MEMBER SOLID WASTE FEE .06LB.

NONMEMBER TOWN .08LB

MINIMUM FEE \$6.00/\$8.00 FOR THE 1ST 100 LBS

RECYCLING

**CONTAINERS FOR PAPER, CARDBOARD, GLASS, TIN CANS
METAL & WHITE GOODS ARE FREE**

TIRES

UP TO 18INCH \$3.00 / WITH RIMS \$5.00

TRUCK TIRES 900 AND UP \$6.00

TRUCK TIRES WITH RIMS \$10.00

UNIVERSAL WASTE DISPOSAL

TV/COMPUTER MONITORS 19/24 INCHES \$7.00

TV 25/36 INCHES \$12.00 / TV 37/60 INCHES \$20.00

FLORESCENT LIGHT BULBS-.25 CENTS A FOOT

DEMOLITION DEBRIS

**ALL INDIVIDUALS MUST PAY FOR DEMO DEBRIS
DEMO FEE IS .04 CENTS PER LB OR \$80.00 PER TON**

ACCEPTED DEMO DEBRIS

Sheetrock, painted/stained wood, windows/doors, Plastic pipe, paneling,
tileflooring, side boards, ceramic sinks, toilets/tubs, roofing shingles, fiberglass
insulation, small rugs (4x4 or less)

MATTRESS'S & BOX SPRINGS ARE TO BE PUT IN THE

TRASH CANS

LARGE RUGS

THESE WILL BE PAID BY INDIVIDUAL AT .06 PER LB

**PLEASE CHECK IN AT THE OFFICE, IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS
LOCATED AT 1 STATION ROAD, RT 191 MARION TOWNSHIP**

TELEPHONE 726-4561

REMINDERS:

**Cutler Town Office customer service hours are
Monday – Thursday, 9:00 am – 4:30 pm,
unless otherwise posted. New vehicle registrations
will not be processed after 3:30 pm.**

**Selectmen’s meetings are held on the third Wednesday
of each month at 1:00 pm, unless otherwise posted.**

Assessor's meetings are held on an as needed basis.

**Harbormaster meetings are held on the second Thursday
of each month at 4:00 pm, on an as needed basis.**

**Planning Board meetings are held on
the first Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm.**

**Fire Department meetings are held on the
second and fourth Wednesday of each month.**

**All boat registrations expire on December 31st.
Excise tax on documented boats is due after January 1st.**

**All ATV and snowmobile registrations expire on June 30th.
Motorcycle registrations expire on March 31st.**

**All dog licenses expire on December 31st.
Late fees are assessed on unlicensed dogs after February 1st.**

Visit our website @ www.cutlermaine.net

Municipal Contact Numbers

Cutler Town Office	Phone/fax	259-3693
Teresa M Bragg	Admin. Asst/Clerk/Treas	259-3693
	Tax Collect/Registrar/E911	263-6439
Jackie Robbins	Assessing Agent	852-1840
James Bradley	CEO/LPI	255-8874
Wayne Dennison	Fire Chief	259-3632
Darrel Hinerman	Emergency Mng. Director	259-7111
Kevin Brodie	Animal Control	263-4243
Pauline Cates	Library	259-3909
AOS 96, Scott Porter	Superintendent's Office	255-6585
Bay Ridge School		259-3347
Washington Academy		255-8301
Marion Transfer Station		726-4561
Public Service #'s	WC Sheriff's Dept.	255-4422
	State Police	255-8000
	Cutler Post Office	259-4493
Andrew Hall	Town Snow Removal	812-5211
Kevin Feeney	Road Commissioner	263-6637
ME DOT	State Snow Removal	941-4500

DEDICATION

Ruth E. Farris also known as “Dr. Ruth” was a nurse for Dr. Karl Larson for many years upon her return to Cutler from Massachusetts. She was always ready and willing to go to ones home or welcome you into hers to help in the case of an emergency and was a welcome sight in many cases. She always told people that she would do private duty with fringe benefits (joking of course). Ruth is and was a true angel of mercy and we would like to honor her and thank her for her many years of service.

~ In Memory ~

Shane E. Andrews

John A. Chase

Danual L. Holmes

Sherman E. McCaslin

Myra C. Rebhan

May you see God's light on the path ahead
When the road you walk is dark.

May you always hear,

Even in your hour of sorrow,

The gentle singing of the lark.

When times are hard may hardness

Never turn your heart to stone,

May you always remember

when the shadows fall—

You do not walk alone. ~ Irish Blessing