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TOWN OF
THOMASTON
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2016/2017



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**THIS ANNUAL REPORT IS DEDICATED
TO
POLICE CHIEF KEVIN HAJ**



This Annual Town Report is dedicated to Police Chief Kevin Haj upon his retirement. Kevin came to work for the Department as a Patrol Officer on August 28, 1991 and worked his way from Patrolman to Sergeant and then to Chief of Police where he has served for the past 12 years.

From his first day on the job Kevin, showed his true calling as a police officer. His ability to communicate with the citizens, the way he could provide comfort and compassion when the need arose, and the strength to uphold the law and protect the community, has served Thomaston and its citizens well.

Kevin your easy smile and the casual hello will surely be missed by all.

In Honor of Chief Kevin Haj

What do you say about a man you have worked for during most of your adult life? You say that a man you met one day, who took the time to answer your questions with interest, is the real reason you became a police officer.

In working together over the years most of the time we would agree to disagree, usually it would go something like this “hey Chief, can I buy this, it really doesn’t cost much?” “You’re right it doesn’t cost anything to ask.” Then there was always “Chief can we have this, they do”, “Son, apples and oranges, apples and oranges” would most likely be his reply. What I am really saying, is the man I worked side by side with is a good man, a patriot, a people person who believes in community policing. A man who in his own way was teaching lessons even though I didn’t realize it at the time.

This is a man who taught me that the little things you worry over never really matter and to work on those things that are within your control. To never carry a grudge and to always stay grounded no matter what your position in life is and most of all when you lay your head on the pillow at night, know that you did your best in all things and you can go to sleep with a clear conscience.

This is what I have to say about the man I have called Chief for most of my police career.

Kevin I hope you know those lessons learned throughout the years will serve the department well, and you will be leaving the department in good hands.

Chief, be well and safe my friend in your retirement, and know that I will try to pass the lessons learned from you on to the future generations who work for the department.

**Sincerely,
Sergeant Tim Hoppe**

***IN MEMORY
of
WAYNE LINSCOTT***



***This Annual Report is dedicated to the Memory of
Wayne Linscott
1955 - 2016***

Wayne was a lifelong resident of Thomaston with a great sense of community. His dedication to ensuring that Thomaston would remain a Town the citizens would be proud of caused him to run for Selectman. Wayne was elected and served two terms on the Thomaston Board of Selectmen starting in 2000 through 2007. As well as serving as a Selectman he helped out with the snow plowing for the Public Works Department.

Always the master mechanic, over the years when the need arose Wayne would drop whatever job he was doing at his garage located behind the Watts Block, to work on town vehicles for the police, fire and public works departments .




HOLIDAYS

LIST OF MUNICIPAL HOLIDAYS

2017/2018

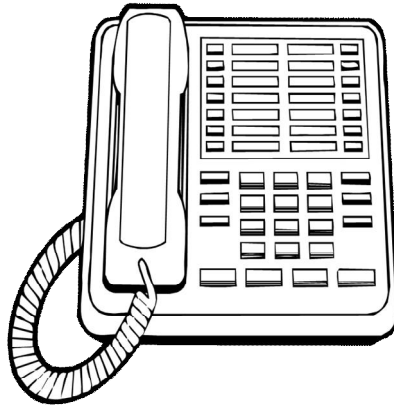
If a holiday falls on a Saturday then the Town Office will be closed the Friday before.

If a holiday falls on a Sunday then the Town Office will be closed the Monday after.

 April 16th Patriots Day	 July 4th	 October 9th Columbus Day
Independence Day	Tuesday	July 4, 2017
Labor Day	Monday	September 4, 2017
Columbus Day	Monday	October 9, 2017
Veteran's Day	Friday	November 10, 2017
Thanksgiving Break	Thursday & Friday	November 23 & 24, 2017
Christmas	Monday	December 25, 2017
New Year's Day	Monday	January 1, 2018
Martin Luther King Day	Monday	January 15, 2018
President's Day	Monday	February 19, 2018
Patriot's Day	Monday	April 16, 2018
Memorial Day	Monday	May 28, 2018

 November 23rd Thanksgiving	 December 25th Christmas	 May 28th Memorial Day
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MUNICIPAL TELEPHONE DIRECTORY



Town Office

Town Manager	Valmore Blastow, Jr.	354-6107
Tax Collector	Valmore Blastow, Jr.	354-6107
Road Commissioner	Valmore Blastow, Jr.	354-6107
Treasurer	Valmore Blastow, Jr.	354-6107
General Assistance Administrator	Valmore Blastow, Jr.	354-6107
Project Officer	Valmore Blastow, Jr.	354-6107
Assessors Agent	David Martucci	354-6107
Town Clerk	Joan Linscott	354-6107
Registrar of Voters	Joan Linscott	354-6107
Public Information Officer	Joan Linscott	354-6107
Secretary/Office Coordinator	Louise Demers	354-6107
Municipal Finance Coordinator	Jodell Benson	354-6107
Pollution Control Billing	Donna Culbertson	354-6107
Motor Vehicle Agent	Donna Culbertson	354-6107
Code Enforcement	William Wasson	354-6107
Building Inspector	William Wasson	354-6107
Plumbing Inspector	William Wasson	354-6107
Addressing Officer	Dave Martucci	354-6107
Alternate Plumbing Inspector	Scott Bickford	354-6107

Public Works/Pollution Control

Public Works Director	Jim Connon	354-2478
Pollution Control Director	John Fancy	354-2136

Public Safety Departments

All Emergencies

911

Police Chief		354-2511
Fire Chief	Mike Mazzeo	354-6345
Ambulance Director	Ruston Barnard	354-6345
Non-Emergency	Knox Dispatch	593-9132
Animal Control	William Demmons	542-3057
EMA Director	Valmore Blastow, Jr.	354-6107

Miscellaneous Departments

Tree Warden	Peter Lammert	691-2900
Recreation Director	Rene Dorr	354-6107
Harbor Master	Michael Blais	691-5474
Health Officer	Alan Leo	354-6345
Librarian	Diane Giese	354-2453

TOWN OF THOMASTON

2015/2016 LIST MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

BOARD OF SELECTPERSONS

Greg Hamlin, Chairman	Term Expires 2018
Lee-Ann Upham, Vice-Chairman	Term Expires 2017
William Hahn	Term Expires 2019
Peter Lammert	Term Expires 2017
Peter McCrea	Term Expires 2019

TOWN MANAGER

Valmore Blastow, Jr.

TOWN CLERK

Joan Linscott

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Joan Linscott	Term Expires 2019
Peter Lammert	Term Expires 2018
A. Fred Wigglesworth	Term Expires 2017

R.S.U. #13 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Ronald Gamage	Term Expires 2019
Kella River	Term Expires 2018

**MISCELLANEOUS
COMMITTEES**

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Sandra Jordan	Expires 2019
Elizabeth Watts	Expires 2017
Henry Carey	Expires 2019
Paul Chamberlin	Expires 2018
Daryl Hahn, Alt.	Expires 2019
Peter Lammert	Selectman
Lee-Ann Upham	Alt. Selectman

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Doug Erickson	Expires 2018
Henry Carey	Expires 2019
Betty Watts	Expires 2017
Joanne Richards	Expires 2019
Beverly St.Clair	Expires 2018
Patricia Hubbard	Expires 2018
Jodell Benson	Finance Coordinator

**GEORGE'S RIVER SHELLFISH
COMMITTEE**

Clifton Weaver	Expires 2017
John Smith	Expires 2016
David Hynd	Expires 2018

TRUST FUND COMMITTEE

Valmore Blastow, Jr., Treasurer
Jodell Benson, Finance Coordinator
Jeff Creighton, Chairman
William Dashiell
Harold Willey
Lee-Ann Upham
Greg Hamlin

CDBG COMMITTEE

Chris Rector
Doug Erickson
Cabot Lyman
Lee-Ann Upham

Valmore G. Blastow Jr.
Town Manager



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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

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

It is with pleasure that I submit the Annual Report of the activities and financial transactions for the past year.

This report covers the operations of your Town for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

The audit excerpts for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 are included herein, and complete reports are available for your review at the Town Office as audited by Runyon, Kersteen and Ouellette, Auditors.

I wish to thank all the employees, officials and citizens who have assisted me during the past year, as well as the Board of Selectmen for their continued support.

Respectfully submitted,
Valmore G. Blastow, Jr.



TOWN OFFICE STAFF

**Town Manager, Tax Collector, Road Commissioner
Valmore Blastow, Jr.**

**Town Clerk, Registrar of Voters, Public Information Officer
Village Cemetery Contact,
Joan Linscott**

**Code Enforcement Officer
William Wasson**

**Plumbing Inspector
William Wasson**

**Finance Coordinator
Jodell Benson**

**Motor Vehicle Agent/Pollution Control Bookkeeper
Donna Culbertson**

**Secretary/Office Coordinator
Elizabeth Cole, Temp.**

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

VALMORE BLASTOW, JR.

TOWN MANAGER

It is with extreme pride and gratitude I submit for the twenty-fourth time the Annual Report of the Town Manager to the citizens, taxpayers and Board of Selectpersons for the year 2016.

The year was a continuation of the prior year relative to major issues and projects impacting the Town. The RSU #13 School of Our Future Projects, the vote to close the Lura Libby School, the completion of clean water systems and Maine Water Company's installation of a new 12" water main, in conjunction with Route 1 reconstruction. The initiation of the Maine DOT Route 1 Project #17890 by Lane Construction. The completion and opening of the Wadsworth Street Bridge by Maine DOT through Prock Marine. The demolition and removal of the 1927 Bridge. The initiation of discussions with the State to obtain a carry-in water craft launch site and park on the remaining State property adjacent to the new bridge.

The decision by O.H.S.T.T. cooperative to have the long term handling of solid waste disposed of at Ecomaine in South Portland by twenty year agreement and the withdrawal by virtue of not signing an amended Joiner Agreement with the newly created M.R.C. utilizing Fiberright and constructing a new facility in Hampden, and to abandon the P.E.R.C. facility in Orrington.

The Town continued throughout the year to pursue the Lowes tax abatement request through appeal and settlement. The property was assessed at \$15.2 million and the abatement request was for a valuation of \$8.4 million, later lowered in the appeal to \$7.02 million. The Town received an appraisal of \$15.6 million on this property and with the approval of both the Select Board and the Board of Assessors, settled with Lowe's for a value within the margin of error of the Town's appraised value.

The Town also continues to have staffing issues in the Police department and the Town Office was impacted with the Administrative Secretary being struck by a truck in the crosswalk while retrieving the mail and at year's end, Police Chief Kevin Haj gave notice of retirement along with Public Works operator Cliff Eugley, both with twenty-five years minimum service to the Town.

The "Future of Our Schools Project" started as an energy conservation project designed to save tax money. A review of the 2014/2015 RSU #13 appropriation which included St. George with all the students and the facility on page 58 of 58 dated 7/17/2015 after the year ended. The total expenditure was \$26,195,316 and two years later the budget is \$25,960,000 for 2016/2017 without the \$4,418,429 reductions of St. George. It is my responsibility fiduciary point of view to inform the taxpayers and citizens of potential impacts. Therefore, with the projected 3% per year for the next five years, the Business Manager advised the Board and Budget Committee of, I believe, the 2017/2018 Budget for RSU #13 will be \$27,000,000 which is equivalent to a \$5,000,000 plus increases in just 3 years. This is after closing one additional school and completing \$8,000,000 of energy savings projects. The next impact will be the additional proposed \$23,200,000 loan for school facilities that is being phased in to negate the tax shock. The projection is an additional \$1,542,286 annually along with the \$435,000 for the M.C.S.T. Region 8. Therefore, in 2021 the total increase will be \$1,977,286 for RSU #13 and ultimately the community to absorb without considering general budget increases.

The Town submitted a \$400,000 C.D.B.G. grant application to the State of Maine to complete the Streetscape Project at the rear of the Business Block. The application was submitted after completing the Downtown Core and Village Area District Revitalization Plan through the assistance of Rodney Lynch and Audrey Lovering. The grant was competitive with two other communities and was unsuccessful.

The Town submitted a \$12,000 Davis Fund grant application to construct a 30' octagonal bandstand on Thomaston Green Park, which was received and it allowed for the prefabrication by Region 8 Vocational School students to be constructed. This project was spearheaded by John Fancy.

The Town negotiated with Lincolnville Communications Inc. on their proposed Internet Protocol Agreement. The company proposes high speed Internet with T.V. and telephone, bundled. The company will construct their own privately owned fiber system on existing poles through existing Lan. The major drawback is that the company needs a number of clients to sign up for service and then they will plan and initiate the construction. Therefore, the Route 1 section will be first, then it expand down the side streets as new customers request.

The Town received final approval of a \$100,000 grant for Safe Route to Schools Project with estimated total cost of \$146,000. This project will be initiated in 2017 and it will need to be coordinated not to interfere with Route 1 Project as it is a sidewalk and entrance project from Beechwood street west along the north side of Starr Street at the rear area of the Business Block which will define the parking areas entrances and exits as well as Watts Lane with a raised sidewalk to safely accommodate students to the schools. This is a Maine DOT Grant and John Fancy is administering the project.

The Board of Selectpersons re-activated the Comprehensive Plan Committee for the Town at the recommendation of the Planning Board. The Committee was increased from 13 to 15 members. The original plan was approved by the State in 1991 and amended fourteen years later in 2005. Therefore, the committee has until 2019 to complete the proposed amendments and forward same to voters to stay within previous parameters.

A new Recreation Director, Rene Door of Thomaston was hired at the beginning of the year and brings a number of years' experience from Rockland, as they disbanded the City Recreation department and engaged the Y.M.C.A.

The Town recognized Mike Leo on November 27, 2016 with a celebration at Watts Hall after his retirement.

"It is a great honor to recognize Michael Leo for 42 years of dedicated volunteer service in Public Safety to the Town of Thomaston.

Mike began his career in 1974 as a leader of movement to organize a municipally supported ambulance service, and he continued in that effort for 29 years until 2003 when he resigned as the Ambulance Director. Juxtaposed with the position, he also served concurrently for 36 years form 1980 as a volunteer on the Thomaston Fire Department until May 1, 2016 when he retired at the helm of the Fire Department as Fire Chief after twelve years and also held a full time position from 1977 until 2001 as a dispatcher for 24 years with the Town until the center was abandoned.

Remembering Maine is rural, it is a place where volunteers offset what would be an overwhelming tax increase if all municipalities were required to hire full-time employees to carry-out all the required duties. Volunteers typical of Mike are rare.

Consequently, with 89 years of overlapping service among three services, Mike has touched the lives of almost every citizen of Thomaston in time of need. The Town owes a great debt of gratitude for your service, Mike.

Mike is typically a man of few words unless you stand the hair up on the back of his neck, specifically if he believes an issue is contrary to the general well-being and safety of the Thomaston citizens. I had the opportunity in 1993 during my first days as Town Manager to witness this first hand as he stood nose with another department head on the centerline of Knox Street as they not so graciously berated each other. After separating the two, Mike came into my Office to explain his position, and after apologizing for the incident he offered his recognition. I, thankfully declined, and the rest is history as they say!

Therefore, on behalf of the Town, Board of Selectpersons and all your fellow employers over those many years, I say, thank you! Take a rest!"

The Board of Selectpersons recognized Eve and Olof Anderson for their volunteer service.

"The Thomaston Board of Selectpersons wish to commend and acknowledge you for your many years, 21 to be exact, of dedicated service to the Town of Thomaston as Trustees of Watts Hall as you pass the privilege to the next generation. You have been instrumental in all aspects of the preservation of the Watts Hall facility and ensuring generations past, present and future will have public enrichment from the use of Watts Hall Auditorium and stage. Eve you coordinated all the events whether they were plays, rehearsals, weddings, funeral receptions of Town Meetings. The list is endless.

You exemplify volunteerism at its best. Your contribution to Thomaston history being preserved will be timeless. You also dedicated time to the General Henry Knox Museum and the Thomaston Historical Society. Eve, your enduring legacy will be the preservation in your DNA as President of the Thomaston Historical Society. You single-handedly authored a 500 page book of Thomaston's own Congressman Jonathan Cilley "A Breach of Privilege", a compilation of Cilley family letters from 1820 to 1867.

Some contribute for gain; Eve contributes out of honor! Therefore, on behalf of the Town of Thomaston, the Board of Selectpersons, I applaud your dedication to Thomaston as Jonathan Cilley would, were he alive today."

Jeff Armstrong passed away this year after serving on the Zoning Board and Harbor Committee both, for over 25 years. He too will be missed as I believe, typically, his final opinion on a matter was the one that worked.

**TOWN OF THOMASTON
2016-2017 GOALS**

1. Stimulate Economic Growth

Objectives:

- A. Continue to support economic development in the east commercial development district known as Thomaston Economic Tract.

Status: The latest construction at Thomaston Commons of an 11,000 sq. ft. facility with four commercial units was completed at an assessed valuation of \$1,600,000. The development has one remaining retail pad available on the east end of the Tractor Supply Store. The total assessed value of all development currently is \$25,241,932. The original vacant lot was assessed at \$400,000 in 2005.

- B. The Town completed the Clean Water Drain System relocation and Maine Water Company completed the installation of a new water main in the spring of 2016, prior to the Maine DOT June start up of a two year reconstruction project of Route 1 through town. Lane Construction, the contractor, completed the removal and replacement of the road bed from Fish Street to Green Street, along with granite curbs and the sub-base for sidewalks on both the north and south sides of Route 1. Also the installation of storm water systems from Fish Street through to Oyster River Road with all new underdrains, eliminating the ditches. This included the major storm water system estimated at \$250,000 between Catalano's and The Smith/or Rand Ellis property into the Mall for which the Town had previously filed an application for a Federal earmark.

- C. The Town is currently preparing to install a Gazebo/Bandstand in the Park area of Thomaston Green, prefabricated by Region 8 and administered by John Fancy with a \$12,000 Davis Fund Grant.

- D. Erect new, aesthetically pleasing signage by the flagpole and review the signage at Town entrances on Route 1.

Status: Ongoing with MaineDOT project for Route 1. The Town applied for a \$400,000 C.D.B.G. Grant but was not successful in 2016 for the Streetscape portion. However, the Safe Route to School portion will be implemented in 2017 with a \$146,000 project and the Town will receive a \$100,000 grant.

- E. Continue support of the cleanliness of public areas; Lura Libby Facility.

Status: The Board of Selectpersons approved a Standing Municipal Facility Committee that will be initiated in 2017 for making recommendations on Municipal Facility projects of \$250,000 or more. The voters accepted approximately five acres of land and the Lura Libby School from RSU #13 in November. The Board is actively engaged in securing the facility and completing an assessment of the architectural feasibility, code compliance, etc. of relocating the

Town Office and Police Department. This is all based on the **Municipal Facilities Needs Assessment Study** completed in 2008 by Ron Bedard of Maine Solutions with a letter of cooperation signed by all department Heads, Boards and Trustees.

Watts Hall will be a major component of the work as the first floor of this building would require the Town to make decisions typical of condominiumization, i.e. selling each retail space etc. This has the real potential of expanding the small retail sector of Downtown Thomaston and creating a more cohesive business district.

The other task could be to additionally, at least for planning purposes, consider constructing apparatus bays into Lura Libby and combining all public safety into one facility and also determining the fate of the existing Fire Station property.

- F. Prepare and submit Comprehensive Plan and zoning amendments to future Town Meetings.**

Status: Land Use/Zoning Amendments are ongoing. The Board of Selectpersons reactivated and expanded the Comprehensive Plan Committee to fifteen members. The Committee is actively pursuing the assistance of the Regional Planning Office as well a survey process of the community was initiated and funding will be before the voters in 2017. This is a major undertaking that is very time consuming.

2. Strengthen the Community Core

Objectives:

- A. Continue municipal facility long range plan.**

Status: The acceptance of the Lura Libby Facility and the ultimate decision of the voters will forever change the Town. The previous economic section outlined the potential and the Board of Selectperson's efforts.

The Town is pursuing ownership or collaboration with the state for preservation of the Lime Kiln property for a park and carry in water craft launch site on the remaining Wadsworth Street Bridge to the west.

- B. Continue the restoration of existing sidewalks and the construction of new sidewalks to complement the riverfront trail.**

Status: The Town continues to work on sidewalk restoration. Knox Street was slated for some new C.M.P. pole replacements. The Town requested C.M.P. to allow the Town to survey and set the baseline to ensure the poles would not be in the sidewalk. C.M.P. agreed and the Town engaged Falla & Sons, laid out the baselines and C.M.P. will be working with the Town to install all new poles within two years which will accommodate the future reconstruction of the sidewalk, five feet wide and further allow the Town to plan for the roadway paving.

The Town filed for a Federal Earmark in 2010 to complete the River Trail from Mill Park to Montpelier, but to date has been unsuccessful.

C. Continue to fund future sidewalk construction and restoration.

Status: The Town is funding between \$100,000 and \$125,000 for the installation of a sidewalk from Fish Street to Wadsworth Street on the south side of Route 1 as a 20% match in the Federal funded Route 1 project.

D. Erect new, aesthetically pleasing signage by the flagpole and review the signage at Town entrances on Route 1.

Status: The Town continues to work with Maine DOT on the previously designed Gartley & Dorsky plan at the flagpole area.

E. Continue support of the cleanliness of public areas.

Status: Public Works continues to aggressively maintain all the additional areas of sidewalks as well as additional greenspace requiring mowing.

F. Continue support of a Thomaston farmers' market.

Status: The Farmer's Market concept was abandoned by the previous proponents and to date the Town has not received interested parties. This however may change once the Route 1 Project is completed.

G. Support energy conservation measures.

Status: The Town had plastic window inserts installed by Window Dressers thanks to Mike Mayo and it has assisted in the drafts at Watts Hall.

Watts Hall Trustees continue to pursue a HVAC system for Watts Hall and study and cost estimate are being proposed.

H. The Town supported and diligently worked with Maine DOT to initiate the Route 1 Highway Reconstruction Project #17890. The initial start compromised traffic and it created a lot of complaints both from Route 1 traffic back-ups as well as traffic crisscrossing side streets to circumvent the work.

The Town hired Audrey Lovering as a consultant to coordinate the communications. The Town provided 400 email contacts and as well utilized the website and the press. Lane Construction was prohibited from having one lane traffic from June 19th to September 16th and also was allowed by the Town to complete paving on dedicated nights. The same process will be used for the 2017 construction season.

The Town held business meetings, accepted notices of events and scheduled work areas and times accordingly. Lane Construction even made young Brian Nelson an honorary member of the construction crew.

- I. Continue support of the expansion of an access road from Oyster River Road to Old County Road along with improvements to Old County Road through Rockport, Rockland, and Thomaston Interlocal Agreement of Cooperation.**
- J. Support Senior Citizens. Shirley Hamlin is the Town Senior Citizen Representative and assisted in the past through the Governor’s Round Table Sessions on Aging held in Augusta.**

***Status:* The Town is reviewing with the support of Spectrum Generations the submittal of a grant application for the planning of an “Age Friendly Community”, and Shirley Hamlin has been appointed to act as a liaison to assist. The Town worked on EMA Emergency Evacuation Planning Program for Facilities beginning with the Knox Hotel Apartments, assisted by Ambulance Director Rusty Barnard, Assistant Abby Planeta and Liaison Shirley Hamlin. This is ongoing.**

- K. The Town transferred title to town property to the Thomaston Dog Park Association creating The Thomaston Dog Park. They worked tirelessly to complete the project, raise funds and develop contacts and volunteers to bring the park to reality, a great outcome.**

ACTIONS OF THE SELECT BOARD BY DATE

January 11, 2016

- **Approved \$1,000,000 2016 General Obligation bond for replacement of a portion of the sewer collection system and clean water drain system in conjunction with M.D.O.T. Route 1 project and sewer line replacement across the new Maine DOT Wadsworth Street Bridge.**
- **Approved third annual Trekkers 5 K Walk and 5/10 K Run/Walk event for June 5, 2016.**
- **Approved Downtown Core and Village Area District Revitalization plan and submitted same to the state for a \$400,000 grant.**
- **Initiated discussion of hours of operation and schedule of Maine DOT project # 017890 as submitted by Maine DOT Representative Ernest Martin. Project slated to begin late spring of 2016 and to be completed November of 2017.**
- **Engaged Attorney Kristin Collins in regard to RSU #13 for the sum of \$2,000.**

January 25, 2016

- **Approved \$1,500 funding of Tidelands Coalition to support advocacy group for impact on intertidal observations of ecosystem with ten other towns. This is a stewardship mission to educate and promote for conservation seeding of clam beds.**
- **Approved application for submission to Davis Foundation for a \$10,000 grant to fund the construction of a bandstand at Thomaston Green.**
- **Received and submitted same back to Fireworks Committee the proposed fireworks ordinance amendment and to remove reference to 501-C(3) into the existing ordinance.**

February 22, 2016

- **Approved the request of Director Tobin Malone of the General Knox Museum as a request regarding the exhibition of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Moving Wall being installed and exhibited to work with the Town from May 25 through May 31, 2016.**
- **Set the Town of Thomaston Flood Plain Ordinance as amended for public hearing on May 22, 2016.**
- **The new Thomaston Recreation Department Director, Rene Door, was introduced to the Board of Selectmen.**

March 28, 2016

- **Approved an easement for Fairpoint Communications to place a mid-span pole on Roxbury Street.**
- **Reviewed the proposed 2016/2017 Municipal Budget with \$37,098.13 increase (or 1.18%).**

April 11, 2016

- **Approved liquor license for Highlands Coffee House.**
- **Accepted \$12,000 Davis Family Foundation Grant for the Thomaston Green Park Bandstand Project.**
- **Discussed the notice of closure of the Lura Libby School by RSU#13.**
- **Set a special joint meeting of Board of Selectmen and Thomaston Budget Committee for April 21, 2016 to approve Warrant Articles.**
- **Vote to transfer waste handling of the Tri Town Co-operative to Ecomaine.**
- **Vote to approve closure of Lura Libby School or to fund an additional \$323,346 each year plus future increases.**
- **Approved the 2016/2017 Town Meeting Warrant for June 14, 2017.**

April 21, 2016

- **Approved all amendments to the final Town Meeting Warrant. Both referendum and open Town Meeting articles.**

April 25, 2016

- **Discussed the potential of the Town receiving ownership of that portion of the Wadsworth Street Bridge property not utilized by Maine DOT to be used for a public park and carry in watercraft launch site. Further reviewed a letter to Commissioner Bernhardt Maine DOT for the request.**
- **Approve M.R.S.A. Title 30-A section 2501 (3) required ordinance for municipal written candidate and approve for placement on Town Meeting Warrant.**
- **Approve liquor license for the Slipway.**
- **Award bid to Highway safety for \$3,400.08 for road, centerline painting.**
- **Approved paving of High Street from current budget, that portion in front of Montpelier.**
- **Approved the use of Thomaston Green for a living history reenactment by Fletchers Scouting Company.**
- **Region 8 Vocational School Board presented a building project for the Midcoast School of Technology to be voted on by referendum.**
- **Set May 23 for public hearing on Chapter 10 Definitions and the Thomaston Consumer Fireworks and Sky Lantern Ordinance.**

May 23, 2016

- **Public Hearings.**
- **Issued liquor license to Thomaston Café.**
- **Take oral and written comments on ordinances and/or amendments for the following:**
 - 1.) **Chapter 7 Land Use and Development Ordinance and Chapter 10 Definitions.**
 - 2.) **Chapter 8 Flood Plain Management.**
 - 3.) **Town of Thomaston Consumer Fireworks and Sky Lantern Ordinance.**
 - 4.) **Municipal write-in candidates under MRSA Title 30A 2501(3).**
- **Approved warrant for RSU #13 Budget Validation Referendum.**

June 13, 2016

- **Consultant Audrey Lovering presented a status report for the initiation and ongoing work schedule of Lane Construction in regards to Maine DOT Route 1 Project in the third week.**
- **Approved the request of Walter Robinson to hold an Employee Appreciation Day at Thomaston Green for Maine State Prison staff September 16, 2016.**
- **Approved sand and salt bids. Hartland Sand at \$8.00 per yard and New England Salt at \$64.35 per ton.**
- **Approved paving bids 2016. Pike Industries at \$62.10 per ton, \$119,323. Butler Road, 385 tons, Thomaston Street 905 tons, Dexter Street 420 tons plus 210 ton shim.**
- **Maine DOT Re: Wadsworth Street Bridge. Requested to amend the plan of rip rap being installed at the location of the old bridge and to consider leaving the granite abutments with guard rails.**
- **The Board re-established the Comprehensive Plan Committee to review and make recommendations to update the original 1991 and the amended 2005 plans.**
- **Accepted a legal review of the Lura Libby School property in regards to the Jordan family deed restrictions prepared by Attorney Paul Gibbons.**

- Reviewed the Town of Thomaston response to Lowes Inc. petition for an abatement of taxes assessed for year 2015 and reasons for denial of the abatement at local level as presented by Attorney Paul Gibbons.

July 11, 2016

- Approved requesting bids to purchase a 2017 one ton dump truck, plow and sander.
- Authorized expending \$7,000 from the Economic Development Funds to complete an appraisal of Lowes Home Center Inc.
- Accepted \$24,572 from Maine DOT for local road assistance.
- Approved the \$941,012 Pollution Control Budget for 2016-17.

July 25, 2016

- Approved the liquor license for Applebee's Neighborhood Bar & Grill.
- Accepted a petition from 131 registered voters to amend Chapter 7 Land Use and Development Ordinance and set Public Hearing for August 22, 2016.
- Presentation by Superintendent John McDonald of the new proposed school for Owls Head at 30,000 square feet, for 205 students.

August 8, 2016

- Review of Safe Route to Schools Project with an installation of a sidewalk from Beechwood Street along the north side of Starr Street to the Lura Libby property at a cost of \$146,000, with Maine DOT funding \$100,000.
- Abated a \$864.80 sewer lien at 18 Amelia Drive.
- Received the Maine DOT Route 1 Project # 17890 progress plans for fall and night work.
- Considered the Internet Protocol Agreement request of L.C.I. and authorized the Town Manager and I.T. Manager to negotiate and forward same for future review and action.
- Discussed the Georges River Interlocal Clam Board in regards to Shellfish Warden resigning and the engagement of Knox County to provide the Warden service.

August 22, 2016

- Voted to expand the Comprehensive Plan Committee from 11 to 13 members
- Public Hearing to receive comments oral and written on the amendments to Chapter 7 Land Use Ordinance Section 707A.3 and 707A.4 by Voter Petition to delete retail business from R3A District and to add neighborhood store at 2,500 square feet by definition to conditional uses.
- Discussed L.C.I. Internet Franchise Agreement.
- Amended General Assistance Ordinance.
- Approved low bid of \$46,694 to Shephard Dodge to purchase a one ton 4x4 dump truck with a snow plow as specified.
- Approved the high bid of \$500 for the sale of a 2000 Sitrex sickle bar from Public Works.

September 12, 2016

- Public Hearing to discuss and approve a \$400,000 grant application through Community Development Block Grant Program to complete the Street Scape Project at the rear of the business block area.
- Approved request to submit a Sound System Grant request to Maine Community Foundation for Watts Hall.

- **Approved and set for November 8, 2016 referendum the Warrant as submitted by Region 8 Midcoast School of Technology for a \$26 million bond.**
- **Authorized night paving for Lane Construction for Route 1 Project.**
- **Considered request of Mid Coast Regional Planning Commission Director, Eric Gallant for the appointment of two members to the Maine DOT Route 131 Corridor Plan.**
- **Received the L.C.I. Internet Franchise Provider Agreement and counter proposal and continue negotiations.**

September 26, 2016

- **Approved the low bid of \$57,318 to replace the E.P.D.M. roofing on Watts Hall by provider G.E. Roofing of Augusta with R-30 insulation and the new Bilco Roof Access Hatch.**
- **Received the proposed lease agreement for Lura Libby Facility at \$1.00 as required by the Superintendent of RSU #13.**

October 24, 2016

- **Approved \$1,400 request of Thomaston Interchurch Fellowship Food Pantry to provide Thanksgiving food baskets.**
- **Approved Food Pantry request to allow a mobile unit from Good Shephard Food Bank to be in business block parking lot on December 7, 2016 and May and June 2017.**
- **Received a 3 month lease and property conveyance of Lura Libby submitted by RSU #13.**

November 14, 2016

- **Approved low bid of \$27,261 from Shephard Motors to purchase a 2017 Dodge Ram truck for Pollution Control.**
- **Set a special Town meeting for Monday, November 21, 2016 to vote on two Articles:**
 - 1.) **Amend Chapter 7 Land Use Ordinance from Voter's Petition**
 - 2.) **To authorize the Board of Selectmen to lease and accept the conveyance of the 5 acre+ Lura Libby property and appropriate \$22,754 for operational cost.**

November 28, 2016

- **Approved the Internet Protocol Television Franchise Agreement with L.C.I. , Lincolnville Communication Inc. with conditions.**
- **Approved Watts Hall Trustees request for the submission of a H.V.A.C. system grant in conjunction with Watts Hall Players.**

APPOINTMENTS, NEW HIRES AND RESIGNATIONS 2016

RESIGNATIONS:

- January 11, 2016** Jeff Armstrong from the Zoning Board of Appeals, after 25 years of volunteer service.
- April 11, 2016** Fire Chief, Michael Leo effective May 1, 2016.
Noreen Mulaney from RSU #13 School Board.
- April 25, 2016** Robert Robinson, Animal Control Officer.
- October 24, 2016** Eve and Olof Anderson, Watts Hall Trustees.
- December 31, 2016** Louise Demers from Administrative Secretary/Office Coordinator.

APPOINTMENTS:

- January 25, 2016** Val Blastow to Maine Service Center Coalition and Greg Hamlin as alternative.
- March 28, 2016** Hired Rene Door as Recreation Director.
Appointed Robert Coombs to position of Assistant Fire Chief.
Approved Fire Department promotions of Ben Adams and Tony Leo to Captains; Francis Brandon III, Earl Sutherland and George Erikson to Lieutenants.
Appointed Ballot Clerks for a period of two years.
- April 25, 2016** Appointed Valerie Stone to the Conservation Commission.
- May 23, 2016** Confirmed the appointment of William Demmons to Animal Control Officer.
- July 11, 2016** Confirmed the appointments of:
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| Assistant Fire Chief | Robert Coombs |
| Ambulance Director | Ruston Barnard |
| Deputy Ambulance Director | Abby Planeta |
| Police Chief | Kevin Haj |
| Police Sergeant/Investigator | Timothy Hoppe |
| Patrol Officer | Michael Blais |
| Patrol Officer | Olaf Sigaud |
| Patrol Officer | Christopher Hast |
| Reserve Patrol Officer | John Palmer |
| Reserve Patrol Officer | Tom Eagar |
| Reserve Patrol Officer | Jeremy Joslyn |
| Harbor Master | Michael Blais |
| Animal Control Officer | William Demmons |
| Recreation Director | Rene Dorr |

Confirmed the appointment of Mikial Mazzeo as Fire Chief and Forest Fire Warden.

Confirmed the appointment of Jaime Leo as Deputy Fire Chief.

July 25, 2016 Appointed Ben Griffin, Amy Williams and Shirley Barlow to the Comprehensive Plan Committee.

August 22, 2016 Appointed Davene Fahy and Karen Clarke to Comprehensive Planning Committee.

Appointed Nancy Armstrong to the Harbor Committee.

Appointments:

Academy Board of Trustees Henry Carey & Maxine Philbrook

Budget Committee Henry Carey & Joanne Richards

Conservation Commission Sarah Tyler & Elaine Larrabee

George River Shellfish John Smith

Harbor Committee Sandra Jordan, Richard Rapalyea & Peter McCrea

Planning Board Carl Danielson & Joan Sanborn

Personnel Committee Henry Carey, Sandra Jordan & Daryl Hahn

Recreation Committee Tara Truelson, Ricky Jones &

Scott Strong, Alternate

Watts Hall Trustees Olof Anderson & Neal Guyer

September 12, 2016 Appointed Noreen Mulaney Alternate - Planning Board.

Appointed Peter Lammert & Jim Connon Maine DOT Route 131 Corridor Plan Committee.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

JOAN LINSCOTT

TOWN CLERK



DEATHS – 2016

Decedent Name	Age	Town of Death	Date of Death
Abbott, Harold, Sr.	85	Rockport	11/25/2016
Ackor, Jefferson	80	Thomaston	11/14/2016
Ames, Victor	83	Camden	03/06/2016
Armstrong, Jeffrey	64	Portland	01/11/2016
Benner, Janet	75	Camden	02/12/2016
Butler, Walter	78	Thomaston	01/02/2016
Clark, Marjorie	76	Thomaston	02/24/2016
Creighton, Marlene	83	Thomaston	01/20/2016
Gervais, Bernard	91	Rockport	07/12/2016
Grindell, Priscilla	94	Rockport	11/25/2016
Hardin, Erik	54	Rockport	09/30/2011
Honkonen, Ruth	89	Thomaston	02/16/2016
Knutson, John, Sr.	90	Thomaston	08/29/2016
Koenig, Diane	73	Thomaston	07/14/2016
Korhonen, Gwendolyn	90	Rockport	03/30/2016
Linscott, Wayne	60	Rockport	04/02/2016
Lorelberg, Julian	84	Thomaston	09/21/2016
Maxcy, Myra	89	Damariscotta	03/27/2016
Morse, Elmus Roger	92	Rockport	07/18/2016
Moulton, Laurel	72	Rockport	11/05/2016
Nye, Marie	92	Rockland	07/03/2016
Penney, Russell	89	Thomaston	01/09/2016
Randall, Jack, Sr.	57	Thomaston	08/15/2016
Robinson, Ernest, Jr.	72	Damariscotta	06/06/2016
Robinson, Sharon	67	Waldoboro	06/16/2016
Royer, Bruce	65	Thomaston	01/10/2016
Rubenstein, Julian	76	Rockport	04/15/2016
Skarrin, Gwentyth	93	Thomaston	12/05/2016
Spring, Robert	77	Portland	01/23/2016
Swanson, Roy	81	Belfast	03/01/2016
Woodbury, Rebekah	41	Rockport	10/11/2016



BIRTHS -2016

<u>Child's Name</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Mother's Residence</u>
Tucker, Landon	Rockport	01/31/2016	Thomaston
Morse, Lucas	Rockport	02/03/2016	Thomaston
Cleary, Carsen	Rockport	02/27/2016	Thomaston
DiBenedetti, Lincoln	Rockport	03/03/2016	Thomaston
McGowan, Finn	Rockport	03/07/2016	Thomaston
Ross, Leslie	Rockport	03/15/2016	Thomaston
Massicotte, Aspen	Rockport	03/21/2016	Thomaston
Adams, Charles	Rockport	03/24/2016	Thomaston
Moorman, Lincoln	Augusta	03/29/2016	Thomaston
Haynes, Skylar	Damariscotta	04/13/2016	Thomaston
Remillard, Jonah	Rockport	05/08/2016	Thomaston
Symmt, Fennec	Rockport	05/15/2016	Thomaston
Latta, Dylan	Rockport	05/14/2016	Thomaston
Young, Emma	Rockport	06/04/2016	Thomaston
Allen, Ireland	Rockport	07/11/2016	Thomaston
Campbell, Trevor	Rockport	07/21/2016	Thomaston
Baughman, Hailey	Rockport	08/22/2016	Thomaston
Doughty, Abrey	Damariscotta	09/10/2016	Thomaston
Callahan, Jayden	Rockport	09/12/2016	Thomaston
Edwards-Jenks, Phoebe	Rockport	09/26/2016	Thomaston
Holloway, Nolan	Damariscotta	11/03/2016	Thomaston
Knowlton, Caidence	Damariscotta	11/03/2016	Thomaston
Foster, Thea Gale	Thomaston	10/29/2016	Thomaston
Merrifield, Isabella	Rockport	11/26/2016	Thomaston

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

William Wasson

Code Enforcement Officer

It is with pleasure that I present this report of the activity of the Code Enforcement Office for the year 2016 to the Town Manager, Board of Selectmen and the citizens of the *Town of Thomaston*.

There were a total of 63 Building Permits issued, 5 commercial, 10 single family dwellings, 9 garages, 19 sheds, and 20 miscellaneous structures. In addition there were 27 Plumbing Permits and 5 Demolition Permits issued.

During the year I made 479 inspections, received 35 complaints and dealt with 48 violations none of which went to court.

The Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals spend many hours of their own time hearing various requests and dealing with amendments to the Land Use Ordinances. These volunteer citizens are to be commended as this is part of what is required by law to keep the *Town* operating. Some of the activities are conditional use requests, site plan reviews, public hearings, appeals, subdivision reviews and various ordinance changes.

And lastly, I would be remiss if I did not especially thank the Town Office staff and my Deputy Code Officer, David Martucci, for all of their assistance in helping to deal with the many and varied challenges presented to this office.

**Respectfully submitted,
William Wasson, CEO/LPI**



ROAD COMMISSIONER

Valmore Blastow, Jr.

PUBLIC WORKS/POLLUTION CONTROL

Public Works Director

James Connon

Public Works Employees

John Smith
Jerry Grover

Dean Camber
Mike Davis

Mike Janczura

Stump Dump

Eugene Colson

Pollution Control Superintendent

John Fancy

ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Valmore Blastow, Jr.

Road Commissioner

The major road issue for this year and next is the reconstruction of Route 1 from approximately the Warren town line north through Town to Montpelier. The initial impact was more than invasive to the community.

The Town has worked with M.D.O.T. for the past fifteen years to complete this project. This project was originally slated to begin in early 2000, however, it was deferred along with the Warren section based on protest of “wider is not wiser” participants. It was brought forward again in 2011 with a contact sensitive committee of citizens of Thomaston supported by M.D.O.T. that engaged the community in a study for two years to plan the current project.

To say the least, the project had tremendous traffic issues for the entire season. The Town hired a consultant, Audrey Lovering, to handle and coordinate communications between complaints, questions, work schedules etc. as the Town provided support and a 400 plus email list of contacts, as well as the Website.

The entire base of the road was required to be removed and replaced. A new underground stormwater system installed and new sidewalks on both sides of the roadway with granite curbing. This portion was completed from approximately Green Street north to Montpelier along with base pavement during the 2016 construction season.

M.D.O.T. requires two lanes of traffic to be maintained from June 20th to September 16th based on traffic counts during the tourist season. This was accomplished to the degree possibly by widening the travel base of the roadway as the project advanced. The Board of Selectpersons further authorized night paving for specific times to assist in advancing the project and the construction time in days scheduled for 409 work days. Therefore, even with the late start in June of 2016, the project is on schedule for completion in November of 2017.

The 2017 work schedule will now be focused on the west side which should reduce the traffic impact on the center of town along with the fact citizens and commuters are acclimated to the ongoing work.

The second major change was the completion of the Wadsworth Street Bridge. The State of Maine D.O.T. Commissioner, David Bernhardt, hosted the grand opening ceremony of the Wadsworth Street Bridge continuing the connection between Cushing and Thomaston on October 5, 2016. The Thomaston and Cushing select Boards and State Representatives were present.

The state-of-the-art 280' long, four span bridge constructed of hybrid composite beams

and reinforced polymer bars costing \$4,197,604 was constructed by Prock Marine, along with the reconstruction of 1,100 ft. of Wadsworth, Water and Brooklyn Heights Roads.

The new 100 year life bridge replaced a 20' wide 1928 Boston bridge with a 33' wide version that includes a 5' sidewalk, which allows the Town to advance the ongoing sidewalk expansion. The Town currently has 7.32 miles of sidewalk without considering the approximate one mile addition on the south side of Route 1 being installed. This comprises of 42 sidewalks with 25% being rated as poor to fair as the Town proceeds to advance the improvements.

The Town has 32.48 miles of roads to maintain; 5.26 miles of them are State and 4.49 are State Aid Highway. The remaining 22.21 miles of paved road and .52 miles of gravel road are maintained by the Town's Public Works Department, plus the Town completes maintenance on the State Aid portions.

There are 77 Town roads and 8 State roads. The Town attempts to repave every 12 years based on the specific road and its condition. The current review indicates that of the 77 Town roads at 22.21 miles and the proposed paving for 17/18 only 1.56 miles and 26 of the 77 were paved prior to 2005. Based on an estimate of \$63 per ton, the Town finally is only \$95,000 away from implementing a capital investment plan with adequate funding to place funds in reserve and maintain an actual annual program of paving maintenance.

The Town was notified on December 5, 2016 of project #18846.10 by the M.D.O.T. This is a highway resurfacing project "Beginning at New County Road and extending northerly 2.49 miles to 0.69 of a mile southerly of the Thompson Meadow road or 1.8 miles in Thomaston and .69 miles in Rockland.

The intent of this project is to widen the road surface area by excavating the shoulders, compacting same with new stone and paving lifts as much as 5" thick to reestablish a road base and shoulder to support the traffic. This project is slated for early summer through fall of 2017.

M.D.O.T. is also proposing in 2017 to replace the wear surface on bridge #2786, The James Andrew Griffith Bridge on Route 1 at the Warren and Thomaston town line.

The Town has had further discussions to work with the Burton Block owner and he is amicable to reconstruct the paved area between the Fire Station and the rear of the block with new gravel base, drainage and pavement. Estimated cost \$21,842, Town owned \$8,145, Burton \$13,697 and negotiations are ongoing.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

James Connon

Director

It is with great pleasure that I present to the Citizens of Thomaston this report of the Public Works Department for the Year 2016-2017.

This was the 15th year the Town plowed the roads as well as salted and sanded them. Before the snow fell we cut the shoulders on some of the roads to make it easier to plow. We also cut bushes and limbs around the Town before the plowing season started. We had a total snow fall accumulation of 64.5 inches of snow for the winter calendar year of 2016. The Town hauled their own winter sand with the Sterling Dump Truck, International Dump Truck and the 2002 Dump Truck saving the extra delivery fees again this year.

We also replaced culverts and ditched several roads in the Town in preparation for paving some of the roads in the Town in 2016. We paved the surface on Beechwood St. from George C. Hall and Sons Pit Road to the Dunbar Road, paved Thomaston St., did the finish coat on the Butler Road and Dexter Street. The M.D.O.T. paved the entrance to Wadsworth St. from Water St., the entrance to the Brooklyn Heights Road from Sunrise Terrace, the Brooklyn Heights Road and Wadsworth St. from the New Brooklyn Heights Road Bridge on both sides. We raised and repaired all the sewer manhole covers, clean water drain manhole covers, catch basin covers and replaced culverts on these Streets before we had them paved.

We graveled and graded the Greenhouse Hill Road and the Water Tower Road. We are getting the gravel roads and gravel turn arounds back into pretty good shape. We also cleaned up out behind the Town Garage some more, to make more room for storage.

Each year the department removes and replaces the floats at the Public Landing. We also did a bunch of repairs and work for the Harbor Master, Mike Blais to clean up the Public Landing. We graveled and graded the upper parking lot at the Public Landing and installed a new concrete pad and new granite bench in Mayo Park at the Public Landing.

We dug holes at the Cemetery and around the Town for Peter Lammert to plant trees. We also cleaned up several trees in the Town that were taken down by tree removal companies.

We Repaired more of the catch basins in the Town and cleaned more storm drain pipes, clean water drains and sewer pipes in the Town with the Jetta from Pollution Control .

Nitram Excavation Completed the Phase # 1 work on the new water services project and the new water main project along Main St. from Fish St. to Wadsworth St. and Phase # 2 work on the new Route # 1 Project installing all of the new drainage pipes and catch basins along Route One from the Oyster River Road to Fish St. this year. They also completed the Phase # 3 work on the New Route # 1 Project removing the concrete from the roadbed on Route # 1 and installing new gravel in the road from Fish St. to Green St.

The Lane Construction Corporation installed new granite curbing on both sides of the road on Route # 1 from Fish St. to Beechwood St. and installed three coats of asphalt pavement on Route # 1 from Fish St. to Green St.

Prock Marine Corporation completed the new Brooklyn Heights Road Bridge, new road approaches, new sidewalks and new guardrails this year. The new bridge was completed in August 2016. They started dismantling the old Brooklyn Heights Road Bridge in December 2016.

The Public Works Dept. installed some asphalt pavement patches on some of the bad spots in the roads in the Town.

The Public Works Dept. built a retaining wall out of the granite blocks by the salt storage building for a new place to store cold patch.

The Town of Thomaston had the entrance to Dragon Products Crusher on Dexter St. shimmed with asphalt pavement to widen out the road there again. Dragon Products Company installed asphalt pavement to the entrance to the crusher.

J.B.I. Construction removed the old concrete slab that Dragon Products Company uses to Cross the road on Dexter St. and installed a new concrete slab for them to cross the road on Dexter Street. This has been a long time coming and is finally repaired !!!!!

The Public Works Dept. excavated and backfilled for new spray pipes and a new building going to the spray pipes in the spray fields at Pollution Control this year.

In addition the department did the usual jobs of mowing the Mall, Academy grounds, pump stations, Pollution Control, Prison Property and the Public Landing. They painted the crosswalks and stop bars, swept the streets and cleaned up the winter sand that was on the roads, mowed the sides of the roads in the Town, set up for the 4th of July and cleaned up after the 4th of July, cleaned up the leaves in the Town in the fall of the year and the other day to day maintenance the Town Crew does around the Town.

We did the maintenance on the Main Street granite planters watering system and weeding this spring.

This was the 10th year that we hauled our own winter sand and saved some money by doing it ourselves.

As you can see by this report, The Town Crew was pretty busy this year and expects the same this coming year with all the construction that is going on in this Town!

I would like to thank all of my crew for their hard work and dedication in helping to keep Thomaston running. Thanks to Cliff Eugley, John Smith, Mike Davis, Jerry Grover Jr. and Mike Janczura. I would also like to thank Mike Blais, Rusty Barnard, Eugene Winchenbach and Peter Lammert for helping us out with the snow removal.

Should you have any questions or concerns please call me, I can be reached at the Town Garage at 354-2478 or Mobile 691-1316.

**Thank You All
James R. Cannon-Thomaston Public Works Director**

POLLUTION CONTROL DEPARTMENT

John Fancy

Superintendent

The Maine Department of Transportation (Maine DOT) project to rebuild Main Street began in the spring of 2016. One of the first stages of this project was the installation of the new storm drains that replaced the open ditches. This involved digging a trench along both side of Main Street and crossing it in a number of places. Although the locations of all known buried pipes were marked before construction began, unknown pipes were repeatedly found. Pollution Control spent many hours checking on these pipes to be sure that nothing in current service was damaged or removed.

The old green bridge that crossed the St. George River on Wadsworth Street also had the sewer line that served all of Brooklyn Heights attached to one side of it. The new bridge was designed with a sewer line under it and connecting this into the existing sewer system also involved rebuilding the sewer on both ends of the bridge. This work was completed in late summer.

A new spray field section was constructed in 2016 that will allow for discharge of treated wastewater in the winter. Sprayed from elevated nozzles the water will freeze in piles and melt slowly in the spring. This will supplement our existing land application during the warmer months. The system was operational and tested this year.

In 2016 the treatment facility treated and discharged about 97 million gallons of wastewater. Of this, 77 million gallons was land applied and an additional 20 million gallons was discharged to the river. This was the lowest volume of wastewater handled in 12-years. The very dry summer allowing less clean water to enter the sewers was the major contributor.

In closing, the Department remains dedicated to the efficient treatment and environmentally sound disposal of Thomaston's wastewater and the protection of our groundwater and surface water. Thanks to the citizens of Thomaston for their support.

John Fancy
Superintendent

TREE WARDEN'S REPORT

Peter Lammert

Tree Warden

The year 2016 saw the largest non diseased removal of street trees along Rte. One since the Dutch elm disease removals in the 1970s and 80s. Along with the Rte. 1 reconstruction, came the removal of at least 16 roadside trees, some of which were planted to replace the trees lost to the Dutch elm disease. Some were in poor shape but others were either doing O K or growing very well.

In talking about the removals with the resident M.D.O.T. engineer in charge of the project, he made the statement to me that as the Maine D O T maintenance and operations crew would be responsible for any trees that came down during storms, that the state made the decision to remove potential problem trees. I informed him in no uncertain terms that Thomaston has taken care of the trees along Rte. 1 for the 43 years that I have lived here and would continue to do so in the foreseeable future.

I also asked why certain other trees that did not seem to be involved with the construction project were removed and he stated that they were removed "at the owner's request." This included the tallest of the replacement trees that I had planted, a 65' pin oak that was dying because the overflow of tenant cars were parking on half of its roots for the last 5 years and a basswood tree that had honeydew dripping on the person's truck. I am in hope of getting new street shade tree regulations enacted in the upcoming revision of the comprehensive plan that would prohibit such actions.

In other parts of town, street shade trees had dead or hazardous limbs removed. Streets where this work was done were Knox, Green, Hyler, Gay, Dunn, Booker, and Beechwood Streets.

The chief engineer of the Rte. 1 project has stated that more than 10 trees will be planted along the redone Rte. 1. I am waiting to see just where and how these will be planted as all the old soil on either side of the road bed will have been removed and replaced with up to 30" of crushed waste limerock (type B soil in road builder jargon) that has had hundreds of gallons of calcium chloride sprayed on it to keep the dust down. If trees are planted in this material, by the state, they will surely struggle.

Hyler Street, from Green to School Street, must also have trees replanted as there was another one removed this year. That makes 7 large trees removed in the last few years, all on one side of the street.

If you have any questions about the street trees in front of your property, do not hesitate to contact me. There is an infestation of the Browntail moth going on in the Kennebec River basin in Lincoln and Sagadahoc counties that is prompting aerial spraying of material that is bad for some other insects. I have seen a few cocoons of the moth in the Village cemetery last year but none this year. If you have solitary leaves, especially on red oaks, that look like they are hanging from white threads, please contact me.

SOLID WASTE REPORT

Peter Lammert

Representative

During 2016, the transfer station shipped 4,091.26 tons of municipal solid waste (MSW) to the Penobscot Energy Recovery Corporation (PERC) in Eddington, Maine. This volume is 195.10 tons less than the volume shipped the previous year and is about the same as was shipped in 2012 and 2013. The volume of recycling shipped to ecomaine (lower case “e”) in Portland, Maine and other recycling centers was 145.15 tons, down a few tons from the previous year. Thomaston Recycling is our contract trucker for both of these hauls. They also removed about 250 tons of cardboard and 60 tons of metal both of which were recycled.

In addition to the above items, 17 CPUs or laptops, 29 monitors, and 399 televisions were recycled. Sixteen cases of blown fluorescent light bulbs, 4’ to 8’ long, and two cases of round, U shaped and CFL light bulbs were also recycled.

Our facility at 34 Buttermilk Drive is open from 8AM to 4 PM on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday and is closed on all legal holidays. During winter storms, call the transfer station at 594-0748 to see if it is open. It is staffed by a site manager and three regular employees. A forth employee is utilized during the summer months. The facility is run by a board of directors consisting of one selectperson and one citizen from each of the three communities. The citizen representative from Thomaston is Ronnie Porter. The board currently meets twice monthly on at 7 PM Thursday nights at the Owls Head Town Office. Visitors are always welcome to attend these meetings

The new drive by facility is still experiencing growing pains as users learn to stop at the Single Stream container and then move their vehicle along to the Municipal Solid Waste container instead of staying in one place while unloading, blocking those coming behind them. Help is available to unload bags into the hoppers if you toot you horn, or you may just leave your bags by the steps to the respective hoppers.

If you do not have a list of the items that go in the “single stream” container, please ask a staff member for a list. Also, we do not take construction and demolition materials, rugs, furniture, scrap wood of any kind, and boats or parts thereof. These materials go into the “stump dumps” at the individual town’s facilities.

Returnable bottles and cans can be placed in the plastic barrels by the steps of the single stream container or placed in the small utility trailer, currently next to the cardboard roll off container. The money from these returnables goes to the Pope Memorial Animal Shelter.

The employee positions were rearranged and a new site manager was hired. The staff is trying to maximize the weight of the roll off cans that are hauled to PERC. Our hauling contract with Thomaston Recycling specifies can weights between 12 and 14 tons. Loads of MSW as light as eight tons and as heavy as 18 tons, have been hauled to Orrington during the past year. An eight ton load is a waste of our money while an 18 ton load is a serious DOT infraction. In order to get a handle on how much weight is being dumped in a roll off can before it is shipped, the facility is asking the commercial haulers to weigh their loads at Thomaston Re-

Our contract for disposal of our MSW with PERC expires on March 31, 2018. This contract with PERC is administered by the Municipal Review Committee. This committee decided that the PERC facility would not be viable after the end of the current contract, and looked at other options. They came up and decided to go with a company called Fiberite, which up to this time has a scale model of their planned operation down south. Fiberite wanted to have towns that were in the group contracting with PERC to join them for up to 150,000 tons of MSW to operate a Fiberite plant in Maine. As of this writing, Fiberite was yet to own land for a plant let alone have a production facility in operation.

In looking for other disposal options, the Co-op was guided by the State of Maine's hierarchy list of recycling alternatives. Landfilling MSW is at the very bottom of the "what to do with MSW" list. Burning to produce energy (steam, electricity, etc.) was next up the list. In looking around for other facilities that burn MSW for power, ecomaine came to the forefront. It may be a longer haul to Portland from Thomaston but if you look at the whole picture of what do you do with the residual ash from burning the MSW, ecomaine has its own secure landfill only 2 miles from their facility. Other potential MSW users had hauls of over 20 miles from their facilities to secure landfills, making the ecomaine option the shortest haul in the total disposal picture. Currently ecomaine handles our recyclables in a "single stream" fashion where everything is mixed together in the first can that you come to when you enter the facility. The staff has a list of the recyclable items. Please ask for a copy and put it on you recyclable bin.

The Town of Thomaston is charged a proportional share of the costs to operate the transfer station based on the number of residents in the 2010 census. The transfer station operates on a calendar year, not a fiscal year. Thomaston's share is just over 39%. In the 2016/2017 fiscal year, \$242,000 was appropriated as our share to operate the transfer station. There is a "performance credit" rebated quarterly to the individual towns. During the four quarters from July 2015 to June of 2016, the rebate was \$39,876. The rebate for 2016- 2017 is expected to be slightly less. If you consider the rebate as \$40,000 and subtract that from the \$242,000 appropriation, then the net cost is approximately \$202,000. If you divide this net number by the 2010 census population of Thomaston, 2781, you end up with a cost of \$72.66, +/-, per person.

Please remember that commercial haulers are not required to keep your recyclables separate from the MSW that they collect from your residence. If you wish to recycle, you have to transport recyclable items to the facility yourself. Please remove the caps from all containers and squash them as our single stream compactor is not strong enough to compact these containers.

We were not involved in the E-waste collection on Rte.1 but E-waste Recycling Solutions, the company that collected all the materials notified me that 28,299 pounds of old computers, monitors etc. were collected. Much of this came from Thomaston residents which further reduced the amount of "solid Waste" that we had to handle at the transfer station.

To round out the full picture of waste disposal in Thomaston, we maintain a "stump dump" at the public works facility on Anna Belle Lane, off Erin Street. During the 2016/2017 fiscal year, \$40,856 was budgeted to operate the stump dump. During 2016, 129.23 tons of demolition de-



POLICE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL

CHIEF

Kevin Haj, Retired

ACTING CHIEF / SERGEANT

Tim Hoppe

PATROL OFFICERS

Olaf Sigaud

Christopher Hast

RESERVE OFFICERS

John Hanson

Jacob Grinnell

Thomas Hoepner

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

William Demmons

TRAFFIC CONTROL

Peter Lammert

Phil Netzorg

John Fochtman

John Grout

Rod Grindell

CHAPLAINS

Wayne Sawyer

Peter Jenks

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Kevin Haj

Police Chief

Again it gives me pleasure to submit to you a yearly report. As you know this report is generated in February so some statistics will change between now and town meeting. The Thomaston Police Department closed out the 2016 year with 4,097 incident numbers drawn. As of 2/28/17 we are at 700. These numbers are drawn on a wide spectrum of complaints ranging from assaults, domestics, traffic stops, warrant arrests, agency assists to serve paper work from the court. Many of the numbers include administrative numbers which could be from documenting defective equipment to issuing of weapons permits, and background investigations for employment. We routinely get requests from the military and the federal government for records checks prior to enlistment or to ascend in the military and those seeking employment with the government. We also receive requests from property management companies to check on prospective renters.

The Thomaston Police Department responded to 116 reportable motor vehicle crashes in 2016. This does not include the non reportable fender benders. 2015 and 2016 have seen a rise in the number of reportable crashes. The causes of these accidents are mostly human error. Rarely do we encounter some that were cause by medical conditions or faulty equipment. They do happen but that is not the norm. We have had several reports of hit and run crashes in the Walmart parking lot, however review of the security camera footage shows that the crash happened somewhere else.

Speeding vehicles seems to be the constant complaint. We have assigned patrols to designated areas to enforce traffic speed limits. After about two months of stops and summons along with warnings, it seems to have an effect. This enforcement will continue as mission permits. Note there will always be that one that came through when there was no officer around, we know this, but we will try to stop as many violators as possible.

Traffic enforcement is not just about speed. There are many aspects to traffic enforcement. The most common is speed enforcement, impaired driving enforcement, inspection standards and operation. All these combined lead to a safer roadway. As we know many crashes are attributed to inattentive drivers or failure to maintain control (too fast for conditions) of a vehicle.

Mandatory training for the year has been completed. As you know officers are required to complete mandatory training to maintain certification. Then there is safety training to be updated yearly. Advance training is dependent on staffing. As we have been short handed this year, not a lot of advanced training has been done along with intoxilizer certifications, taser training etc., have all been completed. Training will continue into the New Year to meet the state requirements.

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome new members of the department.

Christopher Hast, full time Police Officer.

John Hansen, part time Police Officer.

Jacob Grinnell, part time Police Officer

William Demmons, Animal Control Officer.

I would also like to take a moment and thank the traffic control officers. They come out at all hours of the day and night, all kinds of weather to provide traffic control at accidents, fires etc.

It is hard to contain my excitement about the eventual move to the old Lura Libby School. Remembering the old police station upstairs in Watts Hall, and the move to down stairs, it's hard to believe that we out grew our quarters. This can only be a win-win situation for the town.

As I conclude this letter I must mention, that this is my last annual report. I should be retired from the police department by the time town meeting happens. The last 25 plus years here have been a journey to say the least. I am thankful for all the people that I have met and made friends with. We have been through some hard times and some good times, but the town always prevailed. Some of the hardest working, kindest, honest people I have met are from the Town of Thomaston. You should be proud. Thank you for your support over the years.

Respectfully

**Kevin A. Haj
Chief of Police**



***FIRE DEPARTMENT
PERSONNEL***

Fire Chief

Mikial Mazzeo

Deputy Chief

Jamie Leo

Assistant Chief

Robert Coombs

Captains

Peter Lammert, *Emeritus*

Ben Adams

Tony Leo

Lieutenants

Francis Brandon

Earl Sutherland

George Erickson

Firefighters

Albert Grant

Harley Colwell

Alex Held

Rod Grindell

Floyd Lawrence

Christopher Winters

Jon Cuthbertson

Michael Cole

Ed Worthley

Stuart Woodman

Phil Netzorg

Brian Soiett

Katy Vanorse

Sean Goodine

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Mikial Mazzeo

Fire Chief

To the Town Manager, Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of Thomaston, it is with pleasure that I present to you the 2016 Annual Report for the Thomaston Fire Department.

In April 2016 the Department made promotions for the first time in several years. Chief Leo recognized the need to promote some new offices to begin preparing the department for the future. In the past the Fire Chief made promotions by appointment. This time however Chief Leo instituted a process of preparation for candidates, minimum qualifications, application and an interview process. The promotional interviews were conducted by Fire Chief Tim Polky, of St George and Chief Jason Peasley, Rockport Fire. From this process and recommendation by the Chief's the following promotions were made by Chief Leo and or Town Manager Blastow and the Board of Selectman: Robert Coombs Assistant Chief, Ben Adams, Captain, Tony Leo Captain, Francis Brandon Lieutenant, Earl Sutherland Lieutenant, and George Erickson Lieutenant. Good luck gentleman.

This year on May 1 the department saw the retirement of long time Fire Chief Michael Leo. Chief Leo served the Town of Thomaston in several positions over his 42+ years of service, including being a founding member of Thomaston Ambulance Service, Ambulance Director, Public Safety Dispatcher, and all rank levels within the Fire Department. We owe him a tremendous amount of gratitude for his leadership and selflessness over the years. He insisted upon obtaining and maintaining new and updated equipment and training the department to high standards. He was honored at a retirement party in November at Watts Hall. I personally owe Chief Leo my sincerest thanks for giving me a start in this business nearly 30 years ago and being there with his guidance as a boss but most of all being my friend. Thank you Chief!!

During this year the Fire and EMS Departments undertook separating the Fire Department office area from the EMS office. The major driving force for this was the need to maintain privacy for EMS records. Most of the work was done in house by department members. The renovations included the construction of a wall, installation of new doors, new ceiling tiles, painting, electrical, telephone and network wiring. Some minor things are left to complete but the majority is done. Many thanks to our members who made this happen.

We train throughout the year on a variety of topics including hose advancement, search and rescue, chimney fire, ventilation, driver training, SCBA, water rescue, tools and equipment and annual Maine Department of Labor required training.

The department is always looking for new members if you would like to join the department or would like more information please call 354-6345. We also have monthly meetings held at the station on the first Monday of the month starting at 6:30 PM.

I would like to thank the fire department members for their support, hard work and dedication as well as the Town Manager and his staff, Board of Selectmen and the various departments for their help during the year.

Thank you to all the citizens who assisted the department with shoveling hydrants near their homes. The firefighters really appreciate the help.



AMBULANCE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL

DIRECTOR

Ruston Barnard – EMS Chief - EMT-P

DEPUTY DIRECTOR

Abby Planeta –EMT-P

MEMBERS

Francis Brandon III –EMT-P

Mathew Gerrish-EMT

Floyd Lawrence -EMR

Alan Leo -EMT

Anthony Leo – EMT

Vanessa Winters – EMT

Earl Sutherland -AEMT

Katy Vanorse-AEMT

Salina Wallace-AEMT

Sean Wallace – Driver

Christopher Winters - Driver

PER-DIEM PERSONNEL

Mikial Mazzeo – EMT-P

Jonathan Blum-EMT-P

Ellin Schooley - EMT

Frank Start-EMT

Jason Earl-Driver

EMT-P-- Paramedic

EMT ---- Emergency Medical Technician

AEMT -- Advanced Emergency Medical Technician

EMR ---- Emergency Medical Responder

AMBULANCE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Ruston Barnard

Director

To the Town Manager, Board of Selectman and Citizens of Thomaston, it is great with pleasure that I present to you the Annual Report of the Thomaston Ambulance Service for 2016-2017. Thomaston Ambulance Service responded to approximately 386 calls this past year. The top three requests for EMS services were 12% sick persons ,11% falls, and 10% Motor Vehicle Accidents.

We have approximately 20 volunteer and per-diem members, and most are licensed as Drivers and EMT's at various levels.

**** HELP WANTED****

We are always looking for new volunteer members as we continue the struggle of covering our evening shifts. If you have an interest in driving Ambulance, taking an EMT class that we pay for and you make a contractual agreement for 2 years of 1 night a week, and volunteering your time at night, then we want to speak with you.

Our meetings are on the first Tuesday of each month. If you would like more information, please call me at 354-6345 ext.230.

During the year we have provided many training sessions to our members. Three of our members attended the annual three day APEMS Educational Seminar held at the Samoset in Rockport. Some of our members traveled to other in state areas for training as well. We also have personnel currently enrolled in an Infection Control Officer Program, and "Supervisor Bootcamp", both programs are two day classes hosted by APEMS for current and aspiring supervisors.

We also must comply with yearly OSHA mandated training classes, the Town of Thomaston's Risk Management Training program, as well as many Federal and State mandated trainings. All of these trainings amount to several hours annually most of which can only be obtained at nights or on weekends.

This year we are looking to implement community CPR training. If you are interested in taking a CPR program please contact us. All of our members work very hard to balance family life, full time employment, and life as a volunteer for the citizens of this town. Leaving during holiday celebrations, children's birthday parties, and other family gatherings to respond to calls, I cannot begin to thank them enough. They are proud of their commitment to our community, and our community should be proud of them.

Please remember" Your Life Is Our Life" and that is what we pride ourselves on.

Respectfully submitted,
Ruston Barnard, Director

REPORT OF THE ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

William Demmons

Animal Control Officer

I have been the Animal Control Officer since July 2016. I applied for this job after retirement from FMC after 32 years of service. It is with pleasure that I present the report of the Animal Control Department.

As a reminder in the State of Maine all dogs over six months of age are required to have a current rabies shot and be licensed. A dog license is issued for each calendar year (January 1st through December 31st) however the State of Maine allows the owner(s) until February 1st before charging the \$25.00 late fee per dog is assessed along with the licensing fee.

We have received a number of stray dog complaints. If your dog has a collar it should have the tags attached to it and should be worn at all times that way if your dog should get caught running loose then it can be returned home instead of taken to the Shelter.

Now that the Town allows for the keeping of small animals in the Residential Zone such as chickens and rabbits (see Section 707.3 permitted uses in the Land Use and Development ordinance) you must follow the rules that are in place and keep the animals confined to your own property. The ordinance allows for the keeping of up to 12 animals in total and requires they be provided with the proper shelter and substance as well as being confined to the owner's property.

The Municipal Animal Control Department is primarily responsible for domestic animals, dogs, cats, rabbits, chickens ect., not wildlife. In some cases there may be an issue with raccoons, skunks, bats and foxes suspected to have rabies. If they come into contact with you or your pet please call me at 207-542-3057.

Owning a pet is a lifetime responsibility and has associated costs for food, vet care and other items needed to keep your pet safe and healthy and happy. Potential pet owners are urged to keep these considerations in mind before getting a pet.

We now have a Dog Park in Thomaston where you can take your dog to meet and play with other dogs. When you visit the Dog Park please remember you are responsible for your dog. Please report any altercations at the park to the Animal Control Officer.

Remember to treat your pet with love and the care they deserve and will see it returned in kind. I am available at 207-542-3057 if you have an animal related, complaint, concern or question.

Respectfully submitted
Williams A Demmons
Thomaston Animal Control Officer

REPORT OF THE LOCAL HEALTH OFFICER

Alan P. Leo EMT

Local Health Officer

To the Town Manager, Board of Selectman and the Citizens of the Town of Thomaston, I present to you the report of the Local Health Officer.

The position of LHO is mostly one without a lot of activity, which is really a good thing as when we receive complaints it has usually gotten to a serious situation and all other avenues have failed. When there is an issue I work with other departments both locally and at a State level to resolve them. If an issue needs to be handled with legal proceedings, I will handle them as well.

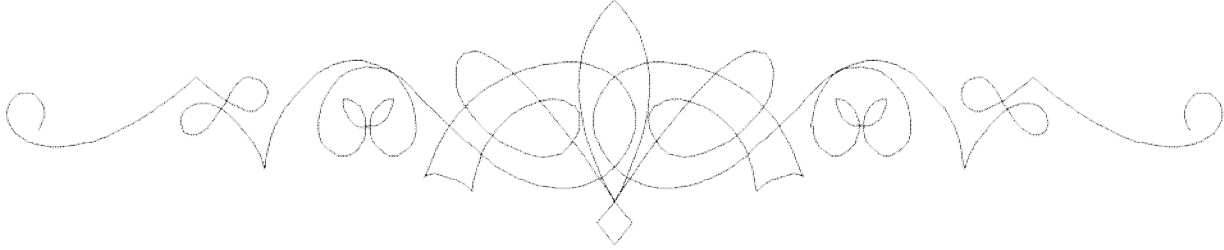
In 2016, I was contacted twice with regards to issues that posed a health concern. One issue concerned mold and was resolved with the landlord and the other concerned lack of a water source to the dwelling and this was resolved via repair to the plumbing.

I attended training for LHO's this year both in person and online and continue to train as the classes come up. I monitor the Centers for Disease Control notifications and updates and this year focused on updates regarding, Infectious Disease, especially any Flu information, Zitka Virus, and general health information and alerts.

If anyone is in need of my services you may call me at 207-596-5120.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alan P. Leo EMT, Local Health Officer



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

**Valmore Blastow, Jr.
354-6107**

EMERGENCY CONTACT LIST

Town of Thomaston

Emergency Fire/Ambulance/Police CALL 911

Administrative Calls:

EMA Director: Valmore Blastow 354-6107
Fire Chief: Mikial Mazzeo 542-9400
Acting Police Chief:..... Tim Hoppe 354-2511
Ambulance Director:..... Ruston Barnard 542-0494
Knox County EMA: Ray Sisk 594-5155
Knox County Sheriff Dept.: 594-0429
Knox RCC: 593-9132
State Police: 1-800-452-4664
HazMat Spill reporting-
National Response Center:..... 1-800-424-8802

REPORT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Valmore Blastow, Jr.

EMA Director

The Emergency Management Agency federal year is from October 1, 2015 through September 21, 2016. During this period the Town expended \$47,699.78 on EMA related events and had \$8,693.92 in kind credit for a total of \$ 56,393.40.

A review of your records for Thomaston's 2014-2015 grant reveals Thomaston received \$4,755.51, and the Town does not anticipate any Federal Grant Funding for 2016-2017 as no Emergency Management Performance Grants were accepted by M.E.M.A. due to Federal funding.

Thomaston received the following response from Director Bruce Fitzgerald and the Town was awarded the \$4,755.51 grant.

Dear Mr. Blastow:

I would like to apologize for how late this response is to your letter from November 2015 with concerns regarding the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG). First, I congratulate you on an effective emergency management program in Thomaston and how well your program encompasses the whole community concept and serves as a model for other towns in the State of Maine. County Director Sisk has spoken highly of the work Thomaston has done and how important the EMPG funding is to enhancing your program. I know how significant this grant is to local programs and it is my goal to continue that support if financially feasible.

This fall, with the 2015-2016 grant, we ran into a situation where the amount of grant funds for the local programs was 45% of what had been available the previous year. Unfortunately we did not understand the full scope of the difference in funding until after MEMA had sent out the grant notice, otherwise we would have better addressed the application guidance and expectation of awards.

MEMA had to come up with a solution to address the difference of \$650,000 of requests, but less than \$300,000 available to make the awards. Therefore, we requested that the county emergency management directors join MEMA for an EMPG local review committee. Out of the 16 directors, three were selected by their peers to sit on the committee with two MEMA staff. The review committee met on December 2, 2015 and an equitable review was conducted of all the applicants: value and strength of program was a determining factor as well as preference given to returning applicants; the committee's goal was to ensure the maximum number of local programs would be supported. Several of the larger returning municipalities' awards were cut by close to 70% based on the review criteria — the same criteria that Thomaston's request was reviewed against. This was to ensure that we did not disenfranchise the smaller towns.

I hope this addresses your concerns and please feel free to contact me or Garret Hubbard, my EMPG program manager.

Sincerely,


FOR Bruce Fitzgerald
Director

The Hazard Mitigation Plan 2017 revision – the Town’s 2017 Hazard Mitigation Plan is being updated. The purpose is to provide guidance for a hazard resistant Knox County that vigilantly assesses, plans for and mitigates any natural hazard.

The Knox County Hazard Mitigation for all 17 communities are classified based on occurrence, frequency and vulnerable areas:

- 1.) Severe summer storm events from water sources, rain runoff, flooding or hurricanes**
- 2.) Severe winter storms**
- 3.) Flooding**
- 4.) Wild fire**
- 5.) Landslide**

The Town of Thomaston in past years had numerous hazards that have been negated through a tremendous Town effort of infrastructure updating with the assistance of Federal, state, local and private assistance and funding.

Twenty years ago, virtually every heavy rain event would impact citizens and businesses in Town. The west side of Town at Booker Street to north and Georges Street one could float a canoe. The area north of the Mall at Route One. The railroad tracks under the Wadsworth Street Rail Bridge and the Water Street outlet area would overflow. The Route One and Dexter Street area would overflow the highway. Marsh Road at High Street would pond. Thomaston Street on the Rockland side would overflow. Pleasant Gardens at the Thomaston line would be impacted with water flow.

The Town has virtually eliminated all of these impacts through the replacement and/or installation of new systems. The stormwater at North Street and Georges, at Booker Street and Route One The Mall as part of the current Route One project as well as the new underdrain system for Main Street, the Marsh Road system, the development of Walmart reducing the flow per cubic foot with retainment to the Weskeag Marsh, the State’s replacement of the stormwater system under the railroad tracks at Wadsworth Street, the installation of a new storm water system at Route One and Dexter Street along with a new underdrain system.

Many of the homes in the in the center of Town with public sewer overflow (or C.S.O.) backup in the basements as even the manhole covers in the streets at the foot at Knox Street would lift to relieve the pressure and ultimately the river would be impacted biologically.

The Town replaced the 1967 sewer treatment plant off the prior harbor front location in 1997 and relocated it off the end of Booker Street with land application. Starting in 1991 to accommodate the plant relocation to date 63,259’ of new sewer line was installed or 74% of the collection system. The remaining 22,101 of lines have 20,143 of line that is newer than 1960 and only 1958 or 2% remains circa 1930 and 1960 of the 16.2 miles of pipe servicing the community.

The third area of water to impact the health and safety is the lack there of the Town's reliance on the Maine Water Company water tank tower of 1927 was replaced around 2005 which provides needed water flow, especially in fire suppression circumstances.

The next area of hazard mitigation is bridges. The Town has seven that are classified by the state and five are state maintained. Route 131 and Oyster River was replaced in 2006, Wadsworth Street Rail Bridge in 2002, Mill Creek or Route One Culvert Bridge in 1960. Wadsworth Street at St. George River was replaced in 2016. St. George River at Warren/Thomaston town line replaced in 1980. The Town replaced Greenhouse Road Bridge in 1994 and repaired West Meadow road Culvert bridge in 2007, but remains as the only hazard mitigation left, the Town is attempting to address through grants.

Joanne Mooney to identify the hazards and to plan their mitigation with potential FEMA funding and assist in the application process.

Thomaston has identified the West Meadow Road Bridge culvert at Branch Brook dating to the 1960's as a hazard through the MaineDOT bridge inspection program. The Town completed a repair several years ago. Since then the Town engaged Gartley & Dorsky Engineering for a preliminary replacement design and applied for a DEP Grant and was unsuccessful. Therefore, the Town is pursuing a Hazard Mitigation Grant through MEMA.

FEMA submitted Flood Hazard Determination and updated maps and requested them to be adopted at the June 15, 2016 Town Meeting to comply with flood insurance requirements with a new National Floodplain Ordinance.

Rockland EMA held a table top exercise in preparation for the Lobster Festival on July 6th.

The Bicycle Coalition of Maine's Lobster Ride had 1,000 cyclists traveling through Town on July 24th.

The Town was active in monitoring vehicle speed and the safety in neighborhoods being impacted by traffic circumventing the Route 1 project through Town.

The Town Safety Committee adopted an Active Shooter Policy under Risk Management and has scheduled for the training of all employees in 2017.

The Town participated in a Point of Distribution Drill with bottled water as an exercise in conjunction with the Knox County E.M.A. office and other communities on November 22, 2016. This event was staged at the Knox County E.M.A. office and bottled water was by truck, was shipped in compliments of Poland Spring Water Co. and Donna Allen prepared and executed the event as community vehicles came in loaded and exited by time. The water was then provided to Public Safety.

The PenBay Amateur Radio Club held its annual ham radio event for two days in June on Thomaston Green. The event is part of the Amateur Radio Relay Leagues (ARRL) National Field Day Exercise which ensures when sophisticated infrastructure fails, hams provide emergency communication when normal systems are inoperable or overloaded, and I also prescribed to that belief that they are invaluable to Public Safety.

An orthoimagery workshop was held for continued advancement of GIS.

A workshop on portable pipelines was held for First Responders.

Began in December 2016 updating the Hagard Mitigation Plan from 2012 as well the Town adopted, through voter approval of the F.E.M.A. updated National Flood Plain Mapping. The Town is also G.I.S. capable for computer mapping of the community and David Martucci, the I.T. Operator for the Town and I attended an overview of Knox Mapping with Letucia at Knox County EMA.

All of Thomaston's Public Safety personnel were involved in some way throughout the week.

The Town held a winter storm tabletop exercise at Knox County EMA with the assistance of Director Ray Sisk. Twenty-one Thomaston employees and three Central Maine Power Company employees attended.

This Office attended an Emergency Operations Center Plan class as well as a tabletop exercise for the Sea Bright Dam failure in Camden.

Ambulance Director Rusty Barnard, Assistant Director Abby Planeta, Shirley Hamlin, Senior Citizen Liaison and I held an Emergency Evacuation Plan review with Knox Hotel Apartments residents and staff members, Director Liz Schuh, Assistant Director Sherry Keimer and Maintenance Jeff Kee.

The Town also had six staff members attend a XNG (compressed natural gas) familiarization and incident response workshop as trailers of it are stored at Chemrock on Buttermilk Lane for use at the Rockland FMC plant. Also, Dragon Products is installing the XNG system into part of their operations.

Police Chief Kevin Haj should be credited with assisting throughout the year and received a Maine Basic Emergency Management Training Certification.

The week of May 26th, the Town supported the Friends of Montpelier, General Knox Museum in hosting the Vietnam Veteran's Moving Wall Memorial to mark the 50th anniversary. The event was over five days with 13,000 spectators. Jim Carroll of the Sherriff's Department Coordinated the event with four shifts of security volunteers 24 hours a day. Ambulance Director Rusty Barnard coordinated E.M.S. staffing and satellite parking was utilized. Linwood Lothrop coordinated communications through Knox Dispatch. Life flight landing zone was established for patient evacuation. All facets were preplanned and formulated into an emergency plan for the event.

Ray Sisk, director of emergency Management for Knox County, presented Police Chief Kevin Haj with a certificate as a Basic Emergency Manager in the state of Maine at the Feb 22 Board of Selectmen’s meeting. “This is a great qualification,” Sisk said, explaining that Knox County has about three percent of the number of municipalities in the state of Maine—each of which is required to be serviced by an emergency manager.

Police Chief Kevin Haj assisted my office and attended Knox County meetings to ascertain the Town stays abreast of the emergency needs of Thomaston. Kevin received his certification in Maine Basic Emergency Management and the Board of Selectpersons appointed him Deputy E.M.A. Director. I wish to thank him for the work and effort as this relieves my office as I have Budget and Personnel Committee Meetings from January through May on the same Thursday evenings.

“So we in Knox County have about 20 percent of the qualified state emergency managers,” Sisk said.

Haj was also presented an official jacket with the town-specific information embroidered on it.



ACADEMY TRUSTEES

Henry Carey	Expires 2019
Tom Mellor	Expires 2018
Maxine Philbrook	Expires 2019
Lynn Snow	Expires 2018
Bob Snow	Expires 2018

REPORT OF THE THOMASTON ACADEMY TRUSTEES

Henry Carey

Chairman

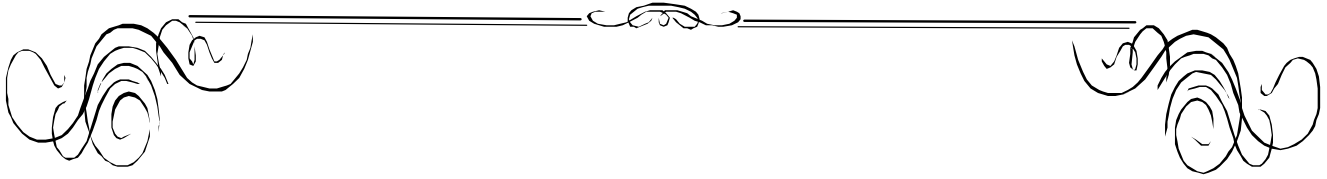
The Academy Trustees wish to thank you again for your support in the continued use of the Academy as a strong educationally oriented, community component. We think an overview of the last ten years bears witness to its value and your continued support. A review of the capital needs of the Academy was developed at the turn of the century. How did we (you) respond?

The front porch and steps were removed and replaced. The first floor was carpeted. A new furnace replaced its ailing and struggling predecessor in 2003 and 2004. The lower gym windows and the security panel with fire horns, pull stations and remote monitoring were completed in 2007. Insulation of the side walls and attic was followed by the siding replacement and painting along with the column repair in 2008. The gym floor was sanded and resealed in 2008. All of the large major windows were replaced in 2009. The replacement of shingles on the roof was started in 2010 and completed in 2013 spreading the process over a three year term. Carpet runners were placed in the upper hallways in 2013. The heat pump/AC system was installed in 2014. These were major projects and provided important updates to this historical building. Many thanks' from the Board of Trustees to you the townspeople.

There are many interior needs which now become the focus of you're the Trustees. We are looking for citizens who have an interest in maintaining the building, its historical significance and longevity as a primary educational and community resource. Please join with us, Tom Mellor, Lynn Snow, Robert Snow, Bill Hahn and myself. Come and enjoy the building. The first floor entrance hall has Thomaston High School and GVHS memorabilia. The top floor landing had Thomaston Grammar School memorabilia.

Our thanks to the main office staff and Town Manger Val Blastow, Public Works Director Jim Cannon, and his staff and the Thomaston Police Department for their security and help and to the users of the building for keeping in mind its value to them and to the overall community.

We lease to the Thomaston Public Library, Midcoast Christian Academy, Pen Bay Church, Angela Pomerleau (artist) and the Aimones (artists). Many other rent short term depending upon their needs. Come in, look around, enjoy renewing and making new memories. We are and will be here.



WATTS BLOCK TRUSTEES

Bill Hahn	Term Expires 2018
Jim Cuthertson	Term Expires 2017
Neal Guyer	Term Expires 2019
Chris Hirsch	Term Expires 2020
Donna Culbertson	Watts Hall Rentals

ANNUAL REPORT WATTS BLOCK TRUSTEES

William Hahn

Chairman

Over the past two years the Watts Block Building envelope has been repaired and updated to carry the building into the future. The substantial east wall repairs were completed in 2015 and this past year a new roof was installed. Also interior vinyl windows were purchased from Window Dressers in 2015, and were installed and cared for by Mike Mayo; they made a noticeable difference in the comfort of occupied spaces, and will help reduce energy costs. This year efforts are planned including trim repair and painting; updated HVAC systems are also being evaluated. This work will be coordinated with the overall space planning that is starting at this time as a result of the acquisition of the Lura Libby School.

Use of the public spaces continues unabated with approximately 30 booked events since the beginning of this year. Last summer's production of *The Music Man* sold out for all performances and was enjoyed by many, both on stage and off. As a result of the enjoyment of participating in the production, several community members applied for, and won, a grant for new sound equipment for the hall; we much appreciate their efforts. Also, thanks to the Friends of the Thomaston Library who served as fiscal agent for the grant. The new system has been designed, and will be installed, by Mr. Chuck McGregor; Mr. McGregor has extensive experience in such installations and I want to express our thanks for his volunteer efforts on behalf of the Hall. The first major use of the system will be in the production of *Joseph and the Technicolor DreamCoat*, with performances scheduled for late June and early July.

We sadly accepted resignations from the Board of Olaf and Eve Anderson after years of dedicated help; their support and input over the years has been invaluable to both the building and the Town. They will be sorely missed.

Use of the Hall and selectboard room is encouraged for family, civic, and municipal events. Reservations should be coordinated with Donna Culbertson at the Town Office 354-6107.
Respectfully submitted,

Bill Hahn
Watts Hall Trustees



THOMASTON VILLAGE CEMETERY TRUSTEES

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William Hahn
Peter MCCrea
Greg Hamlin
Peter Lammert
Margaret McCrea
Joanne Richards
Rod Grindell
Joan Linscott**

SEXTON
Peter Lammert

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE VILLAGE CEMETERY

Peter Lammert

Sexton

During 2016, there were 30 burials in the Village Cemetery. Eighteen were cremains and 12 were full body burials. Funerals started January 11 and the last was November 13th. In two instances, there were two funerals going on at the same time.

Clay-Brook Enterprises continued the mowing and other grounds maintenance. They were a great help in picking up the many branches that continue to fall due to winter storms. Again, during those storms, major limbs were ripped from the Norway Maples in sections five thru 10.

In early spring, the Thomaston Historical Society received a replacement sign for Major General Henry Knox's grave site. Presented by Mr. Ken Lindsey of the prison industries, the sign and an accompanying arrow to direct visitors to the site, replaced those first given many years ago.

As the historical society had amassed enough funds to proceed with the installation of a replica fence around Knox's grave site, that project started in May and was completed two weeks before the annual celebration of Knox's birthday on the last Saturday in June. To say the least, that project was complicated. Aided by the help of our public works department, the new fence was installed by a firm from N.H. and it makes the site more dignified.

Also last summer, the historical society held a visit to the graves of some of our famous past residents in sections one and two. Members of the historical society, dressed in period costumes, read prepared information about each individual.

In preparing for this event, I helped Peggy McCrea mark graves with flags and in doing so, found several grave markers in disrepair. I fixed those and went on to straighten up about 20 more in section two. The opportunity arose to have a man who needed community service time, help in doing what I had done. Every Thursday for six weeks, he straightened out crooked, tipped, or fallen markers. More would have been done but I could not always work with him.

There needs to be something done about the placement of solar lights on graves and around family stones. I counted 176 in operation during the summer with one family stone having a ring of a dozen lights circling the stone. It is very time consuming to try and weed whack around these lights.

In some areas, in the dense shade of the Norway Maples, the grass is dying off. This will have to be remedied very soon as the ground will be bare in those locations.

As always, I thank John Upham for being on hand when I cannot be there. If you have questions about cemetery, contact me at 691-2900. Peter Lammert Sexton



RECREATION COMMITTEE

Darryl Townsend	Term Expires 2018
Carol Arsenault	Term Expires 2018
Todd Boynton	Term Expires 2017
Ricky Jones	Term Expires 2019
Shirley Hamlin	Term Expires 2017
Chris Barstow	Term Expires 2017
Jared Porter	Term Expires 2019
1st Alternate	Vacant
2nd Alternate	Vacant
Senior Citizen, non-voting	Vacant
High School Student, non-voting	Vacant

RECREATION DIRECTOR

Rene Dorr

REPORT OF THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Rene Dorr

Director

On behalf of the Thomaston Recreation Department and the Thomaston Recreation Committee, I present the Town Manager, Board of Selectman, and the Citizens of the Town of Thomaston with a detailed report of operations during the 2016-2017 fiscal year.

I have been the new Recreation Director for the past year and I am very excited that I have had and will have the opportunity to work with this community. I will be working very hard to keep the programs that are already in place going strong and adding new programs over the next couple of years. The Recreation Department will strive to provide programming for all ages and all interest as much as possible. This means youth sports, adult programs and senior programs that will range from sports to art to basic leisure activities.

Program offerings and program participation numbers stayed consistent from last year which was good news for our department considering national and state recreation participation numbers have been on the decline. We in fact saw an increase in numbers in co-ed k-2 soccer, 5/6th grade boys' basketball, and minor league baseball and softball.

The business community played an important role in keeping cost of programs down for taxpayers. Sponsorships continued this year for the 5th/6th basketball teams and for the 3rd/4th basketball teams. The K/2nd grade teams had a different program this year since I was not on board until January. Next year we will get the 1st/2nd grade teams back in a league.

Basketball business sponsors included: Rockcoast Plumbing and Heating, Sawyer Brothers Concrete, R&D Trash Removal, Highlands Coffee House, KDK Printing, Brooks Trap Mill, and Black Brothers Builders.

Spring sports sponsors are not available at the time this report when to print.

During the off season, our department offered sports camps and clinics for kindergarten through sixth grade students. Oceanside High School coaches, assistant coaches, and players instructed the majority of the camps and clinics.

Summer clinics included Basketball, instructed by Matt McKenzie and Mark Baxter; Oceanside Soccer, instructed by Darryl Townsend, Dave Banda, Peter Mitchell, and the Oceanside Lady Mariners; Oceanside Soccer instructed by Boys Coach Matt Petrie

Oceanside Lacrosse, instructed by Angela Vachon and the Oceanside Lacrosse Team; Oceanside Baseball, instructed by Don Shields, Steve Hiller, Shawn Hiller, and the Oceanside Baseball team.

Spring and fall clinics included Lacrosse and Tennis, instructed by the Oceanside High School coaches.

Though our department is seemingly focused on youth and family programming, we continued to offer an exciting program for senior citizens in Thomaston.

Senior programs went very well last year with the monthly Friday Lunch and a handful of trips

around the area. We went to the Botanical Gardens, Union Fair, a Sunset Cruise, The Theater in Brunswick, Acadia National Park and Finished with the yearly shopping trip. The trips went very well and we had good weather for most of the adventures. The trips for this summer are in the works, I am working on the new schedule of trips with the help of Ben Vail from the St. George Parks and Rec.

There were a handful of senior trips last summer and they will continue into next year. In November, we hosted our annual senior holiday shopping trip to Portland to visit the Maine Mall, the Christmas Tree Shop, Marden's and Target.

Monthly Community Luncheons geared towards our senior residents began in February 2014 at the Thomaston Federated Church on the last Friday of the month from 12:00-1:30pm. They continue to happen each month and seem to be a great success. Attendees enjoyed piano playing, a wonderful potluck lunch, card games, and the opportunity to learn about upcoming events for Thomaston residents.

The Summer Day Camp (SDC) program was in its first year as a new program. To be brutally honest this program was not as successful as I thought it should of or could have been. The SDC program ran out of the Lura Libby School in the multi-purpose room. There were 2 major hitches I ran into with this program. The first was we were that we ran the program out of a school that was in the midst of shutting down. The second was the Sign-ups could not take place till after the School Vote. The vote for the school closing was on the 14th of June and school got out for the summer on the 18th of June. This gave us little time to sign up and parents needed a place for their kids well in advance of that. Thomaston SDC program had 16 kids registered over the summer. Some of those children were full time some were part time and some showed up for different weeks. The program itself was well run by the staff and we received many compliments from the parents. It is my feeling that we can build this program from the foundation that has been laid so far and with a PR campaign that will get sign ups out starting in April. There is also the fact that we have the use of the Lura Libby building as a permanent home base.

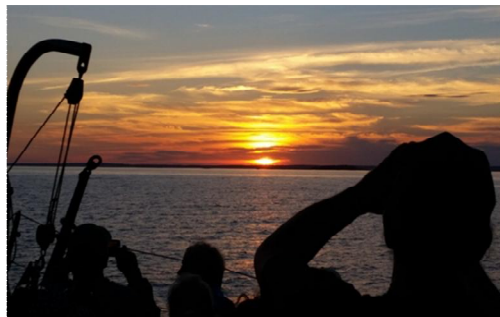
In additions to our family oriented excursions, we continued our partnership with local recreation facilities including the Camden Snowbowl.

To achieve our annual goal of building more relationships with local businesses, we continued conversation with administration at the PITCH, a new indoor sports complex which opened in Rockport in 2014. Our first event at the complex was our Fall K-2 Soccer Clinic instructed by Darryl Townsend, Oceanside Girls Varsity Soccer coach, Dave Banda, Oceanside Girls Junior Varsity Soccer Coach, and the Oceanside Lady Mariner Soccer Team. Future collaborations with the PITCH are in works for soccer, lacrosse, baseball, and softball.

Our department would not be able to offer such programs and events without the continued support of the business community and volunteers of all ages. It was important to the department to develop a program with a small series of gestures to show our gratitude for the time and talent they share with our community. The retention program has made an incredible difference in our ability to offer qualified, passionate individuals to lead our growing youth sports programs.

In closing, I would like to acknowledge a few individuals who have assisted the recreation department in various degrees this year, and some over many years; Committee President Darryl Townsend, Vice President Carol Arsenault, and the Recreation Committee for their support, en-

couragement, and time; RSU 13 Administrative Assistants Laura Curtis, Aimee Sanfillipo, Valerie Stone, and Janice Miller for their assistance in scheduling Recreation events and activities at various facilities, distribution of recreation information, and their commitment to serving our youth. Benjie Blake, and Ben Vail for their commitment to developing the Midcoast Basketball League; Robbie Krul for collaborating with us to build programs at the PITCH; Brooks Trap Mill for their financial support and volunteered time during each sports season; VsTv for featuring is on their network; Hall's of Thomaston for sponsor children to attend professional sporting events and for use of their microphone system at several events this year; Thomaston Public Works for offering their time, muscle, and equipment whenever needed; Jodell, Louise, Donna, and Joan for all of their laughs, smiles, answers, and advice; and most of all, thank you to all of our volunteers who keep our programs running. I would also like to thank Valmore Blastow, the Board of Selectmen, and the residents of Thomaston for the opportunity to serve as the Recreation Director. It is truly a pleasure.





Harbor Committee

John Snyder, Chairman	Expires 2018
Derek Orff, Secretary	Expires 2017
James Cuthbertson	Expires 2018
Nancy Armstrong	Expires 2019
Sandra Jordan	Expires 2019
Peter McCrea	Expires 2019
Scott Layton	Expires 2017
Doug Theobalds	Expires 2018

Harbor Master

Michael Blais

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REPORT OF THE HARBOR COMMITTEE

John Snyder

Chairman

A good crowd witnessed the opening of the new St George river bridge at Wadsworth St. on October 5, 2016 with speakers, musket shots and antique cars ferrying dignitaries across the hi-tech composite span. The project is planned for completion with the complete removal of the 1927 span and its' supporting piers by late spring of 2017, after which the Kiln site will hopefully be acquired by the Town as a water access site and an element of the Town trail.

In addition to the dramatically altered appearance of the harbor with the removal of the old bridge span, a major upgrade to the facade and protective riprap has occurred with the new ownership of the old Renaissance Building formerly owned by Lyman Morse. It is heartening to see the old structures on the waterfront being maintained so well as this.

Thomaston has joined the Tidelands Coalition advocacy group, an organization dedicated to the stewardship of the intertidal zone. Resolving conflicts between worm and clam harvesters is one of the goals of this mid-coast Maine group.

Ongoing maintenance and upgrades to the small restroom building has occurred and the grounds at the Public Landing have continued to have a well-loved appearance due to the gardening magic of volunteer Roxanne Wells. Thank you, Roxanne.

John Snyder
Chairman
Thomaston Harbor Committee



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Beverly St.Clair	Term Expires 2018
Elaine Larrabee	Term Expires 2016
Nancy Hill	Term Expires 2018
Valerie Stone	Term Expires 2018
Mike Blais	Term Expires 2017
Sarah Tyler	Term Expires 2016

REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Beverly St.Clair

Chair

2016 continued to be an active and exciting year for the Conservation Commission (TCC). Work on the bandstand project for the Thomaston Green is taking shape. This project will offer a long needed space for community events and interaction. The Board of Selectmen gave their approval on January 25th 2016 and the TCC received a grant award from the Davis Foundation in March 2016 to fund a portion of the project. This money supplied all of the materials needed to construct the bandstand structure. The Mid-Coast School of Technology completed the construction sections in December. More work and funds are needed for ground work and electrical before the project is complete. Money generated from the bandstand will help maintain Thomaston green space.

The citizens of Thomaston can feel very proud to own several green spaces in which to enjoy and escape the everyday stresses of life. Since 1996 when the Conservation Commission was first established, the Town of Thomaston acquired several pieces of property in which parks and trails have been established. Much of this has been done through grants and volunteer work.

Among the parks are: The Town Forest, accessed from the end of Booker St or off Beechwood Street; Mayo park at the town landing, upper and lower; Thomaston Green at the old prison grounds; Mill River Park off Thatcher Street; and the Mall park on Main St. This coming year, each TCC member chose a park to monitor and report back to the group on during our monthly meeting. This will be helpful in keeping any one park from being overlooked. We are planning to start a blog in the town newsletter to highlight one of the parks or trails each month.

Another project completed this year was the construction of several benches for Mill River Park. With the help of Public Works, the benches were set in place alongside the kiosk. Bushes were planted as well. It is our hope to make a gradual sloping path at this park to the water, which can be used for small watercraft.

The TCC Handbook has been updated and a Welcome packet has been put together for new members. Help on the trails is always welcomed even if membership is not a option; please inquire with any TCC member if interested. We would like to give a special thank-you to Roxanne Wells for keeping the gardens at Mayo Park. They always look wonderful and are very much appreciated.



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Noreen Mulaney, 1st Alternate	Term Expires 2019

REPORT OF THE THOMASTON PLANNING BOARD

Joanne Richards

Chairman

It is with pleasure that I present this report of the activity of the Planning Board for the year 2016 to the Town Manager, Board of Selectmen and the citizens of the *Town of Thomaston*.

The Planning Board spent many hours of their own time hearing various requests and dealing with amendments to the Land Use Ordinances. I wish to thank these volunteer board members for their continued commitment to the citizens of Thomaston. I would also like to thank the citizens of Thomaston for their input and support as the Planning Board worked through projects that came before us.

There were:

- 5 conditional use requests**
- 2 zone change requests**
- 3 site plan reviews**
- 2 subdivision reviews**
- 1 site inspection**
- 1 citizens petition for LUO changes in R3A**
- 1 special meeting to discuss LUO changes in R3A**
- 3 public hearings**

I especially want to thank Bill Wasson the Code Enforcement Officer, the Town Office staff and Dave Martucci, Deputy Code Officer, for all of their assistance in helping to deal with the many and varied challenges presented to the Planning Board this year.

**Respectfully submitted,
Joanne Richards, Chair**



COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMMITTEE

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Daryl Hahn, Co-Chair

Peter Lammert, Selectman

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Diana Beach

Jeanne Short

Davene Fahy

Jon Eaton

Andrew Josephs

Peter McCrea, Selectman

THOMASTON COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMMITTEE 2016

Margaret McCrea & Daryl Hahn

Co-Chairs

Every 10 years the Town of Thomaston updates its Comprehensive Plan to reflect changes in the Town and to help it plan for the future. To this end the town's Comprehensive Plan Committee was re-activated in October of this year. Meetings are held every other Wednesday in the Selectmen's Room at Watts Hall from 6:30-8:00 p.m. and open for public comment.

Following discussion of a vision for our town ten years from now, the committee completed the design of a Community survey, which was available for distribution to residents and business owners on February 25, 2017. Paper copies of the Survey are located at the Town Office and the Thomaston Town Library; it is available on-line through the Town's website; and a link was sent to those email addresses made available to the Town Office. A request to complete the survey was sent to every postal patron in Town. Additionally, committee members are meeting with citizen and business groups to review, explain, and emphasize the importance of obtaining as many completed and returned surveys as possible. Survey results will be summarized, tabulated and analyzed for recommended updates and changes in the Plan.

While awaiting survey results, members are reviewing Chapters of the 2005 Comprehensive Plan and updating information on population, housing, employment and economy, transportation, community services, natural and marine resources, recreation, fiscal capacity and land use. This information along with the results of the survey will serve to guide planning for the future.

As individual chapter drafts become ready for review and critique, the Committee will hold public meetings to obtain public comment. Notice of these meetings will be posted at the Town Office, on the Town website and in the newsletter. Your input at these meetings will be critical.

Following a series of final public hearings, the new Plan should be ready for its presentation at the 2018 Annual Meeting for voter approval.

Remember....this is your Plan. Your interest and input is required for successful guidance of Thomaston's future in a positive direction.

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret McCrea and Daryl Hahn, Co-Chairs
Cindy Bertocci, Member, Spokesperson



REDEVELOPEMNT COMMITTEE

Bill Hahn, Chairman

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Jeff Carty

Lee-Ann Upham

Peter Lammert

Greg Hamlin

Peter McCrea

REPORT OF THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Bill Hahn

Chairman

The redevelopment of the former prison property was begun shortly after the demolition of the prison by the State of Maine. A committee was formed, many meetings held, and community work sessions completed in an attempt to develop the property in a way that would best serve our Town. The final plan developed at that time combined residential and commercial development with open space for community use. The property was zoned in concert with the guidelines and architectural and building standards were developed to ensure that future development would be as the voters had approved.

Working with a developer, the Town was received a grant for some of the site improvements that have been completed and later built the street into the property from Wadsworth Street.

The economic slowdown of 2009 and beyond brought with it a depressed real estate market resulting in a lack of progress in redeveloping the property. Since that time some commercial overtures have been made, but to date these parties have not been willing to meet the design standards applied.

At the present time the Comprehensive Plan is being updated and the citizens are being asked to weigh in on a multitude of questions that will guide the Town's future. Amongst these are questions relating to the prison property; given the time that has elapsed, it seems appropriate to use input from the survey as a foundation for moving forward with the property.

One added improvement that is underway is a bandstand to be located at the Main Street end of the property. Mr. Fancy has coordinated with Region 8 Vocational School to prefabricate much of the structure; while there is much to be done, and money to be raised, the end product will be an asset to the property and Town and we thank John for his efforts on our behalf.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Hahn

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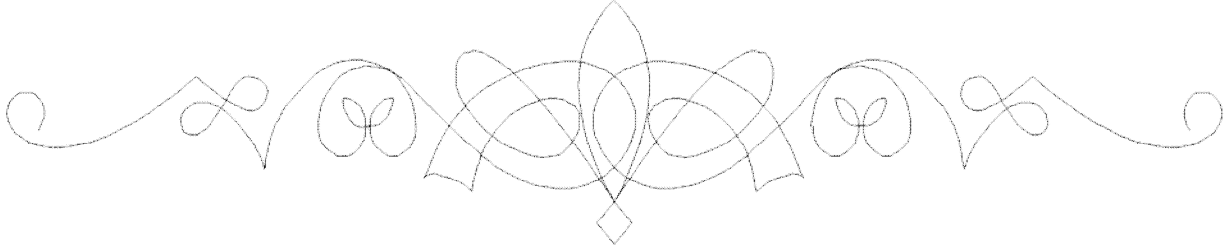


2016-2017

Library Personnel

Annual Report





Library Staff

Interim Head Librarian – Diane Giese
Assistant Librarian, Children's Librarian - Joanna Hynd
Tech Coordinator/Circulation – Chris Lane
Library Assistant - Blake Donaldson

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40 Days of Summer Staff

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Thursday	11:00 to 5:00
Friday	11:00 to 7:00
Saturday	9:00 to 1:00

Total Library Patrons: 553
Total New Patrons in 2014: 130
Total Circulation: 27,773
Interlibrary loans: 698
Digital Downloads (Audio & E-books): 970
Total Material: 26,035
Total New Material for 2014: 1384
New Adult Books Added: 707
New Children's Books: 339
New Digital Media: 344

Jorge Luis Borges — *'I have always imagined that Paradise will be a kind of library.'*

Carl Sagan --*"Books permit us to voyage through time, to tap the wisdom of our ancestors. The library connects us with the insight and knowledge, painfully extracted from Nature, of the greatest minds that ever were, with the best teachers, drawn from the entire planet and from all our history, to instruct us without tiring, and to inspire us to make our own contribution to the collective knowledge of the human species. I think the health of our civilization, the depth of our awareness about the underpinnings of our culture and our concern for the future can all be tested by how well we support our libraries."*

Rita Mae Brown — *'When I got [my] library card, that was when my life began.'*

Henry Ward Beecher — *'A library is not a luxury but one of the necessities of life.'*

The Changing Face of Libraries

Many people visit Thomaston Public Library each week because it is their community living room, a place they can count on finding welcoming faces, neighbors and friends, comfortable couches and chairs, stimulating resources, soft rugs, soft music, an abundance of green, leafy plants, and comfortable heat or nice cool air, depending upon the season. Today libraries are fun, relaxing, sociable places to be. We're not as quiet as we used to be – but we do have quiet areas if you need to study or take a test.

Although supplying the public with access to great books and movies is still a major part of what libraries are all about, like everything, libraries change with the times. More and more, libraries are becoming multi-purpose community hubs.

This year we have seen ever popular Friday night movies draw in discriminating film buffs. Community members visit the library to meet with non- or early- English speaking neighbors acting as their conversation partners. Children visit to find their favorite books or to listen to a story and share in a craft project. Patrons join friends at our Communi-TEA catching up on the happenings while enjoying a cup of tea and some savories and sweets. Families join us for special events like our marvelous visit from the Chewonki Foundation replete with live owls. Book clubs provide stimulating conversations and friendships. Knitters work on projects with like-minded crafters. Writers gather to share their work and discuss elements of style and content. Gaggles of children run around the grounds and enjoy 40 Days of Summer.

Changes happen. Early in January we said goodbye to Joanna Hynd and applaud her many years of love and hard work helping to support our mission. We look to new staff, new energy and new experiences.

What Thomaston Public Library Has to Offer You:

- A plethora of print books, audiobooks, DVDs, magazines, newspapers
- Readers' advisory - name your interests and we'll help you find the right book.
- Kindle eReaders available to be borrowed, containing a myriad of titles to enjoy
- Resource sharing (access to thousands of downloadable books, a variety of online databases, and, via TPL's interlibrary loan service, library collections across the nation)
- Eight computers available for patrons and community members to use
- Printing, faxing, scanning, copying
- Cultural events
- Monthly displays
- A full range of children's services including a Toddler and Children's Story Hour, daily school-break events, and a healthy food-and-fresh-air summer reading program
- Reference services
- A meeting room for tutoring, CSC classes, Job Corps meetings, counseling sessions, teacher work sessions, organizational meetings, etc.
- Book Clubs including our monthly IGBC book club and the Let's Talk About It book group sponsored by the Maine Humanities Council
- Exciting Friday night movies
- Free passes to the Farnsworth Art Museum and the Owls Head Transportation Museum

Three Rooms Loaded with Books – Our library comprises three large rooms: the Main Library with circulation desk upstairs, our Children's Room and a downstairs area filled with fiction, non-fiction, biography and classics.

Upstairs in the Main room we house our newest fiction, non-fiction, mysteries, large print, audiobooks and Maine collection of fiction, nonfiction and reference collections. Magazines and newspapers are available as are our public computers and color printer usable for copies, fax, and scanning. Our display case offers community talents: paintings, a vast model train village, intricate woodworking, clever knitting projects. Each month we have a themed table offering books and digital media celebrating holidays, Black history month, poetry, women's history, March basketball madness. Oversized chairs beckon and classical music soothes.

The Children's Room, often a hive of activity, offers shelves filled with new board, picture, easy reader and chapter books for children. We have lots of chapter books for young adults and a growing collection of graphic novels. There are many well-used, well-loved classics and new award winning books for different reading levels.

Looking for quiet? Downstairs there are carrels, a small meeting room and a large array of fiction, non-fiction, biography and classics a peaceful space.

Our staff offers reference and research assistance, readers' advisory services, computer and other technology troubleshooting, and help for special-needs patrons. We present or host a variety of programs during the year.

Good Books & DVDs – The library houses over 27,000 items, with about a third of those items for children. The library regularly purchases large-print books, books on CD, popular and classic films and TV series, literary and best-selling fiction and nonfiction, award-winning children's literature, graphic novels, and books about Maine and by Maine authors. We always encourage readers' suggestions as well.

Ebooks, Audiobooks, and Kindles – In addition to borrowing from our audiobook collection, patrons may download audiobooks and eBooks directly through our website. We offer Kindle eReaders for check-out as well, each Kindle is pre-loaded with a selection of books that includes the Inter-Generational Book Club's line-up for 2014, 2015 and 2016, along with titles by Maine authors, the complete works of Nathaniel Philbrick, and a number of literary classics.

Public Computers and Wi-fi – Wireless internet was recently upgraded and is available on both floors and on our eight computers for public use, all of which are online and can print in color and B&W. Each computer offers either the Libre Office or Microsoft Office suite of software programs. All public library computers have access to Ancestry.com as well as many other digital databases provided from the Maine State Library.

A Regularly Updated Website/Social Media – Library news can be found on our recently redesigned website, www.thomaston.lib.me.us, which is frequently updated. A form on the Catalog & ILL page allows you to request materials through interlibrary loan, a free service of the library. On the Home, Facebook, and Book Clubs pages, we publicize all upcoming events for adults and children. The website houses our catalog and permanent information about the library's history and also serves as a dynamic community newsletter. In addition the Library has expanded our Social media outreach through Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

2016 Programs:

Programming: In August, we hosted a Poetry and Prose evening featuring alluring poems by Martha Webster, a humorous and tender prose reading by Chris Fahy, and a compelling non-fiction read by Jane Brox in the main library room. Brox filled in for Debra Sparks who could not attend. Our audience included Martha Rhodes, publisher of Four Way Books, who helped organize the annual event.

We presented a program by Jesse Watson on Midcoast Permaculture in May. A fascinating look on how to plant successful gardens with an eye to what is the surrounding horticulture.

John Ford and Mark Nickerson regaled us with stories about being “old cops”. One a former game warden and the other a state trooper are popular local authors and raconteurs.

Tim Caverly shared his Allagash Tails with a group in the fall, stories of the Maine woods and adventures in the Allagash wilderness waterway.

We began hosting monthly Communi-TEAs held on the third Friday of each month. An opportunity to gather and gossip with neighbors and friends, it has become a popular event complete with some great company, food and tea. There is generally a designated option to donate something to the food pantry each month as well.

40 Days of Summer Program: During the summer of 2016 the TPL again hosted the 40 Days of Summer Program funded outside of the library budget by grants, generous donations of money and in-kind supplies and sponsorship from community organizations and churches. The program engaged a staff headed up by Missy Harjula that was kept busy by the great children who attended. A number of talented community members also donated their time to present compelling programming for the children. Because Thomaston qualifies as a community with over 50% of their children receiving either free or reduced meals when school is in session, 40 Days was able to receive free Federal summer food. This was enhanced by healthy snacks and some produce from local farmers and grocery stores.

We fed, read-to, and entertained attending children five days a week for forty days. The program featured events and activities galore, including a program from the Chewonki Foundation, hula hooping with Beth Heidemann, a picnic at the cemetery after doing some grave rubbing, lots of STEM and STREAM experiments and castle-building extravaganza to name a few. Children, and their parents, were invited to participate for a day, a week, or all eight weeks.

Chewonki Foundation: Through the generosity of a grant received from the Maine State Library with funds donated on citizen’s tax forms we were able to have a visit from Chewonki in January 2017. Owls were the theme and we expected 50-80 people. We stopped counting at 225! It was a great event and Emma from Chewonki kept her audience rapt and entertained and, of course, the owls were adorable.

Great Ongoing Programs in 2016-17:

Friday Night Film Series:

Film guru Erika Pfander and The Friends of the Thomaston Public Library continued their eclectic mix of classic, foreign, and award-winning films each Friday evening in Room 200 of the Academy building.

Hallway Books:

The Friends of the Library maintain a used bookstore in the corridors of the library, where they sell used paperback and hardcover books, audio books, movies, and more. A great effort has been made to sort the books so browsing and finding that perfect read is easy. The bookstore is open during all of the library's open hours. All books and materials can be purchased for a nominal cost and proceeds go to support library programs and supplies.

Story Hours:

The library hosts a weekly Thursday Family Story and Craft Hour all year long with a few special Saturday events. Story Hours take place at 11 AM.

Intergenerational Book Club:

The IGBC meets on the third Tuesday of each month to discuss a book all participants have read. Among last year's selections were works of fiction: *A Man Called Ove* by Frederik Backman, *Euphoria* by Lily King, *Left Neglected* by Lisa Genova; non-fiction: *Survival Lessons* by Alice Hoffman, *Tibetan Peach Pie* by Tom Robbins

Let's Talk About It

A grant from the Maine Humanities Council has help to support a book group focusing on the subject of autobiography. Facilitated by local author and writing coach, Lee Heffner, the group meets monthly and has discussed books like *In My Mother's House* by Kim Chernin, *The Duke of Deception* by Geoffrey Wolff and *Memories of a Catholic Girlhood* by Mary McCarthy

Qi Gong:

The library continues to sponsor Tim English's weekly Qi Gong classes held on Saturday mornings in the Thomaston Academy building's gym. Qi Gong, a Chinese practice, involves a combination of slow rhythmic movement and breathing that provides the dual benefits of exercise and meditation.

School Break Events

During winter-break week, we offered daily events for children including a program by Susan Beebe, local artist on animal paper dolls, a drumming program by Tom Ulichny of the Midcoast Music Academy, coding one's name and Lego car races.

Community Displays Program:

The Community Displays Program provides display space in the library for any person to sign up and use and has brought several artists to the library to display their work.

Grants, Awards, Donations, and Contributions:

The library is extremely grateful to all the following entities and individuals for their generous contributions and gifts to the library over the past year:

Friends of the Thomaston Public Library 2015 Contributions from the Ruby Morrison Bequest

We are most fortunate to have the unflagging generosity of the Friends of the Thomaston Public Library. The library received over \$12,000 from them to support its operating budget as well as monies to enhance the scope of community offerings including our Hallway Bookstore, Friday night movies, and other expenses not covered by the regular budget.

40 Days of Summer Donations/Grants:

Bangor Savings Bank grant of \$2500

St John the Baptist Church in Thomaston: \$800

Rockland Kiwanis Club donation: \$500

Agnes Lindsay Trust: \$1500

Patrisha McLean donation: \$5000

Karen and Dan Clarke donation: \$150.00

American Legion Post 1 in Rockland, various committees: \$250

Many community members also donated money, time, in-kind support to the program which made the third year of this activities and lunch program successful

Shout out to our Police Department, Fire Department, Peggy McCrea, Nancy Wood, Chris Dorman, William Dashiell, Geri Vistein, Daryl Hahn, Patty McDonald, Al Bernier, Bangor Savings Bank and Beth Heidimann.

The Rudman Grant was awarded to the library and will allow us to add lots of titles focusing on Maine authors (both for adults and children) and award winners, large-print books and other books to fill out series.

The Place Grant was awarded to TPL as one of the public libraries chosen to advance community engagement in environmental literacy through climate change discussions. It consists of professional development aiming to create a public program series that would develop strategies for the reality of climate change and severe weather events. We are paired with a NOAA weather person in Gray Maine.

The Maine Public Library Fund grant was awarded to support a TPL family program series. Revenues for this grant comes from Maine citizens making voluntary contributions when they file their Maine State Income Tax returns. Our first program supported by this grant was the Chewonki Foundation "Owls in Maine" presentation that was very well received.

We appreciate the efforts of David, Gigi and Peter Hynd of Play' Possum for their music at numerous events, to Sue Howard for the many hours and skill she donated to create eye-catching graphic design for our events.

Finally, and as always, the library extends gratitude to all our patrons, supporters, Friends, board members, and volunteers, who have given untold hours to the library over the past year, doing everything from cleaning, painting, decorating, and baking through running events and arranging displays to culling, shelving, setting up book sales, and keeping our plants vibrant and healthy. We extend a warm Thank You! To every one of you as well as to everyone who responded to The Friends of the Thomaston Public Library's Annual Appeal. You are the “community” in our community living room!

THOMASTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Susan Devlin

President

The Thomaston Historical Society continues to expand its membership, its projects, and the programs it offers. Our major accomplishment last year, after two years of research and fund raising, was the restoration of Major General Henry Knox's grave site. The gravestones were cleaned and repaired, the original iron fence was replaced, and new signage was added to Erin Street to help visitors find the grave. This was a cross-organizational effort with contributions from more than 30 organizations and private donors. At the well-attended dedication ceremony in July, 15 wreaths were presented at the gravesite. Representatives from our two largest donors, the Daughters of the American Revolution and The Society of the Cincinnati, played major roles in the ceremony. Of special note were in-kind contributions for new signage by the Maine State Prison and Maine Authors Publishing. Also, we would not have finished in time without help from Thomaston's Public Works Department.

The kickoff for our Knox gravesite restoration project was a joint project with the Daughters of the American Revolution – a tour of Revolutionary War graves in the Thomaston Cemetery with re-enactors at each grave telling the veteran's story.

In excavating for the gravesite fence footings, we found two small pieces of the original fence and five footings. We auctioned off all but one footing. Thanks to help from the Town, we also acquired other historical artifacts found during construction projects this year – a piece of the granite Marquee from the original Watts Building (now on the lawn at our Farmhouse Museum), a sign from the old Wadsworth Street Bridge, pieces of the old trolley rails, and bricks from the Georges Hotel. With help from Rockport Steel and Lane Construction, we were able to clean and cut up two of the trolley rails into bookend sized segments to sell as mementoes. The footing and other historical artifacts found this year start a new Thomaston Historical Society collection which Pete Lammert has named "Retired History." These items will help us tell interesting stories about our town's history.

We also initiated a program to offer tours of local businesses. Our tour of Lyman Morse sold out immediately. Our next tour, scheduled for August, will be a tour of Dragon Cement.

Peggy McCrea delivered the second in a series of programs about historical streets in Thomaston. In the last two years her virtual tours focused on Hyler and Wadsworth Streets. This year she will focus on the Wadsworth Street Bridge. We also hope to create pages for self-guided walking tours that will be available through our website.

Our Home for the Holidays December house tour and summer house tours are increasingly popular. For the last three years we have honored a key person who has made major contributions to Thomaston at the Friday night H4H reception. Last December it was Retired Fire Chief, Mike Leo.

Because our profiles of local World War II veterans were so popular and rewarding, we decided to expand this effort to cover the Korea and Vietnam eras.

Our major project for 2017 is the start of the restoration of our Farmhouse Museum building, which is on the National Historic register as the only surviving original building from the Knox Estate and one of the oldest buildings in the US to have been used as a railroad station. A 2014 CAP grant for the evaluation of the building and collection confirmed that we have major moisture problems from the foundation. The engineering firm Gartley & Dorsky designed a moisture intervention plan for the project and helped us negotiate approval from the MDOT. Currently we are trying to raise the money to complete stage one of this project.

A key to our success is having an active, committed Board and volunteers:

Officers:

Susan Devlin	President and Curator
Kathy Daley	Vice-President and Building/Grounds Coordinator
Aleta Kilborn	Secretary, Museum Shop and Program Chair
Frances Hernandez	Treasurer

Board Members with their responsibilities

Eve Anderson	President Emeritus
Bill Eberle	Website Editor and Farmhouse Restoration Chair
Bill Gay	Director at Large
Desiree Genthner	Assistant Curator and Facebook Editor
Rod Grindell	Technical Support
Brooks Stevens	Financial Chair
Donna Tokarz	Knox Day Chair
Ursula Kruse-Vaucienne	Membership
Mimi Zwick	House Tours

Other key persons of special note are Peggy McCrea, our historian, and Frank Devlin and Galo Hernandez, our go-to people for day-to-day building issues.

We are a fully volunteer organization, committed to keeping our fees low and many events free to meet the diverse needs of our community. If you are not a member, please consider joining at one of the membership categories: Individuals, \$18, families, \$25; and businesses/organizations, \$50. Also, consider offering to help with one of our projects – either just for a couple of hours or on an on-going basis to have some fun and to learn about and help preserve our town’s history.

Susan Devlin
President and Curator

WATTS HALL COMMUNITY PLAYERS

Watts Hall Community Players (WHCP) is our town's community theater group that formed 26 years ago with its first show, *The Music Man*. The group went on to present shows for 10 years or more doing an annual summer musical as well as joint productions with George's Valley High School's Showcase Theater. The group's purpose is to provide opportunities for people of all ages, abilities and experience to have fun participating in all aspects of live theater. All proceeds went to improving the Watts Hall stage and auditorium since that space had become unusable in the years just before 1990.

As years went by, children grew up and people's lives and interests changed. The small, dedicated group tired and moved on to other activities, but the memory of those times and the wish for others in town to have that same experience of delighting in the sheer fun and hard work of community theater never died.

So, last summer, Watts Hall Community Players came back to life with the 25th anniversary production of *The Music Man*. The show was a hit, with sold out audiences for all of its performances, thanks to the talent of well over 100 community volunteers who worked both on and off stage. The proceeds from that show along with a grant from the Maine Community Foundation's Theater Fund and the donated time and expertise of Acoustic Engineer Chuck McGregor made it possible to install sound equipment in Watts Hall where there had been none before.

Since *The Music Man* was so well received, WHCP is back this summer with performances of Andrew Lloyd Webber's *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. Once again, many of you, your friends and your neighbors are pulling out all the stops to put on a terrific show. The saga of Joseph, the boy dreamer, and his coat of many colors comes to life in this musical telling of the ancient story.

We hope you'll support our community and get involved. At least be sure to join us at Watts Hall, June 22, 23, 24, 30 & July 1 for an evening of great entertainment.

THOMASTON DOG PARK ASSOCIATION

The Thomaston Dog Park Association officially opened the new park to the public on Saturday, October 24th, 2015. The Association worked for just over a year, planning, fundraising, clearing and prepping land, and with the help of many generous community members and businesses the parking area was established and the double-gated fencing was installed. A generous \$10,000 donation from an anonymous donor, following close on the heels of a successful response to the \$5,000 matching funds offered by local Thomaston resident, Nancie Burton gave a significant boost to the accumulated funds and helped the park become a reality much faster than anticipated. Tails have been wagging and dogs and their people have been making their way into the park to lose their leashes and sniff, play, and run ever since.

The one-year anniversary was marked with a birthday party on October 15th, 2016. With perfect weather for the day, lots of regulars, and some new faces, came out to celebrate and eat hot dogs, baked beans, and cake. Handmade doggie treats were happily consumed by the 4-legged party goers.

The Thomaston Dog Park Association would like to stress that they receive no public funds. The park is totally supported by donations and volunteer efforts. Work on the park is ongoing. A gazebo was installed in the fall with hopes for completion later this spring. Future developments to the parking area are needed and other important improvements are planned, including adding water. These goals along with regular maintenance and care will be key to the success of the park, and members are hopeful for the continued support of the community.

If you and your furry pup enjoy the park, please help support it with a \$25 annual membership. All residents and visitors are welcome free of charge, but the Association is hopeful that everyone who enjoys the park finds a way to get involved, and maintain it as a wonderful resource for our dogs and their 2-legged buddies. Membership forms can be downloaded at www.thomastondogpark.org and are also available at the park and the Town Office.

Other ways to support the park include donating your returnable cans and bottles using our CLYNK account. Bags can be picked up at the park, library, Thomaston Branch of Camden National Bank and the Town Office. Volunteer at any of our ongoing fundraising events, you can stay informed by attending our meetings held on the last Wednesday of each month, or do a little cleanup at the park if you notice that it's needed.

The park is open daily from dawn until dusk; however, snow fall amounts and the status of parking area improvements will determine whether it will be possible to remain open all winter. A complete list of park rules is posted at the entrance to the park, which is located at the end of Dwight Street, off of Route 1 on the east side of the Sunrise section of the Village Cemetery.

The Thomaston Dog Park Association is an official 501(c)3 non profit organization. Tax-deductible donations can be made online at thomastondogpark.org, or mail checks to: Thomaston Dog Park Association, P.O. Box 342, Thomaston, ME 04861.

For more information contact: thomastondogparkmaine@gmail.com or visit [facebook.com/Thomaston DogPark Association](https://www.facebook.com/ThomastonDogParkAssociation).

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Dear Friends of Thomaston,

Since being sworn into the Senate in 2013, I have made it my mission to address at the federal level the most important issues facing our great state. Working closely with my colleagues in the Maine Congressional Delegation, we've been able to successfully secure a number of legislative victories that support our state's economy, our rich traditions, and the hardworking people I am proud to represent.

In an increasingly polarized Congress, my goal as an Independent is to put partisanship aside, build consensus and further common-sense solutions to address the needs of the American people. To this end, I have co-founded the Former Governors Caucus, a group of former state executives who are frustrated with legislative gridlock and eager to find bipartisan solutions. And as always, I aim to bridge the partisan divide by hosting barbeque dinners in Washington with colleagues ranging from Ted Cruz to Elizabeth Warren. If you know a person's children, then you see them as a mother or father and not a rival vote, and working to further personal dialogue and build relationships can lay the foundation for successful legislation.

One of the accomplishments of which I am most proud is the legislative victory that protects our college students and their families from an expensive hike in student loan interest rates. In 2013, as students faced a significant spike in interest rates that would have taken thousands of dollars out of their pockets, I brought together colleagues from across the political spectrum to broker compromise legislation called the Bipartisan Student Loan Certainty Act. Thanks to this bill, students will save \$50 billion over the next 10 years by lowering their interest rates, which means that a student in Maine will now save between \$3,000 and \$6,000 over the life of their loan.

Being an Independent in the Senate has allowed me to make calls and vote on policies that are best for Maine, but it has also made it possible to play key roles in finding simple solutions and legislative fixes that make good commonsense to both parties. Of course, much of what we do in the Senate doesn't happen on the Senate floor, or even in committee. Instead, it involves working across all levels of government to ensure the State of Maine receives attention and support from the federal government.

Take, for example, the opioid and heroin epidemic devastating communities across our state. While Congress has passed legislative solutions aimed at expanding access to medical treatment, I've also pressed for other changes that can be accomplished more quickly and make a more immediate difference in Maine. For example, I successfully urged the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to increase the number of patients to whom a doctor can provide medication-assisted treatment, and in 2015 brought the Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy to Brewer to meet directly with Mainers and hear their stories. I've also engaged law enforcement – including the Drug Enforcement Agency – to crack down on the production of opioids and work to limit their diversion. Together, Senator Collins and I helped pass the Northern Border Security Review Act to combat drug and human trafficking along our border with Canada.

While the opioid epidemic is certainly our biggest public health crisis, job loss in Maine is still our number one economic problem and that's why we need to focus on bringing good paying jobs back to Maine and protecting the ones we still have. As a member of the Armed Services Committee, I teamed up with Senator Collins and Representative Poliquin to successfully secure a provision in the defense bill that can help domestic shoe manufacturers like New Balance. The three of us also worked together with the Department of Commerce to establish an Economic Development Assessment Team, known as an EDAT, to assist Maine's forest industry in the wake of several mill closures. We have an incredible spirit of innovation and ingenuity in Maine and I believe finding ways to invest in that spirit will reignite Maine's forest products sector and our economy. Part of our economic path forward must also include expanding access to high-speed broadband, which can help connect our businesses and communities to information and economic opportunities.

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As a member of the Senate Armed Services and Intelligence Committees, I work to keep Maine and our nation safe. Part of that important work means continuing to work for funding for the construction of Navy ships that will be used to protect American interests across the globe. We all know that "Bath Built is Best Built," which is why I've fought to authorize funding for Navy ships built at BIW. The best way to preserve peace is by deterring war through unassailable strength, and to do that we must support our shipbuilders and our brave service members and invest in our military. I strive to meet this solemn responsibly every day as a member of these committees, which is why I hardly ever miss a hearing and take great care in overseeing the agencies sworn to keep us safe. Armed Services Chairman John McCain called me "one of the most serious and hard-working members" of the Committee, and that's a humbling compliment from a true American hero.

As always, please call or write me with thoughts or concerns with matters currently before Congress, or if you need assistance navigating a federal agency. As a public servant, it is critical to me to listen and learn from you, which is why staying connected with people from all over our beautiful state remains a top priority for my work in the Senate. Please call my toll-free line at 1-800-432-1599 or one my offices: Augusta: (207)622-8292, Bangor: (207)945-8000, 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. It is an honor and a privilege serving the people of Maine in the Senate, and I look forward to working with you in our search for a more perfect Union.

Sincerely,



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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.

Growing our economy by encouraging job creation remains a top priority. The tax relief bill enacted during this last Congress contains provisions I authored to provide small businesses with the certainty that they need to invest, grow, and, most important, hire new workers. The 2017 National Defense Authorization Act includes a provision the Maine delegation worked together to champion requiring that military recruits be provided with athletic footwear made in America, as is required for other equipment and uniform items whenever possible. This is a great victory for our troops and for the 900 skilled workers at New Balance factories here in Maine.

Maine's contributions to our national security stretch from Kittery to Limestone. As a senior member of the Appropriations Committee, I successfully advocated for critical funding for projects at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard and \$1 billion towards the construction of an additional ship that will likely be built at Bath Iron Works. This funding will strengthen the Navy and our national security, and the additional destroyer will help meet the Navy's goal of a 355-ship fleet.

Maine's growing population of older individuals creates many challenges. That's why, as Chairman of the Senate Aging Committee, my top three priorities are fighting fraud and financial abuse directed at our nation's seniors, increasing investments in biomedical research, and improving retirement security.

The Aging Committee's toll-free hotline (1-855-303-9470) makes it easier for senior citizens to report suspected fraud and receive assistance. Last May, a call to the hotline helped lead to the arrest of a national crime ring targeting seniors, and in June I worked to secure the humanitarian release of a Maine senior who had been imprisoned in Spain after being victimized by an international drug smuggling scam.

The Aging Committee also released an extensive report detailing the findings of our bipartisan investigation into the abrupt and dramatic price increases for prescription drugs whose patents expired long ago.

I advocated strongly for the \$2 billion increase in funding for the National Institutes of Health to advance research on such diseases as diabetes and Alzheimer's. I also championed and authored portions of the 21st Century Cures Act that will further support biomedical innovation and make significant reforms to our mental health system.

The Senate also took steps in the past year to combat the nation's heroin and opioid epidemic by passing the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA), which I was proud to cosponsor. CARA is a monumental step forward in our effort to address the devastating addiction crisis affecting countless families and communities across the country and right here in Maine.

A Maine value that always guides me is our unsurpassed work ethic. In December 2016, I cast my 6,236th 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 Thomaston and Maine in the United States Senate. If ever I can be of assistance to you, please contact my Augusta state office at (207) 622-8414 or visit my website at www.collins.senate.gov. May 2017 be a good year for you, your family, your community, and our state.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins
United States Senator



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Dear Residents of Thomaston,

Thank you for the opportunity to serve again as your State Senator in the 128th Legislature. I appreciate the support and enjoy representing your community. As I traveled around the district over the past year, it was a pleasure to meet with many of you and to hear your thoughts. The feedback is invaluable for me to best represent you.

My colleagues and I are working on hundreds of pieces of legislation this year. I will be submitting several bills myself, with a focus on putting people first and working to bring good-paying jobs, lower property taxes, and alternative energy solutions for the people of Knox County. I will be also serving on the Transportation Committee during this new legislature.

As part of my effort to bring matters happening in Augusta back home to our district, I am pleased to email a legislative newsletter to share information about ongoing legislative issues and useful resources. Please contact me to join. I can be reached locally at (207) 236-4845 or by email at davemiramant@gmail.com.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to represent you in the Legislature. I look forward to seeing you around town.

Sincerely,

Dave Miramant
State Senator



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Representing: District 92 - Cushing, South Thomaston, St. George, Thomaston and Matinicus Isle Plantation, plus the unorganized territories of Criehaven and Muscle Ridge Islands Townships



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Assessors

A. Fredrick Wigglesworth – Term Expires 2018
Peter Lammert - Term Expires 2017
Joan Linscott – Term Expires 2019

Assessors' Agent

David B. Martucci, CMA

VALUATION AND ASSESSMENT YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2016

David B. Martucci, CMA

Assessors' Agent

AMOUNT NEEDED TO PAY BILLS

County Tax	430,945	
Municipal Budget	3,169,714	
TIF Financing Plan Amount	809,505	
Education	3,870,086	
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	8,280,250	



DEDUCTIONS

Estimated State Revenue Sharing	138,972	
Homestead Reimbursement*	101,107	
BETE Reimbursement**	75,212	
Other Revenues	649,734	
LESS ADDITIONAL REVENUES	965,025	

TOTAL TAX NEEDED 7,315,225

OVERLAY† 9,586

TOTAL TAX RAISED (see below) 7,324,811

Tax Rate Calculation

$$\frac{\text{Total tax plus Overlay } 7,324,811}{\text{Total Taxable Valuation } 392,120,482} = 0.01868$$

Tax rate is per dollar but can be expressed as \$18.68 per Thousand Dollars of Valuation

VALUATION & TAX

Real Estate Value	411,017,056	
Less Exemptions	(65,983,486)	
Personal Property Value	51,982,326	
Less BETE Exemptions	(4,895,414)	
TOTAL VALUATION	392,120,482	
TIMES TAX RATE	x .01868	
TOTAL TAX RAISED	7,324,811	

EXEMPTIONS

	VALUE	TAX VAL
Benevolent & Charitable	5,478,188	102,333
Blind	12,000	224
Fraternal Organizations	1,011,415	18,893
Homestead	10,825,131	202,213
Literary & Scientific	2,361,056	44,105
Environmental Control	6,714,309	125,423
Religious	5,763,257	107,658
United States of America	1,739,775	32,499
State of Maine	1,793,576	33,504
RSU 13 & Solid Waste	12,555,853	234,543
Town of Thomaston	16,626,717	310,587
Veteran's Estates	684,000	12,777
Veteran's Posts	418,209	7,812
TOTAL EXEMPTIONS	65,983,486	1,232,572

Taxes Committed October 4, 2016

* The Homestead Exemption is now \$15,000 per homestead which amounted to a reduction in tax of \$280.20 per recipient. The State of Maine reimburses the Town \$140.10 of this which is 50%. The rest is paid for by all taxpayers.

** The Business Equipment Tax Exemption (BETE) is for some business equipment first placed into service as of 4/1/08. The State reimburses for lost taxes on a sliding scale, this year the base is at least 50%, although we are eligible for a base rate of 56.55% due to the high percentage of personal property we rely on for taxes plus 90% reimbursement on items in the TIF Districts per State law.

† Overlay is the amount raised above needed taxes. By law, it cannot be more than 5% of the minimum tax needed. It is used to pay for abatements and adjustments to valuation.

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Calendar Year 2016 ABATEMENTS & SUPPLEMENTS

REAL ESTATE ABATEMENTS		
Richard Southard	353.26	Error in Assessment.
S & S Properties Trust	1,734.41	Error in Assessment.
Michael J. & Andrea J. Rice	346.07	Error in Assessment.
Brett Worley-Smith	435.53	Error in Assessment.
Jesse J. & Amanda R.	47.49	Error in Assessment.
Michael S. Bedell	280.20	Homestead removed in error.
James L. Barnes	2,075.25	Error in Assessment.
TOTAL REAL ESTATE ABATEMENTS		\$5,272.21

PERSONAL PROPERTY ABATEMENTS		
Valliere Design Studio -	103.23	Error in Assessment-
Marcel & Jill Valliere		moved business to Rockland before 4/1/2016.
Dusty's Hardwood Flooring -	27.35	Error in Assessment-
Todd Winterbottom		out of business before 4/1/2016.
TOTAL PERSONAL PROPERTY ABATEMENTS		\$130.58

TOTAL ABATEMENTS	
\$5,402.79	

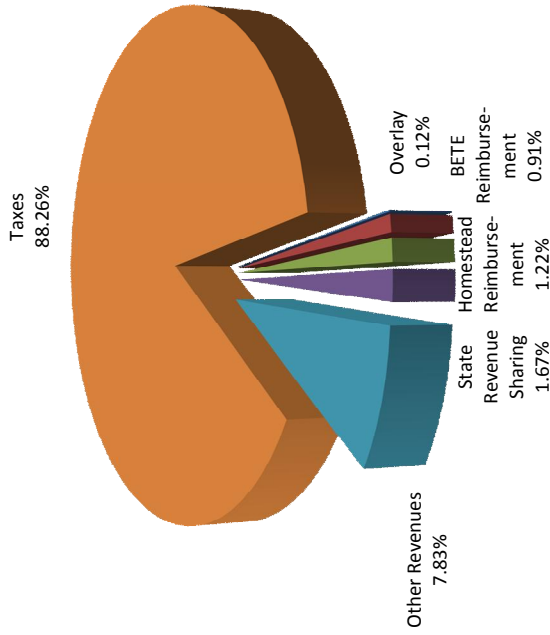
SUPPLEMENTAL TAX ASSESSMENTS		
Sawmill Lane, LLC	7,007.46	Farmland Withdrawl Penalty including interest & surcharge
Christopher R. DeLorimier	112.08	Veteran Exemption deducted in error
Brenda L. Tucker	280.20	Homestead Exemption deducted in error
TOTAL SUPPLEMENTAL TAX ASSESSMENTS		\$7,399.74

2016-2017 EXEMPT LIST

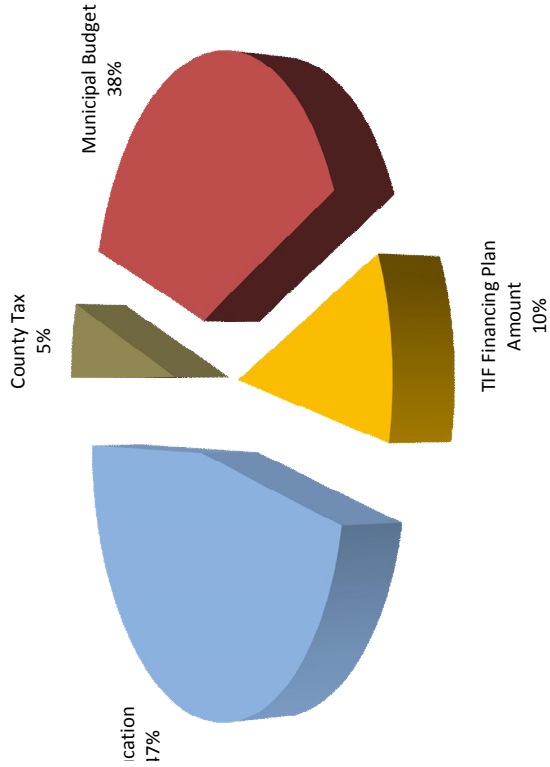
The following entities are exempt from taxes.

Apostolic Christian Life Center	St. James Catholic Church & Cemetery
Arcana Lodge #102, Knights of Pythias	St. John's Episcopal Church
Assembly of God Church	State of Maine Department of
Baptist Missionary Association of America	Administration & Financial Services
Coastal Workshop	State of Maine Department of
Elm Grove Cemetery Association	Inland Fisheries & Wildlife
Georges River Land Trust	The General Henry Knox Museum
Knox Scouters Association	Thomaston Baptist Church
Orient Association	Thomaston Conservation Commission
Pope Memorial Humane Society of	Thomaston Dog Park Association
Knox County	Thomaston Federated Church
Regional School Unit #13	Thomaston Historical Association
Southern Maine Wetlands Conservancy &	Town of Thomaston
Education Center	United States of America (USCG)
Solid Waste Corporation of Owls Head,	Volunteers of America
South Thomaston, & Thomaston	William Brazier Post, American Legion

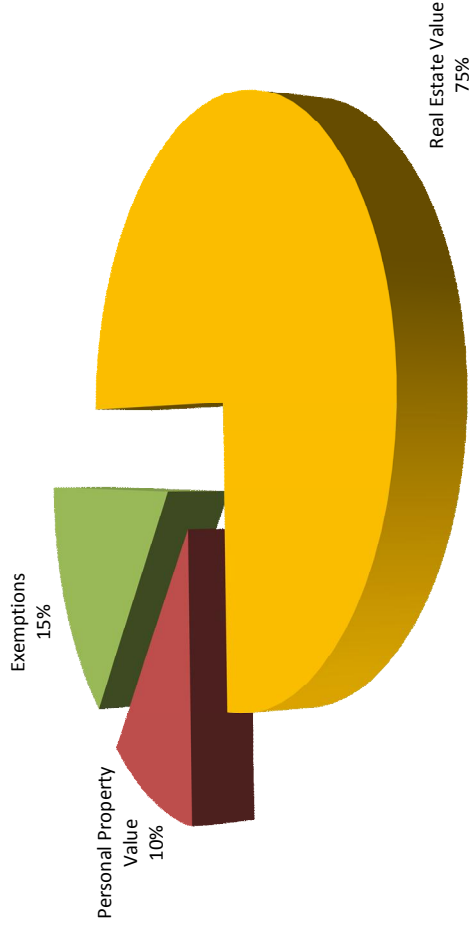
2016-17 Income



2016-17 Expenditures



2016-17 Valuation Analysis



THOMASTON BOARD OF ASSESSORS



Fred Wigglesworth

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Where the Money Goes

Money is voted by the citizens of Thomaston at Town Meeting for all municipal services with the exception of Pollution Control, which is paid for by user fees. The total Municipal Appropriation as voted at Town Meeting for 2016/2017 was **\$3,169,714**, up from \$3,132,616 for 2015/2016.

The Knox County Tax is based on Thomaston’s total value as determined by the State Tax Assessor multiplied by the County’s mil rate. The Knox County Tax bill for 2016/2017 was \$357,713. Dispatch service for Fire, Ambulance and Police was billed separately for \$73,232, bringing the County total to **\$430,945**, up from \$395,311 for 2015/2016.

Thomaston’s share of the RSU #13 budget totals \$5,237,878 for 2016/2017 as compared to \$5,069,763 for last year. However the State of Maine contributes \$1,367,792 (up from \$1,312,877 last year). After deducting the State share, Thomaston’s share to educate our children is **\$3,870,086**, up from \$3,756,886 for 2015/2016.

This year the Dragon Cement TIF agreement plus the Downtown TIF has an effective appropriation of \$809,505, up from \$790,170 for 2015/2016.

These amounts are added together to make up the total tax liability for the Town of Thomaston, which is **\$8,280,250** for 2016/2017, up from \$8,074,983 for 2015/2016.

Where the Money Comes From

However, before taxes are assessed there are some estimated revenues that are deducted to reduce the Property Tax Burden (these numbers may not accurately reflect the amounts actually taken in; we use the best guess on some of them).

<u>Revenue from the State of Maine</u>	<u>2016/2017</u>	<u>2015/2016</u>
• Municipal Revenue Sharing.....	\$138,972.....	\$140,940
• Homestead Reimbursement	101,107.....	61,926
• BETE Reimbursement	75,212.....	70,645
• Local Road Assistance.....	24,684.....	27,304
• Veteran’s Reimbursement.....	3,355.....	3,000
• General Assistance Reimbursement	6,557.....	10,000
• Gas Tax Refund.....	3,354.....	6,200
• Tree Growth Reimbursement.....	1,332.....	1,500
• Snowmobile Reimbursement	424.....	400
<u>Revenue raised in the Town</u>		
• Interest on Taxes and Lien Costs	38,981.....	41,000
• Permit Fees	36,306.....	25,000
• Thomaston Academy Rent and Utilities Reimbursement	32,911.....	24,000
• Verizon Tower Lease	15,180.....	13,200
• Excise Taxes	445,401.....	422,786
• Cable TV Franchise Fee	19,290	
• Other Income	21,959.....	92,096
TOTAL REVENUE USED TO OFFSET TAXES	\$965,025.....	\$939,997

This leaves \$7,315,225 (which is \$8,280,250 less \$965,025; last year's total was \$7,134,986) to be raised by taxes to cover the Town's financial responsibilities. To this we add the "Overlay," an additional amount authorized by law to be no more than 5% above the minimal needs in order to pay for unexpected things like abatements, etc. This year we added \$9,586(\$12,942 last year) in Overlay, bringing the total for tax commitment to **\$7,324,811** (which is \$7,315,225 plus \$9,586; last year the total was \$7,147,928).

How We Determine the Mil Rate

The "Mil Rate" is the percentage of the Value of property in the town used to determine everyone's fair share of the tax. We take the amount needed to be raised (\$7,324,811) and divide it by the total valuation (\$392,120,482, which is down from \$396,446,345 last year). This yields a decimal percent of **.01868**, which is better understood when expressed as "**\$18.68 per thousand valuation**". In other words, for every thousand dollars of value you own, you are assessed \$18.68 as your fair share of the tax. This rate is up \$0.65/M from last year.

The tax rate this year is up **3.6%** over last year. The respective changes are School budget up 3%; County Tax & Fees up 9%, Town spending up 1% and the TIF costs up 2%.

Valuation of Property is reviewed annually and the State of Maine requires it to be as of April 1st. For example, if you and your neighbor are building identical homes, but yours is complete on March 31st and your neighbor's isn't, you can expect a difference in the tax for that year. Values are derived, by Maine law, by a strange method that begins with so-called "replacement value" figures, modified by "market forces" data. The Assessor's Agent will explain this process further.

For 2017-18, the Homestead Exemption will increase from \$15,000 in value to **\$20,000**. This year, the State reimbursement of 50% of these lost taxes increases to **62.5%** and the other **37.5%** will be included in the Mil rate that everyone pays, whether they receive the exemption or not. If you have lived in a Maine Homestead for a year or more and you declare a homestead in Thomaston as your permanent and only residence, then you may claim the exemption if you are not already getting it. The application is a simple form and it must be submitted on or before April 1st for it to apply to that year's taxes (which are committed at the end of September usually).

There are different types of property and two basic classes, Real Estate and Personal Property. Not all property is taxable; municipal or State property, non-profit organizations, religious institutions and others are exempt from all or partial taxes. A new exemption on personal property was instituted by the State of Maine a few years ago, the Business Equipment Tax Exemption or BETE. We are reimbursed a portion of the lost taxes by the State at the present time. Certain types of business equipment may be exempt if the business makes an annual application. Contact the Agent for more information.

In addition, State Law allows the municipality to raise up to 5% more in taxes than we appropriated, in order to cover abatements and adjustments in valuation. This is called the "Overlay". This year, the maximum overlay we could have raised was \$374,713 but we chose an overlay of **\$9,586** which is used to cover abatements and the like. Last year we raised \$12,942.

The Board has its monthly meetings on the **FOURTH** Tuesday, now at 5:00 pm to decide on abatements or supplemental tax assessments and to review the progress of the work conducted by the Agent. We feel the current Agent, Dave Martucci, is working out well and we appreciate his hard work. We hope you agree with us.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Fred Wigglesworth , Chairman
Peter Lammert
Joan Linscott**

THOMASTON ASSESSOR'S AGENT



Dave Martucci

Certified Maine Assessor

I have been on the job as your Agent for the Board of Assessors for fourteen years now, since February 2003 and would like to thank the citizens of Thomaston for being so nice to me. I would especially like to thank the Assessors, Joan Linscott, Pete Lammert and Fred Wigglesworth, Town Manager Val Blastow, CEO Bill Wasson, and the others in the office, Louise (before she retired), Jodell, and Donna, for helping to make my job easier. Dealing with the Assessor, I know, can be somewhat unsettling and I hope I have been able to listen to each and every one who has come forward and that I have answered your questions.

The past year has seen about the same volume of home sales but a drop in values. Local sales prices compared with our assessments have remained steady keeping us at 100% of value. Mostly what is selling are the low-end “starter” type homes. Let me know if you want more details.

GOALS

My job is to look at the assessments on land, buildings and personal property and make sure that they are:

- 1. Fair and equitable;*
- 2. Thorough and complete; and*
- 3. In accordance with the standards established by the State of Maine.*

It is my goal to see that each and every assessment is done according to the exact same formula and that, in the end, everyone is assessed for taxes in the proper proportion. To this end, I invite you to call or come by with your questions about how we do your assessment and to review anything that you think may be done wrong. Don't hesitate to question what has been done! We will fix any problem, error or inconsistency on any card!

ASSESSMENTS

Residential buildings are valued according to the current Maine Assessment Manual. Each of ten categories of construction quality are rated (foundation, basement, framing, roof, exterior, interior, floors, heating, plumbing and electrical) to arrive at a grade for the home, then the actual condition ranging from 100% (new) down to below 50% (unlivable) is figured. The Maine Manual has charts for square footage of each grade and type of home (1 story, 2 story, split-level, etc.) and a figure is arrived at and discounted by the actual condition and any other extenuating factors, such as location (next to a railroad track or cement plant for example). Additional value for outbuildings are also figured and added in. Please let me know if you want a digital copy of the manual.

Commercial, industrial, farm and other non-residential properties are done in a similar manner, but each different kind of structure and use has its own chart that gives a square foot value that is multiplied by the actual footage to arrive at the value. Then similar discounts and factors as for residential properties are applied.

You should note that residential sales are looked at by location and commercial sales are also looked at separately. Our studies show the residential real estate market is somewhat stagnant (average selling price is down from last year—\$168,902 versus \$188,950—but the number of qualified sales is steady at 24) although keep in mind by law we can only consider the sales of the last full fiscal year for the current assessments, which means the values for the 2016-17 fiscal year reflect the sales during the period 7/1/15 to 6/30/16. Our State-audited Sales ratio came in at 99% of full value this year, which is exactly where they consider us to be at full value (between 97% and 103%). In addition we have a quality rating this year of 16, which is far better than last year. By law, it is not supposed to be above 20 and anything 14 or below is considered very good. This rating is determined by the range of assessment ratios from one value to the next in the ratio study.

Most people don't seem to realize most every kind of building is assessed for tax purposes. If you tear down an old shed or rip off an old deck or remove an old pool or sauna, it's likely your valuation could be reduced. But I can't do that if I don't know about it! Especially if you don't take out a Demolition Permit. Valuation of your property is certified as of April 1st, so if there have been any changes, be sure to let me know before April 1st.

Also, if your property has changed in other ways, your valuation could be affected. Any general degradation or upgrade to the property should be reported so your property can be reexamined for valuation purposes. Most of the new construction is documented on the building permits, but downgrading is seldom documented.

Maine law allows some limited tax relief in the form of Exemptions and Current Use Programs. For all of these, the filing date to be effective is on or before **April 1st** for the tax year. There are some key things to know about each of these and I will take each item up separately. As always, do not hesitate to ask about anything if you have further questions.

EXEMPTIONS

There are three basic categories of exemption from Real Estate valuations, *Homestead*, *Blind*, and *Veterans*. The latter has several different subsets—World War I or earlier; Post-World War I; Widows, Widowers, Minor Children and Widowed Mothers of Veterans; and Paraplegic. All exemptions except the Business Equipment Tax Exemption will be carried on the books each year you live here; you do not need to reapply each year.

Some people can qualify for more than one exemption and they are each deducted separately from the valuation. Qualifications for each category can be somewhat complex; do not hesitate to call or come in to discuss any of this in detail. I will always try to help you qualify.

The **Homestead Exemption** is the most common and it is available to anyone who has owned a homestead in Maine for one year or longer and who currently lives in their homestead here in Thomaston full-time, provided your application is received on or before April first to be valid for the present year. The Legislature raised each exemption this year from \$15,000 to \$20,000 and the State reimbursement will go to 62.5%.

Anyone who is certified by a Doctor to be legally **Blind** can receive an exemption of \$4,000, provided your application is received on or before April first to be valid for the present year.

Veterans can get one of several exemptions providing they meet certain requirements. For any exemption they must have been honorably discharged and a resident of the municipality where taxes are assessed, meaning your name must be on the deed, unless you live in Congregate Housing in which case you may also qualify; the process is somewhat complicated so please ask for details if you have

such a living arrangement. Unless disabled during active service and receiving disability benefits from Uncle Sam, you also have to be age 62 or older and have served during a recognized War Period. A chart listing these is available on request. The veterans exemption is a reduction of \$6,000 from your valuation before taxes are computed. Paraplegic veterans who have specially adapted housing units get a special exemption of \$50,000. All applications must be received on or before April first to be valid for the present year.

The un-remarried widow, widower, or widowed mother or the estate of minor children of veterans can also claim the same exemptions that would have been granted to the veteran if still alive. Veterans Exemptions are personal to the Veteran so that if both a husband and wife are qualified veterans, they will get two exemptions. If a widow, widower, or widowed mother remarries, she or he will lose the exemption.

Two new periods of service are now covered (August 24, 1982 to July 31, 1984 and December 20, 1989 to January 31, 1990) and anyone who was awarded the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal. Vietnam-era Veterans who served between February 28, 1961 and August 5, 1964 no longer have to have served *in* the Republic of Vietnam, or have to have served on active duty for 180 days or more. Overall the Vietnam-era period is still listed as February 27, 1961 to May 8, 1975. Veterans still have to be 62 years of age or have been disabled in the line of duty to qualify.

There is now one exemption to Personal Property Taxes, the **Business Equipment Tax Exemption** or **BETE**. A business with qualifying equipment placed in service on or after April 1, 2008 may annually file for the exemption. Please let me know if you have any questions or want the application form.

CURRENT USE PROGRAMS

The State of Maine now offers four current use programs that result in lower taxes: *Tree Growth, Open Space, Farmland, and Working Waterfront*. For complete details see Maine Revenue Service Property Tax Bulletins 21 (for Open Space), 20 (for Farmland) and 19 (for Tree Growth). The Working Waterfront is a new classification and new rules are now in effect, but no Tax Bulletin has yet been issued. Contact me for details on this program.

Basically, these programs allow the assessors to value the participating land according to its present use rather than at its highest possible use, as required by law.

In **Tree Growth**, parcels of 10 acres or more managed for commercial wood production according to a Forest Management and Harvesting Plan certified by a Licensed Professional Forester will be valued according to rates set by the Maine Revenue Service. These rates are typically 80 to 90% lower than the regular undeveloped land prices applied throughout the Town. These participants have to recertify their plan every 10 years.

Farmland works much the same way, in parcels of 5 acres or more producing a specified minimum income, with rates for different kinds of productive acreage also set by the Service, except that a local study indicating different rates may be done by the assessors. We have not done this. In addition, a report must be submitted every 5 years giving the income produced by the property for the previous five years. You must show an average of at least \$2,000 in either income or produce consumed each year, excluding wood products.

Open Space has no minimum size but the Assessors must believe the property meets certain criteria. Basically there are three categories of Open Space, *Regular* (which really means just filing the application) qualifies for a 20% reduction in taxes; *Permanently Protected* (meaning there is a Conservation Plan or Easement in place), a 50% reduction; and *Forever Wild* (again, an easement guaranteeing the designation), a 70% reduction. An additional 25% reduction can be applied if the land is available for Public Access, with the maximum reduction being 95% reduction in value for tax purposes.

Working Waterfront also has no minimum size. It is defined as a parcel or portion of a parcel of land abutting tidal waters or is located in the intertidal zone between the high and low water mark the use of which is more than 50% related to providing access to or in support of the conduct of commercial fishing activities. Basically there are two categories of Working Waterfront: *Predominantly Working Waterfront* (meaning used 90% or more for the qualified purposes) qualifies for a 20% reduction in taxes; and *Primarily Working Waterfront* (meaning used 50% or more for the qualified purposes), a 10% reduction. An additional 30% reduction can be applied if the land is permanently protected from a change in use through deeded restrictions.

All of these programs have substantial penalties associated with them when the land is withdrawn for other uses. The only exception to this is if the land is moved from one program to another, for example if you remove it from Farmland or Tree Growth and place it in Open Space.

BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY

Businesses are required by State Law to file a Personal Property Declaration for all items used in business except vehicles or vessels on which you have paid excise tax, all stock in trade held for resale, or real estate (which is otherwise taxable as above). Even property held for rental must be declared as well as any property you lease, even if it is taxable to someone else. If your property has no value, you still must declare it. We have been updating our records on Thomaston's business community; if you have not heard from me this year, please contact the office for a form or for more information. All business property owned as of April 1st must be declared; the deadline for reporting is June 1st. Notices usually go out sometime in March. Please note that if you do not file the town form, you will waive your right of appeal for any tax that may be assessed. We put all property on a depreciation schedule, like what you declare on your IRS Depreciation Schedule, so that as your equipment and tools age, their value drops, ultimately to 30% or less depending on the type of property.

You should note two things: businesses are asked to report their personal property voluntarily, but as I do my inspections, anything not reported will be noted and you could be liable for failure to report. If you have any equipment that qualifies for the new BETE exemption, you must file for that program every year. If you have any questions or have not filled out a personal property tax form, please contact me at once.

ABATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTALS

If there is some error in figuring your valuation, the Town of Thomaston is committed to fixing it. If this lowers your value and the condition clearly existed before the current assessment year began, then we will abate your tax for the difference. Under the law, you have the right to request abatement within 185 days of commitment for the present tax year; the Board of Assessors will be happy to consider your request. The request for abatement must be on a specific form,

available from the Town Office or let me know and I'll mail you a copy. Copies are also available on the Town's web site, <<http://town.thomaston.me.us>>. The Assessors can make any abatement they see fit to correct values at any time during the present tax year, regardless whether you have asked for it or not. The form includes specific instructions, but if you have any questions I'll be happy to help you fill it out.

After one year from the commitment date, you may request abatement from the Selectmen for up to the last three years taxes for any illegality, or irregularity in your assessment (such as assessment of the wrong person or an exempt owner but not errors in assessment values). The Selectman can also act on requests for abatement of taxes at any time due to poverty or infirmity. Special forms for this are also available as above.

Supplemental Tax Assessments are rare and require the agreement of the taxpayer. Typically we do these in cases of an error regarding exemptions that were not deleted from the prior owner. In some cases, we have been asked to remove a homestead exemption when someone decides to retire permanently in Florida (where the exemption is much higher) and they forgot to have it removed here before taxes were committed.

ABATEMENT APPEALS

If you apply for an abatement and the Board of Assessors does not agree with you and denies the request, you have the right to file an appeal of their decision within 60 days to the Knox County Board of Assessment Review. This board is made up of assessors, appraisers, and other citizens of the county.

STATE CERTIFIED RATIO AND EQUALIZATION

Every year, the State of Maine reviews past real estate sales in the town and compares them to our assessed values. By a simple formula, they develop our State Certified Ratio. This number is used in determining Revenue Sharing, School Subsidy, Exemption Reimbursements and other figures. If the ratio is below 100%, so are the other figures. This includes what you get as a Homestead Exemption, Veteran's Exemption, etc. In other words, the Homestead Exemption will be pegged at \$20,000 this year at 100% Ratio. But if the Ratio falls to 80%, for example, then it is worth only \$16,000. Up until now, we have been able to certify at 100%.

By State Law the overall average Municipal Ratio can not be less than 70% or more than 110%. This past year we were at 99% average assessment ratio, which is considered excellent. We will be able to continue to certify at 100% with no problems. As real estate prices change, we may revalue our land prices either upward or downward but that may not affect your taxes too much as we will still have to raise the amount authorized by town meeting. Usually the only effect a declining market has is to raise the mil rate.

We also have a "Quality Rating" of 16, which is acceptable. Basically this rating is figured from the average deviation between each assessed ratio; by law we must be below 20 for our rating. Anything 14 or below is considered good.

OTHER ISSUES

The Assessors' office has been given expanded duties over the last few years in a number of areas. We are working towards getting the Assessing cards online, and are now doing more of

our own GIS Mapping (updating the parcel files and editing and printing of updated tax maps). Our in-house tax maps have been published since 2012 and are available on the town web site.

In addition to assessing, I now email notices, agendas, and newsletters and have been known to spend some time on basic office computer troubleshooting. I thank you for authorizing the additional hours.

OFFICE HOURS & ASSESSORS MEETINGS

My office hours are Monday through Thursday 8 am to 5 pm, and Friday 8 am to 2 pm, or by appointment. The Board of Assessors meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 5 pm in the Town Office, Knox Street entrance. Call, write or email if you have any questions or comments.

Thanks for your support.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David B. Martucci". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a long, sweeping horizontal line.

Respectfully submitted,
David B. Martucci, CMA
Assessors' Agent
Thomaston, Maine
(207) 354-6107 ext. 228
assessor@midcoast.com

OUTSTANDING PROPERTY TAXES

2016 TAX YEAR REAL ESTATE TAXES

Beattie, Robert & Debra	1,822.02
Beattie, Robert & Debra	1,049.78
Beattie, Robert & Debra	1,171.59
Bishop, Peter	3,542.71
CSD Properties, LLC	11,966.19
Delmonico-Reed, Rosemary	1,719.02
Drake, Donald Estate	1,104.10
Drinkwater, Jason	568.52
Ferrin, Elizabeth	33.53
Flagg, James	297.5
Goodnow, Justin	6,488.01
Griffin, Nancy	97.63
Groth, Ashley & Adam	1,968.06
Hall, Peter & Poppe-Hall, Lisa	3,643.20
Haskell, Donald & Maureen	1,457.90
Henry, Arthur D	3,691.52
Henry, Dwight	1,709.15
Henry, Dwight	1,156.99
Henry, Justin	757.69
Henry, Justin	666.12
Johnson, Chad & Candi	1,132.57
Jones, Norene & George	2,524.13
Kaufmann, Janice	1,705.60
Lawson, Janis & Robert	1,564.84
Living Center at Thomaston, LLC ..	7,654.74
Martin, Suzanne	1,477.26

2004 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

William E. Dornan & Sons/ Robert Beattie	22.00
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TOTAL 2004 PAST DUE \$22.00

2005 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

William E. Dornan & Sons/ Robert Beattie	20.55
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TOTAL 2005 PAST DUE \$20.55

Mills, Stephen & Mills, Arthur & Margaret LE	3,070.02
Molly, Callyn	2,417.82
Nassau Broadcasting Holdings	2,922.66
Overlock, Dwight & Sheryl	1,906.98
Overlock, Dwight & Sheryl	2,555.70
Payson, Timothy	5,462.66
Philbrook, Mark	3,522.38
Prentiss, George Jr	825.74
Putansu, Sharon	2,456.12
Rich, Carol	2,606.13
Risteen, Jesse & Sage	2,062.09
Rolfe Enterprises, LLC	3,645.17
Roscoe, Frank	1,805.72
Secotte, Stephen & Cocks, Jill	61.38
Simmons, Wallace & Roxanne	1,628.94
Stone, Eleanor & Kaufman, Janice	896.87
Strong, Mark & Julie	3,642.13
Sylvester, Jerry	2,254.74
Sylvester, Jerry	998.45
Talbot, David & Donnalee	1,623.60
Vigue, John	5,149.17
Wagner, Teresa	6,413.90
Wilson, Timothy	3,191.33

**TOTAL 2016 REAL ESTATE
PAST DUE** \$122,090.07

2006 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

Creek Hill Auto Repair/Craig Hoppe .	977.50
William E. Dornan & Sons/ Robert Beattie	293.25

TOTAL 2006 PAST DUE \$1,270.75

2007 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

Creek Hill Auto Repair/Craig Hoppe ...	1,105.50
William E. Dornan & Sons/ Robert Beattie	331.65

TOTAL 2007 PAST DUE \$1,437.15

2008 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

Jake Barbour, Inc.....	8,137.00
Creek Hill Auto Repair/Craig Hoppe	.995.90
Thomaston Grocery/John Vigue.....	4.03
William E. Dornan & Sons/ Robert Beattie	286.77

TOTAL 2008 PAST DUE\$9,423.70

2009 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

Creek Hill Auto Repair/Craig Hoppe	.994.92
Thomaston Grocery/John Vigue.....	7.47
William E. Dornan & Sons/ Robert Beattie	298.48

TOTAL 2009 PAST DUE\$1,300.87

2010 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

Chemrock Corp. of DE/ Dicaperl Mineral	185.14
Creek Hill Auto Repair/ Craig Hoppe.....	1,133.21
Thomaston Grocery/John Vigue.....	4.07
William E. Dornan & Sons/ Robert Beattie	339.97

TOTAL 2010 PAST DUE\$1,662.39

2011 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

Catalano Construction.....	890.56
Chemrock Corp.....	255.66
Creek Hill Auto Repair/Craig Hoppe	1,269.90
Rock City Cycle/Peter Bishop.....	208.16
Studio 54/Michael Martineau	126.41
Thomaston Grocery/John Vigue.....	4.98
William E. Dornan & Sons/ Robert Beattie	380.97

TOTAL 2011 PAST DUE\$3,136.64

2012 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

Chemrock Corp.....	129.93
Coastal Child Care Center, Inc	178.60
Creek Hill Auto Repair/ Craig Hoppe.....	1,415.49
Rock City Cycle.....	232.03
Studio 494/Michael Martineau	140.91

Thomaston Grocery/John Vigue	5.56
William E. Dornan & Sons/ Robert Beattie	424.65

TOTAL 2012 PAST DUE \$2,527.17

2013 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

Athens Mediterranean Pizzeria	323.59
Bryant Construction.....	336.00
Catalano Construction, Inc.....	313.85
Charles Walsh	16.80
Chemrock Corp.	150.26
Coastal Child Care Center Inc.....	228.58
Creek Hill Auto Repair/ Craig Hoppe	1,636.94
Ferraiolo Construction Inc	10,337.04
Isaac Rhode Painting	33.60
Local Color Salon/Ruth Carney	15.02
Rock City Cycle/Peter Bishop.....	268.33
Safety-Kleen Systems, Inc.	7.97
Studio 494/Michael Martineau.....	162.96
The Post Card Dude/Michael Blood.....	49.92
Thomaston Grocery/John Vigue	36.96
William E. Dornan & Sons/ Robert Beattie	491.10

TOTAL 2013 PAST DUE \$14,408.92

2014 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

ADT, LLC	0.55
ADW Maker/Andy White	25.11
AMG Transport	20.26
Athens Mediterranean Pizzeria	709.36
Bryant Construction.....	368.28
Catalano Construction, Inc.....	100.27
Charles Walsh	18.41
Chemrock, Corp	119.32
Coastal Child Care Center Inc.....	250.53
Creek Hill Auto Repair/ Craig Hoppe	1,794.21
Farmer Jones Organics/Ryan Jones.....	18.32
Ferraiolo Construction Inc	22,660.27
Isaac Rhode Painting	36.83
On the Edge Fitness/Emily Lawry	4.19
Oyster River Landscape/ Bernard Shaw	184.14
Rock City Cycle/Peter Bishop.....	294.11
Safety-Kleen Systems, Inc.	14.55
Studio 494/Michael Martineau.....	178.62

The Post Card Dude/Michael Blood....	33.26
Thomaston Grocery/ John Vigue.....	40.51
William E. Dornan & Sons/ Robert Beattie	538.27

TOTAL 2014 PAST DUE\$27,391.05

2015 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

ADW Maker/Andy White	27.46
AMG Transport	22.15
Athens Mediterranean Pizzeria.....	170.91
Bryant Construction.....	402.69
Catalano Construction, Inc.....	89.77
Charles Walsh.....	20.13
Chemrock, Corp.....	21.30
Coastal Child Care Center Inc.....	47.31
Creek Hill Auto Repair/ Craig Hoppe.....	1,961.84
Ferraiolo Construction Inc	15,530.46
Horse & Hound Veterinary Service/ Margo Maloney, DVM.....	3,250.78
Isaac Rhode Painting.....	40.27
On the Edge Fitness/Emily Lawry.....	4.58
One Hundred Fifty Main Salon/ Valerie Jackomino.....	93.18
Oyster River Landscape/ Bernard Shaw.....	201.34
Rock City Cycle/Peter Bishop.....	321.58
Rock Coast Plumbing & Heating/ Darryl & Heidi Townsend.....	198.59
Safety-Kleen Systems, Inc.	12.73
Studio 494/Michael Martineau.....	195.32
The Post Card Dude/Michael Blood....	21.32
Thomaston Grocery/ John Vigue.....	31.85
William E. Dornan & Sons/ Robert Beattie	588.57

TOTAL 2015 PAST DUE\$23,254.13

2016 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

ADW Maker/Andy White	32.72
AMG Transport	26.40
Aimee's Haircuts/Aimee Tyler.....	4.88
Arthur D. Henry, Inc./ Arthur & Dwight Henry	1,694.71
Athens Mediterranean Pizzeria.....	203.71
Bryant Construction.....	479.96
Catalano Construction, Inc.....	74.28

Chamber's Jewlers of Thomaston.....	4.04
Charles Walsh	24.02
Chemrock Corp.....	18.53
Coastal Child Care Center Inc./ Kenneth & Tammy Rolfe.....	56.38
Creek Hill Auto Repair/ Craig Hoppe	2,338.29
Enterprise Rent-A-Car of Boston/ Andrew Taylor	182.31
Ferraiolo Construction Inc	18,510.59
George C. Hall & Sons, Inc.	123.75
Horse and Hound Veterinary Service/ Margo Maloney, DVM	240.41
Isaac Rhode Painting	48.00
KDK, LLC/Katrina Johnson	1,079.33
Mason's Creations/ Blastow Enterprises, LLC.....	6.67
Northeast Patients Group.....	205.23
On the Edge Fitness/Emily Lawry	5.46
One Hundred Fifty Main Salon/ Valerie Jackomino	111.06
Oyster River Landscape/ Bernard Shaw	239.98
Patriot Builders/Patriot Automotive/ Frank Bowen	198.33
Pitney Bowes Global Financial.....	47.40
Pitney Bowes, Inc.....	7.04
Rock City Cycle/Peter Bishop	383.30
Rock Coast Plumbing & Heating/ Darryl & Heidi Townsend.....	302.02
Studio 494/Michael Martineau.....	58.45
Supercuts/MjjM Enterprises, Inc.....	74.77
The Post Card Dude/Michael Blood	19.76
Thomaston Grocery/John Vigue	37.95
Thomaston Laundromat/ Herb Kauffman & David Kristian ..	70.79
Verizon Wireless/ Portland Cellular Partnership	232.71
Wasses Hot Dogs/Keith Wass.....	9.59
William E. Dornan & Sons/ Robert Beattie.....	701.51

TOTAL 2016 PAST DUE..... \$27,854.33

**GRAND TOTAL
PERSONAL PROPERTY
TAXES PAST DUE \$113,709.65**

2016-2017 REAL ESTATE PROPERTY TAXES

16 Gay Street, LLC	3,298.59	B.F.E. LLC	49,623.31
19 Mechanic St, LLC	2,564.33	Bailey, Robert G.....	1,966.65
82 Water St, LLC	10,903.52	Baio, Dora Irrevocable Trust.....	913.45
Abbott, Veronica L.....	1,727.71	Baiza, Lawrence T.....	4,066.37
Abbott, Walter M. & Mildred L.....	2,706.86	Baker, Nancy T.....	4,762.82
Abdulla, Karen A.	4,727.52	Ball, Charles & Kelly.....	2,399.86
Achorn, Myra S. & Harold A. Jr.....	2,984.63	Banks, Christina C.....	3,253.94
Achorn, Nancy A.K. & Bradley M.	4,498.24	Barbour, Ashley E.	18.57
Achterhof, Carol A.....	8,039.91	Barbour, Susan et al.....	4,524.30
Ackor, Jefferson D. & Susan J.....	2,702.06	Barlow, Shirley R.	2,970.46
Adams, Donna J.....	2,909.34	Barnard, Elizabeth L.....	7,173.90
Adams, George H. Jr. LE & Adams, Aaron G.	3,527.34	Barnes, Brian P.....	9,253.14
Adams, Gerald A. Estate; Adams, Cheryl & F. William, Pers Reprs.....	4,049.95	Barnes, James L.....	9,094.30
Adams, Linda L.....	3,985.77	Barnes, Michele.....	2,622.28
Adz Partnership.....	1,955.53	Barnes, Paul H. & Priscilla.....	3,251.05
Ahearn, John & Brown, Rachael.....	2,844.18	Barnes, Perry M. & Lauren M.....	2,657.27
Albert J. Zimba Trust	7,704.75	Barnes, Susan A.....	2,008.16
Albertson, Thomas	4,093.74	Barnett, Richard M. & Ruth DeBoer	4,714.96
Alcott Boat Co., LLC	2,780.52	Barra, Andrea P. & Michael J.	3,802.87
Alex, George S. & Gwendolyn M.....	3,052.24	Barreto, Carmen G.....	8,333.69
Alex, Gwendolyn & Gregory.....	2,210.42	Barrett, Kathleen A.....	2,414.32
Allaire, John.....	3,366.27	Barstow, Andrew J. & Amy	3,254.65
Allan, Daniel P. & Kay E.	4,485.14	Barter, Tracie N. & Laatz, Susan.....	1,933.83
Allen, Daniel H.	2,692.07	Barthelette, Jane H. & Hirsch, Christopher.....	1,239.16
Allen, Daniel R. & Ann M.....	2,687.88	Bartlett, Brian & Tracy A.....	2,835.10
Allen, Heather M. & Jamie S.....	3,461.18	Baudanza, Michael J.....	2,921.46
Allen, Lamont L. Jr. & Alana J.....	2,427.41	Baughman, Crystal B. & Cote.....	2,312.70
Allen, Lamont S. & Alana J.....	4,244.84	Beach, Diana L.....	6,195.95
Allis, Jeffrey R. & Valerie.....	9,613.94	Beal, Gerald W. & Nancy L.....	619.54
Ames, Victor U. & Joan S.	3,343.20	Beasley, George & Constance T.....	6,090.32
Anderson, Bertil K.	3,615.94	Beattie, Robert & Debra L.	4,189.16
Anderson, Charlene S.....	3,228.74	Beckett, Eileen K.....	2,426.51
Anderson, Olof L. & Evelyn G.....	3,707.44	Beckett, Maxine L.	4,143.35
Anderson, Sally B. & Walter A.	2,196.54	Beckett, Patricia & Brian	3,533.04
Anthony, David	116.96	Beckett, Patricia W. & Hyatt, Melanie A. & Erik M.	2,261.20
Arbour, Lawrence M. & Georgene D....	3,423.07	Beckett, Shawn & Amy	3,044.34
Arcana Lodge #102 K of Pythias	1,423.60	Bedell, Michael S. & Sandra G.....	3,362.40
Armbrrecht, Cheryl D. & Thomas H.....	4,221.04	Beechwood Apartments & Laukka, Bruce & Patrice.....	15,429.68
Armstrong Properties, Inc.	11,259.03	Beers, Kevin & Amy Williams	5,357.37
Armstrong, Nancy Lee & Jeffrey B. Estate.....	5,173.59	Bell, Nathaniel S. & Susan L.	4,030.25
Arrg, LLC	5,598.98	Benkin, Ellen & Earl, Mary Clark 2003 Trust.....	956.81
Arsenault, Scot & Carol L.	3,545.74	Benner, Jane E.....	1,540.11
Arteaga, Ana Maria.....	1,988.77	Benner, Lorraine A.....	1,804.54
Ashworth, Amy & Whitney, Benjamin. 1,044.23		Benner, Raymond & Lois	2,145.98
Athearn, Mollie A.	2,101.00	Benoit, François.....	2,850.44
Atkinson, Jennifer F.....	1,607.60	Bernier, Albert L. Jr.....	1,331.40
Atkinson, Wendell R. & Brenda J.....	3,983.94	Bernier, Albert L. LE & Marie-Denise ..	3,943.16
B&S Recycling LLC	2,681.70		

Berry, Melody L. & Rickey	2,358.44	Brooks, Stephen T.	2,113.49
Bertocci, Cynthia S.....	5,269.96	Brooks, Stephen T. & Janelle M.	6,686.90
Bertrand, William Ellis	1,410.88	Brown, Angie	546.39
Berube, Paul M. & Jenni L.	3,326.50	Brown, Ann M. & Forrest A.	5,791.17
Best Felts, Inc.....	8,007.93	Brown, Cindy A.	2,039.82
Beverage, Robert W. & Kathy J.....	3,496.17	Brown, Joyce M.	1,886.47
Biggart, Christopher	4,780.53	Brown, Mary A. & William J. Jr. Estate;	
Billings, Aimee	2,246.23	Brown, Stephanie L., Pers. Rep.	1,668.52
Bird, Robert E.	3,015.38	Brown, Milton C. Sr. & Beverly A.....	2,715.62
Bishop, Peter R.....	4,408.89	Brown, Mitzi & Glenn	2,486.46
Bisset, Scott F. & Carol J.....	887.80	Brown, Rhonda J.	3,192.86
Bittner, Daniel L.....	1,882.25	Brunswick Park Realty LLC	14,912.43
Black Dirt Guy	17.88	Bryant, Florine P. (LE) & Chadwick, Jean B. &	
Black, Brenan D. & Bryce J.....	2,839.02	Bryant, Daniel J.....	1,007.23
Blackman, James S. & Lynn	3,619.94	Bryant, Sheldon & Cynthia	2,042.62
Blackman, Stephen R. & Virginia L.....	3,527.79	Buck, Jason K. & Hutchison, Amie L. ...	3,186.58
Blais, Michael F. & Kathleen.....	3,886.78	Bull, Elizabeth K. &	
Blaisdell, Maryann B.	1,985.29	Ladley, Samuel M.	2,302.46
Blanchard, Kimberly S.	8,880.06	Burakowski, Jeffrey P.....	1,095.53
Blastow, Clifford L. & Cindy C.....	3,261.47	Burd, Helga U.	2,608.64
Blood, Michael G. &		Burger, Adrienne K.	5,392.11
Maxwell, Brandi L.	4,576.62	Burgess & Hooper LLC	10,825.25
Blum, Harold & Kristine	2,305.92	Burgess, Betty J.....	2,415.16
Boggs, Leland E. II.....	417.78	Burke, Christopher &	
Boggs, Leland E. II & Valerie R.	6,760.52	Williams, Brooke	4,322.91
Boggs, Leland E. II Trust et al	2,984.82	Burnett, Richard & Stacey A.....	1,554.29
Boivin, Stephen H. & Bethany R.	5,023.28	Burtis, Michelle A. & Dwight G.	4,750.47
Boivin, Susan W.....	1,889.65	Burton, Nancie E. Trust.....	6,746.06
Bosworth, Janet R.....	2,396.91	Burton, Robert A. & Marietta G.....	13,040.99
Bournival, Linda A.	3,971.89	Burwell, Jeffrey M.....	1,857.05
Bowman-LaBerge, Zel A. &		Butler, Lawrence E. & Linda	3,859.49
Keltonic, Daniel R.....	3,138.37	Butler, Walter K. Jr. Estate;	
Boyd, Tyler N. & Bradley W.....	2,362.65	Butler, Linda Jo, Pers. Rep.	3,831.27
Boyer, Leslie A.	2,804.52	Cabot, Louis W. & Mabel H.	11,015.89
Boyle, George H.....	3,558.75	Callahan, Robert A. & Andrea G.	2,998.87
Boynton, Mark E. & Alyce E.....	2,974.45	Callahan, Wanda L.	1,941.69
Braestrup, Elizabeth K.....	3,792.82	Calles, Lauren H. & James M.	1,863.87
Braley, Natasha N. & Deslauriers, Robyn L.		Camargo, Manuel B. & Karen E.	4,288.42
.....	3,492.28	Camber, Dennis.....	2,787.62
Brandon, Francis X. & William M.	4,275.40	Camden national Bank.....	4,502.69
Bray, Diana S.	3,782.61	Campbell, Illona	2,495.52
Breen, Daniel P.	2,749.51	Campbell, Eva	1,298.73
Breen, Daniel P. & Karyl S.....	3,244.02	Carey, Henry R. & Lucy	3,359.73
Breen, William	1,338.81	Carlson Family Trust.....	1,501.31
Brooks, Kimberly S.&		Carlson, Randy.....	1,112.88
Ryan, Terrance L. & Cheryl B.	3,023.30	Carmichael, Lewis T. Jr. & Roberta A. .	2,620.06
Brooks, Lawrence A. & Kay F.....	13,540.05	Carney, Anna M.	2,980.56
Brooks, Lawrence, Kay F.,		Carney, James M. & Ruth M.....	15,920.35
Raynold F. & Jean O.	8,719.82	Carney, James M. III	3,518.27
Brooks, Raynold F. & Jean O.	1,170.06	Caron, Louis C. & Sandra R.	3,258.95
Brooks, Raynold II	187.88	Carpenter, Toni K. & Christopher N.	1,901.55
Brooks, Rodney R. & Kari E.	4,186.17	Carr, Kelly M.	6,277.64
Brooks, Sally G.....	4,619.71	Carroll, Bernadette	3,066.17

Carroll, Blaine.....	638.82	Cotton, Brenda J.....	2,684.91
Carter, Allen A. & Barbara M.....	6,809.66	Crandall, Wayne.....	283.34
Carter, Barbara M.....	4,203.56	Crane, Maria L.....	1,448.04
Carter-Boynton, Amy S.....	4,626.68	Crane, Stephen N.....	4,431.66
Carty, Jeffrey W. & Haimila, Sandra.....	3,396.57	Creighton, Jeffery L. & Hope E.....	3,471.25
Castonguay, James & Marcia.....	2,279.95	Creighton, Jeffery L.....	5,312.03
Cave, Cynthia.....	2,637.67	Cronin, Wayne S. & Kirsten.....	3,148.55
CBM Acquisition Corp.....	558.35	Crosby, Grace J.....	2,429.86
Central Maine Power Co.....	73,563.58	Crosman, Christopher B. & Janet T.....	2,867.79
Cesarini, Diana.....	2,676.08	Cross, Daniel C. & Rachel M.....	2,328.11
Chamberlin, Mark.....	3,738.63	Cross, John H. & Gail L.....	2,014.66
Chamberlin, Paul E. & Beth A.....	5,557.92	Cross, John H. Jr.....	1,379.05
Chan, Saifook.....	2,145.55	Crute, Karl S. Sr. & Laraine S.....	4,992.25
Chapman, Diana A.....	2,111.57	CSD Properties, LLC.....	12,397.58
Charlton, Samuel E. & Emily B.....	5,477.50	Cunningham, Dennis J. & Gloria.....	2,352.71
Charlton, Scott A.....	2,924.43	Curran, Jacqueline I.....	1,883.99
Chase, Lynnette P.....	2,269.02	Curtis, Karen K.....	4,088.02
Childers, Debbie.....	1,484.50	Curtis, Michael D. & Lisa A.....	3,114.07
Childers, Tena P.....	3,806.50	Curtis, Michelle E.....	1,346.27
Chipman, Tracy L.....	1,296.13	Curtis, Toby R.....	1,536.84
Christensen, Susan B.....	1,712.02	Cushman, Kara M.....	1,577.49
Clark, Janet S.....	2,079.49	Cuthbertson, James H. & Katherine B.....	2,978.77
Clark, Richard A. & Barbara G.....	3,141.15	Cuyler, Legaré Walker & Margery Merrill.....	2,245.09
Clark, Robert A. & Emily M.....	2,720.01	Daggett, Ann & Wesley C.....	4,911.31
Clarke, Karen R. & Daniel.....	7,398.61	Daggett, Barbara M.....	2,873.26
Cleaver, Caitlin M. & Koerber, Kristofer M.....	1,228.85	Daggett, Brad H. & Jessica L.....	3,441.29
Clement, Blair M.....	2,221.37	Daley (LE), Jones, & Hawkins.....	2,366.20
Clough, Jeffrey W.....	3,497.59	D'Amato Ralph J. & Lydia M.....	3,047.01
Clukey, Dana T. Estate; Boynton, Terry J., Pers. Rep.....	1,516.41	Daniello, Eric M. & Megan D.....	2,793.52
Cohen, Stephen M.....	2,614.75	Daniello, Mont T. III.....	2,261.38
Colby, Jason E. & Jennifer L.....	1,787.27	Daniello, Ronald E.....	2,102.64
Cole, Michael.....	2,045.57	Danielson, Carl F.....	2,242.22
Collemer, Frank & Deborah.....	2,305.00	Danielson, Carl F. & Whittaker, Carolyn.....	7,919.37
Collins, Douglas E. & Dorothy D.....	1,765.24	Darney, Stephen C. & Kathleen M.....	1,225.26
Collins, Michael D. & Arvilla P.....	2,076.60	Dashiell Living Trusts.....	5,222.46
Colson, Christopher K.....	1,556.72	David Hynes Inc.....	4,162.84
Colson, Clifford O. III.....	2,782.39	Davidson, Christopher & Lisa M.....	2,595.38
Colson, Eugene E. & Lista J.....	1,943.52	Davis, Gregory M. & Mindy L.....	1,871.06
Colson, Mark & Michelle.....	2,571.32	Davis, James Perry.....	3,722.85
Colson, Sharity.....	1,718.54	Davis, Jonathan & Dena.....	2,674.81
Colvin, William S. & Benie B.....	7,028.61	Davis, Victorine E.....	2,207.90
Colwell, Elaine G.....	2,075.44	Day, Holly C. & Sawyer, Ross E.....	2,612.30
Conlogue, John & Kathy.....	3,083.51	Dean, Ralph I. Sr. & Loretta J.....	4,494.50
Connon, James R.....	224.07	Dearborn, Janet R.....	1,705.58
Conroy, Mary Catherine Inter Vivos Trust.....	4,488.54	Dearborn, Lawrence S. & Ellen M.....	2,277.35
Coombs, John H. & Pamela R.....	3,743.17	Deicke, Sharon L.....	65.72
Corcoran, Julie A.....	1,110.64	Delano, Christopher & Wilmot, Elyssa.....	152.75
Corey, Joseph R.....	146.06	Delmonico-Read, Rosemary A.....	1,909.30
Corning, Helen D. Estate; Corning, Beth & Farthing, Jane Pers Reps.....	4,048.01	DeLoe, Ronna L.L. & Harry W.L.....	3,790.75
		Delony, Billy G. & Gayle A.....	3,693.93
		DeLorimier, Christopher R.....	1,624.95

Denault, Alberta J.....	1,465.37	Fairbanks, Mary.....	2,082.17
Dennen, John E.....	3,502.97	Fales, James H. Sr. & Carolyn L.....	3,244.90
Dennison, Elizabeth A. & Sawyer, Darlene.....	1,738.72	Farley, Francis G. & Judith S.....	2,727.47
Devlin, Frank J. & Susan J.....	6,883.67	Farthing, Christopher E. & Jane L.....	2,082.30
DiBenedetti, Thomas D.....	1,225.35	Feraco, Michael P. & Wilkas, Elizabeth A.....	2,160.02
Dickson, Elizabeth A. & Strickland, Rodger R.....	3,250.36	Ferlauto, Amy E. & Davis, Patrick H. & Nancy D.....	3,307.56
Dillabough Family Trust.....	3,818.57	Ferrin, Elizabeth M.....	269.03
Dinapoli, Robert J.....	4,859.92	Feyler, Betsy A. & Libby, Margaret L. Life Estate.....	3,897.94
Dinofrio, Michael A. & LeeAnn H.....	2,697.21	Field, Johnna & Charlson, David.....	1,344.62
Dobson, Sarah J.....	2,748.52	Fish, Donald G.....	2,151.23
Dodge, Betty J.....	386.23	Fitzgerald, Mark A. & Ann E.....	4,674.46
Dodge, Richard M. & Sandra E.....	1,452.84	Flagg, James D.....	308.22
Doherty, Kathi W.....	1,713.20	Flanagan, Michael S. & Martha G.....	5,511.83
Donaldson, Blake A. & Alethe L.....	4,327.76	Fleming, Charles B. & Phyllis J.....	6,128.89
Dorr, Clayton G. & Janice L.....	5,516.28	Fochtman, John A.....	2,805.85
Dorr, Erick C. & Naomi A.....	2,666.18	Foster, Alton E. Jr.....	1,618.38
Doubleday, Raymond J. & Jamie E.....	4,816.88	Fowles, Donald D. & J. Elizabeth.....	1,239.68
Doughty, Sheril G.....	1,336.22	Fowlie, Clayton L. III.....	854.09
Douty, Marshalee Wood.....	5,678.51	Franklin, Glen P.....	2,613.95
Downer, Jesse J. & Amanda R.....	2,149.75	Frankowski, James E.....	1,589.56
Dragon Products Co. LLC.....	1,058,647.92	Frankowski, Oliver.....	5,464.89
Drake, Donald Jr. Estate; Powers, Kaitlyn A., Pers. Rep.....	1,166.32	Fraser, James C. & Cipala, Autumn.....	2,784.83
Drinkwater, Jason.....	620.98	Freeman, John R. & Paula J.....	3,136.02
DRT Properties, LLC.....	16,079.74	Frisbie, Ann M.....	1,871.25
Duff, Harold C.....	3,325.30	Frost, David J.....	2,397.76
Dupnick, Brian J.....	7,117.79	Fuller, Dylan M. & Foster, Zoe A.....	2,665.19
Dyer, Bernard.....	360.69	Galipeau, Judith M.....	3,760.79
Earley, Jerry E. II & Earley, Barbie J.....	659.37	Gallace, Melissa J.....	1,796.92
Eastern Construction Co.....	4,856.43	Gallagher, Jeffrey & Suzanne.....	2,380.37
East Coast Rover Co.....	4,825.97	Gallagher, Jon A.....	2,614.12
Eaton, Johnathan F. & Mariellen L.....	4,668.17	Gamage, Ronald S. & Jacqueline E.....	3,169.94
Eberle, William C. & Ernest, Dagney C.....	2,104.66	Garrigan, Richard M. & Valerie J.....	3,231.58
Eddy, Janelle M. & Christopher B.....	2,770.08	Gauthier, Barbara Jean.....	5,623.56
Edwards, Jaime R.....	1,726.35	Geele, Jeannine M.....	2,863.92
Ellard, Robert & Jacqueline.....	1,743.20	Genevicz, Robert & Breault, Susan.....	3,442.76
Elliot Watts, LLC.....	3,719.52	Genthner, Ashley L. Jr. Estate; Flagg, Holly Pers. Rep.....	4,000.62
Ellis, David A. & Constance M.....	2,472.65	George C. Hall & Sons, Inc.....	25,737.92
Emerson, Roy H.....	3,259.25	Getman, Judith F.....	3,023.81
Emery, Dennis.....	2,682.32	Gibbs, Allison F.....	2,031.06
Emery, Robert R. Jr. & Gloria J.....	1,517.73	Giese, Diane Family Trust.....	2,229.66
Emery, William A.....	3,110.00	Gilson, Robert P. & Marion Marie.....	4,665.44
English, Cheryl J. & J. Timothy.....	2,720.89	Giustra, Betsy M. Trust.....	1,831.01
Erickson, Ian C. & Janette B.....	3,203.41	Glenn, James M. & Carolyn A.....	3,037.95
Erickson, Pauline O. Trust.....	7,738.97	Glidden, Dustin & David.....	7,758.98
Ervin, Richard G. & Corinne E.....	3,959.32	Godfrey, Donna L.....	1,675.60
Esancy, Larry & Priscilla.....	1,141.83	Goodnow, Justin E.....	27,726.87
EverBank.....	4,378.65	Gorman, Nathan M. & Moreau, Emily V.....	2,152.83
Fabian Oil, Inc.....	4,413.61	Gould, Anita T.....	2,054.56
Fahy, Christopher W. & Davine S.....	3,093.03	Gould, Kristin S. & David P.....	2,258.47

Gould, William A. Jr. & Shiela B.	1,654.17	Harjula, Sylvia Life Est. &	
Grafton, George G. & Ruth	3,381.14	Kangas, Elaine et al.....	2,264.35
Grafton, Ward M. Sr. & Hortense M.....	2,334.89	Harlow, Bryce L. & Lindsay K.	2,874.46
Grant, Dale E. Estate;		Harlow, Ricky, Joan & Bryce	2,314.96
Grant, Patricia E., Pers. Rep.	2,260.15	Harn, Guy & Catherine.....	2,749.53
Grant, Michelle A.....	1,366.03	Harper, Jeffrey A. & Victoria L.	3,538.98
Grant, Richard W. & Nancy L.....	507.16	Harper, Joseph A. & Diana L.....	991.80
Grant, Stephen W. & Vina S.....	2,474.89	Harper, Patricia.....	2,818.74
Gray, Peter J. Jr.	2,053.66	Harrington, Harold H. & Marilyn D.	2,532.52
Greeley Associates, LLC	85,366.61	Harrington, Leroy III & Pamela	1,978.64
Greenberg, Howard & Elizabeth.....	4,974.05	Harris, Elaine C.	3,649.27
Gregory, Robert E. Estate;		Harris, Paul	656.75
Spaulding, Cheryl Ann, Pers. Rep. .	3,511.22	Harris, Paul & Elaine C.	643.82
Gregston, Michael F. & Meredith T.....	4,904.25	Harris, Richard T.....	3,904.18
Grierson, George W. & Karen L.....	4,160.24	Harrison, David & Sheryl	3,621.68
Griffin, Benjamin J. & Mary A.....	8,228.00	Harshman, Sheila C.....	12,601.10
Griffin, Nancy	1,614.55	Haskell, Donald A. & Maureen E.....	1,681.20
Griffin, Sherri E.	938.54	Haskins, Jaime J.	1,756.35
Grindell, Roderick H. & Catherine D....	4,892.03	Hastings, Edward A.	3,719.97
Grindle, Torey Renee	1,701.82	Hastings, Ronnie L. & Judith W.	2,511.21
Groth, Ashley E. & Adam W.....	2,039.02	Hastings, Sheila W.	2,616.69
Grout, Jonathan T. & Vivian.....	2,123.51	Hatch, Adam	3,260.71
Grubbs, Dana L.....	1,768.01	Hatch, Doris L.....	2,137.10
Guite, Ryan M. & Kelley L.	2,612.04	Hatch, Stephen	1,759.13
Guyer, Neal & Sheilagh N.....	5,163.54	Haynes, Gary R. & Joanne E.....	5,890.44
Hackett, Bernadette	3,098.83	Haynes, Raechelle S. & Matthew S.....	3,572.76
Hahn, William S. & Daryl L.....	3,604.01	Hedstrom, Christopher C. & Holly D....	3,004.17
Hall Family LLC	1,033.94	Held, Allen E. & Jody M.	2,047.29
Hall, Adrian N. & Tammy E.....	2,120.29	Henderson, Elwyn F.	4,078.46
Hall, Albert C. (LE) & Dorr, Janice L...	2,809.34	Henderson, Frank E.	2,796.60
Hall, Barbara B.	4,590.95	Hendrick, Shane W.....	2,734.60
Hall, Bradford C.....	2,967.28	Henry, Arthur D.	6,842.56
Hall, Dolores H.	1,583.88	Henry, Diane A. Estate; Henry-Elwell,	
Hall, Marion.....	260.59	Willow B., Pers. Rep.	2,978.79
Hall, Michael J. & Lizbeth A.	7,387.12	Henry, Dwight R.	4,261.34
Hall, Peter L. & Poppe-Hall, Lisa C.....	3,677.20	Henry, Dwight R. & Michelle M.....	2,913.80
Hall, Richard S. & Jolene	2,384.67	Henry, Frederick J. Estate; Henry, Arthur &	
Hall, Rolland B. & Elaine C.	924.88	Dwight, Pers. Reps.	4,768.01
Hallowell, Terri H. & Timothy W.....	3,532.99	Henry, Justin D.....	1,601.83
Hall-Stone, Gretel	2,876.20	Henry, Susan M.....	2,694.42
Halvorsen, Corrine A. &		Herbert, Darlene B. & Evan R.	2,983.10
McGill, Donald J.....	5,001.96	Hernandez, Galo J. III & Frances.....	2,893.66
Hamlin, Gregory J. & Shirley L.....	5,739.99	Herridge, Keith Van & Brenna K.....	325.50
Hanc, David J. & Donna G.	2,938.12	Hersom, Lisa	1,115.91
Hanley, Jill.....	307.30	Hibbert, Robert M. &	
Hannemann, Paul T.	1,249.60	Hibbert-Caravello, Stephanie M.	779.24
Hanson, Linda	1,156.63	Hilchey, Kristan	1,905.73
Harding, Beniah C.....	2,651.22	Hiller, Steven A. & Delores D.	3,815.50
Hare, Brandy A. & Robert C.	1,791.95	Hillgrove, David.....	1,677.13
Harjula, Cheryl Ann	1,784.20	Hilt, Douglas K. & Joni L.	2,191.11
Harjula, Christopher N.	2,481.56	Hines, Ralph B. & Judith H.	4,510.58
Harjula, Jacqueline L.....	11,789.96	Hocking, Janet L. & Bryan T.....	1,824.51
Harjula, Neil A. & Joan M.....	2,592.90	Hoing, Patrick J. & Holly	5,597.85

Holloway, Matthew	1,962.63	Jones, Deborah R.	1,826.61
Home Depot USA, Inc.....	5,155.68	Jones, Faith H.....	2,742.17
Hooper, Lloyd M. Sr. & Shirley J.	2,448.63	Jones, Herbert T. & Jill A.	3,053.68
Hooper, Shirley Makie & Lloyd M.	565.07	Jones, Lillian L. & Babbidge, Lewis W. ..	447.54
Hooper, Wesley R.	3,859.36	Jones, Lorelyn.....	1,542.20
Hopkins, Larry M. & Roxana J.....	3,390.74	Jones, Norene H. & George E.....	2,521.73
Hoppe, Craig.....	3,985.47	Jones, Richard A. Jr. & Christienne	2,279.56
Horch, Peter	2,395.65	Jones, Robert E.	2,423.95
Houtsma, Lars T.....	1,484.28	Jones, Ryan L.....	4,165.53
Howard, H. John & Lindley-Howard, Susan.....	2,119.53	Jones, Timothy & Allyson.....	3,425.76
Howland, Phyllis A. Revocable Trust ...	4,482.02	Jordan, David C. & Sandra A.	2,241.49
Howlett, Judith M.....	4,048.01	Jordan, Nicholas B.	986.73
Hoyt, Jean & Kenneth	3,422.90	Josephs, Andrew J. & Gina L.	5,709.64
Hubbard, Patricia F.....	3,039.83	Joslyn, Steven & Debra	304.37
Hunt, Richard S.....	1,661.66	Joyce, Mark E.	3,177.64
Hunt, Tammy L. & Wilcox, Stephen A.	2,446.20	JPMorgan Chase Bank, NA	2,288.82
Huntley, Allen E.....	259.41	Jurkowski, Michael A. & Lindsey	2,241.19
Hyder, Edwin P. & Luann	2,562.15	Kaatz, Eileen.....	2,436.62
Hyder, Lu-Ann & Edwin P.....	2,568.78	Kalloch, James	3,452.90
Hynd, David & Gaylea	3,055.11	Kaufmann, Janice M.....	1,767.09
Hynd, Heather P.	972.39	Kehoe, John P. & Brooke E.....	2,846.98
Hynd, Timothy.....	7,038.44	Keizer, Beatrice.....	1,352.45
Ingerson, Ami M. & Benner, Michael B.	1,871.87	Keizer, Clayton E. & Bette	679.65
Interstate Septic Inc.	4,170.96	Kelley, Richard C. & Serena M.	2,976.92
Jackson, Kevin & Littlefield, Michaelene	2,707.85	Kellogg, Frederic R. Trust of 1995	3,134.28
Jackson, William & Carolyn.....	1,968.98	Kennedy, Ruth E.H.	2,200.07
Jackson, William S., Carolyn, Ronald, & Gerald.....	631.72	Kenney, Annie G. Family Trust.....	1,907.34
Jacques, John N. & Mary Jane.....	3,937.97	Keyes, Sigrid C.	2,568.18
Jaget, Frances J.....	2,864.63	Kijewski, Kenneth J. & Betty M.....	3,278.51
Jakylory, LLC	2,144.54	Kiley, Margaret M.....	1,814.59
Jameson, Dorothy A.	2,220.27	King, Mallory E. & Max	1,706.14
Jameson, Ellen W.	2,405.63	King, Nathan M. & Tamara S.....	4,081.32
Janes, Phillip F. & Margaret J.....	2,868.84	Kinghorn, Robert W.....	3,489.24
Jarossi, Arthur & Sarah	6,021.29	Kingsley, Scott.....	4,378.33
Jean, Robert E.	1,559.54	Kinney, Shannon K.	3,427.89
Jenks, Peter Q. & Emily A.....	9,137.34	Kinney, Sumner W. & Marjorie H.	10,956.96
Jennings, Mark J. & Hoxie, Susan D....	2,593.72	Kinney, Sumner W. & Marjorie H. & Gould, Christopher	6,077.54
Jennings, Thomas J. & Catherine M.....	4,489.18	Kirkham, Nikolai D.....	2,103.09
Jessop, John W. & Kathleen	1,333.66	Kitching, Carl M. & Lesa A.....	1,728.85
Jlinn LLC	1,366.26	Klein, Stanley & Gray, Camilla M.....	5,301.87
Johanson, David C. & Susan B.	4,467.43	Kleschick, Mary Ann	4,472.81
Johnson, Alfred M. Jr. & Dorothy A.	3,242.23	KMB, LLC.....	30,691.20
Johnson, Chad S. & Candi L.....	2,253.26	Knight, Benjamin D.	3,173.99
Johnson, Jerrold P. & Tricia	1,964.56	Knight, Lucas E.....	2,355.55
Johnson, Mark R. Sr. & Gower, Vicki L.	1,924.06	Knowlton, Anita L. & Malcolm A.	3,332.92
Jones, Anthony & Doreen.....	1,638.57	Knowlton, Sharon L.	2,257.74
Jones, Bryan L. & Spieler, Elaine E.	3,229.77	Knox Hotel Assoc., LP	43,337.28
		Knutson, John A. & Muriel D.....	6,063.04
		Koenig, Ervin D. & Diane L.....	1,491.80
		Korhonen, Gwendolyn R. & Korhonen, Paul J. Estate.....	2,632.87
		Krane, Neil D.....	2,156.16

Kristiansen, David W. & Patricia L.....	3,418.53	Lorleberg, Thomas J. & Gloria.....	3,194.84
Kruger, Charles B. Jr. & Linda Bell.....	3,652.74	Lowe's Home Centers, Inc.....	284,793.41
Lachance, Conrad.....	223.52	Luce, Irville E. & Marlene.....	7,922.73
LaCombe, Charles A. & Lisa J.....	2,616.54	Luckman, David & Nancy.....	2,141.90
Lacombe, Lester A. & Pauline J.....	1,570.52	Lucky One Three VII, LLC.....	8,503.70
Ladd, Gail M. & Schiot, Peter.....	3,153.76	Ludwig, Edward A. & Nancy S.....	4,786.73
Lakeman, Daniel R. & Faye.....	1,257.44	Ludwig, Helen.....	1,751.90
Lammert, Peter R.....	2,975.05	Ludwig, Lora S.....	4,326.94
Landi, Alicia M.....	1,864.92	Ludwig, Raymond E. & Helen.....	3,504.72
Lang, Mary M. Trust.....	2,883.39	Lukasewicz, Stanley.....	2,490.38
Laporte, Syltra M. & Stephen R.....	1,122.72	Lundin, Erik.....	2,483.00
Larrabee, Elaine A. & Darrell A.....	3,711.94	Lundy, Linda L.....	4,437.06
Larsen, Peter A. & Nadia.....	6,418.09	Luu, Heng Yuk, Ping, & Minh K., Vinh K., Karen.....	3,170.71
Lary, David P. & Heather A.....	2,896.95	Lyman & Sons, LLC.....	12,369.71
Lash, Fay E. & Christopher.....	2,054.48	Lyman, Cabot.....	121,940.01
Laslavic, Thomas E. & Lucy M.....	3,044.60	Lyman, Cabot & Heidi.....	5,809.80
Latta, Patrick A.....	3,723.48	Lyman, Drew.....	4,984.16
Lauterbach, Grant & Lori.....	4,182.88	MacDonald, Michael & Ruth.....	2,980.02
LaVallee, Alan J. & Patricia L.....	3,044.43	MacIntosh, Craig D. & Dyer, Ellen S.....	5,233.80
Lavertu, Carmen.....	1,505.44	MacMillan, Maureen J.....	1,518.18
Lawson, Janis C. & Robert H.....	1,526.70	Magrogan, Francis J.....	2,126.77
Leach, Phillip C. & Stearns, Becky W.....	3,289.62	Maine State Housing Authority.....	2,449.36
Lear, Mary M.....	2,535.46	Maine Water Company.....	22,351.84
Lee, S. Steven & Jeannine K.....	4,141.11	Malin, Richard C.....	426.80
Lehman, Peter M.....	2,143.72	Malmstrom, Timothy J.....	2,319.89
Leidenroth, Kim E.....	119.83	Maloney, Margo.....	2,674.04
Leino, James K. & Sandra L.....	2,707.22	Maltais, Sandra L.....	2,804.52
Leo, Barbara A. & Alan P.....	3,013.72	Manson, George P. & Carol L.....	2,290.78
Leo, Jamie N.....	2,728.98	Marchessault, David L. & Katherine A.....	3,639.42
Leo, Michael A. & Belinda M.....	2,361.99	Maritime Energy.....	3,458.99
Leonard, Douglas A. & Catherine L.....	3,282.51	Marr, Robert A. Sr.....	3,042.11
Leonard, William F. & Rebecca J.....	3,385.97	Marr, Walter E. III & Linda M.....	293.00
Levett, Ross & Susan.....	4,796.84	Marriner, Jeffrey & Ivy.....	3,523.87
Levine, Richard L. & Myrna G.....	1,498.94	Marsh, Melanie.....	1,907.34
Lewis, Lauren R. & Mark R.....	3,281.20	Marshall, Colin S. & Janet P.....	11,359.87
Lewis, Robert O.....	1,053.72	Marshall, Jennifer D.....	3,721.24
Lewis, Vernon L.....	4,140.18	Martin, Kevin & Lillas Rose.....	3,351.14
Libby, Ronald & Lorraine.....	2,342.92	Martin, Marian L.....	3,056.20
Light Horseman, LLC.....	3,115.67	Martin, Suzanne M.....	1,764.85
Lilienthal, Stephen K. & Emily.....	3,761.69	Martineau, Michael P. & Morang, Donald N.....	3,429.12
Linscott, Wayne & Joan.....	1,576.76	Master, William E. & Lena Kay.....	11,972.37
Little, Peter M.....	2,357.15	Mather, Jerry L. Revocable Trust.....	7,904.20
Little, Stephen A. & Carol A.....	6,163.91	Matlack, Edward T. & Anne H. & Berndt, Eric H.....	2,265.19
Littlefield, Cynthia.....	2,067.75	Matthews, Kimberly J. & Craig S.....	3,647.83
Living Center at Thomaston LLC.....	7,930.71	Matthews, Nhan & Arlene D.....	3,660.05
Ljunggren, Paul W. & Barbara E.....	3,475.94	Mayo, Michael E.....	4,084.66
Llewellyn Family Trust.....	2,917.41	Mayo, Michael M. Jr. & Buteau, Lori A.....	3,533.34
Lobkowitz, Dominik Shaw & DeGroff, Samantha E.....	2,946.12	Mayo, Michael M. Sr.....	343.97
Logan, Hedley D. & Annie D.....	1,213.27	Mayo, Michael M. Sr. & Patricia P.....	2,064.31
Lombardo, Jamey K. & Karen M.....	2,215.58		
Lopez-Brochu, Krista R.....	2,749.27		
Lorenzen, Justin S.....	3,094.85		

Mayo, Robert K.....	656.96	Moholland, Kevin T. & Chandra R.	2,616.62
Mazzeo, Anthony S.	3,220.34	Molloy, Callyn.....	2,411.59
Mazzeo, Mikial N.....	3,732.51	Moody, Linwood L. & June O.	3,243.61
Mazzeo, Stephen K. & Diane C.....	3,614.32	Moore, Mimi R.....	2,567.34
McCallum Overlock Young LLC	5,644.11	Moore, Sandra E.....	2,258.08
McCarthy, Stephen G. & Ursula M.....	4,991.54	Moorman, Anna C. & Kenneth B.....	3,099.59
McClellan, Robert	6,472.64	Morelli, Tony & Laura.....	1,987.79
McCluskey, Mary L.	2,349.79	Morey, David C. & Amy C.	7,570.44
McCrea, Peter F. & Margaret S.	3,089.54	Morse, E. Roger & Rose Marie	3,400.68
McCreedy, Bruce R.....	3,597.38	Morse, Jason.....	875.14
McDonald, Darlene M.....	2,043.57	Morse, Jeffrey N.....	1,549.17
McDonald, Patricia E.	5,725.16	Morse, Linda E. & Edelstein, Mark G.	209.20
McGeady, Joseph K. Jr. & Marla Jane Cardone	4,997.14	Morse, Timothy A. & Holly.....	1,963.51
McGuirl, Cynthia L. & Murdock, James	2,301.23	Moss, Carol J.W.	3,310.36
McKearney, Christopher D. M.....	1,845.62	Moss, Eivind Roy Jr. & Linda L.....	4,801.40
McKenzie, Paige	2,479.12	Mullaney, Noreen M. & Richard.....	1,972.44
McKown, George W. & Susan W.....	2,389.32	Mullen, Christopher R.....	2,295.47
McLain, George E. & Dolores J.....	2,699.50	Mullen, Patrick J. & Carolyn M. & Mehler, Michael K.....	2,949.33
McLeod, Jacqueline L.	2,167.81	Murdock, James L. & McGuirl, Cynthia.....	4,111.41
Meklin, Judith E.....	1,312.44	Murgita, Bruce A. & Donna L.....	760.13
Meklin, Judith E. & Bruce.....	10,758.82	Murray, Donald M.	1,972.81
Meklin, Kevin P.	2,952.93	Murray, Tara S.....	3,873.19
Meklin, Ryan G. & Bruce G.	3,716.40	Myers, Philip Jr. & Raeberta M.....	4,054.87
Mellor, G. Thomas & Patricia A.....	3,401.03	Myers, Phillip E. & Priscilla E.	3,297.13
Mellor, Noreen M.....	4,350.50	Nance, James R. III & Smithson, Tracy L.	3,152.64
Mendez, Antonio & Haylene J.....	2,711.16	Nassau Broadcasting Holdings Inc.	3,028.03
Merrifield, Travis	2,324.45	NC Shepard LLC	12,929.74
Merrill, Daniel D. & Dwelley, Janet M.	1,576.20	Neagle, Carolyn C.	1,302.33
Morrow, Holly A.....	2,094.92	Neilson, Gena N. & Bonjour, Jon E.....	3,622.50
Meservey, Brent A. & Georgia E.....	2,089.34	Nelson, Colin D.....	3,174.16
Messier, Michelle A. & Anderson, Fremont F. Jr.....	2,451.68	Nelson, Joanne E. & Daren M.....	1,875.55
Meyers, Martha A. & Bruce W.....	3,888.17	Neri, Ernest.....	5,440.44
Michaud, Ronald P. & Paula G.....	4,352.50	Netzorg, Phillip & Prudence L.	3,673.57
Micklich, Amy L.B.	3,131.78	Nightingale, Richard & Mary.....	30,504.83
Micue, Darren	2,984.78	Northern New England Telephone Ops LLC	5,826.85
Mid Coast Management, LLC	10,106.07	Nuite, Amber L.....	3,057.19
Midcoast Federal Credit Union.....	33,008.87	Olmsted, Robert W. & Elaine B.	3,281.48
Midcoast First Aid, LLC	5,419.28	Olson, Virginia M.....	1,991.81
Miller, Douglas E. & Grace E.....	4,724.32	O'Neil, James F. & Harriet W.	2,562.45
Miller, John E. & Lynette S.....	4,816.69	Orcutt, Arlene S.....	2,086.11
Miller, Nathan A.	1,151.12	Orcutt, Thomas S. & Carolyn X. Revocable Trust.....	1,949.30
Mills, Bruce J. & Paula J.	6,332.02	Orluk, Sandra F.....	4,081.67
Mills, Charlotte M.	1,467.05	O'Ryan, Linden.....	2,584.68
Mills, Christopher R. & Paula M.	4,377.25	Osterday, John M. & Sara J.....	3,125.72
Mills, Stephen & Lewis Arthur & Margaret W. (LE).....	3,340.08	Overlock, Dwight % Benner	1,273.34
Mills, Susan J., Stephen J. & Karen M.	1,128.74	Overlock, Dwight L. & Sheryl L.	4,623.56
Mitchell, Mary	202.45	Paolino, Aaron D.	2,874.10
Mitchell, Peter B. & Denise.....	6,681.89	Paradis, Armand J. & Mary E.....	4,544.47
Mlynarski, Kathleen J. & Edmund T.....	3,568.22	Paradis, Robert A. & Chantal.....	638.86

Param, LLC & Dave, Chetan.....	7,778.17	Pretzel, Carol Ann.....	2,340.31
Parent, Christopher & Alina	988.79	Prior, Dale & Lee S.....	4,040.78
Parisi, Roseann.....	2,792.53	Pritchard, Constance R.....	3,485.97
Parsons, Pamela M.....	2,691.83	Proctor, Loring E. & Debbie A.....	1,794.55
Payne, Darcy M.	5,177.67	Putansu, Sharon E.....	2,451.26
Payson, Timothy	5,659.59	Qian, Jian Ping.....	7,675.52
Pease, Arnold S. Jr.....	1,495.80	R&D Trash Removal	906.56
Pease, Arnold S. Sr. & Donna	4,455.91	Rackliffe, Jeremy & Mary.....	3,145.17
Pease, Arthur E. & Marie F.....	6,381.27	Rahaim, George L. & Laura Renee	4,395.27
Peasley, Renee L.....	2,084.11	Ranney, Mark W.....	4,220.99
Peck, Daria M.....	3,664.87	Ranquist, Donna	2,400.38
Pedreira, Margaret P.....	3,339.44	Ranquist, Gwendolyn M. & Robinson, Beverly A.	1,986.75
Penitentiary Holding III, LLC	6,021.87	Rapalyea, Richard G. & Walden-Rapalyea, Diane	5,391.76
Penney, Russell A. Estate; Wilson, Marilyn H., Pers. Rep.....	4,816.41	Raynes, Eleanor D. & Bernard E.....	2,601.62
Pensco Trust Co FBO Lynn M. Crowell, IRA	4,170.53	Rector, Christopher W. & Elisabeth P. ..	6,559.61
Perkins, Brian D. & Anne E.	5,533.48	Rector, Marian E.....	3,141.21
Perkins, Paul R. & Carole G.....	2,484.65	Reinhold, Tracy E. & Karl G.....	6,788.59
Perry, Benjamin C. & Mary A.....	3,172.31	Renton, Lisa J. & Redfern, Scott	3,850.51
Perry, Marian	134.96	Reynolds, Linda D.....	1,676.75
Perry, Meredith J.....	2,519.71	Ricci, Patrick J. & Chananad.....	6,438.94
Peters, Clyson L. & Dyann J.....	2,716.63	Rice, Michael J. & Andrea J.....	4,227.00
Peterson, Mark E. & Neala F.....	7,809.01	Rich, Carol A.....	2,606.68
Peterson, Mark R.....	476.34	Richards, Joanne L.....	3,407.68
Peterson, Monalisa	1,409.14	Richards, Martha J.....	1,460.61
Petit, Jennifer & Haskell, Mark	2,964.46	Richards, William J.....	3,914.62
Pfander, Erika B.....	1,248.66	Richardson, Mark D.....	2,289.85
Philbrook, Leroy W. & Leroy Ernest ...	1,677.71	Richardson, Seth.....	344.57
Philbrook, Mark E.....	3,649.36	Riff, Judith A.....	1,839.77
Philbrook, Maxine H.....	2,701.74	Rifkind Family Trust.....	9,708.93
Philip, Charles B. & Amy V.....	998.00	Riley, Shane R. & Ainslee R.....	2,761.03
Pietroski, Donald F. & Anne A.....	2,244.16	Rinehart, Roger L. & Dawn M.....	829.43
Pietroski, Matthew D.....	2,325.47	Ripley, Lorice F.....	3,049.81
Pinkham, Muriel M.....	2,871.51	Rising Properties, LLC.....	5,275.47
Pinkham, Paul A. & Susan E.....	1,697.32	Risteen, Jesse A. & Sage L.....	2,025.10
Piper, Jane S. Revocable Trust	4,065.70	River, Kella	2,334.94
Pittocco, Philip M. Sr., Sara Elizabeth D., & Philip M. Jr.....	4,659.78	Rizkalla, Kristine L. & Bull, Sondra D.	684.25
Platt, Lawrence D. Jr.....	2,030.61	Roberson, Jacquelyn & Terrance F.....	3,732.34
Plummer, Evelyn T. Estate; John R. Plummer, Sr., Heir	1,887.95	Roberts, Adam L. & Catherine M.....	1,719.85
Podmaniczky, Michael S.....	3,787.82	Roberts, Calvin & Barbara	1,638.37
Polk, Pamela J.....	3,968.23	Roberts, Lance J. & Jennifer A.....	2,345.80
Port Clyde Seafood Co.	8,754.81	Robertson, Kevin P. & Patricia P.	4,271.00
Porter Family Thomaston Trust.....	3,980.00	Robertson, Sarah E.....	1,819.77
Portland Cellular Partnership dba Verizon Wireless	2,378.52	Robertson, Walter A.....	3,195.42
Powell, Douglas L. & Carr, Barbara	1,586.83	Robinson, Andrew J. & Friesen, Mary Ann.....	1,532.79
Prater, Willard & Phyllis	3,698.34	Robinson, Charles B. & Tina M.....	1,018.04
Prentiss, George A. Jr.....	1,982.06	Robinson, Donna F. Estate; Robinson, Stacy L., Pers. Rep.....	1,795.39
Prescott, Lorna Berry	4,772.16	Robinson, Ernest F. & Sharon L.....	2,312.15
Preston, Mark W.....	3,513.33	Robinson, Eva M.....	3,110.43
		Robinson, Gail D.....	2,782.76

Robinson, Keith A. & Susan M.	1,841.31	Sanborn, Darryl & Julie;	
Robinson, Marian A.	4,305.85	Cross Janice D. Life Estate	6,798.08
Robinson, Michael L. & Valerie J.	2,775.12	Sanborn, Darryl E.	9,362.36
Robinson, Paul D. & Becky J.	3,999.59	Sanborn, Darryl E. &	
Robinson, Percy C.	1,456.27	McCollett, Kurt A.	3,020.22
Robinson, Sarah E. &		Sanborn, David E. & Joan M.	3,555.03
Nardone, Richard J.	4,993.84	Sanborn, Herbert E. & Marion Life Est. &	
Robinson, William E. & Beverly A.	2,381.85	Reynolds, Linda D. & Melissa J.	3,437.94
Robison, Ann L.	5,806.53	Sanborn, Jacalyn D.	1,156.98
Rockland Downtown	13,168.82	Sanborn, Jacalyn D. & Reed, Cynthia ...	1,893.29
Rockland Realty LLC	2,725.30	Sanders, Tina L.	2,479.36
Rockville Realty, Inc.	1,942.51	Sanderson, Stewart J. &	
Roebke, Ernest E. Estate; Coughlin,		Belajonas, Cynthia J.	1,131.48
Tracy Roebke, Pers. Rep.	3,703.70	Sanfilippo, Aimee Lynne	247.51
Rogers, Jean F. &		Sanfilippo, James Estate; Sanfilippo,	
Tremblay, Kimberly M.	1,221.43	Aimee Lynne, Pers. Rep.	3,421.06
Rohr, Peter M. & Wanda J.	8,151.77	Saucier, Daniel P.	2,458.29
Rolfe Enterprises, LLC	6,165.11	Saunders, Derek J. & Melanie A.	2,411.70
Rolfe, Kenneth J.	3,503.27	Sawmill Lane, LLC	5,530.34
Roman, Wilbur E. Sr. & Jean	721.81	Sawyer, David & Michelle B.	2,816.42
Rootie Kazootie LLC	28,036.81	Sawyer, Harold	2,384.95
Roscoe, Barbara G.	1,902.50	Sawyer, Maurice Estate;	
Roscoe, Frank E.	1,947.63	Sawyer, Dennis R. Pers. Rep.	47.02
Ross, Cindy L.	1,939.39	Sawyer, Melissa M. & Chad J.	1,623.07
Ross, Leslie	2,482.80	Sawyer, Ross E.	4,133.62
Ross, Thomas & Janette M.	13,335.02	Sawyer, Thomas M. & Rhonda S.	2,398.61
Rousselle, Buffy S. &		Schmidgall, Richard & Dolores	3,728.40
Roland P. & Anne Marie	3,574.42	Schooley, Lawrence C. & Ellin	4,561.56
Route, Jeannine L.	1,159.50	Schroeder, Frances L. (LE) &	
Royer, Bruce A. Estate;		Merrifield, Cynthia	1,256.68
Royer, Lisa Anne, Pers. Rep.	2,443.81	Schulberg, Cinda H.	3,767.23
RRP Judaica Asset Holdings, LLC	17,886.85	Seal Harbor Construction LLC	6,703.04
Rubenstein, Julian S.	3,863.57	Seavey, Christopher S. & Sarah M.	3,580.41
Rubenstein, Linda & Sevon, Marilyn J. ...	427.94	Secotte, Kevin & Cocks, Jill	4,584.48
Rucevice, Thomas E. &		Seekins, Pearle E. Irrevocable Trust	2,244.07
Estey-Rucevice, Terri L.	3,305.48	Seekins, Wayne D. & Claire F.	6,389.10
Rudolph, David L. & Judith N.	4,807.69	Seiders, Guy & Diane	4,445.02
Rule, Laurie A. & Philip T.	3,791.40	Senecal, Daniel	9,325.37
Rush, Don & Lauren	4,380.25	Sequin, Dawn M.	3,011.57
Russell, Ralph	932.09	Sevon, Arthur E. & Edith	1,425.51
Russo, Julie B. &		Sewell, Alan D.	243.77
Brooks, Mark F. & Stephen T.	2,996.38	Shaw, Bernard G.	3,718.61
Russomano, Philip J. Jr.	2,501.35	Shaw, Daniel B. & Sharon D.	1,957.63
Ryan, Jane F.	2,114.56	Shay, Daniel C.	2,088.11
Rytky, Marcia A.	313.71	Shepard Brothers Partnership	74,057.27
S&S Properties Trust	7,064.55	Shepard, Jessica M.	2,740.52
Sadler, Marion E. Estate;		Shields, Donald & Mary Ann	2,310.12
Strong, James, Pers. Rep.	3,157.09	Shields, John E. & Joanne M.	1,083.44
Sady, Ian	2,666.31	Shook, Thomas G.	4,516.81
Sala, Tracy Ann &		Short, Robert E. & Jeanne V.	3,459.42
Mergendahl, Peter P.	3,146.50	Shortall, Keith T.	1,688.65
Sally, Catherine S.	2,460.04	Silverman, Constance	3,305.84
		Simeone, James J. & Althea H.	3,092.27

Simmons, Scott W.....	1,444.47	Stearns, Richard & Mona F.....	3,458.62
Simmons, Virginia C.....	1,405.58	Steele, Steven R. & Donna D.....	2,486.63
Simmons, Wallace D. & Roxanne T.	3,281.93	Steel-Pro Land LLC	4,058.23
Simms, Elizabeth C. & Jeffery J.	3,708.52	Steeves, Jamie.....	2,191.31
Simms, Garrett	3,098.86	Steiner, Christopher A.....	2,463.46
Simoneau, Craig N.	5,921.75	Stephens, Marlene L.....	1,284.34
Simoneau, Jo Ann.....	5,889.43	Stern, Kenneth M. & Abigail E.....	6,784.80
Simoneau, Mary G.....	6,603.92	Sternberg, David B.....	2,250.51
Sirois, Wayne A. & Paula J.....	2,285.46	Stevens, James W. & Maureen P.	8,847.37
SLA, L.L.C.	3,748.83	Stewart, Suzanne L.....	2,655.92
Smalley, Brian & Jean Ann.....	2,772.21	Stilwell, Nicholas S. & Megan J.	2,534.93
Smart Properties, LLC	14,480.44	Stine, Gregory & Sherry.....	3,758.40
Smist, Mark L. & Peggy	2,451.21	Stinson, Toby E. & Katherine.....	3,815.58
Smith, David C.....	1,483.83	Stinson, Wayne W. & Brenda W.	5,104.63
Smith, Glenn M.....	2,604.37	Stites, William & Sara.....	5,858.59
Smith, Jerry A. & Victoria C.....	3,656.01	Stone, Eleanor & Kaufmann, Janice M. ...	929.20
Smith, John H.....	1,769.95	Stone, Marion H.....	2,691.30
Smith, Keith K. & Kimi L.....	3,871.41	Stone, Sayward & Valerie	3,166.48
Smith, Keith K., Kimi L. & Desiree	2,714.20	Stopper, Roger C. & Virginia E.....	2,685.18
Smith, Linda L.....	1,007.39	Storer, Paul E.	2,600.87
Smith, Martin R.....	2,821.02	Strong, Mark W. & Julie C.....	13,010.79
Smith, Nancy E.	2,677.50	Strong, Mary H.	10,545.70
Smith, Patricia J.....	1,636.22	Strong, Scott V. & Corinna M.	3,324.37
Smith, Samuel R.....	1,258.27	Strong, Tiffany M.....	2,915.61
Smith, Spencer E. & Barbara E.....	3,280.08	Stuart-Libbey, Rosemary.....	337.12
Smith, Theresa.....	3,716.01	Stump, Rita & Brewer-Mahan, Joanne....	478.77
Snow, Lynn M.....	323.44	Sturks, James C.....	2,323.33
Snow, Robert C. & Lynn M.....	3,629.43	Sturks, James L.	2,696.48
Sobel, Steven.....	2,412.52	Sullivan, Elizabeth A.....	3,005.95
Sofyanos, John C. & Peggy L.		Sullivan, Robert W.....	5,266.75
Revocable Trust.....	9,075.25	Sunderland, Shawn P.....	2,415.29
Soule, George E.....	1,930.97	Sunset Acres	
Spaulding, Patricia L.	2,888.11	Mobile Home Cooperative	3,301.91
Spearin, Donn D.	1,579.26	Surek, Peter L. & Sonja K.	2,384.69
Spencer, Sara.....	2,860.67	Surek, Shawn D. & Hersom, Lisa L.	4,343.66
Spicer, Justin J. & Vanorse, Holly J.	1,494.83	Sutherland, Earl Allen	2,591.05
Spofford, Barry A. & Stacy J.....	2,330.29	Swan, Jeffrey A.....	2,670.12
Spooner, Jana L. & Daniel F.....	2,729.33	Swan, Kyle & Johnson, Julee	3,123.50
Spring, Ellen R.....	520.57	Swanson, Anita L.....	1,603.51
Spring, Ellen R.	5,718.55	Swanson, Roy J. & Anita K.....	3,432.51
Spring, Robert E. Estate;		Sylvester, Jerry S.....	3,370.47
Lee, Isla E., Pers. Rep.....	3,474.93	Sylvester, Joanna G.....	2,522.68
Sprowl, John S. Jr.....	4,084.51	Sylvester, Kay K.	2,418.42
St. Clair, Beverly.....	2,603.94	Tabbutt, Donald L. & Myah L.	2,620.17
Stackpole, Julie.....	6,688.32	Taft, Janek S.	3,192.99
Staffieri Klim, Holly B.		Tahincioglu, Brandon & Kimberly	3,012.36
Supplemental Needs Trust.....	2,745.74	Talbot, David C. & Donnalee S.	1,583.60
Stafford, Robert E. &		Talkin, Mari E.....	3,620.15
Sampson, Patience.....	6,046.36	Tardif, Gail P.	1,873.27
Staples, Carol M.....	1,518.50	Tardiff, Laurie.....	8,240.35
Staples, Eugene W. & Lorrie B.....	2,115.70	Tassinari, Richard C. & Jennie M.	2,138.71
Staples, Larry C. & Jean A.	3,919.27	Taylor, Alan K. & Wanda D.....	3,917.12
Steam Ship Associates LLC.....	58,287.76	Taylor, James R.....	1,680.36

Taylor, Patricia A.....	2,193.03	Wagner, Teresa Ann.....	6,551.73
Temple, John & Shelly.....	1,746.30	Walker, Judith M. & McCarthy, Daniel.....	2,069.71
Theobalds, Doug.....	4,692.04	Walker, Melissa M.	2,418.48
Theobalds, Douglas C. & Zonjee, Paul F.....	12,520.12	Walker, Stephen E. & Etta A.	3,761.89
Thomaston Auction Properties LLC ...	16,923.65	Wallace, Lindy L.....	1,786.84
Thomaston Baptist Ch Parsonage	2,817.82	Wallace, Raymond L. & Ann S. LE & Wallace, Lindy L.....	940.46
Thomaston Federated Ch Prsnge	3,254.90	Wallace, Raymond L. Jr. & Raymond L. Sr. & Ann S. LE.....	2,651.35
Thomaston Hotel LLC.....	102,461.67	Wal-Mart Real Estate Business Trust	296,813.49
Thomaston Property Holding, LLC ...	49,502.00	Walsh, Richard E. & Catherine L.....	2,047.61
Thomaston Realty, LLC	14,651.66	Ward, Neil K. & Polly A.	4,973.77
Thorbjornson, Travis & Renee	2,963.43	Warford, Faye F. & Bill J.	2,616.73
Thorndike, Annie & Donald R.....	1,909.47	Washburn, Frances	2,905.06
Thorndike, Wayne S.....	789.23	Wass, Jeffrey D.	2,722.11
Thorndike, Wayne S., Robert A. & Donald R.	1,676.81	Wasson, William M. & Judith A.	2,864.09
Tibbetts, Arthur Jr.....	3,450.49	Watkins, Kendra L. & Jonathan M.....	9,820.23
Tibbetts, Paul E. Living Trust.....	3,967.82	Watson, Zachary D. & Mary.....	1,831.16
Todd, Western A. Jr. & Goddard, Jana	4,348.33	Watts, Bentley M.....	1,189.22
Tokarz, Peter P. & Donna E.	7,050.09	Watts, Harold & Lauren B.	3,882.92
Toler, Larry L. & Cynthia M.	3,104.62	Watts, James M. & Elizabeth.....	2,468.39
Townsend, Darryl J. & Heidi L.....	5,508.17	Watts, Robert F. Jr.....	2,138.11
Trolleboda Group	11,824.44	Watts, Watts & Watts	1,380.38
Trout, Stuart F.....	1,520.65	Weaver, Benjamin M.	1,549.51
Tucker, Brenda L.	4,034.90	Weaver, Donald J. & Laurel B.....	6,834.62
Tung, Sanhuang	3,538.55	Weaver, Julia M. Estate; Clifton W. Weaver, Heir.....	2,350.34
Turner, Richard P. & Carmen H.	1,844.33	Webster, Craig H. & Mary D.	2,974.73
Tyler, Aimee E.....	2,727.26	Weddle, Jacqueline E.....	1,787.23
Tyler, William R. & Sarah A.	2,660.03	Weed, Curtis B. Jr. & Karen S.	1,378.45
Union Block Property, LLC	8,047.74	Wells, John F. & Roxanne	3,354.31
Upham, Gary.....	2,547.75	Wescott, Kevin.....	8,917.83
Upham, John W. & Lee Ann M.....	2,301.94	Westover, Gerald F. & Coleen A.	3,574.40
Upham, Paula L.	1,426.27	Wheaton Family Trust	2,847.02
US Bank National Association	3,710.17	Wheaton, B. Thomas	1,499.14
Uyttewaal, Justin R. & Cassandra A.	3,706.95	Whipple, Betty	393.70
Valliere, Marcel & Jill.....	1,093.17	White, Leona.....	1,920.94
Van Campen, Timothy & Susan H.....	4,315.34	Whithead, Michael W. & Wolfe, Kathryn S.	3,343.55
Van Dine, Lee C. & Wendy-Jo.....	2,360.82	Whiting, David D. & Judith.....	2,461.99
Van Horn, Leon D.....	3,310.58	Whiting, Scott K.....	3,098.92
Vanorse, Katy	1,852.91	Whitney, Barbara G.....	6,398.12
Vargas, Miguelangel N. & Bethany E...	2,206.28	Whitten, Leroy R. Jr. & Susan M.....	5,312.78
Vargas, Richard A. & Joan K.	2,771.63	Wiggin, Harold L. & Phyllis E. Living Trust	1,767.26
Varsano, Martha G. & Barbara G.	3,406.50	Wigglesworth, Allan F. & Laurel B.	2,825.14
Veilleux, Brian T. & Andrea M.....	2,502.67	Wiley, Donald E. & Geraldine M.....	2,759.88
Veit, Karen S.	4,122.60	Willett, Jerry L.	2,321.79
Verge, Dana R. & Donalene	3,773.66	Williams, Irene Brooks	1,139.80
Vigue, John H.	7,297.70	Williams, J. Vance & Luchetti, Carol Q.....	5,910.17
Von Kamecke, Nobuko	2,928.82		
Vose, Nichole E.	2,324.33		
W. R. Rhea Assoc., Inc.	3,027.09		
W. W. Wood Properties, LLC	4,064.92		
Wade, Rachel E.	2,497.33		

Williams, Melvin & Douglas	3,628.87	Woodman, Chandler S. & Arlene C.....	3,088.87
Williams, Warren Estate; Wright, Rebecca, Pers. Rep.	2,817.45	Woodman, Jeffrey M. & Christina L. ...	15,819.16
Willis, Jason & Karen M.	2,547.80	Wooster, Henry T. & Dallman, Laura...	2,535.70
Willis, Paul J. & Karen E.....	2,676.75	Wooster, John Jr. & Lewis, Shirley J.	366.60
Wilson, Janice F.	3,219.55	Wooster, Shirley A. Estate; Benner, Lorraine Ann, Pers. Rep.	2,322.80
Wilson, Paul G. & Sandra A.	7,418.89	Workman, Robert & Joan & Noah.....	993.44
Wilson, Timothy H.....	3,306.38	Worley-Smith, Brett & Smith, Russell J. Estate	3,397.57
Wincapaw, Karen	2,159.93	Wotton, Sherwood L. Jr. & Patricia J.Moran.....	2,939.35
Winchenbach, Eugene F. III & Leila C.	2,860.41	Wotton, William G. & Christina M.....	1,995.60
Winslow, Lisa C.....	3,279.37	Yakovenko, Scott W.	3,712.58
Winslow, Richard C. & Nancy L.	2,167.91	Yates, Jason R.....	3,374.19
Winsper, Alexandra	2,327.86	Young, Douglas G. & Marjorie A.....	2,830.26
Winston, Mark D. & Jody E.	2,430.49	Young, Gary C. & Lois J.....	3,662.48
Witham, Troy H. & Dawn M.....	3,295.08	Young, Michael S. & Amy K.	2,651.25
Wojtul, Peter	2,519.18	Young, Robert O. & Cynthia L.....	1,721.92
Wolfe, Christopher W.....	2,138.82	Young, Tammi L.....	2,009.43
Wolfertz, Melody	1,911.49	Zwick, Gerald D. & Micaela B.....	4,724.56
Wood, Nancy M.....	2,976.71		
Wood, Timothy & Harkins, Amanda	2,271.69		
Wood, Wendy Jo W.	1,957.31		

2016-2017 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

Advanced Roof Systems, Inc.....	93.40	Carney Electric	16.25
ADW Maker	37.30	Cash Depot.....	26.96
Aimee's Haircuts	9.99	Catalano's Construction Inc.	68.56
Alcott Boat Co., LLC	8.16	Charles M. Walsh	27.38
Amerigas Propane LP.....	1.49	Chemrock Corp. of DE.....	17.20
AMG Transport.....	30.07	Chep USA	328.64
Applebee's	3,975.33	China Fortune Inc.	147.20
Art Tibbetts Marine Contractors	700.26	Cigaret Shopper.....	47.30
Arthur D. Henry, Inc.	1,931.38	Cisco Systems Capital Corp.....	6.07
Athens Mediterranean Pizzeria LLC.....	464.33	Coastal Child Care Center.....	38.91
Bangor Coca Cola	599.01	Coca-Cola Company.....	41.96
Bayview Press.....	5.70	Conopco, Inc.	67.68
Because of You	10.72	Corey's Vending.com.....	1.08
Beechwood Apartments & Laukka, Bruce & Patrice	168.70	Creative Images Hair Salon	64.80
Benjamin D. Knight Software Development.....	4.17	Creek Hill Auto Repair	2,664.85
Best Felts, Inc.	86.79	CSC Service Works	25.05
Bissell Rental LLC.....	36.72	Custom Coatings, Inc.....	129.81
Boat Shop	440.49	Daggett Plumbing & Heating.....	112.08
Bournival Woodwork.....	14.10	DIRECTV LLC	284.38
Branch Brook Farm.....	415.07	Dish Network LLC	114.02
Bridal Bouquet Floral.....	17.91	dishNet Satellite Braodband LLC	2.69
Brooks Forest Products	502.16	Donna's Little Darlings Daycare	133.52
Brooks Trap Mill.....	8,649.57	Dorman's Dairy Dream	145.52
Brown & Brown Gunsmithing.....	30.26	Dragon Products Co. LLC	551,850.05
Bryant Construction	546.99	Dunkin' Donuts.....	913.58
Camden National Bank	1,399.97	Dusty's Hardwood Flooring	27.35
		East Coast Rover Co.....	30.64
		Eastern Construction Co.	68.89

ecoATM, Inc.....	568.68	Midcoast Federal Credit Union.....	4,624.29
eFunds Corporation.....	1.29	Midcoast First Aid, LLC.....	41.00
Elavon.....	81.02	Midcoast Marine Supply.....	76.89
Element Financial Corp.....	1,404.94	MidCoLab.....	112.08
Elizabeth's Cuts and Styles.....	26.82	Mobile Mini, Inc.	13.08
Enterprise Rent-A-Car Co. of Boston LLC.....	330.64	Monkey-Doo Daycare	42.65
Epifanes N.A., Inc.....	1,243.21	Mr. Tire Company.....	544.04
F & A's Market	266.97	Muzak LLC.....	28.75
Fabian Oil, Inc.	128.26	National Entertainment Network LLC	23.93
Fastenal Company.....	700.37	Northeast Coffee Company.....	36.84
Feed Store Inc.....	26.34	Northeast Patients Group.....	803.24
Ferraiolo Construction Co.	14,364.14	Northern Leasing Systems Inc.	16.14
First Data Merchant Services Corp.....	23.48	Northern New England Telephone Ops LLC.....	314.18
Flagship Cinema	25,531.06	Nouria Energy	4,786.15
Fred's Coffee.....	12.78	NuCo2 Supply Inc.....	10.89
Fujifilm North America Corp.....	51.67	Oak Run Heating LLC.....	164.10
George C. Hall & Sons, Inc.....	688.86	Ocean Way Mental Health Agency, Inc. .	149.44
Grayhawk Leasing LLC.....	1,116.67	Omni Construction	11.58
Great Heron Works.....	59.59	On the Edge Fitness.....	6.22
GreatAmerica Financial Svcs Corp.....	111.87	One Hundred Fifty Main Salon.....	126.58
Guardian Lawn Care.....	205.48	One Hundred One Park Avenue Partners, Inc.	431.86
Hall Funeral Home & Cremation Services.....	49.82	Outerwall Inc.....	145.76
Hampton Inn & Suites.....	9,536.44	Oyster River Landscape.....	273.49
Haynes Galleries.....	318.62	Paint It Shoreself Ceramic & Pottery Shop.....	17.69
Hershey's Ice Cream	71.75	Patriot Builders/Patriot Automotive	599.63
Hewlett-Packard Enterprise Company	14.44	Pattison Sign Group Inc.....	202.38
Hewlett-Packard Financial Services	104.94	Penobscot Electric Inc.	58.34
Hillman Group Inc.	147.42	Pick Qwik	195.90
Hi-Tech Communications	127.40	Pine State Trading Co.....	282.96
Horse & Hound Veterinary Services.....	231.02	Primo Water Corp	122.30
Hughes Network Systems, LLC	6.59	RealD, Inc.	272.95
Hylar Agency.....	93.33	Redbox.....	207.07
Interstate Septic Inc.....	724.43	Rock City Cycle.....	436.83
Isaac Rhode Painting.....	54.70	Rock Coast Plumbing & Heating.....	344.20
Jeff's Marine, Inc.....	1,187.13	Rockland Ford.....	1,603.73
KDK, LLC.....	1,936.72	Scientific Games Int. Inc.	100.42
Kendra L. Potz, Esq.	2.45	Scott B. Kingsley DMD.....	540.88
KeyBank National Association.....	19.22	Shepard Brothers Storage	3.74
Knox Hotel Apartments	475.82	Shepard Motors Inc.	467.00
Les Pecheries de Chez-Nous	60.71	Shepard Sales Inc.	303.55
Little Lady Electrolysis Shop	12.09	Slipway Restaurant.....	1,367.47
Lowe's Home Centers Inc.....	27,641.19	Smartstyle #2172.....	349.05
Lucette Boarding Home Inc.	906.93	Strong & Hokkanen Attorneys.....	36.67
Lyman Morse Boatbuilding Co. Inc.....	18,432.64	Strong Agency, Inc.....	45.99
Maine Fiber Co., Inc.	297.93	Studio 494.....	66.61
Maine RSA#1 Inc.	813.05	SuperCuts.....	536.49
Maine Water Company	55,306.75	Tax Services of America Inc.....	92.69
Mason's Creations.....	66.69	The Black Dirt Guy	559.52
McDonald's #35296.....	9,018.70	The Postcard Dude	22.51
Meadows Auto Body	107.84	Thomaston Boat & Engine Works	172.47
Merge MD Solutions LLC	112.08		

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Thomaston Café.....	209.29	Verizon Credit Inc.....	41.41
Thomaston Grocery.....	25.89	Verizon Wireless.....	864.04
Thomaston Laundromat	347.67	ViaSat, Inc.	2.45
Thomaston Place		Vision Quest Productions	88.80
Auction Galleries, Inc.	1,126.20	Wabasha Leasing LLC	37.68
Thomaston Recycling.....	1,957.16	Wal-Mart Stores East LP.....	84,971.70
Thomaston Subway.....	909.36	Wasses Hot Dogs	10.16
Thomaston Yoga Studio, LLC.....	10.33	Wayport, Inc.....	24.88
Tidal Works Gallery.....	0.80	WBIN Media Co., Inc.....	1,080.13
Tilbury House Publishers	46.20	wceDesign and wcePublishing.....	87.33
Time Warner Cable Internet LLC	184.02	Wells Fargo Financial Leasing LLC	1,362.22
Time Warner Cable Northeast LLC	5,606.11	Wes's Glass	48.55
TimePayment Corp.	102.83	Western Union Financial Services Inc.....	9.49
Tractor Supply Co.	4,367.50	William E. Dornan & Sons	799.49
Tyco Integrated Security LLC	1.33	Williams Scotsman, Inc.	110.14
US Bank National Association	272.20	Woodcraft Shop, Inc.....	76.48
Valliere Design Studio	103.23	Zack Shack.....	515.47

Top 20 Taxpayers 2016-17

Owner	\$179,127,115 TAX VAL	\$3,346,095 TAX	% of Total Tax	Accum % of Tot Tax
1. Dragon Products Co. LLC	86,215,095	1,610,497.97	22.0%	22.0%
2. Wal-Mart Stores East LP/Wal-Mart Real Estate Business Trust	20,438,179	381,785.18	5.2%	27.3%
3. Lowe's Home Centers Inc.	16,725,621	312,434.60	4.3%	31.5%
4. Lyman Morse Boatbuilding Co. Inc./Cabot Lyman/Lyman & Sons, LLC/Adz Partnership	8,281,472	154,697.90	2.1%	33.7%
5. Hampton Inn & Suites/Thomaston Hotel LLC	5,995,616	111,998.11	1.5%	35.2%
6. Tractor Supply Co./Greeley Associates, LLC	4,803,753	89,734.11	1.2%	36.4%
7. Flagship Cinema/Steamship Associates LLC	4,487,089	83,818.82	1.1%	37.6%
8. Maine Water Company	4,157,312	77,658.59	1.1%	38.6%
9. Shepard Bros Partnership/Shepard Motors Inc./Shepard Sales Inc./Shepard Bros Storage	4,005,972	74,831.56	1.0%	39.6%
10. Central Maine Power Co.	3,938,093	73,563.58	1.0%	40.7%
11. McDonald's/Nouria Energy/Thomaston Property Holding, LLC	3,389,018	63,306.86	0.9%	41.5%
12. B.F.E. LLC /Greenfield Apts/Midcoast Marine/Fastenal/NE Patients Group/China Fortune/Subdivision	2,748,983	51,351.00	0.7%	42.2%
13. Brooks Trap Mill/KMB, LLC/Sawmill Lane LLC	2,402,094	44,871.12	0.6%	42.8%
14. Knox Hotel Assoc., LP	2,319,983	43,337.28	0.6%	43.4%
15. Midcoast Federal Credit Union	2,014,623	37,633.16	0.5%	43.9%
16. Applebee's/Rootie Kazootie LLC	1,713,712	32,012.14	0.4%	44.4%
17. Nightingale, Richard & Mary	1,633,021	30,504.83	0.4%	44.8%
18. Goodnow, Justin E.	1,484,308	27,726.87	0.4%	45.2%
19. George C. Hall & Sons, Inc.	1,414,710	26,426.78	0.4%	45.5%
20. Chemrock Corp. of DE/RRP Judaica Asset Holdings, LLC	958,461	17,904.05	0.2%	45.8%

GENERAL ASSISTANCE

Valmore G. Blastow, Jr.

General Assistance Administrator

The Town received 24 requests for assistance. Of these, 5 were denied based on State DHHS Title MSA 22 Guidelines. Typically, they are over income without an emergency established by the Administrator’s review.

The 2016 guidelines for income for the next 30 day period for one individual is \$743.00, 2 individuals \$745.00 and 3 individuals \$916.00, minus their household income for the same period.

The Town approved 19 requests totaling \$8,871.54. Of these, 2 were for heating fuel \$437.07, 15 for rent \$5869.50, 2 for water supply \$283.70, 4 for electricity \$1,236.85, 3 for food \$209.42, and 1 funeral for \$835. This is the third year of the requests trending downward.

Since 2007, nine years the total cost was \$168,994.00 with 581 requests averaging \$290.00 each or \$18,777.00 annually. The year 2009 was the highest since at least 1992 at a cost of \$36,053.00 with 118 requests approved averaging \$305.00. This calendar year 2016 the cost was \$8,871.00.

Year	Total Expended	No. of Applicants	Average Payment for 30 day period per request
1992	\$ 24,844		
1993	\$ 23,038	58	\$ 397
1994	\$ 13,007	90	\$ 144
1995	\$ 6,454	51	\$ 126
1996	\$ 10,223	57	\$ 179
1997	\$ 12,310	80	\$ 153
1998	\$ 6,442	37	\$ 174
1999	\$ 9,406	38	\$ 248
2000	\$ 19,353	63	\$ 307
2001	\$ 9,391	31	\$ 302
2002	\$ 3,877	27	\$ 143
2003	\$ 8,228	48	\$ 171
2004	\$ 12,044	49	\$ 246
2005	\$ 9,562	35	\$ 273
2006	\$ 11,591	31	\$ 374
2007	\$ 10,223	35	\$ 292
2008	\$ 25,419	85	\$ 299
2009	\$ 36,053	118	\$ 305
2010	\$ 20,497	88	\$ 233
2011	\$ 31,959	106	\$ 302
2013	\$ 16,254	65	\$ 250
2014	\$ 9,830	31	\$ 317
2015	\$ 9,889	44	\$ 341
2016	\$ 8,871	24	\$ 370

The Alternate G.A. Administrator, Jodell Benson assisted all year long. This adds depth to the Town's ability to ensure assistance is provided to citizens on a timely basis.

The Town also administers the Samuel Watts Fund for the Worthy Poor and Charitable Fund accounts. The Samuel Watts Fund provided the annual Thanksgiving Baskets through the Thomaston Interfaith Food Pantry at a cost of \$1,400.00. Kudos to this group serving the Town week after week, all year long. The fund also provides for the Rockland District Nursing Association to hold the blood pressure clinics held in Town at a cost of \$300.00, plus six rental payments for \$1,195, for a total of \$2,895.00.

The Charitable Fund is utilized to assist those individuals in need who do not specifically meet the General Assistance Guidelines. This economy has revealed that from time to time a family can be overwhelmed financially and only need a one-time boost to assist them over a hurdle. The Town approved 7 requests; 5 for rent, 1 for electricity, 1 for personal/food totaling \$2,509.29.

Municipal Spending

TAX YEAR	MUNICIPAL LESS REVENUES	TOTAL MIL RATE	MUNICIPAL MIL RATE	KNOX COUNTY MIL RATE	SAD #50 MIL RATE	MUNICIPAL MIL RATE W/O UNDESIGN.	REVENUE FROM UNDESIGN.	VALUATION	TOTAL TAX COMMITTED
1994	1,679,194 <u>-754,789</u> 924,405	18.60	6.62	158,901 1.08	1,589,031 10.53		175,000	144,218,180	2,682,458
						7.62			
1995	1,702,826 <u>-693,139</u> 1,009,687	19.85	6.94	163,518 1.12	1,698,897 11.68		175,000	145,450,620	2,887,196
						8.14			
1996	1,484,714 <u>-700,528</u> 784,186	20.95	5.35	170,428 1.16	1,800,281 12.29		120,000	146,459,900	3,068,334
						6.17			
1997/1998	1,673,612 <u>-820,924</u> 852,688	22.20	5.76	175,305 1.19	1,943,693 13.15		100,000	147,819,680	3,281,596
						6.44			
1998/1999	1,771,052 <u>-849,007</u> 922,045	23.00	6.68	182,035 1.32	2,055,284 14.90		0	137,908,460	3,057,584 (114,310) 3,171,894
1999/2000	1,843,742 <u>-868,666</u> 975,076	23.95	6.96	171,081 1.22	2,202,037 15.72		0	140,115,560	3,118,463 (118,776) 3,237,242
2000/2001	1,893,975 <u>-913,705</u> 980,270	24.95	7.13	174,434 1.25	2,316,907 16.57		0	139,802,030	3,365,806 (122,255) 3,488,061
2001/2002	1,873,428 <u>-931,504</u> 941,924	25.30	6.58¹	237,136 1.52 191,505 45,631	2,453,107 17.20		0	138,961,350	3,515,723 (129,106) 3,644,829
2002/2003	1,959,979 <u>-968,397</u> 991,582	22.80	6.13²	234,087 1.37 178,849 *55,238	2,608,015 15.30			170,457,660	3,766,920 (119,221) ³ 3,886,141

¹ Includes overlay in the amount of \$12,661.76

² Includes overlay in the amount of \$ 52,457.00

³ For tax year 2002/2003 the Homestead Exemption represents a \$5,229,000 valuation which translates into a savings to the taxpayers of \$119,221.

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TAX YEAR	MUNICIPAL LESS REVENUES	TOTAL MIL RATE	MUNICIPAL MIL RATE	KNOX COUNTY MIL RATE	SAD #50 MIL RATE	MUNICIPAL MIL RATE W/O UNDESIGN.	REVENUE FROM UNDESIGN.	VALUATION	TOTAL TAX COMMITTED	
2003/2004	1,981,032	22.00	5.82⁴	246,226	2,586,197			175,050,552	3,746,062	
	<u>994,144</u>			1.41	14.77				(105,050) ⁷	
	986,888			185,433	60,793				3,851,112	
2004/2005	2,086,574	20.55	5.72⁵	262,383	2,581,807			191,845,085	3,847,301	
	<u>1,040,044</u>			1.37	13.46				(95,116) ⁸	
	1,046,530			204,994	57,389				3,942,417	
									31,586,850	649,110
							Total	223,431,935	4,496,411	
2005/2006	2,171,182	19.55	5.88⁶	259,234	2,487,157			200,989,447	3,837,112	
	<u>1,012,793</u>			1.29	12.38				(92,231) ⁹	
	1,158,389			201,272	57,962				3,929,343	
									45,134,667	882,383
							Total	246,124,114	4,719,495	
2006/2007	2,378,216	20.10	6.27	277,406	2,670,118			213,048,078	4,183,288	
	<u>1,055,659</u>			1.30	12.53				(98,979)	
	1,322,557			216,749					4,282,266	
	Overlay <u>12,185</u>			60,657					46,778,692	940,252
	1,334,743								Total	259,826,770
2007/2008	2,543,116	15.80	5.28	307,939	2,868,303 *			301,818,271	4,692,480	
	<u>1,107,474</u>			1.02	9.50				(76,249)	
	1,435,642			238,316					4,768,729	
	Overlay <u>156,845</u>			69,623					48,767,766	770,531
	1,592,487								Total	350,586,037
2008/2009	2,682,073	14.95	5.02	326,176	2,891,520 *			323,941,118	4,747,893	
	<u>1,102,474</u>			1.01	8.92				(72,244)	
	1,579,599			250,613					(22,783)	
	Overlay <u>45,625</u>			75,563					49,676,516	4,842,920
	1,625,224								Total	373,617,634
2009/2010	2,669,769	15.48	5.17	339,046	3,004,355			324,440,191	4,942,828	
	<u>1,034,032</u>			1.05	9.26				(79,132)	
	1,635,737			264,971					(373)	
	Overlay <u>43,196</u>			74,075					51,516,074	5,022,334
	1,678,933								Total	375,956,265

⁴ Includes overlay in the amount of \$31,801

⁵ Includes overlay in the amount of \$51,696

⁶ Includes overlay in the amount of \$23,239

⁷ For tax year 2003/2004 the Homestead Exemption represents a \$4,775,000 valuation which translates into a savings to the taxpayers of \$105,050.

⁸ For tax year 2004/2005 the Homestead Exemption represents a \$4,650,000 valuation which translates into a savings to the taxpayers of \$95,116.

⁹ Homestead Valuation \$9,435,440 divided by 2 with Homestead Exemption savings of \$92,231

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TAX YEAR	MUNICIPAL LESS REVENUES	TOTAL MIL RATE	MUNICIPAL MIL RATE	KNOX COUNTY MIL RATE	RSU #13 MIL RATE	MUNICIPAL MIL RATE W/O UNDESIGN.	REVENUE FROM UNDESIGN.	VALUATION	TOTAL TAX COMMITTED
2010/2011	2,723,125 <u>1,065,257</u> 1,657,868 <u>29,559</u> 1,687,427	15.77	5.18	362,865 1.12 279,685 83,180	3,081,598 9.47			325,421,025 <u>49,182,864</u> 374,603,889	5,068,734 (59,747) (3,409) 5,131,890 775,614 5,844,348
2011/2012	2,723,738 <u>987,978</u> 1,735,760 <u>12,758</u> 1,748,518	15.98	5.34	369,443 1.13 282,193 87,250	3,115,596 9.51			327,506,758 <u>49,408,196</u> 376,914,954	5,172,865 (59,344) (1,348) 5,233,557 789,543 5,962,408
2012/2013	2,844,543 <u>897,368</u> 1,947,175 <u>18,150</u> 1,965,324	16.80	5.94	348,548 1.06 279,934 68,614	3,241,524 9.80			330,678,358 <u>49,730,802</u> 380,409,160	5,465,321 (63,565) (26,511) 5,555,396 835,477 6,300,798
2013/2014	2,836,216 <u>778,234</u> 2,057,982 <u>12,897</u> 2,070,879	16.74	6.12	367,738 1.09 297,530 70,208	3,221,566 9.53			338,123,260 <u>48,181,055</u> 386,304,315	5,565,831 (61,329) (33,023) 5,660,183 806,551 6,372,382
2014/2015	2,989,427 <u>787,012</u> 2,202,415 <u>7,751</u> 2,210,166	16.64	6.16	373,969 1.04 301,950 72,019	3,389,803 9.44			359,010,680 <u>45,077,467</u> 404,088,147	5,880,914 (60,230) (32,794) 5,973,938 750,089 6,631,003
2015/2016	3,132,616 <u>807,426</u> 2,325,190 <u>12,942</u> 2,338,132	18.03	6.50	395,311 1.10 322,777 72,534	3,756,886 10.44			359,973,846 <u>43,825,292</u> 403,799,138	6,357,758 (61,926) (70,645) 6,490,328 790,170 7,147,928
2016/2017	3,169,714 <u>788,706</u> 2,381,008 <u>9,584</u> 2,390,593	18.68	6.67	430,945 1.20 357,713 73,232	3,870,086 10.80			358,223,990 <u>43,335,384</u> 401,559,374	6,515,306 (101,107) (75,212) 6,691,624 809,505 7,324,811
Estimate 2017/2018	3,259,456 <u>806,136</u> 2,453,320 <u>11,007</u> 2,464,327	18.94	6.88	450,349 1.26 357,713 73,232	3,870,086 10.80			358,223,990 <u>43,335,384</u> 401,559,374	6,605,990 (102,514) (76,259) 6,784,762 820,772 7,426,762

Valuation Comparison

	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997/1998	1998/1999	1999/2000
Valuation									
Real Estate	78,009,900	78,724,500	79,464,590	119,192,600	120,375,480	121,322,090	122,504,630	114,994,530	117,120,990
Personal Property	16,614,300	15,696,900	16,282,820	25,025,580	25,075,140	25,137,810	25,315,050	17,943,930	18,045,570
Total Valuation	94,624,200	94,421,400	95,747,410	144,218,180	145,450,620	146,459,900	147,819,680	132,938,460	135,166,560
Homestead Exemption								4,970,000	4,949,000
Total Taxable Valuation Base								137,908,460	140,115,560
Revenues									
Tax Commitment	2,270,981	2,247,229	2,441,559	2,682,458	2,887,196	3,068,335	3,281,596	3,057,585	3,237,431
Anticipated Revenue	309,543	475,675	630,385	597,789	518,139	490,528	590,924	554,444	570,318
State Revenue Sharing	190,000	120,000	125,000	175,000	175,000	210,000	230,000	294,563	298,349
Homestead Reimbursement								114,310	118,360
Total Revenue	2,770,524	2,842,904	3,196,944	3,455,247	3,580,335	3,768,863	4,102,520	4,020,901	4,224,458
Revenue Commitments									
Appropriations Municipal	1,385,094	1,341,646	1,601,288	1,679,194	1,702,826	1,484,714	1,673,612	1,771,052	1,843,742
Dragon Reserve						300,000	300,000	0	0
MSAD #50	1,238,026	1,335,713	1,462,002	1,589,031	1,698,897	1,800,281	1,943,693	2,055,284	2,202,037
Knox County Tax	127,583	136,689	122,429	158,901	163,518	170,428	175,305	182,035	171,081
Overlay	19,866	28,856	11,225	28,121	15,094	13,439	9,910	12,531	7,598
Total	2,770,569	2,842,904	3,196,944	3,455,247	3,580,335	3,768,863	4,102,520	4,020,901	4,224,458
Pollution Control									
Debt Service	150,000	191,921	208,132	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000

Valuation	2000/2001	2001/2002	2002/2003	2003/2004	2004/2005	2005/2006	2006/2007	2007/2008	2008/2009
Real Estate	117,918,360	119,804,770	145,083,990	148,170,351	184,515,398	194,445,633	207,539,624	295,244,371	314,473,221
Personal Property	16,983,670	19,156,580	20,131,800	22,105,201	34,288,037	46,960,761	47,362,831	50,515,768	52,788,040
Total Valuation	134,902,030	138,961,350	165,215,790	170,275,552	218,803,435	241,406,394	254,902,455	345,760,139	367,261,261
Homestead Exemption	4,900,000	5,103,000	5,229,000	4,775,000	4,628,500	4,717,720	4,924,315	4,825,898	4,832,398
BETE Exemption									1,523,975
Total Taxable Valuation Base	139,802,030	144,064,350	170,444,790	175,050,552	223,431,935	246,124,114	259,826,770	350,586,037	373,617,634
90% captured value in TIF Dist					31,586,850	45,134,667	46,778,692	48,767,766	49,676,516
70% captured value Downtown TIF					191,845,085	200,989,447	213,048,078	301,818,271	323,941,118
Non TIF Value									
Revenues									
Tax Commitment	3,365,806	3,515,723	3,766,921	3,746,062	4,496,411	4,719,495	5,123,539	5,463,010	5,490,556
Anticipated Revenue	539,573	532,429	552,429	561,610	602,510	602,510	642,099	667,474	652,474
State Revenue Sharing	374,132	399,075	415,968	432,534	437,534	408,958	413,560	440,000	450,000
Homestead Reimbursement	122,255	129,105	119,222	105,050	95,116	92,231	98,979	76,249	72,244
BETE Reimbursement									22,783
Total Revenue	4,401,766	4,576,332	4,854,540	4,845,256	5,631,571	5,823,194	6,278,177	6,646,733	6,688,058
Revenue Commitments									
Appropriations Municipal	1,893,975	1,873,428	1,959,979	1,981,032	2,086,574	2,171,182	2,378,216	2,543,116	2,682,072
Dragon Reserve	0	0	0	0	649,110	882,383	940,252	770,531	742,664
Downtown Reserve									
MSAD #50	2,316,907	2,453,107	2,608,015	2,586,197	2,581,807	2,487,157	2,670,118	2,868,303	2,891,520
Knox County Tax	174,434	237,136	234,087	246,226	262,383	259,234	277,406	307,939	326,176
Overlay	16,450	12,661	52,459	31,801	51,696	23,238	12,185	156,845	45,625
Total	4,401,766	4,576,332	4,854,540	4,845,256	5,631,570	5,823,194	6,278,177	6,646,733	6,688,058
Pollution Control									
Debt Service	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000

	2009/2010	2010/2011	2011/2012	2012/2013	2013/2014	2014/2015	2015/2016	2016/2017	Estimate 2017/2018
Valuation									
Real Estate	313,943,569	318,284,077	322,129,474	325,772,635	333,588,086	345,650,678	346,374,342	345,033,570	345,033,570
Personal Property	56,876,672	52,315,027	50,987,477	49,274,893	47,079,902	52,847,064	50,072,003	47,086,912	47,086,912
Total Valuation	370,820,241	370,599,104	373,116,951	375,047,528	380,667,988	398,497,742	396,446,345	392,120,482	392,120,482
Homestead Exemption	5,111,898	3,788,622	3,713,622	3,783,622	3,663,622	3,619,617	3,434,617	5,412,566	5,412,566
BETE Exemption	24,126	216,163	84,381	1,578,010	1,972,705	1,970,789	3,918,176	4,026,327	4,026,327
Total Taxable Valuation Base	375,956,265	374,603,889	376,914,954	380,409,160	386,304,315	404,088,148	403,799,138	401,559,375	401,559,375
90% captured value in TIF Dist	51,516,074	48,865,915	48,408,464	48,694,613	47,178,093	44,180,981	42,850,555	42,262,931	42,262,931
70% captured value Downtown TIF		316,949	999,732	1,036,190	1,002,962	896,486	974,737	1,072,453	1,072,453
Non TIF Value	324,440,191	325,421,025	327,506,758	330,678,357	338,123,260	359,010,681	359,973,846	358,223,991	358,223,991
Revenues									
Tax Commitment	5,740,297	5,844,348	5,962,409	6,300,798	6,372,382	6,631,002	7,147,928	7,324,811	7,426,762
Anticipated Revenue	657,005	800,762	703,024	668,074	638,234	643,234	666,486	649,734	649,734
State Revenue Sharing	377,027	264,495	284,954	229,294	140,000	143,778	140,940	138,971	156,402
Homestead Reimbursement	79,132	59,747	59,344	63,565	61,329	60,230	61,926	101,107	102,514
BETE Reimbursement	373	3,409	1,348	26,511	33,023	32,794	70,645	75,212	76,259
Total Revenue	6,853,835	6,972,761	7,011,079	7,288,242	7,244,968	7,511,038	8,087,924	8,289,835	8,411,671
Revenue Commitments									
Appropriations Municipal	2,669,769	2,723,125	2,723,739	2,844,543	2,836,216	2,989,427	3,132,616	3,169,714	3,259,456
Dragon Reserve	797,469	770,616	773,567	818,069	789,761	735,171	772,596	789,472	800,460
Downtown Reserve		4,998	15,976	17,408	16,790	14,918	17,575	20,033	20,312
MSAD #50	3,004,355	3,081,598	3,115,596	3,241,524	3,221,566	3,389,803	3,756,886	3,870,086	3,870,086
Knox County Tax	339,046	362,865	369,443	348,548	367,738	373,969	395,310	430,945	450,349
Overlay	43,196	29,559	12,758	18,150	12,897	7,751	12,942	9,584	11,007
Total	6,853,835	6,972,761	7,011,079	7,288,242	7,244,968	7,511,038	8,087,924	8,289,835	8,411,671
Pollution Control									
Debt Service	150,000	150,000	100,000	100,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000

THOMASTON TRUST FUNDS
ENDING BALANCES 6/30/16

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CEMETERY FUNDS

Operating Fund – Checking	\$ 5,815.38
Helen McBride Flower Fund	472.47
Addie Guild Stone Cleaning	825.86
Leighton CD	4,746.67
Thomaston Cemetery/Leighton fund – Market Value	\$ 466,564.67

TOTAL CEMETERY FUNDS **\$478,425.05**

DIETZ SCHOLARSHIP

Dietz Savings	799.27
Dietz CD	\$ 64,924.62

TOTAL DIETZ SCHOLARSHIP FUND **\$ 65,723.89**

CHARITY FUNDS

Lions Club	\$ 1,939.03
Charitable CD	\$103,247.00
Watts Fund	
Mary E. Campbell	
E.P. George Hospital Fund	
Cassandra A. Washburn	
Mary Watts Fund	
Samuel Watts – Checking	\$ 1,062.98
* Maine Community Foundation	\$ 81,058.86
Thomaston Charity Fund – Market Value	\$ 294,955.61
Charitable Fund – Market Value	\$ 429,833.69

TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS **\$ 912,097.17**

THOMASTON PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS

Petty Cash	\$ 150.00
Operating Fund – Checking	11,363.36
Book Fund – Checking	1,053.33
Public Library Book Fund – Market Value	349,215.45
Library Agency Fund – Market Value	1,018,253.11

TOTAL LIBRARY FUNDS **\$ 1,380,035.25**

* These Funds are held independently by Maine Community Foundation



Certified Public Accountants and Business Consultants

Independent Auditor's Report

Board of Selectmen
Town of Thomaston, Maine

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Thomaston, Maine as of and for the year ended June 30, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town of Thomaston, Maine'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.

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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 business-type activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Thomaston, Maine as of June 30, 2016, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof and the budgetary comparison for the general fund 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, schedule of Town's proportionate share of the net pension liability, and schedule of Town contributions, as listed in the table of contents, 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 Thomaston, Maine's basic financial statements. The combining and individual fund financial statements are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The combining and individual fund financial statements 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, the combining and individual fund financial statements are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

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Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 24, 2017, on our consideration of the Town of Thomaston, 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 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 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 Thomaston, Maine's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



March 24, 2017
South Portland, Maine



Certified Public Accountants and Business Consultants

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS*

Board of Selectmen
Town of Thomaston, Maine

We have audited, in accordance with the 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, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Thomaston, Maine as of and for the year ended June 30, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town of Thomaston, Maine's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated March 24, 2017.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Town of Thomaston, Maine's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town of Thomaston, Maine's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town of Thomaston, Maine's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the Town's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of the internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. We did identify certain deficiencies in internal control (2016-001 through 2016-003), described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs that we consider to be significant deficiencies.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR’S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS*, CONTINUED

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Town of Thomaston, Maine's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Town of Thomaston, Maine’s Responses to Findings

The Town of Thomaston, Maine’s responses to the findings identified in our audit are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses. The Town of Thomaston, Maine’s responses were not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity’s internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity’s internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

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Schedule of Findings and Responses

June 30, 2016

SIGNIFICANT DEFICIENCIES

2016-001 - Segregation of Duties (repeated)

Segregation of duties involves the assignment of responsibilities in such a way that different employees handle different parts of the same transaction. Anyone who records transactions and has access to assets ordinarily is in a position to perpetrate errors or irregularities. Appropriate segregation of duties helps to detect errors in a timely manner and deter improper activities. For example, having an employee with no cash receipts responsibility open the mail is considered more effective in meeting the applicable specific internal accounting control objectives. Additionally, someone who records transactions in the general ledger should not have access to assets such as cash.

Because of the small size of the Town's accounting staff, ideal segregation of duties is not practical. We wish to inform you that certain functions, ideally performed by separate individuals, cannot be accomplished and therefore, internal accounting controls are not as strong as they might otherwise be. Currently, the Town Manager and Selectmen review a number of reports for unusual items or fluctuations, which provide a compensating control for the weaknesses that exist.

Management response/corrective action plan:

The Town has implemented the auditor's recommendations to mitigate the segregation of duties by instituting a change to the Enterprise Pollution Control Fund and combining it with the General Fund. Long-term, ideally, the Town will have the new position of Municipal Finance Coordinator duties changed to handling only those areas of finance that allow for further segregation which also would allow for the time to complete the financials internally prior to the audit.

2016-002 Ambulance Receivables

As part of our audit testing, we reviewed the ambulance receivable balance and noted that more than 85% of the account balance is greater than 180 days old. Based on our historical experience, a large percentage of that will not be collected, yet the Town does not have an allowance against the receivable recorded on their books. We recommend that the Town develop a policy for writing off these old receivables and for booking an allowance against the receivable balance in the future.

Management response/corrective action plan:

The Town recognizes the deficiency and has engaged T.G. Higgins Business Services P.A. as the billing entity for the Ambulance Department, see agreement dated 03/18/2011. The issue has been on the ongoing agenda of the Town as Medical Billing is complex in that the simple omission of code numbers etc. will cause rejection of the Insurance Provider to pay the required amount. At this point, there is no mechanism for recovering outstanding balances outside of the current billing cycle, which stands at three billing notifications per patient transport. The Ambulance Director, Finance Coordinator, and the Town Manager are working on a resolution and parameters to develop a Policy of write off, as well as ensuring the billing process is advanced, as we believe submitting the same bill with rejection from insurance providers implies that corrections should be initiated in the 2nd & 3rd billing. The Town is further looking into options such as collections to help recover outstanding balances. We, however, agree an allowance for write offs of ambulance receivables should be established.

TOWN OF THOMASTON, MAINE

Schedule of Findings and Responses, Continued

2016-003 Preparation of Financial Statements (repeated)

Auditing standards require external auditors to determine whether or not client personnel designated as having responsibility over the financial reporting process possess the expertise to identify all financial reporting matters in compliance with generally accepted accounting principles without the reliance on external auditors. This means that these individuals would need to have the knowledge of all the various financial statement disclosure requirements in addition to an understanding of fund financial statements and government-wide financial statements. From a practical standpoint, the costs of maintaining the expertise in-house to meet these requirements often exceed the benefit. As a result, it is common practice for governmental entities to rely on assistance from their auditing firm to assist in the preparation of the financial statements and the related disclosures. When the auditing firm prepares the financial statements, the Town must assign a competent, management level individual to oversee this service. Additionally, management must review, approve, and accept responsibility for the financial statements and related notes.

Because the Town currently takes this approach, it is considered to have a control deficiency in the design of internal controls over the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Management response/corrective action plan:

We believe that the Town's financial statements could be completed in house, if time allowed. Currently, to fit the auditor's schedule, our audit is done the fourth week of July. The Town's year end is June 30th. The Town is still receiving invoices for the audit period right up until the auditors arrive, which requires posting them back to the previous year. The Municipal Finance Coordinator has many tasks to complete in the four weeks after year end gathering data and producing spreadsheets to be used in creating the financial statements. During the month of July, the Municipal Finance Coordinator is completing the various spreadsheets, collecting data from other government agencies, posting prior year data, covering vacations (as July is a time when other office staff request time off) and doing all of the regular daily, monthly, and quarterly functions.

TOWN OF THOMASTON, MAINE
Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2016

	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 46,373	327,496	373,869
Investments	5,844,228	-	5,844,228
Receivables:			
Taxes	610,447	-	610,447
Tax liens	139,341	-	139,341
Accounts	127,398	130,832	258,230
Loans	15,358	-	15,358
Internal balances	(33,053)	33,053	-
Capital assets not being depreciated	324,800	1,876,680	2,201,480
Capital assets being depreciated, net	5,502,508	9,150,523	14,653,031
Total assets	12,577,400	11,518,584	24,095,984
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions	102,068	-	102,068
Total deferred outflows of resources	102,068	-	102,068
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable and payroll withholdings	89,934	19,421	109,355
Taxes collected in advance	7,883	-	7,883
Accrued compensated absences	111,967	-	111,967
Accrued interest	-	14,940	14,940
Noncurrent liabilities:			
Due within one year	68,271	322,111	390,382
Due in more than one year	625,804	4,414,671	5,040,475
Total liabilities	903,859	4,771,143	5,675,002
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions	62,349	-	62,349
Total deferred inflows of resources	62,349	-	62,349
NET POSITION			
Net investment in capital assets	5,514,318	6,290,421	11,804,739
Restricted	3,574,986	-	3,574,986
Unrestricted	2,623,956	457,020	3,080,976
Total net position	\$ 11,713,260	6,747,441	18,460,701

See accompanying notes to basic financial statements.

TOWN OF THOMASTON, MAINE
Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds
June 30, 2016

	General Fund	TIF Fund	Non-TIF Economic Development	Library Operating Fund	All Other Governmental Funds	Totals
ASSETS						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 21,947	-	-	11,513	12,913	46,373
Investments	4,010,195	-	-	1,018,253	815,780	5,844,228
Receivables:						
Taxes	610,447	-	-	-	-	610,447
Tax liens	139,341	-	-	-	-	139,341
Accounts	127,398	-	-	-	-	127,398
Loans	-	-	-	-	15,358	15,358
Interfund receivables	-	532,650	1,010,333	-	152,538	1,695,521
Total assets	\$ 4,909,328	532,650	1,010,333	1,029,766	996,589	8,478,666
LIABILITIES						
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	89,581	-	-	353	-	89,934
Taxes collected in advance	7,883	-	-	-	-	7,883
Interfund payables	1,728,574	-	-	-	-	1,728,574
Total liabilities	1,826,038	-	-	353	-	1,826,391
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES						
Unavailable revenue - property taxes	468,000	-	-	-	-	468,000
Total deferred inflows of resources	468,000	-	-	-	-	468,000
FUND BALANCES						
Nonspendable	-	-	-	66,609	274,976	341,585
Restricted	-	538,651	1,010,333	962,804	721,613	3,233,401
Committed	319,488	-	-	-	-	319,488
Assigned	1,122,725	-	-	-	-	1,122,725
Unassigned	1,173,077	(6,001)	-	-	-	1,167,076
Total fund balances	2,615,290	532,650	1,010,333	1,029,413	996,589	6,184,275
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balances	\$ 4,909,328	532,650	1,010,333	1,029,766	996,589	
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:						
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.						5,827,308
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current period expenditures and, therefore, are unavailable in the funds.						468,000
Long-term liabilities that are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds:						
Accrued compensated absences						(111,967)
Net pension liability, including related deferred inflows and outflows of resources						(341,366)
Bonds payable						(312,990)
Net position of governmental activities						\$ 11,713,260

See accompanying notes to basic financial statements.

TOWN OF THOMASTON, MAINE
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Governmental Funds
For the year ended June 30, 2016

	General Fund	TIF Fund	Non-TIF Economic Development Fund	Library Operating Fund	All Other Governmental Funds	Totals
Revenues:						
Taxes	\$ 6,937,225	790,170	-	-	-	7,727,395
Licenses, permits and fees	42,265	-	-	-	-	42,265
Intergovernmental	381,083	-	-	-	-	381,083
Charges for services	142,161	-	201,251	1,714	21,538	366,664
Investment income	1,065	410	835	19,161	15,227	36,698
Other revenues	524,527	-	2,000	17,462	15,362	559,351
Total revenues	8,028,326	790,580	204,086	38,337	52,127	9,113,456
Expenditures:						
Current:						
General government	458,453	-	-	-	-	458,453
Municipal buildings	78,390	-	-	-	-	78,390
Public safety	596,215	-	-	-	-	596,215
Public works	441,270	-	-	-	-	441,270
Health and welfare	464,141	-	-	-	-	464,141
Education	3,756,886	-	-	-	-	3,756,886
County assessment	395,311	-	-	-	-	395,311
Recreation and leisure	71,707	-	-	-	-	71,707
Local agencies	16,256	-	-	-	-	16,256
Employee benefits	487,769	-	-	-	-	487,769
Library	-	-	-	98,290	21,416	119,706
Cemetery	-	-	-	-	51,806	51,806
Credit enhancement - tax increment financing	-	618,076	-	-	-	618,076
Unclassified	73,274	-	-	-	-	73,274
Debt service	-	53,693	-	-	-	53,693
Capital outlays	180,846	18,637	43,359	-	-	242,842
Total expenditures	7,020,518	690,406	43,359	98,290	73,222	7,925,795
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	1,007,808	100,174	160,727	(59,953)	(21,095)	1,187,661
Other financing sources (uses):						
Transfers in (out)	(134,410)	(62,383)	(44,280)	65,410	19,000	(156,663)
Total other financing sources (uses)	(134,410)	(62,383)	(44,280)	65,410	19,000	(156,663)
Net change in fund balances	873,398	37,791	116,447	5,457	(2,095)	1,030,998
Fund balances, beginning of year	1,741,892	494,859	893,886	1,023,956	998,684	5,153,277
Fund balances, end of year	\$ 2,615,290	532,650	1,010,333	1,029,413	996,589	6,184,275

See accompanying notes to basic financial statements.

TOWN OF THOMASTON, MAINE
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance-
Budget and Actual-General Fund
For the year ended June 30, 2016

	Budget		Actual	Variance with final budget positive (negative)
	Original	Final		
Revenues:				
Taxes	\$ 6,809,258	6,809,258	6,937,225	127,967
Licenses, permits and fees	22,370	22,370	42,265	19,895
Intergovernmental	353,897	353,897	381,083	27,186
Charges for services	38,750	38,750	142,161	103,411
Investment income	700	700	1,065	365
Other revenues	72,780	72,780	524,527	451,747
Total revenues	7,297,755	7,297,755	8,028,326	730,571
Expenditures:				
Current:				
General government	426,966	426,966	458,453	(31,487)
Municipal buildings	93,947	93,947	78,390	15,557
Public safety	622,482	622,482	596,215	26,267
Public works	477,213	477,213	441,270	35,943
Health and welfare	374,446	374,446	464,141	(89,695)
Education	3,756,886	3,756,886	3,756,886	-
Intergovernmental - county tax	395,311	395,311	395,311	-
Recreation and leisure	86,069	86,069	71,707	14,362
Local agencies	20,233	20,233	16,256	3,977
Employee benefits	470,982	470,982	487,769	(16,787)
Unclassified	80,367	80,367	73,274	7,093
Capital outlays	368,443	368,443	180,846	187,597
Total expenditures	7,173,345	7,173,345	7,020,518	152,827
Excess of revenues over expenditures	124,410	124,410	1,007,808	883,398
Other financing sources uses:				
Transfers out	(84,410)	(84,410)	(134,410)	(50,000)
Use of fund balance	(40,000)	(40,000)	-	40,000
Total other financing uses	(124,410)	(124,410)	(134,410)	(10,000)
Net change in fund balance	-	-	873,398	873,398
Fund balance, beginning of year			1,741,892	
Fund balance, end of year	\$		2,615,290	

See accompanying notes to basic financial statements.

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TOWN OF THOMASTON, MAINE
Statement of Net Position
Proprietary Fund
June 30, 2016

Business-type Activities - Enterprise Fund		Pollution Control
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	327,496
Accounts receivable		130,832
Interfund receivable		33,053
Total current assets		491,381
Noncurrent assets:		
Pollution control capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation		11,027,203
Net noncurrent assets		11,027,203
Total assets	\$	11,518,584
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable		19,421
Accrued interest		14,940
Current portion of long-term debt		322,111
Total current liabilities		356,472
Long-term liabilities:		
Bonds payable		4,414,671
Total long-term liabilities		4,414,671
Total liabilities		4,771,143
NET POSITION		
Net investment in capital assets		6,290,421
Unrestricted		457,020
Total net position	\$	6,747,441

See accompanying notes to basic financial statements.

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TOWN OF THOMASTON, MAINE
Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position
Proprietary Fund
For the year ended June 30, 2016

Business-type Activities - Enterprise Fund		Pollution Control
Operating revenues:		
Charges for services	\$	437,879
Other income		2,145
Total operating revenues		440,024
Operating expenses:		
Salaries and benefits		138,973
Utilities		74,165
Administration		26,139
Maintenance		14,372
Miscellaneous		15,183
Lab operations		3,201
Transportation		2,314
Town forest		1,771
Insurance		14,048
Sewer line connections and inspection		6,815
Depreciation		577,258
Total operating expenses		874,239
Operating loss		(434,215)
Nonoperating revenues (expenses):		
Investment income		348
Interest expense		(35,581)
Total nonoperating revenues (expenses)		(35,233)
Loss before capital contributions and transfers		(469,448)
Capital contributions		187,928
Transfers:		
Transfer in from General Fund		50,000
Transfer in from TIF and non-TIF funds		106,663
Total transfers		156,663
Change in net position		(124,857)
Net position, beginning of year		6,872,298
Net position, end of year	\$	6,747,441

See accompanying notes to basic financial statements.

TOWN OF THOMASTON, MAINE
Statement of Cash Flows
Proprietary Fund
For the year ended June 30, 2016

Business-type Activities - Enterprise Fund		Pollution Control
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Receipts from customers and users	\$	587,012
Payments to suppliers		(329,244)
Payments to employees		(138,973)
Net cash provided by operating activities		118,795
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Investment income received		348
Net cash provided by investing activities		348
Cash flows from noncapital financing activities:		
Interfund transactions		191,878
Net cash provided by noncapital financing activities		191,878
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:		
Capital contributions		187,928
Proceeds from bonds		1,000,000
Principal paid on bond maturities		(292,112)
Interest paid on bonds		(68,410)
Payment on short term financing		(713,701)
Acquisition of capital assets		(489,641)
Net cash used in capital and related financing activities		(375,936)
Net decrease in cash		(64,915)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year		392,411
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$	327,496
Reconciliation of operating loss to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Operating loss		(434,215)
Adjustments to reconcile operating loss to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation		577,258
Decrease in receivables		146,988
Decrease in payables		(171,236)
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$	118,795

See accompanying notes to basic financial statements.

TOWN OF THOMASTON, MAINE
Statement of Fiduciary Net Position
Fiduciary Funds
June 30, 2016

	Private-purpose Trust Funds	Agency Funds 4th of July
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 170,910	48,575
Investments	724,789	-
Total assets	895,699	48,575
LIABILITIES		
Amounts held for others	-	48,575
Total liabilities	-	48,575
NET POSITION		
Held in trust for other purposes	895,699	-
Total net position	\$ 895,699	-

See accompanying notes to basic financial statements.

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TOWN OF THOMASTON, MAINE
Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position
Fiduciary Funds
For the year ended June 30, 2016

	Private- purpose Trust Funds
Additions:	
Investment income:	
Interest	\$ 20,514
Net investment losses	(6,175)
Total additions	14,339
Deductions:	
Charity	10,797
Total deductions	10,797
Change in net position	3,542
Net position, beginning of year	892,157
Net position, end of year	\$ 895,699

See accompanying notes to basic financial statements.

TOWN OF THOMASTON, MAINE
General Fund
Comparative Balance Sheets
June 30, 2016 and 2015

	2016	2015
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 21,947	21,359
Investments	4,010,195	3,130,040
Receivables:		
Taxes	610,447	583,615
Tax liens	139,341	166,091
Accounts	127,398	112,881
Total assets	\$ 4,909,328	4,013,986
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	89,581	136,491
Taxes collected in advance	7,883	15,076
Interfund payables	1,728,574	1,568,527
Total liabilities	1,826,038	1,720,094
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Unavailable revenue - property taxes	468,000	552,000
Total deferred inflows of resources	468,000	552,000
FUND BALANCES		
Committed	319,488	-
Assigned	1,122,725	844,103
Unassigned	1,173,077	897,789
Total fund balances	2,615,290	1,741,892
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balance	\$ 4,909,328	4,013,986

TOWN OF THOMASTON, MAINE
General Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
Budget and Actual

For the year ended June 30, 2016 (with comparative actual amounts for 2015)

	2016		Variance positive (negative)	2015 Actual
	Final Budget	Actual		
Revenues:				
Taxes:				
Property taxes	\$ 6,357,758	6,360,975	3,217	5,880,913
Change in unavailable taxes	-	84,000	84,000	23,000
Supplementals	-	-	-	5,849
Interest and costs on taxes	41,000	38,981	(2,019)	40,720
Excise:				
Motor vehicle	406,500	449,623	43,123	425,882
Recreation	4,000	3,646	(354)	3,681
Total taxes	6,809,258	6,937,225	127,967	6,380,045
Licenses, permits and fees	22,370	42,265	19,895	23,881
Intergovernmental:				
State revenue sharing	140,940	152,755	11,815	151,646
State acquisitions	-	2,050	2,050	-
Homestead exemption	61,926	58,208	(3,718)	60,661
Local road assistance	24,436	24,684	248	24,436
General assistance reimbursement	10,000	6,557	(3,443)	4,811
Gas tax refund	6,200	3,354	(2,846)	3,254
Veteran's exemption	3,000	3,355	355	3,058
Snowmobile reimbursement	250	424	174	318
Tree growth	1,500	1,332	(168)	2,166
PERC performance credit	35,000	39,877	4,877	47,838
CDBG Grant - Façade	-	17,808	17,808	56,092
BETE reimbursements	70,645	70,679	34	32,822
Total intergovernmental	353,897	381,083	27,186	387,102
Charges for services:				
Stump dump fees	9,500	7,654	(1,846)	6,197
Ambulance	29,250	134,507	105,257	125,798
Total charges for services	38,750	142,161	103,411	131,995
Investment income:				
Interest earned - reserve accounts	-	438	438	339
Other interest income, net	700	627	(73)	289
Total investment income	700	1,065	365	628
Other revenues:				
Rental income	31,600	37,192	5,592	37,932
Utility reimbursement--tenants	5,000	4,754	(246)	5,895
Cable television franchise fee	19,500	19,290	(210)	19,347
Tower lease	15,180	24,380	9,200	23,613
Samuel Watts Fund	-	3,140	3,140	3,010
Reimbursement - pollution control - public works	-	61,704	61,704	60,495
Reimbursement - insurance	-	3,471	3,471	3,449
MMA workers comp refund	-	3,512	3,512	3,191
MEPERS IUUAL refund	-	364,596	364,596	-
Miscellaneous	1,500	2,488	988	6,899
Total other revenues	72,780	524,527	451,747	163,831
Total revenues	7,297,755	8,028,326	730,571	7,087,482

TOWN OF THOMASTON, MAINE
General Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
Budget and Actual, Continued

	2016		Variance positive (negative)	2015 Actual
	Final Budget	Actual		
Expenditures:				
Current:				
General government:				
Selectmen	\$ 30,163	62,167	(32,004)	36,418
Town Manager	137,444	136,792	652	135,103
Clerk's office	44,636	31,798	12,838	37,245
General office	31,000	27,782	3,218	30,776
Finance	55,240	60,786	(5,546)	55,257
Administration	18,530	18,778	(248)	20,322
Contingency	1,000	1,510	(510)	1,197
Computer	18,500	18,423	77	16,611
Code enforcement	47,686	47,419	267	44,854
Assessor	42,567	52,998	(10,431)	53,389
Planning Board	200	-	200	-
Total general government	426,966	458,453	(31,487)	431,172
Municipal buildings:				
Watts Block	51,947	46,009	5,938	54,460
Academy buildings	42,000	32,381	9,619	38,790
Total municipal buildings	93,947	78,390	15,557	93,250
Public safety:				
Fire department	116,028	108,175	7,853	104,771
Police department	319,063	306,184	12,879	309,511
Protection and safety	187,391	181,856	5,535	208,350
Total public safety	622,482	596,215	26,267	622,632
Public works	477,213	441,270	35,943	487,461
Health and welfare:				
Ambulance	112,446	203,699	(91,253)	194,915
Transfer station	242,000	248,620	(6,620)	236,788
General assistance	20,000	11,822	8,178	11,021
Total health and welfare	374,446	464,141	(89,695)	442,724
Education - RSU No. 13	3,756,886	3,756,886	-	3,389,803
Intergovernmental - county tax	395,311	395,311	-	373,969
Recreation and leisure	86,069	71,707	14,362	83,060
Local agencies	20,233	16,256	3,977	17,665
Employee benefits	470,982	487,769	(16,787)	453,714
Unclassified:				
Overlay/abatements	12,942	6,350	6,592	22,079
Insurances	48,100	40,130	7,970	42,496
Public restrooms	1,800	1,517	283	1,737
Ambulance billing	-	6,755	(6,755)	4,067
Computer	1,425	1,425	-	-
Memberships	4,500	4,497	3	4,456
Regional Planning Commission	600	600	-	600
Maine Service Coalition	500	500	-	500
Fourth of July	10,000	10,000	-	10,000
Flags	500	-	500	-
Tidelands coalition	-	1,500	(1,500)	-
Total unclassified	80,367	73,274	7,093	85,935

TOWN OF THOMASTON, MAINE
General Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
Budget and Actual, Continued

	2016			2015 Actual
	Final Budget	Actual	Variance positive (negative)	
Expenditures, continued:				
Capital outlays:				
Paving projects	\$ 90,000	92,219	(2,219)	81,134
Police cruisers (2)	-	15,652	(15,652)	24,290
Cardiac monitor	15,000	15,000	-	-
Watts hall roof	60,000	-	60,000	40,000
Sidewalk replacement	30,000	14,410	15,590	3,344
Computers	-	2,020	(2,020)	18,460
Protective clothing	7,000	7,000	-	7,000
2010 EMA work plan	4,043	2,639	1,404	705
Shellfish management	3,000	3,000	-	3,000
Fire equipment (SCBA)	2,400	2,262	138	2,262
Fire equipment	-	-	-	653
CDBG - streetscape phase II	-	17,808	(17,808)	56,092
Dump truck reserve	-	-	-	30,300
Academy central air system/roof repairs	-	-	-	12,951
Expended from assigned fund balance amounts:				
Administration	-	(8,240)	8,240	5,427
Equipment	-	2,513	(2,513)	8,575
Fire station heating system	-	-	-	34,091
Fire department grant	-	-	-	985
EMA workplan	-	(5,626)	5,626	(539)
Police forfeiture	-	-	-	823
Watts Hall rental	-	2,030	(2,030)	2,333
Maine service center coalition	-	-	-	500
Police connectivity grant	-	-	-	10
Public infrastructure	-	16,741	(16,741)	10,061
Informed growth	-	750	(750)	-
Police training	-	668	(668)	1,267
Raised to increase reserves (assigned fund balances):				
Academy building	14,000	-	14,000	-
Ambulance	25,000	-	25,000	-
Dump truck	20,000	-	20,000	-
Computers	10,000	-	10,000	-
Police cruiser	13,000	-	13,000	-
Municipal facilities	50,000	-	50,000	-
Fire apparatus	25,000	-	25,000	-
Total capital outlays	368,443	180,846	187,597	343,724
Total expenditures	7,173,345	7,020,518	152,827	6,825,109
Excess of revenues over expenditures	124,410	1,007,808	883,398	262,373

TOWN OF THOMASTON, MAINE
General Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
Budget and Actual, Continued

	2016			2015 Actual
	Final Budget	Actual	Variance positive (negative)	
Other financing uses:				
Transfers out - Pollution Control fund	\$ -	(50,000)	(50,000)	(50,000)
Transfers out - Library Operating fund	(65,410)	(65,410)	-	(27,096)
Transfers out - Cemetery fund	(19,000)	(19,000)	-	(19,000)
Use of fund balance	(40,000)	-	40,000	-
Total other financing uses	(124,410)	(134,410)	(10,000)	(96,096)
Net change in fund balances	-	873,398	873,398	166,277
Fund balance, beginning		1,741,892		1,575,615
Fund balance, ending	\$	2,615,290		1,741,892

TOWN OF THOMASTON, MAINE
Nonmajor Governmental Funds
Combining Balance Sheet
June 30, 2016

	Nonmajor Special Revenue Fund		Nonmajor Permanent Funds		Totals
	Thomaston Green Fund	CDBG Loan Fund	Library Book Fund	Cemetery Fund	
	ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ -	-	1,053	11,860	12,913
Investments	-	-	349,215	466,565	815,780
Loans receivable	-	15,358	-	-	15,358
Interfund receivables	31,396	121,142	-	-	152,538
Total assets	\$ 31,396	136,500	350,268	478,425	996,589
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES					
Liabilities:					
Accounts payable	-	-	-	-	-
Total liabilities	-	-	-	-	-
Fund balances:					
Nonspendable, principal	-	-	97,172	162,446	259,618
Nonspendable, non-current receivables	-	15,358	-	-	15,358
Restricted	31,396	121,142	253,096	315,979	721,613
Total fund balances	31,396	136,500	350,268	478,425	996,589
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$ 31,396	136,500	350,268	478,425	996,589

TOWN OF THOMASTON, MAINE
Nonmajor Governmental Funds
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
For the year ended June 30, 2016

	Nonmajor Special Revenue Fund		Nonmajor Permanent Funds		Total
	Thomaston Green Fund	CDBG Loan Fund	Library Book Fund	Cemetery Fund	
Revenues:					
Charges for services	\$ -	-	63	21,475	21,538
Investment income:					
Interest	16	-	6,289	8,922	15,227
Other revenues	12,000	-	3,359	3	15,362
Total revenues	12,016	-	9,711	30,400	52,127
Expenditures:					
Current:					
Library	-	-	21,416	-	21,416
Cemetery	-	-	-	51,806	51,806
Total expenditures	-	-	21,416	51,806	73,222
Other financing sources:					
Transfer from other funds	-	-	-	19,000	19,000
Total other financing sources	-	-	-	19,000	19,000
Net change in fund balances	12,016	-	(11,705)	(2,406)	(2,095)
Fund balances, beginning of year	19,380	136,500	361,973	480,831	998,684
Fund balances, end of year	\$ 31,396	136,500	350,268	478,425	996,589

TOWN OF THOMASTON, MAINE
Private-purpose Trust Funds
Combining Statement of Fiduciary Net Position
June 30, 2016

	Dietz Scholarship Fund	Charity Fund	Total
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 65,724	105,186	170,910
Investments	-	724,789	724,789
Total assets	\$ 65,724	829,975	895,699
NET POSITION			
Held in trust for other purposes	65,724	829,975	895,699
Total net position	\$ 65,724	829,975	895,699

TOWN OF THOMASTON, MAINE
Private-purpose Trust Funds
Combining Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position
For the year ended June 30, 2016

	Dietz Scholarship Fund	Charity Fund	Total
Additions:			
Investment income:			
Interest	\$ 99	20,415	20,514
Net investment losses	-	(6,175)	(6,175)
Total additions	99	14,240	14,339
Deductions:			
Charity	-	10,797	10,797
Total deductions	-	10,797	10,797
Change in net position	99	3,443	3,542
Net position, beginning of year	65,625	826,532	892,157
Net position, end of year	\$ 65,724	829,975	895,699

TOWN MEETING PROCEDURES

Town Meeting Warrant

Posting of the Town Meeting Warrant

A Town Meeting Warrant must be posted seven (7) days prior to the meeting under Maine State Law. The reason for posting a warrant is to allow those voters who wish, the right to see what business is to be conducted at the meeting and to decide if they wish to attend or not.

Warrant Articles

A warrant article that reads “To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate” are open ended articles that allow the bottom line total of the article to be raised or lowered by an amendment from the floor of the meeting.

A warrant article that reads “To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate” are capped articles and the bottom line total can not be raised but may be lowered.

An amendment from the floor of the meeting to reduce an article will result in a reduction of the bottom line total only (line items included within the articles are explanations only of the article’s total).

Conducting of the Open Floor Meeting

First, rules of procedure are not rules of law. Their purpose is to facilitate the conduct of the meeting.

Distinguishing or Separating Voter and Non-Voters - Please respect any measures in effect for distinguishing or separating the voters from non-voters

Unanimous Consent – To expedite procedure, the moderator may from time to time invite or suggest that the meeting give “unanimous consent” to proceeding in a certain way. Cooperation where you can freely give it will usually save time and avoid unnecessary complication, but if you do not wish to give consent simply call out “Objection” or “I object” when the moderator asks for unanimous consent. The moderator may then suggest or invite a motion and vote on procedure and you will then have the opportunity to speak in opposition to the procedure.

Rules of Debate – Maine law makes three rules. (1) A person may not speak without being recognized by the moderator. (2) Everyone shall be silent at the moderator’s command. (3) A person who is not a town voter may not speak without the consent of two-thirds of the voters present. In addition the moderator may ask that one or more of the following rules, be observed, and may invoke others to maintain good order and decorum. Raise your hand or stand as directed by the moderator, to be recognized and then state your name and what you would like to do. Stand while speaking unless otherwise directed or au-

thorized by the moderator. Refrain from making negative motions (“I move that article 16 be defeted”). After a motion has been made and seconded, the moderator will open the floor for discussion. The moderator may call on the Selectmen or to speak first on a main motion (a motion to approve an article as printed for example). Thereafter, the affirmative side speaks. A person who makes a motion is entitled but not required to be the first speaker on the motion and may not vote against the motion but may seek consent to withdraw the motion. A person seconding a motion may both speak against it and vote against it. Do not make a speech and conclude it with a motion, rather, make the motion and then speak to it after the moderator has put it to floor for debate.

Address all remarks and all questions to the moderator alone. Remarks must be relevant to the motion. Debate will generally alternate between those in favor and those opposed. No one should address the same subject more than twice without express permission of the moderator. The meeting may establish a time limit per speaker per question and an overall time limit on a motion. No one may speak a second time until all that wish to speak a first time have done so. Speak to those issues, not to the person, and do not question motives or speak ill of another. Profanity is always out of order. Do not read from any document except the warrant without first obtaining the moderator’s consent. Listen attentively, do not whisper in the seats, and do not interrupt a speaker. Take conversation outside, and mute all but emergency worker’s cell phones.

Written Ballot – On a motion and a majority vote, or by unanimous consent, the meeting can determine to require written ballot voting on any business or article on the warrant.

Appeal – A voter who thinks it appropriate to follow a procedure other than one announced by the moderator may seek to be recognized and then move the procedure the voter feels is more appropriate.

Methods of Voting – These are in increasing order of certainty (and for most of the time required) voice vote, show of hands, rising or standing vote, division of the house and written ballot vote.

Challenge – A voter who thinks the moderator has not correctly determined the outcome of a voice or other vote short of an actual count and who wishes to challenge the moderator’s determination should immediately seek to be recognized and when recognized say “I doubt it”. The moderator will then determine whether at least six other voters agree. If so, the moderator will make the determination more certain by using a designated other method of voting.

**MAINE MODERATOR'S MANUAL
RULES OF PROCEDURE**

(Revised 2005)

TYPE/MOTION	SECOND REQUIRED	DEBATABLE	AMENDABLE	VOTE REQUIRED	RECON- SID □	RANK/NOTES
PRIVILEGED						
Adjourn (sine die)	Y	N	N	M	N	1
Recess or Adjourn to Time Certain	Y	Y	Y	M	N	2
SUBSIDIARY						
Previous Question	Y	N	N	2/3	N	3
Limit Debate	Y	N	Y	2/3	Y	4
Postpone to Time Certain	Y	Y	Y	M	Y	5
Amend	Y	Y	Y	M	Y	6
INCIDENTAL						
Appeal	Y	Y	N	M	Y	A, B, D
Fix the Method of Voting	Y	N	N	M	N	B
Withdraw a Motion	N	N	N	M	See Notes	B, C, D
MAIN						
Main Motion	Y	Y	Y	M	Y	
Reconsider	Y	See Notes	N	M	N	A, D, E
Take up Out of Order	Y	Y	N	2/3	N	

Y — Yes, this action is required or permitted.

N — No, this action cannot be taken or is unnecessary.

M — Majority vote required

A — This motion may be made when another motion has the floor.

B — Same rank as motion out of which it arises.

C — Only a prevailing negative vote on this motion may be reconsidered.

D — This motion has the same rank, and is debatable to the same extent, as the motion being reconsidered.

E — Only a person who voted on the prevailing side may make this motion.

None of the motions in the table should interrupt a speaker.

This table does not include the statutory procedure for challenge (to question a vote), mentioned in the "Notes for Voters" and discussed in the Maine Moderator's Manual.

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
FOR FISCAL YEAR
JULY 1, 2017 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2018**

TO: Joan Linscott, a Resident of the Town of Thomaston in the County of Knox and State of Maine.

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of the Town of Thomaston, in the County of Knox and State of Maine, qualified to vote by law in Town affairs, to meet at the **AMERICAN LEGION HALL** at 10 Watts Lane in said Town on **TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 2017 AT 8:00 AM** prevailing time, then and there to act upon **ARTICLES 1 AND 2 OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT. POLLS WILL OPEN AT EIGHT (8) O’CLOCK IN THE MORNING AND WILL CLOSE AT EIGHT (8) O’CLOCK IN THE EVENING PREVAILING TIME.**

You are also hereby required to notify and warn voters of the Town of Thomaston, in the County of Knox, State of Maine, qualified to vote by law in Town affairs, to meet at the **AMERICAN LEGION HALL** at 10 Watts Lane in said Town on **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14, 2017 at 7:00 PM** prevailing time, then and there to proceed with **ARTICLES 3 through 44.**

ARTICLE 1: To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting. **THE MODERATOR MUST BE CHOSEN PRIOR TO THE OPENING OF THE POLLS FOR ELECTING TOWN OFFICERS.**

ARTICLE 2: To choose by ballot, two Selectpersons for a three year term and one Assessor for a three year term.

June 14, 2017 – 7:00 PM – AMERICAN LEGION HALL

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to accept the categories of funds listed below as provided by the Maine State Legislature and to expend same:

DESCRIPTION AND COMPARISON:

	2017/2018	2016/2017
State Local Road Assistance	\$ 24,572.00	\$ 24,684.00
Gasoline Refund	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 2,200.00
State Revenue Sharing	\$138,972.00	\$140,939.00
General Assistance	\$ 8,400.00	\$ 10,000.00
Snowmobile Reimbursement	\$ 400.00	\$ 423.00
Tree Growth Reimbursement	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,331.00
Veteran’s Exempt Reimbursement	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,355.00
Property Tax Relief Funds	Unknown	Unknown
State Grants & Other Funds	Unknown	Unknown

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to lapse all non-real estate/personal property tax revenues to Unassigned Fund Balance (surplus), and to see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate to reduce the property tax assessment for Fiscal Year July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018:

DESCRIPTION AND COMPARISON:

	2017/2018	2016/2017
Appropriated from Fund Balance and Transfer	Unknown	Unknown
Anticipated State Revenue Sharing	<u>\$138,971.72</u>	<u>\$140,939.00</u>
TOTAL	\$138,971.72	\$140,993.00

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$425,416.58 for GENERAL GOVERNMENT for Fiscal Year July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018:

DESCRIPTION AND COMPARISON:

	2017/2018	2016/2017
Selectpersons	\$ 11,577.82	\$ 11,240.60
Legal	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 18,000.00
Selectmen's Office	\$ 4,850.00	\$ 4,850.00
Town Manager	\$ 81,408.73	\$ 79,037.60
Exec. Secy./Office Coord.	\$ 40,876.99	\$ 39,686.40
Manager's Office	\$ 24,070.95	\$ 23,218.40
Clerk	\$ 41,155.50	\$ 39,956.80
Clerk's Office	\$ 5,850.00	\$ 6,650.00
General Office	\$ 32,800.00	\$ 31,600.00
Municipal Accounting Clerk	\$ 48,246.85	\$ 46,841.60
Finance Office	\$ 10,850.00	\$ 10,850.00
Administration	\$ 19,650.20	\$ 19,640.00
Planning Board	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Contingency	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Computer	\$ 33,900.00	\$ 33,500.00
Code Enforcement Officer	\$ 45,654.54	\$ 44,324.80
Code Enforcement Office	<u>\$ 5,325.00</u>	<u>\$ 5,075.00</u>
TOTAL	\$425,416.58	\$415,671.20

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$90,500.00 for maintenance and operation of MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS for Fiscal Year July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018:

DESCRIPTION AND COMPARISON:

	2017/2018	2016/2017
Watts Block	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,246.86
Academy Building	<u>\$ 40,500.00</u>	<u>\$ 40,500.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 90,500.00	\$ 90,746.86

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$291,895.92 for the POLICE DEPARTMENT WAGES for Fiscal Year July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018:

DESCRIPTION AND COMPARISON:

	2017/2018	2016/2017
Chief's Salary	\$ 68,344.21	\$ 65,353.60
Patrolmen Wages (3)	\$134,511.41	\$130,593.60
Reserves Wages	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00
Overtime	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 11,000.00
Traffic Control	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Sergeant Wages	\$ 52,540.30	\$ 51,010.00
Special Details	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Court Time	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,400.00
Sick Leave	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Vacation Buyback	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Holiday Pay	<u>\$ 8,600.00</u>	<u>\$ 8,600.00</u>
TOTAL	\$291,895.92	\$283,457.20

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$ 45,500.00 for GENERAL EXPENDITURES – POLICE DEPARTMENT for Fiscal Year July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018:

DESCRIPTION AND COMPARISON:

	2017/2018	2016/2017	
Transportation	\$ 13,500.00	\$ 13,500.00	Sup-
plies & Equipment	<u>\$ 32,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 31,100.00</u>	TOTAL
	\$ 45,500.00	\$ 44,600.00	

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$129,120.24 for the FIRE DEPARTMENT for Fiscal Year July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018:

DESCRIPTION AND COMPARISON:

	2017/2018	2016/2017
Fire Chief	\$ 15,343.72	\$ 14,896.82
Deputy Chief	\$ 7,610.87	\$ 7,389.19
Assistant Chiefs (2 positions)	\$ 9,046.59	\$ 8,783.10
Call Members	\$ 22,894.06	\$ 22,894.06
Operations	\$ 20,625.00	\$ 19,700.00
Communications	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Fire Equipment	\$ 10,550.00	\$ 7,250.00
Fire Vehicle Maintenance	\$ 21,200.00	\$ 16,900.00
Station Building	<u>\$ 19,850.00</u>	<u>\$ 19,250.00</u>
TOTAL	\$129,120.24	\$119,063.17

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,000.00 to purchase self-contained breathing (SCBA) bottles, purchase protective clothing and dry hydrant maintenance as follows:

SCBA	\$ 2,400.00
Clothing	\$ 7,600.00
Dry Hydrant	<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 11,000.00

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$191,516.30 for PROTECTION AND PUBLIC SAFETY for Fiscal Year July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018:

DESCRIPTION AND COMPARISON:

	2017/2018	2016/2017
Street Lighting	\$ 41,907.00	\$ 41,907.00
E.M.A.	\$ 965.13	\$ 941.39
Health Officer	\$ 1,435.97	\$ 1,394.15
Animal Control	\$ 10,208.20	\$ 9,982.72
Hydrant Rental	<u>\$137,000.00</u>	<u>\$135,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$191,516.30	\$189,225.26

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,043.00 for the Emergency Management Work Plan.

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$499,150.31 for PUBLIC WORKS for Fiscal Year July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018:

DESCRIPTION AND COMPARISON:

	2017/2018	2016/2017
Director	\$ 65,343.20	\$ 63,440.00
Full Time Employees (3)	\$128,286.91	\$124,550.40
Shared Employees	\$ 43,758.52	\$ 42,484.00
Overtime	\$ 6,200.00	\$ 6,200.00
Public Works General	\$ 8,150.00	\$ 8,150.00
Operations	\$ 73,700.00	\$ 72,000.00
Winter Roads	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 90,000.00
Summer Roads	\$ 30,500.00	\$ 29,400.00
Stump Dump	\$ 43,211.68	\$ 40,856.00
Town Garage	<u>\$ 10,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 9,900.00</u>
TOTAL	\$499,150.31	\$ 486,980.40

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$248,000.00 for Transfer Station Fees for Fiscal Year July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018:

DESCRIPTION AND COMPARISON:

	2017/2018	2016/2017
Transfer Station Fees	<u>\$248,000.00</u>	<u>\$242,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$248,000.00	\$242,000.00

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$120,950.22 for the AMBULANCE DEPARTMENT for Fiscal Year July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018:

DESCRIPTION AND COMPARISON:

	2017/2018	2016/2017
Director	\$ 9,785.48	\$ 9,500.47
Assistants	\$ 7,179.86	\$ 6,970.74
Call Attendants	\$ 11,384.68	\$ 11,384.68
Per Diem Weekend Coverage	\$ 34,323.82	\$ 34,323.82
Ambulance Coverage – Rockland	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Meetings and Drills	\$ 1,626.38	\$ 1,626.38
Training	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
Transportation	\$ 6,300.00	\$ 6,300.00
Administration and Office Supplies	\$ 6,800.00	\$ 6,550.00
Operations	\$ 13,550.00	\$ 12,750.00
Communications	<u>\$ 2,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 2,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$120,950.22	\$119,406.09

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$44,515.62 for the ASSESSOR'S OFFICE for Fiscal Year July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018:

DESCRIPTION AND COMPARISON:

	2017/2018	2016/2017
Assessors' Compensation	\$ 3,165.77	\$ 3,073.56
Assessors' Agent	\$ 30,824.85	\$ 29,927.04
Temporary Assistant	\$ 500.00	\$ 00.00
Office Supplies	\$ 550.00	\$ 550.00
Book Binding	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Mileage	\$ 400.00	\$ 250.00
Training	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Memberships	\$ 75.00	\$ 30.00
Computer Maintenance	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00
Mapping	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Legal and Professional Services	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Commercial Assessments	<u>\$ 1,500.00</u>	<u>\$ 3,500.00</u>
TOTAL	\$44,515.62	\$44,830.60

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$72,792.93 for the RECREATION DEPARTMENT for Fiscal Year July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018:

DESCRIPTION AND COMPARISON:

	2017/2018	2016/2017
Director's Salary	\$ 38,042.93	\$ 36,934.88
League Fees	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Office Supplies	\$ 650.00	\$ 650.00
Field Maintenance	\$ 9,100.00	\$ 9,100.00
Senior Citizen's Account	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
Supplies and Equipment	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 6,500.00
Basketball Clock Keepers/Referees	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Mileage	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Education and Training	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Community Events	<u>\$ 3,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 3,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$72,792.93	\$70,184.88

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$25,332.39 for LEISURE SERVICES for Fiscal Year July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018:

DESCRIPTION AND COMPARISON:

	2017/2018	2016/2017
SHADE TREES		
Tree Warden	\$ 944.08	\$ 916.58
Tree Removal	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
Dead Limb Sanitation	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Stump Removal	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Tree Planting	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Equipment	\$ 500.00	\$ 300.00
Publications, Licensing, Mileage	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Cabling/bracing	\$ <u>2,000.00</u>	\$ <u>2,200.00</u>
SUBTOTAL	\$ 13,944.08	\$ 13,916.58

HARBOR SERVICES		
Harbor Master	\$ 4,188.31	\$ 4,066.32
Education/Training	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00
Public Landing	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00
Ground Supplies	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Float Maintenance	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
Facility Maintenance	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 2,300.00
Boat Maintenance	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
Float Removal	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00
Telephone	\$ 450.00	\$ 280.00
Conservation Committee	\$ <u>1,000.00</u>	\$ <u>0.00</u>
SUBTOTAL	\$11,388.31	\$10,096.32

TOTAL	\$25,332.39	\$24,012.90
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SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$691,862.20 for UNCLASSIFIED ACCOUNTS for Fiscal Year July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018:

DESCRIPTION AND COMPARISON:

	2017/2018	2016/2017
Workers' Compensation	\$ 48,803.00	\$ 48,803.00
Unemployment Insurance	\$ 3,822.00	\$ 3,822.00
FICA	\$ 91,000.00	\$ 84,000.00
Health Insurance	\$347,025.95	\$347,025.95
Retirement	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,500.00
Wage Increase	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
SUBTOTAL	<u>\$496,150.95</u>	<u>\$489,150.95</u>
INSURANCE		
Commercial Package/Auto	\$ 41,000.00	\$ 41,000.00
Public Official Liability	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 6,500.00
Employee Dishonesty Bond	<u>\$ 600.00</u>	<u>\$ 600.00</u>
SUBTOTAL	<u>\$ 48,100.00</u>	<u>\$ 48,100.00</u>
Public Restrooms	<u>\$ 2,200.00</u>	<u>\$ 2,200.00</u>
SUBTOTAL	<u>\$ 2,200.00</u>	<u>\$ 2,200.00</u>
COMPUTERS		
Computers and Printers	<u>\$ 1,425.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,425.00</u>
SUBTOTAL	<u>\$ 1,425.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,425.00</u>
TAN Interest	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Memberships	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00
Regional Planning Commission	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
Maine Service Coalition	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Midcoast Eco Dev District	\$ 3,476.25	\$ 2,086.00
Debt Service	<u>\$ 50,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 50,000.00</u>
SUBTOTAL	<u>\$ 59,076.25</u>	<u>\$ 57,686.00</u>
Thomaston Village Cemetery	\$ 19,000.00	\$ 19,000.00
Thomaston Public Library	\$ 65,410.00	\$ 65,410.00
Thomaston Flags	<u>\$ 500.00</u>	<u>\$ 500.00</u>
SUBTOTAL	<u>\$ 84,910.00</u>	<u>\$ 84,910.00</u>
TOTAL	\$691,862.20	\$683,471.95

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$157,000.00 for CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS/RESERVE ACCOUNTS for Fiscal Year July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018:

DESCRIPTION AND COMPARISON:

	2017/2018	2016/2017
Police Cruiser Reserve	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 13,000.00
Ambulance Reserve	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
Fire Apparatus	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
Academy Maint. Reserve	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 14,000.00
Dump Truck Reserve	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Computer Reserve	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Municipal Facilities Reserves	<u>\$ 50,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 50,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$157,000.00	\$157,000.00

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$12,000.00 for FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE for Fiscal Year July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018:

DESCRIPTION AND COMPARISON:

	2017/2018	2016/2017
General Assistance	<u>\$ 12,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 15,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 15,000.00

As administered under Title 22 M.R.S.A. SUB 4305.4 Department of Human Services.

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$20,000.00 for PROVIDER AND LOCAL AGENCIES for Fiscal Year July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018:
DESCRIPTION AND COMPARISON:

PROVIDERS AGENCIES		
	2017/2018	2016/2017
Coastal Workshop	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 237.50
Penquis CAP	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,850.00
Mid-Coast Children’s Services	\$ 0.00	\$ 665.00
New Hope for Women	\$ 950.00	\$ 950.00
Coastal Transportation	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,710.00
Spectrum Generations	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,158.40
Pope Memorial Humane Society.	\$ 500.00	\$ 475.00
ADAPT	\$ 0.00	\$ 190.00
Home Counselors	\$ 200.00	\$ 190.00
Trekkers	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Knox County Homeless Coalition	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
American Red Cross	\$ 0.00	\$ 442.00
Broadreach Family& Community	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 250.00
Midcoast ME Comm Action	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 250.00
Rockland District Nursing	<u>\$ 500.00</u>	<u>\$ 500.00</u>
SUBTOTAL	\$ 11,150.00	\$ 13,868.10
LOCAL AGENCIES		
Historical Society	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Christmas Lighting	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,140.00
Memorial Day Committee	\$ 750.00	\$ 712.50
Friends of Montpelier	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,900.00
Landscaping Committee	\$ 1,900.00	\$ 1,900.00
Thomaston Food Pantry	\$ 1,900.00	\$ 0.00
SUBTOTAL	<u>\$ 8,850.00</u>	<u>\$ 7,152.50</u>
TOTAL	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 21,020.60

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000.00, and to utilize up to \$77,000.00 from Unassigned Fund Balance (surplus) to pave the following streets:

DESCRIPTION:			
Beechwood Street;	8,448 lin ft	est.1860 tons	\$139,500
Studley Lane;	3,885 lin ft	est. 500 tons	<u>\$ 37,500</u>
Total			<u>\$177,000</u>

EXPLANATION: Estimate utilizing \$75 per ton.

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will appropriate up to \$190,000.00 to purchase a 2018, 42,000 G.V.W. dump truck, snow plow and sander from the following accounts:

Snow Removal Account	\$ 17,297.18
Winter Roads Account	\$ 54,154.46
Dump Truck Reserve Account	\$ 60,030.38
Unassigned Fund Balance (surplus)	<u>\$ 58,517.98</u>
TOTAL	\$190,000.00

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$30,000.00 towards the on-going Thomaston Sidewalk Program to construct and maintain sidewalks in Thomaston.

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 26: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$15,000.00 to fund necessary traffic control objectives in conjunction with the Route 1 reconstruction as deemed by the Board of Selectmen for such services as special Police details for traffic enforcement, signage, etc.

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 27: To see if the Town will vote to authorize Selectpersons, on behalf of the Town, TO SELL AND DISPOSE OF ANY REAL ESTATE ACQUIRED BY THE TOWN for non-payment of the taxes thereon and to execute quit claim deeds for said property, said real estate to be sold as follows:

1. A notice of intent to sell such property shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in Knox County at least three weeks prior to such sale, inviting interested parties to submit sealed bids thereon.
2. The parties from whom the property has been taken for non-payment of taxes thereon may purchase said real estate from the Town at any time during the process, the purchase price in the latter case being all unpaid taxes on said property, plus interest, lien costs and the cost of the publication of the notice plus the cost of the quit claim deed.
3. In the event the parties from whom the real estate was taken by the Town for unpaid taxes fails to redeem the property as provided in Paragraph 2, the Board of Selectpersons may sell the property to the highest sealed bidder.

ARTICLE 28: To see if the Town will vote to permit acceptance of PREPAID TAXES and to fix the dates of December 1, 2017 for the first payment and June 1, 2018 for the second payment, when the taxes shall become due and payable; and, to see if the Town will fix the rate of interest at 7 percent to be charged on taxes unpaid after said date; and to see if the Town will fix the rate of interest for overpayments of taxes at 3 percent for the period July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

NOTE: Pursuant to Title 36 M.R.S.A. Section 506-A “Overpayment of Taxes”.

EXPLANATION: When a tax collector has demanded and received from a taxpayer more than is due and more than appears to be due according to his lists, he must refund the excess to the taxpayer, even though he has paid the amount into the Town Treasury.

SELECTPERSONS RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 29: To see if the Town will vote to set the interest rate to be paid by the Town on abated taxes pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. Section 506-A.

EXPLANATION: If taxes are paid but later abated, the municipality must refund the abated taxes and pay interest on them. Title 36 M.R.S.A § 506-A provides that the rate of interest set by the municipality to be paid on overpayments *may not exceed* the rate set for delinquent taxes, *nor be less* than that rate reduced by 4%. For instance, if the unpaid rate is 7%, then the Town Meeting may set a rate not higher than 7% and not lower than 3%; it may pick either of those numbers or any number in between. The statute governing the delinquency interest rate is 36 M.R.S.A. § 505(4).

SELECTPERSONS RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 30: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectpersons to accept, on behalf of the Town, GIFTS, DONATIONS AND CONTRIBUTIONS in the form of money, personal services and materials for the benefit of the Town, its government including legal departments and public facilities thereof, for the purpose of aiding and enhancing the delivery of public services. Said gifts to be without conditions and not require the voters to raise additional maintenance money.

SELECTPERSONS RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 31: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectpersons TO MOVE UP TO 10% OF UNEXPENDED BALANCES from various accounts as needed to provide for the smooth transition of Town business.

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 32: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,500.00 for the Shellfish Management Program and The Tidelands Coalition as follows:
Shellfish Management \$ 3,000.00
Tidelands Coalition \$ 1,500.00

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 33: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from unassigned fund balance the sum of \$10,000.00 TO ASSIST THE FOURTH OF JULY COMMITTEE in continuing the annual celebration.

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 34: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate up to \$26,000.00 from Reserve to purchase a 2018 Police cruiser and to trade in the 2013 Dodge Charger with 90,000 miles.

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 35 : To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$20,000.00 from the Dragon Products T.I.F. as a 10% match for the \$200,000.00 purchase of 23 air packs and to accept up to \$180,000.00 in Grant Funds.

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 36: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$167,000.00 from reserve to purchase a 2018 ambulance and to trade in the 2007 ambulance and to further utilize the Dragon Products T.I.F. to fund additional costs.

Estimate: \$185,000.00

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 37: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to fund the additional cost of the Lowes Inc. Tax Appeal Settlement.

Estimate: \$10,000.

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 38: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$5,000.00 and to fund the remaining cost from the Downtown T.I.F. to fund the concrete slab foundation and installation of the 30' octagon gazebo, for the Thomaston Green Park.

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 39: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$14,360.00 to fund the amendment update of the 2005 Comprehensive Plan as recommended by the Comprehensive Planning Committee.

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 40: Shall the amendments to Chapter 7 Thomaston Land Use and Development Ordinance, Sections 707.4 and 710.4 entitled, "Amendments to Sections 707.4 and 710.4 Cemetery Uses" be enacted?

A copy of this ordinance certified by the municipal officers and the Planning Board has been on file with the municipal clerk's office at least seven days before the Town Meeting. A certified copy of this ordinance is available for review in the Office of the Town Clerk during regular business hours

SELECTPERSONS AND PLANNING BOARD RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 41: Shall the amendments to Chapter 7 Thomaston Land Use and Development Ordinance, Sections 709.3, 709.4, and 712.5 entitled "Amendments to Sections 709.3, 709.4, and 712.5" be enacted?

A copy of this ordinance certified by the municipal officers and the Planning Board has been on file with the municipal clerk's office at least seven days before the Town Meeting. A certified copy of this ordinance is available for review in the Office of the Town Clerk during regular business hours

SELECTPERSONS AND PLANNING BOARD RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 42: Shall the amendments to Chapter 7 Thomaston Land Use and Development Ordinance, Sections 718.2 Signs in the R1 and R2 Districts entitled "Amendments to Section 718.2 Signs in R1 and R2 Districts" be enacted?

A copy of this ordinance certified by the municipal officers and the Planning Board has been on file with the municipal clerk's office at least seven days before the Town Meeting. A certified copy of this ordinance is available for review in the Office of the Town Clerk during regular business hours

SELECTPERSONS AND PLANNING BOARD RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 43: Shall the amendments to Chapter 7 Thomaston Land Use and Development Ordinance, Sections 704.9.2, 712.4, 713.4, and 716.16.7 Retail Marijuana or Cannabis Facilities Regulations" be enacted?

A copy of this ordinance certified by the municipal officers and the Planning Board has been on file with the municipal clerk's office at least seven days before the Town Meeting. A certified copy of this ordinance is available for review in the Office of the Town Clerk during regular business hours.

SELECTPERSONS AND PLANNING BOARD RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 44: Shall an ordinance entitled "June 2017 Amendments of the Town of Thomaston Chapter 10 Definitions", Section 1003 Specific Definitions entitled "Amendments to Chapter 10 Definitions, Section 1003 Specific Definitions" be enacted?

A copy of this ordinance certified by the municipal officers and the Planning Board has been on file with the municipal clerk's office at least seven days before the Town Meeting. A certified copy of this ordinance is available for review in the Office of the Town Clerk during regular business hours.

SELECTPERSONS AND PLANNING BOARD RECOMMEND APPROVAL

Given under our hands this 24th day of April in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand Seven-teen by the vote of the Board of Selectmen.

**Greg Hamlin, Chairman
Peter Lammert**

Peter McCrea

**Lee-Ann Upham, Vice Chairman
William Hahn**

***VOTER
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