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Virginia (Schurman) McGuire

# ANNUAL REPORT

Of The

# **MUNICIPAL OFFICERS**

Of The Town Of

# **CUTLER** 2018-2019









# **DEDICATION**

We are pleased to dedicate our 2019 Town Report to Virginia Clair (Schurman) McGuire, also affectionately known over the years as Ginny, Gin, the "good" Ginny, Grammie Ginny, Nannie and Big Nannie. Ginny is a lifelong resident of Cutler who takes great pleasure and pride in being able to continue to live and care for the home in which she was born and raised. It is in that home that Ginny and her late husband Hollis raised 3 sons and 1 daughter. Through the years their home has been a favorite place to drop by for a visit and get a hot beverage and a delicious home baked goodie. The kids congregated on Halloween to have their photos taken and to see if they could disguise who they were. The "adult kids" each fall would show up to have their deer and bear weighed, tell tall tales and see who got the biggest bragging rights. All of these times were memorialized by photos that Ginny would share. Ginny and Hollis were avid sports fans and to this day, Ginny loves her Red Sox!!! When the children were young, there wasn't a ballgame that was missed and they would load up their vehicle to take along every kid that they could pack in to it. If you ask around, everyone will have their favorite memories of times with Ginny.

Ginny attended Cutler Grammar School and Washington Academy. Over the years, she has enjoyed working at the Harbor View Restaurant, preparing meals for the college students at the University of Maine in Machias and one of her favorite jobs was making school lunches for the students at Bay Ridge Elementary School. If you have ever voted in the Town of Cutler, you would have seen Ginny at the helm of the voting process. For many years, she would be seen throughout the long voting day holding down the fort and in to the wee hours counting the ballots. She has trained many a ballot clerk for the Town of Cutler. She also gave of her time as a Selectman for the Town. She loves unconditionally, her children, her grandchildren, great grands, extended family and her friends. We would like to honor her for her passion for Cutler, her kindness, friendship and her feisty resolve to live every day to the fullest! And "Go Red Sox"!!!

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For The Year

2018 - 2019

Also

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# ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS and Appointed Officials 2018 – 2019

# Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor Board of Assessors

Cynthia C. Rowden, Chair – Term expires 2019 David A. Glidden – Term expires 2020 Jillian Taylor – Term expires 2021

# Administrative Assistant Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Treasurer, Registrar of Voters E911 Coordinator

Teresa M. Bragg (Appointed)

# Deputy - Clerk, Tax Collector & Registrar

Jocelyn McIver (Appointed 03/01/2018) (Resigned 07/22/2019)

Lo-Lene Farris (Appointed 07/29/2019)

# Office Assistant

Marlene Sprague (Appointed 08/06/2019)

# Town of Cutler AOS 96 Board of Directors

Renee Patterson – Term to expire 2019 Melanie Fergerson – Term to expire 2020 Anita McKinley – Term to expire 2021

### **Road Commissioner**

Andrew Y. Hall (Elected)

# **Animal Control Officer**

Kevin Brodie (Appointed) (Resigned 07/01/2019) Currently vacant

# **Planning Board Members**

Vacant

# Code Enforcement Officer/ Plumbing Inspector Judy Rolfe (Appointed)

# **Board of Appeals**

Vacant

# Shellfish Warden

Kevin Brodie (Appointed 04/01/2015) (Resigned 07/01/2019)

Peter W Taylor, Sr (Appointed 07/11/2019)

### **Shellfish Committee Members**

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

### **Harbor Masters**

Allan Fitzhenry - Appt. expires 2019 Patrick Feeney - Appt. expires 2020 Brian Cates - Appt. expires 2021

# **Harbor Management Committee**

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

### Fire Chief

Wayne S. Dennison (Appointed)

# **Emergency Management Director**

Darrel Hinerman

# Health Officer

Robert Abrams, MD

# **SENATOR MARIANNE MOORE**

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# REPRESENTATIVE WILLIAM R. TUELL

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COMMITTEES:
ARMED SERVICES
BUDGET
ENERGY AND
NATURAL RESOURCES
INTELLIGENCE
RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

January 3, 2019

# Dear Friends,

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

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

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

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

Angus S. King

United States Senator

SUSAN M. COLLINS

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# United States Senate



Dear Friends,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Susan M. Collins United States Senator

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Senator Marianne Moore 3 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333-0003 (207) 287-1505 Marianne.Moore@legislature.maine.gov

Health & Human Services Committee
Ranking Member

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

First, let me thank you for electing me to represent you in Augusta, I am honored to get to serve you in the Maine Senate. I am eager to get to work so that Maine becomes an even better place to live, work and raise a family.

The 129<sup>th</sup> Legislature has many issues before it including funding our schools, providing property tax relief, tackling the opioid epidemic, and ensuring affordable access to healthcare regardless of where you live. I hope that others are just as willing as I am to get to work, collaborate, and find solutions for the Maine people.

Ensuring that our schools are funded adequately will be a top priority of mine. Many schools in Washington and Hancock Counties are struggling to provide the supplies necessary for our students to succeed. Countless hardworking and dedicated teachers are using their own money to make sure their students have basic school supplies. The lack of adequate funding also puts a burden on property tax payers, many who can't afford an increase. I will do everything I can to make sure the State picks up their share of education costs, and that revenue sharing is restored to 5%.

Continuing to fight against the heartbreaking opioid crisis is also imperative. Too many Maine families have been suffering because of addiction. I believe we must combat this by educating our young people regarding the dangers of substance abuse, ensuring our law enforcement officers have the tools they need to stop those trafficking illegal substances, and finally, providing treatment to those that are ready to seek it. Addiction does not discriminate. Folks from every corner of our great state have struggled with it, and we must use every tool in the toolbox to put an end to this health crisis.

Finally, addressing the lack of access to healthcare will be another focus of mine. Folks in Downeast Maine know better than anyone how difficult it can be to find a dentist, eye doctor or physician. Nobody should have to travel over an hour to seek medical treatment. I will work to find ways to increase the number of healthcare professionals here in Maine.

Thank you again for trusting me to represent you in Augusta. I hope the Legislature can come together to tackle the hard issues facing our state, and I am ready to help. Please feel free to contact me at 287-1505 or <a href="Marianne.Moore@legislature.maine.gov">Marianne.Moore@legislature.maine.gov</a> if you have comments, questions or if you would like assistance in navigating our state's bureaucracy.

Sincerely,

Marianne Moore

State Senator, District 6



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April 2019

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Thank you all for the opportunity to serve in the 129th Maine Legislature! I consider it a great honor to be able to represent our corner of coastal Washington County in Augusta. Whether that's making the push to reopen Down East Correctional Facility, fighting for our fishermen – particularly those who fish the gray zone – or making the case for restoring revenue sharing (a loss of over \$10 million in property tax relief for Washington County over the past five years alone), I am committed to working with Democrats, Republicans, and Independents to help our rural communities wherever I can.

This year, I am pleased to report that I have been appointed to two legislative committees – Marine Resources and State & Local Government, and have also served as co-chair on the Legislative Caucus on Aging. Each of these responsibilities have kept me on my toes – especially Marine Resources where fishing families are extremely worried about the already sky high cost of bait – made even worse by a federal cut in herring quota – and interstate and federal regulators are taking steps to protect endangered whales that will dramatically reduce the amount of gear fishermen can fish. As for State and Local, while the topics are much less high-profile, many of these bills impact how much say local people have over their own town and county governments. The Aging Caucus has been dealing with everything from how best to push for property tax relief to financial exploitation of our seniors. Additionally, I and other legislators from both parties have supported efforts to restore revenue sharing, expand the homestead exemption, and invest in the infrastructure our rural communities need.

And then there is Down East Correctional Facility. It could fill an entire town report on its own, however, I will simply say that our delegation has not given up on bringing the Bucks Harbor prison back, and putting as many of the workers at that facility back to work as we can. Whether we are successful remains to be seen, however we are extremely thankful for the support we have received from many of you reading this, as well as our colleagues in the Legislature who have helped fight for the prison the past five years.

Feel free to contact me if I can be of assistance in any way. The best way to contact me is via e-mail, at Will.Tuell@legislature.maine.gov, or by phone at 287-1440.

Thank you again, for giving me the honor of serving you in Augusta!

All the best,

William R. Tuell State Representative

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Dear Friends.

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

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

Caribou Office: 7 Hatch Drive, Suite 230, Caribou ME 04736. Phone: 207) 492-6009
 Lewiston Office: 179 Lisbon Street, Lewiston ME 04240. Phone: (207) 241-6767

• Bangor Office: 6 State Street, Bangor ME 04401. Phone: (207) 249-7400

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Jared Golden

Member of Congress

Golden

# Washington County Sheriff's Office

Barry Curtis Sheriff

Michael Crabtree Chief Deputy

Richard Rolfe Jail Administrator

**Paula Johnson-Rolfe** Office Manager



83 Court Street Machias, Maine 04654 Telephone: (207) 255-4422 Fax: (207) 255-3641

# TO THE CITIZENS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY January 2019

I am humbled and grateful as I write this letter to you. While I ran unopposed during the election last November, I still am appreciative of each of the votes I received. I am grateful for your confidence in me to lead the Sheriffs Office for a second term.

We couldn't do the important work of serving all of our citizens without manpower. Chief Deputy Crabtree and I petitioned successfully for three additional deputies to be added to our roster in 2019. I would like to extend a sincere thanks to the budget committee for their very careful consideration and approval of our request.

For many years, the county has been divided into three patrol areas, which have been covered by the Sheriffs Office and the Maine State Police. The addition of the three new deputies will allow us to explore restructuring to four patrol areas which we hope will reduce response time in responding to an emergency and handling of complaints. Moreover, because the State Police are short-handed, they can no longer provide the assistance with certain cases like sexual assaults as they have in the past. The additional manpower will allow us to give these type of cases the serious attention they need.

Drug issues continue to be our biggest problem here in Washington County and across the State of Maine. The devastation of this epidemic is widespread and felt by all. We have continued the assignment of two full time deputies to the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency and are continuing to tackle this epidemic through concentrated investigations and enforcement.

A welcomed addition to the Sheriffs Office are two canines who became certified in narcotic detection, article search and tracking. Through continued trainings and certifications these K-9 units will provide valuable assistance in many areas of public safety.

Our Corrections Officers in the Washington County Jail, as well as our Emergency Communications Specialists in the Regional Communications Center, are busier than ever. Those jobs are incredibly tough, and I appreciate the tremendous effort from all of our department employees.

I am pleased to continue to serve the Citizens of Washington County.

Sheriff Barry Curtis

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

Please accept my thanks for your membership support.
Highlights of FY18 services and accomplishments are summarized below:

### **Municipal Member Services**

- Maintain 3 News Feeds (news, funding opportunities, training opportunities; <u>www.wccog.net</u>) throughout year for Planning Boards, Assessors, Code Enforcement Officers, other municipal officials; send multiple e-mails to municipal members providing notice and resources
- Provided Certification Testing for Code Enforcement Officers in Calais office to save trip to Augusta.

### Municipal/Local Contractual Services

- Completed Comprehensive Plans in Eastport, and Whiting (including integration of Age Friendly Community Action Plan in Eastport).
- Completed Shoreland Zoning updates in Whiting and Machiasport
- Assisted Jonesport to choose a new working waterfront site and secure engineering design for improvements at chosen site.

### Access/assistance with funding opportunities

- Secured three \$6000 ShoreUp Maine grants from the Island Institute to provide engineering expertise
  to assist Eastport, Milbridge (for road and culvert designs) and Machiasport (to complete site plan for
  working waterfront access).
- Secured \$62,033 "Washington County Regional Resilience" Coastal Communities grant (leveraged by 3 ShoreUp Maine grants above) to avoid infrastructure failure and increase resilience to coastal flooding and future sea level rise.
- Secured Downeast Conservation Network contract (\$2500) to support workshop to discuss land conservation and municipal concerns
- Secured \$7000 contract with Maine DOT to assist Eastport with downtown circulation study
- Secured Sewall Foundation funds (\$30,000) for phase II build-out of BikeBoldCoast.com website, to
  purchase and install scenic bikeway way finding signage, to bring more bicycle repair training programs
  to the area, and continue coordinating the Bold Coast Partnership.
- Secured \$23,578 Shore and Harbor grant for Milbridge to study extreme siltation issues in Milbridge Harbor and analyze economic significance of harbor to town/region
- Secured funds from Maine Community Foundation's Washington County Fund for organizational and regional strategy building for DownEast Acadia Regional Tourism (\$5,000)
- Secured additional FY18 DACF contract funds to review/refine statewide Expansion of Development Mapping created in 1999-2000 (\$5000)

### Economic Development

- Provided fiscal sponsorship to MCF application by Rayes Mustard Mill and Museum in Eastport for assistance in developing strategic plan for non-profit museum.
- Conducted 2 Local Food Map-a-Thon events to add Washington County food producers and processors to Maine Food Atlas.
- · Brownfields Assessment: completed to date:
  - 35 Phase I Environmental Site Assessments (ESAs) and 23 Phase II ESAs in 15 towns as well as 20 completed or active redevelopment projects, creation of more than 80 jobs, and leveraged investment of at least \$4.5 million.
  - Presented 2 workshops at national Brownfields Conference in Pittsburgh PA; one on working with volunteers, the other on securing leverage to complete project re-development.
- · Tourism and regional promotion:
  - o Launch of new regional tourism website DiscoverBoldCoast.com



- o Updated and nationally distributed DownEast Acadia's True Maine brochure.
- Coordination with Maine Highlands and Aroostook tourism regions, Maine Woods Consortium, and Maine Office of Tourism on destination development in the Bold Coast and Grand Lakes.
- Conducted a lobster and blueberry informational dinner for 75 travel agents in Florida, in partnership with the Maine Highlands region
- o Completed design of Bold Coast Scenic Bikeway rack card; distributed ~ 1500 at New England Bike-Walk Summit in Boston, New York Bike Expo, and at events around Maine
- Completed mapping of shared use safety conditions along the Scenic Bikeway and translated this into a
  route rating map on the BikeBoldCoast.com website.

### Training

- Presented Municipal Climate Adaptation Guidance documents to Executive Committee; posted all Guidance documents on web site (<a href="http://www.wccog.net/municipal-climate-adaptation-guidance.htm">http://www.wccog.net/municipal-climate-adaptation-guidance.htm</a>); led to successful ShoreUp Maine and Coastal Community grants to implement tools.
- Maintain online GIS mapping tool and provide one-on-one training to municipal officials; monitoring online survey feedback from users.
- Created/provided Building Bicycle Tourism DownEast industry trainings in partnership with the Bicycle
  Coalition of Maine's Bicycles WelcoME certification; to date 32 businesses have been certified as
  Bicycles WelcoME businesses located in towns of Eastport, Machias, Milbridge, Lubec, Whiting,
  Princeton, Calais, Grand Lake Stream, Cherryfield, Roque Bluffs, Harrington, Jonesboro, Columbia
  Falls, Prospect Harbor, Corea, and Winter Harbor.

### Regional Planning/Services

- Completed Downeast Sustainability Pilot in the East Machias and Orange River watersheds in collaboration with Sunrise County Economic Council and Downeast Salmon Federation.
- Coordinated/assisted ACTT (A Climate To Thrive, based on Mount Desert Island) to identify Washington County locations for free E/V charging stations; installed in Machias and Eastport.
- Kids on Bikes!
  - Purchased a school bus from East Machias; developing programming as The Bike Bus, modeled
    after existing programs in Biddeford and across the nation. Working to secure funding for a bicycle
    education staff person, in partnership with BCM, EdGE, and Northern Forest Council (Maine Woods
    Consortium). EdGE Center staff and community partners will oversee creation of Public Art on the
    exterior of the Bike Bus. Students at Jonesport/Beals High School will complete interior renovations
    to create the mobile bicycle repair shop.
- Bicycle Coalition of Maine conducted bicycle repair training for Machias high school students; funds in place to support this program for another year

### Regional Capacity Building and Partnerships

WCCOG continued in several collaborative roles in 2017-18 with groups and agencies that provide economic development services in the County and region. This includes:

- Participating in meetings with HUD, WHCA, ME Sea Coast Mission, community leaders and county manager to implement recommendations of 2014 Washington County Sustainable Housing Plan
- Downeast Sunrise Trail Coalition, Downeast & Acadia Regional Tourism, Destination Cherryfield, Downeast RC&D, and Blackwoods Scenic Byway committees.
- · Experience Maritime Maine, Bicycle Coalition of Maine, and Tourism New Brunswick.
- GrowSmart Maine, Sunrise County Economic Council.
- Downeast Fisheries Partnership, a collaboration of agencies in Downeast Maine to facilitate improved fishing conditions in the region, to develop and enhance working relationships, and support collaborative research and educational activities.

Respectfully submitted, Judy East, Executive Director

# PRESS RELEASE For Immediate Release

Municipal officials are pleased to announce that the **Town of Cutler** has received a **\$619** dividend check from the Maine Municipal Association as a result of its good loss experience and loss prevention programs.

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

The programs are overseen by governing boards of elected and appointed municipal officials. At its May meeting, the board approved another dividend distribution. Actual allocation and eligibility is based on the individual member's own loss experience. Michelle Pelletier, Director of Risk Management Services for MMA, said more than 79 percent of program participants received a dividend this year for their good risk management practices and favorable loss experience.

This year the Workers Compensation Fund has distributed almost \$650,000 in dividends to participants and the Property and Casualty Pool has paid dividends of nearly \$600,000, for total payments of just over \$1.2 million returned directly to MMA members.

Maine Municipal Association has been paying dividends since 1997, the two programs have returned over **\$22 million** to participating members. For more information about any of the MMA Risk Management Services programs, including online training programs and other services, check the offerings on their website at <a href="https://www.memun.org">www.memun.org</a> and click on the Risk Management Services link, or call 1-800-590-5583.



### Proven Expertise and Integrity

August 9, 2019

Board of Selectmen Town of Cutler, Maine Cutler, Maine

We were engaged by the Town of Cutler and have audited the financial statements of the Town of Cutler as of and for the year ended June 30, 2018. The following statements and schedules have been excerpted from the 2018 financial statements, a complete copy of which, including our opinion thereon, will available for inspection at the Town Office.

### Included herein are:

Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Budgetary Basis	
Budget and Actual - General Fund	Schedule 1

Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds Statement C

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and

RHR Smith & Company

Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds Statement E

Schedule of Departmental Operations - General Fund

Schedule A

Combining Balance Sheet - Nonmajor Governmental Funds

Schedule B

Combining Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - Nonmajor Governmental Funds

Schedule C

Certified Public Accountants

Variance

# TOWN OF CUTLER, MAINE

### BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGETARY BASIS BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

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Budgetary Fund Balance, July 1, Restated Resources (Inflows):	\$	635,023	\$	635,023	\$	635,023	\$	-
Property taxes		1,205,512		1,205,512		1,250,980		45,468
Excise taxes		119,734		119.734		122,208		2.474
Intergovernmental:				-,		,		,
Education subsidy		-		215,824		239,761		23,937
State revenue sharing		27,331		27,331		27,343		12
Homestead reimbursement		30,430		30,430		27,866		(2,564)
Wildlife refuge		11,750		11,750		-		(11,750)
BETE reimbursement		5,114		5,114		5,116		2
Local road assistance		-		-		7,736		7,736
Tree growth		12,000		12,000		13,802		1,802
School lunch subsidy		-		-		13,407		13,407
Grant		-		-		215,224		215,224
State agency clients		-		-		804		804
Education other		-		-		810		810
Veteran's/other		750		750		1,319		569
Charges for services/fees:				45.000				(= 000)
School lunch		-		15,000		9,737		(5,263)
Administration Other income:		-		-		6,214		6,214
						21,040		24.040
In lieu of payments Interest/fees on taxes		-		-		11,232		21,040
Other education revenue		-		100		1,791		11,232 1,691
Proceeds on sale of tax acquired property		-		100		47,960		47,960
Other revenue		8,750		8,750		4,497		(4,253)
Investment income		0,730		0,750		754		754
Transfers in from other funds		75,000		98,466		98,466		754
Amounts Available for Appropriation		2,131,394	_	2,385,784	_	2,763,090		377,306
		,,		_,,,,,,,,,				,
Charges to Appropriations (Outflows):		=		407.007		457.005		40.000
General government		161,734		197,087		157,025		40,062
Protection		21,092		29,491		25,028		4,463
Public works		109,250		156,130		110,889		45,241
Health and sanitation Social services		23,750		23,750		20,404		3,346
Education		3,000 802.904		9,340 1,157,294		2,500 1,074,457		6,840
County tax		109,637		1,137,294		109,637		82,837
TIF		111,522		109,037		109,037		-
Debt service		120,230		120,230		120,189		41
Capital outlay		50,000		265,224		194,467		70,757
Unclassified		70,252		87,021		50,595		36,426
Transfers to other funds		- 0,202		111,522		111,522		-
Total Charges to Appropriation		1,583,371		2,266,726		1,976,713		290,013
	_	= 40.000	_		_	700.077	_	007.040
Budgetary Fund Balance - June 30	\$	548,023	\$	119,058	\$	786,377	\$	667,319
Use of restricted fund balance	\$	-	\$	100,000	\$	-	\$	(100,000)
Use of assigned fund balance		-		108,475		-		(108,475)
Use of unassigned fund balance	_	87,000	_	307,490	_		_	(307,490)
	\$	87,000	\$	515,965	\$		\$	(515,965)

# TOWN OF CUTLER, MAINE

# BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS JUNE 30, 2018

		General Fund	Gov	Other vernmental Funds	Go	Total overnmental Funds
ASSETS Cash and cash equivalents Investments Accounts receivable (net of allowance	\$	994,282	\$	9,980	\$	994,282 9,980
for uncollectibles): Taxes and liens Other		138,869 5,344		-		138,869 5,344
Due from other governments Inventory		35,359 255		15,015		50,374 50,374 255
Prepaid items Tax acquired property		12,234 49,368		-		12,234 49,368
Due from other funds TOTAL ASSETS	\$	5,565 1,241,276	\$	275,425 300,420	\$	280,990 1,541,696
LIABILITIES Accounts payable	\$	19,963	\$	2,813	\$	22,776
Accrued expenses Due to other funds	Ψ	55,497 275,425	Ψ	2,690 5,565	Ψ	58,187 280,990
TOTAL LIABILITIES	_	350,885		11,068		361,953
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES Prepaid taxes Deferred tax revenue		2,840		-		2,840
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	_	101,174 104,014			=	101,174 104,014
FUND BALANCES Nonspendable		61,857		_		61,857
Restricted Committed		288,971 47,968		268,613		557,584 47,968
Assigned Unassigned TOTAL FUND BALANCES	_	94,861 292,720 786,377	_	20,739	_	115,600 292,720 1,075,729
TOTAL FUND BALANCES  TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF		700,377		203,332	_	1,013,129
RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES	\$	1,241,276	\$	300,420	\$	1,541,696

### TOWN OF CUTLER, MAINE

# STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

		General Fund	 Other rernmental Funds	Go	Total overnmental Funds
REVENUES					
Taxes:					
Property	\$	1,250,980	\$ -	\$	1,250,980
Excise		122,208	-		122,208
Intergovernmental		553,188	64,012		617,200
State of Maine on-behalf payments		25,219	-		25,219
Charges for services		15,951	5,954		21,905
Interest income		754	27		781
Other		86,520	 		86,520
TOTAL REVENUES		2,054,820	 69,993		2,124,813
EXPENDITURES Current:					
General government		157,025	-		157,025
Protection		25,028	-		25,028
Public works		110,889	-		110,889
Health and sanitation		20,404	-		20,404
Social services		2,500	-		2,500
Education		1,074,457	66,608		1,141,065
State of Maine on-behalf payments		25,219	-		25,219
County tax		109,637	-		109,637
Unclassified		50,595	3,515		54,110
Debt service		120,189	-		120,189
Capital outlay		194,467	 		194,467
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	_	1,890,410	 70,123	_	1,960,533
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER			(122)		
(UNDER) EXPENDITURES	_	164,410	 (130)	_	164,280
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)					
Transfers in		98,466	111,522		209,988
Transfers (out)		(111,522)	(98,466)		(209,988)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	_	(13,056)	 13,056		(203,300)
	_	(10,000)	 10,000	_	
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES		151,354	12,926		164,280
FUND BALANCES - JULY 1, RESTATED	_	635,023	 276,426	_	911,449
FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30	\$	786,377	\$ 289,352	\$	1,075,729

TOWN OF CUTLER, MAINE

# SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

		Original Budget	A	Budget Adjustments		Final Budget		Actuals	Variance Positive (Negative)	(a)
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	•	0	•		•	0	•	i L		
Administration Office personnel	Ð	26,500 76,960	Ð		Ð	76,960	A	75.219	\$ 996 1.741	۰ -
Officer / other salaries		14,230		3,650		17,880		17,880		
Assessors / assessor fund		8,900				8,900		7,202	1,698	œ
MMA Health insurance		20,194		•		20,194		16,165	4,029	6
Payroll taxes		9,950		•		9,950		8,409	1,541	_
Legal fees		3,000		•		3,000		2,340	)99	0
Update comprehensive plan		•		31,703		31,703		4,306	27,397	7
Planning board		2,000		•		2,000		•	2,000	0
Total		161,734		35,353		197,087		157,025	40,062	2
PROTECTION										
Volunteer fire department		7,800		8,285		16,085		12,925	3,160	0
Animal control		200		114		614		82	529	6
Street lights		7,500		•		7,500		6,726	774	4
Ambulance		5,292		•		5,292		5,292		
Total		21,092		8,399		29,491		25,028	4,463	3
FUBLIC WORKS Town roads		10 000		46 880		56.880		11 915	44 965	4
Snow removal		92,250		5		92,250		92,250		, ,
Winter road salt		7,000		٠		7,000		6,724	276	9
Total		109,250		46,880	$ \  $	156,130		110,889	45,241	<b> </b> ←
HEALTH AND SANITATION										
Solid waste		23,750		•		23,750		20,404	3,346	9
Total		23,750		1		23,750		20,404	3,346	ဖ
SOCIAL SERVICES		i i				0		( L		
Social service agencies		2,500		' 6		2,500		2,500		٠,
General assistance		009		6,340		6,840			6,840	اد
Total		3,000		6,340		9,340		2,500	6,840	اه

SCHEDULE A (CONTINUED)

TOWN OF CUTLER, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actuals	Variance Positive (Negative)
EDUCATION Education costs	802,904	354,390	1,157,294	1,074,457	82,837
Total	802,904	354,390	1,157,294	1,074,457	82,837
COUNTY TAX	109,637		109,637	109,637	
TIF	111,522	(111,522)		·	
CAPITAL OUTLAY Sand/salt shed	50 000	215 224	265 224	194 467	70 752
Total	50,000	215,224	265,224	194,467	70,757
DEBT SERVICE Principal	106,054	•	106,054	106,054	
Interest	14,176	٠	14,176	14,135	41
Total	120,230	•	120,230	120,189	41
UNCLASSIFIED					
Harbor management	•	2,907	2,907	1,727	4,180
Parks and rec fund	1,500	3,088	4,588	700	3,888
Office building / library	13,000	•	13,000	12,332	899
Town properties	4,250	•	4,250	2,430	1,820
July 4th celebration	4,000	•	4,000	4,000	
Contingency	10,000	•	10,000	9,282	718
Snowmobile	•	152	152	152	
Cemetery maintenance	7,000	7,622	14,622	10,720	3,902
Library	200		200	•	200
Overlay	30,002	-	30,002	9,252	20,750
Total	70,252	16,769	87,021	50,595	36,426
TRANSFER TO OTHER FUNDS		111 522	111 522	111 522	
Total		111,522	111,522	111,522	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 1,583,371	\$ 683,355	\$ 2,266,726	\$ 1,976,713	\$ 290,013

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

### TOWN OF CUTLER, MAINE

# COMBINING BALANCE SHEET - NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS JUNE 30, 2018

	F	Special Revenue Funds	 rmanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds		
ASSETS Investments Due from other governments Due from other funds TOTAL ASSETS	\$	15,015 275,398 290,413	\$ 9,980 - 27 10,007	\$	9,980 15,015 275,425 300,420	
LIABILITIES Accounts payable Accrued payroll Due to other funds TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$	2,813 2,690 5,565 11,068	\$ - - - -	\$	2,813 2,690 5,565 11,068	
FUND BALANCES Nonspendable Restricted Committed Assigned Unassigned TOTAL FUND BALANCES		258,606 - 20,739 - 279,345	10,007 - - 10,007		268,613 - 20,739 - 289,352	
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$	290,413	\$ 10,007	\$	300,420	

### TOWN OF CUTLER, MAINE

# COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

	F	Special Revenue Funds	P	ermanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds		
REVENUES Intergovernmental income Charges for services Other income TOTAL REVENUES	\$	64,012 5,954 - 69,966	\$	- - 27 27	\$	64,012 5,954 27 69,993	
EXPENDITURES Other TOTAL EXPENDITURES		70,123 70,123		<del>-</del> _		70,123 70,123	
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES		(157)		27		(130)	
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) Transfers in Transfers (out) TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)		111,522 (98,466) 13,056		<u>-</u>		111,522 (98,466) 13,056	
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES		12,899		27		12,926	
FUND BALANCES - JULY 1, RESTATED		266,446		9,980		276,426	
FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30	\$	279,345	\$	10,007	\$	289,352	

# 2018 MUNICIPAL TAX RATE CALCULATION STANDARD FORM Municipality: Cutler

### BE SURE TO COMPLETE THIS FORM BEFORE FILLING IN THE TAX ASSESSMENT WARRANT

	DE SOILE TO COMP	LIL IIII	TORN DETORET	ALLAIN'	G IN THE TAX ADDED	SIJETAT AALT	KIKANI
1.	Total Taxable Valuation of Rea	al Estate		1	66,734,94		
2.	Total taxable valuation of pers	onal property	/	2	(should agree with MVR I 239,43	35	
3.	Total Taxable Valuation of rea	l estate and p	personal property (Lir	ne 1 plu	(should agree wtih MVR I s line 2)	3	66974383
4.	(a) Total exempt value for all	homestead e	xemptions granted	4(a)	3,536,9	15	th MVR Page 1, line 11)
	(b) Homestead exemption rei	mbursement	value	4(b)	(should agree with MVR I 2,210,5	72	
5.	Total exempt value of all BETE	qualified pro	perty	5(a)	(Line 4(a) multiplied by 1,352,49	90	
	(b) BETE exemption reimburs	ement value		5(b)	(should agree with MVR   676,24		
	Municipalities with significar		operty & equipment	-(-)	(line 5(a) multiplied by 0.5		
	may qualify for more than 5	0% reimburse	ement. Please contact	MRS for	the Enhanced Tax Rate Cal	culator form.	
6.	Total Valuation Base (Line 3 p	lus line 4(b)	plus line 5(b))			6	69,861,200
	ASSESSMENTS						
7.	County Tax			7	112,842.0	00	
8.	Municipal Appropriation			8	511,112.0	00	
9.	TIF Financing Plan Amount			9	94,430.	00	
10.	Local Educational Appropriation (Adjusted to Municipal Fiscal Year)	on (Loca	Il Share/Contributio	on) 10	802,004.	00	
11.	Total Assessments (Add lines	7 through 10	)			11	1,520,388.00
	ALLOWABLE DEDUCTION	ONS					
12.	State Municipal Revenue Shar	ing		12	28,779.	00	
13.	Other Revenues: (All other rappropriated to be used to reduce the interest income, appropriated surplus		ch as excise tax revenue, t				
14.	Total Deductions (Line 12 plus	s line 13)				14	307,319.00
15.	Net to be raised by local prope	erty tax rate (	Line 11 minus line 14	4)		15	1,213,069.00
16	1,213,069.00	X	1.05	=	1,273,722.45	Maximum /	Allowable Tax
17	. 1,213,069.00	/	69,861,200	=	0.017364	Minimum T	ax Rate
18	. 1,273,722.45	/	69,861,200	=	0.018232	Maximum <sup>-</sup>	Tax Rate
19	. 66974383	x	0.017750	=	1,188,795.30	Tax for Co	mmitment
20	. 1,213,069.00	x	(Selected Rate) 0.05	=	(Enter on MVR Page 1, line 13) 60,653.45	Maximum (	Overlay
21	. 2,210,572	Х	0.017750	=			d Reimbursement
22	. 676,245	х	(Selected Rate) 0.017750	=	(Enter on line 8, Assessment Wi 12,003.35	BETE Reim	bursement
	- 7 - 10		(Selected Rate)		(Enter on line 9, Assessment Wa		
23	, ,	-	1,213,069.00	=	26,967.30 (Enter on line 5, Assessment W		
	(Line 19 plus lines 21 and 22)	alore to the control of			(Enter on line 5, Assessment W	arraill)	
	(If Line 23 exceeds Line 20 s	eiect a lower i	tax rate.)				

# TAX CLUB PAYMENT PLAN

# How do I enter the tax club payment plan??

- A. The taxpayer agrees to pay specified monthly payments to the town based on his/her estimated and/or actual tax obligation for the current year taxes.
- B. The town agrees not to charge interest on timely payments made pursuant to the tax club agreement;
- C. The town authorizes the Tax Collector to accept tax club payments for current taxes which may be due prior to the commitment of those taxes;
- D. The agreement is automatically terminated if a scheduled payment is late, and the taxpayer then becomes subject to the same due date(s) and interest date(s) as other taxpayers who are not participating in a tax club;
- E. Only taxpayers who do not have outstanding tax obligations for prior tax years are eligible to participate in the tax club program; and
- F. Taxpayers wishing to participate in a tax club for a particular property tax year shall enter into a written agreement with the town accepting the deadlines determined by the Tax Collector.

# UNPAID BALANCES REPORT

# Tax Year 2017- Balances as of 08/12/2019

Acct	Name	Property Tax
045	Barrows, Lori A.	2,054.26
582	Batchelder, Shawn	692.92
392	Cates, Deborah A.	4,583.69
711	Cates, Deborah A.	357.88
689	Davis, Brent E. Sr.	387.98
407	Engelmann, Edward & Linda	106.53
410	Feeney, Kevin C.	1,777.71
466	Feeney, Kevin C.	666.23
028	Feeney, Kevin C.	556.63
480	Feeney, Kevin C.	102.87
261	Hazelton, Neil	1,703.47
720	Hundley, Alice R. & Scott	250.15
248	Jessiman, Walter & Kelly	2,113.94
009	Look, Barry & Danielle	434.47
339	Look, David A.	302.68
069	McCaslin, Michael	1351.21
396	Peabody Heirs, Caroll c/o Keith Howard	4.32
419	Pond Ridge Farm Inc. c/o Charles Beam	775.82
215	Pond Ridge Farm Inc. c/o Charles Beam	560.34
727	Taylor, Jared	296.47
347	Tinker, Meagan	1,555.04
556	Wright, Wayne	6,058.99
<u>646</u>	Wright, Wayne	867.39

Total for 23 \$27,296.33

# SHELLFISH CONSERVATION ACCOUNT

Balance July 01, 2017	\$17,226.57
Sale of Licenses	6,000.00
Town share of License Sales	(46.00)
Shellfish Expenses	(3,515.42)
Balance June 30, 2018	\$ 19,665.15

# HARBOR MANAGEMENT ACCOUNT

Balance July 01, 2017	\$4,557.10
Mooring permit fees	1,360.00
Harbor Committee Expenses	(10.00)
Balance June 30, 2018	\$5,907.10

# **CEMETERY ACCOUNT**

Balance July 01, 2017	\$7,621.73
Reservations and Donations	875.00
Cemetery Expenses	(4,104.39)
Balance June 30, 2018	\$4,392.34

# PARK & RECREATION ACCOUNT

\$3,087.71
500.00
(700.00)
\$2,887.71

# GENERAL ASSISTANCE ACCOUNT

Balance July 01, 2017	\$6,339.97
Appropriation	500.00
Expenses	(0.00)
Balance June 30, 2018	\$6,839.97

# CUTLER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT ACCOUNT

Balance July 01, 2017	\$8,284.33
Appropriation	25,000.00
Expenses	(0.00)
Balance June 30, 2018	\$33,284.33

# PERPETUAL CARE CD'S

# Perpetual Care Lots

Frank & Berla Huntley - \$200.00

Merritt & Harvard Wright - \$200.00

Carleton & Doris Meloon - \$200.00

James & Maurice Davis - \$200.00

George & Lottie Davis - \$200.00

Wilbur & Mildred Beam - \$200.00

Eugene & Mary Farris - \$200.00

Hal & Peggy Buckner - \$400.00

William Simpson / A & M McGuire - \$750.00

Ruth & Frederick McNeeland - \$200.00

Kenneth & Laura Dennison - \$230.00

Robert & Gladys Dudley - \$300.00

Gordon & Anne Trim - \$200.00

Charles & Flora Gardner - \$200.00

Allen & Myrtle Fitzhenry - \$500.00

Robert Sr. & Marjie Ackley - \$400.00

Otis & Phyllis Leighton - \$100.00

Orlando M. & Clarence M. Randall -\$300.00

Ruth Dennison - \$200.00

Hunt & Farris - \$200.00

Ruth Davis - \$200.00

Walter & Eleanor Anderson - \$500.00

Oscar Ward - \$200.00

Randall & Bryant - \$200.00

Mason & Ackley - \$200.00

Mary Morris Pineo - \$200.00

Elisha Ackley / Olive Wallace - \$200.00

Capt. Mark Thurlow - \$200.00

Waldo N. Huntley - \$200.00

Leigh & Corice Maker - \$200.00

John F. Trafton - \$200.00

(CD in the amount of \$7,980.00)

**Interest Deposited to General Fund 06/30/18** \$21.56

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

James & Mary Ackley (CD) - \$1,000.00

Interest Deposited to General Fund 06/30/18 \$5.40

# **TOWN CLERK'S REPORT 2019**

# VITAL STATISTICS REPORT

During the period from July 01, 2018 to June 30, 2019 the following vital records were received and recorded:

Resident Births Recorded: 07

Marriage Licenses Issued: 03

Resident Deaths Recorded: 05



May the winds of Heaven blow softly and whisper in your ear,
How much we love and miss you and wish that you were here.

# **LOUISE CLEMENTS LIBRARY REPORT 2018**

In the past 12 months, the Louise Clements Library Volunteers have continued our efforts to reorganize the shelves and add new titles to our collection. To create shelf space for new books, we pass on our used books, either by way of our sale table or by donating some to the Porter Memorial Library's annual book sale.

To serve our borrowers more efficiently, we have rearranged our entire fiction collection. Originally some fiction was shelved separately by genre, such as mystery, western, and fantasy, but we found it serves us better to have these integrated in the regular fiction, with identifying labels on the spine of the book.

Do we expect quiet in the library? Not when our Wiggles and Giggles group meets! Twice monthly during the school year the children listen to a story, and do hands-on activities related to the story theme, along with songs and finger plays. Thanks to the skills of Cheryl Corbett and Janine Drouin, this program has enjoyed a good attendance, averaging eight preschoolers accompanied by their moms or dads. In the next year we plan to purchase a number of new titles to be enjoyed in the Wiggles and Giggles program.

In our adult fiction, we have purchased over 50 titles in the past year, often those suggested by patrons. We have completed our sets of mysteries by Anne Perry, Jacquelyn Winspear, and Louise Penny, and we welcome suggestions for new books and favorite authors. In addition to books, other expenses include supplies, the quarterly computer maintenance service, and materials used for the Wiggles and Giggles program.

Our list of borrowers now numbers 145. If you do not yet have a library card, there is no cost, so please check with Teresa at the town office.

Thanks to presenters Gordon Corbett, Karen Benn, and Faeterri Silver, our library has offered programs about the sinking of the Titanic, Yo-Yo physics, women's clothing 1850-1890, and saving garden seeds. At Christmas, the town office staff organized a community tree lighting party, with story time and crafts done by the library volunteers. Through Americorps, we hosted a digital literacy class, and there may be more of these depending on interest. We have three more programs planned for the next three months, so please watch for flyers and the sign outside the library.

Our group of volunteers are Aimee Ganon, Ruth Corbett, Cheryl Corbett, Jenny Litwinowich, Angie Potter, Teresa Bragg, and Pauline Cates.

Respectfully submitted, Pauline Cates

# **FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT 2018**

The Cutler Volunteer Fire Department responded to: 1 Vehicle on fire, 1 Electrical fire, 2 Traffic control, 1 Rescue on Bold Coast Trail, 1 Grass fire, 1 Tree on fire and 1 Structure fire.

Just a reminder that in case of emergency call 911.

In closing, we would like to thank everyone who volunteered their time in support of our fire department.

Respectfully Submitted, Wayne Dennison Fire Chief

# SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS ANNUAL REPORT 2019 Cutler School District

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

During the 2018/2019 school year, Principal Darlene Wheeler has provided the necessary support that teachers and support staff needed to be successful meeting the social and academic needs of our students. Ms. Wheeler stays in touch with the challenges teachers face every day by providing Title 1 support to our students. In her role as a Teaching Principal she has a wide range of responsibilities.

Our administrators and teachers also continue to work to implement the delivery of essential Common Core Standards in all classrooms. Several Bay Ridge staff members have been part of the AOS 96 Leadership Team. This team makes recommendations for school improvement which has recently been focused on curriculum changes.

The Cutler high school students have school choice. Traditionally most of the students attend Washington Academy with some students attending Machias Memorial High School. Warrant Article 1 in the school budget contains the cost of providing regular education services at the Bay Ridge Elementary School, as well as, secondary tuition costs. Secondary tuition costs comprise 55.5% of this budget article.

The proposed 2019/2020 school budget of \$1,341,860.24 reflects a \$36,310.49 increase in the tax commitment for education. The School Committee added \$125,000.00 from fund balance to keep the tax commitment as low as possible. The increase is primarily due to a significant change in the number of secondary students.

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

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

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

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

# **REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN - 2019**

Another year has come and gone here in Cutler and we don't have a lot to report on as all major projects are completed or nearly completed.

In 2016, the voters gave us up to \$30,000.00 to work on our ordinances and we hired Noel Musson, of the Musson Group, to help us with them. He has been an outstanding consultant and has worked hard for Cutler. Prior projects that he has worked on with us have been the Harbor Ordinance and official mooring map, the Boat Ramp / Pier Project and the Sand / Salt Shed. We continue to work on our ordinances to bring them as up to date as possible to protect our Town.

We know that our town roads need some maintenance work as nothing got done this past year. We hope to do some improvements in the upcoming year.

A special thank you goes out to Teresa as she put in many extra hours this past year training Jocelyn and then manning the office while Jocelyn was out on maternity leave. Thanks, also, to Lo-Lene Farris, Marlene Sprague and Kim Davis for making time to assist in answering phones, sorting mail and other office chores with little or no training while Jocelyn was away.

Respectively submitted,

Cynthia C. Rowden, Chair

# THE WARRANT

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

# Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Cutler, in said County and State, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Bay Ridge School in said Town on Tuesday, the 27th of August, AD 2019 at 6:30 o'clock in the evening, Daylight Savings Time, then and there to act upon the following articles, to wit:

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

# ARTICLES FOR TOWN OF CUTLER 2019/2020 SCHOOL BUDGET

**ARTICLE 02:** Shall the Town be authorized to expend \$774,718.02 for Regular Instruction?

**ARTICLE 03:** Shall the Town be authorized to expend \$180,917.84 for Special Education?

**ARTICLE 04:** Shall the Town be authorized to expend \$3,262.00 for Other Instruction?

**ARTICLE 05:** Shall the Town be authorized to expend \$0.00 for Student and Staff Support?

**ARTICLE 06:** Shall the Town be authorized to expend \$48,347.15 for System Administration?

**ARTICLE 07:** Shall the Town be authorized to expend \$63,434.96 for School Administration?

**ARTICLE 08:** Shall the Town be authorized to expend \$56,751.57 for Transportation and Buses?

**ARTICLE 09:** Shall the Town be authorized to expend \$144,320.69 for Facilities Maintenance?

**ARTICLE 10:** Shall the Town be authorized to expend \$70,108.01 for All Other Expenditures?

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

**ARTICLE 11:** Shall the Town appropriate \$844,803.68 for the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and shall the Town raise \$539,028.00 as the Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15688?

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

**ARTICLE 12:** (Written ballot required) Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$299,286.56 in additional local funds, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$299,286.56 as required to fund the budget recommended by the school committee?

The school committee **recommends** \$299,286.56 for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by \$299,286.56: The Cutler School Department budget is over the Essential Programs and Services model in student to teacher ratios, school administration, system administration, maintenance, clerical costs, and the difference between the secondary tuition rate and the EPS tuition rate. In addition, the Essential Programs and Services model does not fully fund co-curricular activities and the model has not been fully funded by the State.

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

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# ARTICLE 13 SUMMARIZES THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

**ARTICLE 13:** Shall the Town authorize the school committee to expend \$1,341,860.24 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020 from the Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, non-state-funded school construction projects, additional local funds for school purposes under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy and other receipts for the support of schools?

# ARTICLE 14 AUTHORIZES EXPENDITURES OF GRANTS AND OTHER RECEIPTS

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

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

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

# THE REST OF THE ARTICLES RELATE TO MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS

**ARTICLE 16:** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/ or appropriate for the following:

#### SELECTMEN RECOMMEND:

Administration	\$29,700.00
Office Personnel	85,820.00
M.M.A. Health Insurance	14,950.00

S.S. & Payroll Taxes	12,000.00
(Town Officers)	•
Selectmen	7,500.00
Town Clerk	600.00
Registrar of Voters	120.00
Road Commissioner	1,200.00
Animal Control Officer	1,200.00
Assessors	900.00
Code Enforcement Officer	3,500.00
Fire Chief	1,200.00
Harbor Masters	2,250.00
Licensed Plumbing Inspector	300.00
Recreation Director	500.00
E911 Officer	500.00
Health Officer	300.00
Transfer Station Member	300.00
Assessing Agent	3,500.00
Planning Board Members	1,500.00
Planning Board Secretary	500.00
Total - Raised & / or Appropriated:	\$168,340.00

Selectmen recommend \$116,340.00 be appropriated from excise taxes and the remaining \$52,000.00 be appropriated from surplus to fund this Article.

**ARTICLE 17:** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and / or appropriate for the following:

## TO BE RAISED:

Town Road Maintenance *	10,000.00
Office Building Maintenance	8,875.00
Town Property Maintenance	20,000.00
Cemetery Maintenance*	2,000.00
General Assistance *	500.00
Street Lights	7,500.00
Solid Waste Disposal	33,750.00
Ambulance	5,418.00
Animal Control Account *	300.00
Snow Removal	93,600.00
Winter Road Salt	7,500.00
Legal Defense Fund *	3,000.00

Assessor's Fund	9,075.00
July Fourth Committee Fund*	1,500.00
Cutler Library Committee Fund*	600.00
Park & Recreation Fund *	2,500.00
Total - Raised & / or Appropriated:	\$206,118.00
(*Carry Account)	

Selectmen recommend \$45,000.00 be appropriated from surplus to fund this Article.

**ARTICLE 18:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate an amount not to exceed \$6,682.00 to provide insurance for the Cutler Volunteer Fire Department through the Town's policy with MMA. (Article submitted by CVFD)

**ARTICLE 19**: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000.00 for the Cutler Volunteer Fire Department, said monies to be deposited into a Town of Cutler Non-Lapsing Savings Account to be used as reimbursement upon request from the Cutler Volunteer Fire Department and approved by the Board of Selectmen for Fire Department purchases. (Article submitted by CVFD)

**ARTICLE 20:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate an amount not to exceed \$2,500.00 for Local Non-Profit Organizations, to be expended as deemed in the best interests of the Town by the Selectmen. (A list of organizations requesting donations is available at the Town Office.)

**ARTICLE 21:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$10,000.00 for the contingency account, said account to be used for unexpected and unforeseen expenditures.

**ARTICLE 22:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$109,484.00 to pay the County Tax.

**ARTICLE 23:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$150,000.00 to purchase a 7-acre parcel of land depicted on the Town Tax Maps as Map 09 Lot 24. Property to be paid for from the Tax Increment Financing District Program Fund.

**ARTICLE 24:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$14,400.00 for the 08th of 10 Municipal Loan Payments for the Destiny Bay Road Construction Project.

- **ARTICLE 25:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$28,800.00 for the 08th of 10 Municipal Loan Payments for the Little Machias Road Construction Project.
- **ARTICLE 26:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$11,500.00 for the 07th of 10 Municipal Loan Payments for the Little Machias Road Paying Project.
- **ARTICLE 27:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$20,620.00 for the 07th of 10 Municipal Loan Payments for the Destiny Bay Road, Fitzhenry Lane, Cove Road & Marsh Road Paving Project.
- **ARTICLE 28:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$25,750.00 for the 06th of 10 Municipal Loan Payments for the 2014 Town Road Paving of the Little Machias Road, Destiny Bay Road & Ackley Road.
- **ARTICLE 29:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$19,160.00 for the 06th of 10 Municipal Loan Payments for the 2014 Sand / Salt Storage Building Project.
- **ARTICLE 30:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take all funds received from the sale of town acquired properties, to deposit said funds into a non-lapsing account and to expend funds for improvements and maintenance of municipal properties.
- **ARTICLE 31:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take all funds left at the close of the DOT Municipal Sand / Salt Shed Project, to deposit said funds into a non-lapsing account called the Sand / Salt Shed Maintenance Account and to expend funds for improvements and maintenance of the Sand / Salt Shed.
- **ARTICLE 32:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take all funds left at the close of the Town Parking / Pier Project aka FY 13 SHIP Grant, to deposit said funds into a non-lapsing account called the Town Boat Landing Maintenance Account and to expend funds for improvements and maintenance of the Town Boat Landing & Parking Area.
- **ARTICLE 33:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum as required by the Development Program for the Cutler Base Redevelopment

Municipal Development and Tax Increment Financing District for deposit in the Town Cost Subaccount and to expend such amount for Alternate Project Costs, as defined in such Development Program.

**ARTICLE 34:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector or Treasurer to accept prepayments of taxes and to accept overpayment of taxes as prepayments of taxes not yet committed pursuant to 36 MRSA Section 506.

**ARTICLE 35:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to charge interest at the rate of 9.00% annually on all unpaid real estate and personal property taxes for the 2019 tax assessment.

**ARTICLE 36:** To see if the Town will vote to set the interest rate to be paid by the Town on abated taxes at 5.00% pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. § 506-A and to authorize such interest paid or abatements granted to be appropriated from overlay funds or, if necessary, from unassigned fund balance.

**ARTICLE 37:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of tax-acquired property in any manner in which the Selectmen deem to be in the best interests of the Town.

**ARTICLE 38:** Shall the Town authorize the Treasurer to waiver foreclosure on property in any manner in which the Selectmen deem to be in the best interest of the town?

**ARTICLE 39:** Shall the Town authorize the Selectmen to transfer up to 10% from any approved budget line to any other approved budget line as it may be required from unanticipated line overages?

**ARTICLE 40:** To see if the Town will vote to allow the Selectmen to apply for and accept all municipal revenue sharing (to reduce the tax commitment), local road assistance, state aid to education, civil emergency funds, snowmobile reimbursement, tree growth reimbursement, general assistance reimbursement, veteran's exemption reimbursement, property tax relief, state grants or any other funds / gifts and to appropriate the same.

**ARTICLE 41:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12 of the budgeted amount in each bud-

get category of the 2019 - 2020 annual budget during the period from July 1, 2020 to the 2020 annual Town Meeting.

**ARTICLE 42:** Shall an ordinance entitled "Town of Cutler, Land Use Ordinance" be enacted?

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

**ARTICLE 43:** Shall an ordinance entitled "Town of Cutler, Subdivision Ordinance" be enacted?

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

**ARTICLE 44:** Shall an ordinance entitled "2019 Amendments to the Town of Cutler Harbor Ordinance" be enacted?

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

**ARTICLE 45:** Shall an ordinance entitled "Floodplain Management Ordinance" be enacted?

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

**ARTICLE 46:** Shall a resolution entitled "Resolution for Applying for Flood Insurance" be adopted?

**ARTICLE 47:** To elect, by written ballot, the following Municipal Officials for the ensuing terms:

One Road Commissioner for a one-year term One School Board Member for a 3-year term (Renee Patterson's position) One Selectman /Assessor for a 3-year term (Cynthia Rowden's position) Notice is hereby given that the Registrar of Voters will be at the Bay Ridge School on August 27th, 2019 from 5:30 o'clock DST in the evening until 6:30 o'clock DST in the evening to hear and decide upon the voter registration applicants, and correcting any error in or change of name or address on the voting list and accept the registration of any person who became 18 years of age on election day or the day prior to it. A person who is not registered as a voter may not vote in any election.

Given under our hands at Cutler this 14th day of August A.D., 2019.

Cynthia C. Rowden	
David A. Glidden	
Jillian E Taylor	

SELECTMEN OF CUTLER

### RETURN OF THE WARRANT

**Date: August 15th, 2019** 

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

Melanie D. Fergerson, Resident of Cutler, Maine

## **REMINDERS:**

Cutler Town Office customer service hours are Monday – Thursday, 9:00 am – 4:30 pm, unless otherwise posted.

New vehicle registrations will not be processed after 4:00 pm.

Selectmen's meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month at 5:00 pm, unless otherwise posted.

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

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

Cutler Volunteer Fire Department meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month.

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

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

All dog licenses expire on December 31st.

Late fees are assessed on unlicensed dogs after February 1st.

Visit our website @ www.cutlermaine.net

# Municipal Contact Numbers

Cutler Town Office Teresa M Bragg	Phone/fax Admin. Asst/Clerk/Treas Tax Collect/Registrar/E911	<b>259-3693</b> 259-3693
Jackie Robbins	Assessing Agent	852-1840
Judy Rolfe	CEO/LPI	546-6031
Wayne Dennison	Fire Chief	259-3632
Darrel Hinerman	Emergency Mng. Director	259-7111
Peter W Taylor, Sr	Shellfish Warden	271-0529
Pauline Cates	Library	259-3909
AOS 96, Scott Porter	Superintendent's Office	255-6585
Bay Ridge School		259-3347
Washington Academy		255-8301
Machias Memorial High School	255-3812	
Marion Transfer Station		726-4561
Public Service #'s  Andrew Hall Kevin Feeney ME DOT	WC Sheriff's Dept. State Police Cutler Post Office Town Snow Removal Road Commissioner State Snow Removal	255-4422 255-4000 259-4493 812-5211 263-6637 941-4500

## **MARION TRANSFER STATION**

HOURS OF OPERATION: Tuesday - Saturday \* 7:30am – 3:30pm. SCALES CLOSE AT 3:00 PM

MEMBER SOLID WASTE FEE .05LB.
NONMEMBER TOWN .08LB
MINIMUM FEE \$5.00/\$8.00 FOR THE 1<sup>ST</sup> 100 LBS

## RECYCLING

RECYCLING CONTAINERS FOR CARDBOARD, METAL CANS
\*\*NO STRING, ROPE, OR PLASTIC BAGS IN THE CARDBOARD RECYCLING\*\*

#### TIRES

UP TO 18INCH \$3.00 / WITH RIMS \$5.00 TRUCK TIRES 900 AND UP \$6.00 TRUCK TIRES WITH RIMS \$10.00

#### UNIVERSAL WASTE DISPOSAL

TV/COMPUTER MONITORS - No Charge FLORESCENT LIGHT BULBS- No Charge

# <u>DEMOLITION DEBRIS</u> ALL INDIVIDUALS MUST PAY FOR DEMO DEBRIS DEMO FEE IS .07 CENTS PER LB OR \$140.00 PER TON

COUCHES, CHAIRS, AND MATTRESSES ARE CHARGE THE MSW RATE OF .07 CENTS A PER LB AND ARE PUT INTO THE TRASH CONTAINERS #1 MATTRESSES & BOX SPRINGS AND RUGS AND COUCHES AND CHAIRS ARE WEIGHED SEPERATELY. THESE ARE DISPOSED IN THE TRASH CONTAINERS NOT THE DEMO DEBRIS CONTAINER. THESE ARE PAID FOR BY THE INDIVIDUAL BRINGING THEM TO THE STATION. METAL IS FREE. REFRIGERATORS MUST HAVE THE FREON REMOVED OVER.

#### ACCEPTED AS DEMO DEBRIS

SHEETROCK, PAINTED/ STAINED WOOD, WINDOWS/ DOORS, PLASTIC PIPE, PANELING, TILE/ FLOORING, SIDING BOARDS, CERAMIC SINKS, TOILETS/ TUBS, ROOFING SHINGLES, FIBERGLASS INSULATION (NO BAGS) LOOSE ONLY.

## CHECK IN AT THE OFFICE, IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS LOCATED AT 1 STATION ROAD, RT 191 MARION TOWNSHIP TELEPHONE 726-4561

# WIGGLES AND GIGGLES







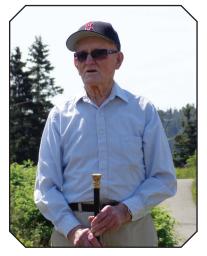












John S. Farris was awarded the Boston Post Cane at a ceremony on July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019 as the oldest resident in the Town of Cutler.

