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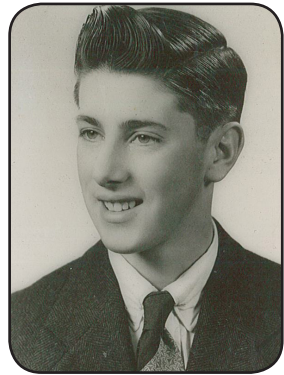
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ANNUAL REPORT
Of The
MUNICIPAL OFFICERS
Of The Town Of
CUTLER
2017-2018



Burton Maker ~ Cutler's "Salt of the Sea"



DEDICATION

The 2018 Annual Report is dedicated to Burton Maker. Burton celebrated his 80th birthday in August and is recognized as Cutler's most senior lobster fisherman. He has enjoyed lobstering for a long time and can be seen with his son, Greg, hauling in his blue hulled boat *The Kathy Anne* whenever the weather is suitable.

Burton loves the town of Cutler and has lived most of his life here where he enjoys working on the water. But he was not always a lobsterman. He is very proud of his time spent in the Air Force serving his country and he worked for many years as a rigger at the Cutler Naval Base where he "retired" to go fishing. He has dug clams for a living, and even before that he worked with his parents Dora and "Pudge," (and younger brothers Dave and Rick) when they operated The Harbor View Restaurant in the '50's and '60's. Many people remember that restaurant as their favorite place to eat with amazing seafood dishes and the warm personalities of the owners. He developed his own cooking skills there and is known today for continuing a long tradition of fixing special family meals. Burton carries on a Cutler legacy as an engaging story teller. His stories may involve a piece of Cutler history, and will likely include people from his past like good friends, Vance and Roger Davis; camping with his wife Kathy and friends Kim and Jeff; his beloved Red Sox; the fun times "working" on the towers with his buddies; his wonderful family; annual trips to Moosehead Lake and many other topics. But very likely there will be a funny punchline. When you see him, ask if he has one for you!!

Burton keeps a daily journal (a legacy passed on to him by his mother and his grandfather) which holds a wealth of information including weather patterns and special events. Just ask him what the weather was on any given day in any year and I bet he can tell you!

He has enriched our community with 4 children, 20 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren. He has instilled in them the strong work ethic that he learned at a very young age ensuring that they will remain productive citizens of our town!

*Dedication written by Bill Corbett
Cover photo courtesy of Jessica Taylor*

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For The Year

2017 - 2018

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**ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS
and Appointed Officials
2017 – 2018**

**Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor
Board of Assessors**

Mark L. McGuire, Jr. – Term expires 2018
Cynthia C. Rowden, Chair – Term expires 2019
David A. Glidden – Term expires 2020

**Administrative Assistant
Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Treasurer, Registrar of Voters
E911 Coordinator**
Teresa M. Bragg
(Appointed)

Deputy - Clerk, Tax Collector & Registrar
Jennifer Litinowich (resigned 02-2018)
Jocelyn McIver (hired 03-01-2018)
(Appointed)

**Town of Cutler
AOS 96 Board of Directors**
Anita McKinley – Term to expire 2018
Renee Patterson – Term to expire 2019
Melanie Ferguson – Term to expire 2020

Road Commissioner
Kevin C. Feeney
(Elected)

Animal Control Officer
Kevin Brodie
(Appointed)

Planning Board Members
Vacant

Code Enforcement Officer/ Plumbing Inspector
James Bradley
(Appointed)

Board of Appeals

Vacant

Shellfish Warden

Kevin Brodie

(Appointed 04/01/2015)

Shellfish Committee Members

Gerald Cates Jr., Chair

Bradford Geel, Vice Chair

Lorraine Davis, Secretary

Danny Beam

Wendell Davis

Harbor Masters

Brian Cates (Appt. expires 2018)

Allan Fitzhenry (Appt. expires 2019)

Patrick Feeney (Appt. expires 2020)

Harbor Management Committee

Andrew Patterson, Chair

Joshua Cates

Michael R. Ferguson

Norbert Lemieux

Jeremy Cates

Dean Crosman

Kristan Porter

Fire Chief

Wayne S. Dennison

(Appointed)

Emergency Management Director

Darrel Hinerman



STATE OF MAINE
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Paul R. LePage
GOVERNOR

Dear Citizens of Cutler:

For the past seven years as your Governor, my priority has been to make Maine—our people—prosper. Helping you keep more money in your wallet by reducing taxes has been part of that mission.

Too many Maine families are facing skyrocketing property taxes that strain household budgets. Our elderly on fixed incomes are particularly vulnerable to these increases. School budgets are often blamed for annual increases in property taxes. But there's another reason. A tremendous amount of land and property value has been taken off the tax-rolls, leaving homeowners to pick up the tab.

As of 2016, towns and cities owned land and buildings valued at nearly \$5.5 billion statewide. Large and wealthy non-profits, such as hospitals and colleges, often escape paying property taxes on their vast real estate holdings—totaling more than \$5.1 billion statewide.

In Maine, nearly 2.5 million acres of land have been set aside for conservation by the federal and state governments and non-profit organizations, including land trusts. Municipalities are losing out on property taxes on an estimated \$2 billion in land that has been either removed from the tax rolls or prohibited from development—shifting the cost of municipal services to local homeowners through higher property taxes.


It's time to recognize the results of taking property off the tax rolls and identify solutions to reduce the burden on our homeowners. My administration's proposals have been met with staunch resistance.

In 1993, about 35,800 acres of land were documented as land-trust owned. That number has increased by an astonishing 1,270 percent. Land trusts now control over 490,000 acres with an estimated value of \$403 million. We must restore the balance. We will be working this session to ensure all land owners are contributing to the local tax base. It's time for them to pay their fair share.

I encourage you to ask your local officials how much land in your municipality has been taken off the tax rolls, as well as how much in tax revenue that land would have been contributing today to offset your property taxes.

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

Sincerely,


Paul R. LePage
Governor

January 3, 2018

Dear Friends,

Representing Maine in the United States Senate is an honor.

I continue my work on the Senate Armed Services Committee, each year authorizing the funding required to build our military capabilities and ensuring that our service members are trained and equipped to defend our nation. I was pleased to be part of a bipartisan effort to enact a new law to simplify the appeals review process to reduce the backlog our veterans are facing, as well as a new law that provides critical funding to the VA Choice Program, allowing veterans in rural Maine to access services closer to home.

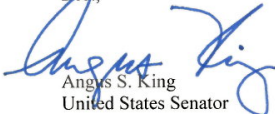
While my committee work is important, working to combat the opioid epidemic is one of my top priorities. Although Congress has made some important strides, much remains to be done to provide additional funding for prevention, treatment and enforcement. I am working with colleagues on both sides of the aisle to pressure the Drug Enforcement Administration to reduce the amount of opioids produced and to thwart the flow of fentanyl and other deadly drugs into our country.

I am very optimistic about the integrated, multiagency effort I led with Senator Collins to foster innovation and commercialization in Maine's forest economy. Through the Economic Development Assessment Team (EDAT) we are already experiencing increased federal investments that will strengthen our existing forest products industry and help support job creation in rural communities. Initiatives like Cross Laminated Timber, Combined Heat and Power, nanocellulose, 3D printing with biobased materials and other biobased products will mean that Maine's wood-basket will continue to be a major jobs and economic contributor for our future.

Finally, the coming year will continue the work of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence in the ongoing investigation of Russian interference in the 2016 election. Our Committee has held seven public hearings and numerous classified sessions, reviewed tens of thousands of pages of documents and conducted hundreds of interviews. I remain focused on the security of our elections and committed to developing strategies to prevent interference by foreign governments in our democracy.

May 2018 be a good year for you, your family, your community and our great State.

Best,



Angus S. King
United States Senator

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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.

Maine has the oldest average age in the nation. As Chairman of the Senate Aging Committee, my top three priorities for the Committee are fighting fraud and financial abuse directed at our nation's seniors, increasing investments in biomedical research, and improving retirement security. Following the Committee's investigation into skyrocketing prescription drug costs, I authored bipartisan legislation to foster generic competition, which was signed into law. The Aging Committee's toll-free hotline (1-855-303-9470) makes it easier for seniors to report suspected fraud and receive assistance. To support the 40 million family caregivers in the United States, I am proud to have authored the RAISE Family Caregivers Act to create a coordinated strategy to support family members who make countless personal and financial sacrifices to care for their loved ones.

The opioid crisis touches families and communities across our state. As a member of the Appropriations Committee, I fought for significant increases in funding to support community, law-enforcement, and public health efforts. In April, the State of Maine was awarded over \$2 million to fight this devastating public health crisis. Additionally, I have authored legislation to support grandparents and other extended family members who are raising grandchildren as a result of the nation's opioid epidemic.

Biomedical research has the potential to improve and save lives, and also supports good jobs at research facilities here in Maine. Last year, the Appropriations Committee approved a \$2 billion increase for the National Institutes of Health for the third consecutive year. This includes an increase of nearly 30 percent for research on Alzheimer's, our nation's most costly disease. As founder and co-chair of the Senate Diabetes Caucus, I work to raise awareness of the threats posed by diabetes, invest in research, and improve access to treatment options. My bill to establish a national commission of health care experts on diabetes care and prevention was signed into law in 2017.

We owe our veterans so much. Last year, I worked to secure the authorization of a Community-Based Outpatient Clinic in Portland to support the health care of Maine's veterans in the southern part of our state. I also worked to secure funding extensions to help veterans throughout rural Maine receive health care within their communities. I also worked to secure funding for housing vouchers for veterans to reduce veterans' homelessness.

Maine's contributions to our national security stretch from Kittery to Limestone. I successfully advocated for critical funding for projects at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard for construction of an additional ship that will likely be built at Bath Iron Works. This funding will strengthen our national security and preserve great jobs in our state.

As chairman of the Transportation and Housing Appropriations Subcommittee, I worked to increase funding for the TIGER program that has provided Maine with more than \$122 million for vital transportation projects. For housing, I worked to provide \$160 million to help communities protect children from the harmful effects of lead poisoning.

Growing our economy remains a top priority. I supported the comprehensive tax reform bill because it will help lower- and middle-income families keep more of their hard-earned money; boost the economy; and encourage businesses, both small and large, to grow and create jobs here in Maine and around the country. This legislation contains key provisions I authored that are important to Mainers, including preserving the deduction for state and local taxes, expanding the deduction for medical expenses, and enabling public employees such as firefighters, teachers, and police officers, as well as clergy and employees of nonprofits, to make "catch-up" contributions to their retirement accounts. I led the effort to ensure that the tax cut will not trigger automatic budget cuts to Medicare or any other programs.

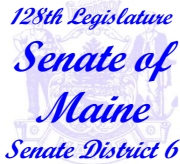
A Maine value that always guides me is our unsurpassed work ethic. As of December 2017, I have cast more than 6,500 consecutive votes, continuing my record of never missing a roll-call vote since my Senate service began in 1997.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve Washington County and Maine in the United States Senate. If ever I can be of assistance to you, please contact my Bangor office at 207-945-0417 or visit my website at www.collins.senate.gov. May 2018 be a good year for you, your family, your community, and our state.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins
United States Senator



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Annual Report to the Town of Cutler
A Message from Senator Joyce Maker

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to represent you in the Maine Senate. It has been an honor to work on your behalf to make our state an even better place to live, work and conduct business.

On August 2, Maine lawmakers finally adjourned for the year, after what proved to be the longest session in recent memory due to a brief government shut down over budgetary disagreements. While no state budget is ever perfect, the end product was a state budget that makes a record investment in our students, supports our communities and will tremendously benefit small businesses and our economy.

Perhaps the most significant action the Legislature took last year, as part of the biennial budget, was the removal of the burdensome, job-killing surtax that was already hurting small businesses, doctors and other professionals that we so critically need. In November 2016, voters sent a clear message that education funding was to be a priority of the 128th Legislature, and we heard that message loud and clear. However, the funding mechanism which was included in the measure – the surtax – presented a serious threat to the state's economy. This new tax gave Maine the ominous distinction of being the highest-taxed state in the country and primarily impacted small businesses, which are the backbone of our economy, taxing them at a rate that is higher than larger corporations are subject to pay. I am proud to say that after much hard work and negotiating, thanks to our rebounding economy, we were able to support our local schools at a level we have never been able to before – without any additional taxation.

The Homestead Exemption, which provides much-needed property tax relief for homeowners, was also preserved in the budget with an increased exemption of \$20,000.

The Legislature also passed a measure to make Maine compliant with the REAL ID Act. As a result of this important new law, the federal government has granted Maine a waiver, meaning that Maine citizens can continue to use their driver's licenses to board commercial airplanes and access certain federal buildings.

While we accomplished much, there is still a lot of work ahead of us next session. Again, thank you for putting your trust in me to represent you in Augusta. Please feel free to contact me if you need my help in navigating the state bureaucracy. I can be reached at home, 454-2327, in Augusta at 287-1505, or by email at senjoyce.a.maker@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

Joyce A. Maker
State Senator, District 6



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April 2018

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

It has been an honor to serve as your Representative in the 128th Maine State Legislature. This is a responsibility that I take very seriously. We have faced some very substantial challenges over the past year in the Legislature, and I will continue to represent your interests to the best of my ability.

Over the last couple months, we have been working hard trying to make sure that we take action on the carry-over bills from last year and all of the emergency legislation on the floor of the House. Many of these issues are extremely important. For example, a lot of time and effort went into making decisions on a few of the issues passed by referendum, such as Marijuana Legalization as well as Medicaid Expansion.

I currently serve on the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources. This year, we have adopted a scallop license lottery for new entrants. This has been set up to be close to how the moose permit lottery has been implemented. Also, the committee extended the Lobster Marketing Collaborative for 3 more years. This is important to help keep driving our lobster industry and make more sales out of state.

We have yet to come to a conclusion on the Downeast Correctional Facility, but I want to make sure you all know, I will continue to do everything in my power to advocate for the staff, families, community, prisoners, and the correctional system, until this gets resolved.

One of the most rewarding components of the job is being able to help constituents when they get bogged down attempting to navigate the bureaucracy of various government programs and agencies. 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 255-8056**. I do a weekly State News Update via e-mail which many people find to be useful for learning about state issues that affect their personal and business lives. I would love to add you to the newsletter list, and of course you may unsubscribe at any time.

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

All the best,

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

William R. Tuell
State Representative

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Barry Curtis
Sheriff

Michael Crabtree
Chief Deputy

Richard Rolfe
Jail Administrator

Paula Johnson-Rolfe
Office Manager



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To the Citizens of Washington County
January 2018

At the beginning of this year, I renewed my commitment to the people of Washington County by announcing my intention to run for a second term as Sheriff. This was a big decision for me, and I reflected carefully on what would be best for the County. When I look back on the past year, I see how far our Department has come.

In 2016, we were happy to have two officers who worked directly with the MDEA. In 2017, in response to the increased presence of opiates, we welcomed the addition of a federal agent who was assigned specifically to Washington County for the drug issue.

Our own officers add incredible depth of experience and knowledge to the department. Deputy Jim Malloy's K-9, Kia, has been certified as a tracking and evidence police dog. Washington County native Deputy Toni Bridges is attending the Maine Criminal Justice Academy. Many of our other deputies have received updated training in criminal investigation. While gaining knowledge is important, our deputies also share what they know through support of community programs, including the Criminal Justice and Law Enforcement courses at Narraguagus High School and Washington County Community College.

The Regional Communications Center upgraded its fire system frequencies this past year. This upgrade allows the RCC dispatchers to be able to reach the entire county and includes increased on-scene communications with firefighters.

The Corrections Officers in the county jail continue to do a tremendous job despite dwindling resources. Mental health issues and drug addictions among the inmates mean additional challenges and training for staff.

We are facing a new kind of law enforcement with new challenges. I believe we have come into our own, I would consider it both a duty and an honor to continue to work with the fantastic, committed, and educated group at the Washington County Sheriff's Office.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Barry Curtis'.

Barry Curtis, Sheriff

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 **2017 services and accomplishments** are summarized below:

Municipal Member Services

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

Municipal/Local Contractual Services

- Supporting Comprehensive Plans in **Columbia, Columbia Falls, Eastport, Whiting and Cherryfield**
- Integrating Age Friendly Community Action Planning into **Eastport** Comprehensive Plan Update.
- Assisting **Machiasport** and **Whiting** with updates to their Shoreland Zoning Ordinance and Map
- Assisting **Jonesport** with working waterfront access and infrastructure

Access/assistance with funding opportunities

- **\$10,000** from Downeast Public Health Council to support cardiovascular health activities
- **\$160,000** from Land for Maine’s Future to purchase working waterfront access and recreation land in **Machiasport**
- **\$18,000** for **Jonesport** from Submerged Lands to stabilize and increase access to Sandy River Beach.
- **\$1000** from Maine Coast Heritage Trust to assist **Cherryfield** with Comprehensive Plan Update.
- **\$43,000** from Maine Coastal Program for town of **Machias** to prepare a feasibility study of seawall improvements to reduce risks of flooding integrated with downtown revitalization.
- **\$43,000** to Chub Cove Road Association in **Cooper** from DEP Culvert Bond; provided fiscal agent service
- Secured several public and Foundation Grants for regional tourism:
 - **\$4000** *BikeMaine Community Grant* for bicycle repair stations and training
 - **\$5000** *Libra Foundation Grant* for **Machias** Kids on Bikes program
 - **\$6250** *Sadie and Harry Davis Foundation Grant* for purchase and outfitting of a Mobile Bike Bus
 - **\$4000** *Northern Forest Center Grant* to support Regional Tourism Trainings, Bicycles WelcoME training and regional promotion of the **Bold Coast** region.
 - **\$2000** from **Experience Maritime Maine** for regional maritime tourism initiative.
 - **\$10,000** from Maine Office of Tourism for **Salts & Waters podcast marketing plan**; <https://experiencemaritimemaine.org/salts-water-podcast-series/>
 - **\$2000** from Maine Tourism Marketing & Promotion Partnership grant to attend NYC Bike Expo.
 - second technical assistance grant from the National Park Service for **Bold Coast Scenic Bikeway** planning and development.
- Assisted **Machias** with Land and Water Conservation Fund application for recreational park improvements (**\$61,500**, decision pending).
- Assisted **Machias** with *Safe Routes to School* sidewalk application for Steel’s Hill (**\$119,000**, pending).
- Brownfield Revolving Loan Fund Clean-Up funds application in partnership with NMDC (**\$1 million**, decision pending).

Economic Development

- Working with Downeast Economic Development Corp. (**Calais-Baileville**) as well as Maine Broadband Coalition, SCEC and Axiom on broadband planning and deployment options.
- Assisted Healthy Acadia with updating Washington County food producers in the [Maine Food Atlas](#)
- Initiated 4th 3-year \$400,000 **Brownfields Assessment** grant: completed to date:
 - 32 phase I Environmental Site Assessments (ESAs) and 22 phase II ESAs in 13 towns
 - 17 completed/active redevelopment projects

- creation of more than 75 jobs, and leveraged investment of at least \$4 million.
- Assisted in celebration of Columbia Factory Brownfields clean-up and redevelopment in **Lubec**.
- Tourism and regional promotion:
 - Organized/conducted 4-day “*Spirits of DownEast*” Media Tour of regional beer and wine trails, along with chocolate, cheese, coffee and other local food producers.
 - Oversight and Administration of **DownEast & Acadia Regional Tourism** (DART) increased to manage/pass-through all (\$145,000) Maine Tourism Marketing Partnership Program funds.
 - Working with Community Center for GIS on website, assets mapping, & logo development.
 - Updated and nationally distributed DownEast Acadia’s **True Maine** brochure.
 - Coordinated photo/video procurement of 13 Historical Sites and Museums for website.
- Received DART’s *Tourism Excellence* award for the WCCOG and the Bicycle Coalition of Maine collaboration to bring BikeMaine 2016 to the DART region

Training

- Maintain online GIS mapping tool and provide one-on-one training to municipal officials; monitoring online survey feedback from users.
- Provided online GIS mapping access of new flood hazard elevation lines at several public hearings on new FIRM maps
- Provided expenses for SCEC staff (3), WCCOG staff (2), multiple towns and County staff to attend CDBG Certification and Implementation training in Augusta.
- Provided Tourism and Visitor Services training to UMM Tourism classes, Eastport Chamber of Commerce, Machias Rotary, Washington County Historic and Genealogical Society, and Washington County Leadership Institute and two SCEC business trainings.

Regional Planning/Services

- Installed 11 rain gauges along Washington County coastline (**Steuben, Milbridge, Harrington, Columbia Falls, Jonesport, Jonesboro, Machiasport, Pembroke, Lubec, Edmunds, Pleasant Point**) to improve data accuracy for shellfish closure/opening decisions; online information on shellfish management.
- Completed *Community Guided Planning and Zoning* process in **Washington County UT**:
 - A Regional Plan for the Washington County Unorganized Territories
 - Zoning changes approved in Plantations of **Grand Lake Stream** and **Baring**;
 - Floating Rural Business Development zones approved in **Edmunds, Trescott, Marion, Cathance, Brookton** and **Baring** Plantation
 - Capital Investment Plan; (<http://www.wccog.net/community-guided-planning-and-zoning.htm>).

Regional Capacity Building and Partnerships

WCCOG continued in several collaborative roles in 2016-17 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 **\$536** 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 quasipublic entities in Maine: the Workers Compensation Fund formed in 1978, the Property & Casualty Pool formed in 1987 and the Unemployment Compensation Fund formed in 1978.

The programs are overseen by governing boards of elected and appointed municipal officials. Each year the boards review each program's loss experience to determine if dividends may be paid. Patricia Kablitz, Director of Risk Management Services for MMA, said more than 77 percent of program participants received a dividend this year for their good risk management practices and loss experience.

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

In the twenty years the Maine Municipal Association has been paying dividends, the two programs have returned over \$21 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 www.memun.org and click on the Risk Management Services link, or call 1-800-590-5583.



Proven Expertise and Integrity

August 13, 2018

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, 2017. The following statements and schedules have been excerpted from the 2017 financial statements, a complete copy of which, including our opinion thereon, will be available for inspection at the Town Office.

Included herein are:

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

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TOWN OF CUTLER, MAINE

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGETARY BASIS
 BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Budgetary Fund Balance, July 1	\$ 780,275	\$ 780,275	\$ 780,275	\$ -
Resources (Inflows):				
Property taxes	1,229,018	1,229,018	1,278,544	49,526
Excise taxes	109,500	109,500	121,801	12,301
Intergovernmental:				
Education subsidy	280,507	280,507	280,507	-
State revenue sharing	21,679	21,679	21,869	190
Homestead reimbursement	22,042	22,042	24,844	2,802
Wildlife refuge	11,750	11,750	11,525	(225)
BETE reimbursement	6,365	6,365	6,368	3
Local road assistance	-	7,612	7,612	-
Tree growth	12,000	12,000	18,337	6,337
School lunch subsidy	-	-	12,912	12,912
Grant	-	138,678	138,678	-
State agency clients	-	-	1,296	1,296
Veteran's/other	1,000	1,119	1,638	519
Charges for services/fees:				
School lunch	15,000	15,000	8,063	(6,937)
Tuition	-	-	6,518	6,518
Administration	-	-	3,309	3,309
Other income:				
In lieu of payments	8,750	8,750	9,455	705
Interest/fees on taxes	-	-	12,494	12,494
Other education revenue	1,000	1,000	2,395	1,395
Other revenue	-	-	2,375	2,375
Investment income	-	-	714	714
Amounts Available for Appropriation	<u>2,498,886</u>	<u>2,645,295</u>	<u>2,751,529</u>	<u>106,234</u>
Charges to Appropriations (Outflows):				
General government	168,810	177,740	136,897	40,843
Public safety	20,870	20,870	16,758	4,112
Public works	109,750	149,749	100,562	49,187
Health and sanitation	24,000	24,000	22,285	1,715
Social services	3,000	3,000	2,500	500
Education	1,144,900	1,144,900	1,016,003	128,897
County tax	108,102	108,102	108,102	-
TIF	90,819	90,819	-	90,819
Debt service	120,230	120,230	120,189	41
Capital outlay	20,000	167,699	225,249	(57,550)
Unclassified	56,129	302,782	208,408	94,374
Total Charges to Appropriation	<u>1,866,610</u>	<u>2,309,891</u>	<u>1,956,953</u>	<u>352,938</u>
Budgetary Fund Balance - June 30	<u>\$ 632,276</u>	<u>\$ 335,404</u>	<u>\$ 794,576</u>	<u>\$ 459,172</u>
Use of Restricted Fund Balance	\$ 45,489	\$ 193,188	\$ -	\$ (193,188)
Use of Committed Fund Balance	100,000	165,000	-	(165,000)
Use of Assigned Fund Balance	2,510	73,823	-	(73,823)
	<u>\$ 147,999</u>	<u>\$ 432,011</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (432,011)</u>

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STATEMENT C

TOWN OF CUTLER, MAINE

BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2017

	General Fund	Nonmajor Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 639,309	\$ 10,008	\$ 649,317
Accounts receivable (net of allowance for uncollectibles):			
Taxes and liens	156,643	-	156,643
Due from other governments	176,911	-	176,911
Inventory	255	-	255
Prepaid items	5,626	-	5,626
Due from other funds	35,762	46,851	82,613
Tax acquired property	51,701	-	51,701
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 1,066,207	\$ 56,859	\$ 1,123,066
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable	\$ 22,145	\$ -	\$ 22,145
Accrued expenses	54,513	-	54,513
Due to other funds	46,851	35,762	82,613
TOTAL LIABILITIES	123,509	35,762	159,271
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Prepaid taxes	1,480	-	1,480
Deferred revenue	146,642	-	146,642
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	148,122	-	148,122
FUND BALANCES			
Nonspendable	5,881	-	5,881
Restricted	370,747	10,008	380,755
Committed	174,475	-	174,475
Assigned	108,475	18,300	126,775
Unassigned	134,998	(7,211)	127,787
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	794,576	21,097	815,673
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 1,066,207	\$ 56,859	\$ 1,123,066

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TOWN OF CUTLER, MAINE

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND
BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

	General Fund	Nonmajor Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES			
Taxes:			
Property	\$ 1,278,544	\$ -	\$ 1,278,544
Excise	121,801	-	121,801
Intergovernmental	525,586	57,483	583,069
State of Maine on-behalf payments	29,267	-	29,267
Charges for services	17,890	7,208	25,098
Investment income	714	8	722
Other	26,719	-	26,719
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>2,000,521</u>	<u>64,699</u>	<u>2,065,220</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
General government	136,897	-	136,897
Protection	16,758	-	16,758
Public works	100,562	-	100,562
Health and sanitation	22,285	-	22,285
Social services	2,500	-	2,500
Education	1,016,003	62,278	1,078,281
State of Maine on-behalf payments	29,267	-	29,267
County tax	108,102	-	108,102
Unclassified	208,408	5,858	214,266
Debt service	120,189	-	120,189
Capital outlay	225,249	-	225,249
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>1,986,220</u>	<u>68,136</u>	<u>2,054,356</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>14,301</u>	<u>(3,437)</u>	<u>10,864</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Proceeds from debt	-	-	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	14,301	(3,437)	10,864
FUND BALANCES - JULY 1	<u>780,275</u>	<u>24,534</u>	<u>804,809</u>
FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30	<u>\$ 794,576</u>	<u>\$ 21,097</u>	<u>\$ 815,673</u>

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SCHEDULE A

TOWN OF CUTLER, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Expenditures	Variance Positive (Negative)
GENERAL GOVERNMENT					
Administration	\$ 25,000	-	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ -
Office personnel	68,640	-	68,640	67,155	1,485
Officer / other salaries	12,770	-	12,770	9,170	3,600
Assessors / assessor fund	6,500	-	6,500	5,137	1,363
MMA Health insurance	11,000	6,196	17,196	17,196	-
Payroll taxes	9,500	234	9,734	9,734	-
Legal fees	3,000	-	3,000	2,533	467
Update comprehensive plan	30,000	2,500	32,500	797	31,703
Planning board	2,400	-	2,400	175	2,225
Total	168,810	8,930	177,740	136,897	40,843
PUBLIC SAFETY					
Volunteer fire department	7,800	-	7,800	4,521	3,279
Animal control	500	-	500	393	107
Street lights	7,500	-	7,500	6,804	696
Ambulance	5,070	-	5,070	5,040	30
Total	20,870	-	20,870	16,758	4,112
PUBLIC WORKS					
Town roads	10,000	39,999	49,999	3,119	46,880
Snow removal	92,250	-	92,250	90,500	1,750
Winter road salt	7,500	-	7,500	6,943	557
Total	109,750	39,999	149,749	100,562	49,187
HEALTH AND SANITATION					
Solid waste	24,000	-	24,000	22,285	1,715
Total	24,000	-	24,000	22,285	1,715
SOCIAL SERVICES					
Social service agencies	2,500	-	2,500	2,500	-
General assistance	500	-	500	-	500
Total	3,000	-	3,000	2,500	500

SCHEDULE A (CONTINUED)

TOWN OF CUTLER, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Expenditures	Variance Positive (Negative)
EDUCATION					
Education costs	1,144,900	-	1,144,900	1,016,003	128,897
Total	1,144,900	-	1,144,900	1,016,003	128,897
COUNTY TAX					
	108,102	-	108,102	108,102	-
TIF					
	90,819	-	90,819	-	90,819
CAPITAL OUTLAY					
Sand / salt shed	20,000	147,699	167,699	225,249	(57,550)
Total	20,000	147,699	167,699	225,249	(57,550)
DEBT SERVICE					
	120,230	-	120,230	120,189	41
UNCLASSIFIED					
Harbor management	-	5,232	5,232	675	4,557
Parks and rec fund	500	3,993	4,493	1,405	3,088
Office building / library	8,000	-	8,000	6,612	1,388
Town properties	4,250	-	4,250	6,790	(2,540)
July 4th celebration	2,500	-	2,500	2,500	-
Contingency	10,000	6,430	16,430	2,056	14,374
Snowmobile	-	119	119	-	-
Cemetery maintenance	7,750	5,772	13,522	5,901	7,621
Town office improvements	5,000	-	5,000	4,615	385
Library	500	-	500	500	-
SHIP grant	-	225,107	225,107	177,235	47,872
Overlay	17,629	-	17,629	-	17,629
Total	56,129	246,653	302,782	208,408	94,374
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 1,866,610	\$ 443,281	\$ 2,309,891	\$ 1,956,953	\$ 352,897

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TOWN OF CUTLER, MAINE

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET - NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2017

	Special Revenue Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ -	\$ 10,008	\$ 10,008
Due from other governments	-	-	-
Due from other funds	46,851	-	46,851
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 46,851</u>	<u>\$ 10,008</u>	<u>\$ 56,859</u>
LIABILITIES			
Due to other funds	\$ 35,762	\$ -	\$ 35,762
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>35,762</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>35,762</u>
FUND BALANCES			
Restricted	-	10,008	10,008
Assigned	18,300	-	18,300
Unassigned	(7,211)	-	(7,211)
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	<u>11,089</u>	<u>10,008</u>	<u>21,097</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 46,851</u>	<u>\$ 10,008</u>	<u>\$ 56,859</u>

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TOWN OF CUTLER, MAINE

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN
 FUND BALANCES - NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

	Special Revenue Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
REVENUES	\$ 64,691	\$ 8	\$ 64,699
EXPENDITURES	68,136	-	68,136
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(3,445)	8	(3,437)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers in	-	-	-
Transfers (out)	-	-	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	-	-	-
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	(3,445)	8	(3,437)
FUND BALANCES - JULY 1	14,534	10,000	24,534
FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30	\$ 11,089	\$ 10,008	\$ 21,097

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2017 MUNICIPAL TAX RATE CALCULATION STANDARD FORM

Municipality: *Cutler*

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

1. Total Taxable Valuation of Real Estate	1	67,665,884	
2. Total taxable valuation of personal property	2	250,273	(should agree with MVR Page 1, line 6)
3. Total Taxable Valuation of real estate and personal property (Line 1 plus line 2)	3	67,916,157	(should agree with MVR Page 1, line 11)
4. (a) Total exempt value for all homestead exemptions granted	4(a)	3,428,762	(should agree with MVR Page 1, line 14f)
(b) Homestead exemption reimbursement value	4(b)	1,714,381	(Line 4(a) multiplied by .5)
5. Total exempt value of all BETE qualified property	5(a)	576,244	(should agree with MVR Page 2, line 15c)
(b) BETE exemption reimbursement value	5(b)	288,122	(line 5(a) multiplied by 0.5)
Municipalities with significant personal property & equipment may qualify for more than 50% reimbursement. Please contact MRS for the Enhanced Tax Rate Calculator form.			
6. Total Valuation Base (Line 3 plus line 4(b) plus line 5(b))	6	69,918,660	

ASSESSMENTS

7. County Tax	7	109,637.00	
8. Municipal Appropriation	8	529,306.00	
9. TIF Financing Plan Amount	9	111,522.14	
10. Local Educational Appropriation (Local Share/Contribution)	10	802,904.07	(Adjusted to Municipal Fiscal Year)
11. Total Assessments (Add lines 7 through 10).....	11	1,553,369.21	

ALLOWABLE DEDUCTIONS

12. State Municipal Revenue Sharing.....	12	27,331.00	
13. Other Revenues: (All other revenues that have been formally appropriated to be used to reduce the commitment such as excise tax revenue, tree growth reimbursement, trust fund or bank interest income, appropriated surplus revenue, etc. Do Not Include any Homestead or BETE Reimbursement)	13	314,984.00	
14. Total Deductions (Line 12 plus line 13).....	14	342,315.00	
15. Net to be raised by local property tax rate (Line 11 minus line 14).....	15	1,211,054.21	

16.	1,211,054.21	X	1.05	=	1,271,606.92	Maximum Allowable Tax
17.	1,211,054.21	/	69,918,660	=	0.017321	Minimum Tax Rate
18.	1,271,606.92	/	69,918,660	=	0.018186	Maximum Tax Rate
19.	67,916,157	X	0.01775	=	1,205,511.79	Tax for Commitment
			(Selected Rate)		(Enter on MVR Page 1, line 13)	
20.	1,211,054.21	X	0.05	=	60,552.71	Maximum Overlay
21.	1,714,381	X	0.01775	=	30,430.26	Homestead Reimbursement
			(Selected Rate)		(Enter on line 8, Assessment Warrant)	
22.	288,122	X	0.01775	=	5,114.17	BETE Reimbursement
			(Selected Rate)		(Enter on line 9, Assessment Warrant)	
23.	1,241,056.22	-	1,211,054.21	=	30,002.01	Overlay
	(Line 19 plus lines 21 and 22)				(Enter on line 5, Assessment Warrant)	

(If Line 23 exceeds Line 20 select a lower tax rate.)

Results from this completed form should be used to prepare the Municipal Tax Assessment Warrant, Certificate of Assessment to Municipal Treasurer and Municipal Valuation Return.

UNPAID BALANCES REPORT

Tax Year 2015

Acct	Name	Property Tax
* 195	McGuire, Shirley A.	808.71
* 289	Parker, John M.	841.09
* 671	Radley, Darcie J.	592.33
Total for 3		2,242.13

* Tax Acquired / Foreclosed in 2018

UNPAID BALANCES REPORT

Tax Year 2016- Balances as of 08/13/2018

Acct	Name	Property Tax
45	Barrows, Lori A.	2,132.64
392	Cates, Deborah A.	4,484.73
711	Cates, Deborah A.	358.11
689	Davis, Brent E. Sr.	564.64
538	Davis, Lemuel V.	1,568.99
536	Deas, Charles	649.96
410	Feeney, Kevin C.	1,778.62
466	Feeney, Kevin C.	670.69
28	Feeney, Kevin C.	559.59
480	Feeney, Kevin C.	98.01
445	Huntley, Delwyn M.	303.88
248	Jessiman, Walter & Kelly	2,232.46
9	Look, Barry & Danielle	751.83
339	Look, David A.	302.13
246	Monroe, Douglas J Gavry, Rhea	5,870.39
206	Ozgur, Nanci	98.25
396	Peabody Heirs, Caroll c/o Keith Howard	1,789.21
329	Squires, George J c/o Erik Squires	489.92
347	Tinker, Meagan	1,665.87
Total for 19		26,369.92

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.

SHELLFISH CONSERVATION ACCOUNT

Balance July 01, 2016	\$15,876.53
Sale of Licenses	6,660.00
Fine Income	600.00
Town share of License Sales	(52.00)
Shellfish Expenses	<u>(5,857.96)</u>
Balance June 30, 2017	\$17,226.57

HARBOR MANAGEMENT ACCOUNT

Balance July 01, 2016	\$4,562.10
Mooring permit fees	670.00
Harbor Committee Expenses	<u>(675.00)</u>
Balance June 30, 2017	\$4,557.10

CEMETERY ACCOUNT

Balance July 01, 2016	\$5,722.80
Reservations and Donations	50.00
Appropriation	7,750.00
Cemetery Expenses	<u>(5,901.07)</u>
Balance June 30, 2017	\$7,621.73

PARK & RECREATION ACCOUNT

Balance July 01, 2016	\$3,992.79
Appropriation	500.00
Expenses	<u>(1,405.08)</u>
Balance June 30, 2017	\$3,087.71

GENERAL ASSISTANCE ACCOUNT

Balance July 01, 2016	\$5,839.97
Appropriation	500.00
Expenses	<u>(0.00)</u>
Balance June 30, 2017	\$6,339.97

CUTLER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT ACCOUNT

Balance July 01, 2013	\$0.00
Appropriation	5000.00
Expenses	<u>(4995.00)</u>
Balance June 30, 2014	(\$5.00)

CUTLER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT ACCOUNT

Balance July 01, 2014	(\$5.00)
Appropriation	5000.00
Expenses	<u>(5,000.00)</u>
Balance June 30, 2015	(\$5.00)

CUTLER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT ACCOUNT

Balance July 01, 2015	(\$5.00)
Appropriation	5000.00
Expenses	<u>(0.00)</u>
Balance June 30, 2016	\$5,005.00

CUTLER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT ACCOUNT

Balance July 01, 2016	\$5,005.00
Appropriation	5000.00
Expenses	<u>(1,720.67)</u>
Balance June 30, 2017	\$8,284.33

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 06/30/17 \$21.51

Amanda & Willam P. Wright / Julian Cheney (CD) - \$1,000.00
James & Mary Ackley (CD) - \$1,000.00
Interest Deposited to General Fund 06/30/17 \$5.38

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT 2018

VITAL STATISTICS REPORT

During the period from July 01, 2017 to June 30, 2018
the following vital records were received and recorded:

Resident Births Recorded: 04
Marriage Licenses Issued: 03
Resident Deaths Recorded: 04

Jean Bergeron

Vance Davis

Susan Hawkins

Lottiemae Mattes

*Sadly missed along life's way,
quietly remembered every day...
No longer in our life to share,
but in our hearts, you're always there.*

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING BUDGET REPORT

2018 TOTAL BUDGET: \$623,054.00

2018 REVENUE SOURCES: -174,290.00

2018 NET BUDGET \$448,764.00

*2017 Annual Town Meeting Budget: \$436,709.00

Increase of \$12,055.00

LOUISE CLEMENTS LIBRARY REPORT 2018

It has been three years in the works, but this year the volunteers at the Louise Clements Library have completed the long-term project of sorting and discarding outdated books and books in poor condition, making it possible to reconfigure the shelving and to attach labels to the shelves.

Our collection is still growing as we purchase books based on borrowers' requests, and our collection now numbers about 4200 adult print titles, and about 2000 children's titles. We also have 218 items in our audiovisual collection. Mysteries have proven to be especially popular, and we are trying to complete our sets by authors Jacqueline Winspear, Louise Penny, and Alan Bradley.

This year saw the beginning of the Wiggles and Giggles program for preschool age children. Cheryl Corbett and Janine Drouin led our group, where the children, accompanied by parents, hear a story and do an activity twice monthly. Total attendance for January through May was 89. After a summer break, the program will resume in the fall.

We have now issued 126 library cards since the library was restarted three years ago.

In the room which houses the main collection, Teresa Bragg arranged to have fold-down shelves installed in the windows, for borrowers who bring their laptops to the library. Our two desktop computers and printer, with an upgraded modem and faster Wi-Fi connection, are available in the smaller room where the newest books are displayed.

We are planning two programs, a talk by Gordon Corbett on the sinking of the Titanic, and a demonstration by Karen Benn of women's fashions from the 1860s to the 1920s. Now that the library space has been reconfigured, we hope to offer more programs in the future.

Members of the library volunteer committee are Ruth Corbett, Cheryl Corbett, Aimee Ganon, Angie Potter, Jennifer Litwinowich, Teresa Bragg, and Pauline Cates.

Respectfully submitted,
Pauline Cates

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT 2018

The Cutler Volunteer Fire Department responded to 2 structure fires, 1 motor vehicle accident, 1 shed fire, 1 vehicle fire, 1 tree on fire, and 2 assists at Bold Coast Trail.

We would like to welcome our 3 new members to the department.

Just a reminder that in case of Emergency, please dial 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

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 2017/2018 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. This is just one example of how she goes above and beyond to meet the educational needs of the Bay Ridge Elementary School student body.

During the 2017/2018 school year our AOS 96 Building Principals focused on enhancing school safety. An AOS 96 workshop was conducted by a school safety specialist that provided practical tips in emergency situations. Our administrators and teachers also continue to work to imple-

ment the delivery of essential Common Core Standards in all classrooms.

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 47% of this budget article.

The proposed 2018/2019 school budget of \$1,187,933.36 reflects a \$30,639.53 increase while the tax commitment for education will not increase. The School Committee added \$76,710.00 from fund balance to keep the tax commitment the same as last year.

It is always a pleasure to work with the Cutler School Committee members. School Committee members Melanie Ferguson, Anita McKinley and Renee Patterson continue to provide the necessary support to the Cutler School Department to ensure that it operates effectively and efficiently. I thank all three School Committee members for their dedicated service to the School Department and the Cutler Selectmen for their steadfast support of the Bay Ridge Elementary School. They always stand ready to help the school.

I also 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 - 2018

Another year in the books and it's time for a report.

We finally received our state monies for the Town Parking / Pier project and the Sand / Salt Shed project. Final figures will be coming once the audit is finalized for this year.

Imagine one's surprise when they went to check on their gravesite and found a gravestone on their reserved lot. Please do not take it upon yourself to just bury someone or place headstones without checking in to the town office. Teresa has all the maps and lot assignments. The Town has the guidelines on approved use of lots and it is primarily for the sole purpose of making maintenance easier and cost effective. An ordinance is being drafted.

Our new, oldest citizen is Jean Thott. We have tried to connect with her to present the cane but have been unable to do so due to health issues. We look forward to presenting her with the cane in the near future.

We have tried to keep taxes as low as possible. Some of our roads need brush cleaned and cracks filled. It is very difficult finding people to do this work for us.

Our concern for many people has been the problem of walking on our roads and dogs coming out into the road and being aggressive to them and their dogs walking on a leash. We have put together a dog ordinance for the people to review and see if they will vote it in. The leash law is not working in Cutler.

It has been a productive year and Dave, Skipper, and I have worked well together. Skipper's term is up and he is willing to run again. Please come out and support your town on August 28th.

Cynthia C. Rowden, Chair

THE WARRANT

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

Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Cutler, in said County and State, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Bay Ridge School in said Town on Tuesday, the 28th of August, AD 2018 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 2018/2019 SCHOOL BUDGET

ARTICLE 02: Shall the Town be authorized to expend \$636,797.25 for Regular Instruction?

ARTICLE 03: Shall the Town be authorized to expend \$176,605.02 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 \$39,519.40 for System Administration?

ARTICLE 07: Shall the Town be authorized to expend \$60,284.63 for School Administration?

ARTICLE 08: Shall the Town be authorized to expend \$54,207.98 for Transportation and Buses?

ARTICLE 09: Shall the Town be authorized to expend \$149,114.21 for Facilities Maintenance?

ARTICLE 10: Shall the Town be authorized to expend \$68,142.87 for All Other Expenditures?

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

ARTICLE 11: Shall the Town appropriate \$847,537.54 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 \$579,318.25 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 \$222,685.82 in additional local funds, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$222,685.82 as required to fund the budget recommended by the school committee?

The school committee **recommends \$222,685.82** for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by \$222,685.82: 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.

**ARTICLE 13 SUMMARIZES THE PROPOSED
SCHOOL BUDGET**

ARTICLE 13: Shall the Town authorize the school committee to expend \$1,187,933.36 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019 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 appropriate for the following:

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND:

Administration	\$26,500.00
Office Personnel	76,960.00
M.M.A. Health Insurance	25,137.00

S.S. & Payroll Taxes (Town Officers)	12,408.00
3 Selectmen	7,500.00
3 Assessors	900.00
Town Clerk	600.00
Animal Control Officer	1,200.00
Fire Chief	1,200.00
E911 Officer	500.00
Road Commissioner	500.00
Transfer Station Member	240.00
Recreation Director	240.00
Registrar of Voters	120.00
3 Harbor Masters	2,250.00
Assessing Agent	3,500.00
Planning Board Members / Secretary	2,000.00
Code Enforcement Officer	2,500.00
Licensed Plumbing Inspector	<u>300.00</u>
	\$164,555.00

Selectmen recommend \$120,555.00 be appropriated from excise taxes and the remaining \$44,000.00 be appropriated from surplus to fund this Article.

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

TO BE RAISED:

Town Road Maintenance *	10,000.00
Office Building Maintenance	8,000.00
Town Property Maintenance	4,250.00
Cemetery Maintenance*	7,000.00
General Assistance *	500.00
Street Lights	7,500.00
Solid Waste Disposal	22,000.00
Ambulance	5,292.00
Animal Control Account *	200.00
Snow Removal	88,100.00
Winter Road Salt	3,900.00
Legal Defense Fund *	3,000.00
Assessor's Fund	6,650.00
July Fourth Committee Fund*	2,000.00
Cutler Library Committee Fund*	500.00

Park & Recreation Fund *	<u>1,500.00</u>
Total - Raised & Appropriated	\$170,392.00
(*Carry Account)	

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate an amount not to exceed \$5,300.00 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 \$112,842.00 to pay the County Tax.

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,500.00 to be deposited into an account for improvements to the Town Office/Library Building.

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$14,400.00 for the 07th 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 07th 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 06th of 10 Municipal Loan Payments for the Little Machias Road Paving Project.

ARTICLE 27: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$20,620.00 for the 06th 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 05th 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 05th of 10 Municipal Loan Payments for the 2014 Sand / Salt Storage Building Project.

ARTICLE 30: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$9,735.00 from unassigned fund balance (“surplus”) as the Town’s share of matching funds related to a Shore and Harbor Management Grant awarded to the Town by the State of Maine, Coastal Program for a feasibility study for the Little Machias Bay Landing project.

ARTICLE 31: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take all monies made from the sale of town acquired properties after paying taxes due (currently & in the future) and to deposit said monies into a non-lapsing account to be used for improvements and maintenance of municipal properties.

ARTICLE 32: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take all monies left at the close of the DOT Municipal Sand / Salt Shed Project and deposit said monies into a non-lapsing account called the Sand / Salt Shed Maintenance Account to be used for improvements and maintenance of the Sand / Salt Shed.

ARTICLE 33: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take all monies left at the close of the Town Parking / Pier Project aka FY 13 SHIP Grant and deposit said monies into a non-lapsing account called the Town Boat Landing Maintenance Account to be used for improvements and maintenance of the Town Boat Landing & Parking Area.

ARTICLE 34: To see if the Town will vote to clarify and approve that the following are non-lapsing (carry) accounts:

Animal Control Account

Cemetery Maintenance Account

Cutler Library Committee Fund

General Assistance Account

July Fourth Committee Fund

Legal Defense Fund

Park & Recreation Fund

Town Office / Library Building Improvements

Town Road Maintenance Account

ARTICLE 35: 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 36: 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 37: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to charge interest at the rate of 8.00% annually on all unpaid real estate and personal property taxes for the 2018 tax assessment.

ARTICLE 38: To see if the Town will vote to set the interest rate to be paid by the Town on abated taxes at 4.00% 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 39: 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 40: 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 41: To see if the Town will vote to allow the Selectmen to apply for and accept all municipal revenue sharing (to reduce the tax commitment), local road assistance, state aid to education, civil emergency funds, snowmobile reimbursement, tree growth reimbursement, general assistance reimbursement, veterans exemption reimbursement, property tax relief, state grants or any other funds / gifts and to appropriate the same.

ARTICLE 42: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12 of the budgeted amount in each budget category of the 2018 – 2019 annual budget during the period from July 1, 2019 to the 2019 annual Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 43: Shall an ordinance entitled “Town of Cutler, Dog Control 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 “2018 Amendments to the Town of Cutler Shellfish Ordinance” be enacted?

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

ARTICLE 45: 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 (Anita McKinley’s position)

One Selectman /Assessor for a 3-year term (Mark L. McGuire, Jr’s position)

Notice is hereby given that the Registrar of Voters will be at the Bay Ridge School on August 28th, 2018 from 6:00 o'clock DST in the evening until 6:30 o'clock DST in the evening to hear and decide upon the voter registration applicants, and correcting any error in or change of name or address on the voting list and accept the registration of any person who became 18 years of age on election day or the day prior to it. A person who is not registered as a voter may not vote in any election.

Given under our hands at Cutler this 14th day of August A.D., 2018.

SELECTMEN OF CUTLER

Cynthia C. Rowden

Mark L. McGuire, Jr.

David A. Glidden

RETURN OF THE WARRANT

Date: August 15th, 2018

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

Municipal Contact Numbers

Cutler Town Office	Phone/fax	259-3693
Teresa M Bragg	Admin. Asst/Clerk/Treas	259-3693
	Tax Collect/Registrar/E911	263-6439
Jocelyn McIver	Deputy Clerk/Dep. Treas.	259-3693
	Dep. Tax Collect. /Dep. Reg.	
Jacki Robbins	Assessing Agent	852-1840
James Bradley	CEO/LPI	255-8874
Wayne Dennison	Fire Chief	259-3632
Darrel Hinerman	Emergency Management Dir.	259-7111
Kevin Brodie	Animal Control	669-4243
Pauline Cates	Library	259-3909
AOS 96 / Local Schools:		
Superintendent's Office		255-6585
Bay Ridge School		259-3347
Washington Academy		255-8301
Marion Transfer Station		726-4561
Public Service #'s:		
	WC Sheriff's Dept.	255-4422
	State Police	255-8000
	Cutler Post Office	259-4493
Andrew Hall	Town Snow Removal	812-5211
Kevin Feeney	Road Commissioner	263-6637
ME DOT	State Snow Removal	941-4500

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.**

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

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

All ATV and snowmobile registrations expire on June 30th.

Motorcycle registrations expire on March 31st.

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

**Property Tax Payments are due by the second Monday in Feb-
ruary. Interest will accrue after that date.**

Visit our website @ www.cutlermaine.net

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 1ST 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

DEMOLITION DEBRIS

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

**The following Veterans were honored at
our July 4th, 2018 celebration.**

Robert Abrams
Belinda Barron
Donald Beal
Richard Bergeron
Dennis Boyd
Laurence Bryant
Christopher Cates
Stephen Cates
Robert Davis
Michael Dewine
Christian Dewine
John Farris
Gerard Galella
Theodor Gramlich
Crystal Hamilton
Carolyn Harrington
Frederick Hastings
Victor Hawkins
Neil Hazelton
Charles Henderson
Darrel Hinerman
Leonard Ingalls

Alan Jones
Robert Kord
David Look
Burton Maker
James Marsh
Burton McGuire
Mark L. McGuire, Sr
Michael McKinley
Chad Milne
Connie Molinski
Kenneth Molinski
Barry Radley
Ralph Richardson
William Rier
Terry Rowden
Arnold Salveson
John Shaw
Reginald Shaw
Larry Stauffer
Alan Taylor
Peter Taylor



*The
Town of Cutler
wishes to
recognize
these Veterans
and
thank them
for their
service.*