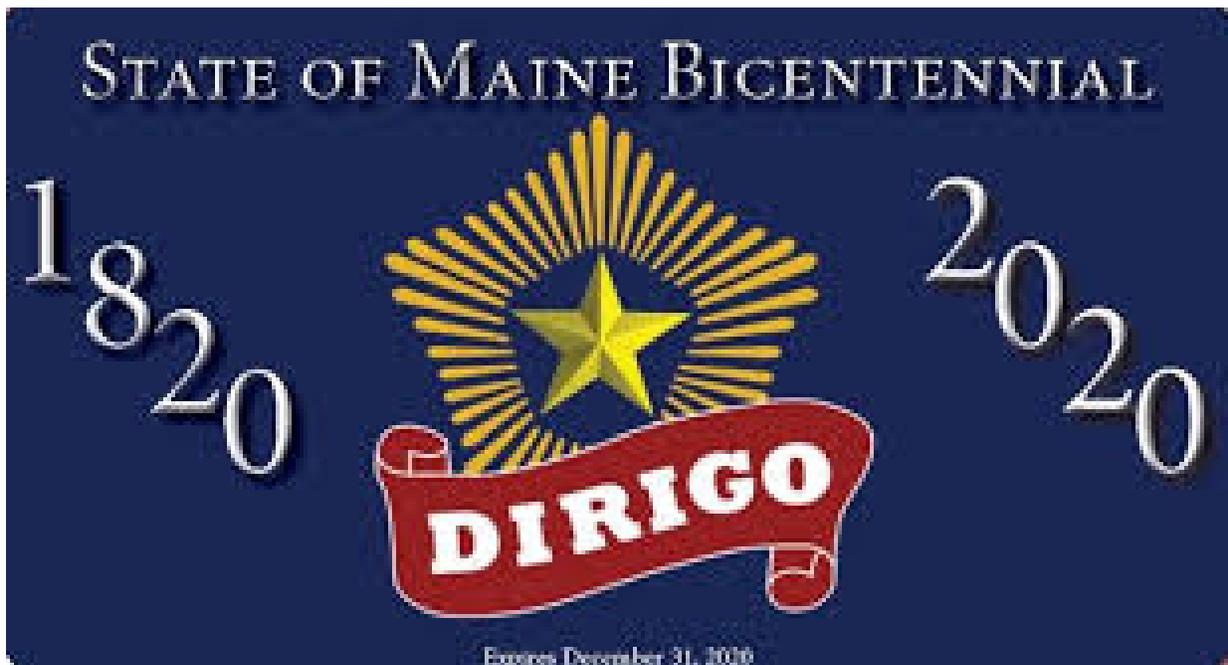


Town of Skowhegan



*July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019
Annual Report*

The Town of Skowhegan dedicates this year's annual report to Matt L'Italien, director of Somerset Public Health, whose devoted leadership at the agency has been ongoing since 2012.

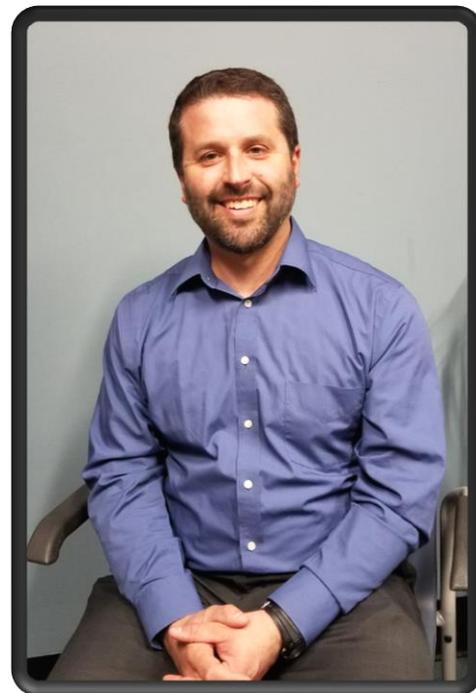
L'Italien is a passionate promoter of the mission at SPH—a coalition of staff members, community members, organizations, and businesses working together to improve the health of the people it serves in Somerset County and Skowhegan, its county seat.

Somerset Public Health is part of the education department at Redington-Fairview General Hospital. The hospital is the administrative home of the organization and pays for L'Italien's position and that of the finance person. L'Italien will dig for grants and planning money, seek federal funds, approach foundations, search for local support, and field ideas from his team until he comes up with just the right solutions to help younger and older people alike achieve improved health. He is committed to introducing physical activity, promoting nutrition, shoring up substance abuse prevention programs, and ensuring support for age-friendly communities as part of his overall plan for a healthier future.

L'Italien obtained a master's degree in Food Science and Human Nutrition from University of Maine at Orono and is credentialed as a registered dietitian. He worked 8 1/2 years with the Maine Nutrition Network at the University of Southern Maine's Muskie School of Public Service, where he developed and evaluated nutrition and physical activity programs so Maine adults and youth could make informed food and physical activity choices to support optimal health.

A huge part of L'Italien's successes comes from his ability to work well with others. He connects with dozens of community members, service groups, town governments, schools, child care centers, and business owners to change policy and the environment "to make being healthy easier," he said. For instance, his team worked with the Skowhegan Free Public Library to assemble a tobacco use policy. Like all such programs initiated by L'Italien, the goal is to shield young people from risky behavior.

He also leads efforts to address prevention and treatment of opioid use. His hope and that of Somerset Public Health is to prevent substance use and, for those who do have opioid use disorder, get them treatment and into recovery. The programs are aimed at education and drug-free communities and to help increase after-school programs for young people. The hope is to have community volunteers find promise in a plan and take it over as their own, so it becomes sustained over time. L'Italien and his team offer training and technical assistance. "We envision trying to create plans where all parts of the community are contributing to a healthier environment," he said. L'Italien strives to achieve the SPH mission by stopping tobacco use, preventing drug abuse, and promoting responsible use of alcohol.



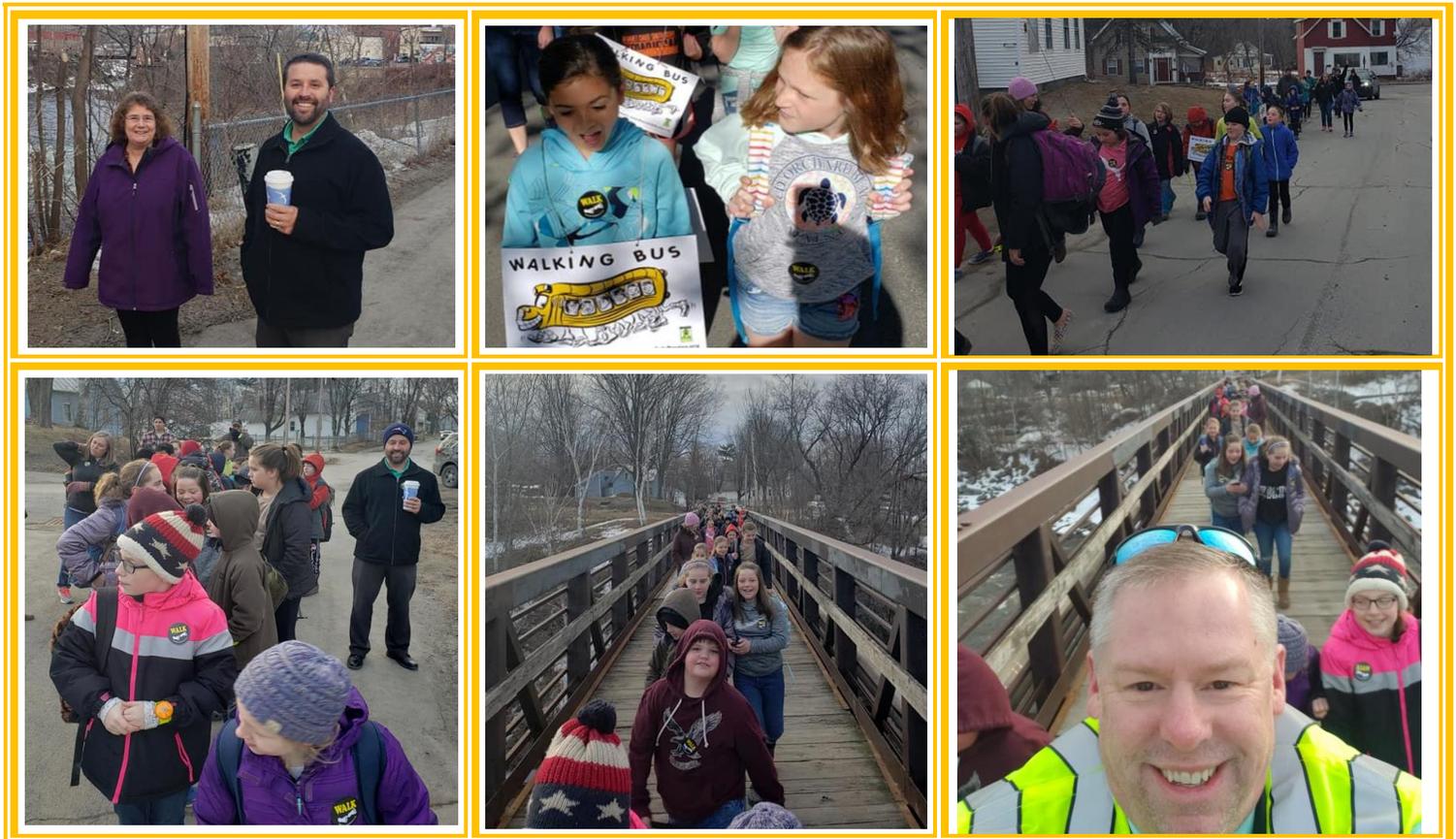
One of several projects L'Italien has led for young people includes partnering Skowhegan police officers with bus students from the in-town schools of North Elementary and Margaret Chase Smith. Officers escort the students from their respective schools, hiking from locations on both the north and south sides of town. The program marries physical activities with a positive adult role model, according to Police Chief David A. Bucknam, who praised L'Italien for this and other efforts he has made to unite young people and police. "We've really focused on the kids in the community, helping to create a better environment for kids to interact with law enforcement," Bucknam said. "Working together as a team, we've really been able to break down barriers with parents and kids alike, allowing them to approach law enforcement when they have a problem, or just to be friendly and come say hello."

L'Italien also leads efforts to work with age-friendly towns, focusing on transportation, recreation, physical needs, and crime. A group recently was assembled in Jackman to help build a social group in an island of isolation.

Somerset Public Health efforts include working on professional development in SAD 54, Maine Substance Use Prevention Services, Maine Tobacco Prevention, referrals to a tobacco help line, working with food pantry directors, continued support for obesity prevention and working with Move More Kids, including a 100 Mile Club, family engagement night and a Fit Kit after school program.

It's not a question of what or why, but how to do it, according to L'Italien. He and the team look at the data that points them in the direction of what to do, then they work with the community to find out how to do it.

Compiled by: Darla L. Pickett





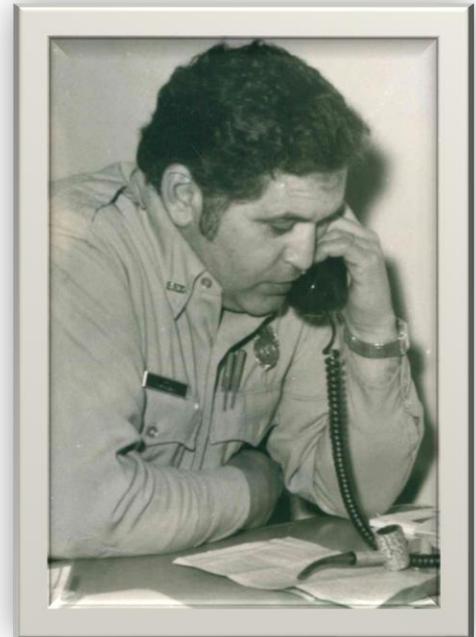
**IN MEMORIAM
CARL MCKENNEY
1941 – 2020**

Carl McKenney was hired as a reserve police officer and a call firefighter for the Town of Skowhegan in 1965. He was hired as a fulltime firefighter in 1966 and was promoted to Chief in 1973. While serving as Chief, he also served as the Skowhegan Emergency Management Director and the Somerset County EMA Director. Carl served as Fire Chief until his retirement in 1992.

After retirement, Carl continued to serve both the Town and County in several positions with the following boards, committees and organizations:

- Skowhegan Planning Board
- Skowhegan Heritage Council
- Skowhegan Cemetery Committee
- Skowhegan Budget and Finance Committee
- Skowhegan Election Warden/Ballot Clerk
- Somerset Triad, Member and Chairman
- Somerset County Local Emergency Planning Committee
- Maine Old Cemeteries Association
- Maine Genealogical Society

Carl was a life member and former president of the Maine Fire Chief's Association and life member of the International Fire Chief's Association.



With more than 50 years of service, Carl McKenney will surely be missed for his passion and devotion. We thank Carl for his valuable contributions to this community.

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

The 2020 Town of Skowhegan, Maine Spirit of America Foundation Tribute honors Main Street Skowhegan for commendable community service.

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

Whereas, Main Street Skowhegan exemplifies the meaning of volunteerism as presented by the Spirit of America.

Whereas, Main Street Skowhegan is focused on the ongoing revitalization of our town. Its mission is to celebrate Skowhegan's rich heritage while achieving its brightest future as a thriving economic, cultural, and recreational community where residents enjoy a high quality of life.

Whereas, Main Street Skowhegan is driven by three staff members, three AmeriCorps members, a 15-member volunteer board of directors, and more than 100 other dedicated volunteers.

Whereas, Main Street Skowhegan host or co-host seven annual events—including Somerset SnowFest, Dinner in the Park, Skowhegan Craft Brew Fest, and Holiday Stroll, among others—engaging the community and drawing visitors from both near and far. These events would not be possible without the commitment and passion of Main Street Skowhegan's volunteers.

Whereas, In 2018 Main Street Skowhegan coordinated the Skowhegan Moose Festival, mobilizing nearly 100 volunteers before and during the three-day event, which drew 6,000 attendees. During the festival, Main Street organized a moose call that set the Guinness World Record for most people moose calling simultaneously (1,054). The Maine Office of Tourism presented Main Street with the 2019 Tourism Marketing Award for their efforts during the moose festival.

Whereas, In 2019 Main Street Skowhegan launched the Skowhegan AmeriCorps Outdoor Recreation Program to provide free, guided outdoor recreation activities and gear for residents to borrow. They enrolled three AmeriCorps members who coordinate and lead outdoor trainings and programs and engage with community volunteers who assist with this effort. For this work they received the 2019 Redington-Fairview General Hospital Award for Commitment to Public Health.

Whereas, Main Street Skowhegan's volunteer committees have been behind the popular Skowopoly board game, playing cards featuring local businesses and organizations, the Main Street Skowhegan Savings Entrepreneur Challenge, and a new technical assistance grant program that was recently launched.

Whereas, Main Street Skowhegan's volunteers help make downtown Skowhegan welcoming and vibrant by planting and maintaining flowers in the Triangle Garden, a former dead space that is now a bright spot on Water Street.

Whereas, For the past two years, Main Street Skowhegan was voted the #1 Community Service Organization in the region by community members in the *Morning Sentinel/Kennebec Journal* Best of the Best Awards.

Be it Resolved by the Town of Skowhegan's Board of Selectmen that Main Street Skowhegan is hereby recognized for the outstanding achievements and honors they have brought upon this community with the 2020 Skowhegan Spirit of America Foundation Tribute.

Annual Report
of the
Municipal Departments

Skowhegan, Maine

Shire town of Somerset County. One hundred two miles from Portland, on the Kennebec River. Originally part of Canaan. Separated in 1823, and incorporated under the name of Milburn. The name was changed on March 25, 1863, to the Indian name of Skowhegan, which signifies, “a place to watch”. “Skowhegan Falls” was an ancient name, having been a noted locality for the Indians to “watch” for and catch salmon. Bloomfield annexed in 1861. Population in 1940 was 7,097. Population in 2008 was 8,742.

Covering July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019

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Town Meeting Warrant..... Separate Document**

**Town Meeting Warrant not prepared at the time that the Town Report was printed. You may obtain a copy from the Town Office or on our website.

Please visit our website at: www.skowhegan.org

Click on the “Notify Me” tab to sign up for notifications about bids, meetings, events, road closures, etc.

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Town of Skowhegan

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT FISCAL YEAR 2019

The following pages include an excerpt of the 2019 Audit Report. Complete Audit Reports are available for public viewing in the Town Clerk's Office and the Town Manager's Office at the Municipal Building.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christine Almand".

Christine Almand
Town Manager

Independent Auditor's Report

Board of Selectmen
Town of Skowhegan, Maine

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Skowhegan, Maine as of and for the year ended June 30, 2019, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditor's Responsibility

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

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

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

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Skowhegan, Maine, as of June 30, 2019, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, budgetary comparison information and pension and OPEB information on pages 6 through 13 and page 48 through 53 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Skowhegan, Maine's basic financial statements. The other supplementary information on Schedules 1 and 2 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements.

The other supplementary information on Schedules 1 and 2 are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, Schedules 1 and 2 are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 18, 2020, on our consideration of the Town of Skowhegan, Maine's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town of Skowhegan, Maine's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Town of Skowhegan, Maine's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Brantley Whibodean & Associates

June 18, 2020

Town of Skowhegan, Maine
Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds
June 30, 2019

	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Permanent Fund	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,818	\$ 354,849	\$ 152,329	\$ -	\$ 508,996
Investments	5,120,289	-	7,008,211	1,035,702	13,164,202
Taxes receivable, net	828,705	-	-	-	828,705
Accounts receivable	27,957	10,513	5,703	-	44,173
Due from other governmental agencies	94,190	55,790	-	-	149,980
Due from Maine Bond Bank	-	-	1,090,512	-	1,090,512
Due from other funds	-	563,579	-	-	563,579
Due from Skowhegan Economic Development	52,944	-	-	-	52,944
Loans receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$33,568	-	561,846	-	-	561,846
Total assets	<u>\$ 6,125,903</u>	<u>\$ 1,546,577</u>	<u>\$ 8,256,755</u>	<u>\$ 1,035,702</u>	<u>\$ 16,964,937</u>
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES					
Liabilities					
Accounts payable	\$ 240,304	\$ 25,193	\$ 64,185	\$ -	\$ 329,682
Due to other funds	184,549	-	378,995	-	563,544
Payable to other governments	31,284	-	-	-	31,284
Due to pension plan	35,110	-	-	-	35,110
Unearned revenue	2,147	751	-	-	2,898
Other accrued expenses	17,324	-	-	-	17,324
Total liabilities	<u>510,718</u>	<u>25,944</u>	<u>443,180</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>979,842</u>
Deferred inflows of resources					
Prepaid taxes	35,341	-	-	-	35,341
Unavailable property taxes	625,804	-	-	-	625,804
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>661,145</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>661,145</u>
Fund balances					
Nonspendable for					
Trust fund principal	-	-	-	675,755	675,755
Loans receivable	-	561,846	-	-	561,846
Restricted for					
Trust fund income	-	-	-	359,947	359,947
Capital projects	-	-	2,318,341	-	2,318,341
Special revenue funds	-	958,787	-	-	958,787
Committed for					
Capital projects	-	-	5,495,234	-	5,495,234
Assigned for					
Other purposes	213,040	-	-	-	213,040
Unassigned	4,741,000	-	-	-	4,741,000
Total fund balances	<u>4,954,040</u>	<u>1,520,633</u>	<u>7,813,575</u>	<u>1,035,702</u>	<u>15,323,950</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balances	<u>\$ 6,125,903</u>	<u>\$ 1,546,577</u>	<u>\$ 8,256,755</u>	<u>\$ 1,035,702</u>	<u>\$ 16,964,937</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

Town of Skowhegan, Maine
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended June 30, 2019

	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Permanent Fund	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES					
Property taxes	\$ 15,596,441	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,596,441
Excise and miscellaneous taxes	1,573,731	-	-	-	1,573,731
Fees and fines	75,519	-	-	-	75,519
Licenses and permits	35,929	-	-	-	35,929
Intergovernmental	4,779,916	263,012	232,933	-	5,275,861
Charges for services	241,325	-	-	-	241,325
Investment and interest earnings	60,093	37,121	170,617	30,073	297,904
Contributions and reimbursements	55,329	-	-	-	55,329
Miscellaneous	109,070	-	-	12,312	121,382
Total revenues	22,527,353	300,133	403,550	42,385	23,273,421
EXPENDITURES					
Current					
General government	1,342,295	-	-	-	1,342,295
Protection	2,562,788	-	-	-	2,562,788
Public works	1,144,577	-	-	-	1,144,577
Waste water and pollution control	492,006	-	-	-	492,006
Solid waste management	839,779	-	-	-	839,779
Health and human services	181,747	-	-	-	181,747
Education	9,296,531	-	-	-	9,296,531
Parks and recreation	438,305	-	-	-	438,305
County tax	2,402,383	-	-	-	2,402,383
Cemeteries	87,028	-	-	10,381	97,409
Community services	206,794	-	-	-	206,794
Grant program expenses	-	225,173	-	-	225,173
Debt service					
Principal	1,387,260	-	69,926	-	1,457,186
Interest and loan fees	273,868	-	104	-	273,972
Capital outlay- leased assets	243,186	-	1,098,050	-	1,341,236
Capital outlay	-	-	2,062,252	-	2,062,252
Total expenditures	20,898,547	225,173	3,230,332	10,381	24,364,433
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	1,628,806	74,960	(2,826,782)	32,004	(1,091,012)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)					
Proceeds from capital lease	243,186	-	2,140,190	-	2,383,376
Transfers in	4,801	-	1,870,525	-	1,875,326
Transfers out	(1,870,525)	-	-	(4,801)	(1,875,326)
Total other financing sources (uses)	(1,622,538)	-	4,010,715	(4,801)	2,383,376
Net change in fund balances	6,268	74,960	1,183,933	27,203	1,292,364
FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING	4,947,772	1,445,673	6,629,642	1,008,499	14,031,586
FUND BALANCES - ENDING	\$ 4,954,040	\$ 1,520,633	\$ 7,813,575	\$ 1,035,702	\$ 15,323,950

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

Town of Skowhegan, Maine
Budgetary Comparison Schedule
General Fund
For the Year Ended June 30, 2019

	Budgeted Amounts			Actual	Variance with Final Budget - Positive (Negative)
	Original	Changes**	Final*		
REVENUES					
Property taxes	\$ 15,595,782	\$ -	\$ 15,595,782	\$ 15,596,441	\$ 659
Excise and miscellaneous taxes	1,305,000	-	1,305,000	1,573,731	268,731
Fees and fines	50,820	-	50,820	75,519	24,699
Licenses and permits	30,500	-	30,500	35,929	5,429
Intergovernmental	4,805,243	-	4,805,243	4,779,916	(25,327)
Charges for services	296,160	-	296,160	241,325	(54,835)
Investment and interest earnings	5,000	-	5,000	60,093	55,093
Contributions and reimbursements	51,695	-	51,695	55,329	3,634
Miscellaneous	66,645	-	66,645	109,070	42,425
Total revenues	22,206,845	-	22,206,845	22,527,353	320,508
EXPENDITURES					
Current					
General government	1,569,299	-	1,569,299	1,342,295	227,004
Protection	2,883,390	-	2,883,390	2,562,788	320,602
Public works	1,369,250	-	1,369,250	1,144,577	224,673
Waste water and pollution control	555,347	-	555,347	492,006	63,341
Solid waste management	858,821	-	858,821	839,779	19,042
Health and human services	285,820	-	285,820	181,747	104,073
Education	9,296,531	-	9,296,531	9,296,531	-
Parks and recreation	467,657	-	467,657	438,305	29,352
County tax	2,402,383	-	2,402,383	2,402,383	-
Cemeteries	87,413	-	87,413	87,028	385
Community services	206,794	-	206,794	206,794	-
Debt service					
Principal	1,387,260	-	1,387,260	1,387,260	-
Interest and other charges	293,872	-	293,872	273,868	20,004
Capital outlay	-	243,186	243,186	243,186	-
Total expenditures	21,663,837	243,186	21,907,023	20,898,547	1,008,476
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	543,008	(243,186)	299,822	1,628,806	1,328,984
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)					
Use of carryover fund balances	1,418,000	-	1,418,000	-	(1,418,000)
Overlay	(111,454)	-	(111,454)	-	111,454
Proceeds from capital lease	-	243,186	243,186	243,186	-
Transfers in	17,500	-	17,500	4,801	(12,699)
Transfers out	(1,867,054)	-	(1,867,054)	(1,870,525)	(3,471)
Total other financing sources (uses)	(543,008)	243,186	(299,822)	(1,622,538)	(1,322,716)
Net change in fund balances	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	6,268	\$ 6,268
FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING				4,947,772	
FUND BALANCES - ENDING				\$ 4,954,040	

* includes use of assigned carryover accounts

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

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Town of Skowhegan

Town Manager

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

As your Town Manager, it is my pleasure and privilege to submit a report of the municipal activities by the various department heads, committees and organizations. The Town Report is a valuable resource of information and insight as to what is taking place in our community. The 2020 Annual Town Meeting Warrant is available as a separate document and may be obtained at the Town Office or on our website.

For many years Skowhegan has used funds from the undesignated fund balance, also called surplus, for the sole purpose of reducing the tax commitment. At the 2019 Town Meeting, the voters also approved funding for future projects in the reserve accounts to come from surplus. In total \$1,167,071 of surplus was used for the following purposes: \$511,071 to reduce the tax commitment; \$500,000 towards the planning and construction of a new Public Safety Building that would house the Police and Fire Departments; \$75,000 for bridge improvements; \$57,000 for body cameras, tasers, and a trailer to store and transport weapons qualifications materials for the Police Department; and \$24,000 towards the planned ballfield compound.

We are fortunate to have a staff that embodies the true sense of teamwork. Special Thanks and credit must be given to the Board of Selectmen: Paul York, Chairman; Gene Rouse, Vice Chairman; Betty Austin, Roger Staples, and Dennis Willette and to the Department Heads: Trisha Austin, Finance/Human Resource Director; Bryan Belliveau, Code Enforcement Officer/Transfer Station Supervisor; David Bucknam, Police Chief; Brent Dickey, Pollution Control Plant Superintendent; Gregory Dore, Road Commissioner; Jeffrey Hewett, Economic and Community Development Director; Shawn Howard, Fire Chief; Denise LeBlanc, Parks and Recreation Director; Gail Pelotte, Town Clerk/Treasurer and William Van Tuinen, Contracted Assessor. Our group of dedicated department heads has a combination of over 200 years of service to the Town of Skowhegan.

The Board of Selectmen and the town encourage citizen involvement and appreciate when citizens become an active part of our governmental process. Please check out our website at www.skowhegan.org for updated information. You can also sign up for alerts sent by email or text through the "Notify Me" feature on our website. We welcome you to attend Selectmen's Meetings which are held on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 5:30 pm in the Municipal Building Council Room.

In closing, I want to thank the volunteers that give of their time and ask nothing in return. I must also thank the citizens of Skowhegan for the support and confidence you have given myself and all of those that work hard and support the town. Because of this the Town of Skowhegan is definitely a "Place to Watch".

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christine Almand".

Christine Almand
Town Manager

Paul York, Chairman
Betty Austin, Vice Chairman
Roger Staples
Charles Robbins

Town of Skowhegan

Board of Selectmen

225 Water Street
Skowhegan, Maine 04976



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To all Citizens of Skowhegan,

Another year gone by and Skowhegan finished strong. The Town of Skowhegan continues to move forward in a positive way with the help of Main Street and the Chamber. We are also very lucky to have such dedicated employees who at times go over and above their regular duties to strive to make Skowhegan the best it can be. I would like to thank all for a job well done.

Moving into 2020 certainly has been a challenge for all of us. The Coronavirus pandemic that has ravaged this country has caused challenges for all. Officials from all levels struggle to come up with solutions on how to restructure to mitigate the spread of this virus. The Town of Skowhegan has had to make changes as to how we operate which has been a challenge to say the least. People are struggling financially. Businesses are being creative to try to stay open and survive through these times. One thing is for sure, WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER !

The town had to make the decision on whether to keep the rec open or not. The decision was made to close down the building and all outside facilities. This decision was not made lightly as the board recognizes the importance of physical activity for our youth. It was determined that these activities could not be done in a safe manner and the health and safety of our youth was at the fore front. We our following CDC guidelines and continue to do so. We continue to follow the progress of this virus and I'm happy to say that as of July 6 all our outside facilities were open.

The closure of the rec as enabled us the time to tackle many tasks at our facilities. The rec employees have been working on the fields as well as our trails. Painting in various places has taken place as well. We have a new ADA path down to the fields and a left hand turn into the rec is to be completed in the next few months. This will allow us to be able to continue with projects in our complex.

We continue to work on the Public Safety Building. It was pretty clear listening to tax payers that most seemed to be in agreement that something was needed. We are in hopes to present options to the town. I am hopeful that we can find a solution that's best for the town.

I again encourage people to get involved. Let's all make Skowhegan a place people would like to come to. People need to stay positive. STAY SAFE !

Sincerely,

Paul A. York

Paul A. York
Board of Selectman Chairman

TOWN OF SKOWHEGAN

July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019

Elected and Appointed Officials

Departments and Committees

By:

Gail R. Pelotte, Town Clerk

ELECTED OFFICIALS
July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019

SELECTMEN – 3 YEAR TERMS

Terms Expiring 2019:

Betty Austin
Paul York, Chairman

Terms Expiring 2020

E. Gene Rouse, Vice Chairman

Terms Expiring 2021

Roger Staples
Vanessa York (dec'd Jan 2019)

ASSESSORS – 3 YEAR TERMS

Ronald Blaisdell, Chairman - 2019
Bonnie Baker – 2020
John Grohs, Vice Chairman - 2021

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

David James - 2019
Lisa Toles – 2020
Jennifer Olsen - 2021

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

Gail R. Pelotte – 2021

**ROAD COMMISSIONER –
3 YEAR TERM**

Gregory Dore – 2021

**PARK COMMISSIONERS –
5 YEAR TERMS**

Violet Ferland – 2019
Michael Lambke-2020

Peter Foxwell – 2021
Robert Haynes - 2021
Davida Barter, Treasurer/Secretary – 2022

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

Terms Expiring 2019:

Richard Irwin, Sr.
Jennifer Poirier
Karen Smith

Terms Expiring 2020:

Mark Bedard
Jeannine Conley
Derek Ellis
Margaret Lovejoy

Terms Expiring 2021:

Harold Bigelow
Lynda Quinn
Amy Rouse
Todd Smith

APPOINTED OFFICIALS, COMMITTEES & DEPARTMENTS
July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019

TOWN MANAGER'S OFFICE

Telephone: 474-6907

Christine Almand- Town Manager /
Tax Collector / Emergency Mgmt
Director / Safety Commissioner /
Purchasing Agent / Agent to
Overseer of the Poor / General
Assistance Director

Cara Mason, Executive Secretary /
Opera House Manager

SELECTMEN – FINANCE OFFICERS

Paul York, Finance Officer
Gene Rouse, Deputy Finance Officer

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

Telephone: 474-6903

William VanTuinen, Contract Assessor
Leisa Porter, Assessor's Clerk

**MUNICIPAL BUILDING
SUPERINTENDENT**

Dayson Davis

**CODE ENFORCEMENT / PLUMBING
INSPECTOR / BUILDING INSPECTOR**

Telephone: 474-6904

Randall Gray (R 6/14/19)
Cynthia Kirk, Secretary
Leo Mayo, Alternate Plumbing Inspector /
Deputy Code Enforcement Officer /
Alternate Building Inspector

TREE WARDEN-1 YEAR TERM

Christine Almand

FINANCE OFFICER / HUMAN RESOURCE

Telephone: 474-6900

Trisha Austin

TOWN CLERK / TREASURER

Telephone: 474-6900 or 474-6902

Gail R. Pelotte, Town Clerk / Treasurer
Deputy Tax Collector, Municipal
Agent

Tonja Lary, Collections Clerk
Deputy Town Clerk/Deputy
Treasurer

Larry Bonneau, Collections Clerk
(A 3/25/19)

Mary Jane Clifford, Collections Clerk
(R 6/14/18)

Jennifer Tenan, Collections Clerk,
Deputy Tax Collector

Chelsea Gardiner, Collections Clerk
(FT 7/16/18)

Casie Nickerson, Collections Clerk
(A 8/20/18)
(R 2/15/19)

PUBLIC ACCESS OFFICER

Gail R. Pelotte

GENERAL ASSISTANCE DIRECTOR

Telephone: 474-6900

Mary Jane Clifford (R 6/14/18)

Casie Nickerson (A 8/20/18)

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Telephone: 474-6911

Gregory Dore, Road Commissioner

Charles Bess III

Randy Bowden

Kelly Dore (T to PC 5/13/19)

Chad Folsom

Eric Lancaster (R5/6/19)

Corey Johnson

William Marsh, Jr.

Walter Powell

Heath Whitney (A 2/11/19)

Duane Whittemore

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Telephone: 474-6905

Jeffrey Hewett, Director
Dena Rich, Secretary

PARKS & RECREATION DEPT-

Telephone: 474-6901

Denise LeBlanc, Director
Michael Hoyt, Program Assistant
Stephen McDaniel, Maintenance Supervisor
Brent Cook, Staff Assistant
Paris Duhamel, Staff Assistant

TRANSFER STATION / RECYCLING CENTER

Telephone: 474-6918

Randall Gray, Supervisor (R 6/14/19)
Steven Foss, Attendant
Clyde Merrill, Attendant (R 4/10/19)
Thomas Smith, Attendant
James Travers, Attendant
Furnie White, Attendant

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Telephone: 474-6904

Cynthia Kirk, Recording Secretary

BOARD MEMBERS – 5 YR TERMS

Terms Expiring 2019:

Harvey Austin, Jr.
Todd Smith, Vice Chairman

Terms Expiring 2020:

Steve Conley, Chairman

Terms Expiring 2021:

Stephen Gould
Christopher Kruse (R 6/26/18)
Garrett Quinn (A7/19/18) (R 7/1/19)

Terms Expiring 2022:

Edward Goff (R 1/16/19)

Terms Expiring 2023:

Steve St. Pierre

Note: Planning Board Members are also Comprehensive Planning members

POLLUTION CONTROL PLANT

Telephone: 474-6909

Brent Dickey, Superintendent
Gary Cowan II, Operator
Michael Nelson, Mechanic (A 8/6/18)
Kelly Dore, Asst. Operator (T 5/13/19)
Michael Fardon, Asst. Oper. (A 10/15/18)
(R 3/29/19)
Kyle Mullin, Asst. Oper. (A 4/9/18)
(R 8/30/18)

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Telephone: 474-3400

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT CHAPLAINE-1 YEAR

Rev. Mark Tanner

CALL FIREFIGHTERS

Joseph Almand
Jimmy Bigelow
Bradley Bosworth
Danny Bosworth
Jordan Burdet
Josh Corson
Shawn Enright
Ashley Higgins
Ryan Johnston (A11/29/18)
Bryan LaPointe
Thomas Lyons, Jr
Alan Nickerson
Timothy Pomelow
Devin Provencal
Nicholas Quimby
Tyler Savage
Josh Stewart (A12/13/18)
Scott Washburn
Eric Witham

FIRE WARDEN

Shawn Howard, Fire Chief
DEPUTY FIRE WARDENS

Richard Caldwell
Linwood Corson
Jason Frost
Scott Libby
Matthew Quinn
Michael S. Savage
Ty Strout
Daryl Wyman

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

Telephone 474-3400

Christine Almand

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD MEMBERS – 1 YEAR TERMS

Karol Youney, Chairman
Joy Mase, Vice Chairman
Evalyn Bowman
Randall Gray (R 6/14/19)
June Lowe

SKOWHEGAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD MEMBERS – 1 YR TERMS

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

HEALTH OFFICER – 5 YR TERM

Telephone: 474-6201

Timothy Malyk- 2019

2015 FAÇADE COMMITTEE EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2019

Steve Gould
Christopher Perkins
Donna Russakoff

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Telephone: 474-6908

David Bucknam, Chief
Brian Gardiner, Dep. Chief (Prom 6/25/19)
Don Avery, Detective Sergeant (R 5/17/19)
Michael Bachelder, Detective
Kelly Hooper, Detective Sgt. (Prom 7/9/19)
Hebert Oliver, Sergeant
Katelyn Nichols, Detective
Kelly Woodard, Admin. Asst. (FT 10/3/17)
(R 1/11/19)
Nancy Weis, Admin. Asst. (A 3/4/19)

Police Officers

Jacob Boudreau
Andrew Bowman, (FT 7/24/18)
Alex Burns, (FT 9/25/18)
Joel Cummings
David Daigneault, School Resource Officer
Amber Damon
Christopher Viera (R 12/30/18)
Tifani P.V. Warren
Timothy Williams
Joshua York (A 2/12/19)

Reserve Police Officers

Charles Ball (R 7/6/18)
Andrew Bowman
Teresa Brown
Alex Burns
Garrett Buzzell
Jeremy Buzzell (R 2/7/19)
Harald Christiansen (R 4/10/19)
Stephen Gould (R 6/25/18)
Kyle Haseltine (R 5/17/19)
Billie Hatfield
Kelly Hooper
Kris McKenna (A 9/14/18)
Matthew Winters (A 2/12/19)

Constables

Don Avery (R 5/17/19)
Joel Cummings
Herbert Oliver

PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING COMMITTEE TERMS EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2019

(New committee formed 7/22/14)

Voting Members

Fire Chief: Shawn Howard
Police Chief: David Bucknam

CEO: Randall Gray (R 6/14/19)

Road Commissioner: Greg Dore
Selectman: Gene Rouse and Paul York
Primary Citizens:

Steven Conley
Beverly Fitzsimmons
Stephen Gould
Warren Shay
Steven Spaulding

Alternate Citizens:

Todd Smith
Newell Graf

Non-voting Members

Town Manager: Christine Almand

Fire Captains:

Michael Savage
Vacant

Deputy Police Chief: Vacant

**ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER –
1 YEAR TERMS**

Sharon Kinney

FENCE VIEWERS – 1 YEAR TERMS

Gene Rouse
Vanessa York

**SURVEYOR OF LUMBER –
1 YEAR TERM**

Felix Quirion

**RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
1 YEAR TERMS**

Paula Doughty
Beverly Fitzsimmons (A 6/25/19)
Shawn Howard (A 6/26/18)
Colin Quinn
Carlene Sirois
Soren Siren
Kevin Withee (R 9/18/18)

CEMETERY SEXTON – 1 YEAR TERM

Telephone: 474-9316

Mark Bossie

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Mark Bossie, Sexton
Melvin Burnham, Vice Chairman
David James, Chairman
Mary Lou Holden Mollerus
Carl McKenney (6/30/19)
Gene Rouse, Selectman's Rep.
Felix Quirion, Honorary Member
Gail R. Pelotte, Secretary

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

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

.ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

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

TOWN ATTORNEYS – 1 YEAR TERMS

Kenneth Lexier
Warren Shay

HERITAGE COUNCIL – 5 YEAR TERMS

Terms Expiring 2019:

Andy Russakoff
Evalyn Bowman

Terms Expiring 2023:

Gail Kay
Katie Quilette
Barry Sites
Robert Washburn
Shirley Whittemore, Chairman

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION –
5 YEAR TERMS**

Term Expiring 2019:

Robert McGorty, Vice Chairman (6/30/19)

Term Expiring 2020:

Corey Hinkle
Tristen Hinkle

Sherri Vigue

Terms Expiring 2023:
Corey Johnson

Terms Expiring 2024:
Barry Sites

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

Term Expiring 2020:
Bonnie Young

Term Expiring 2021:
Jeff Evans

**BUDGET/FINANCE COMMITTEE
3 YEAR TERMS**

Terms Expiring 2019:
David James
Christian Savage

Terms Expiring 2020:
Rebekah Shankar
Judi York

Terms Expiring 2021:
Michelle Cummings
Patrick Dore
Ida Earle
John Grohs

**LAKE GEORGE COMMITTEE –
3 YEAR TERMS EXPIRING 2019**

J P Kennedy
Ganna Chugay
Erik LeVine
Warren Shay
Rupert White

RUN OF RIVER COMMITTEE

Betty Austin
Kristina Cannon
Clayton Cole
Jason Cooke
Gregory Dore
Bill Finley

Jason Gayne
Karen Hart
Jeff Hewett
Shawn Howard
Denise LeBlanc
Jeff McCabe
Craig Taylor
Taylor Walker
Anna Staehli Wiser

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

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

**OPERA HOUSE COMMITTEE
1 YEAR TERM**

Cara Mason
Bradley Adams
Mary Haley
Jeff Hewett
Jon Kimbell
Fred Liebfried
Jim Preble

**FACADE COMMITTEE
1 YEAR TERM**

Steve Gould
Christopher Perkins
Donna Russakoff

**SIDEWALK COMMITTEE
1 YEAR TERM**

Gregory Dore
Steven Govoni (A 6/25/19)
Richard Irwin
Denise LeBlanc
Richard Smith

**SECOND BRIDGE COMMITTEE
1 YEAR TERM**

Christine Almand
Betty Austin
Greg Dore
Jason Gayne
Steve Govoni
Joel Greenwood
Sam Hight
Christian Savage
Roger Staples
Rodney Whittemore
Mark Wilson

ELECTION OFFICIALS

OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR OF VOTERS TWO YEAR TERMS EXPIRING 1/1/2021

Joan Farnsworth, Registrar of Voters, (Retired 1/7/2019)
Alice Souther, Deputy Registrar of Voters, (dec'd Jan 2019)
Gail Pelotte, Town Clerk/Registrar of Voters (Appt. 1/8/19)
Tonja Lary, Deputy Town Clerk/Deputy Registrar of Voters
Mary Jane Clifford, Deputy Registrar of Voters
Judith Bowzer, Deputy Registrar of Voters
Patricia Horine, Deputy Registrar of Voters, (Res. 1/2019)
Jennifer Tenan, Deputy Registrar of Voters, (Appt. 1/8/19)
Larry Bonneau, Deputy Registrar of Voters, (Appt. 5/28/19)
Chelsea Gardiner, Deputy Registrar of Voters, (Appt. 5/28/19)

VOTER REGISTRATION APPEALS BOARD

Carole Clement, Chair-Term Expiring 3/13/2020 – 4 Year Term
Linda Smith, Democrat – Term Expiring 3/27/2021 – 3 Year Term
Christopher Perkins, Republican – Term Expiring 3/27/2021 – 3 Year Term

ELECTION/BALLOT CLERKS TERMS EXPIRING May 1, 2020 2 YEAR TERMS

Democrats

Jane Arthur
Judith Bowzer
Melvin Burnham
Carole Clement
Kathryn Evans
Olivia Gray
Rose Gray
Laurie Greenleaf
Bertha Irwin
Richard Irwin, Sr.
Janet McGowan
Theresa Norman
Margaret Reid
Maxine Russakoff
Linda Smith
Richard Smith

Republicans

Shirley Aube
Sheila Beauford
Judy Clark
Joan Cross
Angela Demo
Barbara Demo
Violet Ferland
Mary Lou Holden Mollerus
Dorothea LaCasse
Ronda LaPorte
June Lowe
Patricia Maynard
Carl McKenney
Gail McKenney
Beverly Noonan
Rebecca Poulin
Frances Savage
Ann Spaulding
Jeannean Taylor

Voter Registration Report

July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019

To the Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Skowhegan

The following meetings and elections were held during this period:

State of Maine General Election, November 6, 2018

Town of Skowhegan Special Town Meeting Referendum –

Public Safety Building Vote, November 6, 2018

Special Town Meeting, November 27, 2018 – Opened & Postponed

Special Town Meeting, December 11, 2018

Annual Town Meeting, June 10, 2019

RSU#54/SAD#54 Budget Referendum, June 11, 2019

Skowhegan Municipal Election, June 11, 2019

The number of voters presently registered is:

Democrats 1925

Republicans 1887

Green Independents 193

Unenrolled 2239

Total 6244

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail R. Pelotte

Gail R. Pelotte

Deputy Registrar of Voters

DIRECTORY OF REPRESENTATIVES

Federal United States Senate

Senator Susan M. Collins
413 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington DC 20510
(202) 224-2523

or

68 Sewall Street, Rm 507
Augusta, Maine 04330
(207) 622-8414

Senator Angus King
133 Hart Building
Washington DC 20510
(202) 224-5344

or

4 Gabriel Drive, Suite 3
Augusta, Maine 04330
(207) 622-8292

U.S. Representatives to Congress

Congressman Jared Golden
1223 Longworth House Office Building
Washington DC 20515
(202)225-6306

or

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Bangor, Maine 04401
(207) 249-7400

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House of Representatives
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Augusta Maine 04333-0002

District 107
Representative Betty Austin
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Skowhegan ME 04976
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State House: (207) 287-1400
Email: bettya415@gmail.com
State House Email: Rep Betty.Austin@legislature.maine.gov

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

Senate District 3
Senator Bradlee Farrin
262 Skowhegan Road
Norridgewock, Maine 04957
Residence: (207) 634-3074
Cell (207) 614-4123
State House: (207) 287-1505
Brad.Farrin@legislature.maine.gov



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002

(207) 287-1400

TTY: MAINE RELAY 711

Betty A. Austin

41 Woodland Drive
Skowhegan, ME 04976
Cell: (207) 431-4287

Betty.Austin@legislature.maine.gov

Dear Skowhegan Neighbors:

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

Our second regular legislative session is now underway and should adjourn by late April. Our work during the so-called "short session" is generally limited to bills carried over from the previous session and bills deemed urgent by legislative leadership. Over the next several months, we will consider over 650 bills.

Some of the work before us will include strengthening health care, supporting our aging population, lowering property taxes and funding transportation projects.

One of our top priorities will be increasing funding for career and technical education programs. We know that four-year colleges are not necessarily the best fit for everyone, so we're going to strengthen alternatives that better prepare our students to enter the workforce.

I am proud to continue to serve as a member of the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation. This year our focus has been on funding solutions for Maine's transportation systems.

Whether we are dealing with the above issues or any other topic, I will continue to work with all of my colleagues, regardless of party affiliation, to make sure we're doing the best work we can for the people of our district and all the people of Maine.

Please contact me if I can be of any help to your or your family or if you want to discuss or testify on any legislation. I fully welcome your questions and feedback.

Respectfully,

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

Betty Austin
State Representative



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

A Message from Senator Brad Farrin

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

Let me begin by thanking you for allowing me the privilege of serving you in the Maine Senate. I am honored that you have put your trust in me and I can assure you that I will continue to work tirelessly on your behalf.

Maine is in the midst of one of the greatest periods of prosperity in its history and has led the nation in a number of economic categories over the last several years. Unemployment is at record low levels, wages are up, and state government has had seven straight years of surpluses. The number of children living in poverty is in a steep decline, and Maine now leads the nation in equality for women in the workplace and politics.

Though we have accomplished a great deal in the past year, there is still much more to be done. Maintaining the prosperity that you have built over the last several years tops the list. We can do this by holding the line on government spending, doing our best to stay out of the way of local businesses so that they can thrive as a result of their own hard work, and making sure that government is the most fiscally responsible steward of your tax dollars. These will be a few of my priorities this coming year.

This year, I was appointed to the Blue Ribbon Commission on Transportation to study and recommend funding solutions for the state's transportation systems. I'm especially concerned with the issues rural Maine faces, and this next session it is my greatest priority to find ways to improve Maine roads and infrastructure.

Again, thank you for electing me to serve you in the State Senate. The 129th Legislature certainly has a great deal more work to do; but I believe that if we come together, there is nothing we can't accomplish. Please feel free to contact me at (207) 287-1505 or Brad.Farrin@legislature.maine.gov if you have comments, questions or if you would like assistance in navigating our state's bureaucracy.

Sincerely,

Brad Farrin
State Senator

SUSAN M. COLLINS
MAINE

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WASHINGTON, DC 20510-1904
(202) 224-2523
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United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510-1904

COMMITTEES:
SPECIAL COMMITTEE
ON AGING,
CHAIRMAN
APPROPRIATIONS
HEALTH, EDUCATION,
LABOR, AND PENSIONS
SELECT COMMITTEE
ON INTELLIGENCE

Dear Friends,

As 2019 ends and 2020 begins, I am pleased to report that Congress made progress on a number of issues important to Maine families despite the polarization in our country.

In a major win for surviving military and retiree spouses to whom we are deeply indebted, I was proud to co-lead the repeal of what is often referred to as the “Military Widow’s Tax,” an unfair offset of survivor benefits that has prevented as many as 67,000 surviving spouses—including more than 260 from Maine—from receiving the full benefits they deserve.

The high cost of health care and prescription drugs continues to be a top issue for families and seniors. To provide continued relief for more lower- and middle-income individuals, I led the charge to extend for another two years the medical expense tax deduction that I included in the 2017 tax law. Without this extension, nearly 20,000 Mainers and millions of Americans with high medical expenses, including many with preexisting conditions, would have faced an increased tax burden. In other good news, the CREATES Act I cosponsored became law. It will prevent pharmaceutical companies from blocking access to a sufficient supply of brand-name drugs needed for the studies that allow less expensive alternatives to enter the marketplace.

Improving people’s health and wellbeing remains my priority. On a per capita basis, Maine has the highest incidence of Lyme disease in the country. In August, I held a Senate hearing at the University of Maine’s Tick Lab on this growing public health crisis. A comprehensive public health strategy to combat this epidemic is needed, and the new law I authored will do just that.

In addition, I helped champion another \$2.6 billion increase for the National Institutes of Health, our nation’s premiere biomedical research institution, including significant boosts for Alzheimer’s disease and diabetes research. Last year, NIH funded more than \$111 million for research at 14 Maine institutions.

To help prepare the graduates of Maine Maritime Academy, I secured \$300 million for a new training ship, which will ensure rigorous instruction for MMA students for decades to come.

Significant federal funding was approved for work at Bath Iron Works and Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. Funding appropriated by Congress will pay for three new destroyers, make a down payment on an additional ship, and finance infrastructure improvements at PNSY.

As Chairman of the Transportation and Housing Appropriations Subcommittee, I have led efforts to improve our nation’s crumbling infrastructure and ensure that Maine’s housing needs are addressed. For Maine’s roads, bridges, airports, and seaports, tens of millions in federal funding will help make urgently needed upgrades and improve safety. Funding will also support housing assistance to low-income families and seniors and aid communities in reducing homelessness among our youth. The Community Development Block Grant program will assist numerous towns and cities in our State.

The Aging Committee I chair has continued its focus on financial security for our seniors. A new law I authored will make it easier for small businesses to offer retirement plans to their employees. Our Aging Committee’s Fraud Hotline fielded more than 1,200 calls this year. Congress passed a new law to crack down on robocallers who are often the perpetrators of these scams. And a new law I authored will expand the IRS’ Identity Protection PIN program nationwide to prevent identity theft tax refund fraud.

At the end of 2019, I cast my 7,262nd consecutive vote. In the New Year, I will keep working to deliver bipartisan solutions to the challenges facing Maine and the nation. 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 2020 be a good year for you, your family, your community, and our state.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins
United States Senator

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

January 1, 2020

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

Dear friends,

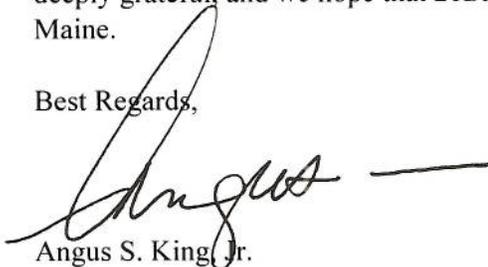
The beginning of a new year provides the opportunity to reflect on the progress of the past 12 months. If you've been watching cable TV, you might think that every waking moment of 2019 in Washington has been consumed by divisive, partisan issues – and while there's no shortage of those debates, there have also been opportunities for bipartisan cooperation. You sent me to the Senate to make the most of those opportunities, so as we enter into the New Year, I wanted to take a moment to update you on my efforts to work with members of both parties to make life better for the people of Maine.

One of my most important priorities this past year has been emphasizing preventive healthcare. Maine's distinction as the oldest state in the nation brings us wisdom, of course – but it also creates unique challenges, particularly relating to healthcare. The key to addressing these obstacles is being proactive, because the cheapest, safest medical procedure is the one that doesn't need to happen. That's why I've introduced legislation to incentivize healthier living, expand mental health screenings, and help more Americans access regular check-ups. We're making progress, but we've got a long way to go – and I'd like your help, because I know that the best ideas are the ones that come from families and communities on the front lines of these challenges. To strengthen this effort, I convened a policy forum on prevention in Bangor in October, which has already given me exciting new ideas that I'll carry with me into 2020. If you have additional thoughts on encouraging preventive healthcare, please share them with my office.

This year has also continued the growth of Maine's forest products industry – a key focus of my work to revitalize Maine's rural economy and communities. We've seen significant investment in mills across the state, creating good jobs to support rural Maine. I'm also pleased that the investments aren't just in our mills – the industry is thriving because of its commitment to innovation. We're fortunate to have the University of Maine's top-notch researchers exploring cutting-edge ways to use our forest resources, including capitalizing on the rise of 3D printing technology with the world's largest 3D printer. Combining this work with ongoing federal support, our vast forests, and Maine's dedicated workforce, I know that the future of this industry is bright, and I'll continue working to support it on all fronts.

I'm proud of all we've accomplished together this year, but even as I reflect on all that we've achieved, it is challenging to not think of the work left undone. It sometimes can be discouraging to watch these important priorities hang in limbo, but fortunately for me, encouragement is never far. After all, I get to live in Maine – which means I get to count Maine people as my neighbors and friends. I'm always struck by the kindness that our citizens show not only to me, but also to each other. This focus on collaboration and compassion is an inspiration, and it powers my efforts bring a little bit of Maine common sense to Washington. Thank you for all you do to for our state – Mary and I are deeply grateful, and we hope that 2020 will be a good year for you, your family, your community, and the State of Maine.

Best Regards,



Angus S. King, Jr.
United States Senator

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Jared Golden
Congress of the United States
2nd District of Maine

Dear Friends,

I hope this letter finds you well. It is an immense honor to serve as your representative in Congress. I take very seriously the responsibility that has been placed on me, and I would like to take this opportunity to share with you some of what I've been working on in my first year in Congress.

At the beginning of this term, the House passed H.R. 1, a comprehensive package of reforms I cosponsored to get big money out of politics and fight corruption in Washington. And in December, I helped pass H.R. 3, the *Lower Drug Costs Now Act*, which would limit out-of-pocket prescription drug costs paid by seniors, fund the expansion of Medicare coverage to include dental, vision, and hearing, and lower prescription drug prices for thousands of Mainers. Additionally, as a member of the House Armed Services Committee, I worked to ensure our annual defense authorization bill supports America's national security and Maine's shipyard workers, National Guardsmen, manufacturers, and universities.

On top of working on this legislation, I have also been advocating for our district directly to administrative agencies. I have been fighting for Maine lobstermen to urge the president to intervene in proposed regulations by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) that would hurt our lobster industry. I pressed government agencies to ground their regulations in sound science and data when crafting new regulations on Maine's lobstermen. I also persuaded the Army Corps of Engineers to hold a public hearing in Maine about the proposed Central Maine Power NECEC transmission line, which gave hundreds of people the opportunity to voice their opinions about the project.

Some of the most important work of members of Congress is rooted in on-the-ground constituent services. We have three offices in the district -- in Caribou, Bangor, and Lewiston -- and my staff work tirelessly to help Mainers solve problems they may face with federal government agencies. I urge you to stop by to talk to us in person and let us know how we can better serve you and your communities.

My favorite part of the job is coming home to the district and hearing about what matters to you. This year, I brought a hearing of the House Small Business Subcommittee on Contracting and Infrastructure to Maine to find ways to expand access to rural broadband. I've also held open town halls and coffee hours throughout the district to hear directly from Mainers veterans, as well as roundtables to find more ways to help small businesses in Maine grow and create jobs.

As always, please continue to reach out to me and my staff if you'd like to voice an opinion, let us know about a local event, or seek any assistance with federal agencies.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jared Golden".

Jared Golden
Member of Congress

Town Manager, Christine Almand

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Town of Skowhegan

Town Manager

225 Water Street
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TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT 2019

As Tax Collector, I am responsible for the collection and administration of property taxes for the Town of Skowhegan. Property tax is defined as any tax, fee, charge, or assessment imposed by any government entity upon property or a property owner as a direct consequence of being owner of that property. There are three types of property subject to taxes: real estate, personal property, and motor vehicle. All real estate within Maine, not exempted from taxation by Maine law, and most business personal property of Maine, is subject to taxation according to its status on the first day of April.

I would like to remind all tax payers that real estate and personal property taxes are paid twice a year, typically due on September 15th and March 15th. The installment dates for taxes to be due and the interest rate for delinquent taxes are determined by the voters at annual town meeting. It is the responsibility of the taxpayer to ensure that payment is made on time. Late payments will result in interest penalties.

The tax lien process for delinquent taxes must be commenced no later than one year from the date of commitment. A 30-day notice commences the tax lien mortgage process. The notice must be served after the expiration of eight months and within one year of the date of commitment. The tax lien could ultimately result in foreclosure if the taxes are not paid before the lien matures.

The Town of Skowhegan continues to offer a "Tax Club", and we hope that more people will take advantage of the club each year. The Tax Club allows several monthly, interest-free payments for a taxpayer's primary and legal residence. All previous years' taxes must be paid in full before enrolling. Please note that late payments will cancel enrollment, and interest will be applied to the unpaid balance. The enrollment period begins after tax commitment which is typically in August or early September and ends a month later. Please contact the Clerk's Office located at 225 Water Street or by calling 474-6900 to enroll or for more information.

In closing, I'd like to thank all of the staff in the Clerk's Office for the often thankless work that they do to collect taxes. Special thanks and recognition go to the Town Clerk/Treasurer, Gail Pelotte for going above and beyond to work with taxpayers to get their accounts current.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Christine Almand".

Christine Almand
Town Manager

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TAXPAYER'S NOTICE

REAL ESTATE:

If you have constructed, altered or removed any buildings since April 1, 2019 and on or before April 1, 2020, please notify the Assessors' Office at 474-6903.

BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY:

If you have started a new business, you need to notify the Assessors' Office to obtain forms for filing a list of your business furniture and equipment.

In accordance with Title 36, Section 706A of the Maine Revised Statutes, failure to furnish lists of taxable property or any of the aforementioned changes on or before the dates requested will bar one's right of an abatement of taxes.

EXEMPTIONS:

Taxation is the rule and exemption is the exception. If you think your property should have an exemption, and you are not already receiving it, you have an obligation to make the Assessors aware of the legal category of exemption the property may qualify for. All notifications and applications for exemption shall be made no later than April 1, 2021, for the 2021-2022 tax year. In the case of property owned by individuals, possible exemptions are for certain veterans, blind persons, and homestead owners as described below.

VETERANS:

All veterans who will be 62 years of age on or before April 1, 2021, any widow or minor children of veterans who would have been 62 years of age as of April 1, 2021 should contact the Assessors' office to see if they are eligible for a tax exemption. Any veteran who is receiving a 100% disability pension from the Veterans Administration should call to see if they are eligible for an exemption. Applications for veteran's exemption must be made with this office on or before April 1, 2021. If you are currently receiving a veteran's exemption, you do not need to reapply.

BLIND:

Any person who is declared blind by a Licensed Doctor should notify the Assessors' Office on or before April 1, 2021 to see if he or she is eligible for a tax exemption. If you are already receiving such an exemption, you do not need to reapply.

HOMESTEAD:

A person who owns his or her own home and has owned a home in Maine for at least 12 months prior to April 1, 2021 can apply for a Homestead Exemption. The application needs to be received by April 1, 2021. This exemption from taxation went into effect in 1998. We are assuming that it will be available in 2021 as well. One can only receive this exemption on the home that is his or her residence. If you are currently receiving this exemption, and you still reside in the same home, you do not need to reapply.

Respectfully submitted,

William Van Tuinen, Agent to the Board of Assessors

Leisa D. Emery-Burns, Assistant Assessor

2019 Uncollected Real Estate Taxes
As of April 1, 2020

ALLMENDINGER, MARY (THOMPSON)	\$	335.99
ARCHER, AMBER	\$	330.00
ARCHER, LINDA J	\$	401.88
BAILEY, WANDA MARIE	\$	145.35
BEANE, STEVEN	\$	179.63
BEANE, STEVEN A SR	\$	800.17
BEAUSCHESNE, JACOB	\$	1,126.76
BELANGER, DUSTIN	\$	2,547.88
BLODGETT, KERT	\$	609.82
BOWMAN, DENNIS L JR	\$	1,280.95
BRAGDON, PETER	\$	3,046.60
BRALEY, CAROLYN MAY	\$	126.77
BROWNE, KRYSTAL	\$	135.84
BUSSELL, APRIL	\$	147.26
BUSSELL, ERIC	\$	400.43
CASSIDY, DANA	\$	757.43
CASSIDY, DANA	\$	977.27
CEMEDO INC	\$	419.83
CHAMBERLAIN, DONNIE	\$	226.40
CHAPMAN, BRENDA L (POTTLE)	\$	267.19
CHAPMAN, JUANITA D	\$	663.11
CIPRIANO, ANTHONY	\$	2,231.62
CLARK, JENNIFER L	\$	1812.84
CLARK, JOHN G & MARK S	\$	87.56
CLIFFORD, MARY JANE	\$	1,165.06
COLEMAN, BELINDA	\$	164.82
COOLEY, DEVIN S	\$	620.43
CORSON, RENEE A	\$	781.13
COSSABOOM, PHILLIP OMAR JR	\$	866.79
COWETTE, KIM - LIFE ESTATE	\$	398.53
CURRIER, RONALD	\$	592.69
CUTTEN, GEORGE	\$	548.91
DAUPHINEE, TY E	\$	650.89
DERBYSHIRE, JAMES A	\$	1,055.24
DERBYSHIRE, JAMES A	\$	1,068.57
DERBYSHIRE, JAMES A	\$	1,082.98
DERBYSHIRE, JAMES A	\$	1,280.95
DERBYSHIRE, JAMES A	\$	888.82
DOIRON, AARON A	\$	465.15
DORE, CONSTANCE J	\$	391.63
DOUCETTE, JEFFREY M	\$	1,556.96
DUMAS, BOBBI-JO A	\$	922.00
EAST COAST MERCHANT SERVICES INC	\$	1,433.51
EATON MOUNTAIN INC	\$	2,618.06
ELLIOTT, SHAWNA A	\$	702.28
EVERETT RYAN	\$	1,382.65
EVERETT, RICKY	\$	1,220.04
EVERETT, RICKY B	\$	2,482.07
EVERETT, RICKY B	\$	310.97
EWING, PHILIP DANIEL	\$	650.16

2019 Uncollected Real Estate Taxes (continued)

FOLSOM, CHRITOPHER M	\$	2,810.06
FULLER, EDWARD	\$	524.16
FULLER, PAMELA A & NELSON, CATHERINE R	\$	230.27
GILBERT, BRIAN A	\$	3,040.61
GOLDSMITH, LARRY	\$	924.99
GOLDSMITH, RICKY	\$	3,618.47
GRAF, RAYMOND N SR	\$	416.51
GRAY, ROBERT M	\$	3,153.19
GRANT, JAMES	\$	363.45
H & S FOUR, LLC	\$	183.43
HARDESTY, HEATHER G	\$	562.60
HARRINGTON, DAWN	\$	88.26
HARTLEY, STACEY C	\$	600.30
HARVILLE, THOMAS W	\$	1,917.53
HARVILLE, THOMAS W	\$	699.28
HARVILLE, THOMAS W	\$	1,030.50
HARVILLE, THOMAS W	\$	1,517.79
HARVILLE, THOMAS W	\$	1,245.59
HARVILLE, THOMAS W	\$	952.46
HARVILLE, THOMAS W	\$	979.11
HAWES, LEIGH M	\$	222.90
HAYDEN, HEIDI	\$	636.47
HENSHAW, MARJORIE	\$	152.98
HEWETT, LORI	\$	1,086.14
HIGGINS, MICHAEL A	\$	654.75
HJORT, ALFRED J	\$	1,185.77
HORSIN' AROUND HOLDING COMPANY LLC	\$	2,054.87
HYDE, CYNTHIA	\$	606.29
IRWIN, MICHAEL	\$	1,821.55
JEWELL, DONNA LEE	\$	381.39
JEWELL, GREGORY W	\$	1,196.11
JOHNSON, BRIAN L	\$	889.72
JOHNSON, CYPRIEN J	\$	2,854.06
JOHNSON, JACOBY R	\$	1,008.41
JOYCE, RAYMOND A - ESTATE OF	\$	2,277.30
KEENE, MARTHA S	\$	783.04
KEITHAN, JAMES A - LIFE ESTATE	\$	882.02
KENNEDY, ROY H	\$	828.72
KING, ROXANN	\$	468.96
KINGSBURY, DAVID L	\$	2,685.75
KNIGHT, HEATHERR	\$	837.00
KNIGHT, KATHLEEN H	\$	549.05
KNIGHT, KRIS	\$	1,166.74
KNOWLTON, DALE P	\$	1,563.48
KRAMER, KENT D	\$	1,498.77
LABELLE, PAUL	\$	1,137.09
LACASSE, JESSE W	\$	3,051.22
LACASSE, KAREN J	\$	1,005.75
LACASSE, MARK J & KELLY M - 2/3 INT	\$	2,659.10
LACASSE, RICHARD	\$	1,150.42
LACASSE, RICHARD	\$	552.72
LACASSE, RICHARD	\$	896.44
LACASSE, RICHARD A	\$	1,044.91
LACASSE, RICHARD A	\$	2,095.66
LACASSE, RICHARD A	\$	2,895.95

2019 Uncollected Real Estate Taxes (continued)

LACASSE, RICHARD A	\$	1,045.72
LACASSE, RICHARD A	\$	1,895.77
LACASSE, RICHARD A	\$	1,203.72
LASOTA, JOSEPH E.	\$	1,701.63
LAWLER, KEITH - PERS REP	\$	1,241.79
LEMIEUX, DANA A	\$	557.44
LEO, KIMBERLY A	\$	1,316.03
LOCKE, ROLAND H	\$	661.22
LORD, CAROLYN	\$	314.82
LUCE, SARAH JANE - PERS REP	\$	1,397.88
LUCE, SARAH JANE - PERS REP	\$	575.56
MAINE RIVERSCAPES LLC	\$	5,836.06
MALLARD, ROBERT JR	\$	3,081.28
MARCUE, LESLIE A	\$	755.17
MAXWELL, TRISHA	\$	122.52
MAYO, KELLY	\$	151.07
MCCARTHY, AMBROSE	\$	3,857.50
MCCARTHY, AMBROSE G JR	\$	2,493.49
MCCARTHY, AMBROSE G JR	\$	1,018.88
MCCARTHY, AMBROSE G JR	\$	328.10
MCCARTHY, AMBROSE G JR	\$	347.13
MEADER, KEVIN L	\$	1,565.38
MECEDO, LLC	\$	438.59
MECEDO, LLC	\$	515.50
MERROW, TIMOTHY J	\$	1,301.89
MILLER, MARILYN	\$	1,156.13
MILLER, MARILYN J	\$	373.78
MILLETT, MONYA R - HEIRS OF	\$	2,471.46
MIRZAC, CHARMAINE J.	\$	585.07
MOODY, LINDA P	\$	268.71
MULLEN, BEVERLY E	\$	66.64
MUNN, BRANDON	\$	166.30
NEW ENGLAND RENT TO OWN LLC	\$	82.42
PATURZO, RONALD	\$	1,878.66
PELLETIER, SUSAN M	\$	4,572.13
PERKINS, BRUCE A JR	\$	550.81
PERKINS, BRUCE L	\$	426.27
PERKINS, JARED M	\$	1,459.88
PERKINS, TINA LEANNE	\$	1,157.22
PERRON, JEAN	\$	952.71
PETERS, JAMES J	\$	1,893.88
PIERCE, KIM D	\$	2,568.54
PLOURDE, GARRETT J	\$	1,260.01
POMELOE, JEREMY	\$	515.73
POMERLEAU, VICTOR	\$	1,153.41
PRENTISS, GORDON	\$	1,639.62
PRICE, CHRISTOPHER J	\$	1,553.15
PUGSLEY, LEE	\$	1,753.83
PUGSLEY, LEE	\$	1,117.24
QUIMBY, GEORGE A	\$	515.73
QUIMBY, NICOLAS	\$	166.30
ROLLINS, ARNOLD S	\$	1,326.63
ROONEY, ANNABELLE - LIFE EST	\$	1,405.49
ROSE, GLEN	\$	309.06
S & P AMES LLC	\$	30,885.50

2019 Uncollected Real Estate Taxes (continued)

SALISBURY, GREGORY J	\$	3,251.09
SALISBURY, PETER A	\$	1,076.45
SANBORN, VALERIE - PR	\$	582.36
SANBORN, VALERIE - PR	\$	574.74
SANBORN, VALERIE - PR	\$	2,035.99
SANTY, BRADLEY	\$	2,879.09
SANTY, BRADLEY R II	\$	431.16
SANTY, BRADLEY R II	\$	216.07
SANTY, BRADLEY R II	\$	172.29
SANTY, BRADLEY R II	\$	372.16
SAWYER, HERBERT - HEIRS OF	\$	499.41
SHAW, NORMAN	\$	531.78
SHAW, NORMAN	\$	1,460.70
SHAW, NORMAN R	\$	2,294.43
SHAW, NORMAN R	\$	739.26
SHAW, NORMAN R	\$	1,232.27
SHAW, THOMAS J	\$	514.92
SINCYR, CHESTER W	\$	963.30
SINCYR, CHESTER W	\$	95.34
SIROIS, GLORIA F - LIFE ESTATES	\$	1,099.02
SMITH, RICHARD K	\$	1,186.56
STEWART, DONALD	\$	1,197.11
SULLIVAN, GERALD - ESTATE OF	\$	1,110.44
TANNER, MARK K	\$	2,383.08
TANNER, MARK K	\$	2,493.49
TEDESKI, ELIZABETH K	\$	78.74
TRACY, MARY ANNE	\$	926.26
TREVAINS, STANLEY	\$	626.95
VERVILLE, AMY	\$	1,086.45
WARREN, DANNY & KATHRYN M 1/2	\$	2,386.90
WASHBURN, TIMOTHY M JR	\$	1,051.44
WATERVILLE OAKS, LLC	\$	3,617.38
WEEKS, DANA	\$	166.30
WHEELER, JAMIE O	\$	243.93
WHITE, CHRISTOPHER	\$	297.65
WHITE, CHRISTOPHER D	\$	853.48
WHITE, CHRISTOPHER D	\$	789.84
WHITE, CHRISTOPHER D - PERS REP	\$	99.67
WHITE, DILLON DEAN	\$	1,744.32
WHITE, JOSHUA	\$	1,504.75
ZIRA, BRUCE JR & BRUCE SR	\$	1336.40
TOTAL	\$	258,159.35

2008 Uncollected Personal Property Taxes
As of April 1, 2020

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

TOTAL \$ 3,594.39

2009 Uncollected Personal Property Taxes
As of April 1, 2020

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

TOTAL \$ 3,551.87

2010 Uncollected Personal Property Taxes
As of April 1, 2020

EMPIRE GRILL	\$	105.67
FRENCHYS DINER	\$	186.48
JAMES DERBYSHIRE LLC	\$	2,332.55
M & D LP GAS SERVICE	\$	83.45
MATT POWERS BUILDERS	\$	4.50
MISNER, DANIEL	\$	686.87
SCOTT SIROIS CONSTRUCTION	\$	46.62
WILL FOSTER BUILDERS	\$	8.26

TOTAL \$ 3,454.40

2011 Uncollected Personal Property Taxes
As of April 1, 2020

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

TOTAL \$ 3,700.91

2012 Uncollected Personal Property Taxes
As of April 1, 2020

CENTRAL MAINE WREATH	\$	153.84
CIT GROUP INC	\$	545.40
GARDEN ISLAND OF SKOWHEGAN	\$	1,582.83
MATT POWERS BUILDERS	\$	63.44
MCCARTHY, AMBROSE G JR	\$	951.60
MISNER LAWN CARE	\$	466.28
SCOTT SIROIS CONSTRUCTION	\$	47.58
WASHBURN & CO, LLC CONSTRUCTION	\$	63.44
WILL FOSTER BUILDERS	\$	63.44

TOTAL \$ 3,937.85

2013 Uncollected Personal Property Taxes
As of April 1, 2020

CENTRAL MAINE WREATH	\$	163.62
GARDEN ISLAND OF SKOWHEGAN	\$	1,411.02
GILBLAIR & SON TRUCKING	\$	162.59
MATT POWERS BUILDERS	\$	64.80
MCCARTHY, AMBROSE G JR	\$	972.00
MISNER LAWN CARE	\$	429.30
SCOTT SIROIS CONSTRUCTION	\$	48.60
SUN RAYZ	\$	306.18
WASHBURN & CO, LLC CONSTRUCTION	\$	64.80
WILL FOSTER BUILDERS	\$	64.80
TOTAL	\$	3,687.71

2014 Uncollected Personal Property Taxes
As of April 1, 2020

CENTRAL MAINE WREATH	\$	167.28
GARDEN ISLAND OF SKOWHEGAN	\$	1,193.92
GILBLAIR & SON TRUCKING	\$	628.12
K & S GARAGE	\$	130.20
KID FRIENDLY	\$	8.20
MATT POWERS BUILDERS	\$	65.60
MCCARTHY, AMBROSE G JR	\$	984.00
MISNER LAWN CARE	\$	375.56
SCOTT SIROIS CONSTRUCTION	\$	49.20
SUN RAYZ	\$	313.24
WASHBURN & CO, LLC CONSTRUCTION	\$	65.60
WILL FOSTER BUILDERS	\$	65.60
TOTAL	\$	4,046.52

2015 Uncollected Personal Property Taxes
As of April 1, 2020

CENTRAL MAINE WREATH	\$	174.93
CUSTOM STRUCTURES	\$	68.60
GARDEN ISLAND OF SKOWHEGAN	\$	977.55
GILBLAIR & SON TRUCKING	\$	51.45
HURRICANE CLEANERS	\$	32.58
LACASSE SHOE REPAIR	\$	186.93
MATT POWERS BUILDERS	\$	68.60
MCCARTHY, AMBROSE G JR	\$	1,029.00
MISNER LAWN CARE	\$	327.57
O.S.K. ALL IN ONE CONSIGNMENT	\$	15.43
ORA SALON	\$	15.43
SANDY & DAUGHTER, INC.	\$	730.59
SCOTT SIROIS CONSTRUCTION	\$	51.45
SPENCER AUTO BODY	\$	85.75
SUN RAYZ	\$	329.28
TADPOLE ACADEMY - DAYCARE FACILITY	\$	5.15
TROPICAL SUNSATIONS -IND SUMMR	\$	10.29
WASHBURN & CO, LLC CONSTRUCTION	\$	68.60
TOTAL	\$	4,229.18

2016 Uncollected Personal Property Taxes
As of April 1, 2020

CENTRAL MAINE WREATH	\$ 190.32
COMMUNITY DRIVING SCHOOL	\$ 14.64
CRAZY CUZIN'S QUALITY THRIFT SHOP	\$ 18.30
CUSTOM STRUCTURES	\$ 73.20
GARDEN ISLAND OF SKOWHEGAN	\$ 1,072.38
GILBLAIR & SON TRUCKING	\$ 54.90
HORSIN' AROUND CHILDCARE	\$ 32.60
HURRICANE CLEANERS	\$ 124.44
KAREN'S KLOSET	\$ 5.49
KEYBANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION	\$ 60.39
LACASSE SHOE REPAIR	\$ 203.13
M & D LP GAS SERVICE	\$ 36.60
MAINELY MEALS	\$ 54.90
MATT POWERS BUILDERS	\$ 73.20
MCCARTHY, AMBROSE G JR	\$ 1,098.00
MISNER LAWN CARE	\$ 301.95
MISS KELLY'S LEARNING LOFT	\$ 69.54
O.S.K. ALL IN ONE CONSIGNMENT	\$ 16.47
ORA SALON	\$ 12.81
SANDY & DAUGHTER, INC.	\$ 786.90
SCOTT SIROIS CONSTRUCTION	\$ 54.90
SENTRY FINANCIAL CORP	\$ 9.15
SKOWHEGAN CHIROPRACTIC	\$ 431.80
SPENCER AUTO BODY	\$ 91.50
SPICE OF LIFE	\$ 151.89
TADPOLE ACADEMY - DAYCARE FACILITY	\$ 5.49
TROPICAL SUNSATIIONS -IND SUMMR	\$ 10.98
TOTAL	\$ 5,055.87

2017 Uncollected Personal Property Taxes
As of April 1, 2020

CENTRAL MAINE WREATH	\$ 152.32
COMMUNITY DRIVING SCHOOL	\$ 13.33
CRAZY CUZIN'S QUALITY THRIFT SHOP	\$ 19.04
CUSTOM STRUCTURES	\$ 76.16
EATON MOUNTAIN INC	\$ 772.07
GARDEN ISLAND OF SKOWHEGAN	\$ 1,085.28
GILBLAIR & SON TRUCKING	\$ 57.12
HORSIN' AROUND CHILDCARE	\$ 85.68
HURRICANE CLEANERS	\$ 118.05
JEN'S HAIR STUDIO	\$ 59.02
KEYBANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION	\$ 55.22
LACASSE SHOE REPAIR	\$ 207.54
M & D LP GAS SERVICE	\$ 38.08
MAINELY MEALS	\$ 57.12
MATT POWERS BUILDERS	\$ 76.16
MCCARTHY, AMBROSE G JR	\$ 476.00
MISNER LAWN CARE	\$ 310.35
MISS KELLY'S LEARNING LOFT	\$ 57.12
O.S.K. ALL IN ONE CONSIGNMENT	\$ 17.14
ORA SALON	\$ 13.33
PERKINS,TOWNSEND,SHAY & TALBOT	\$ 479.81
REJUVENATE SALON	\$ 59.02
SANDY & DAUGHTER, INC.	\$ 811.10
SCOTT SIROIS CONSTRUCTION	\$ 57.12
SKOWHEGAN CHIROPRACTIC	\$ 190.40
SPICE OF LIFE	\$ 158.03
SPRING HOUSE GARDENS ASSOC.	\$ 297.02
TADPOLE ACADEMY - DAYCARE FACILITY	\$ 5.71
THE NEW LOOK SALON	\$ 19.04
TROPICAL SUNSATIIONS -IND SUMMR	\$ 11.42
TOTAL	\$ 5,834.80

2018 Uncollected Personal Property Taxes
As of April 1, 2020

AKEENI RECOVERY AN D SERVICES	\$ 150.00
CENTRAL MAINE WREATH	\$ 164.00
COMMUNITY DRIVING SCHOOL	\$ 16.00
CUSTOM STRUCTURES	\$ 80.00
EATON MOUNTAIN INC	\$ 1650.00
GARDEN ISLAND OF SKOWHEGAN	\$ 1,172.00
HILL TOP ANTIQUES	\$ 10.00
HORSIN' AROUND CHILDCARE	\$ 90.00
HURRICANE CLEANERS	\$ 116.00
JEN'S HAIR STUDIO	\$ 62.00
KEYBANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION	\$ 50.00
LACASSE SHOE REPAIR	\$ 222.00
LOON COVE GOLF	\$ 82.00
LYNETTE'S GIFTS N CARDS	\$ 18.00
MAGOON, MAURICE JR	\$ 700.00
MAINELY MEALS	\$ 60.00
MATT POWERS BUILDERS	\$ 80.00
MCCARTHY, AMBROSE G JR	\$ 500.00
NEW IMAGE HAIR & NAIL SALON	\$ 28.00
ORA SALON	\$ 14.00
PINEWOOD MOTEL	\$ 160.00
RICK'S PIT STOP	\$ 10.00
SCOTT SIROIS CONSTRUCTION	\$ 60.00
SPRING HOUSE GARDENS ASSOC.	\$ 318.00
THE NEW LOOK SALON	\$ 20.00
TROPICAL SUNSATIIONS -IND SUMMR	\$ 12.00
WASHBURN ENT. LLC D/B/A CMFF	\$ 1,300.00
TOTAL	\$ 7,144.00

2019 Uncollected Personal Property Taxes
As of April 1, 2020

AKEENI RECOVERY AN D SERVICES	\$ 136.50
BLACKMAN'S KENNELS	\$ 3.64
BLOOM, LAWRENCE P , ATTORNEY	\$ 30.94
CENTRAL MAINE WREATH	\$ 152.88
COMMUNITY DRIVING SCHOOL	\$ 14.56
CUSTOM STRUCTURES	\$ 72.80
EATON MOUNTAIN INC	\$ 1539.72
GARDEN ISLAND OF SKOWHEGAN	\$ 1,095.64
GEORGE'S BANANA STAND	\$ 51.37
HILL TOP ANTIQUES	\$ 9.10
HORSIN' AROUND CHILDCARE	\$ 81.90
HURRICANE CLEANERS	\$ 98.28
ISLAND DAIRY TREAT	\$ 209.30
JEN'S HAIR STUDIO	\$ 56.42
KEYBANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION	\$ 38.22
LACASSE SHOE REPAIR	\$ 207.48
LOON COVE GOLF	\$ 76.44
LYNETTE'S GIFTS N CARDS	\$ 16.38
MAGOON, MAURICE JR	\$ 637.00
MAINELY MEALS	\$ 54.60
MATT POWERS BUILDERS	\$ 72.80
MCCARTHY, AMBROSE G JR	\$ 455.00
NEW IMAGE HAIR & NAIL SALON	\$ 25.48
PAUL'S AUTO REPAIR	\$ 74.62
PINEWOOD MOTEL	\$ 149.24
PIZZA HUT #631	\$ 1778.14
PRIMO WATER CORPORATION	\$ 52.38
REJUVENATE SALON	\$ 56.42
RICK'S PIT STOP	\$ 9.10
SCOTT SIROIS CONSTRUCTION	\$ 54.60
SPRING HOUSE GARDENS ASSOC.	\$ 296.66
STONY BROOK MARKET	\$ 728.00
THE NEW LOOK SALON	\$ 18.20
TOYOTA INDUSTRIES COMM. FINANCE INC	\$ 80.61
TROPICAL SUNSATIIONS -IND SUMMR	\$ 10.92
WASHBURN ENT. LLC D/B/A CMFF	\$ 1,545.18
TOTAL	\$ 9,990.52

SKOWHEGAN BOARD OF ASSESSORS REPORT

To the Citizens and Taxpayers of Skowhegan:

The tax rate for the fiscal year 2020, beginning 7/1/2019 and ending 6/30/2020, was \$17.24 per thousand. Our official commitment of taxes was made on September 19, 2019.

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

As we stated in previous reports the graphic paper industry, the segment of the paper industry making paper for publishing, has experienced less demand for its paper products. SAPPi made a substantial enhancement that was nearly completed by April 1, 2019 in making one of its paper machines capable of making light weight packaging material. This was a very costly conversion and rebuilding of the machine. Even though most new manufacturing equipment is exempt from taxation under the Business Equipment Taxation Exemption that exemption involves substantial reimbursement from the State of Maine to the Town for the loss in value of this exemption. As a result, this substantial project had a very positive effect on our tax base and tax rate. Last year's tax rate had been \$18.20 per thousand, almost \$1 per thousand higher than this year's.

It was a pleasure to serve the Town of Skowhegan and we wish to thank the community for its cooperation and support.

As you are aware, your Skowhegan tax bill raises revenue for three levels of government. In the 2020 fiscal year the tax commitment in Skowhegan raised the following net amounts:

1. The town of Skowhegan raised a net amount of \$8,824,871. Included in this town amount is a Downtown TIF appropriation of \$71,682.20. This was about 43 % of the tax.
2. SAD 54 raised a net amount of \$9,083,051 which comprises 45% of the total tax.
3. Somerset County raised a net amount of \$2,535,990.46 which comprises 12% of the total tax.

The growth in the Skowhegan tax base over the past year included 5 new homes valued at \$593,300 and two mobile home valued at \$123,700.

Qualifying taxpayers who reside in a home as their primary residence and who have an application on record with this office continued to receive homestead exemption from their taxable valuation. New property owners who reside in homes in Skowhegan need to file a homestead exemption by April 1. If you move from one home in Skowhegan to another, please call our office at 474-6903 to insure that we transfer your exemption to the new home.

Taxpayers are reminded that they have 185 days from the date of commitment of taxes to request an abatement of taxes in writing, if they believe that the valuation of their property is too high.

Respectfully submitted,

John Grohs

John Grohs, Chairman

Bonnie A. Baker

Bonnie A. Baker

Harvey Austin

Harvey Austin, Jr.

**Town Clerk's Report
July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019**

	No. Issued	Paid to Town	Paid to State of Maine
INLAND FISHERIES & WILDLIFE			
Boat/Snowmobile/ATV			\$ 46,020.00
Hunting/Fishing Licenses			\$ 23,579.25
Sales Tax			\$ 14,238.99
Town Fees		\$4,571.00	
Totals		\$4,571.00	\$ 83,838.24
DOG LICENSES			
Male & Female	393	\$393.00	\$ 3,930.00
Neutered & Spayed	1292	\$1,292.00	\$ 3,876.00
Kennel Licenses	5	\$10.00	\$ 150.00
Totals	1690	\$1,695.00	\$ 7,956.00
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER FUND		\$7,536.00	
MUNICIPAL LICENSES			
Victualer Licenses	52	\$1,530.00	
Pool Table/Bowling/Licenses	4	\$120.00	
Innkeeper Licenses	1	\$30.00	
Totals	57	\$1,680.00	
OTHER SERVICES			
Marriage Intentions Files	55	\$1,980.00	
Record Search	7	\$6.50	
Partnership	3	\$30.00	
Certified Copies	808	\$10,504.00	\$ 1,616.00
Add'l Certified Copies	551	\$3,085.60	\$ 220.40
Burial Permits	407	\$5,698.00	\$ 2,442.00
Business Names Recorded	6	\$60.00	
Non-resident Notary Fees	70	\$350.00	
Totals	1,907	\$21,714.10	\$ 4,278.40
Local Deaths Recorded		202	
Marriage Returns Recorded & Reported to State		56	
Births Reported to State		165	
Oaths Administered		147	
Totals		570	

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail R. Pelotte
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Town Clerk

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Tax Collector
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*Town of Skowhegan
Department of Finance
225 Water Street
Skowhegan, ME 04976*

**TOWN CLERK/TREASURER REPORT
July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019**

To the Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Skowhegan:

I would like to thank the citizens of Skowhegan for electing me to serve as Town Clerk and Treasurer.

The town's appropriation to S.A.D. #54 was nine million two hundred ninety-six thousand five hundred thirty-one dollars (\$9,296,531.00). The town's appropriation to Somerset County was two million four hundred two thousand three hundred eighty-three dollars and forty-three cents (\$2,402,383.43).

Higgins educational loans totaling nineteen thousand dollars (\$29,000.00) were issued to six graduates of Skowhegan Area High School's Class of 2018. Before making payments on their interest-free loans, recipients receive a one-year grace period upon completion of their education. Each year high school seniors have the opportunity to apply for a loan. A senior must contact the high school guidance office for an application between January and April 30 of their senior year. The application deadline is May 1.

I would like to take this opportunity to ask recipients of Higgins Loans that have not been making payments towards their loans to please begin making monthly payments. I have sent out several letters regarding repayment of these loans and several go unanswered. Please make payments so that future students can have the same opportunity as you and receive an interest free loan.

I would like to thank the individuals that continue to make monthly payments and also those who have paid their Higgins Loans in full within this past year. Through your efforts this great program can continue.

Thank you, the citizens of Skowhegan for your support.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail R. Pelotte

**Gail R. Pelotte
Town Clerk/Treasurer**

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

To: Christine Almand, Town Manager
Board of Selectman
Citizens of the Town of Skowhegan

The Skowhegan Fire Department responded to 684 calls for service in 2019. We inspected 118 buildings for compliance with the Life Safety Code.

This past year Firefighter Matthew Quinn became a Certified NFPA (National Fire Protection Association) Life Safety Inspector. He joins Firefighter Scott Libby and Captain Jason Front, now giving us 3 Certified Inspectors available to meet the needs of the town in performing inspections.

Captain Jason Front and Firefighter Daryl Wyman certified as NFPA Fire Investigators. This certification and training helps us in identifying both the cause and origin of fires in our community.

In December 2019, Firefighter Linwood Corson retired from the Skowhegan Fire Department after 40 years of service to this community. Linwood is enjoying his retirement from the sun and sand in Florida. We wish him well and are thankful for his dedicated service to the Town.

In 2019 the Skowhegan Fire Department became a Licensed Non-Transport First Responder Agency. This means that we are now licensed through the Maine EMS system and our employees can use their training to their full potential. All new hires at the department will have to maintain a Maine EMT license. This means that the fire department is able to respond to medical calls in our community when the local ambulance is not available or is going to be delayed.

We took this step because we saw a need in our community. There is not always an ambulance available in our town and in an emergency; our citizens should not have to wait for help from another community when trained personnel are here at the fire station.

Looking ahead, we will continue to serve the citizens of Skowhegan to the best of our ability. The Fire Service must change as the needs of our community changes.

In closing, I would like to thank the Town Manager, the Select Board and fellow department heads for their support. To the citizens of Skowhegan; thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Fire Chief. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at 474-3400 or stop by anytime.

Respectfully,
Shawn P. Howard
Fire Chief

Skowhegan Police Department
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"Servina Since -1823"



David A. Bucknam, Chief

Brian A. Gardiner, Deputy Chief

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

Since I took command back in 2017, the first change I made as a new Chief was to change our mission and vision statements to focus on our community. I truly believe a great relationship with the community is key to having a strong police department and town to serve. Which is why there are no words I can say to describe how profoundly grateful for the support this community has shown this police department. Last year I told you we were just getting started. That's exactly what we did.

Our biggest focus within the community is our kids. I say "our" kids, because our officers are engaging with them on a daily basis. From reading with them, stopping into the schools and socializing, mentoring, conducting activities like "Walking School Bus", "National Night Out", and "Handle with Care" has created durable and positive relationships.

What have we seen in return? Our kids realize police officers aren't intimidating strangers but someone they can turn to in time of need. They are big brothers and sisters; role models and friends. We have received countless thank you cards, homemade treats, and pictures full of smiles and adventure. All evidence of a positive changing community.

You may have seen a new design to our patrol vehicles over the course of the year. The changes were created by the officers and not only give the police department a new look but also saved money from the older version. The officers are extremely proud at taking the lead for this new design and I must say, they did a fantastic job.



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This year has also brought new changes to the Police Department. Officer Kris McKenna and Corporal Tim Williams were both promoted to the position of Sergeant and their leadership has had a positive impact with the officers and community as a whole. We have increased our presence at Redington Fairview General Hospital, with Officer Joel Cummings and new hire Officer Jacob Pierce covering overnights in the emergency room seven days a week. Reserve Officer Billie Hatfield was hired to full time status as well as Officer Joshua York and Officer Isaac Wacome becoming part of our team. Officer Andrew Bowman and Officer Alex Burns both graduated from the Maine Criminal Justice Academy and our officers conducted over 150 instructor hours, training new police officers. We have hosted multiple trainings at the Municipal Building, focusing on mental health and working toward 100% officer certification.

This department continues to have a diverse group of officers which provides a high level of service to this great town. Below are the names of the officers sworn to protect our community.

Chief David Bucknam

Deputy Chief Brain Gardiner
Sgt. Kris McKenna
Sgt. Timothy Williams
Det. Sgt. Kelly Hooper
Det. Katelyn Nichols
Det. Michael Bachelder
Officer Joel Cummings
Officer David Daigneault
Officer Tifani Warren
Officer Amber Damon
Officer Andrew Bowman

Officer Alex Burns
Officer Joshua York
Officer Billie Hatfield
Officer Isaac Wacome
Officer Jacob Pierce
Reserve Officer Jacob Boudreau
Reserve Officer Garret Buzzell
Administrative Assistant Nancy Weis
ACO Sharon Kinney
ACO Cara Mason

I cannot thank the community enough for all of the support and dedication to the Police Department. We will continue to work hard at bringing positive change to keep Skowhegan a safe place to live, work, and visit.

Respectfully,

Chief David Bucknam

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David A. Bucknam, Chief

Brian Gardiner, Deputy Chief

School Resource Officer

2019-2020

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

The School Resource Officer (SRO) position is filled by Officer David Daigneault. Officer Daigneault has held this position for seventeen years and has been with the Skowhegan Police Department for approximately 19 years.

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

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

I concentrate my efforts in three primary roles:

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

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

This year, I participated in a week long training where I was certified as an ALERT Instructor. ALERT is an acronym for Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training. This will assist me in responding to any active shooter situations and to train other law enforcement personnel in these tactics.

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

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David A. Bucknam, Chief

Brian Gardiner, Deputy Chief

I also participate in Camp POSTCARD (**P**olice **O**fficers **S**triving **T**o **C**reate **A**nd **R**einforce **D**reams). Camp POSTCARD is an amazing partnership with law enforcement agencies throughout Maine to provide a free summer camp experience to deserving 5th and 6th graders from every county in the state.

This camp has proven to be an important opportunity to build strong relationships and valuable life skills that stay with the campers their entire life. This was my fifteenth year as a camp leader. Four youths from Skowhegan had the pleasure of attending camp in 2019.

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

	<u>2016-2017</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>
Misc. Calls for Service	283	268	253
Arrests/Detentions	2	3	2
Summonses Issued	21	20	25
Contraband Incidents	15	13	21
Trespass Warnings Issued	6	4	1
Harassment Warnings Issued	41	31	28
Accident Reports	2	2	4
K-9 Searches	0	0	0
Counseling Session w/Staff	117 hrs.	114.5 hrs.	110 hrs.
Counseling Session w/Student	163 hrs.	167 hrs.	160 hrs.
Counseling Session w/Parent	38 hrs.	31.5 hrs.	33 hrs.
Classroom Presentations	14	17	16
Bomb Threats	0	0	0
Sport Event Details	15	18	17
School Dance Details	4	4	4
Assemblies Attended	6	7	7
Middle School Visits	105.5 hrs.	101 hrs.	99.5 hrs.
Parking Lot Tours	64.5 hrs.	59 hrs.	62 hrs.
Administrative Time	87 hrs.	89.5 hrs.	92 hrs.
Faculty Meetings Attended	2	2	2
Meetings (Misc.)	35	38	37
Workshops Attended	2	2	2
Training Programs Attended	3	5	4
Marti Stevens Learning Ctr. Visits	58 hrs.	51.5 hrs.	53.5 hrs.
Special Events Attended	13	18	14

Sincerely,

David H. Daigneault
School Resource Officer



Skowhegan Highway Department
Skowhegan, Maine 04976

Gregory A. Dore
Road Commissioner
474-6911

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

To the Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Skowhegan:

Our paving program for the 2019 season included approximately 3 ½ miles of the East River Road, the Dudley Corner Road, Russell Road from Spring Street to Beech Street and North Avenue from Water Street to Jewett Street. This work totaled 6.7 miles. The work on North Avenue is a Municipal Partnership Initiative project and the cost was shared with the Maine Department of Transportation saving the town more than \$55,000.

We replaced the 2004 John Deere this year and the bid was awarded to Central Maine Equipment Company for a 2019 Doosan DL280. We replaced the old Ford four post lift with a new Hetra four post lift. The new lift is a hybrid lift is a very efficient battery operated system.



With the help of Bonneau Construction & Wentworth Engineering, we installed a new retaining wall on the west side of the building. The wall was installed to help protect the building from the large amounts of snow falling from the roof.

This summer we are planning to paint the entire building exterior. We have budgeted to replace the 2012 Leibher wheel loader and hope to replace our 1957 air compressor / jack hammer with a new trailer mounted compressor/generator with attachments.

In summary, we have had a very productive and exciting year maintaining the infrastructure for the citizens of Skowhegan. We continuously strive diligently to meet your needs and complaints in a timely professional manner. If you have a question about your road or sewer line, I can be reached at work 474-6911, home 474-3954 or anytime at 431-5021. Please leave a message so I can return your call. I would like to thank the many people who made cookies, baked cakes, phone calls, sent cards and letters of appreciation for the work we have done. These acknowledgements help to motivate the crew to strive to do even more for you. We continue to fulfill our mission statement as shown in the beginning of this letter.
Sincerely,

Gregory A. Dore
Gregory A. Dore
Road Commissioner

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Bryan Belliveau
Code Enforcement Officer
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CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT
July 1, 2018-June 30, 2019

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

From July 2018 through the end of June 2019, the Code Enforcement Department issued One hundred and forty-seven (147) building permits, sixty-five (65) interior plumbing permits, eight (8) septic system permits, thirteen (13) Central Maine Power electrical forms, and eight (8) shoreland zone permits. The Town also issued eight (5) sewer capacity reserve permits.

The Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code (MUBEC) has been in effect for 8 years now. Make sure that if you are planning any new construction, renovations or additions you contact the Code Enforcement Office before you start any work.

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

2015 International Building Code (IBC); 2015 International Existing Building Code (IEBC); 2015 International Residential Code (IRC); 2009 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC); ASHRAE 62.1-2013 (Ventilation for Acceptable Indoor Air Quality); ASHRAE 62.2-2013 (Ventilation for Acceptable Indoor Air Quality in Low-Rise Residential Buildings); and ASHRAE 90.1-2013 (Energy Standard for Buildings except Low-Rise Residential Buildings).

Every year the Code Enforcement Office works with Department of Environmental Protection on land use violations. In some cases when violations are found, fines will need to be paid and consent agreements completed. Please remember to contact our office prior to the start of any land use construction and we will be glad to assist you with any and all permits needed for your project. I also want to remind everyone that if you are going to move any earth within 250 feet of any water body you are required to use an individual who is certified in erosion and sedimentation control.

The Fire Department and Code Enforcement Department continue to work together to inspect existing apartment buildings and businesses. Several of the buildings were made safer, by upgrading electrical, plumbing, heating systems, new fire escapes and egress windows.

The Code Enforcement Department is responsible for the enforcement of the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code (MUBEC), State of Maine Plumbing Code, Shoreland Zoning Ordinance, Subdivision Standards, Floodplain Management Ordinance, Building Safety Ordinance, Site Plan Review Ordinance, Property Maintenance Ordinance and all State codes pertaining to unsafe buildings, building construction, and the Automobile Junkyard/Graveyard law.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bryan Belliveau

Bryan Belliveau
Code Enforcement Officer
Building – Plumbing Inspector

Town of Skowhegan

225 Water Street
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Water Pollution Control Plant
53 Joyce Street
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Brent Dickey
Superintendent
e-mail skowpoll@skowhegan.org

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PLANT 2018 - 2019 ANNUAL REPORT

To: The Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Skowhegan

This year marked the last of the five planned construction phases for the Phase 3 Combined Sewer Overflow Abatement project to eliminate the discharge of raw sewage to the Kennebec River during rain events. This work was funded by an \$11,880,000 bond issued by the State of Maine Revolving Loan Fund and was completed over a six year period. The Town utilized Olver Associates of Winterport, Maine for design of the sewer improvements and administration and inspection services during each phase of construction.

The first phase of CSO work involved the replacement of the 41-year old Island Avenue pump station in 2014. The new pump station was completed by T Buck Construction of Auburn, Maine at a total cost of \$705,700.00.

A construction contract for Phase 3.2 sewer improvements on East Maple Street, Winter Street, Chandler Street, Dane Avenue, Bennett Avenue and Summer Street was signed in late June 2014 with Jordan Excavation of Kingfield, Maine for \$2,749,805.34. Work began in July and resumed in spring 2015 after a winter shutdown and was completed in November 2015.

T Buck Construction of Auburn, Maine was awarded the Phase 3.3 contract for work on Main Street, Willow Street, Green Street, Bailey Street, Bloomfield Street, Alder Street, Turner Avenue and a small portion of West Front Street in April 2015 for \$2,356,626.00. Work on this contract was completed in December 2015.

The fourth phase of CSO abatement work was bid in March 2016 and awarded to Sargent Corporation of Stillwater, Maine for \$1,993,360.00. The sanitary sewers on Mt. Pleasant Avenue, Olive Street, Ash Street and Center Street were replaced and a new separated storm drain was built on Mt. Pleasant Avenue. Construction began in June and was completed in November 2016.

Lou Silver Inc. of Veazie, Maine completed the \$2,144,641.00 Phase 3.5 construction project in December 2018. Work performed included re-lining and replacement of sewers on North Avenue between Jewett and



Water Street and separation of storm drains from the sanitary sewers. A limited amount of sewer separation work was also done on lower Madison Avenue.

Olver Associates will be collecting data in the fall of 2019 to update the CSO Master Plan and determine the next steps required to further reduce CSO discharges. The volume of CSO discharges has decreased from an average of 35 million gallons per year between 2004 and 2008 to less than 6 million gallons per year from 2009 to 2018. The total cost of the Town's CSO reduction efforts since 1990 has exceeded 20 million dollars.

I would like to thank all the municipal departments for their assistance and support this year.

Any interested groups or individuals are encouraged to call us to arrange a tour of the wastewater treatment facility on Joyce Street.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brent Dickey
Superintendent

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Skowhegan Solid Waste Management Facility & Recycling Center Report
July 1, 2018-June 30, 2019

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

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

With the rising costs of trash disposal and the decrease in revenues being paid for recyclables, it is imperative now more than ever that the Town of Skowhegan increases its efforts to recycle in 2020. Increased recycling efforts will help to keep disposal costs down which in turn will help keep our local taxes down. The Town continues to work with all the local schools to increase their recycling efforts. We also offer and conduct recycling education instruction to area schools, groups and small businesses as well as at our annual Open House. Anyone interested in this recycling education program should contact Cynthia Kirk at 474-6904. The Solid Waste Management Facility is open daily Tuesday through Saturday from 7am to 3:45 pm, with extended summer hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays until 4:45pm.

From July 2018 to June 2019, the Transfer Station handled over 6,235.62 tons of municipal solid waste (MSW), construction demolition debris and other materials disposed of through our transfer station and by commercial haulers. Of that total tonnage was 22.855 tons of tires, 11.25 tons of white goods, 813.9 tons of construction debris and 496.98 tons of wood waste.

We are continuing to offset costs of disposal through our great recycling program. By June 2019 we processed 409.56 tons of cardboard, 58.46 tons of mixed paper, 38.94 tons of newspaper, 23.13 tons of metal and 14 tons of plastics. We have the ability to improve our recycling program and generate more revenues but it is going to take more dedication to our existing programs and continued efforts to recognize, eliminate or reduce other recyclables in our waste stream. As part of this effort we are researching and investigating the viability of recycling vinyl (siding, shutters, gutters, etc.) and textiles by removing these items from our waste stream. **Have you recycled today?**

It is extremely important for all households to recycle more to help do their part to reduce the cost of trash disposal landfill tipping fees.

Our newest permit stickers are available for sale. They are valid from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021. The cost of a permit sticker is \$10 each and are available at the Town Office and the Solid Waste Facility. Please refer to our Solid Waste Ordinance or give us a call with any questions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

Bryan Belliveau

Bryan Belliveau,
Solid Waste Management Supervisor/Code Enforcement Officer

Planning Office
Town of Skowhegan
225 Water Street
Skowhegan, ME 04976



Planning Board
Phone: (207) 474-6904

Annual Report for 2020

Dear Citizens of Skowhegan:

We, as a Planning Board, are committed to the Economic Growth of our Town, and to that end we are trying to facilitate a friendly business environment. We welcome new business, but at the same time seek to safeguard the Town and its residents from interests which are contrary to the prosperity and general welfare of our community. We continually strive to provide wise guidance to the Selectmen, concerning needed ordinances and policies, while at the same time recognizing the various rights and freedoms, especially the property rights, of the Town's residents. We seek to find a balance of the common good, to the inevitable loss of freedoms, which occurs with the passage of each new ordinance. We recognize the great responsibility we hold and thank you for your trust in us.

The Planning Board has been meeting once a month, under the current ordinance and will continue to be available for a second meeting, if needed. We are requesting an increase in the budget, to accommodate the additional cost of contract services, for work on the new Comprehensive Plan and the updating of additional ordinances. The additional funds, on top of our existing budget, allows us to be responsive to developments, in a timely manner and prudent with the resources the taxpayer gives us. As always, we will turn back the money not used for the next budget season.

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

- Ongoing Victualer's Ordinance Review
- Updates and combining of the Obscenities and Adult Entertainment Ordinances
- Updates to the Special Amusement Ordinance
- Updates to the Building Safety Ordinance
- Zoning in general considered
- Fireworks revisited
- Noise ordinance considered

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

- Various Flood Hazard and Shoreland Zoning Permits
- Various letters of compliance
- Various subdivision amendments.
- Preparation for the coming Comprehensive plan
- KVCAP Mary Street Project

This year, as in the past, the Planning Board worked closely with Code Enforcement Officer Randall Gray who retired during the year, his replacement Code Enforcement Officer Bryan Belliveau, Joel Greenwood, the contracted Town Planner from KVCOG, and Cynthia Kirk, Secretary, all of whom provide vital service to the people of Skowhegan and provide logistics for the Planning Board. We want to thank them for their dedication and service to the Town of Skowhegan.

Planning Board Members included; Steve Conley (Chairman), Todd Smith (Vice Chairman), Stephen Gould (Secretary), Harvey Austin, Steve St. Pierre, new members Kris Laney and Brady Chapman, and Ned Goff and Garrett Quinn who both resigned their position on the board during the year.

Skowhegan continues to face both challenges and opportunities; however, working together we can provide a bright future for Skowhegan. Please feel free to contact me to share your thoughts on Planning Board issues. I can be reached at (cell) 1-937-205-1860 or email 4pastorconley@gmail.com

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Conley

Steve Conley
Skowhegan Planning Board Chairman

Skowhegan Community Center & Parks and Recreation Department



Our mission is to provide quality programs, parks and a variety of enrichment opportunities with a professional standard of excellence that enhances the quality of life for all citizens and visitors in our community.

Looking back over the past year, it is evident that our continued investment in a collaborative approach and services, advocacy, communication and promotion and revenue generation, is paying off. We are making a difference – a significant difference- in the positioning of recreation as an essential component of the quality of life in our community.

Recreation is an “Essential” public service in our community. It is essential to personal health, key to balance human development, reduces self destructive and anti-social behavior, builds strong families and communities, reduces health care, social service and police/justice costs, economic generator in the community and parks, open space and natural areas are essential to ecological survival.

We can be proud of so many initiatives; launching projects that help recreation delivery system network and share; working in partnership with local and state partners to make recreation more accessible and get people in our community more active. Our work over the past year also highlighted the importance of volunteerism – the back bone of recreation delivery system. The commitments of our volunteers will result in a stronger community that contributes to healthy sustainable place.

Accomplishments/Highlights 2019-2020

- USDA Summer Food Program Grant Recipient; includes staffing, supplies and food which provides free breakfast and lunch to any youth 18yrs. of age & under. We added 2 new sites: Coburn Park & Yogi Bear Campground. 2019 Summer Meals served to youths 6,395.
- Winner of the 16 County Summer Food Competition- \$500 from Full Plate Full Potential
- New Balance Foundation Grant “Move More Kids” Initiative; Funds provided the Outdoor Adventure Camp, Staffing, Program Fees and Equipment Maintenance
- Broadened partnership involvement with various community agencies
- Successfully increase in programs and users; pickleball, senior programs and community events.
- Promoting health and wellness through programs that encourage active lifestyles
- Successful Community Events and Resources; River Fest, Moonlight Madness, District, State and Local Sport Competitions and Tournaments, Trails Day, Earth Day, Winter Carnival, Skow-Pendous Summer Programs, Camps, Halloween Haunted House, Senior Trips and other seasonal, holiday & various events.
- Supportive fundraising events and promoting awareness for local resources, staff, volunteers, program participates, parents & coaches on programs, community individuals and groups and facilities: Ball field Complex; football, cheerleading, group & individual benefits, community events and many more.
- 4 Star Award through the National Youth Sports Program; one of the two in the State of Maine.
- Successful collaborations, fundraisers and community events; Community Thanksgiving Dinner, Multiple Basketball Tournaments, Haunted House, Battle of the Badges Flag Football Fundraiser, Family Support Fundraisers with first responders, Harlem Wizards Event and many more.

Goals & Highlights 2020-2021

- Continue to develop, protect maintain and improve programs and facilities that will improve the livability of the community, including recreation facilities, parks, open space, multi-use paths, diverse play spaces and recreational opportunities.
- Anticipate the needs of the changing community and structure programs and facilities accordingly
- Encourage volunteerism
- Continue with projects that have been supported in the previous years at Town Meeting; Ball field Complex, which also includes Rt. 2 bypass lane construction, field expansion, engineer costs, offsite improvements, trails, parking, etc.
- Construction this summer of the Rt. 2 By Pass Lane expansion.
- Summer Food Program Success
- Grant recipient for the multiple grants to assist with facilities & programs on a yearly basis to provide more opportunities.
- Continue to work with local, state and national resources
- Construction of an ADA at the Carl Wright Baseball Complex
- Trail Maintenance Projects on Heselton Street Nature Trail & Philbrick Trail
- Continue to expand the level of public information and involvement in parks and recreation
- Make the town a better place to live, work and play

Our department is dependent upon volunteers and financial support from our many businesses, individuals, organizations and grant beyond our normal operating budget. I would like to specially thank the volunteers, sponsors, groups and individuals who support and devote their time to our programs and facilities. With your support we were able to provide a substantial number of new programs and are able to continue to provide multiple opportunities and programs for all.

I also would like to thank the citizens, administration, municipal department heads and their staff, businesses, staff and school district personnel. We appreciate your ongoing support throughout the years.

Respectfully Submitted,



Denise LeBlanc
Parks and Recreation Director



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Secretary, Dena Rich
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To the Citizens of the Town of Skowhegan:

2019 has been a very busy year for the office, we have been working on a variety of projects such as finishing the 2018 Façade Grant to the Downtown TIF applications. We are always looking for different projects to help improve our Town and welcome any input from the public.

One of the projects we worked on was the 2018 Town-wide Façade Grant Program; which we received \$100,000. We finished with the last seven projects that help to improve their business building facades. For every dollar that is granted to the business, the business has to match at a minimum of one dollar. We are working with businesses for the next round of funding, which we hope to apply to the State in 2020.

The office has been working on the energy reduction project. We contracted to work with Siemens Industry, Inc.; handle the streetlight conversions, energy reductions for the Municipal Building, Community Center, Pollution Control, and the Highway Building. The Town has purchased the existing streetlights and have converted them to LED. The Municipal Building has had a new electrical entrance, new gas furnaces and heat pumps installed to heat and cool the building. A new ventilation system for the opera house has been installed to handle over heating in the summertime.

The office worked with the new Downtown TIF Committee on one new application for funding to assist in building improvements for the Bigelow Brewing Company project on Island Avenue. We also worked to finished up the funding that we did with Crooked Face Creamery earlier in the year.

SEDC has been working hard to do a number of upgrades to their buildings in town. If any business would like information regarding one of our loan programs, please contact the office at (207) 474-6905 or by email to jhewett@skowhegan.org.

The Economic and Community Development office has also taken over the Municipal Building maintenance. This has included this last year starting to repoint the exterior brick work, work on the Fire Escape, and repairing of the stain glass window. We are working on a plan to guide us in future improvements to the building.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeff Hewett

Director of Economic & Community Development

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**Cemetery Report
July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019**

To the Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Skowhegan:

The Cemetery Committee met ten times: July 5, 2018; August 29, 2018; September 18, 2018; October 25, 2018; December 7, 2018; January 10, 2019; February 7, 2019; March 7, 2019; April 18, 2019 and June 20, 2019.

The Committee members during this period of time consisted of David James, Chairman; Gene Rouse, Selectmen's Representative; Mary Lou Holden-Mollerus; Carl McKenney; Melvin Burnham; Gail Pelotte; Mark Bossie, Cemetery Sexton. Felix Quirion has been an Honorary Member of the committee since September 1995 and was a regular committee member previously.

Cemetery Expenditures 2019

Water	\$	469.40
Electricity	\$	184.36
Sexton Salary	\$	80,738.00
Tree Cutting	\$	1,250.00
Repair & Maint.	\$	1,985.91
Catholic Cemetery	\$	600.00
Cemetery Web Site	\$	1,800.00

Cemetery record books, burial cards and maps of the cemeteries are available on the Town's Website for research.

Respectfully,

Gail R. Pelotte

**Gail R. Pelotte
Town Clerk/Treasurer
Cemetery Committee Secretary**

JULY 1, 2018 – JUNE 30, 2019

Receipts

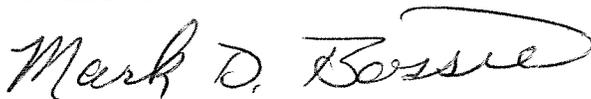
Town of Skowhegan	83,738.00
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Expenditures

Wages paid	17,708.64
FICA, State, Federal, and Unemployment On Employees	1,982.59
Gas and oil	5,826.14
Supplies, parts and repairs	9,221.87
Insurance	4,521.52
Registration and Excise Tax on vehicles	735.36
Office supplies	3,064.05
Equipment (lawn mowers, trimmers, etc.)	14,606.60
Loam/Cement	<u>2,444.00</u>
	60,110.77

Total Receipts	83,738.00
Total Expenditures	<u>60,110.77</u>
	23,627.23

Mark D. Bossie



Town of Skowhegan
Wellness Works Program

Walter Powell, Highway Department
Leisa Porter, Municipal Building
Ty Strout, Fire Department
David Bucknam, Police Department
Denise Leblanc, Recreation Department
Brent Dickey, Pollution Control Plant
Al White, Solid Waste Management Facility

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

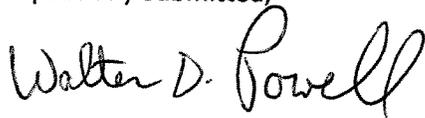
The Wellness Program is funded by the Maine Municipal Association Employees Health Trust. The program is available to any full time employee who wishes to participate.

The Wellness Program offered the following activities in 2019 -2020

January Workshop—Fitness Assessment
February - cancelled due to storm
March Workshop Alzheimer's 101
April Workshop – class cancelled
May Workshop—Wellness Breakfast/Employee of the Year Award
June workshop- summer smart (canceled)
July - no class
August - no class
September Workshop— No Class
October Workshop-Stretching Solutions
November Workshop— Making Fitness Fit
December Workshop—Dealing With Unexpected Change

Congratulations to Jeff Hewett who was chosen as Wellness employee of the Year. I would like to thank the committee Members for their dedication and support. This program wouldn't be possible without them. We have a full schedule for 2020

Respectfully Submitted,



Walter Powell, Chairman
Town of Skowhegan Wellness Committee



To: Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Skowhegan
From: Run of River Committee
Re: Run of River update, July 2018 – June 2019

The Run of River Whitewater Recreation Area will include a whitewater paddling and surfing park and enhanced trails network in and around Skowhegan's downtown river gorge. The whitewater park will consist of in-river wave features for kayaking, surfing, stand-up paddle boarding, bodyboarding, and tubing, as well as terraced seating and river access trails. The recreation area will also feature an estimated 50 miles of four-season trails for walking, mountain biking, cross-country skiing, and snowshoeing—all accessible via downtown.

From July 2018 to June 2019, the Run of River Committee accomplished the following:

- Raised \$153,090 for the Run of River Whitewater Recreation Area
 - \$25,000 Maine Community Foundation Donor Fund
 - \$40,000 Somerset County Community Benefits TIF
 - 31,000 local donor
 - \$24,090 Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund
 - \$10,000 Davis Conservation Foundation
 - \$20,000 Quimby Family Foundation
 - \$3,000 River Fest proceeds
- Cultivated relationships with donors, met with state leaders, and gave several presentations around Maine to raise awareness for the project.
- In collaboration with partner Main Street Skowhegan, submitted several grant applications for project funding.
- Hosted the 2018 River Festival, an event that celebrates recreation and life on the river while showcasing the potential for the Run of River Whitewater Recreation Area.
- Contracted McLaughlin Whitewater Design Group and Alden Labs to gather final data on the river bed of the gorge. The first data-gathering attempt took place in June 2019. Data was collected in the area of the third feature, but not at the first and second feature where high-water conditions made the gorge impassable with a small motorboat and lots of equipment.

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

Run of River Committee

>>Greg Dore, Skowhegan Road Commissioner (Chair)

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

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

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

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

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

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

>>Karen Hart, community member

>>Jeff Hewett, Skowhegan Economic and Community Development Director

>>Shawn Howard, Skowhegan Fire Department Chief

>>Denise LeBlanc, Skowhegan Parks and Recreation Department Director

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

>>Taylor Walker, whitewater paddler, freelance filmmaker

>>Anna Staehli Wiser, whitewater paddler, Redington-Fairview General Hospital Physical Therapist



Gregory A. Dore
 Chairman
 474-6911

Skowhegan Sidewalk Committee
Established 1994

To the Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Skowhegan:

"Our mission is to provide the citizens of Skowhegan with safe, reliable paved pathways to schools, parks, and other important points of interest"

During the summer of 2019 we rebuilt the sidewalk on North Avenue from Jewett Street to High Street. The funding for this project was shared 50/50 with the Main Department of Transportation by participating in their Municipal Partnership Initiative program saving the town \$25,000.

West Front street sidewalk is planned for this year's rebuild project from the intersection of Main Street to the entrance into the high school.

Committee Members:

Gregory Dore

Chairman

Betty Austin

Vice
 Chairman

Roger Staples

Selectman

**Denise
 LeBlanc**

Recreation
 Department

Richard Smith

Richard Irwin

Steve Govoni

Public Members

	Priority	Name	Length	Paving year
	1	West Front St	4,600	2020
	2	Bridge	370	2020
	5	East Chandler	400	2020
	1	Main Street	2,650	2021
	3	Spring Street	600	2022
	5	Olive Street	550	2022
	4	French Street	1,060	2023
		Mechanic Street	1,010	2024
	3	South Street	1,015	2025

The committee has identified the following streets as needing sidewalks – Norridgewock Ave. from Elm to the Margaret Chase Smith Library, Joyce Street from Milburn St to Mt. Pleasant Ave., Heselton St. from Cardinal to Malbon's Mills Road, Cardinal Street, McClellan St. from Willow to West Front St., South Factory Street from Jones to Fairview Ave and Russell Road from Spring Street to Beech Street.

On behalf of the committee, I want to thank the taxpayers for their input. Your assistance makes it possible for us to better serve you and meet the needs of the people of the Town of Skowhegan. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at 474-6911 or any committee member.

Sincerely,

Gregory A. Dore
 Chairman



Skowhegan Conservation Commission

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

This past year has been another year of transition for the Conservation Commission. Building from last year's goals of supporting students and our community, we looked to explore new opportunities to engage with the community. This year we were able to sponsor a collaborative project with The Eco Team at SAHS and Marti Stevens Learning Center, creating an Apiary for MSAD 54 students. We also have begun work with Skowhegan MaineStreet, Lake George Regional Park, and the Skowhegan Trail's Committee to collaborate on future conservation and forestry projects in the community. We intend to network with conservation groups, create green spaces and educational opportunities for the community. We also hope to expand our work with these groups to develop new trail systems for our community.

With the progression of so many new projects, we have again amended our meeting schedule from a bi-annual meeting schedule to meet once per month.

This past year the commission saw two of our members resign. We also recruited three new members resulting in a seven-member commission. Tristen Hinkle, previously Vice-Chair, and Barry Sites were voted in as Chairman and Vice-Chairman, respectively.

The Conservation Commission is still looking for additional members and volunteers. If you are interested in the natural spaces in our town, please come and join us on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. If you are interested, please contact one of our members or Cynthia Kirk in the town office.

Members serving on the Skowhegan Conservation Commission in 2019-2020 are listed below:

Tristen Hinkle (*Chairman*), Barry Sites (*Vice-Chairman*), Corey Hinkle, Corey Johnson, Kate Drummond, Kevin McFadden, Dylan Engler.

Respectfully Submitted

Tristen J. Hinkle

Tristen J. Hinkle
Chairman

SKOWHEGAN HERITAGE COUNCIL



Meetings: 5 p.m. – 1st Tuesday of Month
SKOWHEGAN HERITAGE COUNCIL
Skowhegan, Maine

Dear Citizens of Skowhegan,

Our 7th Annual Abner Coburn Day event had to be cancelled this year due to coronavirus concerns. On March 22, 2021, we will hold our next Abner Coburn Day event, and the event will highlight the Abner Coburn Mansion.

The Heritage Council revived the Boston Post Cane award in 2018, and we have awarded the cane twice since then. Irene Dumont, now 102 years old, continues to be our oldest citizen and holder of Skowhegan's Boston Post cane.

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

The Heritage Council will be holding half-hour show and tell programs at our monthly meetings starting later this year. Anyone with interesting items or collections of Skowhegan collectibles, artifacts and memorabilia should contact us for presentation at an upcoming meeting. We will be publicizing the events, and all are welcomed.

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

Sincerely,

Rob Washburn

Rob Washburn, Chairman



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To: Members of the Select Board and Citizens of the Town of Skowhegan
From: Main Street Skowhegan; Kristina Cannon, Executive Director
RE: 2018-19 Annual Report (Reporting Period: July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019)

Main Street Skowhegan (MSS) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit focused on the ongoing revitalization of Skowhegan. In 2015 we expanded our purview to include the entire town—not just the downtown—enabling us to serve all Skowhegan businesses and implement town-wide projects derived from the Skowhegan Strategic Plan for Community Transformation, a plan that was adopted by residents at the Skowhegan town meeting in June 2016.

Our mission is to celebrate Skowhegan's rich heritage while achieving our brightest future as a thriving economic, cultural, and recreational community where residents enjoy a high quality of life.

Economic Development Initiatives (July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019)

Hosted Business Seminars

MSS hosted two seminars in November 2018 to help local retailers gear up for the holiday shopping season.

Coordinated a Shop Local Event on Small Business Saturday

MSS planned and executed the fourth annual Passport to Savings Program on November 25, 2018, Small Business Saturday. Incentivized by merchant discounts and giveaways, shoppers made 812 purchases at 43 participating businesses located all over Skowhegan. Several merchants regularly claim this is their best sales day of the year.

Celebrated Shopping Local with the #ShopSkowhegan Incentive Program

Continued to promote shopping locally via a year-round program that is free and open to any Skowhegan business. For each purchase made at a participating local business, patrons can sign up to win a \$25 gift card.

Continued to Promote and Support Locally Owned Skowhegan Businesses

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

Tourism Product Development Initiatives (July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019)

Raised \$150,090 for the Run of River Whitewater Recreation Area

On behalf of the Town and in partnership with the Run of River Committee, MSS was awarded \$150,090 in grant funding and anonymous donations for Run of River. MSS continues to build relationships with potential donors and foundations and to grow awareness for the project via presentations and meetings with state leaders.

MSS was also awarded \$12,500 in grants to enhance the Philbrick Trails, a local trail network adjacent to the river.

Set a Guinness World Record!

MSS set the Guinness World Record for the most people moose calling simultaneously: 1,054 which garnered Skowhegan significant media coverage. Though we learned that we set the record in spring 2019, the record-breaking moose call took place during our June 2018 Skowhegan Moose Festival, an event that drew 6,000 people to Skowhegan from all over the Northeast.

Finalized a 10-Video Series to Promote the Region

A project of the Kennebec Valley Tourism Council (KVTC) led by MSS Executive Director Kristina Cannon, these promotional videos were rolled out online, via email, and on social media. Videos feature significant footage of Skowhegan and encourage a visit. Kristina represents Skowhegan on the KVTC as the Vice Chair of the Board and Chair of the Marketing Committee.



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Kicked Off Kennebec on Fire Project

In collaboration with the Wesserunsett Arts Council, MSS received a \$75,000 grant from the Maine Arts Commission to implement Kennebec on Fire, a project modeled after Rhode Island's Waterfire that will place three to five sculptures in the Big Eddy in Skowhegan. Grant funds must be matched 1:1 and will support artist commissions. Preference will be given to local artists.

Brought Visitors to Town with Annual Events

Main Street successfully planned and implemented the following community events:

- River Fest, Aug. 1-4, 2018
 - Partnership with the Run of River Committee, the Skowhegan Recreation Department, and the Skowhegan Area Chamber of Commerce.
 - Added new Dinner in the Park event, a MSS fundraiser in Coburn Park
- Skowhegan Craft Brew Fest, Sept. 1, 2018
 - The third annual Skowhegan Craft Brew Festival brought 1,200 people to Skowhegan from all over Maine and New England, as well as Quebec, NY, SC, NC, and TX.
- Halloween Candy Parade, Oct. 27, 2018
- Holiday Stroll, Nov. 30-Dec. 1, 2018
- Somerset SnowFest, February 2019
 - Collaboration with Lake George Regional Park that drew hundreds of people to Skowhegan for the weekend. Activities included Maine's first and New England's only equestrian skijoring competition, which was so popular we opted to move it from Eaton Mountain to the fairgrounds for 2020.
- Maple Festival, March 22-24, 2019
 - Featured new Maple Madness basketball tournament.
- AgriCulture, June 15, 2019
 - Collaboration with the Wesserunsett Arts Council and Maine Grain Alliance, this event showcased our local food economy and brought foodies from all over the region and state to enjoy local-food experiences and a downtown food festival.

Did you hear?

Main Street Skowhegan won a 2019 Governor's Conference on Tourism Award for Marketing & Promotion for our work on the Skowhegan Moose Festival.

Marketing Initiatives (July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019)

Promoted Skowhegan via Marketing Initiatives

- Spent more than \$40,000 in marketing, promoting Skowhegan and our local businesses.
- Mailed 40 Skowhegan Visitors' Guides to 16 states and 2 countries.
- Purchased, with the chamber, a four-page Skowhegan spread in the 2019 Kennebec Explorer Vacation Planner, with 25,000 copies distributed throughout the Northeast.
- Purchased, with the chamber, a two-page Skowhegan ad in the 2019 Maine Motorcoach Network Profile Book.
- Continue to manage and update VisitSkowhegan.com, a website promoting visits to Skowhegan.

Community Development Initiative (July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019)

Launched the Skowhegan AmeriCorps Outdoor Recreation Program (SAORP)

Through SAORP, MSS offers FREE outdoor recreation activities (three or more times per week), coordinated and led by three AmeriCorps members who serve as outdoor recreation coaches. We've taken middle schoolers on their first hike in the woods, watched hesitant community members become proficient kayakers, seen a mother and daughter bond at a canoe clinic and make plans to go out on their own, and introduced a family to a trail system they were nervous about visiting but, after enjoying a scavenger hunt with us there, said they would feel comfortable exploring on their own. We are excited to continue to introduce our community members to our local trails and outdoor spaces! As part of this program, we are also building a gear library that will enable our residents to borrow outdoor recreation gear for free.



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To: Members of the Select Board and Citizens of the Town of Skowhegan
From: Skowhegan Regional Chamber of Commerce, Jason S. Gayne, President & CEO

The Skowhegan Regional Chamber of Commerce (SRCC) is a 501(c)(6) non-for profit focused on promoting a healthy business climate through communication, education, and advocacy for its members and the community, in the Skowhegan region. The Chamber focuses on four key elements: Advocacy & Communication, Economic Development, Tourism Development, and Events & programs. With this we have created the Skowhegan Welcome and Business Center (SWBC) which is a 501(c)(6) nonprofit organization that is housed with the Chamber in downtown Skowhegan.

This past year has been an interesting one for us. We have done a complete renovation to the SWBC/Chamber office and updated it to include two different spaces. In the front of the building you will find, a welcome desk, a space representing our members, a space representing information for the region and state, and you will now find a small gift shop for all of our visitors stopping by the office. In the rear of the building you will find a private office, a conference room, and a bathroom. We have also updated the way that we are putting community information out, by the two TV screens that we have in the windows, one facing NAPA and one facing Kyes Insurance Company. If anyone has information that they would like to share with the community you can email it to us at admin@skowheganregion.com, or you can bring the flyer into the office and we will make it a picture so that we can put it onto the screens. We try our best to update the screens every Friday for the newest and latest information for the community.

Economic Development

Over the last few months, we have been dealing with COVID-19, and with this we created a COVID Bucks stimulus program. We have a Chamber Bucks program in general, where you can come to the office and purchase gift certificates for any of our member's businesses for any amount, and this is something that we offer in general. With COVID we opened it up to any business member or not in the community. With this program at this current time we have issued checks to over 80 different businesses in the region, and over \$34,000.00 back to them. The way that it worked is that you would call the office on a certain day and tell us where you wanted to purchase them for, you would pay for it, and then from donations that we had raised from our community, we would match it and then the customer would pick them up, or have the gift certificate mailed to them, and then that afternoon the Chamber would deliver the checks to the businesses. We heard a lot of great feedback from doing this.

We have worked with many different organizations over the past year to include Main Street Skowhegan, Skowhegan Economic and Community Development, Somerset Economic and Community Development, Kennebec Valley Council of Governments, Madison Business Alliance, and many others to work on bringing new businesses to the region, and working with existing businesses and the needs that they have. We have also created the Community Economic Resource Council (CERC). The CERC was created recognizing the need for collaboration, that strengthens economic development initiatives, promotes Somerset County as the ideal rural Maine location to start a business, and provides a one-stop resource for business owners and new entrepreneurs.

Our Mission is to Support, Promote and Attract Business for the Advancement of our region. We do this through leadership, communication, and education



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We also offer and have for many years had a shop local member to member program, which also non-member businesses could be a part of. We also offer advice and assistance with business and marketing support for regional businesses.

Advocacy & Communication

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

The Chamber has a goal to further the interests of businesses. We advocate on the business members behalf, and work to create an environment in which businesses can prosper. We work with our local, state, and federal government on many issues. We are also at many meetings and work to better the business community.

Events & programs

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

We are planning to have a few events in the coming months and looking at having events next year, most of the events that were planned for this year for us have been postponed.

Other Information

We are happy to say that we have hired Julia Turner as the Membership and Events Coordinator for the Skowhegan Regional Chamber. Julia is from the community and is very happy to be able to stay here and serve her community that she is proud of.

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

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Skowhegan Free Public Library

On a typical day, if you were to walk into the over 6,000 sq. ft. building it is bustling with activity. There are meetings, tutors, play groups, programs, people on computers, people studying, people researching their families, people needing faxing and copying services, and yes, people still coming in to browse the collection of books, audiobooks, magazines, DVDs, and games. There are days, where there is not a single unoccupied space in the building—to the point where staff has started looking at way to create more study nooks and private meeting spaces as the demand continues to increase.

We have taken on the project of fundraising for a new custom-built circulation desk. This was supposed to be part of the original renovations project, but was bi-passed to help get to the elevator quicker. We wanted a central focal point, and more importantly an ADA compliant reception/circulation area that continues to advance our library to be as user-friendly and accessible as possible. With the help of grants, fundraising, and donations, we have raised the money and the new desk will be installed this summer.

Programming has continued to be a major focus for us this past year. In 2019, we held 269 programs that saw 3269 people in attendance. These programs have ranged from story times, book clubs, craft sessions, author talks, game nights, art shows, guest speakers, and even a public paranormal investigation. The library also received money from the Friends of the Library group to help expand upon some of our most popular programming for kids. We were able to purchase more robots and iPads to bolster our Coding Club and STEM Labs. These programs are helping train students for jobs that do not even exist yet. We also received a grant from

A snapshot of our library statistics:

Library Visits	16714	Reference Questions	301
Active Card Holders	3563	Programs	269
Total Circulation	22895	Program Attendance	3269
Computer Usage	3618	Visits to our Website and FB Page	26,585

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

COBURN PARK COMMISSION

TREASURER'S REPORT

December 19, 2019

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

Receipts

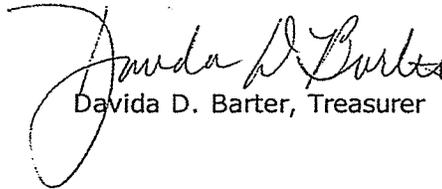
Town of Skowhegan	10,000.00	
SSB interest	1.34	
Wm. Philbrick trust account	4,500.00	
Gazebo rental	600.00	
Concerts in the Park		
Skowhegan Savings Bank Grant	1,000.00	<u>16,101.34</u>

Total receipts 16,266.90

Expenditures

Care of grounds/Mowing/Spring Cleanup	6,000.00	
Care of grounds/Caretaker	4,500.00	
Concerts in the Park	954.50	
Equipment rental	850.00	
Insurance	624.00	
Maintenance		
Fountain	805.40	
Tree cutting	<u>500.00</u>	1,305.40
Materials		269.10
Miscellaneous		
Secretary of State	35.00	
Postage	11.00	
Refund Gazebo rentals		
Somerset Humane Society (Robert Young)	<u>50.00</u>	96.00
Utilities		<u>1,408.42</u>

Balance checking account as of 12/31/2019 \$259.48


Davida D. Barter, Treasurer

HISTORY HOUSE MUSEUM, Inc.
(DBA: Skowhegan History House Museum & Research Center)

To the Citizens of the Town of Skowhegan,

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Skowhegan History House Museum & Research Center, thank you Skowhegan citizens for your financial support for the work we do.

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

The Historic Home Registry Program issues plaques for Skowhegan homes and buildings which are at least one hundred years old. Of those issued plaques, three are for homes over 200 years old! For more information about this program, please call us (474-6632).

We are grateful for support from Skowhegan citizens, dedicated funds from the Bloomfield Academy Trust, revenues generated from our Society memberships, private donations, our Annual Appeal, and door receipts. Because of your financial support we have made significant repairs to the historic 1839 building and on-going progress with protecting and cataloging our collections.

We are concerned with the lack of both on/off-site space for appropriate archival storage and collection displays. A History House goal includes support for the Bloomfield Academy Trustee plan to hire a Director of Operations who will work with us to expand off-site archival storage so that we have the physical space needed on-site to create more exhibits that further explore our cultural heritage.

The expenses for operating History House May - October (four days a week, Tuesday – Friday) with a part time curatorial staff member and a student intern continue to increase, like those expenses of other institutions and businesses. The Board continually searches for dedicated volunteers, partnerships, and grants, as well as additional memberships and donations to fund its Student Intern Program and program development.

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

We are thankful for the loyal core of supporters who give their time and energy as volunteers at History House. Their invaluable help includes collection protection measures, special project tasks, technology support, cataloging, as well as landscape and garden maintenance. In 2019 Volunteers provided 188 hours in the gardens and 1,705 hours working within the History House and Museum – a value of \$24,609. Thank you volunteers, we could not function without you.

2019 Projects & Events

Maine Community Foundation awarded grants totaling \$5,000 to HH for a *Native Voices* exhibit to fund construction of a 10' wigwam displaying the skills of traditional Wabanaki builders. Local high school students will be invited to help with its construction. The wigwam on the west side HH lawn will host presentations and exhibit-related activities during the 2020-21 HH seasons.

Special Events: New York City Archivists & Museum Professionals, Becca Krucoff & Natalie Milbrodt, provided a pro bono weekend pilot project to HH board members and community partners. They provided strategic planning ideas to raise community visibility and participation to maximize the public impact of our collections.

HH and Bloomfield Academy Board members worked together to clean, scan, digitize, and store over 400 donated Glass Plate Negatives - dating back to an early 20th century Huff photography studio. We stored these glass plate negatives in archival safe boxes at the Bloomfield Academy building.

A French drain system, funded by the Bloomfield Academy Board, was installed on the building's north side. This matches the 2018 south side system - both aimed at eliminating water seeping into the basement.

- HH partnered with the Library to cosponsor UMO Professor Darren Ranco's presentation on the Black Ash Borer and its threat to traditional Wabanaki basket making.
- Partnered with the Library to cosponsor a children's Drumming Event on our back lawn.
- Mel Burnham presented a program to UMF Senior College students on a 19th century Bird's Eye Map - offering a panoramic view of Skowhegan.
- Partnered with Maine State Archives staff, Adam Fisher and Gretchen Clark, to present a program entitled "Here's to Skowhegan's Trouble Makers" – exploring a group of historic Skowhegan women who struggled for women's legal right to vote.

We do not know what to expect for the 2020 season - given the restrictions placed on all of us due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We are hopeful that we will be open for some part of the 2020 season. In the meantime, we will create and mail out our History House Society newsletter and keep our Heirloom Gardens, Kennebec River overlook, and outdoor exhibits open to the public. The Curator will be available beginning on June 2nd to assist researchers who phone in (474-6632).

As always, we invite you to visit the History House when we reopen - where you can research your family history in person, participate in our Oral History Program, enjoy a tour, and attend a program or Speaker Event.

We also extend an invitation to anyone who enjoys preserving history to explore the benefits of membership or to join our team of committed volunteers.

Sincerely,

Patrica Horine, President

History House Board of Trustees

Consolidated Annual Summary Report (2019) and Goals (2020)



Lake George Regional Park

1992-2019
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December 31, 2019

Dear Citizens of Skowhegan and Canaan,

With a Strategic Plan that provides a roadmap and our new administration's accumulated experience of two summer seasons, the Park team is excited to forge new pathways to success.

We look now to broaden our horizons with initiatives that will strengthen and build partnerships, enhance our value added offerings for the community and move the park in the direction of self sufficiency. Below, as per our operational agreement with the Bureau of Parks and Lands, please find a detailed summation of park activities from 2019 and project goals for 2020.

Plan of Operation

- Lake George Corporation; 501C-3 #FEIN #01-0477896
- Board of Directors ; Chief Administrator; Park Resource Manager; Staff
- Insurance: Maine Municipal Association Certif# P01150PC2017

Utilization of the property

- Group use picnics and gatherings, scenic natural areas, swimming, boating, hiking, mountain biking, skiing, snowshoeing, ice fishing, building rental (west social hall), weddings (west island)
- Somerset Snowfest; Box Sled/Kayak & Ice Fishing Derbys, Winter Triathlon, Chili Cookoff, Pinnacle Dog Walk
- Children's day camp -
- Camp Podooc; (2 two-week sessions); Canaan residents: paid for by town; Skowhegan area residents: \$145 (\$155 in 2019); Non-residents \$180 (\$185 in 2019)
- Maine's Garlic Festival; live music, food vendors, garlic education, activities for adults and children
- Events (new initiative to promote Lake George West as an event destination)
- Concession "East Side Eats", Campground Store, Permit #2-33268
- Paddle equipment rentals
- Public Access to Boat Launch
- 40,000 visitors/year

Fees

- Building rental: \$700/per reservation
- Grounds "reserved" rental: Lake George West Is: \$1,000; Lake George West Field: \$500; Lake George West: \$2,500
- Group Use \$4/person (if over 20 people); School groups \$1 per person
- Seasonal Park passes (Jan 1-Dec. 31): Indiv. Resident \$50; Indiv. Non-resident \$55; Resident Family \$75; Non-Res Family \$85
- Day Use Gate fees:
- Adults \$7/day; Children (5-11) \$3/day; Children (under 5) FREE; Senior Citizens, (65+) FREE; Disabled Veterans FREE

New

- The Margaret Chase Smith Social Hall will undergo construction in 2020 (estimated 6/20-8/20). There will be no public use of the facility during construction and when it reopens, there will be a new price structure.
- Revised price structure for reserved facilities and grounds throughout the park for the 2020 season and beyond.
- East Side Eats plans to offer pre-cooked and pre packaged hot food (chili and soup) starting in June 2020
- Recreation Camp (1 week session); \$125 per camper

Key Projects/Maintenance Completed in 2019 with name of funding supporter:

- Plan for facility renovation Lake George West; Somerset County Commissioners TIFF grant 30K, Tree of Life Campaign, raised 12K as of 12/31/19; Requesting 30K from Town of Skowhegan;
- Trail Improvements, 1,800 feet extension of "showcase trail" / "kids loop", (THE MODIN TRAIL) completed in Fall 2019; Somerset Public Health Grant \$2350,
- New Trail Head signs for recently dedicated Warren Trail, Townsend Family Trail and Modin Trail, sponsored by Maine Wood Heat, Hammond Lumber, York Signs, Skowhegan Savings
- Roof repair Park Headquarters; Refund on faulty shingles; Skowhegan Savings grant
- Purchased used park truck and plow, Private donation & Skowhegan Savings grant
- Roof repair Park Headquarters, Skowhegan Savings
- 2nd Annual Community Clean Up Day, 200+ Volunteer service hours. 4.2 tons of trash removed from buildings and grounds.

- Completed repair to Social Hall steps; Maine Conservation Corp. volunteer labor
- Large tents for college intern housing, Skowhegan Savings
- Repaired roof shingles on Social Hall; Leveling of building and roof repairs to Nature Building; Skowhegan Savings

Interaction Bureau of Parks and Lands

To better serve the park users of Skowhegan and Canaan, we have improved communication and collaboration with the Maine Bureau of Parks and Lands team regarding the matters of swim areas, alcohol policy, woods management, handicap access, electrical infrastructure safety, building repair and utilization of a compartmental approach to capital improvement planning, in order to ensure compliance with our agreement obligations, and also to align with funding opportunities available. This includes our plans for the revitalization of Lake George West. Highlights include:

- Assistance with procurement process for Social Hall project and other facility and grounds projects at Lake George West
- Permission for on site alcohol for specific approved events
- Advise on and approve plans for improved handicap accessibility to East side beach
- Continue advocacy for return of "fee sharing" program that would assist LGRP with State mandated expenses for which payments in fact go to the General Fund (water quality testing, permits, licensing, fees, etc.)
- Assistance with connecting to Inland Fisheries & Wildlife for purpose of stocking fish in the lake prior to the winter fishing season
- Received donation of old boat launch dock (in need of repair) from the State for use on the East side as a park user value added facility
- Approval of our plans to renovate all the "Lake George West facilities" in order to improve structural integrity, occupant safety and usability relative to potential for functions and boarding
- Assistance with insurance claims for Lake; George West cabin damaged by fallen tree
- Annual meeting, November 2019

Key Goals for 2020

- New summer camp week for 6th, 7th and 8th graders featuring introduction to various outdoor recreation activities
- Re-organize hiking trails on the park's East and West side
- Invasive species mitigation for Japanese Knotweed
- Increase milfoil monitoring and public awareness campaign at boat launch and water access points.
- Add another 1,800 linear feet to the "professional level" mountain bike trail on the park's East side (Modin Trail)
- Continue evaluation and fund raising for solutions to handicap access to East Beach
- Create a drainage run-off system to divert water away from the Social Hall; Repair the Social Hall cement floor, and execute the plans of the Semper Fidelis donor funds for improvements to rear stage
- Engage with SCTC students to build a handicap access "deck" for the 5 cabins at Lake George West
- Facilitate selective forest harvesting of hazardous trees and utilize wood by-product for park use.
- Increase use of West side for revenue producing activities:
- Implement new alcohol policy and programming (fenced / enclosed areas) for weddings/events, use of catering.
- Facilitate Somerset Snowfest in conjunction with Main Street Skowhegan
- Facilitate Maine's Garlic Fest in conjunction with Crazy 4 Garlic
- Improvements to website, including new calendar on homepage indicating LGRP programming and key dates

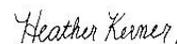
We appreciate the commitment of both towns in historically sharing the state's payment in lieu of taxes (rescinded by the state last year), and hope that if reinstated in 2020, voters will agree to remit those funds again to Lake George. We are open to your feedback about how we can improve, and look forward to continually strengthening the community collaborations that preserve Lake George as an exceptional natural resource for all to enjoy.

For a more detailed report please contact the town offices of Canaan and Skowhegan.

In service,



Darryll White, Chief Administrator, Lake George Regional Park



Heather Kerner, President, Board of Directors

Emergency (Police/Fire/Ambulance) – Dial 911

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