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**July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017**

**Annual Report**

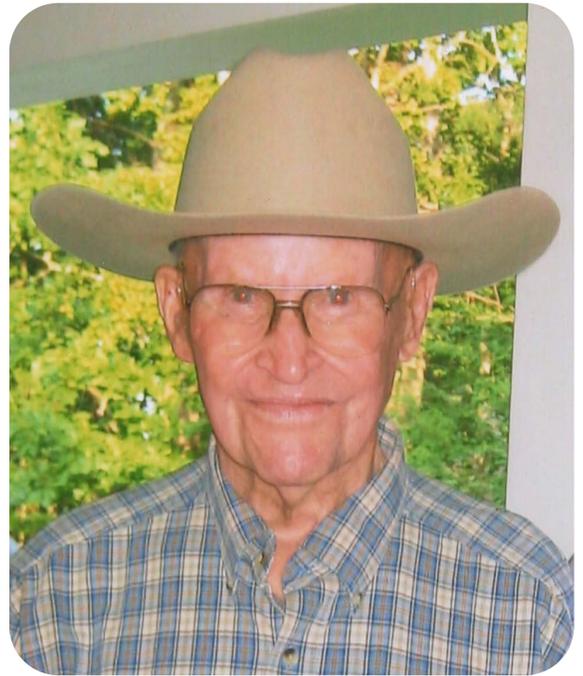
## **SAMUEL KIRBY HIGHT**

### **1916 - 2018**

Samuel Kirby Hight, to whom this Town Report is dedicated, exemplifies what is right about business and family in Skowhegan.

For more than 100 years, his family name has been stamped on the automobile industry here, and Kirby Hight was the leader for much of it, carrying it into its fourth generation through fraternal twin sons, Walter H. and Louis (Lou) J. Hight, and their sons, Toby, Corey, and Sam.

Beyond the man whose name is synonymous with business and automobiles was the beloved Hight family patriarch, cherished by his loved ones and liked and admired by his community.



“Gramps,” sometimes “Grampy Chocolate” to his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, he was larger-than-life, a hero, an icon to many of them. He got to meet seven of his great grandkids.

“My hero was always Kirb,” said grandson Sam Hight. “Kirb is the reason I have done most of the things in my life.”

When Hight passed away March 11, 2018, he left behind an important legacy, grounded in ideals, dreams and hard work. For 102 years he made his home on Dyer Street in three separate houses.

Born Jan. 27, 1916—and identified by most of the community as Kirby—he graduated from Skowhegan High School in 1934 and Bowdoin College in 1938, quickly assuming his place in the automobile business alongside his father, Walter Hight Sr.

Today, that car business is 107-years-old and one of the oldest franchised dealerships in the United States, with four dealerships in the fourth generation of operation.

In 1983, in recognition of his many accomplishments, Time Magazine awarded Kirby the Maine Quality Dealer of the Year for “business achievement and community services.” He truly enjoyed his

membership in the Maine Automobile Dealers. In later years, Kirby dabbled in real estate, erecting commercial and state buildings beginning in 1980.

In addition to his business acumen and love of family, Kirby was devoted to Skowhegan, too. He was past president and long-time director of the Skowhegan State Fair, past president and former trustee of the Redington-Fairview General Hospital, a member of the Skowhegan Rotary Club, Masons and Elks and an honorary trustee of Somerset Woods. He had been a member of the Federated Church since 1930. Kirby and some of his friends once helped save the American Woolen mill “because it meant 200 jobs,” Sam Hight said. He also kept a close eye on the Lakewood Golf Course sale, ensuring the land stayed dedicated to golf, even though he often joked that his favorite club was the “toe iron,” used to kick the ball into the fairway.

More importantly, however, was his commitment to the town’s children. Over the decades, he supported Little League teams, One Act Play contests, high school sports teams and yearbooks. With Grace, his wife of 68 years, he started a scholarship at Skowhegan Area High School for graduating seniors pursuing post secondary education.

Kirby also served his country, joining the U.S. Navy and graduating from Annapolis a “90-day wonder.” He was commissioned as an ensign and rose through the ranks to Lt. Commander, where he captained the destroyer the U.S.S. Babbitt stationed in the North Atlantic.



Kirby could always find time to talk about the Red Sox, business, and the stock market, while the smoke rolled out around the cigar that was often part of his facial features.

A viewpoint he never wavered on was the value of a dollar; he told his family back in the 40s and 50s, “the dollar was as big as a horse collar; it meant a lot more when you didn’t have much of it.”

His own father, Walter Sr., loved horses and owned many, often to the chagrin of Kirby. Walter Sr. introduced horse racing to the Skowhegan State Fair where they now hold the Walter Hight Memorial Pace each year. The race track also is dedicated in Walter Sr.’s honor. Kirby, however, preferred his feet on the ground, he would tell family.

He wasn't entirely out of the horse racing loop, however. "Once I turned 18, I could run Kirby's bets down to the pari-mutuels, mostly 'win' tickets for \$2 a race," Sam Hight recalled.



## 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration for Kirby Hight

"He loved all of us," Sam Hight said. "He'd tell you if he thought you were wrong in the most loving way. He never got upset or stressed; he took everything as it came. He wasn't shy of sharing his wisdom at all."

Right up until six months ago, Sam Hight said he would bring his dealership statements to Kirby for perusal. "He'd let you know how you did, if he smirked or he frowned," he said. "He wanted to know what kind of month you had and how many used cars were on the lot—always too many!"

Kirby had a great love of humor and laughter, always the joker, Sam Hight recalled. When you asked him how he was doing, his frequent reply was: "I'm not buying any green bananas."

With a personality larger than life and a heart just as big, coupled with his love of family, the automobile industry and Skowhegan, he will be remembered and missed by all those who knew him.

Compiled by: Darla L. Pickett

## **Presentation of the Boston Post Cane To the Oldest Citizen of Skowhegan Hugh Erwin Bickford**

The Boston Post Cane was awarded to Hugh Bickford on April 26, 2018 by Town Manager Christine Almand, Board of Selectmen Chairman Paul York, and Heritage Council Chairman Shirley Whittemore. Senator Rod Whittemore was also on hand for the presentation. Hugh currently resides at Cedar Ridge Center for rehabilitation following an injury. He is looking forward to returning to his home on Harvey Street after a speedy recovery. Hugh celebrated his 101<sup>st</sup> birthday on July 26, 2017. He was born in Solon, Maine and moved to Skowhegan in the 1920s. Hugh worked for Medwed Footwear for more than 30 years. He spent three years managing a shoe factory in Puerto Rico before returning to Skowhegan in 1969. Hugh joined the Lions Club in the 1970s where he was King Lion, made Honorary Lion, and was a Melvin Jones Award recipient. Hugh is an avid Boston Red Sox fan!



### *History of the Cane:*

In August of 1909 the Boston Post Cane was forwarded to the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen of 700 towns in Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Rhode Island. The canes are made of the finest materials, ebony and gold, and are to be presented to the oldest citizen of the community.

**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, 2016 – June 30, 2017**

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**  
**FISCAL YEAR 2017**

The following pages include an excerpt of the 2017 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 cursive script, appearing to read "Christine Almand".

Christine Almand  
Town Manager



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### **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, 2017, 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 did not audit the Schedules of Pension Amounts by Employer reported by the State of Maine Public Employees Retirement System, which provides information used to calculate the amounts recognized in the financial statements of the Town of Skowhegan, Maine as deferred outflows and deferred inflows related to pensions, net pension liability, pension expense, and pension revenue of governmental activities. Those schedules were audited by other auditors whose report has been furnished to us, and our opinion, insofar as it relates to the amounts included for the Town of Skowhegan, Maine, is based solely on the report of the other auditors and certain other procedures related to the allocation percentage and the amounts allocated to the Town of Skowhegan, Maine based on the allocation percentage. 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, based on our audit and the report of other auditors, 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, 2017, 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 information on pages 6 through 13 and page 42 through 44 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 schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, and is also not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The other supplementary information on Schedules 1 and 2 and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards 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 and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

*Brantron Whibodeau & Associates*

March 29, 2018

**Town of Skowhegan, Maine**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**Governmental Funds**  
**June 30, 2017**

	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Permanent Fund	Total Governmental Funds
<b>ASSETS</b>					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,742	\$ 332,407	\$ 150,538	\$ -	\$ 484,687
Investments	4,744,567	-	4,699,200	1,027,371	10,471,138
Taxes receivable, net	805,024	-	-	-	805,024
Due from other governmental agencies	151,723	16,390	-	-	168,113
Due from Maine Bond Bank	-	-	3,156,850	-	3,156,850
Due from other funds	-	436,973	-	-	436,973
Due from Skowhegan Economic Development	52,944	-	-	-	52,944
Loans receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$30,798	-	633,051	-	-	633,051
Total assets	<u>\$ 5,756,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,418,821</u>	<u>\$ 8,006,588</u>	<u>\$ 1,027,371</u>	<u>\$ 16,208,780</u>
<b>LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES</b>					
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Accounts payable	\$ 361,110	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 361,110
Due to other funds	145,607	-	277,984	13,347	436,938
Payable to other governments	248	-	-	-	248
Due to pension plan	46,594	-	-	-	46,594
Unearned revenue	-	751	-	-	751
Other accrued expenses	20,194	-	-	-	20,194
Total liabilities	<u>573,753</u>	<u>751</u>	<u>277,984</u>	<u>13,347</u>	<u>865,835</u>
<b>Deferred inflows of resources</b>					
Prepaid taxes	26,579	-	-	-	26,579
Unavailable property taxes	525,659	-	-	-	525,659
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>552,238</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>552,238</u>
<b>Fund balances</b>					
<b>Nonspendable for</b>					
Trust fund principal	-	-	-	655,972	655,972
Loans receivable	-	633,051	-	-	633,051
<b>Restricted for</b>					
Trust fund income	-	-	-	358,052	358,052
Capital projects	-	-	3,149,193	-	3,149,193
Special revenue funds	-	785,019	-	-	785,019
<b>Committed for</b>					
Capital projects	-	-	4,579,411	-	4,579,411
<b>Assigned for</b>					
Other purposes	64,305	-	-	-	64,305
Next year's budget	750,000	-	-	-	750,000
Unassigned	3,815,704	-	-	-	3,815,704
Total fund balances	<u>4,630,009</u>	<u>1,418,070</u>	<u>7,728,604</u>	<u>1,014,024</u>	<u>14,790,707</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balances	<u>\$ 5,756,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,418,821</u>	<u>\$ 8,006,588</u>	<u>\$ 1,027,371</u>	<u>\$ 16,208,780</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, 2017**

	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Permanent Fund	Total Governmental Funds
<b>REVENUES</b>					
Property taxes	\$ 16,789,937	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16,789,937
Excise and miscellaneous taxes	1,541,243	-	-	-	1,541,243
Fees and fines	72,365	-	-	-	72,365
Licenses and permits	46,965	-	-	-	46,965
Intergovernmental	2,697,725	878,131	212,713	-	3,788,569
Charges for services	248,356	3,970	-	3,000	255,326
Investment and interest earnings	27,743	24,200	4,224	901	57,068
Contributions and reimbursements	50,204	-	-	5,699	55,903
Miscellaneous	73,969	-	-	-	73,969
	<u>21,548,507</u>	<u>906,301</u>	<u>216,937</u>	<u>9,600</u>	<u>22,681,345</u>
Total revenues					
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>					
Current					
General government	1,305,949	-	-	-	1,305,949
Protection	2,367,809	-	-	-	2,367,809
Public works	1,120,610	-	-	-	1,120,610
Waste water and pollution control	519,241	-	-	-	519,241
Solid waste management	781,631	-	-	-	781,631
Health and human services	254,482	-	-	-	254,482
Education	9,249,350	-	-	-	9,249,350
Parks and recreation	411,167	-	-	-	411,167
County tax	2,535,990	-	-	-	2,535,990
Cemeteries	82,966	-	-	11,343	94,309
Community services	185,452	-	-	-	185,452
Grant program expenses	-	1,096,763	-	-	1,096,763
Debt service					
Principal	1,352,243	-	-	-	1,352,243
Interest and loan fees	317,894	-	-	-	317,894
Capital outlay	-	-	3,278,693	-	3,278,693
	<u>20,484,784</u>	<u>1,096,763</u>	<u>3,278,693</u>	<u>11,343</u>	<u>24,871,583</u>
Total expenditures					
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	<u>1,063,723</u>	<u>(190,462)</u>	<u>(3,061,756)</u>	<u>(1,743)</u>	<u>(2,190,238)</u>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>					
Transfers in	218,658	-	989,312	-	1,207,970
Transfers out	(989,312)	-	(200,000)	(18,658)	(1,207,970)
	<u>(770,654)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>789,312</u>	<u>(18,658)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total other financing sources and uses					
Net change in fund balances	293,069	(190,462)	(2,272,444)	(20,401)	(2,190,238)
<b>FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING</b>	<u>4,336,940</u>	<u>1,608,532</u>	<u>10,001,048</u>	<u>1,034,425</u>	<u>16,980,945</u>
<b>FUND BALANCES - ENDING</b>	<u>\$ 4,630,009</u>	<u>\$ 1,418,070</u>	<u>\$ 7,728,604</u>	<u>\$ 1,014,024</u>	<u>\$ 14,790,707</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

**Town of Skowhegan, Maine**  
**Budgetary Comparison Schedule**  
**General Fund**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2017**

	Budgeted Amounts			Actual	Variance with Final Budget - Positive (Negative)
	Original	Changes**	Final*		
<b>REVENUES</b>					
Property taxes	\$ 16,836,986	\$ -	\$ 16,836,986	\$ 16,789,937	\$ (47,049)
Excise and miscellaneous taxes	1,205,000	-	1,205,000	1,541,243	336,243
Fees and fines	50,810	-	50,810	72,365	21,555
Licenses and permits	30,175	-	30,175	46,965	16,790
Intergovernmental	2,632,537	52,146	2,684,683	2,697,725	13,042
Charges for services	274,232	-	274,232	248,356	(25,876)
Investment and interest earnings	750	-	750	27,743	26,993
Contributions and reimbursements	51,617	-	51,617	50,204	(1,413)
Miscellaneous	64,711	-	64,711	73,969	9,258
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>21,146,818</b>	<b>52,146</b>	<b>21,198,964</b>	<b>21,548,507</b>	<b>349,543</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>					
<b>Current</b>					
General government	1,422,995	4,133	1,427,128	1,305,949	121,179
Protection	2,682,745	18,167	2,700,912	2,367,809	333,103
Public works	1,203,035	4,154	1,207,189	1,120,610	86,579
Waste water and pollution control	553,491	2,490	555,981	519,241	36,740
Solid waste management	818,163	1,279	819,442	781,631	37,811
Health and human services	201,999	52,483	254,482	254,482	-
Education	9,249,350	-	9,249,350	9,249,350	-
Parks and recreation	431,347	1,383	432,730	411,167	21,563
County tax	2,535,990	-	2,535,990	2,535,990	-
Cemeteries	83,316	-	83,316	82,966	350
Community services	185,452	-	185,452	185,452	-
Tax increment financing	82,428	(82,428)	-	-	-
<b>Debt service</b>					
Principal	1,351,189	1,055	1,352,244	1,352,244	-
Interest and other charges	337,873	26	337,899	317,893	20,006
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<b>21,139,373</b>	<b>2,742</b>	<b>21,142,115</b>	<b>20,484,784</b>	<b>657,331</b>
<b>Excess of revenues over expenditures</b>	<b>7,445</b>	<b>49,404</b>	<b>56,849</b>	<b>1,063,723</b>	<b>1,006,874</b>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>					
Use of carryover fund balances	750,000	33,024	783,024	-	(783,024)
Overlay	(63,461)	-	(63,461)	-	63,461
Transfers in	213,000	-	213,000	218,658	5,658
Transfers out	(906,984)	(82,428)	(989,412)	(989,312)	100
<b>Total other financing sources and (uses)</b>	<b>(7,445)</b>	<b>(49,404)</b>	<b>(56,849)</b>	<b>(770,654)</b>	<b>(713,805)</b>
<b>Net change in fund balances</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>293,069</b>	<b>\$ 293,069</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING</b>				<b>4,336,940</b>	
<b>FUND BALANCES - ENDING</b>				<b>\$ 4,630,009</b>	

\*\* reclassification of budget, use of assigned carryover balances and use of additional revenues

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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. You will find the June 2018 Annual Town Meeting Warrant located at the end of this Town Report.

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 2017 Town Meeting, the voters also approved funding for future projects in the reserve accounts to come from surplus. In total \$750,000 of surplus was used for the following purposes: \$475,000 to reduce the tax commitment; \$150,000 for road improvements; \$100,000 towards a future Public Safety Building; and \$25,000 towards the planned ballfield compound. The 2018 Town Meeting Warrant will give voters another opportunity to set aside additional funding for future projects.

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; Darla Pickett, Vice Chairman; Betty Austin, Gene Rouse, and Soren Siren and to the Department Heads: Trisha Austin, Finance/Human Resource Director; David Bucknam, Police Chief; Brent Dickey, Pollution Control Plant Superintendent; Gregory Dore, Road Commissioner; Randall Gray, Code Enforcement Officer/Transfer Station Supervisor; 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](http://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  
Darla Pickett, Vice Chairman  
Betty Austin  
Gene Rouse  
Soren Siren

# Town of Skowhegan Board of Selectmen

225 Water Street  
Skowhegan, Maine 04976



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To all Citizens of Skowhegan,

Last June, I was elected your board Chair and take that position very seriously. I take pride in the fact that I try to listen to every board member as well as to all citizens of the town of Skowhegan. The board continues to strive to make Skowhegan a better place along with trying to keep it affordable to live here.

The Board of Selectman have been very busy this past year and were able to complete three out of the four union contracts. A town wide job class and pay scale was implemented and we continue to work on other town issues such as Run of the River and possibly utilizing outside services to alleviate costs to the town. We have tried to be more proactive rather than reactive as mentioned from previous Chairman's and feel we have done as such.

The revaluation process is now complete and just a few wrinkles are being ironed out. It took a little longer than anticipated but overall appears to have gone well. Some found their tax values had increased while others found their values had decreased. This now provides better equality for taxpayers.

The Board is also excited to see several new businesses in town which shows that people are believing in the future growth of Skowhegan. We are also excited to see that SAPPI continues to invest in the mill, Gifford's continues to expand with a new addition, and New Balance very graciously continues to support the young children of this town. All these things are a sign that good things are happening in the town of Skowhegan. Main Street is also doing great things in the town. The board is very excited that Skowhegan will be hosting the Moose Lottery this year. Main Street along with several others have worked very hard to make this happen. Thanks to all for the hard work put in to this.

The Board would encourage participation from the citizens of Skowhegan and get involved whether it be attending selectman's meetings or coming to the annual town meeting. All thoughts are welcome so the Board can better serve the town.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul York".

Paul A York

Board of Selectman Chairman

# **TOWN OF SKOWHEGAN**

July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017

Elected and Appointed Officials

Departments and Committees

By:

Gail R. Pelotte, Town Clerk

**ELECTED OFFICIALS**  
**July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017**

**SELECTMEN – 3 YEAR TERMS**

Terms Expiring 2017:

Donald Skillings, Chairman

Terms Expiring 2018:

Darla Pickett

Soren Siren

Terms Expiring 2019:

Betty Austin

Paul York, Vice Chairman

**ASSESSORS – 3 YEAR TERMS**

Ronald Blaisdell, Chairman – 2019

David Summers, Vice Chairman – 2017

John Grohs-2018

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

Gary York – 2017

Deborah Jones – 2018

David James - 2019

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

Gail R. Pelotte – 2018

**ROAD COMMISSIONER –  
3 YEAR TERM**

Gregory Dore – 2018

**PARK COMMISSIONERS –  
5 YEAR TERMS**

Davida Barter, Treasurer/Secretary – 2017

Violet Ferland – 2019

Michael Lambke-2020

Peter Foxwell – 2021

Robert Haynes - 2021

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

Terms Expiring 2017:

Mark Bedard

Jeannine Conley

Karyn Curran

Margaret Lovejoy

Terms Expiring 2018:

Jane Arthur (R 6/30/17)

Harold Bigelow

Lynda Quinn

Amy Rouse

Terms Expiring 2019:

Richard Irwin, Sr.

Jennifer Poirier

Karen Smith

**APPOINTED OFFICIALS, COMMITTEES & DEPARTMENTS**  
**July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017**

**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**

Donald Skillings, Finance Officer  
Paul York, 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  
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

Mary Jane Clifford, Collections Clerk  
Jennifer Tenan, Collections Clerk,  
Deputy Tax Collector

E. Gene Rouse, PT Collections Clerk  
(Ret.12/30/16)

Chelsea Gardiner, PT Collections Clerk  
(A 3/20/17)

**PUBLIC ACCESS OFFICER**

Gail R. Pelotte

**GENERAL ASSISTANCE DIRECTOR**

Telephone: 474-6900

Mary Jane Clifford

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

Telephone: 474-6911

Gregory Dore, Road Commissioner  
Clyde Ayotte (A 4/21/15)

Charles Bess III

Randy Bowden

Chad Folsom (FT 5/8/17)

Charles Gould (FT 8/8/16)

Corey Johnson

William Marsh, Jr.

Lee Philbrick (R 2/1/17)

Walter Powell

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  
Evan Kingsbury, Staff Assistant

**TRANSFER STATION / RECYCLING CENTER**

Telephone: 474-6918

Randall Gray, Supervisor  
Steven Foss, Attendant  
Wayne Householder, Attendant (R 5/13/17)  
Clyde Merrill, Attendant  
James Travers, Attendant  
Furnie White, Attendant

**PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

Telephone: 474-6904

Cynthia Kirk, Recording Secretary

**BOARD MEMBERS – 5 YR TERMS**

Terms Expiring 2017:

Edward Goff, Jr., Chairman

Terms Expiring 2018:

Steven St. Pierre (A 11/8/16)

Terms Expiring 2019:

Harvey Austin, Jr.

Todd Smith, Vice Chairman

Terms Expiring 2020

Steve Conley

Terms Expiring 2021:

Stephen Gould

Christopher Kruse

**Note:** Planning Board Members are also Comprehensive Planning members

**POLLUTION CONTROL PLANT**

Telephone: 474-6909

Brent Dickey, Superintendent

Joshua Chartrand, Mechanic (R 9/2/16)

Gary Cowan II (A 10/4/16)

Lawrence Delano, Operator

Thomas Smith, Assistant Operator

(TR 6/20/17)

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Telephone: 474-3400

Shawn Howard, Fire Chief

Richard Caldwell, Captain

Linwood Corson

Jason Frost, Captain

Scott Libby

Matthew Quinn (A 7/5/16)

Michael S. Savage, Captain

Ty Strout

Daryl Wyman

**FIRE DEPARTMENT CHAPLAINE-1 YEAR**

Rev. Mark Tanner

**CALL FIREFIGHTERS**

Seth Abbott

Joseph Almand

Jimmy Bigelow

Bradley Bosworth

Danny Bosworth

Richard Bradford

Jordan Burdet

Josh Corson

William Crawford

Shawn Enright

Nicholas Gilman

Ashley Higgins

Derrick Kinney

Bryan LaPointe

Thomas Lyons, Jr.

Michael McKenney

Matthew Morin (Ret 9/1/16)

Alan Nickerson

Timothy Pomelow (A8/8/16)

Devin Provencal

Nicholas Quimby

Matthew Quinn (FT 7/5/16)

Tyler Savage

Ian Shalit

Joshua Stewart (A2/24/17)

Scott Washburn

Eric Witham

**FIRE WARDEN**

Shawn Howard, Fire Chief

**DEPUTY FIRE WARDENS**

Richard Caldwell  
Linwood Corson  
Jason Frost  
Scott Libby  
Matthew Quinn (A 7/5/16)  
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  
June Lowe

**SKOWHEGAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD MEMBERS – 1 YR TERMS**

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

**HEALTH OFFICER – 5 YR TERM**

Telephone: 474-6201

Timothy Malyk- 2019

**2015 FAÇADE COMMITTEE EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2017**

Steve Gould  
Shahla Khan  
Christopher Perkins  
Bill Primemerman  
Donna Russakoff

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Telephone: 474-6908

Donald Bolduc, Chief  
(Ret. 8/31/16) (Rehired 9/1/16) (R 4/9/17)  
Joel Cummings, Sergeant  
Don Avery, Sergeant  
Hebert Oliver, Sergeant  
Katelyn Nichols, Detective  
Kelly Hooper, Detective (R 1/6/17)  
Joshua King, Detective Sergeant  
(R 11/16/16)  
Erin Brown, Admin. Asst. (R 10/3/16)  
Abigail Viera, Admin. Asst. (A 12/12/16)

**Police Officers**

Michael Bachelder  
Ryan Blakeney  
Jacob Boudreau  
David Bucknam (A 3/7/17)  
David Daigneault, School Resource Officer  
Brian Gardiner (A 5/24/17)  
James Gordon III (R 7/26/16)  
Kyle Haseltine, (R 5/21/17)  
William Kulakowski (R 9/18/16)  
Christopher Viera  
Tifani P.V. Warren (A 3/14/17)  
Timothy Williams

**Reserve Police Officers**

Ronnie Blodgett  
Toby Blodgett  
Teresa Brown  
Garrett Buzzell  
Brian Crater  
Jason Gayne (R 2/28/17)  
James Gordon III (R 7/26/16)  
Kyle Haseltine  
Mike Pike  
Ian Shalit

**Constables**

Don Avery (A 5/17/17)  
Donald Bolduc (R 4/9/17)  
Herbert Oliver (A 5/17/17)

**PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING COMMITTEE  
TERMS EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2017  
(New committee formed 7/22/14)**

**Voting Members**

Fire Chief: Shawn Howard  
Donald Bolduc (R 4/8/17)  
CEO: Randall Gray  
Road Commissioner: Greg Dore  
Selectman: Darla Pickett and Paul York  
Primary Citizens:

Steven Conley  
Beverly Fitzsimmons  
Stephen Gould  
Warren Shay  
Steven Spaulding

Alternate Citizens:

Todd Smith  
Vacant

**Non-voting Members**

Town Manager: Christine Almand  
Fire Captains:  
Michael Savage  
Vacant  
Deputy Police Chief: Vacant

**ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER –  
1 YEAR TERMS**

Sharon Kinney  
Alternate Animal Control Officer-  
Cara Mason  
Alternate Animal Control Officer-  
Jason Gayne (A 4/11/17)

**FENCE VIEWERS – 1 YEAR TERMS**

Darla Pickett  
Donald Skillings

**SURVEYOR OF LUMBER –  
1 YEAR TERM**

Felix Quirion

**RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
1 YEAR TERMS**

Carol Jarvais (R 11/4/16)

Colin Quinn  
Carlene Sirois  
F. Roderick Stevens  
Rupert White  
Kevin Withee

**CEMETERY SEXTON – 1 YEAR TERM**

Telephone: 474-9316

Mark Bossie

**CEMETERY COMMITTEE**

Mark Bossie, Sexton  
Melvin Burnham  
Mary Lou Holden Mollerus  
Carl McKenney  
Gene Rouse, Chairman  
Donald Skillings, Selectman's Rep.  
Steve Spaulding, Vice Chairman  
(R 1/13/17)  
Felix Quirion, Honorary Member  
Gail R. Pelotte, Secretary

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

Bill Finley - 2017  
Warren Shay - 2018  
Christopher Perkins – 2019, Chairman  
Cara Mason, Secretary

**.ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

Bradley Corson - 2017  
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 2017:

Jessica Dionne  
Judie McCarthy, Secretary (R 4/11/17)  
Gail Kay, Chairman  
Andre Pied

Terms Expiring 2018:

Theresa Taylor  
Robert Washburn  
Shirley Whittemore, Vice-Chairman

Terms Expiring 2019:  
Andy Russakoff  
Evalyn Bowman

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION –  
5 YEAR TERMS**

Term Expiring 2018  
Joseph Dembeck IV  
Derek Ellis, Chairman  
Corey Johnson

Term Expiring 2019  
Robert McGorty, Vice Chairman

Term Expiring 2020  
Corey Hinkle  
Tristen Hinkle  
Sherri Vigue

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

Term expiring 2017:  
Darla Pickett, Selectmen's Rep.

Term expiring 2018:  
Jeff Evans

**BUDGET/FINANCE COMMITTEE  
3 YEAR TERMS**

Terms Expiring 2017:  
Rebekah Shankar  
Judi York

Terms Expiring 2018  
Michelle Cummings (A 2/14/17)  
Patrick Dore  
Ida Earle (A 3/28/17)  
John Grohs  
Christopher Kruse  
Ann Spaulding (R 1/13/17)

Terms Expiring 2019:

Jimmy Carrier (R 4/11/17)  
David James (A 2/14/17)  
Gene Rouse  
Christian Savage

**LAKE GEORGE COMMITTEE –  
3 YEAR TERMS EXPIRING 2017**

Stephen Dionne  
Karen Hart, Secretary (Term Exp)  
J P Kennedy  
Iver Lofving (Term Exp)  
John Martin (Term Exp)  
Warren Shay

**RUN OF RIVER COMMITTEE**

Gregory Dore  
Clayton Cole (A 1/24/17)  
Jason Cooke (A 1/24/17)  
Bill Finley  
Jason Gayne (A 1/24/17)  
Karen Hart  
Denise LeBlanc  
Jeff McCabe  
Craig Taylor  
Taylor Walker (A 1/24/17)  
Anna Staehli Wiser (A 1/24/17)

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

Sally Dwyer  
Vicki Alward  
Sam Hight  
Christine Almand  
Amber Lambke  
Donald Skillings

**OPERA HOUSE COMMITTEE  
1 YEAR TERM**

Cara Mason  
Jeff Hewett  
Jon Kimbell  
Bradley Adams  
Julie Cooke  
Jim Preble

## **ELECTION OFFICIALS**

### **OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR OF VOTERS TWO YEAR TERMS EXPIRING 1/1/2019**

Joan Farnsworth, Registrar of Voters  
Evalyn Bowman, Deputy Registrar of Voters  
Alice Souther, Deputy Registrar of Voters  
Gail Pelotte, Town Clerk/Deputy Registrar of Voters  
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  
Connie Sukeforth, Deputy Registrar of Voters

### **VOTER REGISTRATION APPEALS BOARD**

Carole Clement, Chair-Term Expiring 3/13/2020 – 4 Year Term  
Linda Smith, Democrat – Term Expiring 3/13/2018 – 3 Year Term  
Christopher Perkins, Republican – Term Expiring 3/13/2018 – 3 Year Term

### **ELECTION/BALLOT CLERKS TERMS EXPIRING May 1, 2018 2 YEAR TERMS**

#### **Democrats**

Lorraine Arsenault  
Jane Arthur  
Judith Bowzer  
Melvin Burnham  
Phyllis Chamberlain  
Carole Clement  
Kathryn Evans  
Olivia Gray  
Rose Gray  
Bertha Irwin  
Richard Irwin, Sr.  
Laurie Lightbody  
Janet McGowan  
Theresa Norman  
Charlene Plourde  
Margaret Reid  
Maxine Russakoff  
Linda Smith  
Richard Smith  
Carole Withee

#### **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  
E. Gene Rouse  
Frances Savage  
Ann Spaulding

Voter Registration Report  
July 1 2016 to June 30 2017  
To the Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Skowhegan

The following meetings and elections were held during this period:

Maine General and Referendum Election, November 8, 2016,  
RSU#54/MSAD#54 Bond Referendum, November 8, 2016,  
Municipal Referendum, November 8, 2016.

Annual Town Meeting, June 12, 2017.

State of Maine Special Referendum Election, June 13, 2017,  
RSU#54/SAD#54 Budget Referendum, June 13, 2017 and  
RSU#54/SAD#54 School Revolving Renovation Fund Referendum  
June 13, 2017.

Skowhegan Municipal Election, June 13, 2017.

Of interest at the Municipal Election was the registration of new  
younger voters.

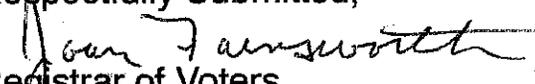
It will be interesting to see what the turnout of young voters is this  
June.

At the first of the year much time is spent verifying nomination  
petitions, requests for warrant articles and Clean Elections funds.

The number of voters presently registered is:

Democrats 1983  
Republicans 1885  
Green Independents 192  
Unenrolled 2311  
Libertarians 10. Total 6381

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Registrar of Voters

## DIRECTORY OF REPRESENTATIVES

### Federal United States Senate

Senator Susan M. Collins or 68 Sewall Street, Rm 507  
413 Dirksen Senate Office Building Augusta, Maine 04330  
Washington DC 20510 (207) 622-8414  
(202) 224-2523

Senator Angus King or 4 Gabriel Drive, Suite 3  
133 Hart Building Augusta, Maine 04330  
Washington DC 20510 (207) 622-8292  
(202) 224-5344

### U.S. Representatives to Congress

Congressman Bruce Poliquin or 6 State Street, Suite 101  
1208 Longworth House Office Building Bangor, Maine 04240  
Washington DC 20515 (207) 942-0583  
(202)225-6306

**State of Maine**  
**House of Representatives**  
Clerk's Office  
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Augusta Maine 04333-0002

District 107  
Representative Betty Austin  
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Skowhegan ME 04976  
Cell: (207) 431-4287  
State House: (207) 287-1400  
Email: [bettya415@gmail.com](mailto:bettya415@gmail.com)  
State House Email: Rep [Betty.Austin@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:Betty.Austin@legislature.maine.gov)

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

Senate District 3  
Senator Rodney Whittemore  
PO Box 96  
Skowhegan Maine 04976  
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Business (207) 474-2591  
State House: (207) 287-1505  
[rodwhittemore@gmail.com](mailto:rodwhittemore@gmail.com)



# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002  
(207) 287-1400  
TTY: (207) 287-4469

## **Betty A. Austin**

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

[Betty.Austin@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:Betty.Austin@legislature.maine.gov)

Dear Skowhegan Neighbors:

Thank you for the opportunity to continue to serve residents of Skowhegan in the 128<sup>th</sup> 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 roughly 400 bills.

One of our top priorities will be implementing recommendations from the Task Force to Address the Opioid Crisis in the State, which completed its work last fall. Their recommendations include bettering prevention efforts and law enforcement resources and increasing treatment options.

This is a serious issue and we must do more to protect Maine families. You can access the final report at: <http://legislature.maine.gov/uploads/originals/opioidtffinalrpt-3.pdf>

I am proud to continue to serve as a member of the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation. The committee's work of preserving Maine's roads and bridges and the infrastructure our businesses rely on to be successful continues to be a top priority.

Please contact me if I can be of any help to you or your family or if you want to discuss or testify on any legislation. You can email me at [Betty.Austin@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:Betty.Austin@legislature.maine.gov) or call me at 207-431-4287. I also send out e-newsletters from time to time. If you'd like to receive them, please send me an email and I'll make sure you're added to the list.

Respectfully,

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

Betty Austin  
State Representative



## **Annual Report**

A Message from Senator Rod Whittemore

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

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

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

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

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

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

While we accomplished much, there is still a lot of work ahead of us next session. Again, thank you for putting your trust in me to represent you in Augusta. Please feel free to contact me if you need help in navigating the state bureaucracy. I can be reached at home at 474-6703 or in Augusta at 287-1505. I can also be reached by email at [rodney.whittemore@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:rodney.whittemore@legislature.maine.gov). Thank you for allowing me to be your senator.

Sincerely,

Senator Rod Whittemore

Dear Friends:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

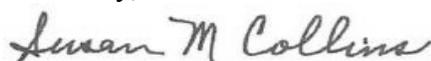
Growing our economy remains a top priority. I supported the comprehensive tax reform bill because it will help lower- and middle-income families keep more of their hard-earned money; boost the economy; and encourage businesses, both small and large, to grow and create jobs here in Maine and around the country. This legislation contains key provisions I authored that are important to Mainers, including preserving the deduction

for state and local taxes, expanding the deduction for medical expenses, and enabling public employees such as firefighters, teachers, and police officers, as well as clergy and employees of nonprofits, to make “catch-up” contributions to their retirement accounts. I led the effort to ensure that the tax cut will not trigger automatic budget cuts to Medicare or any other programs.

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

I appreciate the opportunity to serve Somerset County and Maine in the United States Senate. If ever I can be of assistance to you, please contact my Augusta office at 207-622-8414 or visit my website at [www.collins.senate.gov](http://www.collins.senate.gov). May 2018 be a good year for you, your family, your community, and our state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan M. Collins".

Susan M. Collins  
United States Senator

ANGUS S. KING, JR.  
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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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

January 3, 2018

Dear Friends,

Representing Maine in the United States Senate is an honor.

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

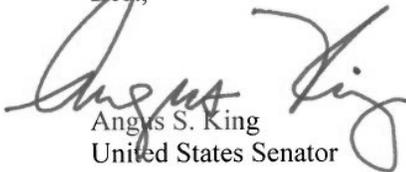
While my committee work is important, working to combat the opioid epidemic is one of my top priorities. Although Congress has made some important strides, much remains to be done to provide additional funding for prevention, treatment and enforcement. I am working with colleagues on both sides of the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

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

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

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

Best,



Angus S. King  
United States Senator

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PAUL R. LePAGE

GOVERNOR

Dear Citizens of Skowhegan:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Paul R. LePage'.

Paul R. LePage  
Governor

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-1902**

Town of Skowhegan  
225 Water St.  
Skowhegan, ME 04976

Fellow Mainers,

It is a true honor to serve on behalf of the honest and hardworking men and women of our Great State. As your Representative, I am proud that, by working with everyone – Republicans, Democrats, and Independents – we were able to achieve some major victories for Maine in 2017.

Creating and protecting jobs has been and remains one of my top priorities in Congress, and this year we had some big successes. Continuing our work from last Congress, I joined forces with Senators Collins and King to fight to ensure the Department of Defense uses American tax dollars to purchase American made products, like the shoes made by the nearly 900 hardworking Mainers at New Balance. Too often in the past, our foreign competitors made these shoes for our troops, but we won the fight this year and now those shoes can be made in the Pine Tree State. This is a huge victory for the 900 hardworking Mainers at New Balance in Skowhegan, Norway, and Norridgewock.

In addition, the House of Representatives voted 418 – 1 to pass my bill to help business development and job creation in Old Town, and the House Natural Resources Committee voted unanimously in favor of my bill to help worm and clam harvesters settle boundary disputes with Acadia National Park. These are two more big wins for job creation in Maine, and I will not let up one inch until they become law.

Thankfully, this year we stopped the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) in its tracks and fought against other unfair trade deals. I testified before the International Trade Commission (ITC) on behalf of Colombia Forest Products in Aroostook County when illegal Chinese products were hurting their business and threatening its 161 workers. I was thrilled the ITC ruled in favor of Mainers and against illegal Chinese manufacturers. Mainers are the hardest working people in the world and we can compete and win against anyone, but the rules must be fair.

As a new member of the House Veterans Affairs Committee, I created a Veterans Advisory Panel comprised of Maine Veterans from all corners of our Great State. This panel gives Maine Veterans a direct seat at the table and a voice in Washington, D.C. Together, we worked to address malpractice at Togus, resolved numerous late payments from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to several rural Maine hospitals, and settled dozens of Maine Veteran's disability claims at the VA.

Unacceptably, this past year multiple members of Congress committed sexual harassment in the workplace. This is reprehensible behavior and should not be tolerated anywhere. As the lead Republican, I joined Democrats and Republicans to pass a resolution that significantly changes outdated sexual harassment procedures in the House of Representatives. Employees should always feel safe and comfortable in their own workplace, and it is past time Congress resolves this issue.

Lastly, I am extremely proud of the services that our Congressional office has been able to provide to help hundreds of Mainers in the past two years. Whether it is helping a Veteran navigate the bureaucracy at the

VA, assisting an elderly Mainer with Medicare issues, or advising a Mainer with a case at the IRS, my office is always available to help. I encourage anyone who is experiencing problems with a government agency, including our Veterans when dealing with the VA, to contact one of my Congressional offices in Maine—Bangor (942-0583), Lewiston (784-0768), Caribou (492-1600)—or visit my website at [Poliquin.House.Gov](http://Poliquin.House.Gov).

We have made great progress, but our work is far from over. The Great State of Maine and our Nation face many critical challenges. Please know that I am working hard, every day, to serve you and that I will continue to work here at home and in Washington D.C. for our families, Veterans, elderly Mainers, local small businesses and communities. It is an honor to represent you and our fellow Mainers in Congress.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bruce Poliquin". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Bruce Poliquin  
Maine's 2<sup>nd</sup> District Congressman

Town Manager, Christine Almand

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# Town of Skowhegan

## Town Manager

225 Water Street  
Skowhegan, Maine 04976



## TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT 2017

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 15<sup>th</sup> and March 15<sup>th</sup>. 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 more people are taking 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 in early September and ends in early October. 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 black ink, appearing to read "C. Almand", written over a light blue horizontal line.

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, 2017 and on or before April 1, 2018, 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 706 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, 2019, for the 2019-2020 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, 2019, any widow or minor children of veterans who would have been 62 years of age as of April 1, 2019 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, 2019. 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, 2019 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, 2019 can apply for a Homestead Exemption. The application needs to be received by April 1, 2019. This exemption from taxation went into effect in 1998. We are assuming that it will be available in 2019 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

**2016 Uncollected Real Estate Taxes  
As of April 1, 2018**

<b>SINCYR, DAVID A</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,780.43</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,780.43</b>

**2017 Uncollected Real Estate Taxes  
As of April 1, 2018**

<b>ALLMENDINGER, MARY (THOMPSON)</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>126.72</b>
<b>AMES, ROBERT A</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,673.80</b>
<b>BAILEY, WANDA MARIE</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,255.16</b>
<b>BARRETT, DOUGLAS</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>938.70</b>
<b>BARRETT, DOUGLAS</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,128.05</b>
<b>BARRETT, DOUGLAS</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,145.92</b>
<b>BARRETT, DOUGLAS - TRUSTEE</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,340.62</b>
<b>BARRETT, DOUGLAS - TRUSTEE</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,378.37</b>
<b>BARRETT, DOUGLAS - TRUSTEE</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,205.53</b>
<b>BARRETT, DOUGLAS - TRUSTEE</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>3,969.09</b>
<b>BARRETT, DOUGLAS - TRUSTEE</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>4,642.59</b>
<b>BEANE, STEVEN</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>267.78</b>
<b>BEANE, STEVEN A SR</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>805.59</b>
<b>BEAUSCHESNE, JACOB</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,868.49</b>
<b>BELANGER, DUSTIN</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,973.01</b>
<b>BLODGETT, KERT</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,000.29</b>
<b>BOLDUC, ALEX KIM</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,216.18</b>
<b>BORDWICK, PETER</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>37.81</b>
<b>BOUCHARD, LUCILLE M</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,445.27</b>
<b>BRAGDON, PETER</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>3,092.33</b>
<b>BROADLEY, GLENN</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,561.01</b>
<b>BROWN, NICOLE L</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>553.02</b>
<b>BURNS, TIMOTHY J - LIFE ESTATE</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,763.20</b>
<b>BUSSELL, APRIL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>142.01</b>
<b>CAIN, JOE</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>171.10</b>
<b>CEMEDO INC</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>749.96</b>
<b>CHAPMAN, LAURA ANITA - LIFE EST</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,067.84</b>
<b>CIPRIANO, ANTHONY</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>3,275.11</b>
<b>CLARK, EZRA</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>708.83</b>
<b>CLIFFORD, MARY JANE</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>658.69</b>
<b>CLOTHIER, MONIQUE</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>84.41</b>
<b>COOLEY, DEVIN S</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,225.83</b>
<b>CORSON, DOUGLASS M</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,919.49</b>
<b>CORSON, RENEE A</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>817.51</b>
<b>COWETTE, KIM - LIFE ESTATE</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>438.04</b>
<b>CURRIER, REBECCA A</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,189.30</b>
<b>DAUPHINEE, TY E</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>700.89</b>
<b>DAVIS, DANIELLE</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,099.13</b>
<b>DAWES, TAMMY (COWETTE)</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>267.19</b>
<b>DAY, GILES W IV</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>335.69</b>
<b>DERBYSHIRE, JAMES A</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>885.06</b>
<b>DERBYSHIRE, JAMES A</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,000.29</b>

2017 Uncollected Real Estate Taxes (continued)

DICKISON, DOUGLAS	\$	1,023.94
DORE, MAURICE ROBERT JR	\$	382.89
DUDLEY, JOHN C	\$	1,137.98
DUMAS, BOBBI-JO A	\$	1,546.65
EAST COAST MERCHANT SERVICES INC	\$	993.08
EATON MOUNTAIN INC	\$	2,521.90
ENCOR SKOWHEGAN DRIVE-IN CORP	\$	628.76
ENCOR SKOWHEGAN DRIVE-IN CORP	\$	610.89
FOLSOM, CHRITOPHER M	\$	391.72
FOSS, APRIL	\$	187.72
FOSTER, RICHARD R	\$	1,707.58
FREDERICK, RYAN M	\$	1,275.06
GEORGE, ERNEST J	\$	751.95
GILBERT, JUSTIN	\$	418.17
GOVIER, VIRGINIA F	\$	1,185.05
GRAF, ROBERT M	\$	468.47
GRAF, ROBERT MICHAEL SR	\$	477.78
GRAF, ROBERT SR	\$	28.31
GRAY, DANIEL A	\$	382.42
GRAY, DANIEL A	\$	2,553.93
GREENE, BRIAN	\$	132.08
GREGOR, KIMBERLY	\$	157.92
GUO, SHIYING - PERS REP	\$	91.86
H & S FOUR, LLC	\$	62.18
HARTLEY, STACEY C	\$	775.14
HARVILLE, THOMAS W	\$	1,608.24
HARVILLE, THOMAS W	\$	718.17
HARVILLE, THOMAS W	\$	938.70
HARVILLE, THOMAS W	\$	1,687.70
HARVILLE, THOMAS W	\$	1,417.51
HARVILLE, THOMAS W	\$	1,000.29
HARVILLE, THOMAS W	\$	1,038.04
HAYDEN, HEIDI	\$	859.24
HAYDEN, HEIDI	\$	269.56
HEALEY-SAVAGE, ANNMARIE	\$	1,633.35
HEWETT, LORI	\$	1,699.62
HIGGINS, MICHAEL A	\$	223.63
HINERMAN, REX	\$	364.18
HJORT, ALFRED J	\$	1,268.50
HOLT, NANCY L -ESTATE OF	\$	724.13
HORSIN' AROUND HOLDING COMPANY LLC	\$	1,768.49
HORTON, SHEILA A	\$	449.96
HYDE, CYNTHIA	\$	1,124.07
JARVIS, ROBERT	\$	269.17
JEWELL, GREGORY W	\$	1,310.23
JOHNSON, BRIAN L	\$	357.40
JOHNSON, CYPRIEN J	\$	3,189.69
JOHNSON, NICHOLE M	\$	310.94
JOYCE, RAYMOND A - ESTATE OF	\$	2,011.55
KEATEN, DEREK	\$	230.04
KEENE, MARTHA S	\$	761.88
KEITHAN, JAMES A - LIFE ESTATE	\$	715.31
KIMBALL, TIMOTHY	\$	1,079.76

2017 Uncollected Real Estate Taxes (continued)

KING, ROXANN	\$	479.75
KINGSBURY, DAVID L	\$	1,606.29
KINNEY, DENNIS G	\$	1,207.04
KNIGHT, KATHLEEN H	\$	1,441.35
KNOWLTON, DALE P	\$	1,777.11
KRAMER, KENT D	\$	1,518.83
LABELLE, PAUL	\$	998.31
LACASSE, JESSE W	\$	2,908.17
LACASSE, KAREN J	\$	1,030.09
LACASSE, RICHARD	\$	1,395.65
LACASSE, RICHARD	\$	483.73
LACASSE, RICHARD A	\$	1,308.23
LACASSE, RICHARD A	\$	1,533.34
LACASSE, RICHARD A	\$	2,528.10
LACASSE, RICHARD A	\$	1,334.06
LACASSE, RICHARD A	\$	2,147.25
LACASSE, RICHARD A	\$	1,381.74
LEMIEUX, DANA A	\$	749.96
LITTLEJOHN, DARLENE	\$	366.52
LOCKE, ROLAND H	\$	674.47
LYONS, STEVEN	\$	95.88
MALLARD, ROBERT JR	\$	3,903.63
MARCUE, LESLIE A	\$	1,401.61
MCCARTHY, AMBROSE	\$	3,422.73
MCCARTHY, AMBROSE	\$	183.74
MCCARTHY, AMBROSE G JR	\$	2,347.90
MCCARTHY, AMBROSE G JR	\$	499.74
MCCARTHY, AMBROSE G JR	\$	1,816.84
MCCARTHY, AMBROSE G JR	\$	466.45
MCCARTHY, AMBROSE G JR	\$	466.45
MCCARTHY, AMBROSE G JR	\$	473.80
MCCARTHY, PHILLIP	\$	136.06
MCGOWAN, ROBERT W	\$	602.94
MCGRAW, MARSHA & GERALD	\$	184.94
MCGREGOR, ELLEN	\$	1,777.11
MEADER, KEVIN L	\$	2,355.25
MECEDO, LLC	\$	765.85
MECEDO, LLC	\$	893.01
MERROW, TIMOTHY J	\$	1,561.15
MILLER, EDGAR A	\$	2,256.12
MILLER, MARILYN	\$	1,187.05
MILLER, MARILYN J	\$	412.22
MILLETT, MONYA R - HEIRS OF	\$	2,069.15
MULLEN, BEVERLY E	\$	291.80
MULLEN, TONY	\$	465.86
NICKERSON, DYLAN E	\$	596.98
PAGE, FRANK T - PERS REP	\$	645.56
PATURZO, RONALD	\$	1,596.31
PERKINS, BRUCE A JR	\$	551.29
PERKINS, BRUCE L	\$	498.24
PERKINS-LOMBARD, TINA L	\$	900.59
PETERS, JAMES J	\$	1,804.92
PIERCE, KIM D	\$	2,103.64

2017 Uncollected Real Estate Taxes (continued)

PLOURDE, GARRETT J	\$	1,503.53
POMERLEAU, VIRGINIA M	\$	1,079.07
PRENTISS, GORDON	\$	2,134.72
PRESCOTT, MARY J	\$	1,833.34
PREVOST, DENNIS A - LIFE ESTATE	\$	1,075.78
PRICE, CHRISTOPHER J	\$	1,277.05
QUIMBY, GEORGE A	\$	758.51
ROLLINS, ARNOLD S	\$	1,658.50
ROODE, MARY O	\$	612.11
ROONEY, ANNABELLE - LIFE EST	\$	1,761.20
ROSE, GLEN	\$	302.94
SALISBURY, KRISTINA L & NORMA M	\$	726.72
SALISBURY, PETER A	\$	912.38
SALISBURY, RICHARD N - EST OF	\$	2,106.91
SANBORN, JAMEY	\$	563.21
SANBORN, JAMEY	\$	559.23
SANBORN, JAMEY	\$	2,296.25
SAWYER, HERBERT - HEIRS OF	\$	370.49
SCRIBNER, DAVID A	\$	1,967.84
SHAW, NORMAN	\$	539.36
SHAW, NORMAN	\$	1,592.33
SHAW, NORMAN R	\$	1,469.17
SHAW, NORMAN R	\$	765.85
SHAW, NORMAN R	\$	1,453.27
SILL, SONDRRA	\$	391.59
SINCYR, CHESTER W	\$	1,436.19
SINCYR, CHESTER W	\$	650.62
SINCYR, DAVID A	\$	1,646.58
SIROIS, GLORIA F - LIFE ESTATES	\$	1,479.10
STARKEY, JOHN A JR - PR	\$	103.22
SULLIVAN, GERALD	\$	1,101.62
SYLVESTER, JAMES H	\$	616.56
TADLOCK, SHANNON	\$	2,073.13
TANNER, DEBORAH D (BROWN)	\$	2,657.84
TANNER, MARK K	\$	1,755.86
TANNER, MARK K	\$	1,956.51
TESSIER, RICHARD W/LOUISE M - LE	\$	4,006.23
TRACY, MARY ANNE	\$	1,507.51
TRAFTON, LEON E	\$	129.73
TURNER, MICHAEL	\$	2,128.85
WASHBURN, RANDY L	\$	2,048.17
WASHBURN, TIMOTHY M JR	\$	1,493.00
WATERVILLE OAKS, LLC	\$	3,618.81
WENTWORTH, VAUGHN A ET AL	\$	5,339.34
WHITE, CHRISTOPHER	\$	428.71
WHITE, CHRISTOPHER D	\$	486.36
WHITE, CHRISTOPHER D - PERS REP	\$	108.25
WHITE, JOSHUA	\$	1,990.89
WWF PROPERTIES LLC	\$	78.83
WYMAN, JOSEPH	\$	247.76
WYMAN, JOSEPH	\$	124.04
TOTAL	\$	236,577.54

**2008 Uncollected Personal Property Taxes  
As of April 1, 2018**

<b>FRENCHYS DINER</b>	<b>\$ 162.39</b>
<b>JAMES DERBYSHIRE LLC</b>	<b>\$ 2,401.60</b>
<b>M &amp; D LP GAS SERVICE</b>	<b>\$ 80.00</b>
<b>MISNER, DANIEL</b>	<b>\$ 707.20</b>
<b>NORTH AVE CAR WASH</b>	<b>\$ 83.20</b>
<b>SKOWHEGAN VILLAGE PIZZA</b>	<b>\$ 160.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 3,594.39</b>

**2009 Uncollected Personal Property Taxes  
As of April 1, 2018**

<b>FRENCHYS DINER</b>	<b>\$ 192.60</b>
<b>JAMES DERBYSHIRE LLC</b>	<b>\$ 2,409.11</b>
<b>M &amp; D LP GAS SERVICE</b>	<b>\$ 80.25</b>
<b>MISNER, DANIEL</b>	<b>\$ 709.41</b>
<b>SKOWHEGAN VILLAGE PIZZA</b>	<b>\$ 160.50</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 3,551.87</b>

**2010 Uncollected Personal Property Taxes  
As of April 1, 2018**

<b>EMPIRE GRILL</b>	<b>\$ 105.67</b>
<b>FRENCHYS DINER</b>	<b>\$ 186.48</b>
<b>JAMES DERBYSHIRE LLC</b>	<b>\$ 2,332.55</b>
<b>M &amp; D LP GAS SERVICE</b>	<b>\$ 83.45</b>
<b>MATT POWERS BUILDERS</b>	<b>\$ 4.50</b>
<b>MISNER, DANIEL</b>	<b>\$ 686.87</b>
<b>SCOTT SIROIS CONSTRUCTION</b>	<b>\$ 46.62</b>
<b>WILL FOSTER BUILDERS</b>	<b>\$ 8.26</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 3,454.40</b>

**2011 Uncollected Personal Property Taxes  
As of April 1, 2018**

<b>CENTRAL MAINE WREATH</b>	<b>\$ 1.15</b>
<b>CHARRIERS RESTAURANT &amp; LOUNGE</b>	<b>\$ 627.75</b>
<b>GARDEN ISLAND OF SKOWHEGAN</b>	<b>\$ 1,718.95</b>
<b>MATT POWERS BUILDERS</b>	<b>\$ 62.00</b>
<b>MCCARTHY, AMBROSE G JR</b>	<b>\$ 621.46</b>
<b>MISNER LAWN CARE</b>	<b>\$ 499.10</b>
<b>SCOTT SIROIS CONSTRUCTION</b>	<b>\$ 46.50</b>
<b>WASHBURN &amp; CO, LLC CONSTRUCTION</b>	<b>\$ 62.00</b>
<b>WILL FOSTER BUILDERS</b>	<b>\$ 62.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 3,700.91</b>

2012 Uncollected Personal Property Taxes  
As of April 1, 2018

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, 2018

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, 2018

CENTRAL MAINE WREATH	\$	167.28
CHAPTER 11	\$	82.00
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	\$	4,128.52

2015 Uncollected Personal Property Taxes  
As of April 1, 2018

CENTRAL MAINE WREATH	\$ 174.93
CHAPTER 11	\$ 85.75
CUSTOM STRUCTURES	\$ 68.60
DECATO BUILDERS	\$ 32.58
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 SUNSATIIONS -IND SUMMR	\$ 10.29
WASHBURN & CO, LLC CONSTRUCTION	\$ 68.60
WASHBURN ENT. LLC D/B/A CMFF	\$ 1,684.13
TOTAL	\$ 6,031.64

2016 Uncollected Personal Property Taxes  
As of April 1, 2018

CENTRAL MAINE WREATH	\$ 190.32
CHAPTER 11	\$ 91.50
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	\$ 82.35
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
SKOWHEGAN ELECTRIC MOTOR INC	\$ 1.01
SPENCER AUTO BODY	\$ 91.50
SPICE OF LIFE	\$ 151.89
TADPOLE ACADEMY - DAYCARE FACILITY	\$ 5.49
TROPICAL SUNSATIIONS -IND SUMMR	\$ 10.98
WASHBURN ENT. LLC D/B/A CMFF	\$ 1,544.52
TOTAL	\$ 6,742.65

2017 Uncollected Personal Property Taxes  
As of April 1, 2018

CENTRAL MAINE WREATH	\$ 152.32
CHAPTER 11	\$ 95.20
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
HIGH VOLTAGE ELECTRIC	\$ 0.57
HORSIN' AROUND CHILDCARE	\$ 85.68
HURRICANE CLEANERS	\$ 118.05
JEN'S HAIR STUDIO	\$ 59.02
KEYBANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION	\$ 55.22
KNUCKLE BUSTERS GARAGE	\$ 95.20
LACASSE SHOE REPAIR	\$ 207.54
M & D CAR WASH INC - EAST FRNT	\$ 717.57
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
R. F. AUTOMOTIVE	\$ 1.17
REJUVENATE SALON	\$ 59.02
SALLYS TOP HAT SCHOOL OF DANCE	\$ 13.33
SANDY & DAUGHTER, INC.	\$ 811.10
SCOTT SIROIS CONSTRUCTION	\$ 57.12
SKOWHEGAN CHIROPRACTIC	\$ 190.40
SKOWHEGAN ELECTRIC MOTOR INC	\$ 121.86
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
WASHBURN ENT. LLC D/B/A CMFF	\$ 1,561.28
TOTAL	\$ 8,440.98

## SKOWHEGAN BOARD OF ASSESSORS REPORT

To the Citizens and Taxpayers of Skowhegan:

The tax rate for the fiscal year 2018, beginning 7/1/2017 and ending 6/30/2018, was \$20.00 per thousand.

Our revaluation was completed by Vision Government Solutions, and the new valuations were used to set the mill rate for this year. Our commitment of taxes was in October this year which was later than usual because of the finalization of the revaluation. The revaluation was a very time consuming project. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the taxpayers for their cooperation and understanding during the past year.

Skowhegan has a considerable industrial tax base. Major industrial accounts include the S.D. Warren Paper mill, the Weston Hydroelectric plant in the center of the town, and the Imerys precipitated calcium carbonate plant located at the S.D. Warren complex.

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 2018 fiscal year the tax commitment in Skowhegan raised the following net amounts:

1. The town of Skowhegan raised a net amount of \$5,393,421.78. Included in this town amount is a Downtown TIF appropriation of \$84,850.00. This was about 31.2% of the total tax and amounted to about \$6.23 per thousand of valuation.
2. SAD 54 raised a net amount of \$9,552,286.00 which comprises 54.3% of the total tax and amounted to \$10.87 per thousand of valuation.
3. Somerset County raised a net amount of \$2,546,406.93 which comprises 14.5% of the total or \$2.90 per thousand.

The growth in the Skowhegan tax base over the past year included 3 new homes valued at \$416,300, and one mobile home valued at \$33,700.

Qualifying taxpayers who reside in a home as their primary residence and who have an application on record with this office continued to receive an 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,

*Ronald F. Blaisdell*  
Ronald F. Blaisdell, Chairman

*John F. Grohs*  
John F. Grohs, V. Chairman

*Bonnie A. Baker*  
Bonnie A. Baker

**Town Clerk's Report  
July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017**

	<b>No. Issued</b>	<b>Paid to Town</b>	<b>Paid to State of Maine</b>
<b>INLAND FISHERIES &amp; WILDLIFE</b>			
Boat/Snowmobile/ATV			\$ 49,312.00
Hunting/Fishing Licenses			\$ 24,059.25
Sales Tax			\$ 12,803.71
Town Fees		\$4,832.75	
<b>Totals</b>		<b>\$4,832.75</b>	<b>\$ 86,174.96</b>
<b>DOG LICENSES</b>			
Male & Female	423	\$423.00	\$ 4,230.00
Neutered & Spayed	1327	\$1,327.00	\$ 3,981.00
Kennel Licenses	4	\$8.00	\$ 120.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1754</b>	<b>\$1,758.00</b>	<b>\$ 8,331.00</b>
<b>ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER FUND</b>		<b>\$9,471.00</b>	
<b>MUNICIPAL LICENSES</b>			
Victualer Licenses	49	\$1,440.00	
Pool Table/Bowling/Licenses	6	\$180.00	
Innkeeper Licenses	1	\$30.00	
Special Amusement Licenses	9	\$270.00	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>\$1,920.00</b>	
<b>OTHER SERVICES</b>			
Marriage Intentions Files	72	\$2,592.00	
Record Search	12	\$12.00	
Partnership	0	\$0.00	
Certified Copies	843	\$10,959.00	\$ 1,686.00
Add'l Certified Copies	570	\$3,192.00	\$ 228.00
Burial Permits	412	\$5,768.00	\$ 2,472.00
Business Names Recorded	7	\$70.00	
Non-resident Notary Fees	94	\$470.00	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2,010</b>	<b>\$23,063.00</b>	<b>\$ 4,386.00</b>

<b>Local Deaths Recorded</b>	<b>171</b>
<b>Marriage Returns Recorded &amp; Reported to State</b>	<b>70</b>
<b>Births Reported to State</b>	<b>196</b>
<b>Oaths Administered</b>	<b>177</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>614</b>

**Respectfully Submitted,**

*Gail R. Pelotte*

**Gail R. Pelotte  
Town Clerk**

*Town Clerk - Treasurer  
Tax Collector  
Telephone (207) 474-6902  
Fax (207) 474-9413*



*Human Resource – Finance Director  
Telephone (207) 474-6900  
Fax (207) 858-0320*

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

**TOWN CLERK/TREASURER REPORT  
July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017**

**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 forty-nine thousand three hundred fifty dollars (\$9,249,350.00). The town's appropriation to Somerset County was two million five hundred thirty-five thousand nine hundred ninety dollars and forty-six cents (\$2,535,990.46).**

**Higgins educational loans totaling thirty-three thousand dollars (\$33,000.00) were issued to seven graduates of Skowhegan Area High School's Class of 2016. 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 735 calls for service in 2017.

In 2017 the Fire Department made significant changes in health and wellness policies for fighters. Studies have shown that firefighters are at a higher risk of developing certain types of cancer. Lymphoma, brain, skin, prostate, colon, and testicular cancers are three to four times more prevalent in firefighters than the general public. These cancers enter the body through skin absorption.

Soot and particulates that adheres to firefighter's skin, clothing, gear, hoses, and tools is exposing firefighters to deadly carcinogens. One way to combat these issues is to properly decontaminate firefighters, clothing, and tools. We have adopted policies that require a firefighter to immediately remove contaminated gear after a fire and have that gear washed in a commercial washer/extractor. The firefighter is required to shower immediately when they return to the station.

All tools and equipment are decontaminated with industrial soaps and water after a fire. The next step in combating exposure to carcinogenic materials is through station design.

In 2017, the Skowhegan Fire Department began working with area fire departments to address the shortage of firefighters that is plaguing departments across the nation. Enhanced mutual aid for emergency calls has been successful in ensuring that we all can get enough firefighters to safely and effectively fight fires.

The drastic decrease in the number of trained firefighters in Maine means that fires that were handled with 1 or 2 departments in previous years, now require 6 to 8 departments to get enough firefighters. When the Skowhegan Fairgrounds burned in 1999, 12 departments responded with 144 firefighters. In contrast, a large apartment building fire on February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017 had 10 departments respond and less than 50 firefighters were on scene.

More mutual aid helps us to keep our citizens safe, ensuring an adequate response; it also means that our firefighters are called to more fires to assist other communities.

The department continues to provide a wide variety of emergency response for the citizens of Skowhegan. Structure fires, vehicle fires, accidents, grass and woods fires, fuel spills, and medical calls are all covered by the Skowhegan fire department. Additionally, the department has specialty teams for Hazardous Material spills, Technical Rescue (High Angle, Swift Water, Ice, Trench, Confined Space), and Rapid Intervention Teams for rescuing downed firefighters in a structure.

The Life Safety Inspection program continues to be successful. In 2017 the department inspected 134 apartments. There are currently 1300 apartment units in Skowhegan accounting for 34.1% of the population. The goal of the program is to ensure that all apartments are current with the State of Maine adopted Life Safety Code. Inspections are one more way that we are helping to make this community a safer place to live.

In closing, I would like to thank the Town Manager, the Board of Selectman, 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**  
**225 Water Street**  
**Skowhegan, Maine 04976**  
**207-474-6908**

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***David A. Bucknam, Chief***

***Joel W. Cummings, Deputy Chief***

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

Let me begin by saying I am honored to be serving as your Police Chief. I am very fortunate to have this opportunity as I am fully committed to giving everything I have to this department, the men and women under my command, and the residents of Skowhegan.

I would like to say thank you to Town Manager Christine Almand, Human Resource Director Trisha Austin and the board of Selectman for their confidence in my ability to lead this department. I greatly appreciate and am thankful to the men and women of the Skowhegan Police Department for accepting and supporting me as their new Chief.

This position is more than acting as an agency head; it comes with a great deal of responsibility to the agency and to the community. There are simple and evident expectations associated with the position, including such responsibilities as analyzing police issues within the Skowhegan Community, formulating policies and procedures within the organization, and overseeing the laws of this state and the town ordinances are administered and enforced impartially and fairly by our officers.

As the Police Chief, I have set the mission and vision statement for this agency; but it is the men and women working for the agency who set the standard. Since taking this position in July of 2017, the Skowhegan Police Department has focused on our community and its residents. The mission and vision statement reflect our dedication and commitment and can be viewed on the Skowhegan Police website.

Since becoming the Chief we've filled our ranks with new and veteran officers and staff. Kelly Woodard was hired as our administrative assistant, Joel Cummings was promoted to Deputy Chief, Don Avery was promoted to Detective Sergeant, Brian Gardiner was promoted to Patrol Sergeant, Michael Bachelder was promoted to Detective and we assigned an Officer as a Special Agent to the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency.

Since July we have increased officer training, working on creating subject matter experts in the areas of investigations, traffic reconstruction, drug recognition experts, roadside impairment, OUI certified instructors and we are currently working on Active Shooter Instructors who will be assisting the District with certified training courses. This training allows each officer to enhance their abilities within the community to keep everyone safe.

After taking this position, I was humbled by the untiring support we started receiving from the vast majority in this community. Business owners and residents have showed their support by the many positive interactions with our officers along with the letters and thoughtful gifts, such as homemade cookies and treats during holidays. I would be remiss not to mention the outstanding support businesses like Angelo's Pizza, The Bankery, Dunkin Donuts (Yes Donuts), Hannaford, and Wal-Mart have shown

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our agency during the few larger incidents we have encountered, with enough food to feed all the officers that were present. Our local schools have been an incredible source of inspiration and bring smiles to our faces with their letters of support letting us know we are appreciated and the "officer survival bags" which included items such as Smarties for wisdom and Tootsie Rolls to roll with the punches.

I want to acknowledge the efforts of the dedicated, hard-working, brave and loyal officers who perform at the highest of standards with unflagging determination and commitment to keep our community safe, even under extreme pressure and risk to their own personal safety. I encourage all Skowhegan residents to stop by the Police Department and meet this incredible group of men and women who are working for you. Our current roster is as follows:

Chief David Bucknam

Deputy Chief Joel Cummings  
Sergeant Hebert Oliver  
Sergeant Brian Gardiner  
Detective Sergeant Don Avery  
Detective Katelyn Nichols  
Detective Michael Bachelder  
SRO David Daigneault  
Patrol Officer Timothy Williams  
Patrol Officer Christopher Viera  
Patrol Officer Jacob Boudreau  
Patrol Officer Tifani Warren  
Patrol Officer Kelly Hooper  
Patrol Officer Amber Damon  
Patrol Officer Ryan Blakeney

Reserve Officer Garrett Buzzell  
Reserve Officer Teresa Brown  
Reserve Officer Ian Shalit  
Reserve Officer Kyle Haseltine  
Reserve Officer Mike Pike  
Reserve Officer Billie Hatfield  
Reserve Officer Jeremy Buzzell  
Reserve Officer Charlie Ball  
Reserve Officer Steve Gould  
Reserve Officer Scott Christiansen  
Administrative Assistant Kelly Woodard  
ACO Sharon Kinney

**I am looking forward to another great year and getting to know more citizens in this great community. Keeping Skowhegan a safe place to live, work and visit.**

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D.A. Bucknam".

David Bucknam  
Chief of Police

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## School Resource Officer

**2017-2018**

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

This is the fifteenth year the School Resource Officer (SRO) Program has been in existence in School District #54. This program was originally funded by the COPS in School grant but it has since expired. This position is now being funded by MSAD#54

The School Resource Officer is filled by a full-time Skowhegan Police Officer. The officer provides a visible police presence in the high school, middle school and Marti Stevens Learning Center.

My main objective is to build a positive relationship between students and staff. I act as a liaison between the school and the police department. I concentrate my efforts in three categories: teaching, counseling and enforcement.

I strive to achieve a safe learning environment for all and to be proactive as much as possible in this effort.

During the summer of 2017, I attended 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 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> 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 thirteenth year as a camp leader. Six youths from Skowhegan had the pleasure of attending camp in 2017. Currently, I have referred sixteen Skowhegan youths for camp in 2018.

During 2017/2018, I plan to concentrate my efforts in making the schools a drug-free environment and a safe haven for our youths. I also plan to become more involved in community programs that are focused on educating our youths.

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 summer of 2017 included the Swain Hill Road, Back Road, Union Street, Dartmouth Street, Dennis Street, Spring Street, Jones Street and South Factory street.

We also worked with the MDOT in another project on Fairview Avenue that was a 2” mill and fill, similar to the project we completed last year on the Norridgewock Avenue and high Street. This is a Municipal Partnership Initiative program and the MDOT pays 50% of all the costs. We are able to save the millings to be used on our gravel roads and shoulder work.

We have replaced the 2004 Sterling single axle dump truck with this 2018 Western Star single axle dump truck



We have replaced the 2008 Trackless sidewalk machine with a new 2018 Wacer Neuson which included a new snow blower, boom mower, v-plow, broom and forks.

In summary, we have had a very productive and exciting year working for the citizens of Skowhegan. We still strive diligently to meet your needs and take care of your complaints. 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.

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.

Sincerely,

*Gregory A. Dore*  
 Gregory A. Dore  
 Road Commissioner

Town of Skowhegan  
Municipal Building  
225 Water Street  
Skowhegan, ME 04976  
Email: [skowcode@skowhegan.org](mailto:skowcode@skowhegan.org)



*Randall D. Gray*  
Code Enforcement Officer  
Building Inspector-Plumbing Inspector  
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CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT  
July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017

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

From July 2016 through the end of June 2017, the Code Enforcement Department issued One hundred and twenty-two (122) building permits, fifty-five (55) interior plumbing permits, twenty-three (23) septic system permits, eighteen (18) Central Maine Power electrical forms, and thirteen (13) shoreland zone permits. The Town also issued five (5) sewer capacity reserve permits.

The Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code (MUBEC) has been in effect for five full 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 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.

Some of the new and relocated businesses in Skowhegan in the past year include: Meraki Salon, Miller Fitness, Senior Planning Center, Sandy & Daughter Self Storage, Civil Arms, Inc., Freedom Firearms, Cigaret Shopper, Mulligan's Café, Kennebec Stitchery and the Cornville Charter Early Childhood Center and downtown High School.

The Fire Department and Code Enforcement Department are continuing 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.

I want to thank my administrative assistant Cynthia Kirk for all of her help and hard work. As always, I have enjoyed working for the Town in 2017 and look forward to working with the Town in 2018.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Randall D. Gray*

Randall D. Gray  
Code Enforcement Officer  
Building – Plumbing Inspector

# Town of Skowhegan

225 Water Street  
Skowhegan, Maine 04976

Water Pollution Control Plant  
53 Joyce Street  
TEL (207) 474-6909

Brent Dickey  
Superintendent  
e-mail [skowpoll@skowhegan.org](mailto:skowpoll@skowhegan.org)



## WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PLANT 2016 - 2017 ANNUAL REPORT

To: The Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Skowhegan

Work continued this year on the Phase 3 Combined Sewer Overflow Abatement project approved at the June 2013 Annual Town Meeting. Five sewer improvement projects funded by an \$11,880,000 bond issued by the State of Maine Revolving Loan Fund will be completed over a six year period to eliminate the discharge of raw sewage to the Kennebec River when the sewer collection system is overloaded by storm water. Olver Associates of Winterport, Maine updated the Town's CSO Master Plan in 2012 and was awarded the contract 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. The new station has eliminated the frequent low volume CSO discharges that occurred with the old station and has greatly improved reliability.

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 will be replaced and a new separated storm drain will be built on Mt. Pleasant Avenue. The so-called Joyce Valley Sewer, constructed in 1905, that runs through the valley between Mt. Pleasant Avenue and Milburn Street east to Joyce Street will be converted to a storm drain. Construction began in June and is expected to be completed in November 2016.

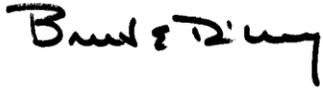
The Phase 3.5 CSO abatement project will involve replacement of the sewer main and separation of storm drains from the sanitary sewers on North Avenue and a limited amount of sewer separation work on lower Madison Avenue. The contract for this final phase of the planned work funded by

the CSO Bond has been awarded to Lou Silver, Inc. of Veazie, Maine for \$2,144,641.00. Construction began in June and will be completed in late November.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brent Dickey". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Brent Dickey  
Superintendent

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Randall D. Gray  
Solid Waste Management Supervisor  
CEO / Building-Plumbing Inspector  
Telephone: (207) 474-6904  
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Skowhegan Solid Waste Management Facility & Recycling Center Report  
July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017

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. This year we plan on partnering with another local business to collect additional food scraps. 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 been 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, it continues to be imperative now more than ever that the Town of Skowhegan increases its efforts to recycle in 2018. 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 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.

The Recycling Center processed 345 tons of cardboard, 49 tons of newspaper, 63 tons of mixed paper, 137 tons of metal, 12 tons of plastics, 15 tons of glass and 50 tons of material was sold or reused from the transfer station. Money received by the recycling facility from the sale of this recyclable material totaled over \$61,000. If this material were not recycled the town would have spent an additional \$57,800 in landfill tipping and hauling fees to dispose of the product. The recycling efforts of the community have resulted in a total savings of over \$119,278 from July 2016-June 2017. This savings includes both the sale of the recycled material and the avoidance of landfill tipping and hauling fees. Have you recycled today?

From July 2016-June 2017, the Transfer Station handled over 7,119 tons of municipal solid waste, construction demolition debris and other material disposed of through our transfer station and by commercial haulers at a cost of over \$490,000 in landfill tipping fees to the Town of Skowhegan tax payers. The Town also spent \$9,224.77 for the disposal of construction demolition chipped wood and clean wood, along with over 540 tires at a cost of \$918.00. The average household in the Town of Skowhegan disposes of 1500 pounds of trash per year. 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 new permit stickers are now available for sale. They are valid from January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2019. The cost of a permit sticker has now increased to \$10 each and are available at the Town Office and the Solid Waste Facility. This biannual sticker system helps to ensure that only Skowhegan residents are disposing waste at the Skowhegan Solid Waste Management Facility. **The Town of Skowhegan Solid Waste Management Ordinance states that the Solid Waste permit sticker shall be attached and displayed on the vehicle that it is issued to only.**

I would like to thank the Skowhegan citizens and businesses in their efforts to recycle as much as possible. I also thank my staff Clyde Merrill, Steven Foss, Al (Furnie) White, James Travers, Tom Smith and Cynthia Kirk, Administrative Assistant at the Solid Waste Management Facility for their dedication and hard work operating a very successful recycling program. **Remember, more recycling and composting equals less taxes!!!!**

If you have any questions or would like a tour of the Recycling Center, please contact me at 474-6904.

Respectfully submitted,

*Randall D. Gray*

Randall D. Gray,  
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 2018

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, while protecting the Town and its residents with safe, sound, and smart growth. 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 choose to leave the existing budget in place in case a second meeting occurs and will turn back the money not used for the next budget season. This allows us to be responsive to developments, in a timely manner and prudent with the resources the taxpayer gives us.

The Planning Board has worked hard in putting together recommendations to the Selectmen, concerning policy, a few new ordinances, changes in ordinances, and updates to ordinances. These are proposed policies, ordinances, changes, and updates that we believe are in the best interest of the town. Among these are:

- A proposed Traffic Calming Policy
- A Sex Offender Residency Restriction Ordinance
- A precious metals amendment to the Pawnbrokers Ordinance (State compliance driven)
- An Application, License and Permit Fees Ordinance
- Recommendation to appeal the decision to ban the sale of fireworks in Skowhegan
- Combining of the Special Amusement, Obscenities and Adult Entertainment Ordinances
- Updates to the Building Safety Ordinance

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

- Falls Estates Subdivision
- Various Flood Hazard and Shoreland Zoning Permits
- A new resident of Southgate Industrial park, Civil Arms

This year, as in the past, the Planning Board worked closely with Randall Gray, Code Enforcement Officer, 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 include; Steve Conley, Chairman, Todd Smith, Vice Chairman, Stephen Gould, Secretary, Ned Goff, Harvey Austin, Chris Kruse and Steve St. Pierre.

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](mailto:4pastorconley@gmail.com)

Respectfully Submitted,

*Steve Conley*

Steve Conley  
Skowhegan Planning Board Chairman

**SKOWHEGAN PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT and SKOWHEGAN COMMUNITY CENTER**



**2019 ANNUAL REPORT**

To the Board of Selectman and the Citizens of Skowhegan:

It is great pleasure to submit this brief report on behalf of the Skowhegan Parks & Recreation Department. We are extremely proud of our departments mission which is to actively courage, promote and to provide quality programs, parks, facilities and a variety of enrichment opportunities with a professional standard of excellence what enhances the quality of life for all citizens and visitors in the community.

We are a diverse and busy department which constantly responds to change. We will continue to play a leading role in determining the quality of life and character of our town as well as changing the way people live.

*Parks and Recreation have three values that make them essential services to communities:  
\*Economic Value \*Health and Environmental Benefits \*Social Importance*

**2018 Highlights:**

- **Host site for several District, Regional & State Tournaments & Competitions (MLB, MRPA Hot Shot, Cal Ripken, Babe Ruth, USTA, USTF, etc.)**
- **Maine Recreation & Park Association Past President**
- **Continuous support and sponsors from local business for our youth programs and the Community Center Events; team sponsorships, Thanksgiving Dinner, Community Events, Facility Improvements, etc...**
- **Community Center facilitated those in need during storm.**
- **Program, Activity & Facility use continues to be successful.**
- **Continuation of support & dedication from the hundreds of volunteers that make our programs and events successful & for the benefit of the families and especially the youth in the community.**
- **National Youth Sports Coaching Association 5 Star Community.**
- **Recognition and Active Involvement; Local, State, Regional & National Organizations (MRPA, NRPA, NNERPA, NEPA, MCDC and many organizations)**
- **Grant Recipient of several grants; USDA Summer Food Program, State Snowmobile Grant for the ITS 87 Trail maintenance for Skowhegan, Mercer & Norridgewock, New Balance Move More Kids Grant & Wal-Mart Foundation Community Grant.**
- **State Dept. of Conservation Land & Water Conservation Grant Review Board (LWCF)**
- **Continuous support from New Balance; Dooers for Dollars Program**
- **New Balance assistance with the need of athletic shoes & apparel for local children & families.**
- **Move More Kids year round program successes; Summer Outdoor Adventure Program and many seasonal youth & family programs.**
- **Summer Food Program Grant Funds & Feeding Site Success; Community Center, Lake George Camp Poduc & Lake George Regional Park.**
- **Rec. Dept. Program team recognition, team awards and championship**
- **Community Garden fully utilized.**
- **Collaboration with State Organizations & Association on Statewide Community Events; Great Maine Outdoor Weekend, MRPA/Red Claws Hot Shot Competition & MLBA Hit, Pitch & Run and many more.**
- **Successful Partnerships, Collaborations and Creative Outreach**

Our department would not be so successful without the dedicated, support and shared commitment of our Parks & Recreation staff, local officials, town departments, tax payers, advisory committee, community organizations, SAD #54 schools, local businesses and the hundreds of volunteers. Thank you all for your continued help, assistance, time and being a major team player throughout the year.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Denise LeBlanc, Director  
Parks & Recreation Department  
Community Center



Skowhegan Community Center  
and Parks & Recreation Dept.  
[www.skowhegan.org](http://www.skowhegan.org)



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**Director, Jeff Hewett**  
**E-mail:**  
**[jhewett@skowhegan.org](mailto:jhewett@skowhegan.org)**



**Town of Skowhegan**  
**Office of Economic & Community**  
**Development**



**Phone (207) 474-6905**  
**Fax (207) 474-9413**

**To the Citizens of the Town of Skowhegan:**

2017 has been a very busy year for the office we have been working on a large variety of projects such as the Town website to creating the enlarged Downtown TIF. 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 2017 Town wide Façade Grant Program, unfortunately we were unsuccessful in receiving that grant; but we are working hard on preparing for the 2018 Façade Grant application.

The office staff worked hard on revamping the Town Website and believes that we have a great site that is easier for the public to use. The new site has been modified to make it more compatible with cell phones, making the website more user friendly.

The office worked with Bigelow Brewing Company to put in an application for a Maine EDP Grant to install a new canning process at their facility here in Skowhegan. We were successful with the grant and Bigelow Brewing Company has purchased and installed the canning equipment. Over the next year they will be hiring four new full time employees.

The office worked with the new Downtown TIF Committee and was successful in enlarging the Downtown TIF area and extending the length of the TIF to the maximum 30 years. After we were successful in enlarging the TIF, we worked on creating a new plan on using a portion of those funds to improve Skowhegan. There is now a process for how a portion of those funds can be used to leverage non tax dollars for a larger impact to the town. The new guidelines are available on the Towns website at <https://www.skowhegan.org/460/General-Info-on-TIFs>

SEDC has also reviewed and approved two RLF Loans for this year. 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](mailto:jhewett@skowhegan.org).

Respectfully Submitted,

*Jeff Hewett*

Director of Economic & Community Development

*Town Clerk - Treasurer  
Tax Collector  
Telephone (207) 474-6902  
Fax (207) 474-9413*



*Human Resource – Finance  
Director  
Telephone (207) 474-6900  
Fax (207) 858-0320*

*Town of Skowhegan  
Department of Finance  
225 Water Street*

**Cemetery Report  
July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017**

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

**The Cemetery Committee met seven times: July 7, 2016; August 4, 2016; September 8, 2016; September 22, 2016; December 8, 2016; January 12, 2017; and April 27, 2017.**

**The Committee members during this period of time consisted of Gene Rouse, Chairman; Donald Skillings, Selectmen’s Representative; Mary Lou Holden-Mollerus; Carl McKenney; Melvin Burnham; Steve Spaulding; 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 2017**

<b>Water</b>	<b>\$ 514.32</b>
<b>Electricity</b>	<b>\$ 180.25</b>
<b>Sexton Salary</b>	<b>\$ 76,641.00</b>
<b>Tree Cutting</b>	<b>\$ 1,250.00</b>
<b>Repair &amp; Maint.</b>	<b>\$ 1,979.95</b>
<b>Catholic Cemetery</b>	<b>\$ 600.00</b>
<b>Cemetery Web Site</b>	<b>\$ 1,800.00</b>

**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, 2016 – JUNE 30, 2017**

Receipts

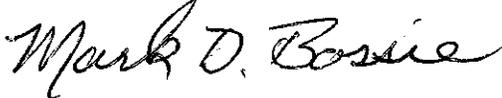
Town of Skowhegan	76,641.04
Stone Repair	<u>1,000.00</u>
	77,641.04

Expenditures

Wages paid	16,298.00
FICA, State, Federal, and Unemployment On Employees	3,469.87
Gas and oil	5,230.59
Supplies, parts and repairs	9,475.52
Insurance	4,717.00
Registration and Excise Tax on vehicles	658.49
Office supplies	3,224.02
Equipment (lawn mowers, trimmers, etc.)	13,910.84
Loam/Cement	<u>1,075.85</u>
	58,060.18

Total Receipts	77,641.04
Total Expenditures	<u>58,060.18</u>
	19,580.86

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:

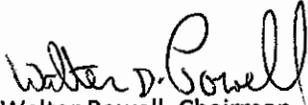
The Wellness Program is funded by the Maine Municipal Association Employees Health Trust. The program is available to any full time employee who wishes to participate.

The Wellness Program offered the following activities in 2016- 2017:

January Workshop—Mason Jar Meals Breakfast Edition  
February Workshop – Mason Jar Meals Lunch Edition  
March Workshop Winter Workouts  
April Workshop – Seeing Red  
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—The Flu And You  
November Workshop— Am I Losing My Mind  
December Workshop—Laughter Is The Best Medicine

Congratulations to Cara Mason 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 2017

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 2016 – June 2017**

From July 2016 to June 2017, the Run of River Committee accomplished the following:

- Hosted the 2016 River Festival, an event that celebrates recreation and life on the river while showcasing the potential for the Run of River Whitewater Recreation Area.
- Completed the economic impact study, which estimated the following effects upon completion of Run of River:
  - \$4.6 million in spending; 43 jobs; \$1 million in labor income in base year in Somerset County
  - Anticipated \$5.9 million in spending; 54 jobs; \$1.5 million in labor income in base year in the State of Maine
    - Potential for \$19 million in spending in year 10
- Added several new committee members, including three whitewater paddlers, a former trails manager, and a freelance filmmaker.
- Created a business plan, detailing the vision for the Run of River Whitewater Recreation Area, which includes the proposed whitewater park, an enhanced trail system that would grow the number of acres of downtown trails from 30 to more than 300, and a two-mile riverfront promenade from the Old Mill Pub to the Kennebec Banks Boat Landing.
- Created RunofRiver.org, a website that provides details about the proposed whitewater recreation area and the anticipated benefits for the community.
- Designed and printed rack cards and two banners to raise awareness for the project.
- Designed and printed a fundraising brochure to use when meeting with potential donors or foundation representatives.
- Produced a video about the project and anticipated benefits.
- Researched and applied for several grants.
  - Received \$15,000 from the Davis Conservation Foundation to move forward with next steps of the project, which include meetings with permitting agencies to determine a final permitting plan.
- Began cultivating relationships with donors and meeting with different entities around the state to raise awareness for the project.
- Traveled to Colorado in June 2017 (Kristina Cannon from Main Street Skowhegan and Christine Almand, Town Manager) to visit whitewater parks in Boulder, Buena Vista, Salida, and downtown Denver and learn from residents and business owners.
  - Business owners are thrilled to have whitewater parks in their downtowns, as they stimulate economic development and bring new customers.



- In Boulder, a new high-end condominium building has been built adjacent to the park, and new restaurants have opened as a result of increased visitation.
- In Buena Vista, a new residential community has sprung up next to the whitewater park. In addition to brand-new homes, the community includes a hotel and several retail shops and restaurants.
- In Salida, one restaurant owner said that prior to the whitewater park, he was doing \$600,000 in sales annually. Now with the whitewater park, annual sales are \$4 million.

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

If you would like further information, please feel free to call me at 474-6911.

Sincerely,

Gregory A. Dore  
Chair, Run of River Committee  
Skowhegan Road Commissioner

### **Run of River Committee Members**

- Greg Dore, Skowhegan Road Commissioner (Chair)
- Betty Austin, Town of Skowhegan Select Board and State House Representative
- Kristina Cannon, Main Street Skowhegan Executive Director (Campaign Director)
- Clayton Cole, ACA-New England President, Solartech Contractors Owner
- Jason Cooke, Business owner and former Maine Huts & Trails Trail Manager
- William Wallace Finley, community member
- Jason Gayne, Skowhegan Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director
- Karen Hart, Assistant Vice President and Branch Manager at Skowhegan Savings Bank
- 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 House of Representatives Majority Leader
- Craig Taylor, community member
- Taylor Walker, Whitewater Paddler, Freelance Filmmaker
- Anna Staehli Wiser, Whitewater Paddler, Physical Therapist at Redington-Fairview General Hospital



**Gregory A. Dore**  
 Chairman  
 474-6911

***Skowhegan Sidewalk Committee***  
*Established 1994*

**Committee Members:**

**Gregory Dore**

Chairman

**Betty Austin**

Vice  
 Chairman

**Paul York**

Selectman

**Denise LeBlanc**

Recreation  
 Department

**Richard Smith**

**Member needed**

**Member needed**

Public Members

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"*

We completed the sidewalk on Willow Street that hadn't been completed during the storm water/ sewer work last year.

We are planning to rebuild a section of Greenwood Avenue and construct sidewalks on Gem and Cleveland Streets. This work was decided during the traffic calming discussion last summer.

Priority	Name	Length	Paving year
5	Greenwood Ave	850	2018
5	Greenwood Ave	800	2019
2	Bridge	370	2020
5	East Chandler	400	2020
6	Spring Street	600	2021
7	Olive Street	550	2022
9	French Street	1,000	2023
9	French Street	1,060	2024
1	Main Street	1,000	2025
1	Main Street	1,000	2026

The committee has identified the following streets as needing sidewalks – Norridgewock Ave. from Elm to the Margaret Chase Smith Library, Gem Street from North Ave to Greenwood Ave, Cleveland Avenue from Greenwood to Madison Ave, 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*

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

The conservation commission has been working on several projects this past year. The fourth year of water quality monitoring of Whitten and Cold brooks, as part of Maine Environmental Protection Volunteer River Monitoring Program, was completed in 2017. All sampling equipment and data analysis is provided by Maine DEP, while volunteers from the Conservation Commission sample the waters weekly from May through September.

For the past several years the Conservation Commission members and volunteers have provided upkeep and maintenance of the Yankee Woodlot Trail located behind the University of Maine Cooperative Extension office on Norridgewock Avenue. We will continue with this work and are excited that improvements to the trail system will be occurring in the near future.

Joe Dembeck was again voted in as the chairman of the conservation commission for this, the last year of his term. Joe will be leaving the Conservation commission when his term ends in 2018 at which time the Vice-Chair, Bob McGorty, will become the acting chair.

The Conservation Commission is still looking for new members, especially as some current members are leaving. If you are interested in our natural spaces in our town and can make the time for a monthly meeting on the first Tuesday of each month please come and join us. 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 2017-2018 are listed below:**

Joe Dembeck (*Chairman*), Bob McGorty (*Vice-Chairman*), Derek Ellis, Sherri Vigue, Corey Johnson, Tristen Hinkle, and Corey Hinkle.

Respectfully Submitted

*Joseph Dembeck*  
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: 2016-17 Annual Report (Reporting Period: July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017)**

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. Our mission is to grow a vibrant and inviting historic town by encouraging innovation and economic development. We spearhead collaborative efforts to support businesses and diversify the economy, stimulate tourism, and tell Skowhegan's story.

#### **Economic Development Initiatives (July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017)**

##### **Small Business Saturday Passport to Savings Program, November 26, 2016**

MSS planned and executed the second annual Passport to Savings Program on November 26, Small Business Saturday. The goal of the program was to encourage residents to shop locally by offering merchant discounts and incentives. Each purchase at a participating business resulted in one chance to win one of two prizes donated by Bangor Savings Bank—\$100 or \$50 to any locally owned business of the winner's choosing.

##### **Success Stories:**

- Total participating businesses: 37 (from as far south as TNT Auto to as far north as Lakewood Golf Course)
- Total purchases made: 816 (compared to 383 in 2015)
- Two businesses had their best sales days ever; one had their second-best sales day ever; one had their best Small Business Saturday ever

##### **Monthly Business Profiles**

MSS writes monthly profiles to help promote our locally owned businesses. These profiles can be found on [MainStreetSkowhegan.org](http://MainStreetSkowhegan.org) and our Facebook page. According to Google Analytics reports, these profiles are very popular, garnering hundreds of unique page views.

##### **Business Seminars**

MSS planned and hosted four business seminars—Business Financial Literacy: Business Loans, Business Financial Literacy: All Things Payroll, Facebook for Business, and QuickBooks Basics. These were free and open to all.

##### **Local Business Promotion**

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](mailto:info@mainstreetskowhegan.org).

##### **Business and Marketing Support for Local Businesses**

MSS offers advice and fee-for-service business and marketing support for local businesses.

#### **Tourism Product Development Initiatives (July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017)**

##### **Run of River**

MSS continues to assist the Run of River Committee and Town of Skowhegan with fundraising for the Run of River Whitewater Recreation Area.

##### **Motorcoach Tours**

MSS is working with the Maine Motorcoach Network to bring bus tours back to Skowhegan. MSS hosted 17 tour operators during the Maine Motorcoach Network Familiarization Trip in August 2016. Tour operators were treated to lunch at Bigelow Brewing Co. while they learned about Skowhegan's assets, history, and ongoing revitalization efforts. We received great feedback about our town, the food, and the brewery from not only the tour operators but also the Maine Office of Tourism, and we expect to see a future uptick in motorcoaches in Skowhegan.



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### **Kennebec Valley Tourism Council**

Kristina Cannon, Main Street Skowhegan's Executive Director, represents Skowhegan on the Kennebec Valley Tourism Council, as a board member and Chair of the Marketing Committee. The KVTC is responsible for marketing and promotion of the Kennebec Valley region, which includes Somerset and Kennebec counties.

### **Moose Permit Lottery: Skowhegan 2018**

MSS wrote and submitted a proposal to Inland Fisheries & Wildlife for Skowhegan to host the 2018 Moose Permit Lottery. In June 2017, IF&W named Skowhegan the host town. We expect 5,000 people—including many out-of-state residents—to attend, which will positively impact our local economy.

### **Somerset County Cultural Plan**

The Somerset Cultural Planning Committee (SCPC), a partnership between Main Street and the Wesserunsett Arts Council, continued to work on a cultural plan for the region—a project that will strengthen the economic vitality of the region and make us a destination for visitors. Because Skowhegan is the county seat, our town will be a focal point for implementation of strategic initiatives.

### **Events: Attracting Visitors to our Town**

Main Street successfully planned and implemented the following community events:

- River Fest, Aug. 2-6, 2016 (in partnership with the Run of River Committee, the Town of Skowhegan, and the Skowhegan Area Chamber of Commerce)
- Skowhegan Craft Brew Fest, Sept. 3, 2016
  - Brought nearly 800 people to Skowhegan from as far away as New York, New Jersey, and Virginia
- Halloween Candy Parade, Oct. 29, 2016
  - Several hundred children participated
- Holiday Stroll, Dec. 2-3, 2016
  - 122 participants in the Elf-on-a-Shelf Scavenger Hunt, which brought families into local businesses—many for the first time
- Maple Festival, March 24-25, 2017
- Skowhegan Home Show, May 20, 2017

### **Skowhegan Marketing Initiatives**

- Kennebec Explorer Vacation Planner Ad (four-page Skowhegan spread including business co-op ads)
- Motorcoach Profile Book Ad (two-page spread about Skowhegan)
- Skowhegan's Craft Brew Culture video (see [SkowheganCraftBrewFest.com](http://SkowheganCraftBrewFest.com))
- Regular outreach to regional media contacts with Skowhegan news
- Skowopoly board game fundraiser

### **Board of Directors (July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017)**

- Matt Dubois, Co-founder of The Bankery, Co-owner of Skowhegan Fleuriste & Formalwear (**President**)
- Brandi Meisner, Producer at Higgins Bolduc Agency, Inc. (**Vice President**)
- Mike Dubois, Co-owner of The Bankery and Skowhegan Fleuriste & Formalwear (**Treasurer**)
- Lisa Caswell, Director of Pharmacy at Redington-Fairview General Hospital (**Secretary**)
- Patrick Dore, Loan Officer at Franklin Savings Bank
- Sam Hight, Owner of Hight Family of Dealerships
- Margi Johnston-Browne, Owner of Lakewood Golf Course
- Lisa Landry, Director of HR at Redington-Fairview General Hospital
- Pam Powers, Owner of Bigelow Brewing
- Darcy Spooner, Co-owner of Country Crow Primitives
- Fawn Wentworth, Marketing Officer at Skowhegan Savings Bank



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

The Skowhegan Area Chamber of Commerce exists to promote a healthy business climate through leadership, communication, and education for its members and the community, in the greater Skowhegan area.

Over the past year we have helped to foster the success of businesses and professionals in the Skowhegan area through programs and initiatives that facilitate connections with the town and communities at large. We strive to enhance community loyalty to member and community businesses through established channels and Chamber sponsored initiatives.

We send out weekly business news and updates via email. This includes news for and about businesses in the Skowhegan area. 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.

For the second year in a row we have held small business week, 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 area.

Our local businesses are what make Skowhegan, well, Skowhegan. They give our community character, create vibrancy and bring us unique experiences. In order to better showcase what local businesses in the Skowhegan area have to offer we changed up the “Think, Shop, Buy Local” program. Although this program has been in place for several years, we are now changing things up by encouraging existing members, new members, and non-member businesses to take part and use the program as a way to engage community members in order to connect with the variety of products and services our local businesses have to offer. The key take away from this is to think before you shop and buy local whenever you can. We invite you to explore what these amazing retailers have to offer! With this we also have been working hard on local business advocacy with the special focus that small businesses need to survive and succeed in the global marketplace and current business climate.

The Skowhegan Visitor and Information Center continues to be one of the most visible and active aspects of the Chamber, seeing an average of 100-130 people daily during the peak tourism season between Memorial and Labor Days. The amount of people that are visiting our community during the summer is incredible and, as the face of Skowhegan, we have been working hard to make the Skowhegan center a one-stop destination where travelers can connect to local businesses and services. We work hard with our volunteers to make sure that we are welcoming, personable, and stocked with all the necessary materials to provide current, accurate, and trustworthy information that will satisfy

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any visitor. This past summer we extended our weekday hours and began opening on weekends as well so that we would be available to reach as many people as possible. We also have begun utilizing an iPad that is on loan to help accommodate international visitors with interpretation services and to breakdown the communication barriers so that we are better able to meet their needs. This program is still new but we are making progress and are looking forward to the innovations and improvements it can offer as we use it further this summer. We also provide maps and directions to several people a day, and others are coming in asking what is there to do while here on vacation, so we are working to create a week's worth of activities and offerings that can be done here in our community during their stay.

Another aspect that the Chamber works hard on is political advocacy. This includes action and education about what is happening at the local, state, and federal levels to affect the businesses in our community. We are at most of the select board meetings and, if there are businesses that have any issues, we try to bring them to the forefront to be known. We also work behind the scenes to improve the way that businesses can operate in a way that makes Skowhegan a more business friendly community. We are a bi-partisan organization, but do take stands on issues that will affect our community businesses. We are also a part of several organizations that work to better our community by supporting both businesses and tourism.

We are proud of the organizations and committees that we have been able to be a part of over the past year. This includes the work that we have been assisting with at the Somerset Career and Technical Center and the events that we have been a part of in the community. You will find just a sample of some of the activities listed below, but there are many more that we have led, and will continue to lead, and assist in during the year to come, as well as the years following:

River Fest  
Holiday Stroll  
Maple Festival  
Skowpendous  
Local Business Week  
Workforce Development  
Free Movie Nights

The Skowhegan Area Chamber of Commerce has made many positive changes over the past year, 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.

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## **Skowhegan Free Public Library**

**9 Elm Street ~ Skowhegan, ME 04976**

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The big news in 2017 was the winding down of the renovations. Steve Dionne and his crew along with carpenters, electricians, plumbers, fire system and elevator technicians all worked together to finally complete the elevator. We had an open house on November 18<sup>th</sup>, and many folks came out to see the new elevator and show their support for the library.

A number of adult programs were offered this past year. A few of them were; Let's Talk About It book group; Winter Crafts Program; Socrates Café discussion group; Transition Skowhegan; Garden Fever Day; Author Talks; Artist Receptions and others.

A few statistics; 21,998 folks visited the library. We had 26,731 items in the collection, with a circulation of 24,194. We had 966 audio and e-books borrowed by our patrons through our partnership with the state on CloudLibrary. We had 2,808 registered patrons with 580 of those being non-residents. 6,507 folks used our 12 public computers. Our thanks go out to our great volunteers who donated a total of 1041 hours of their free time to help us.

In the Children's Library, we saw record numbers for our summer reading program. We had 119 kids sign up (which was a 6% increase over 2016). Collaboratively, they read 2206 books (a 27% increase over 2016), and we had 555 attendees at our weekly programs. Thanks to funding from the Friends of the Skowhegan Library, we were able to offer some amazing programs that brought in many area children.

Our high schoolers participated in "Regression Sessions," with paint nights, pizza parties, gingerbread house contest, pumpkin carving, teen trivia, murder mysteries, and ugly sweater contests. The group started with three members in 2016, and has since grown to 22 energetic high schoolers.

Our middle and elementary school children had Tween the Pages Book Club and Lego Club. Both of these groups saw a gain in popularity and attendance from previous years. We were able to explore STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) concepts and hands on learning in both of these programs.

Our youngest patrons enjoyed our weekly Storytime; with attendance ranging from six preschoolers normally, to 24 preschoolers in the summer. We read, sang, moved and did activities to introduce little ones to early literacy and a love for their library.

In December, the library was awarded a \$5000 Louise Dorothy Kyler Foundation Grant. This grant was used for books, DVDs, and audiobooks that relate to STEM materials.

Respectfully Submitted  
Dale Jandreau - Director

# COBURN PARK COMMISSION

## TREASURER'S REPORT

December 31, 2017

Balance checking account as of 12/31/16 \$548.63

### Receipts

Town of Skowhegan		\$10,000.00	
Columbia account		3,000.00	
Skowhegan Savings Bank CD w/d		3,352.74	
Gazebo Rental		250.00	
Refund - insurance		28.00	
Concerts in the Park			
Skowhegan Savings Bank Grant	1000.00		
Canceled concert	<u>200.00</u>	<u>1,200.00</u>	<u>17,830.74</u>

Total receipts 18,379.37

### Expenditures

Care of grounds/Mowing		6,000.00	
Care of grounds/Caretaker		4,500.00	
Concerts in the Park		1,050.00	
Equipment rental		800.00	
Insurance		558.00	
Maintenance			
Tree cutting	1,200.00		
Band shell	411.28		
Fence (on account)	1,500.00		
Fountain	<u>97.50</u>	3,208.78	
Materials		355.94	
Miscellaneous		54.60	
Utilities		1,220.47	
Web		357.00	<u>18,104.79</u>

Balance checking account as of 12/31/17 \$274.58

David D. Barter, Treasurer

## SKOWHEGAN HISTORY HOUSE MUSEUM & RESEARCH CENTER

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Ron Butler  
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James Hastings  
Jeff Hewett

### **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 crucial support for the work we do. History House, is filled with 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century period furnishings, tools, documents, art work, Civil War memorabilia, toys, objects of everyday life, and more - all of which have provenance to our community. The Museum has been on the National Register of Historic Places since the early 1960's.

**History House staff, volunteers,** and guest presenters strive to highlight our community's cultural heritage by showcasing an historic House and attached Museum and by offering on-site and community-based programs, activities, and exhibits. Seasonally, we offer Curator guided House and Museum tours for school classes, individuals, and special groups. Our technology enhances on-site exhibits as well as our guided walking tours of designated Skowhegan Historic areas. We offer classroom presentations and themed programs during our off-season.

**The Historic Home Registry Program** has issued 13 plaques for Skowhegan homes and buildings which are at least one hundred years old. Of these 13 sites, three are over 200 years old! Please call our noted genealogist Kay Marsh (465-7458) for more information about this program.

**We are grateful for continued support** from Skowhegan citizens, dedicated funds from the Bloomfield Academy Trust, and revenues from private donations, memberships, and the Annual Appeal. Thanks to this financial support the Board of Trustees funded significant improvements to the historic 1839 building. The soffits, fascia and crown moldings along the eaves of the main building were scraped to bare wood, then sanded, caulked, primed, and painted with best quality latex paint. Both entry doors and the museum screen door were redone utilizing the same procedure. The flashings above the 4 corners of the eaves were repaired with new aluminum flashings, and a new hand railing was installed at the eastside door entrance. This spring we plan to address ADA issues related to the eastside step system and begin the process of assessing existing storage space needs within History House.

**Our Trustees continue to be concerned** that eighty years of local history, **one third of the town's history**, is not being preserved due to lack of on-site or off-site space for appropriate archival storage and collection display. Major themes in the goals for History House over the next 10 years include expanding archival

### **2017 Projects**

- History House extended its open schedule from 90 to 120 days to be eligible for larger federal grants.
- History House was one of 75 institutions in the country to qualify for a federal Collections Assessment for Preservation (CAP) grant. Two Specialists assessed our operations, facilities, and collections. Staff will be guided by their recommendations when looking into grants that address our collection and building preservation needs.
- History House Student Intern, Mariah Bonneau created a beautifully polished video on the life and times of Skowhegan Civil War soldier Lt. Alexander Crawford Jr. This film will be featured on the new History House Webpage, currently under construction.
- Mariah also created a searchable and updatable master index that lists thousands of obituaries and interesting life stories of former Skowhegan residents. Her new, user-friendly excel spreadsheet enables researchers to easily search for records.
- Melvin Burnham curated the development of the 2018 Granville Gallery Exhibit featuring "The Shoe Shop". It will tell the story of this integral part of Skowhegan's past and present economy.

storage and the accession of donations later than 1937, along with increasing funding and resources.

**Operating expenses for the History House** with part time curatorial staff continue to increase like those 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 on-going program development.

**We gratefully thank** Lynch Landscaping, Inc., S&K Heating, Econo Electric, Hight Chevrolet Buick, along with citizens and businesses, and anonymous supporters for their continued partnerships and donations. This support system makes it possible for the Board to improve programming, fund the Student Intern program, and meet goals that renew and refresh the appeal of History House in this ever-changing world.



Bloomfield Shoe Workers ca. 1900

**We are thankful** for loyal Board members and volunteers who give of their time and energy to support Skowhegan History House. Their invaluable contributions include

research time, collection protection, special project tasks, cataloguing, landscape and Heirloom Garden maintenance, and so much more. We could not function without them. We also appreciate the town highway crew for their help with carting off discarded lawn and garden materials.

**As keeper of our community's cultural heritage**, History House is a vital part of our town's cultural, educational, and heritage infrastructure. We tell our community's amazing story through on-site and community-based historic tours, activities, special events and by expanding programs beyond our doors into the greater community. Skowhegan History House supports the branding of Skowhegan as a destination for diverse interests of visitors and residents alike.

**We invite you** to visit the Skowhegan History House Museum & Research Center to conduct research, enjoy a tour, attend a program, and explore the new *Shoe Shop Exhibit*. We hope you will visit our website ([skowheganhistoryhouse.org](http://skowheganhistoryhouse.org)) and like us on our Face book page. History House will be open from the end of May to the third week of October: Mondays: 10 am to 1 pm for researchers; Tuesday through Saturday: 10 am to 4 pm for the general public.

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.

Respectfully,

Patricia Horine, President

History House Board of Trustees



## Lake George Regional Park

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25 April 2018

Dear Citizens of Skowhegan and Canaan,

As we mature toward our 26<sup>th</sup> year at Lake George Regional Park, we are renewing our commitment to the visionary effort of preserving this 320 acre natural resource for public use. A gem unique to our Central Maine region, Lake George serves as a “third space” for community members to gather for health, recreation, and enjoyment of each other in nature. Now serving over 25,000 visitors per year across all four seasons, the demand continues for refining our operations, improving our staffing and program models, and fostering energetic board engagement and community collaborations.

To that end, we have welcomed new board members this year, as well as thanked those that have retired. I have assumed Stephen Dionne’s position as board president, after he retired from 12 years of board service. To begin my new role, I secured a grant from the Maine Community Foundation for \$10,000 to work with a consultant (Shanna Cox of Project Tipping Point) that has facilitated the board of directors through the deep and detailed work of crafting a strategic and capital plan that will aim to “map” our path toward financial and mission sustainability well into the future. The professional expertise of the volunteer board, and their engagement in the last year has been nothing short of astounding, with well over 30 hours per week of board volunteerism over the last 12 months. We are nearing completion of our strategic plan (due in May 2018), and we look forward to sharing that with you. Exciting ideas on the horizon include: renewing a park concession on the East side, inviting food trucks during the summer months, printing a revised trail map, considering an hourly boat rental program, and increasing weekly nature-based programming options, all to improve the park experience for visitors.

While in the midst of strategic planning, operational analysis, and defining a vision of high standards for park maintenance and operation, we are determining a need for a new staffing structure and personnel that can follow the directives of the board. With a goal of hiring by May 1, we are in the midst of hiring a new “Chief Park Administrator” for 20 hours per week, a “Park Resource Manager” seasonal full time, and hope to hire a part time bookkeeper in the near future. We continue to strengthen our collaborations with Unity College, the University of Maine, and Plymouth State College to craft an internship program that serves a mutual benefit. Interns studying environmental conservation,

parks and recreation, and conservation law, work with us from mid-May through Labor Day to serve the public and steward the park. We are expanding our team from 5 to 6 interns this summer!

In addition, we have partnered with area stakeholders to advance programming through grant making and volunteerism this year. Somerset Public Health awarded Lake George a grant for improving trail systems, Skowhegan Savings Bank committed \$25,000 over the next 5 years to assist with making visible capital improvements in the park, and the "Lend a Hand Up" organization in Canaan raised funds specifically for supporting our annual summer Camp Podooc programming for area youth. We are on target this year to host another 200 area youth for a total of 4 weeks of summer camp, with Canaan citizens sponsoring their youth to attend 2 weeks at no cost, and Skowhegan citizens sponsoring swim instruction for their area youth. Through board-led volunteer efforts, Weyerhaeuser Corporation has committed grant funds focused on environmental stewardship and those will be used toward repairing our intern dormitory housing this month. Board-led fundraising efforts have yielded \$27,353 through organized fundraising efforts, and \$38,000 through individual donors and business contributions. We have a goal of refining our volunteer coordination efforts, and next month, plan to host what we hope will become an annual "Community Volunteer Weekend." This will be held on May 19-20, 2018.

We appreciate the commitment of both towns in sharing the state's payment in lieu of taxes, and assisting with operational costs for programming. Without your assistance, we could not meet our annual operational costs. 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.

In service,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather Kerner".

**Heather Kerner**

**President, Board of Directors**



**\*\*Amended Town Meeting Warrant\*\***  
**Replacing the Town Meeting Warrant issued on May 8, 2018**

**TOWN OF SKOWHEGAN, MAINE**  
**ANNUAL**  
**TOWN MEETING WARRANT**  
**STATE OF MAINE**

June 11, 2018 at 7:00 P.M.

*Municipal Building Opera House*

AND

**SECRET BALLOT ELECTION**

June 12, 2018 from 7:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M.

*Municipal Building Council Room*

Somerset, ss.

To David Bucknam, Constable of the Town of Skowhegan, Maine in the County of Somerset:

Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby requested to notify and warn the voters of the Town of Skowhegan in said County and State, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet in the **Opera House in the Skowhegan Municipal Building**, in said Town on Monday, the eleventh day of June, A.D., 2018 at seven o'clock in the evening, to transact all business as herein enumerated in the articles of the Town Warrant.

And, to notify and warn said voters to meet in the **Council Room in the Skowhegan Municipal Building** in said Town, on Tuesday, the twelfth day of June, A.D., 2018, then and there to act upon Article 2 by secret ballot as set out below, the polling hours therefore to be from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.

**ARTICLE 1.** To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

**ARTICLE 2.** To choose, by ballot, the following Town Officials, namely, Two Selectmen, for three year terms; One Road Commissioner, for a three year term; One Town Clerk; for a three year term; One Town Treasurer, for a three year term; One Assessor, for a three year term; One Overseer of the Poor, for a three year term; and Four Directors of RSU54/SAD54, for three year terms.

**ARTICLE 3.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,569,299.00 for General Government. (The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend passage of this article.)

<b>Department</b>	<b>Budget Committee</b>	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Selectmen</b>	<b>Votes</b>
Finance Department	\$477,942.00	6/0	\$477,942.00	5/0
Municipal Building Maintenance	\$103,454.00	6/0	\$103,454.00	5/0
Assessing	\$107,599.00	6/0	\$107,599.00	5/0
Town Manager	\$154,543.00	6/0	\$154,543.00	5/0
Planning & Ordinance Administration	\$14,258.00	6/0	\$14,258.00	5/0
Code Enforcement	\$154,725.00	6/0	\$154,725.00	5/0
Employee Benefits	\$284,370.00	5/1	\$284,370.00	3/2
Town Insurances	\$122,280.00	6/0	\$122,280.00	5/0
Economic & Community Development	\$150,128.00	6/0	\$150,128.00	5/0
<b>General Government Total</b>	<b>\$1,569,299.00</b>		<b>\$1,569,299.00</b>	

**ARTICLE 4.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,453,092.00 for Police Department. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 5/0/1 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 5.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$849,863.00 for Fire Department. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 6/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 6.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$580,435.00 for Other Protection. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 6/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 7.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$227,832.00 for Health and Human services. (The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend passage of this article.)

<b>Department</b>	<b>Budget Committee</b>	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Selectmen</b>	<b>Votes</b>
General Assistance	\$226,540.00	5/1	\$226,540.00	5/0
Health Department	\$1,292.00	6/0	\$1,292.00	5/0
<b>General Assistance/Health Dept. Total</b>	<b>\$227,832.00</b>		<b>\$227,832.00</b>	

**ARTICLE 8.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$555,347.00 for Waste Water and Pollution Control. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 6/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 9.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$858,821.00 for Solid Waste Management. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 6/0 vote recommends passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 10.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$471,792.00 for Public Works – Summer Roads Maintenance. (The Selectmen with a 3/2 vote and the Budget Committee with a 5/1 vote recommends passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 11.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$655,458.00 for Public Works – Winter Roads Maintenance. (The Selectmen with a 3/2 vote and the Budget Committee with a 5/1 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 12.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$242,000.00 for Public Works – Vehicle Maintenance. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 6/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 13.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$87,413.00 for the care of cemeteries. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 6/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 14.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$467,657.00 for Parks and Recreation. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 6/0 vote recommend passage of this article)

**ARTICLE 15.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,681,132.00 for Capital Expenditures/Debt Retirement. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 6/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 16.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000.00 for Capital Expenditures/Capital Reserve Funds for the Pollution Control Plant. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with 6/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 17.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$87,500.00 for Capital Expenditures/Capital Reserve Funds for the Recreation Department. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 6/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 18.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$72,500.00 for Capital Expenditures/Capital Reserve Funds for the Municipal Building. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 6/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 19.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$45,000.00 for Capital Expenditures/Capital Reserve Funds for the Solid Waste Department. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 6/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 20.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,400.00 for Capital Expenditures/Capital Reserve Funds for the Police Department. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 6/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 21.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$190,000.00 for Capital Expenditures/Capital Reserve Funds for Public Works Equipment. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 6/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 22.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$450,000.00 for Capital Expenditures/Capital Reserve Funds for Public Works Roads and Sidewalks. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 6/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 23.** To see if the town will vote to accept and carry forward in a separate account sums that may be received from the State Department of Transportation Local Road Assistance Program estimated at \$141,984.00. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 6/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 24.** To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to expend the amounts voted in Articles 22 and 23 from the Capital Improvement Program/Public Works Roads and Sidewalks account for the town's share of the following proposed projects: Paving/work planned for Greenwood Ave, Silver Street, Robinson Street, Dyer Street, McClellan Street, Forest Green Street, Willow Street, Stewart Hill Road and East River Road. Gem Street and Cleveland Street include the construction of a new sidewalk. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 25.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$174,500.00 for Capital Expenditures/Capital Reserve Funds for the Fire Department. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 6/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 26.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 for Capital Expenditures/Capital Reserve Funds for Emergency Management. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 6/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 27.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000.00 for Capital Expenditures/Capital Reserve Funds for Administration. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 6/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 28.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,500.00 for Capital Expenditures/Capital Reserve Funds for Economic & Community Development. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 6/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 29.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000.00 for Capital Expenditures/Capital Reserve Funds for Cemeteries. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 6/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 30.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 for Capital Expenditures/Capital Reserve Funds for the Planning Department. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 6/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 31.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 for Capital Expenditures/Capital Reserve Funds for Public Works Buildings. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 6/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

*Note: Organizations were informed that although the Town of Skowhegan does not require that petitions be filed in order to request funds, it is the only way to make sure that the requested amount appears on the Warrant. The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote decided that if an organization did not file a petition, their request would not be on the Warrant.*

**ARTICLE 32.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$120,294.00 for Skowhegan Free Public Library. The Community Service Organization's request by petition is \$120,294.00. (The Selectmen with a 3/2 vote recommend \$107,775.00 and the Budget Committee with a 4/2 vote recommend \$120,294.00 from taxation.)

**ARTICLE 33.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 for Coburn Park Commission. The Community Service Organization's request by petition is \$10,000.00. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 6/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 34.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,500.00 for Skowhegan History House. The Community Service Organization's request by petition is \$7,500.00. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 6/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 35.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$45,000.00 for Main Street Skowhegan. The Community Service Organization's request by petition is \$45,000.00. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 6/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 36.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$24,000.00 for Chamber of Commerce. The Community Service Organization's request by petition is \$24,000.00. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 5/1 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 37.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,700.00 for KVCAP Transportation Services. The Human Service Agency's request by petition is \$3,700.00. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 6/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 38.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,500.00 for KVCAP Child Development Program. The Human Service Agency's request without a valid petition is \$8,200.00. (The Selectmen with a 4/1 vote and the Budget Committee with a 4/2 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 39.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,000.00 for Family Violence. The Human Service Agency's request by petition is \$6,000.00. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 5/1 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 40.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,782.00 for Spectrum Generations. The Human Service Agency's request by petition is \$7,782.00. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 6/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 41.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000.00 for Hospice Volunteers of Somerset County. The Human Service Agency's request by petition is \$15,000.00. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 5/1 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 42.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,006.50 for Sexual Assault Crisis & Support. The Human Service Agency's request by petition is \$3,006.50. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 6/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 43.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000.00 for Skowhegan Community Food Cupboard. The Human Service Agency's request by petition is \$15,000.00. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 5/1 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 44.** To see if the Town will vote to apply FY 2019 operational revenues in the amount of \$2,149,204.00 to offset the FY 2019 appropriations. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 6/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 45.** To see if the town will vote to appropriate an amount from undesignated fund balance, not to exceed \$18,000.00, for the Police Department Reserve Account. (The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 46.** To see if the town will vote to appropriate an amount from undesignated fund balance, not to exceed \$100,000.00, for the Public Works Roads and Sidewalks Reserve Account. (The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 47.** To see if the town will vote to appropriate an amount from undesignated fund balance, not to exceed \$300,000.00, for the Parks & Recreation Reserve Account, Ballfield Compound Designation. (The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 48.** To see if the town will vote to appropriate an amount from undesignated fund balance, not to exceed \$1,000,000.00, to reduce the tax commitment. (The Selectmen with a 4/1 vote recommend \$1,000,000.00 and the Budget Committee with a 4/3 vote recommend \$600,000.00.)

**ARTICLE 49.** To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of \$7,818,782.00 established for the Town of Skowhegan by State Law, in the event that the municipal budget approved will result in a tax commitment greater than the property tax levy limit. (The increase in property tax levy limit necessary to fund all preceding articles is estimated to be \$542,743.80. The Selectmen's recommendations and the Budget Committee's recommendations would result in no increase. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 50.** To see if the Town will vote to fund the General Assistance over-expenditure for fiscal year 2018 with the General Assistance State Reimbursement. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 51.** To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, accept and expend, on behalf of the Town, grant funds from state government agencies, federal government agencies, or private organizations for any purpose they deem in the best interest of the Town. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 52.** To see if the Town, as the Legislative body will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen approving, applying for and accepting all Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), including the following:

Micro-enterprise Assistance Grant (Façade) in the amount of \$150,000.00

and to make such assurances, assume such responsibilities and exercise such authority as are necessary and reasonable to implement such programs with the understanding that should the intended National Objective of the CDBG program not be met, all CDBG funds must be repaid to the State of Maine CDBG program. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 53.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate all of the money received from the State for snowmobile registrations to the Skowhegan Snow-Hawks Snowmobile Club for the maintenance of their system or network of snowmobile trails, on the condition that those trails be open in snow season to the public for outdoor recreation purposes at no charge, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into an agreement with the Club, under such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen may deem advisable, for that purpose. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 54.** To see if the Town will vote to apply as much of the yearly overlay as may be necessary to fund property tax abatements and applicable interest granted during fiscal year 2019. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 55.** To see if the Town will vote to establish September 17, 2018 or 30 days after the commitment date of taxes, whichever comes later, as the date when the first installment of taxes shall be due and payable and March 15, 2019 as the date when the second installment of taxes shall be due and payable and to see if the Town will fix the rate of 8% interest to be charged on all taxes unpaid after said dates. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 56.** To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. § 506-A to fix the rate of 4% interest to be paid on overpaid or abated taxes.

**ARTICLE 57.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of by the most prudent means possible, any equipment, vehicles, furniture or other non-real estate town property that is no longer necessary to town operations. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 58.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, on behalf of the town, to sell and dispose of any real estate acquired by the town for non-payment of taxes due thereon, on such terms as they deem advisable and to issue quit claim deeds for such property. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 59.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to transfer an amount not to exceed 1% of the total town budget between budget categories as they deem advisable to meet unanticipated expenses and emergencies that occur during fiscal year 2019. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 60.** To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. § 506, to authorize the tax collector and treasurer to accept the prepayment of taxes not yet committed. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 61.** To see if the Town will vote to repeal the ban on the sale of fireworks. Enacted by referendum vote on June 12, 2012. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 62.** To see if the Town will vote to adopt the Application, License and Permit Fees Ordinance. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 63.** To see if the Town will vote to adopt the Sex Offender Residency Restriction Ordinance. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 64.** To see if the Town will vote to adopt the amended Skowhegan Building Safety Ordinance. Last amended at Town Meeting March 8, 2004. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 65.** To see if the Town will vote to adopt the amended Special Amusement Ordinance. Last amended at Special Town Meeting August 10, 2004. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 66.** To see if the Town will vote to adopt the amended Pawnbroker/Precious Metals Dealers Ordinance. Last amended at Special Town Meeting August 8, 2000. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 67.** To see if the Town, pursuant to Title 23 §3030, will vote to authorize the Selectmen to purchase from Skowhegan Economic Development Corporation, for \$15,000.00, an easement interest in land thirty feet wide bounded on the south by Heritage Investments, LLC, on the west by the Inhabitations of the Town of Skowhegan and on the east by Court Street; to accept same as a public easement for pedestrian and vehicular traffic; to maintain said public easement in a manner consistent with other public easements in Town; said public easement to include the right to repair, install, replace, maintain and upgrade above and below ground utilities; said \$15,000.00 to be paid out of Sale of Town Property Reserve Funds. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 68.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to purchase a piece of property (a portion of Map 4, Lot 4-3) from Clarice B Dunlop for an amount not to exceed \$55,000.00 as the future site for the Public Safety Building. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

ARTICLE 69. To see if the Town will vote to accept Ryan Lane as a Town Way. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

ARTICLE 70. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the Somerset County Rural Cultural Plan. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

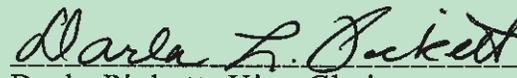
The Registrar will hold hours for the purpose of revising and correcting the list of voters on Thursday, June 7, 2018 and Friday, June 8, 2018 from noon to 4:00 P.M.; Monday, June 11, 2018 from noon to 4:00 P.M. and from 6:30 P.M. to the close of the Town Meeting and Tuesday, June 12, 2018 from 7:00 A.M. to close of polls at 8:00 P.M.

You are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting in a public and conspicuous place at least seven (7) days before the holding of said meeting.

Hereof fail not and have this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place mentioned.

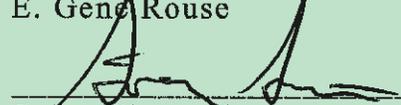
Given under our hands at Skowhegan, Maine the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May 2018.

  
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Paul York, Chairman

  
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Darla Pickett, Vice Chairman

  
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Betty Austin

  
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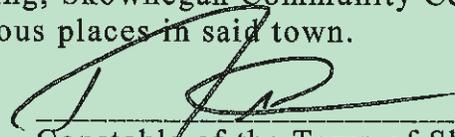
  
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Soren Siren  
Selectmen of the Town of Skowhegan

CONSTABLE'S RETURN

Skowhegan, Maine

May 23, 2018

Pursuant to the within warrant to me directed, I have notified and warned inhabitants of said town, qualified as therein expressed, to meet at said time, place, and for the purpose therein named, by posting a copy of said warrant, attested by me at the Municipal Building, Skowhegan Community Center and Hannaford, being public and conspicuous places in said town.

  
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Constable of the Town of Skowhegan



## Emergency (Police/Fire/Ambulance) – Dial 911

<u>If you want information</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Phone #</u>	<u>E-Mail</u>
Administration	Town Manager	474-6907 474-9413	<a href="mailto:calmand@skowhegan.org">calmand@skowhegan.org</a> Fax
Animal Control Officer	Sharon Kinney/Cara Mason	474-6386	<a href="mailto:cmason@skowhegan.org">cmason@skowhegan.org</a>
Animal Shelter	Manager	474-6493	<a href="mailto:shsanimals.forever@yahoo.com">shsanimals.forever@yahoo.com</a>
Assessor's Department	Assessor	474-6903	<a href="mailto:lemery@skowhegan.org">lemery@skowhegan.org</a>
Bills and Accounts	Finance Officer	474-6900 858-0320	<a href="mailto:taustin@skowhegan.org">taustin@skowhegan.org</a> Fax
Birth/Marriage/Death Certificates	Town Clerk	474-6902	<a href="mailto:skowtreas@skowhegan.org">skowtreas@skowhegan.org</a>
Boat/Snowmobile/ATV Reg.	Town Clerk	474-6902	<a href="mailto:skowtreas@skowhegan.org">skowtreas@skowhegan.org</a>
Building Inspections	Inspector	474-6904	<a href="mailto:skowcode@skowhegan.org">skowcode@skowhegan.org</a>
Chamber of Commerce	Director	474-3621	<a href="mailto:exdir@skowhegan.chamber.com">exdir@skowhegan.chamber.com</a>
Code Enforcement	Officer	474-6904	<a href="mailto:skowcode@skowhegan.org">skowcode@skowhegan.org</a>
Community Center/Rec. Dept.	Director	474-6901	<a href="mailto:skowrec@skowhegan.org">skowrec@skowhegan.org</a>
Community & Economic Development	Director	474-6905	<a href="mailto:skowecon@skowhegan.org">skowecon@skowhegan.org</a>
District Court	District Court	474-9518	
Dog Licenses	Town Clerk	474-6902	<a href="mailto:skowtreas@skowhegan.org">skowtreas@skowhegan.org</a>
Emergency Management	Town Manager	474-6900	<a href="mailto:calmand@skowhegan.org">calmand@skowhegan.org</a>
Fire Department	Fire Chief	474-3400	<a href="mailto:showard@skowhegan.org">showard@skowhegan.org</a>
Fire Permits	Fire Chief	474-3400	<a href="mailto:showard@skowhegan.org">showard@skowhegan.org</a>
General Assistance	Director	474-6900	
Health Officer	Tim Malyk	474-3320	
Highway Department	Road Commissioner	474-6911	<a href="mailto:skowpwd@skowhegan.org">skowpwd@skowhegan.org</a>
History House	Melvin Burnham	474-6632	474-1083
Hospital	RFGH	474-5121	
Hunting/Fishing Licenses	Town Clerk	474-6902	<a href="mailto:skowtreas@skowhegan.org">skowtreas@skowhegan.org</a>
KVCAP	Office - Poulin Park	474-8487	
Lake George Regional Park	Park Ranger	474-1292	399-3185 (cell)
Library	Skowhegan Public	474-9072	
Margaret Chase Smith Library	Director	474-7133	
Main Street Skowhegan	Director	612-2571	
Opera House	Executive Secretary	474-6907	<a href="mailto:cmason@skowhegan.org">cmason@skowhegan.org</a>
Ordinance	Code Enforcement	474-6904	<a href="mailto:skowcode@skowhegan.org">skowcode@skowhegan.org</a>
Passports	Executive Secretary	474-6907	<a href="mailto:cmason@skowhegan.org">cmason@skowhegan.org</a>
Planning Board	Town Planner	474-6904	<a href="mailto:skowplan@skowhegan.org">skowplan@skowhegan.org</a>
Plumbing Information	Inspector	474-6904	<a href="mailto:skowcode@skowhegan.org">skowcode@skowhegan.org</a>
Police Department	Police Chief	474-6908	<a href="mailto:skowpd@skowhegan.org">skowpd@skowhegan.org</a>
Anonymous Tip Line	Detective	474-6915	<a href="mailto:skowdet@skowhegan.org">skowdet@skowhegan.org</a>
Pollution Control	Supervisor	474-6909	<a href="mailto:skowpoll@skowhegan.org">skowpoll@skowhegan.org</a>
Recreation	Director	474-6901	<a href="mailto:skowrec@skowhegan.org">skowrec@skowhegan.org</a>
Registry of Deeds	Registrar	474-3421	
Recycling Center	Supervisor	474-6918	<a href="mailto:skowrecycle@skowhegan.org">skowrecycle@skowhegan.org</a>
Selectmen/Meetings, etc.	Executive Secretary	474-6907	<a href="mailto:cmason@skowhegan.org">cmason@skowhegan.org</a>
Sewers	Road Commissioner	474-6911	<a href="mailto:skowpwd@skowhegan.org">skowpwd@skowhegan.org</a>
Schools	Superintendent	474-9508	
Sheriffs Department	Sheriff	474-9591	
Solid Waste Management	Supervisor	474-6918	<a href="mailto:skowrecycle@skowhegan.org">skowrecycle@skowhegan.org</a>
State Police	State Police	474-3350	
Streets or Snow Removal	Road Commissioner	474-6911	<a href="mailto:skowpwd@skowhegan.org">skowpwd@skowhegan.org</a>
Superior Court	Superior Court	474-5161	
Taxes	Tax Collector	474-6900	<a href="mailto:calmand@skowhegan.org">calmand@skowhegan.org</a>
Town Treasurer/Town Clerk	Treasurer	474-6902	<a href="mailto:skowtreas@skowhegan.org">skowtreas@skowhegan.org</a>
Vehicle Registrations	Main Office	474-6900	
Voter Information	Registrar of Voters	474-6906	<a href="mailto:skowvoter@skowhegan.org">skowvoter@skowhegan.org</a>