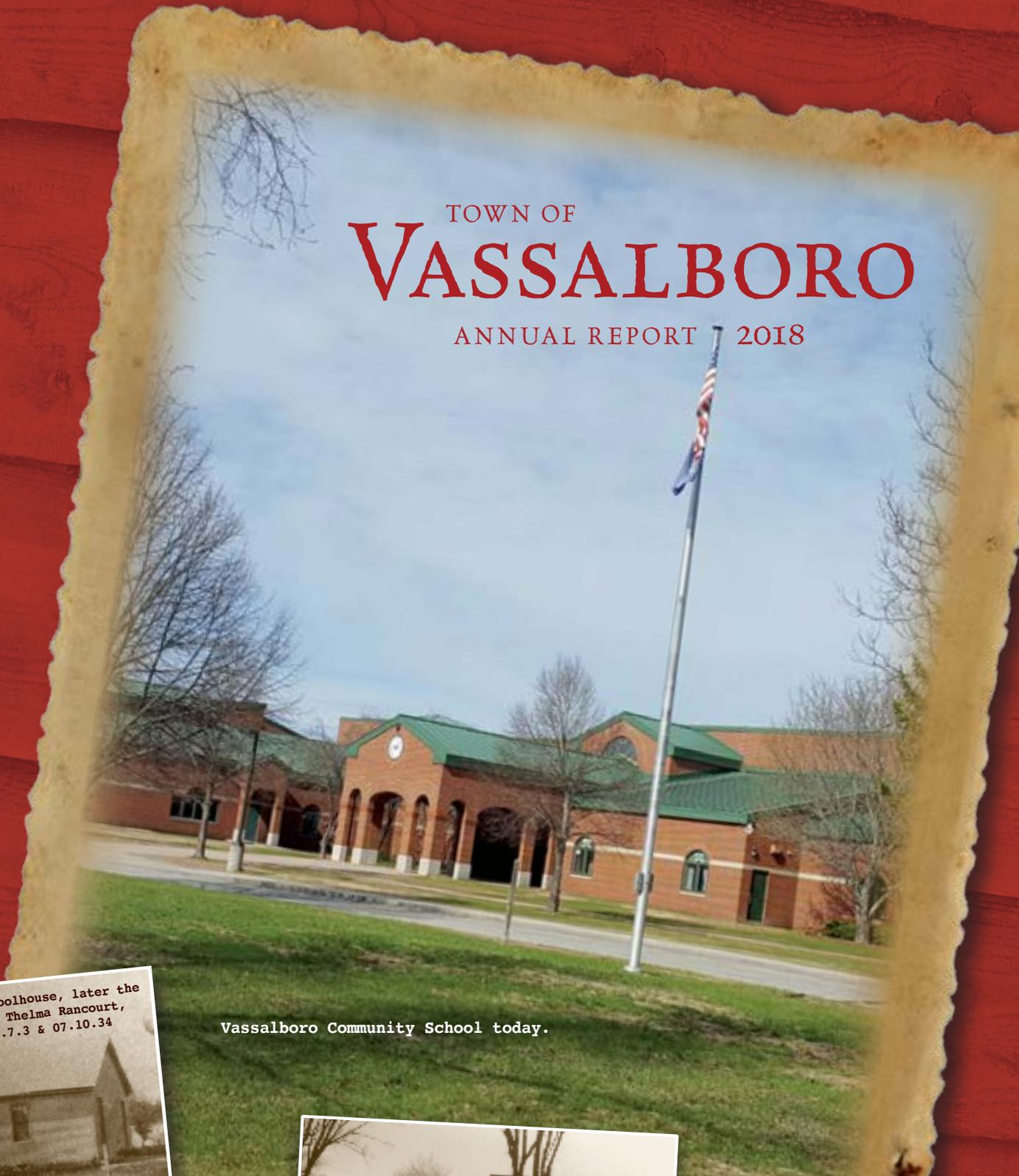


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Vassalboro Community School today.



Getchell's Corner schoolhouse, later the residence of Fred and Thelma Rancourt, on Old Route 201. 88.7.3 & 07.10.34



Lowell School



Old Schoolhouse at "Slab City". This was the schoolhouse that stood on the corner near the junction of Webber Pond Road and Paper Hill Road (now discontinued). It was near the present homes of Jerry Dore and Robert Dow. The building was moved down behind the Jerry Dore place (home in background) near the farm bridge. Both the schoolhouse and the bridge are now gone. 87.2.12

**The story continues about Vassalboro's historic schoolhouses inside!**

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# Dedication



**T**HOMAS RICHARDS moved to North Vassalboro from Waldoboro in November 1957 at the age of 17, shortly after his father had passed away. His mother wanted to be closer to her mother who resided in East Vassalboro. Shortly after moving here, two weeks to be exact, he joined the Vassalboro Volunteer Fire Department. He held many titles such as firefighter, Assistant Deputy Chief, Deputy Chief & Chief while on the fire department. He was the Chief from 1989-1990. He retired 49 years later in 2006. Even after he retired, you could count on seeing Tom at any fire that happened in town, whether it be to help direct traffic or to help at the fire station after the fire to help the fire department “clean up”.

Tom has contributed so much to this town. Every year since the town decided to put the flags on the poles from East Vassalboro to North Vassalboro Tom was part of that project. Putting them up and taking them down every year. Last year, Tom was unable to do it anymore due to his health. Other things Tom did was to put the flags around town to half staff when they were ordered to be down, and then to go back and put them up again. He also took care of the cemetery signs throughout the town making sure that they were always visible and well taken care of. He would also help put small American flags on all the veteran's grave stones & firefighter flags on all firefighter's gravestones throughout the cemeteries in Vassalboro.

Tom is best known around Vassalboro for his willingness to help anyone, whether it be his neighbor that he's known for years or the family that just moved in or a total stranger. He is always willing to lend a hand or an ear. The amount of time he has spent going out of his way to help others is unsurpassable.

Tom is also well known for his rubbish business. Tom's Rubbish Removal was started in 1968, the same year he started working for Cives Steel. His iconic red rubbish truck could be seen all over town any day of the week back then, and still to this day. He always waved to everyone, even if he didn't know you, he would still say hello. He would go to work early in the morning, get out of work, drive home and jump in his rubbish truck and go on that day's daily route. A route that if he just stopped and picked up the trash and got back in his truck could take him an hour and a half but that wasn't Tom. If the customer was outside, he would always make it a point to stop and chat for a few minutes to see how they were doing. Whether it be the guy down the street or the elderly lady that lived alone. If someone needed a hand, Tom would be there in a heartbeat. He never expected anything in return either.

Tom also worked on the Kennebec Sheriff's Department and would assist the Town constables with issues that occurred in Vassalboro upon request. He has worn many hats throughout his 79.5 years of life. Recently he, as American Legion Post 126 Commander, honored the WWII veterans living in Vassalboro at a gathering at the St. Bridget Community Center in North Vassalboro. He served in the United States Air Force.

Over the past year, Tom has had some health issues that have forced him to not be so independent like he has been his entire life. He misses being out on his trash route seeing all his customers and just being around town. If you do run into him around town, please don't hesitate to say hello. You will for sure make his day!

*~ Written by Tom's niece Karen Peloquin.*

# Town Manager's Story

MARY SABINS, *Town Manager*



IT'S BEEN ANOTHER BUSY AND PRODUCTIVE YEAR that included recognition of several of our staff members and volunteers. At the June 2018 Town Meeting, the annual *Spirit of America Award* was presented to Steve Polley to recognize him for his volunteer efforts for the Town Recreation Department and his involvement with the local Scouts Troop, in addition to community projects and fundraisers. He was given a framed certificate by the Selectmen to thank him for his contributions, while his family stood nearby him to witness the event. Thank you again, Steve, for all that you have given to this community.

IN SEPTEMBER 2018, Deputy Town Clerk Debbie Johnston-Nixon was also recognized by her peers and colleagues at the Maine Town and City Clerks Association by awarding her the Town Clerk's Certification that she earned after attending many classes and passing an achievement exam. This Certification is a gold-star achievement for all Town Clerks in the profession, and we are very proud of Debbie for her accomplishment!



(L-R) Rob Browne, Selectman; Steve Polley & family



Photo by Mary Sabins

Debbie Johnston-Nixon

IN OCTOBER 2018, your *Town Manager* accepted the oath of office as the incoming *President of the Maine Municipal Association* (MMA) for the 2019 calendar year. MMA is a non-profit, non-partisan organization, to which Vassalboro

has a paid membership, governed by an Executive Committee elected from its member municipalities that offers an array of professional services to municipalities and other local governmental entities in Maine. MMA is dedicated to assisting local governments, and I am very proud to represent Vassalboro while serving in this new volunteer capacity. I very much appreciate the support of the Vassalboro Board of Selectmen and staff while I am away from the office from time to time performing my duties as President.



Photo by John Melrose

(L-R) Mary Sabins; Linda Cohen

**THROUGHOUT THE FALL MONTHS OF 2018**, the Selectmen thoroughly reviewed the job requirements and public safety expectations of the Town Police Chief position, and made adjustments to the job description to better suit the Town's needs.

The Board also deliberated and explored the options to convert our 113 streetlights to more efficient LED streetlight fixtures. After careful consideration, the Board decided to enter into an agreement with Central Maine Power Company to have them convert the existing streetlight fixtures to LED fixtures, and we will continue to lease the more economical fixtures from CMP at a cost savings to the Town. Our other option was to own the streetlights after purchasing the old fixtures from CMP and contract out with a private company to install new LED fixtures, but maintenance of the fixtures over time would likely have become a burden on town staff and the budget.

Research has also been done by the Board members on solar energy, and how the Town may benefit from the installation of a possible solar array on town property to save on electricity costs. An article will be presented at the upcoming town meeting to explain the solar energy research that has been done, and to seek authorization from the voters to pursue the idea to a greater extent.

Also in 2018, the Town has signed the agreement to receive and administer a Community Development Block Grant (Public Infrastructure) in the amount of \$975K to assist the Vassalboro Sanitary District (VSD) with financing for a new sewer main along Main Street in the East and North Vassalboro Villages. The Sanitary District has obtained additional financing from other agencies to fund the remainder of the multi-million dollar project. The VSD began the long anticipated and talked about sewer main project construction phase in the early spring of 2019.

**IN MID-WINTER**, the Selectmen made the decision to eliminate the zero-sort recycling program at the Transfer Station. Effective January 2019, all Vassalboro residents were requested to put all zero-sort recyclables (except cardboard) into the trash bags with their regular household garbage. The Town's new trash disposal vendor called Coastal Resources of Maine, powered by Fiberright Technology and located in Hampden, will sort all of the trash that the Town sends to them and they will recycle all that they can from our waste. Fiberright will do the sorting work for us! As for the cardboard, because there is a mandatory cardboard recycling Town ordinance in effect, residents need to continue to separate the cardboard as they have always done, which helps reduce the bulk in the compactor container at the Transfer Station.

In closing, I appreciate the opportunity to serve you as your Town Manager, and I encourage residents to call me at **872-2826** or email me at [msabins@vassalboro.net](mailto:msabins@vassalboro.net) with any comments or concerns about your town government functions. I wish to extend thanks to the Selectmen for their support of my work, and their thoughtful decision making at every Board meeting. I'd also like to thank the volunteers who serve tirelessly on town committees and the fire & rescue services, and to express my gratitude to my talented town staff for all of their assistance and their years of dedication to the citizenry of the Town of Vassalboro. Job well done, one and all!



(Select Board Members L-R) John Melrose, Lauchlin Titus, Robert Browne

**TELEPHONE    TERM EXPIRES**

		<b>ELLECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS</b>	
873-2108	2020	Lauchlin Titus, Chairman	1063 Main Street, Vassalboro
626-0966	2019	Robert Browne	9 Szady Drive, Vassalboro
923-3729	2021	John Melrose	636 Bog Road, Vassalboro
		<b>SCHOOL COMMITTEE</b>	
872-8596	2019	Kevin Levasseur, Chairman	209 Bog Road, Vassalboro
923-4069	2021	Jolene Clark Gamage	1580 Cross Hill Road, Vassalboro
485-4008	2020	Erin Libby Loiko	1227 Riverside Drive, Vassalboro
314-2922	2020	Susan Tuthill	162 Seawards Mills Road, Vassalboro
	2019	Jessica Clark	569 Webber Pond Road, Vassalboro
		<b>PLANNING BOARD</b>	
873-5226	2020	Virginia Brackett, Chair	20 Alpine St., Vassalboro
	2020	Betsy Poulin	373 Hussey Hill Road, Vassalboro
923-3800	2019	Douglas Phillips	738 Bog Road, Vassalboro
923-3400	2019	Sally Butler	49 Taber Hill Road, Vassalboro
923-6005	2020	John Phillips	331 Crowell Hill Road, Vassalboro
923-3017	2019	Marianne Stevens, Alternate	1618 Cross Hill Road, Vassalboro
		<b>BUDGET COMMITTEE</b>	
873-9094	2020	Rick Denico, Jr.	237 Oak Grove Rd., Vassalboro
873-7399	2019	Donald Breton	174 Cemetery Street, Vassalboro
622-7730	2019	Richard Phippen	492 Webber Pond Rd, Vassalboro
623-8488	2020	Barbara Redmond	65 Dam Road, Vassalboro
923-3800	2020	Douglas Phillips	738 Bog Road, Vassalboro
923-3355	2020	Joe Suga	861 Cross Hill Road, Vassalboro
873-2605	2019	Peggy Schaffer	22 Station Hill Road, Vassalboro
622-3096	2019	William Browne	793 Webber Pond Road, Vassalboro
485-4558	2020	K. Peter Allen	2418 Riverside Drive, Vassalboro
872-7062	2019	Phillip Landry	10 St. Bridgett's Way, No. Vassalboro
		<b>BOARD OF APPEALS</b>	
923-3185	2019	Kathy Lees, Chair	604 Bog Road, Vassalboro
873-3911	2020	Gary Coull	36 Maple Street, Vassalboro
923-3759	2019	Leon Duff	595 Hussey Hill Road, Vassalboro
923-3803	2019	John Reuthe	924 Cross Hill Road, Vassalboro
	2020	Vacant	

		<b>TOWN CLERK</b>	
872-2826	2019	Catherine Coyne	P.O. Box 82, N. Vassalboro
		<b>SANITARY DISTRICT</b>	
872-5884	2019	Ray Breton, Chairman	7 Priest Hill Road, Vassalboro
692-2421	2021	Lee Trahan	132 Clinton Ave., Winslow
923-3971	2019	Alfred Roy	12 So. Stanley Hill Road, Vassalboro
923-3758	2020	Paul Mitnik	700 Cross Hill Road, Vassalboro
	2020	Rebecca Goodrich, Treasurer	889 Main Street, Vassalboro
		<b>RECREATION COMMITTEE</b>	
649-0887	2019	Dan Ouellette, Director	
		Steve Polley (2019); Matt Hankey (2019); Kevin Luczko (2019); Tiffany Luczko (2019); Marc Cote (2019); Matt Linquist (2019); Jessica Decker (2019);	
		<b>CONSERVATION COMMISSION</b>	
	2020	Betsy Poulin	373 Hussey Hill Road, Vassalboro
923-3836	2019	Steve Jones	55 Quaker Lane, Vassalboro
923-3397	2020	Holly Weidner	320 Main Street, Vassalboro
	2019	Dylan Dillaway	552 Webber Pond Road, Vassalboro
923-3483	2021	David Jenney	844 Cross Hill Road, Vassalboro
	2021	Chris French	12 Eric Road, Vassalboro
	2021	Laura Jones	Bog Road, Vassalboro
		<b>CEMETERY COMMITTEE</b>	
923-3220	2019	Jane Aiudi	656 Bog Road, Vassalboro
445-2754	2019	Russell Smith	1647 North Belfast Road, Vassalboro
923-3411	2019	Tom Richards	508 Hussey Hill Road, Vassalboro
873-4458	2019	Tim Giroux	568 Oak Grove Road, Vassalboro
923-3483	2019	David Jenney	844 Cross Hill Road, Vassalboro
923-3391	2019	Sue Haines, Chair	702 Bog Road, Vassalboro
923-3704	2019	Sandra Toohey	45 So. Stanley Hill Road, Vassalboro
314-6218	2019	Richard Lees	324 Main Street, Vassalboro
	2019	Jody Kundreskas	
		<b>FAVOR COMMITTEE</b>	
	2019	Vicki Schad	So. Stanley Hill Road, Vassalboro
	2019	Jim Schad	So. Stanley Hill Road, Vassalboro
	2019	Leon Duff	595 Hussey Hill Road, Vassalboro
	2019	Rose Fortin	Fortin Road, Vassalboro
	2019	Cindy Ferland	Ferland Lane, Vassalboro
	2019	Rachel Kilbride	860 Main Street, Vassalboro
		<b>FIRST RESPONDER SERVICE</b>	
622-4388	2019	Dan Mayotte, Director	1574A Riverside Drive, Vassalboro
485-4558	2019	Peter Allen, Ass't Dir.	2418 Riverside Drive, Vassalboro
		<b>FIRE CHIEF</b>	
622-7811	2019	Eric Rowe	Cushnoc Road, Vassalboro
		<b>POLICE CHIEF</b>	
557-4601	2019	Mark Brown	Riverside Drive, Vassalboro
		<b>HEALTH OFFICER</b>	
469-5534	2019	Morgan Titus Rau	841 Main Street, Vassalboro
		<b>KENNEBEC WATER DISTRICT TRUSTEE</b>	
923-3305	2019	Frank Richards	100 Pleasant Cove Road, Vassalboro

# Senate of Maine

Dear Friends,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

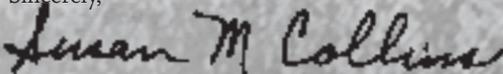
Congress took decisive action to address the opioid addiction epidemic. In addition to appropriating \$8.5 billion in federal funding last year, Congress enacted the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act, a comprehensive package that embraces the multipronged approach I have long advocated for this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

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

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

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

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins  
United States Senator

# Senate of Maine

Dear Friends,

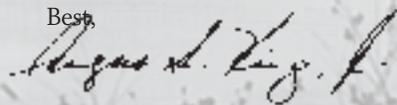
As I travel Maine, I hear from people who live in every corner of our state. I hear about their achievements, their successes, their work to improve their communities – I hear about the hope they have for our state. I also hear about our challenges, and all the work we have left to do. As I see it, that’s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

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

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

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

Best,



Angus S. King  
United States Senator

# Senate of Maine

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

First, let me thank you for electing me to represent you in Augusta. I am honored to serve you in the Maine Senate. It has been a privilege serving as a State Representative over the last six years. I will continue to work tirelessly on your behalf, making sure your interests are heard and well represented in the Maine Legislature.

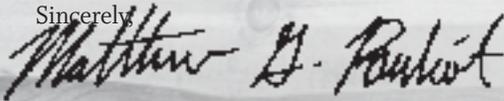
This past legislative session proved to be the longest in recent memory. After dealing with a number of major policy matters, we finally adjourned September 13th.

Perhaps the most significant action the Legislature took last year was the passage of tax conformity. Failing to conform would have been a nightmare for small businesses as well as low-income and elderly Mainers. Maine would have also lost \$37 million in one-time repatriated revenue. Due to the Legislature's actions and willingness to work together on the passage of tax conformity, Maine tax filers were unharmed by this policy change.

The 129th Legislature has many challenges of its own. The top priorities this session include finding a way to provide affordable and accessible healthcare to all Mainers, tackling the opioid crisis, education reform and funding, and lowering property taxes.

Thank you again for trusting me to represent you in Augusta. I hope the Legislature can come together to tackle the hard issues facing our state, and I am ready to help. Please feel free to contact me at 287-1505 or [matthew.pouliot@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:matthew.pouliot@legislature.maine.gov) if you have comments, questions or if you would like assistance in navigating state government.

Sincerely,



Matthew Pouliot  
State Senator

# House of Representatives

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

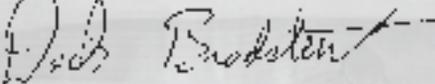
I would like to thank the residents of Augusta, Hibbert's Gore, Somerville, Vassalboro, and Windsor for reelecting me as your State Representative. It is an incredible honor and privilege to represent you in The House of Representatives during the 129th Maine Legislature.

For the next two years, I will serve as the House Republican Lead on the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing and as a member of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary. I understand that there is a lot of work involved with being on two committees, but I feel like I am up to the challenge. It is my hope to keep you all informed of the important work that takes place within these two policy areas.

In order for me to represent you in the best ways possible, I need to hear your thoughts on all the issues that are important to you. Please, don't hesitate to call me anytime you feel you need my assistance. I may not know all the answers, but I will do my best to help you discover a solution to the problem. Moreover, I encourage you to monitor all legislative proposals being worked on at the State House by visiting the Legislature's website at [www.legislature.maine.gov](http://www.legislature.maine.gov). From here you can browse bill summaries and roll call votes, view session and public hearing schedules, listen to committee hearings or watch live streaming video of the House and Senate.

Once again, thank you for the opportunity to represent you, the people of District 80. Please call me anytime at phone at 861-1657 or email at [Dick.Bradstreet@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:Dick.Bradstreet@legislature.maine.gov) to keep me updated on those concerns. If you would like to be added to my email update list, you can do so by emailing me directly with your request.

Sincerely,



Dick Bradstreet  
State Representative

# Congress of the United States

Dear Friends,

I hope this message finds you well. I am honored to represent you and your family and am grateful for the chance to offer both an update from Congress and my thoughts on the year ahead.

In Maine, we care less about political parties than about getting the job done. That's why I'm happy to report several recent victories I had reaching across the aisle to address issues important to our state.

Signed into law after months of deadlock, the 2018 Farm Bill contained several provisions I introduced. We were able to boost local food investment and organic research programs that are important to the Maine farmers driving a resurgence in our agricultural economy. The bill also created a pilot program to help doctors write prescriptions and offer vouchers to patients who need to change their diet but can't afford fresh food. Finally, the legislation included several steps I introduced to reduce food waste, a national problem that is not only costly to the environment and economy, but a missed opportunity to help millions of Americans who don't have enough to eat.

At the end of 2018, the President signed into law, legislative language I introduced to assist veterans who had been blindsided by debt with the Department of Veterans Affairs. After hearing from several veterans who did not receive mailings about their debt until it was too late to take action, I introduced a bill to require the VA to improve its notification system. The final legislation requires that veterans have the option of getting electronic notifications and that the VA report on the underlying issues.

And on the House Appropriations Committee, I worked to protect programs that our state relies on, such as small business grants, rural broadband investment, effective responses to the opioid epidemic, shipbuilding at Bath Iron Works, and more.

As a new Congress gets underway, I will keep working with Republicans to make progress on key issues like these. But with Democrats now in the majority, I look forward to having an open debate on problems that have been ignored for too long. This includes the gun violence plaguing our nation, the dangers climate change presents to our country, crushing student loan debt, the influence of big money in politics, and the need for all Americans to access affordable health care and prescriptions.

In Washington and Maine, my offices stand ready to answer your questions, listen to feedback, and assist with federal issues and agencies. My hard-working staff helps many hundreds of constituents every year and I welcome the chance to serve you.

Best wishes,



Chellie Pingree  
Member of Congress , 1st District, Maine

# Registrar of Voters

CATHERINE COYNE, Registrar of Voters

# Sanitary District

RAY BRETON, Chair



(L -R) Town Clerk Cathy Coyne swears in Dick Thompson as Town Meeting Moderator

Board members – Al Roy, Lee Trahan, Becky Goodrich, Paul Mitnik, and chair-person Raymond Breton are still working with Richard Green and Dan Marks of Hoyle and Tanner Engineering, along with Chuck Applebee and Norton True of Water Quality and Compliance. Also, Vassalboro Town Manager Mary Sabins, DOT, Rural Development/USDA, and many others are all working hard to have the new pumping stations hooked up to Winslow at the Dunbar Road, thus closing the three filter beds in Vassalboro. We have obtained financing from Rural Development/USDA and a grant from the Community Development Building Grant program. The CWSRF loan has not been closed yet, because we are waiting on the results of the \$30,000,000 bond bill recently passed. The construction project has been awarded to Ranger Contracting who has begun work in East Vassalboro. Construction will continue for approximately one year. I would like to thank everyone involved with this project. **We meet the third Thursday every month at 6:00 P.M. at the Vassalboro Sanitary District.**

I am pleased to submit my Voter Registrar report to the Selectmen and to the residents of Vassalboro.

### During the past year we have had two elections in Vassalboro:

- June 14, 2018 was the date of the Municipal Election. John Melrose was elected for a 3-year term for Selectman/Overseer of the Poor. Jolene Clark Gamage was elected to the School Committee for a 3-year term.
- The State General/Referendum Election was held on November 6, 2018. There were 2101 ballots cast.

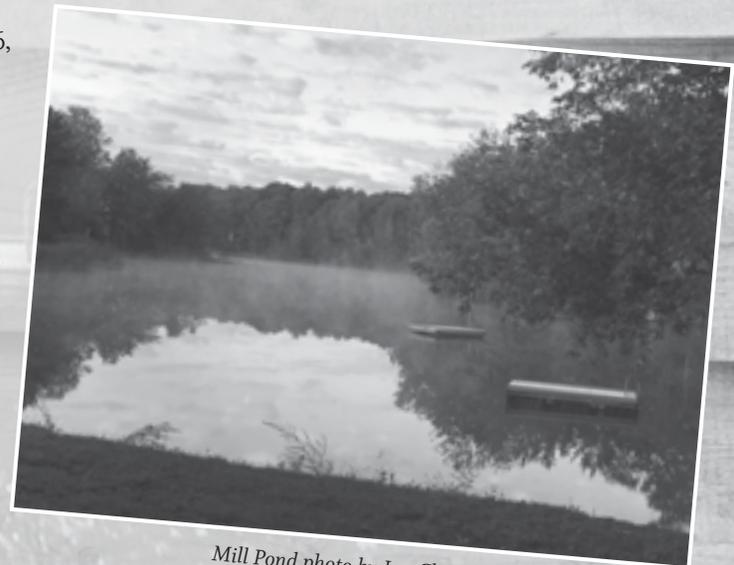
The total number of registered voters as of the writing of this report in April 2019 is 3,226 with the following party affiliation breakdown:

Democrats: 923 Republicans: 1,073 Green: 145 Unenrolled: 1,085

No absentee ballots can be issued after the Thursday before any election unless the voter signs an application, designed by the Secretary of State, stating one of the following reasons for requesting an absentee ballot after the deadline:

- An unexpected absence from the municipality during the entire time the polls are open on election day;
- A physical disability; or
- An incapacity or illness that has resulted in the voter's being unable to leave home or a treatment facility.

If you are interested in becoming a ballot clerk, you can contact me by email at [Cathy@Vassalboro.net](mailto:Cathy@Vassalboro.net) or give me a call at 872-2826.



Mill Pond photo by Jan Clowes

# Town Clerk Report

CATHERINE COYNE, *Town Clerk*

I am pleased to submit my Town Clerk's report to the Selectmen and to the residents of Vassalboro.

Certified Copies of Death, Birth, and Marriage Certificates can be obtained at a cost of \$15.00. Additional copies are \$6.00 each.

You must have proof of having held previous hunting licenses or proof of having taken a Hunter Safety Course in order to purchase a Hunting license. You do not have to be a resident of Vassalboro in order to obtain a license at our office.

There were approximately 1,033 dog tags and two Kennel Licenses issued to Vassalboro residents. All dog licenses expire December 31<sup>st</sup>. You must have a rabies certificate in order to license your dog. You will also need to provide proof of Spay or Neutering. A spayed/neutered dog is \$6.00 and the fee for an unaltered dog is \$11.00. There is a \$25.00 late fee after January 31<sup>st</sup>. For the past several years we have held a Rabies Clinic at the North Vassalboro Fire Station in November. Dog licensing is available at the clinic. Part of the proceeds goes to the Vassalboro Food Pantry. You can reach the Animal Control Officer, Robert Crosby at 431-3306.

General Assistance is a program that provides assistance with basic needs for eligible applicants who cannot provide for themselves and their families. General Assistance is administered on each Wednesday by appointment unless there is an emergency. Any person who has been assisted with General Assistance in any municipality in the state of Maine must retain all receipts to keep their eligibility. You can call 872-2826 to set up an appointment.

**The following are Marriage Licenses that were recorded from March 1, 2018 – March 1, 2019.**

## **PARTY A**

Katrina Elizabeth Robinson  
Randy Richard Gooldrup  
Maria Ann Blaisdell Hood  
Kelley Jo Maloney  
Katie Jean Formanski  
Faith Elizabeth Worster  
Jake Allen Klein  
Meagan Elizabeth Higgins  
Tiffany Nicole Castle  
Sydney Carole Meade  
Britny Melinda Wyman  
Michael Roland Raymond Cayouette Jr  
Elaine Carmen Theriault  
Zebadiah Hugh Mosher  
David Prescott Cain  
Jonathan David Heath  
Kailah Jessica Reed  
Lindsay Jewel Quirion  
Zachary Allen Childs  
Justen Clint Curtis  
Janet Jennifer Belanger  
Sara Jeanne Ferrigan  
Montie Leslie Cunningham, Jr.  
Dale Matthew Harrington  
Brittany Lynn Rich  
Salina Nikole Wright  
Hannah Adaire Niles-Moody

## **PARTY B**

Dustin Richard Leach  
Kelly Jill Green  
Zachary Joe Cummings  
Donald Lawrence McCarty  
Adam William Chase  
Zachery Forrest Devale Gushing  
Kaitlin Bell Rau  
Benjamin Merrill Grant  
Daniel Frank Marceau  
Darrell Paul Field Jr.  
Paul Alan Morrison  
Jordan Natasha Martin  
David Alexander Currier  
Desiree Marie Lee  
Terri Ann Belanger  
Jessica Leigh Wincapaw  
Kevin Byron Gayton  
Samuel Ryan King  
Rebecca Lynn Reed  
Nicole Elizabeth Armstrong  
Dale Hanson Truland  
Nicholas Edwin Bourgoin  
Betty Louise Reed  
Jamie Lee Beers  
Cody Ryan Vigue  
Hunter Raymond Tibbetts  
Matthew Arnold Haley

## **MARRIED**

04-07-2018  
04-07-2018  
04/28/2018  
05/05/2018  
05/20/2018  
06/01/2018  
06/09/2018  
06/09/2018  
06/16/2018  
06/25/2018  
06/23/2018  
06/23/2018  
07/06/2018  
07/21/2018  
07/28/2018  
08/04/2018  
08/04/2018  
08/04/2018  
08/11/2018  
08/12/2018  
08/25/2018  
09/01/2018  
09/08/2018  
09/12/2018  
09/22/2018  
09/22/2018  
09/22/2018



*Town Office Staff (L to R):  
Front row: Debbie Johnston, Cathy Coyne,  
Jean Poulin. Back row: Ellery Bane, Dick  
Dolby, Mary Sabins.*

Whitney Diane Underwood	Harry Bernard Hirschberger	09/30/2018
Lydia Mae Fortin	Scott James Buchert Jr.	10/06/2018
Brianna Abigail Knowles	Brandon Thomas Moore	10/06/2018
Amanda Leigh Jankowski	Brent Dennis Roy	10/13/2018
Victoria L. DeMerchant	Dennis G. Crosen	11/03/2018
Hannah Mary Brazier	Alyssa Jordan Soucy	11/10/2018
Theresa Ann Barrett	Albert Knights Jr.	11/22/2018
Shannon Michele Hanson	Johnathan Tyler Schlager	12/16/2018
Amanda Nicole Frazier	Colbi Harrison Stevens-Davis	12/22/2018
Jennifer Jean Clark	Richard Joseph Rancourt	12/31/2018

*There were 44 births to Vassalboro residents from March 1, 2018 – March 1, 2019.*

Vital Statistic information listed below pertains to deaths from March 1, 2018 – March 1, 2019.

IN MEMORY OF

NAME	AGE	LOCATION	DATE OF DEATH
Antworth, Howard W.	74	Waterville	12-14-2018
Bizier, Reginald E.	92	Vassalboro	02-03-2019
Breault, Milton W.	86	Waterville	03-06-2018
Cates, Paul Barker	93	Vassalboro	10-21-2018
Cote, Carleen Elizabeth	78	Portland	04-27-2018
Craig, Hope Marie	44	Gardiner	01-29-2019
Dorval, Janice Lorraine	82	Waterville	03/01/2018
Duprey, Frederick David	70	Vassalboro	06/02/2018
Duquette, Debra A.	52	Waterville	01/23/2019
Ferris, Sumayah N.	93	Waterville	09/25/2018
Field, Delores M.	71	Waterville	07/09/2018
Finley, Richard W.	86	Waterville	01/13/2019
Forbes, Roderick Alden	74	Togus USVA	02/04/2019
Foster, John M. Sr.	76	Vassalboro	10/23/2018
Gay, Raymond P. Sr.	79	Vassalboro	07/29/2018
Glidden, Berl Marie	88	Vassalboro	11/08/2018
Goodwin, Darren Douglas	55	Portland	09/28/2018
Gray, Prudence Bartley	90	Vassalboro	07/05/2018
Hallee, Christopher Lee	36	Portland	11/14/2018
Hammond, Barbara Louise	81	Scarborough	11/12/2018
Higgins, Wayne Bryant	79	Vassalboro	10/17/2018
Horner, James Richey III	95	Vassalboro	12/26/2018
Hughes, Carol Joy	77	Vassalboro	10/03/2018
Levay, William Stephen	71	West Bath	09/15/2018
McIntosh, Murray B. Jr.	86	Vassalboro	07/15/2018
Morneau, Paul John	63	Waterville	05/27/2018
Munster, Priscilla May	90	Waterville	04/22/2018
Peaslee, Sylvia A	83	Vassalboro	07/12/2018
Perry, Douglas Paul	69	Augusta	02/17/2019
Richards, Jack M.	41	Vassalboro	09/05/2018
Ricker, Larry Wayne	68	Vassalboro	02/04/2019
Salmonson, Richard Charles	73	Vassalboro	03/03/2018
Scott, Nicholas	84	Waterville	03/23/2018
Smith, Robert Earl	99	Augusta	09/08/2018
Socquet, Cheryl C.	71	Augusta	03/08/2018
Stearns, Jack George	85	Augusta	10/21/2018
Warner, Robert Ernest	92	Augusta	07/05/2018
Wentzel, Mary Ellen	86	Vassalboro	06/24/2018
White, Katherine Grace	19	Portland	10/18/2018
Wood, Ardath Elisabeth	75	Vassalboro	03/18/2018
Wood, Ryan Arnold	24	Windsor	07/20/2018



## Town Assessor

ELLERY G. BANE, C.M.A., *Town Assessor*

Once again it has been my pleasure to serve as the Assessor for the Town of Vassalboro. Looking back on the previous year, I believe the most encouraging sign is the continual increase in the permitting of new homes and supplemental auxiliary structures as well as a rebound in the real estate market.

On another front of importance, the assessing office implemented the 4th stage of the quarterly review process in town. This review collected a net of \$630,400 in valuation for the town. The quarter review is *not* a 'revaluation' in the sense that values are re-aligned with the current market. The purpose of the quarter review is to keep the building assessment inventory accurate and up to date while ensuring the town of Vassalboro fulfills its statutory requirement (Title 36 M.R.S.A. Sec 328). This review project identifies improvements, additions that were not previously recognized, omissions from the record, and deletions appropriate for fair and equitable assessments here. The process also for the first time in years includes the addition of photos of all the houses in town for each property record card. The photos themselves help present a much more professional looking product for the town. It certainly has been a long time coming.

For the 2018 tax year the town had a **total valuation of \$302,053,700** and issued a total of **1,171 homestead exemptions**. There were also **137 veterans' exemptions** granted in this last year. There are also residents who have applied and entered State classified programs such as tree growth, farm land and open space. All of these programs are applied locally and can be a help to taxpayers in easing the burdens they face in regards to property tax. I can assure you that in these trying economic times, where we are continually faced with State cuts to aid municipalities, the Town of Vassalboro is diligently working to keep the impact on property taxes to a minimum. Any help that I can offer in explaining any programs and exemptions is encouraged so please feel free to contact me at the town of **Vassalboro assessing office 872-2826** or on the town's website at **ebane@vassalboro.net**. As always, I look forward to working with you in the future.

## Vassalboro Cemetery Committee

We have been identifying and visiting the cemeteries in town; there are 27 on our list, many of which are very small and a couple have no stones. Uniform signs naming the cemeteries have been placed at most of them. We are trying to identify work that needs to be done to repair stones, to protect them from things like trees whose roots are moving stones or whose branches may fall on stones. A big project this past summer in the Cross Hill Cemetery was to repair, straighten and clean stones. This was led by the conservator of choice of the Maine Old Cemeteries Association and involved dedicated work by some of us. Cleaning and straightening stones continues at a slower pace. There are currently no consistent records of who is buried where in most cemeteries. We are hoping to be able to map our cemeteries and digitize the data. We are in the process of identifying and trying purchase a cemetery software program to store information about our cemeteries.

# Unpaid Personal Property Taxes

As of: 04/17/2019

Acct	Name	Year	Original Tax	Payment / Adjustments	Amount Due
184	P BRAGDON, PETER	2016	330.18	0.00	330.18
184	P BRAGDON, PETER	2017	341.93	0.00	341.93
99	P BUTTERFIELD, LINDA	2012	256.30	0.00	256.30
99	P BUTTERFIELD, LINDA	2013	276.64	0.00	276.64
99	P BUTTERFIELD, LINDA	2014	298.24	0.00	298.24
99	P BUTTERFIELD, LINDA	2015	319.21	0.00	319.21
99	P BUTTERFIELD, LINDA	2016	327.37	0.00	327.37
99	P BUTTERFIELD, LINDA	2017	339.02	0.00	339.02
201	P CAIN & SONS EQUIPMENT	2016	42.15	0.00	42.15
201	P CAIN & SONS EQUIPMENT	2017	42.20	0.00	42.20
20	P ELLIS, DUANNE	2017	180.42	0.00	180.42
305	P GERARD, ROBERT G & ANITA L	2009	149.48	113.24	36.24
305	P GERARD, ROBERT G & ANITA L	2010	149.48	0.00	149.48
305	P GERARD, ROBERT G & ANITA L	2011	148.00	0.00	148.00
305	P GERARD, ROBERT G & ANITA L	2012	162.80	0.00	162.80
305	P GERARD, ROBERT G & ANITA L	2013	175.84	0.00	175.84
390	P HEAVENLY DELIGHTS	2017	46.56	0.00	46.56
242	P MCCAUGHEY FARM TRUST	2017	82.94	0.00	82.94
99	P MORNEAU, PAUL J	2005	274.35	0.00	274.35
99	P MORNEAU, PAUL J	2006	292.95	0.00	292.95
99	P MORNEAU, PAUL J	2007	200.38	0.00	200.38
99	P MORNEAU, PAUL J	2008	214.36	0.00	214.36
99	P MORNEAU, PAUL J	2009	235.33	0.00	235.33
99	P MORNEAU, PAUL J	2010	235.33	0.00	235.33
99	P MORNEAU, PAUL J	2011	233.00	0.00	233.00
314	P NOLL, ETHAN E.	2008	69.00	0.00	69.00
314	P NOLL, ETHAN E.	2009	75.75	0.00	75.75
314	P NOLL, ETHAN E.	2010	75.75	0.00	75.75
314	P NOLL, ETHAN E.	2011	75.00	0.00	75.00
314	P NOLL, ETHAN E.	2012	82.50	0.00	82.50
314	P NOLL, ETHAN E.	2013	89.60	0.00	89.60
314	P NOLL, ETHAN E.	2014	96.00	0.00	96.00
314	P NOLL, ETHAN E.	2015	102.75	0.00	102.75
314	P NOLL, ETHAN E.	2016	105.38	0.00	105.38
314	P NOLL, ETHAN E.	2017	109.13	0.00	109.13
352	P NORTHERN QUALITY CONCRETE LLC	2012	37.40	0.00	37.40
153	P UNDERWOOD, JAY R	2017	26.19	0.00	26.19
262	P WILLOUGHBY, MILTON	2013	23.52	0.00	23.52
261	P WW PRECISION MACHINERY INC	2011	560.00	307.63	252.37
261	P WW PRECISION MACHINERY INC	2012	567.60	0.00	567.60
261	P WW PRECISION MACHINERY INC	2013	605.92	0.00	605.92
261	P WW PRECISION MACHINERY INC	2014	650.24	0.00	650.24
<b>Total for 42 Accounts:</b>			<b>8,706.19</b>	<b>420.87</b>	<b>8,285.32</b>

# Unpaid Real Estate Taxes

As of: 04/17/2019

Acct	Name ----	Year	Original Tax	Payment / Adjustments	Amount Due
2847	L ALBEE, ROBERT C.	2017	368.52	0.00	368.52
71	L BAILEY, PAULA	2017	1,295.38	0.00	1,295.38
2311	L BARTLETT, RICHARD & LYNNE	2017	2,315.66	4.62	2,311.04
92	L BATCHELDER, DANIELLE	2017	893.21	0.00	893.21
117	L BECKWITH, ALEX & VICKY	2017	867.41	0.00	867.41
854	L BIBBER, LINWOOD	2017	2,084.23	0.00	2,084.23
1201	L BIBBER, LINWOOD E.	2017	3,556.73	0.00	3,556.73
163	L BLUMBERG, SARA "HEIRS"	2017	1,646.89	0.00	1,646.89
2287	L BOURGET, BRUCE K & MARY N	2017	1,363.91	0.00	1,363.91
211	L BRAGDON, PETER	2017	1,246.51	0.00	1,246.51
212	L BRAGDON, PETER	2017	291.15	0.00	291.15
3332	L BRAGDON, PETER	2017	753.67	0.00	753.67
265	L BROCK, CARL	2017	71.90	0.00	71.90
268	L BROCK, CARL	2017	156.21	0.00	156.21
2519	L BROCK, CARL	2017	233.54	0.00	233.54
2520	L BROCK, CARL	2017	270.54	0.00	270.54
2972	L BROCK, CARL	2017	180.48	0.00	180.48
272	L BROCK, CARL & AMY	2017	109.81	30.60	79.21
273	L BROCK, CARL & AMY	2017	328.18	0.00	328.18
270	L BROCK, CARLETON E & AMY L	2017	74.92	0.00	74.92
271	L BROCK, CARLETON E & AMY L	2017	342.44	0.00	342.44
2581	L BROCK, CARLETON E & AMY L	2017	233.54	0.00	233.54
2582	L BROCK, CARLETON E & AMY L	2017	160.75	0.00	160.75
2679	L BROCK, CARLETON E & AMY L	2017	1,220.47	0.00	1,220.47
2680	L BROCK, CARLETON E & AMY L	2017	181.07	0.00	181.07
2618	L BROCK, CARLTON	2017	266.60	0.00	266.60
3076	L BROCK, CURT	2017	294.20	0.00	294.20
3261	L BROWN, TRACY	2017	109.81	0.00	109.81
2480	L BURNS, RICHARD	2017	3,025.97	0.00	3,025.97
1302	L CAIN, RICHARD B JR	2017	3,051.13	1,743.65	1,307.48
1203	L CHANG, HUICHEN	2017	1,366.34	0.00	1,366.34
1332	L CHARETTE, OLIN C.	2017	478.52	0.00	478.52
3277	L CHASE, MAVIS	2017	307.86	0.00	307.86
1836	L COOK, RYAN	2017	127.39	0.00	127.39
3455	L DICKEY, KEITH A	2017	332.11	0.00	332.11
1137	L EWING, PETER	2017	912.92	0.00	912.92
317	L FARRINGTON, MATTHEW F.	2017	1,008.76	0.00	1,008.76
454	L FINLEY, MICHAEL O	2017	634.50	0.00	634.50
3458	L FROST, EMILY L.	2017	1,294.20	0.00	1,294.20
3428	L FROST, ROGER	2017	156.82	0.00	156.82
2700	L FURBUSH, JEFFREY W & PAULA R	2017	455.56	0.00	455.56
2777	L GIDNEY, ADAM J	2017	1,298.71	0.00	1,298.71

# Unpaid Real Estate Taxes (cont.)

As of: 04/17/2019

2099	L	GRAY, PATRICIA C & CHARLES H	2017	1,333.77	291.79	1,041.98
1905	L	GREENLEAF, IVERS	2017	651.18	0.00	651.18
3350	L	HALLETT, LLEWELLA CLARY	2017	820.12	0.00	820.12
1017	L	HEMPHILL-JOSEPH, GRETA	2017	1,072.76	0.00	1,072.76
2840	L	HOPPER, MICHELLE C.	2017	763.09	0.00	763.09
1820	L	HOWARD, KEITH W. & LISA A.	2017	1,011.18	0.00	1,011.18
1107	L	JENNESS, ROSE	2017	1,061.79	868.63	193.16
1153	L	JOSEPH, FRANCIS E, TRUSTEE	2017	1,286.58	0.00	1,286.58
723	L	JOSEPH, GRETA	2017	777.05	0.00	777.05
2936	L	JURDAK, STEVEN	2017	772.19	0.00	772.19
2429	L	KARTMAN, MICHAEL J SR	2017	661.50	0.00	661.50
1971	L	LEONE, ALFRED A & CAROL A	2017	765.46	0.00	765.46
1608	L	LIVINGSTONE, MARYANNE	2017	1,746.98	0.00	1,746.98
1643	L	LOISEL, TERRY	2017	620.26	0.00	620.26
1311	L	LONDON, KENT G & LORI B	2017	1,685.41	231.47	1,453.94
2885	L	MCCAUSLAND, CRAIG	2017	955.99	0.00	955.99
2318	L	MCKEE, DAREN L & MELISA L	2017	818.90	0.00	818.90
2529	L	MCNEIL, WILLIAM	2017	301.45	211.78	89.67
1467	L	MEADER, JASON R.	2017	1,190.13	0.00	1,190.13
1474	L	MERRILL, COL SYLVIA A	2017	545.03	0.00	545.03
604	L	MERRILL, SYLVIA A	2017	532.91	0.00	532.91
997	L	MORIN, ANDREA JEAN	2017	65.23	0.00	65.23
1523	L	MORNEAU, PAUL J	2017	245.98	0.00	245.98
1527	L	MORNEAU, PAUL J	2017	1,786.71	0.00	1,786.71
1611	L	OCONNER, STEPHEN J & RACHEL M	2017	130.28	52.40	77.88
2523	L	PEASLEE, DANIEL	2017	2,175.53	0.00	2,175.53
1708	L	PICHER, ROBERT A & GAIL I	2017	468.90	0.00	468.90
1814	L	RATTE, JOANNE	2017	750.35	160.73	589.62
2910	L	RICHARDS, JEFF & MICHELLE	2017	158.92	0.00	158.92
1865	L	RICHARDS, PATRICIA A	2017	280.56	0.00	280.56
1866	L	RICHARDS, REBECCA	2017	926.87	0.00	926.87
1303	L	RONCO, EILEEN LINDBERG & JAMES FJR	2017	1,391.23	0.00	1,391.23
1958	L	ROSSIGNOL, CARRIE L	2017	1,993.24	114.94	1,878.30
2862	L	SEAMANS, NARISSA & DANIEL	2017	209.29	0.00	209.29
2980	L	SMITH, BERTELLE & KIMBERLY	2017	287.23	43.16	244.07
78	L	SOPER, RUSSELL H	2017	277.53	0.00	277.53
599	L	STARRATT, ROBERT W., JR.	2017	176.22	0.00	176.22
3253	L	STONE ROAD CORPORATION	2017	382.13	0.00	382.13
3255	L	STONE ROAD CORPORATION	2017	371.53	0.00	371.53
3256	L	STONE ROAD CORPORATION	2017	392.75	0.00	392.75
1811	L	SUGA, LINDA	2017	1,416.39	0.00	1,416.39
2128	L	SUGA, LINDA	2017	1,328.43	0.00	1,328.43
1571	L	SUGA, RICHARD J	2017	252.35	0.00	252.35
2576	L	SUGA, RICHARD J	2017	290.27	0.00	290.27

# Unpaid Real Estate Taxes (cont.)

As of: 04/17/2019

2119	L	SUGA, RICHARD J.	2017	450.09	0.00	450.09
2127	L	SUGA, RICHARD J. & RHONA R.	2017	2,661.10	491.35	2,169.75
2457	L	SUGA, RICHARD JOSEPH	2017	770.07	0.00	770.07
187	L	SYLVESTER, KEITH	2017	258.42	0.00	258.42
1821	L	THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON	2017	1,471.01	0.00	1,471.01
2172	L	THOMPSON, PETER	2017	1,114.30	0.00	1,114.30
2088	L	TREE FREE FIBER CO.	1997	175.74	-11.98	187.72
2088	L	TREE FREE FIBER CO.	1998	323.32	30.50	292.82
2088	L	TREE FREE FIBER CO.	1999	333.10	-12.25	345.35
2088	L	TREE FREE FIBER CO.	2000	380.14	-12.93	393.07
2088	L	TREE FREE FIBER CO.	2001	396.09	-12.93	409.02
2088	L	TREE FREE FIBER CO.	2002	405.29	-5.00	410.29
2088	L	TREE FREE FIBER CO.	2003	442.38	-12.64	455.02
2088	L	TREE FREE FIBER CO.	2004	401.51	-12.64	414.15
2088	L	TREE FREE FIBER CO.	2005	363.35	0.00	363.35
2088	L	TREE FREE FIBER CO.	2006	382.04	-8.32	390.36
2088	L	TREE FREE FIBER CO.	2007	294.44	0.00	294.44
2088	L	TREE FREE FIBER CO.	2008	305.37	-8.54	313.91
2088	L	TREE FREE FIBER CO.	2008	16,087.40	-8.54	16,095.94
2088	L	TREE FREE FIBER CO.	2009	905.45	0.00	905.45
2088	L	TREE FREE FIBER CO.	2010	894.63	-8.75	903.38
2088	L	TREE FREE FIBER CO.	2011	885.66	0.00	885.66
2088	L	TREE FREE FIBER CO.	2012	977.03	0.00	977.03
2088	L	TREE FREE FIBER CO.	2013	998.62	-9.74	1,008.36
2088	L	TREE FREE FIBER CO.	2014	1,026.19	0.00	1,026.19
2088	L	TREE FREE FIBER CO.	2015	1,096.35	0.00	1,096.35
2088	L	TREE FREE FIBER CO.	2016	1,122.21	0.00	1,122.21
2088	L	TREE FREE FIBER CO.	2017	1,160.11	0.00	1,160.11
243	L	WATERHOUSE, JASON M.	2017	664.52	0.00	664.52
2382	L	WOOD, SHANE	2017	767.64	0.00	767.64
2451	L	WOOD, SHANE	2017	780.68	0.00	780.68
2384	L	WOOLEY, MARCIA L.	2017	864.99	371.49	493.50
1010	L	WRIGHT, BRENDA HEMPHILL	2017	2,028.14	0.00	2,028.14
2447	L	YEATON, SANDRA J & JEFFREY A	2017	418.86	0.00	418.86
3301	L	YORK, JEFFREY	2017	173.48	0.00	173.48
<b>Total for 121 Accounts:</b>				<b>112,279.89</b>	<b>4,522.85</b>	<b>107,757.04</b>

# Alewife Restoration Initiative

MATT STREETER, ARI Project Manager

The goal of the Alewife Restoration Initiative is to remove obsolete dams and establish free fish passage at the Outlet Stream barriers that block access to China Lake. When the work is done an annual run of 800,000-950,000 adult river herring (alewives) will be able to freely make their way through the stream. In the 2018 the Lombard Dam was removed, leaving in place A.O. Lombard's old machinery. Plans are underway to construct technical fishways at the China Lake Outlet Dam, the Box Mill and Ladd Dams. Many thanks to project partners and supporters who have helped us make great progress!

Elderberry, Joe Pye weed, boneset and wild bergamot are just a few of the native plants that you will see growing at the Masse Dam site in the near future. Thanks to the students in Destiny Poulin's fifth grade science class at Vassalboro Community School. This is the second year fifth grade students at the Vassalboro Community School have participated in the revegetation of the area at the Masse Dam site where the mill pond was located. This past February, fifth graders participated in a presentation about changes taking place along the outlet stream from China Lake. Matt Streeter, Project Manager with Maine Rivers, shared information on the removal of dams along the outlet stream, including in his presentation the history of the dams, why some dams are removed, and fishways installed at other dam sites. Nate Gray, from Maine Department of Marine Resources, focused on alewives being a keystone species and their critical role in maintaining a functioning ecosystem. Anita Smith, Maine Master Naturalist, was the final presenter, she informed students on the benefits of planting native plants and why we do not want invasive plants in our neighborhoods. Each student received two plant pots, labels, seeds, and instructions on how to plant Maine native seeds. The planted seeds were moved outside to safe secluded area near the school for the next several months.

In the spring the 5th grade students will take a field trip to plant shrubs at the Masse Dam site. They will also receive historical information about the area, and explore some of the plants and animals already present in the ecosystem near the stream. Next fall, when the students are in 6th grade, they will return to the Masse Dam site to plant their native seedlings adding to the plantings from the previous year 6th graders. Others helping with this project at Vassalboro Community School were Victor Esposito, JMG Mater Specialist and Elaine Philbrook, with the China Lake Association. The cost of materials was covered by the China Lake Association.



*Contributed Photo*

*Nate Gray instructs two students at the Vassalboro Community School*

# Office of the Sheriff

KEN MASON, *Sheriff* / ALFRED G. MORIN, *Chief Deputy*

LIEUTENANT CHRIS READ, *Law Enforcement* / CAPTAIN RICHARD E. WURPEL, *Corrections Administrator*

The Kennebec County Sheriff's Office is pleased to make the following report regarding the services we provided to the people of Kennebec County in 2018. These services include the Law Enforcement Division, Corrections' Services, Civil Process and Transport Division. We provided many regional assets to our communities including Drug Investigations, K-9, Dive Team, Sex Offender Registry, Veterans Advocacy, and Accident Reconstruction.

In 2018 Deputy Sheriffs serving in the Law Enforcement Division both in full-time and part-time capacity logged thousands of calls for service. As a result, deputies made 602 arrests, issued 742 traffic summonses, and responded to 619 motor vehicle accidents. Deputy Sheriffs also responded to 410 alarms, 155 domestic disturbances, and assisted other agencies 714 times. Deputies and Detectives made 64 drug seizures, 37 of which most were opiate related.

Sergeant Jacob Pierce resigned his position as a patrol sergeant and will be working with the Oakland Police Department. His professionalism will be missed at Kennebec.

Deputy Aaron Moody resigned his position within the patrol division, taking a position with the U.S. Secret Service.

Deputies Ivano Stefanizzi, Devon Polizzotti and Keith Madore were hired to fill those open positions within the patrol division. We welcome them and their families to the Sheriff's Office family.

Our Civil Process deputies serve legal documents on behalf of attorneys, the courts, citizens, local and state government, landlords and other entities. In 2018, the four civil deputies received over 9,031 requests for service in Kennebec County.

Danny Boivin a retired Augusta Police Sergeant, filled the vacant Civil Deputy position and has made a great addition to the civil team.

In 2018, our Correctional Facility managed 2,744 inmates, 211 less than 2017. The offenses committed by defendants included everything from burglaries to homicides.

Substance abuse and the proper treatment of citizens with mental illness continue to be two primary concerns.

Our correctional facility has also been helping out our fellow counties that have had serious overcrowding issues. Overcrowding can create an unsafe working environment for the corrections officers as well as the inmates.

The CARA Program (Criminogenic Addiction Recovery Academy) continues and we have added two weeks to the program. The last two weeks of the program involve the participants working at area businesses. Upon their release, the participants have steady employment and a brighter future. Our program not only benefits Kennebec County inmates, it benefits all 16 counties who have individuals who meet the criteria.

Qualifying inmates at the Kennebec County Correctional Facility are asked to work and earn time off their sentences if applicable. Inmates who are considered to be a risk to the community work inside the facility cleaning and cooking, while others are supervised by our program's officers on outside projects.

The outside work crews have partnered with local municipalities providing snow removal to those individuals who are elderly or have disabilities. Programs Officer Gagnon and Matthews and their work crews raised 16,847 pounds of produce and gleaned 4,930 pounds of produce for the inmate kitchen, area food pantries, churches, homeless shelters, schools and elder programs in 2018.

We are committed to providing innovative programs to reduce crimes, assist victims, and to provide enhanced public safety. We acknowledge the ever-growing opiate addiction problem nationwide and have committed to partnerships at the Federal, State and Local levels to combat this problem. Our approach is aggressive enforcement, education, treatment and recovery for those afflicted with this horrible addiction.

Highway fatalities and serious injury accidents continue to soar as a result of individuals using electronic devices when operating a motor vehicle. Please do not be a statistic or make others a statistic because of carelessness.

As your Sheriff, in 2019 my focus will remain on my staff, risk management and professional services to the residents of Kennebec County.

# Vassalboro First Responders

DANIEL MAYOTTE, CCEMT-P, *Chief*

The Vassalboro First Responders continues to be the busiest public safety service in the town. We have been providing services to the town for 5 years now. Let's take a moment to review some of our statistics. These numbers are from January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018. **OUR AVERAGE RESPONSE TIME WAS 7 MINUTES AND 32 SECONDS** according to the State. The Town of Vassalboro had 335 calls for service. That is 7 fewer calls than the year prior.

Here is a quick rundown on some of the most common calls we have responded to:

Falls . . . . .	29	Sick Person . . . . .	29
Breathing Problem . . . . .	24	Traffic Accident . . . . .	18
Chest Pain . . . . .	12	Seizure . . . . .	12
Mental Health . . . . .	9	Unconscious Person . . . . .	8
Stroke . . . . .	8	Bleeding . . . . .	7
Overdose . . . . .	7	Abdominal Pain . . . . .	7

The first responders have sponsored three community members for Emergency Medical Technician schooling. We have hopes that they will start responding to calls in June. It increases our membership to eight people. We are always looking for new members. You will need to have a clean driving record and no criminal history. We can guide you to a class to earn your license and then go through our hiring process. It can be a very rewarding side job, the town and residents are very supportive.

Please make sure your home is marked with a house number and that it is correct. We continue to have issues where we can not find homes. If you need help in putting up house numbers, please reach out to us and we will gladly help.

Our budget request remains flat for the upcoming year. Our budget is down to simple operating costs. Several of our everyday items are replaced by Delta with no expense to us. However, items like medications, batteries, radios, pagers fall under this budget.

I would like to thank the Residents, Selectmen and Town Manager for your continued support. I truly hope that you see the value that this service offers to the town and that you will continue to support it. If you would like to contact us for non-emergency communication please go through the town office or email us at [VassalboroFirstResponders@gmail.com](mailto:VassalboroFirstResponders@gmail.com)



# Vassalboro Conservation Commission

BETSY POULIN, *Chair*

THE VASSALBORO CONSERVATION COMMISSION helps residents better enjoy, protect and plan for the Town's natural resources and open areas. In 2018, projects included improvements to Town Forest trails, rehabilitation of the Civil War Monument Park and participation in China Lake's Outlet Stream alewife restoration projects.



Photo by John Melrose

Town Forest Trail

At the Town Forest, behind the recreation fields on Bog Road, trail improvements included trail clearing and replacement of bog bridging with new sturdy hemlock planks. Each year more progress is being made to improve this valuable resource!

In preparation for Vassalboro's sescentennial anniversary in 2021, the Civil War Monument Park had some unhealthy and dead trees removed, overgrown branches limbed up, unused fencing removed and new canopy trees planted (thanks to Fieldstone Gardens). Coming years will have more improvements to come!

The Alewife Restoration Initiative projects along the Outlet Stream from China Lake are progressing. In 2017 the Masse Dam was removed and 2018 included revegetation of the exposed streambanks with seedlings grown by students at both the Vassalboro and China schools. Further downstream, the Lombard Dam was removed and residents have had the opportunity to watch the new stream channel find the best route to flow.

Tree planting at Memorial Park on Route 32



Photo by Laura Jones



Photo by Laura Jones

## MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION

include David Jenney, Steve Jones, Holly Weidner, Laura Jones, Christopher French, Dylan Dillaway and Betsy Poulin. Laura Jones is the new Chair of the Commission for 2019!

# Vassalboro Historical Society

JAN CLOWES, *President*

IN 2018, THE VASSALBORO HISTORICAL SOCIETY (VHS) WAS AWARDED A GRANT FROM THE DAVIS FAMILY FOUNDATION to help us get caught up on the accessioning of our artifacts and the entry of the items into our Past Perfect Museum Software. We hired Kent London, former VHS president as a part time curator. He has been working on the many boxes of donated items which had not been documented. In addition, the grant allowed us to purchase acid free boxes and garment bags to protect our collection of garments going back years, including aprons, dresses, uniforms and more.



*Esther Bernhardt*



Our Show & Tell in January gave board member, Esther Bernhardt the opportunity to show off a vintage Fisher Price Service Center which has been played with by her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. We had many wonderful items shown and discussed, including a school picture from Vassalboro, a bell, nut chopper, basket, book, and a lovely framed lady made from ribbon and lace.

On September 9, 2018 as part of Vassalboro Days, the Gawler Family came to Vassalboro to perform. We had spent Saturday and Sunday with both the museum and the blacksmith shop open. It was a wonderful opportunity to not only hear wonderful music, but to hear poetry and poetry put to music from our own Holman Day. It was a great way to end the annual celebration of our town.



*Gawler Family performance*

In November, we held a second Show and Tell, highlighting Christmas memories. The audience enjoyed hearing traditions and stories of Christmas past as well as seeing decorations and a vintage Christmas tree holder.

The VHS office light had electrical issues. Fortunately, volunteers were on hand at the time and smelled the smoke. Thanks to local electrician Joe Presti of Amp Electric LLC, we were able to have a new, updated light installed.

The Society meets every two months. Membership is not limited to Vassalboro residents; it is open to all who are “interested in the history of Vassalboro, Maine,” upon request and payment of annual dues.



*Christmas memories Show and Tell*

**Membership begins on January 1st each year.**

**Our membership classes include:**

\$ 12	Active (Under 65)	\$ 8	Active (65 and Older)
\$ 25	Sustaining	\$125	Charter
\$150	Lifetime	\$200	Patron

If you are interested in helping the Vassalboro Historical Society “celebrate and protect the heritage of our community” please send your name, address, contact phone number and payment to:

Vassalboro Historical Society, P.O. Box 13, North Vassalboro, ME 04962

We have much to offer everyone, whether long-time residents or newcomers to the area – everyone can contribute to the Society’s work. You are all welcome!



*Electrician Joe Presti making light repairs*

*Photo courtesy of the Vassalboro Historical Society*

# Vassalboro Food Station Pantry

CINDY FERLAND, Executive Director



Photo by Cindy Ferland

Food Pantry volunteers

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

As of December, 2018, we have 162 registered Vassalboro families consisting of 101 seniors (39 not on food stamps) 181 adults and 79 children. Of these registered families, 90 do not have an EBT card and are not on SNAP-food stamps. We assist 50-55 families a weekly. In addition, we were able to assist with Easter (59 families), Thanksgiving (88 families), and Christmas (86 families) with dinners with fixings.

We provide 2 programs for food assistance: The **WEEKLY PROGRAM** is open to anyone who has provided the food pantry with proof of Vassalboro residency and/or are in an emergency situation. The **MONTHLY PROGRAM** is allowed once during a month and is open to anyone who

has given the food station proof of address and meets the USDA income guidelines (EBT card). It provides them with no less than 30 extra meals adjusted according to their family size. Included would be hygiene products such as toilet paper, bar soap, deodorant, toothpaste, laundry detergent, diapers and sanitary napkins.

The pantry and volunteers wish to extend a huge THANK YOU to these generous and loyal supporters of the VFSP in 2018. \*\*Insource Renewables-donated solar system & labor,\*\*Maine Savings Federal Credit Union of North Vassalboro-employees, \*\*Mid State Machine Foundation,\*\*In Memory of Prudence Gray, \*\*In Memory of Janice Dorval, \*Mike & Jill Pleau, \*Dana Sumner, \*Town of Vassalboro, \*Ray Haskell Ford of Oakland for sponsoring pantry van every year, the two Hannaford Stores and Shaw's of Augusta for donating every Thursday, Country Kitchen of Waterville for weekly donations, Riverside Congregation Church, Vassalboro United Methodist Church, Tom Richards & Johnny Green for weekly trash removal, Danny Wacekens & Sappi of Skowhegan, John & Elizabeth Reuthe, William Browne, Arthur & Linda Kingdon, John & Molly Melrose, Jim & Rachel Kilbride, Ferris Mkt. employees & Richard Ferris, Vassalboro Rural Mail Carriers-Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive, George Jones, Mark Jones, Laura Jones, Kim & Gary Wright, Greg & Rose Marie Fortin, Brenda Davis of Old Town, Jim & Evelyn Ashton, MOFA, Lisa Breton, Gary Clark for plowing, Fields of Green, Lauchlin Titus, United Way, Tambara & Jeremy Boudreau, Diane Reynolds, Ethel Noiles, Brea & Paul Willette, Cami Denico, Nicole & Ed Wasilewski, David Souza (Country Store) and the many more thoughtful anonymous donors.

The pantry is open every Thursday from 11 to noon for any Vassalboro resident in need of assistance. For more information about the VFSP or to Volunteer call 873-7375, please leave message. You can also check us out on Face book. Don't forget to click the "LIKE" icon so you can get our updates.



Walk for Hunger. Photo by Cindy Ferland

# Librarian's Report

DONNA L. LAMBERT, *Library Director*

The Board, our volunteers, and Brian and I would like to thank the residents of the Town of Vassalboro for your on-going support of the Vassalboro Public Library. We appreciate you! We invite you to come visit the library and check out the services we offer our community.

We strive to be a friendly gathering place for our residents. *Some of the many services that we provide include loaning books, DVDs, audio books, magazines, jigsaw puzzles, and even a telescope; computers to use; free wireless internet; scanning and copying documents and more!* Feel free to stop by and take advantage of these services or just drop by to say hello! Come enjoy the warmth of the wood stove in winter and assist with our community jigsaw puzzles. You are always welcome!

***FY 2017-2018 brought an increase in patron visits to over 5,800 and circulation of over 9,000 items.*** 225 patrons used the three public computers for internet access. Over 65 took advantage of our free Wi-Fi using their own devices in the library, not to mention those who access our Wi-Fi from their vehicles. We also offer full color and b/w printing from these computers. As part of the State's Van Delivery system, we can access items that aren't in our collection using Inter-Library Loan (ILL). We filled 320 ILL requests for our patrons last year. We continue to use our electronic circulation and catalog program. All new acquisitions are added to our system and we are updating older records. We offer meeting space and hosted several meetings throughout the year. We had 3 programs for adults with an attendance of 37. We have been offering activities for children on a drop-in basis. We also collaborated with the Grange for the Jane Austen Celebration. I attended and set up a literary display of Jane Austen's books as well as books written by others based on her works. People who attended wore clothes from the period and there was the opportunity to learn dances from that time and other activities as well. It was fun to participate in this event with the Grange.

To assist with our fundraising efforts, we applied for some grants during this fiscal year. ***We received a Maine Public Library Foundation Grant in the amount of \$500 for staff development in October of 2017.*** In April of 2018 we applied for a Pilcrow Foundation Grant. We used \$400 money donated to the library to receive matching funds of \$1,204.15 to purchase a total of \$1,604.15 worth of children's picture and chapter books, both fiction and non-fiction. These 90 books have been added to our collection. Also in April, we applied for an Oak Grove Foundation Grant for young adult books, audio books, programs and materials. ***We received \$3,500 and the library will match \$1,500 to update and expand our collection for teens and young adults.*** We have started purchasing those materials now and will be working on this during the Spring.

We are grateful for the outstanding team of volunteers who help us throughout the year. Logging in over 1,200 hours of time donated to the Library, they are vital to making it all happen. Their work is an invaluable contribution to the library and the community as well. It isn't possible for us to list everyone who contributes to the library, but the following people deserve special recognition for all they do: Sylvia Michaud, Lore & Chuck Ferguson, Irene Forster, Myrna Duplessie, Sue Haines, Debbie Clarke, Valerie Sugden, Helen LaFleur, Art & Linda Kingdon, Susan & Ken Taylor, Susan Bouchard, Liz McMahon, Russell Smith, Susan Kiralis, David Shipman, Stephen Assante, Jody & Bernie Welch, Victor Esposito and the JMG students, Greg Seamans, Vicki Limberger, Ann White, and still coming to spend time with us whenever she can, is our cherished volunteer, Eleanor Getchell. We thank you all for everything you do!

We are proud to maintain the services and value which has been part of the Vassalboro community for over a hundred years. We strive to provide personalized service to our patrons and projects. **OUR ANNUAL BOOK & BAKE SALE AND SILENT AUCTION GETS BIGGER EVERY YEAR! IT IS ALWAYS THE SATURDAY AFTER LABOR DAY** and a highlight of Vassalboro Days. Mark your calendar now to come and search for bargains as you support the library! Check out our website, visit us on Facebook, search the online catalog from the comfort of your home and stop by the library often. ***We are open Mondays and Wednesdays from 12:30 – 8 pm and Saturdays from 10 am – 6 pm.*** We welcome your visits and are looking forward to another active year!

# Vassalboro School

## From Many to One

by Jan Clowes, President Vassalboro Historical Society

In 1787 Vassalborough included what is now the town of Sidney and was located in Lincoln County. In that year there were a total of 13 school districts identified in the town. In 1794 there was a discussion of making 21 school districts and designating South Vassalboro as a “parish”. The large number was, in part, due to the fact that children most often walked to school, making it necessary to have the school close to home. Many of the children stayed barefoot through the summer and quite probably wore ill-fitting footwear through the winter. The schools were typically one room, with a woodstove and an outdoor privy. Boys would be responsible for bringing in the wood and keeping the fire going (after the teacher started it in the morning) and girls would be responsible for keeping the school clean.

The districts were designated using boundary lines such as, “From the north line of Town southwardly to Jacob Taber Jr., including the first and second mile (from the river) and from Jethro Gardner’s south to end of lots.”

In 1797 there were only ten districts and in 1800, eleven. Each district had a School Agent, who was required to collect the taxes for the district. The Agents were (in order of the district they represented): Daniel McFadden; Moses Sleeper; John Getchell; Isaiah Crowell; Beniah Packard; Abel Starkey; James Brackett, Jr.; Willis Wing; Jethro Gardner; Edward Getchell; and John Baxter.

Between 1800 and 1806, District 7 changed, as the Society of Friends “set off” into their own district. This caused disagreements regarding boundaries between the districts and which family should be in which district. By 1809 the Town Meeting voted that “there shall be two schools kept by a woman in summer and the Friends shall have the privilege of choosing one mistress, and there shall be a master in winter.”

In 1820, a lot of land “35 feet square” was purchased for \$15 from James Sturgis by residents of School District Number 19. (Imagine a building lot that small today!) In 1836, School District Number 9 made a purchase for \$50 from John Roberts. In 1837, two new schools joined those in existence as Miss A. Howard opened a “School for Young Ladies” at Vassalboro Corner. Miss Howard would provide instruction in “Reading, Writing, Grammar, and Composition, together with the rudiments of French and Latin Languages, Arithmetic, Geography, with the use of Globes, Intellectual Philosophy and such



Probably a Vassalboro School exterior and interior view.

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The Small Schoolhouse, on the Bog Road, 1969. 88.6.26



The Small Schoolhouse, so called, which was located at the intersection of the Bog Road and Webber Pond Roads. Named for the Small family which at one time owned the nearby brick house. At the time this picture was taken, it had been discontinued as a school and was occupied as a dwelling. It was eventually abandoned and torn down by the town. 87.2.17

branches of Natural Science as are usually taught in High Schools; also useful and ornamental needlework, Painting and Drawing.” The Vassalboro Academy advertised with Levi Higgin Jr., “an experienced and competent instructor” and by 1849 Oak Grove Friends School had opened. The Vassalboro Academy was purchased by the Methodists in 1868.

In 1850 there were 1200 students, and the School Districts increased to 23. Most of the schools were in bad condition, cold and unwelcoming in winter. In 1900 two schools, Hussey School #20 and Burgess School #21 were sold at auction. The one-room schoolhouses continued to deteriorate and drop out of use. By 1904 only nine were still in use.

The first of Vassalboro’s “modern” schools was Riverside Grammar School on the Pond Road, active by the early 1900s. A 1908 photo shows twenty-six students of various ages with their teacher. An addition was added in 1952, improving and enlarging the building. The East Vassalboro Grammar School, now the Vassalboro Historical Society, was built in 1922. The Lowell School in North Vassalboro, opened in 1872, was used for classes until 1962, when the Carl B. Lord School opened. Lowell School, with its large auditorium, continued to be used for graduations and gym activities until the addition to Carl B. Lord was completed in 1966/1967, and Lowell School became the Town Office. Carl B. Lord School, Riverside Grammar School, and the East Vassalboro Grammar school all replaced one-room schoolhouses and strengthened the Vassalboro community: eighth-grade students came together to graduate as one class.

When the Vassalboro Community School was built in 1992 it replaced the above mentioned three schools. The Vassalboro Community School is now mortgage free. With 409 students attending there and 167 high school students enrolled in 2019, it has less than half the number of students in 1850, while our population has gone from less than 3000 in the late 1800s to just over 4000 today. This beautiful, modern building serves as not only a school, but a community center, hosting town meetings and fundraisers and serving as a hub of the Vassalboro community. What an amazing history our town’s schools provide as they went from Many to One.

*Information gathered from Vassalboro Historical Society and the History of Vassalborough by Alma Pierce Robbins.*



# Code Enforcement

DICK DOLBY, CEO/LPI

Last year saw the review of the “Vassalboro Building Permit Ordinance” with the assistance of the Planning Board. The proposed ordinance changes were presented to the Town Meeting after a joint meeting with the Planning Board and Board of Selectmen. With the approval of the proposed modifications several important issues were addressed.

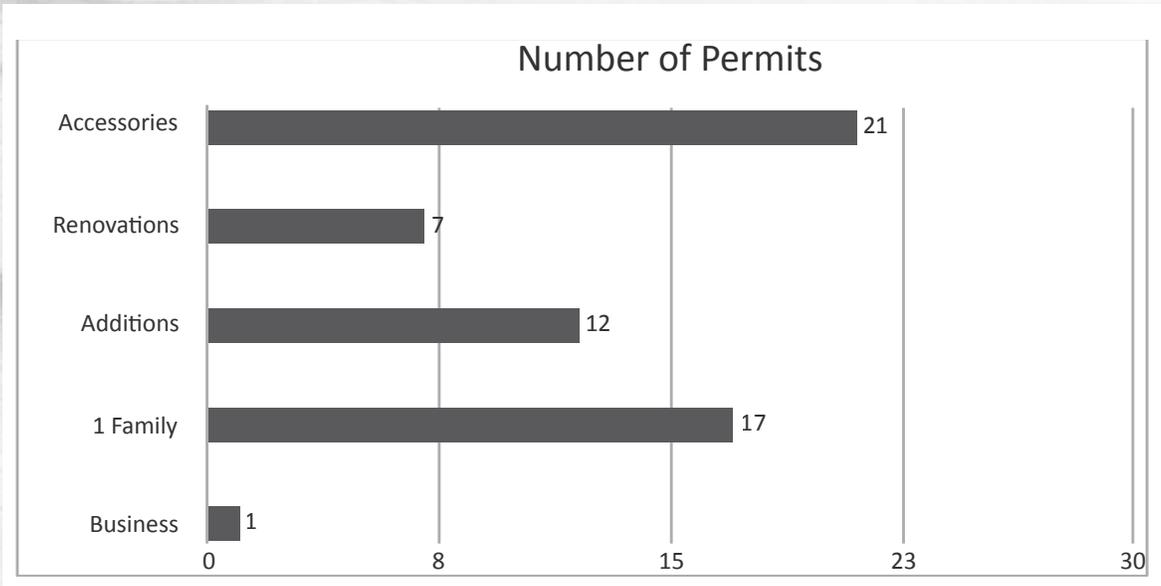
The earlier document made no mention of the state mandated Maine Uniform Building Energy Code, commonly referred to as MUBEC. All Maine communities with a population over 4,000 residents are required to enforce MUBEC.

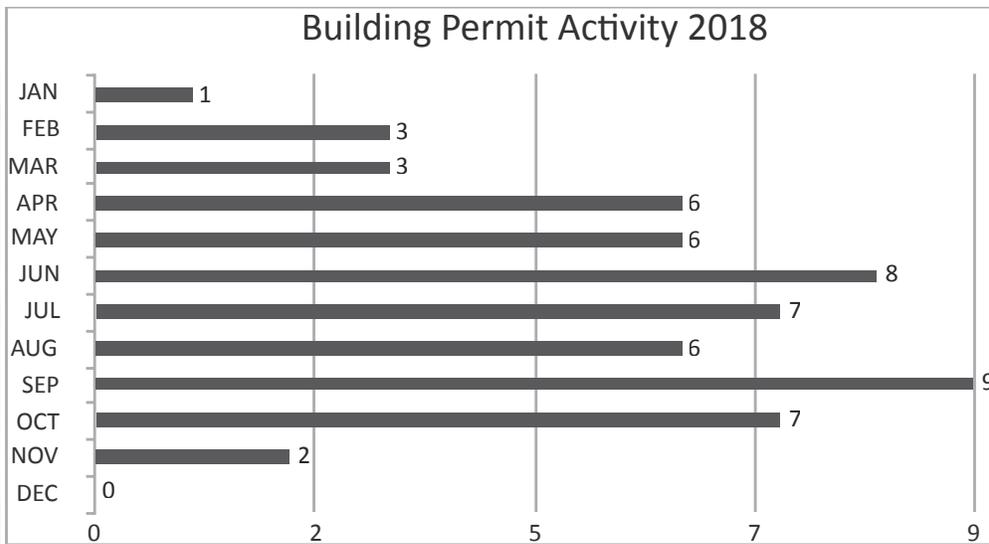
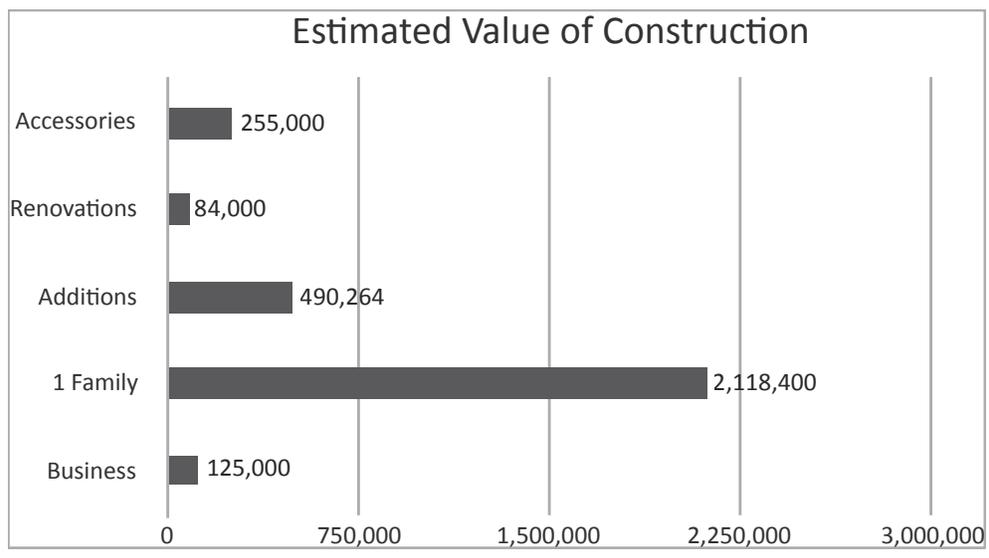
Most projects of a residential nature are controlled by the International Residential Code for One and Two Family Dwellings. The IRC is comprised of some 44 chapters and 21 appendixes (900 pages), when it was adopted there were several chapters and appendixes excluded (eliminating some 400 pages).

Codes can be challenging if you are not a regular user of them and there is available a document that demystifies the code so that most folks can find information readily and written in simplified terms. The “Residential Code Essentials 2015” is a well written document with numerous photographs and illustrations, it would be the one book I would suggest a builder own.

The earlier code had a provision allowing construction without requiring a permit for some minor work. The construction of a deck or accessory structure under 100 square feet was allowed. When a resident found this simple statement they picked up their hammer and went to work. There was no recognition of the provisions of Shoreland Zoning controls.

All work within a lot controlled by Shoreland Zoning requires review and approval of the Planning Board, the placement of a deck or structure must be evaluated for setbacks and size.





The earlier code provision was in conflict with the MUBEC IRC 2015 which now allows a:

- deck, not more than 30” above grade, or a
- detached accessory structure, of no more than 200 Sq. Ft. to be constructed without a permit.
- The earlier code had a provision that was more restrictive than the state requirement for setbacks from property lines and subsurface wastewater 50’. Soil Evaluators who routinely design systems in Vassalboro asked the restrictive provision to be reduced to that used by the State 10’.
- The Planning Board suggested an increase in the setback between side and rear property lines and all structures be increased from 10’ to 20’.
- The modifications to the Building Permit Ordinance does not require permits for maintenance, things like painting, papering, tiling, carpeting, cabinets, counter tops and similar finish work.

The MUBEC Codes were amended January 23rd, 2018 from the 2009 codes to the 2018 code series. One unique addition to the residential code was an appendix providing guidance for “Tiny Houses”. The Tiny Home Standards can be found on the Vassalboro web page CEO/LPI in the area labeled FAQ at the bottom of the page.

The number of new homes permitted this year is seventeen, with renovations and additions totaling 19. Garages and shed totaled twenty-one.

# China Region Lakes Alliance

SCOTT A. PIERZ, *CRLA President*

The China Region Lakes Alliance (CRLA) was established in 1995 by George Lord to protect the regional lake resources for Town's within the China Lake Region. Currently, the Towns of Vassalboro and China receive assistance from the CRLA. These services include operating a Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) to perform environmental protection projects, and a Courtesy Boat Inspection (CBI) Program at the boat launches serving China Lake, Webber Pond and Three Mile Pond.

Over the past couple of years the CRLA has successfully operated a LakeSmart Program on China Lake. Based upon the Statewide LakeSmart initiative, and with funds from the Kennebec Water District, vegetated buffers have been planted by the YCC along China Lake's shoreline. These buffers are meant to intercept and mitigate storm water that would simply flow directly into the water body. This storm water contributes to the amount of nutrients entering the lake from locations within the local watershed and is called "nonpoint source pollution". Phosphorus is the nutrient that is mostly responsible for algae blooms. There is science to illustrate how effective these vegetated buffers can actually be. This is determined mathematically by calculating the dimensions of the vegetative buffer, and the type of vegetation within that buffer. The resulting calculations show amounts of both tons of sediment and pounds of phosphorus that theoretically are removed by the vegetated buffer. It is clear that the LakeSmart Program is important at reducing sediment and phosphorus nutrient from flowing directly into the Lake. In the last two years the Kennebec Water District has reported that China Lake has experienced the best water quality in over 30 years. Finally, with grant money from the Davis Conservation Foundation, the CRLA is currently developing a pilot LakeSmart Program for Three Mile Pond.

In addition to the work of the YCC, the CRLA operates the Courtesy Boat Inspection Program or CBI as it is commonly known. This CBI Program has been operating for many years at the four boat launches within the region. There are two boat launches on China Lake; one boat launch is in East Vassalboro, and the other at the



*China Lake by Jan Clowes*

Head-of-Lake off the Causeway Road in China. There are two other boat launches at Webber Pond and Three Mile Pond. The CBI Program is operated with funds from the towns of Vassalboro and China, and also with contributions from the Kennebec Water District. Financial support also comes through grant monies obtained by the CRLA from the Maine Department of Environmental Protection. Like the YCC, the CBI Program offers employment to local young adults who are the personnel hired every summer under the guidance of the CRLA. The CBI staff is tasked with examining boat hulls (and boat trailers) prior to the boats entering (and after returning from) the respective water bodies. The CBI Program's mission is to look for invasive aquatic plant species such as hydrilla and the notorious milfoil. Both of these invasive aquatic plant species can spread rapidly and can clog up our water bodies. Invasive plant fragments can be introduced into our region's water bodies from another lake or pond here in Maine that is already infested with an invasive plant, or from out-of-state sources. The CBI staff has done an excellent job identifying plant fragments over the years and so far no invasive aquatic plant species have been found in our region. When you see the YCC at work, or CBI Staff at your local boat launch, you will recognize them from their bright yellow T-shirts.

The CRLA is also a strong advocate for the Alewife Restoration Initiative (called ARI) that promotes the Maine Department of Marine Resources' (DMRs') initiative to re-introduce the anadromous alewife fish back into China Lake. DMR has inserted about 25,000 alewives into China Lake each year since 2014. The alewives grow and mature, and in that process they reportedly ingest ("take up") phosphorous, thereby reducing the opportunity for algae blooms to occur. As the alewives mature their life cycle causes them to exit the Lake, carrying amounts of phosphorus (in their body mass) out of the Lake. Years after completing their run to the sea they return to their natural habitat to spawn. Some people believe the alewives have been a major factor in helping to improve water quality in the region. Maine Rivers is now the organization responsible for overseeing the removal of the physical barriers along the Outlet Stream in Vassalboro. These are the dams along the alewives migratory pathway. Two dams have already been removed, the Masse Dam (2017) and the Lombard Dam (2018). Other dams require "fish passages" to be installed to enable the alewives to migrate back into China Lake. There is a great deal of technical and financial support needed to accomplish this mission, and Maine Rivers has been working diligently to achieve the goal of helping the alewives return to China Lake.

As the CRLA moves forward, its Executive Board of Directors has submitted its request for funding to the Town of Vassalboro. This continued support of the CRLA helps provide adequate funds for projects involving work of the YCC and the CBI Programs in Vassalboro. Funds are also being requested for environmental projects on Webber Pond. The CRLA is also requesting funding to commission a study of gravel camp roads adjacent to Three Mile Pond in Vassalboro. Gravel camp roads are a significant contributor of untreated storm water runoff entering our lakes. Finally, the CRLA is looking for additional financial support to ensure that the Seaward Mills Stream's flowage is maintained in order to allow the alewives passage from Webber Pond over to Three Mile Pond each year.

In closing, the CRLA's Executive Board would like to thank the Town of Vassalboro for its generous support and contributions over the years, and to recognize the CRLA's past President James Hart who served in that position for many years. Jim volunteered enormous amounts of his time and energy doing a great job managing the CRLA's programs. "Thank you" Jim!

# Erskine Academy

MICHAEL McQUARRIE, *Headmaster*

For us who work at, attend, or support Erskine Academy, last year we experienced a school committed to providing a high-quality education to all of its learners and saw its core values—scholarship, leadership, stewardship, and relationships—at work to produce amazing results. We can be justifiably proud of how we have grown and for what we have accomplished this past year.

**IN OUR 136TH YEAR, ERSKINE ACADEMY** continued to be your high school of choice that combines an independent school education with the democratic ideal of a quality education for all. We focused our efforts on improving our school, expanding opportunities for learning in and out of the classroom, and accelerating student achievement. A few facts about Erskine Academy today are a testament to our vitality and value:

- With 580 students in grades nine through twelve, we are the largest town academy in Maine to serve a nearly 100% local student body on a 100% school choice basis
- A 13:1 professional teacher to student ratio
- A 97% four-year graduation rate
- A dropout rate of less than one percent
- Of 139 graduates in 2018, 82% were accepted to higher or continuing education (now a six-year trend), many to highly selective colleges and universities
- For a fourth consecutive year, we are one of five Maine high schools to make the Washington Post's list of America's Most Challenging High Schools, a distinction based on the number of Advanced Placement courses and exams taken by our students

Although we have experienced an increase in private-pay students from central Maine, we remain fully committed to our publicly-funded students by admitting all students from our eight sending towns who have completed the eighth grade and can benefit from our programs. To maintain this local heritage, for a ninth time we hosted nearly 250 area sixth graders for an early exposure to high school program designed to build their familiarity with and confidence in doing high school work.

Regardless of differences in residence, prior learning, interests, abilities, or personal circumstances and backgrounds, all of our students matter and belong. All who attend here experience a school program that blends traditional values with contemporary programs and best practices to become the most academically and personally prepared young people in the region.

We have always considered industry certificates, two-year degrees, apprenticeships, and military service as higher education and as such, viable pursuits. Therefore, we have created and sustained a comprehensive academic program to reflect and facilitate access to these as well as four-year degree programs. We are one of few high schools in the state to continue to offer shop technology, home and consumer economics, and business courses for exposure and entry-level work.

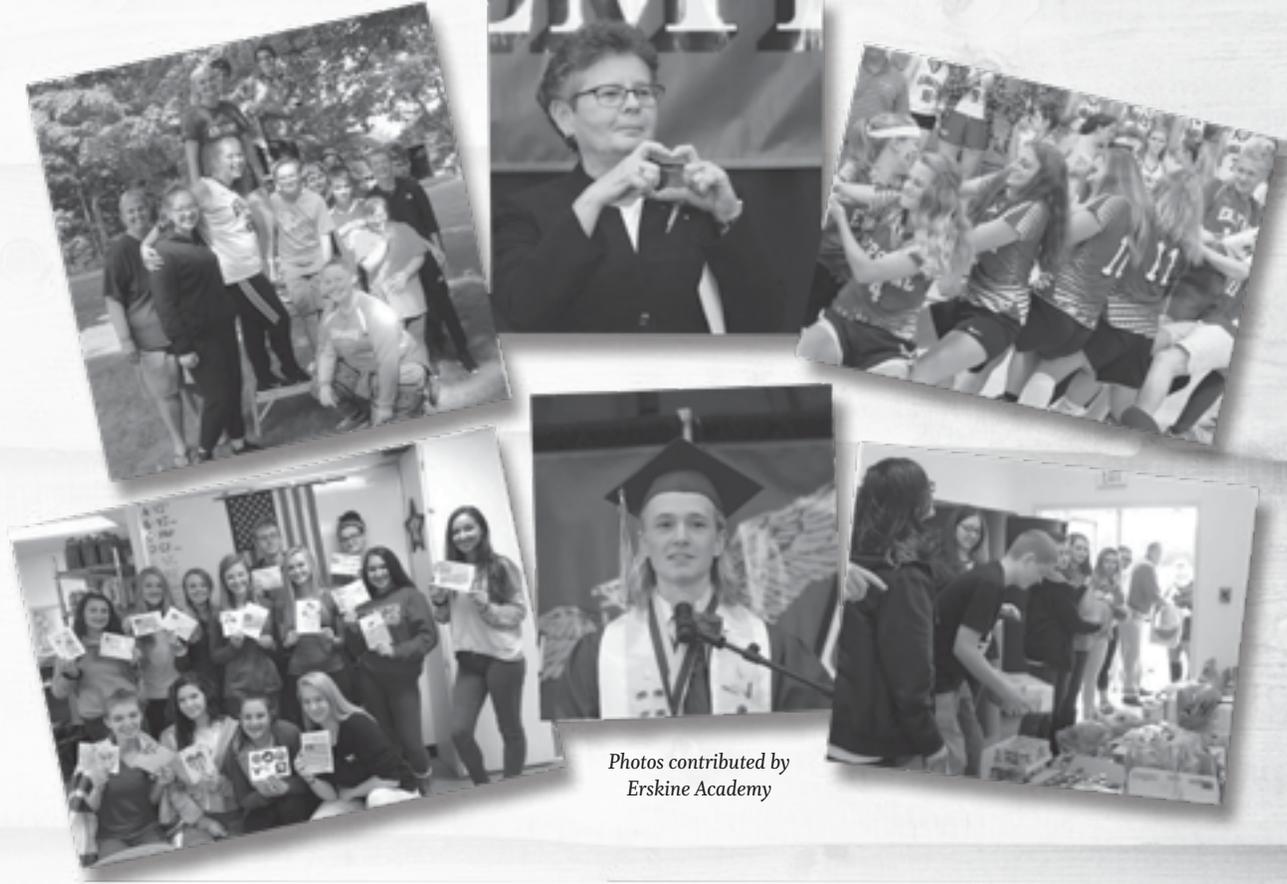
Staffed by three teachers and two educational technicians, Erskine's Special Education program educates and provides specialized support to students eligible for such services through an **INDIVIDUAL EDUCATION PLAN (IEP)**. Valuing all students and believing they deserve a welcoming school and professional teachers who will build on their strengths, 20% of our students receive academic assistance or Special Education services to support their learning.

In our sixth year as a **MELMAC EDUCATION FOUNDATION** school, we increased students' preparedness and aspirations for continuing their education beyond high school, reduced barriers to accessing their higher education, and significantly reduced their need to take remedial courses.

Now in its eighth year, our **JOBS FOR MAINE GRADUATES (JMG)** program has increased student exposure to various forms of higher education and vocational trades programs and has taught essential work seeking, training, and employment retention skills. With 73 students pursuing a certificate in a work craft or trade, our enrollment at the **CAPITAL AREA TECHNICAL CENTER** is second only to its host, Cony High School.

This past year, 113 students enrolled in one or more of our ten **ADVANCED PLACEMENT** courses, and 311 students took at least one of our 13 dual enrollment courses with nearby colleges including Kennebec Valley Community College, Thomas College, the University of Maine, and Husson University taught here by our teachers. For their efforts in these early college experiences, nearly one-half of our graduates earned college credits while in high school, collectively saving an estimated \$515,000 in college tuition.

Through our **INTERNATIONAL STUDENT** program and **AMERICAN FIELD SERVICE (AFS)** club, we have helped our students gain understanding and interpersonal skills for living more globally and interdependently in a culturally diverse world. For an eighth time, AFS students made a humanitarian trip to Costa Rica to build homes for impoverished families. Eye-opening experiences such as this fire the heart and mind and inspire our students to look beyond EA and the familiar to a world that truly needs them. Currently, plans are underway for a second similar humanitarian trip to Guatemala.



Photos contributed by  
Erskine Academy

Erskine began the 2018-19 school year by accepting and winning, for a second time, **WGME 13/FOX 23'S SCHOOL SPIRIT CHALLENGE**. Participating in the program's Tournament of Champions, we raised a record-breaking 196,696 pounds of food for the Good Shepherd Food Bank of Maine and our local pantries, an amount twice that raised by any of the 60-plus competing Maine high schools in the five years and ten seasons of the competition. In leading this effort, we engaged with our communities to strengthen our relationships, enhance the Erskine experience, and provide a critical community service—fighting hunger in Maine.

Other examples of our student and staff's goodwill include the fifth annual **TRUNK OR TREAT** program that this year provided a safe observation of Halloween for well over 500 youngsters, our largest attendance to date. The Lady Eagles Basketball Team was the nation's top achiever at the high school level of the **COACHES VS. CANCER 3-POINT CHALLENGE**, having raised \$10,000 in donations. And our eleventh annual **CANCER WALK** yielded \$5,800 to benefit Maine General Medical Center's Alford Center, bringing our contributions to date to \$47,727.

Erskine Academy reflects proudly and appreciatively on its 136 years of progress and performance. Since our founding in 1883, Erskine Academy has remained true to its mission while evolving to meet new demands, challenges, and uncertainties. Because there is no limit to what we can do, pursuing excellence and implementing our mission is a continuous and unyielding work in progress.

We give heartfelt appreciation to our alumni and friends who believe strongly enough in our values and results that they give their time, talents, and financial donations to supplement our state-set tuition rate. Their investment permits us to invest in programs and enhancements beyond what can be supported through tuition alone and raises the expectations we have for ourselves. One example of their generosity is last year's gym floor renovation, which was more than half paid for with private funds.

We are grateful as well to our students, families, and sending communities for their confidence in and support for Erskine Academy. Together, we create a school and legacy that adheres to what we know is right and good for our young people and aids them in constructing a sturdy start for adulthood. *Graduates do not leave us without having an academic and a personal success story to tell.*

Thank you, Vassalboro residents, for sustaining high school choice for your young people and families, an opportunity for learning that is available to only 3% of Maine students, despite two-thirds of Maine voters agreeing that school choice programs should be open to all. Those families who have exercised that choice to attend Erskine Academy—entrusting us with the intellectual and personal development of their children—inspire and honor us and motivate us to make an excellent school even better. In partnership with you, we look forward to new challenges and accomplishments in the year ahead.

More good things to come!

# Vassalboro Community School

ALAN W. PFEIFFER, *Superintendent of Schools –Vassalboro*

The 2018-19 school year has brought many new faces to the Vassalboro Community School. Along with our new students, VCS welcomed the largest group of new teachers in recent memory. **JOINING THE STAFF ARE DEVIN LACHAPPELLE, CRYSTAL SMITH, STACEY FEYLER, ALEX WILBUR, AND MARNELLY OLEA.** The new staff are supported in their first year at VCS through a new teacher group, facilitated by instructional specialist Michelle Lake. This professional development initiative provides opportunities for the new teachers to learn about the culture and expectations of their new school in a supportive setting, while encouraging these educators to share their wealth of knowledge and experience.

In addition to the new teacher group, a variety of professional development activities have supported teachers in their efforts to meet the needs of all students. These activities have included ongoing training in the newly adopted math program, book study groups focused on topics such as math instruction and supporting students in poverty, participation in conferences and trainings sponsored by the Department of Education and state organizations, presentations on comprehension and analyzing MEA data, and grade level teams work on improving writing instruction.

Vassalboro Community School continues to look for ways to support and enhance student academics, social and emotional growth. This year, time in the schedule has been set aside to provide students with enrichment opportunities and academic support. After school hours, the Homework Club has been expanded, and busing has been provided to participants. As in years past, this spring students will be able to take advantage of a variety of after-school activities. School counselor Megan Swanson has been instrumental in organizing these programs, which have been supported with federal funds.

Another major focus has been the move to becoming a “PBIS” school. PBIS stands for “Positive Behavioral Interventions and Strategies.” This cultural shift targets supporting positive behaviors across our school. It focuses on determining the reason for a behavior instead of just reacting to the behavior itself. PBIS introduces and teaches strategies to our students in order to help them be successful in the classroom. We are part of a three-year cohort with the University of Maine and Maine’s Department of Education. This three-year timeline is deemed necessary to truly integrate the PBIS framework into the school. This year we are determining common expectations throughout the school in our non-classroom settings - playground, hallways, cafeteria, etc. This may sound like a relatively simple task, yet the reality of designing behaviors with students PreK-8th that are appropriate, and which are used consistently and with fidelity, is a work in progress. The staff is careful and thoughtful in developing processes and procedures to meet the needs of all students’ behaviors. We are already seeing changes in behavior and are excited for full implementation.

The entire staff from Administration, teachers, secretarial, custodial, food service, bus drivers, maintenance, guidance, health, and the many parents who volunteer are to be thanked and recognized for their dedication each and every day.

A special thank you to the Vassalboro School Board for their ongoing work and support to ensure a quality education and safe learning environment is in place for “ALL” students. staff and community members. Chairman Kevin Levasseur, Susan Tuthill, Jolene Gamage, Jessica Clark and Libby Loiko deserve our sincere appreciation for their dedication to the Vassalboro School Community.

A thank you to the continued support from the Town on many fronts as we work to continually collaborate our efforts.

In closing, I am honored to serve and work with so many dedicated individuals at the Vassalboro Community School. I have had worthwhile and ongoing discussions with committees and other entities in many areas of the Town. We will continue to put forth our best efforts on all fronts to provide a strong quality education for all students at the Vassalboro Community School.

# Road Commissioner's Report

EUGENE FIELD, *Road Commissioner*

As road commissioner for the Town of Vassalboro it is a pleasure working with the Town Manager, staff and citizens of Vassalboro.

In the Summer of 2018 the Public Works crew prepared the roads to be paved by replacing culverts, ditching, cutting brush and trees back on the various roads scheduled to be paved. The list of the following roads is the ones that the crew did extensive work on:

- Cross Hill road – from the Bog road intersection to CMP pole # 45 approximately 2.2 miles.
- Hannaford Hill Road – all of it, approximately 2.1 miles.
- Katie Lane – all of it, approximately .3 miles.
- Evan's Road – all of it was paved but we had to do no ditching on this road, approximately .2 miles.



Front: (L-R) Shawn Bragg, Gene Field, Shane Cole.  
Back: James Wentworth

The Town received seven paving bids and went with the low bid from Wellman's paving for \$56.43 a ton for the 9.5mm mix and \$55.58 a ton for the 12.5 mm mix. This was a combined bid with Vassalboro and the Town of China. The roads listed below were all shimmed first with 9.5 mm mix and then surfaced with 1.25 inch of 12.5 mm mix. Due to an asphalt escalation clause in the bid because asphalt prices increased from the time of the bid until it was placed, there was a \$1.55/ ton added to the 9.5 mm mix to make that \$57.98 per ton and on the 12.5 mm mix a \$1.40 increase was added to make that \$56.98/ ton.

As of this writing, the paving plan for the summer of 2019 is to do the Nelson Road and if the budget allows try to work in the White House Road.

Some of the additional work completed by the public works crew was extensive ditching on all of the Station Hill Road, White House Road and on the Cook Hill Road from the Oak Grove intersection down to the bottom of the hill and also on the North end of the Dunham Road. We also put out shoulder gravel on the roads that were paved. The public works crew cleaned up all the leaves and debris from all the Cemeteries so they would be ready for the Contractor to mow them. We also used the excavator with a flail mower attachment and mowed the brush down around the Nelson Road Cemetery, the back side of the Union Cemetery and the Doe Cemetery off from the Burleigh Road. We also skimmed over the Fortin Road with screen gravel. We did most of the Dow Road, skimming that over with crushed gravel from Pike's plant. The road side mowing is done by contracting it out to Aggressive Cuts which they do the first mowing in June and a second mowing in September.

Lastly, I would like to thank my crew of James Wentworth, Shawn Bragg and Shane Cole for their dedication and hard work. If you have questions about any road project, please don't hesitate to contact the Public Works Garage at 923-3985 or E- Mail at [vasspublicworks@fairpoint.net](mailto:vasspublicworks@fairpoint.net).

## Paving cost:

Cross Hill Road – Shim	\$ 46,412.99
Surface	\$ 112,279.09
	\$ 158,692.08
Hannaford Hill Road -Shim	\$ 43,882.74
Surface	\$ 106,863.14
	\$ 150,745.88
Katie Lane – Shim	\$ 10,136.25
Surface	\$ 15,015.94
	\$ 25,152.19
Evan's Road – Shim	\$ 5,624.06
Surface	\$ 9,173.78
	\$ 14,797.84
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 349,387.99</b>



# Vassalboro Volunteer Fire Department

ERIC ROWE, *Chief*

Last year, the Vassalboro Volunteer Fire Department was again very successful in being awarded several grants, which in turn helps to reduce the tax dollars that we ask for you in support of the Vassalboro Volunteer Fire Department.

**A GRANT WAS AWARDED TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FROM THE SUKEFORTH FOUNDATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,000.**

This grant award will be matched by town funds and enable us to potentially replace one of our old firetrucks in the near future. Again, this year, the Maine Municipal Association of which the Town of Vassalboro is a member, awarded us a grant for \$2,000. This will also be matched by town funds and enable us to purchase (2) new sets of turn out gear. We again received a grant from Maine Forestry Service that allowed us to purchase (15) 5-gallon buckets of Class A Foam. With the assistance of these grant awards, it helps us get the equipment we need without additional tax burdens on the Vassalboro residents.

If you remember, there is an article in the town warrant every year asking you to approve spending additional dollars in matching funds from surplus in the event that the fire department is awarded some grants. This year, we are asking for up to \$45,000 to cover two potential grants, one grant is for a new fire truck to replace the 1981 Hendrick Pumper, and another grant we submitted is to replace the SCBA's we have. Hopefully we will hear soon. Thank you for your continued support of this article.



**Listed below are some of the types of calls the Vassalboro Volunteer Fire Department responded to in 2018.**

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|----------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| (7) Structure Fires  | (11) 10-55 Vehicle Accidents | (8) Tree Down/Power Line Calls |
| (5) Grass/Woods Fire | (8) Mutual Aid Calls         | (8) Carbon Monoxide Alarms     |
| (2) Chimney Fires    | (4) Fire Alarms              | Numerous Misc. Calls           |

We continue to experience a high number of windstorms, both in the winter and summer that seem to blow down trees. In situations like this, we are very limited to what we can do to remove trees, especially if there are powerlines down. Together with the Public Works crew, we try to clear the roadways where no powerlines are involved. Otherwise, we need to wait for CMP to kill the power supply first. Please, do not try to remove the tree(s) yourself, we ask that you be prepared and patient when these situations arise, the roads and power will be restored as soon as reasonably possible.

We continue to see houses and mailboxes that are not properly identified with your street number. Please place 4" high numbers on both sides of your mailboxes and on your house, to assist us in finding you in the event of an emergency. Every minute counts when there is an emergency.

Thank you to both the residents of the North Village and for the Public Works Dept. for taking the time to clear away the snow from the fire hydrants during this past winter. It certainly makes it easier to locate and get access to the hydrant in the event of an emergency. We really do appreciate it!

The Vassalboro Volunteer Fire Department members continue to participate in town functions, such as "Touch a Truck" during the "Vassalboro Days" event, educating the Pre-K to 4th graders about fire prevention at the Vassalboro Community School, and standing watch during "Halloween at The Olde Mill".

**THIS YEAR, I HAVE PROMOTED WALKER THOMPSON TO DEPUTY CHIEF OF THE VASSALBORO VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT.** Walker has been a firefighter with the department since he was 18 years old. He follows in his father's footsteps, Kevin who is a member of the department for the past 30 years. Walker has the support of his fellow firefighters and will serve this town and the department in his new role with leadership and confidence.

**I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO TAKE A MOMENT TO DEDICATE THIS REPORT TO A FALLEN BROTHER, CAPTAIN JOEL BARNES, OF THE BERWICK FIRE DEPARTMENT.** Capt. Joel Barnes was a career firefighter, who lost his life fighting an apartment fire on March 1st, 2019 in Berwick. Joel paid the ultimate sacrifice when he used his body to shield another firefighter from the intense fire. It was evident of how close firefighters and fire departments are with one another by the support of over thousands of firefighters from all over the United States who attended his memorial service.

Last but not least, I would like to again thank all of the members of the Vassalboro Volunteer Fire Department for the countless hours they have spent making Vassalboro a safer place to live and in protecting our town. This year marks a significant milestone within the Vassalboro Volunteer Fire Department. Adding all the years that the members have been a volunteer firefighter for the town of Vassalboro, the total comes to 500 years! That is a lot of years of service considering we have about 22 active firefighters. The years of service range from 2 years to 47 years. We should all be proud and thankful! In addition, I would also like to thank their families for the times they spend away from you. And thanks to the town officials and you, the Vassalboro residents for your continued support of the Vassalboro Volunteer Fire Department. We are fortunate and thankful to enjoy such a supportive community.



## Police Department

**MARK BROWN, Police Chief**

The past year I worked closely with the Vassalboro Community School, along with the Maine State Police and Kennebec Sheriff's Office, in emergency preparedness for situations which will ensure the safety of our students and faculty. I also attended several athletic events at the school and recreational fields to provide more visible law enforcement presence.

I worked closely with school officials and my wife and I provided meals to some needy families within our town during the holiday seasons. During the winter months, I provided several welfare checks on elderly residents. I would encourage residents to call me whenever someone needs to be checked on.

I have been attending more functions within our community by attending several events held at the Olde' Mill in North Vassalboro in an attempt for more community policing within our town. I appreciate the support of our community. I have met many new residents and look forward to working with many more this year.

As this town grows, complaints within Vassalboro tend to be on the increase. I continue to assist the State Police and Sheriff's Office on many issues including domestic disputes, burglaries, thefts, and accidents. I also have worked with our Fire Department and First Responders to assist them on calls throughout the year.

Please report any suspicious activity to our Regional Communications Center at (207) 624-7076 or 911 for all emergency calls. I can also be reached on my cell phone at (207) 557-4601 or email [mbrown@vassalboro.net](mailto:mbrown@vassalboro.net).



Photo by Charlene Brown



# Vassalboro Transfer Station

GEORGE HAMAR, *Transfer Station Manager*

Vassalboro residents,

It's our pleasure to share what's been going on at the Vassalboro transfer station and recycling facility in 2018. As always our focus is to operate in accordance with the Maine Department of Labor and Environmental Protection regulations and standards, a clean, safe and friendly place to dispose of household wastes and recyclables. I would like to thank all who recycle for their dedicated efforts. Also thank the Vassalboro public works crew and town office staff for all

their services they provide throughout the year.

The Vassalboro transfer station was built in 1989 and entered into a 30 year contract along with other towns and cities in the state to divert all of the municipal solid waste (MSW) generated to the Penobscot Energy Recovery Company: PERC, located in Orrington, Maine. PERC is a Waste-to-energy facility where the MSW is processed into energy in the form of electricity and/or heat from the primary treatment of waste.

The Municipal Review Committee or MRC is the organization that represents and manages the contracts with these communities. With the contracts expiring in 2018, the MRC started searching for a more affordable waste disposal solution for its members. A Maryland based company called Fiberight was introduced and recently voted in favor of by most community members to be their option for trash disposal. This company and its technology will convert trash into industrial sugars and biofuels. The new facility was to be constructed in Hampden Maine in 2017-2018 and operational by April 2018 accepting the municipal solid waste (MSW) from the joining municipalities.

In March, our contract with Bolsters rubbish removal to haul MSW to PERC expired and was put out to bid. Of the five bids received, Bolsters came in the lowest bidder and was awarded the contract to haul MSW to Fiberight for \$225 per trip once the facility was open. On a temporary basis the trash would be hauled to the Crossroads landfill in Norridgewock for \$200 per trip.

The hauling contracts for Bulk Waste and Zero Sort recycling with Casella were to expire in June. These contracts were also put out to bid. The Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to award the three-year contract for the bulk waste to the low bidder Central Maine Disposal and the Zero Sort recycling including the corrugated cardboard was awarded to Bolsters.

After being updated from a Fiberight representative that the start dates now wouldn't be until end of October or November and with the worldwide changes in recycling from China's National Sword Policy enacted in 2018 banning the import of most plastics and other materials, it was decided at the August 23rds Selectman's meeting that we would continue to separating recycling as we have done for years, but dispose of it with the municipal solid waste at the Norridgewock Landfill temporarily until Fiberight was ready to start accepting materials or other disposal options were to become available.

We are encouraging residents to continue separating corrugated cardboard and place it in its designated area. In August, Apparel Impact, a family owned textile recycling business located in New Hampshire placed two bins



*Photo by George Hamar*

at our transfer station. Vassalboro residents can now put clothes, sheets, blankets, curtains and towels into these bins located next to the swap shed. This will save tax dollars from being thrown into the trash as well as help support the local people and communities throughout New England.

In September we purchased a new 40 yd. roll off container to replace a container we were renting for overflow of some materials disposed of or in emergency power outages where the compactor cannot be used.



Photos by George Hamar



#### **IN 2018**

310.61 tons of MSW (household trash) was hauled to PERC.

994.91 tons of MSW was hauled to the Crossroads Landfill

343 tons of Bulky Waste (Demolition debris, furniture etc.) Was hauled to the Juniper Ridge landfill.

#### **RECYCLED IN 2018**

77 tons Zero-Sort Recyclables

81 tons Corrugated Cardboard

962 Fluorescent light bulbs

807 Used Tires

11 tons E-waste (TV's etc.)

139 Units with Freon

91 tons Misc. Metals

770 gallons Waste Oil & Antifreeze

50 tons Compost

7 tons Textiles (clothing etc.)

We look forward continuing to serve the residents of Vassalboro. Please join us in keeping your transfer station a clean and fun place to dispose of all your household wastes and recyclables Please stop by the transfer station today to learn what can be recycled and save your tax dollars! And don't hesitate to ask if you have any questions.

You can pick up current transfer station fee schedule or information about the Fiberight Company either at the town office or the transfer station. You can also go to their website at [www.fiberight.com](http://www.fiberight.com)

I would like to conclude if we all reduced the amount of waste we generate to begin with by becoming more aware of what we are buying from the materials it's made of and where it came from, this would make a difference. Maybe the manufacturers should be ultimately responsible for the end life of their products being

produced with materials that cannot be recycled, have no market value and pollute the world. We should prohibit these materials from the start, regulating global manufacturing with higher standards and force companies to start making higher quality Eco-friendly products that have sustainability.

# Municipal Expenditures

JULY 1, 2017 - JUNE 30, 2018

## ADMINISTRATION

Appropriation:	\$428,143.00
Expenditures:	
Personnel Service	\$328,991.65
Insurance	8,502.15
Utilities	6,786.65
Building/Grounds Maintenance	6,961.64
Printing/Advertising	4,453.15
Audit/Legal/Dues	21,641.89
Office Supplies/Equipmen	5,754.36
Technology/Postage/Other	28,921.41
Registry of Deeds	6,559.05
Balance	<u>\$9,571.05</u>

## PUBLIC WORKS

Appropriation:	\$480,065.00
Expenditures:	
Personnel Services	\$258,999.06
Insurance	18,367.83
Sand/Salt/other contracts	69,021.19
Vehicle Expenses/Equip.	84,191.37
Garage Utilities/Supplies	24,280.68
Bridges/Culverts/signs	14,996.68
Balance	<u>\$10,208.19</u>

## SOLID WASTE

Appropriation:	\$299,795.00
Expenditures:	
Personnel Services	\$ 85,579.28
Insurance	2,461.16
Bldg. Maintenance/Water Monitoring	13,624.20
Utilities/Supplies	4,145.81
Disposal/Hauling/Recycling	174,109.90
Balance	<u>\$19,874.65</u>

## ROAD PAVING/GRAVEL ROADS

Appropriation:	\$370,950.00
Expenditures:	
Paving	\$349,999.92
Striping	13,411.20
Gravel Roads/Maintenance	7,219.53
Balance	<u>\$319.35</u>

## FIRST RESPONDERS

Appropriation:	\$10,000.00
Expenditures:	
Equipment/Radios	\$2,593.06
Licensing Fees	400.00
Malpractice/Work Comp Ins.	1,291.20
Operations/Misc. fees	1,751.48
Balance	<u>\$3,964.26</u>

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation:	\$61,100.00
Expenditures:	
Utilities	\$10,416.40
Insurances	9,746.57
Repairs	12,921.14
Training/Equipment/Supplies	14,175.18
Radios	1,726.71
Bldg. Maintenance	3,668.87
Firefighter stipend	10,011.00
Chief Stipend	3,200.00
Carry Forward into FY 2019-20	5,125.25
Balance	<u>\$359.38</u>

## PUBLIC SAFETY/POLICE & ANIMAL CONTROL

Appropriation:	\$67,937.00
Expenditures:	
Employee Costs	\$24,464.39
Insurances	1,493.11
Supplies/Vehicle Maintenance	5,325.48
Humane Society	6,900.60
Public Safety Dispatch fees	26,476.00
Balance	<u>\$3,277.42</u>

## CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT/RESERVES

Appropriation and Reserve Use:	\$40,000.00
Expenditures:	
Transfer Station Reserve	11,300.00
Public Works Plow Truck Reserve	25,000.00
China Lake boat launch repair	28,700.00
China Lake launch repair (carried from FY17)	+28,700.00
Balance	<u>\$3,700.00</u>

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**RECREATION/SUMMER YOUTH**

Appropriation:	\$ 15,430.00
Expenditures:	\$ 19,709.63
Carry forward from previous years	+ 4,279.63
Balance	<u>\$0.00</u>

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**LIBRARY**

Appropriation:	\$ 32,729.00
Expenditures:	\$ 32,729.00
Balance	<u>\$0.00</u>

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**UTILITIES**

Appropriation:	\$ 37,500.00
Expenditures:	
Street Lights	\$ 17,869.53
Hydrant Rental	19,531.72
Balance	<u>\$98.75</u>

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**CEMETERIES**

Appropriation:	\$ 40,000.00
Expenditures:	
Care of Cemeteries	\$ 35,707.84
Carried into FY 2019	4,250.00
Balance	<u>\$42.16</u>

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**GENERAL ASSISTANCE**

Appropriation:	\$ 3,000.00
Expenditures:	
Shelter	\$ 2,395.16
Balance	<u>\$604.84</u>

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**ASSESSMENT**

Appropriation:	\$ 43,800.00
Expenditures:	
Contract Assessor Costs:	\$ 26,799.96
Maps/Dues/Supplies	2,535.63
Postage/Tax Billing	2,451.54
Quarterly Review	12,000.00
Balance	<u>\$12.87</u>

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**SOCIAL SERVICES**

Appropriation:	\$ 13,617.00
Expenditures:	
Hospice	\$ 1,600.00
Food Pantry	2,000.00
Family Violence	2,250.00
KV Mental Health	3,500.00
Spectrum Generations	1,000.00
Sexual Assault & Crisis Center	1,417.00
Literacy Volunteers	500.00
KVCAP Transportation Service	1,350.00
Balance	<u>\$0.00</u>

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**MISCELLANEOUS REQUEST**

Appropriation:	\$ 11,100.00
Expenditures:	
Historical Society	\$ 3,600.00
Snowmobile Club	1,500.00
C.R.L.A.	5,000.00
FAVOR	995.62
Balance	<u>\$4.38</u>

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**DEBT SERVICE**

Appropriation:	\$63,625.00
Expenditures:	
Fire Truck Lease (payment #2 of 5)	63,625.00
Balance	<u>\$0.00</u>

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**COUNTY TAX**

Appropriation:	\$312,452.00
Expenditures:	\$312,451.64
Balance	<u>\$0.36</u>

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**EDUCATION (Local funds only.)**

Appropriation:	\$ 3,369,269.00
Expenditures:	\$3,369,268.70
Balance	<u>\$0.30</u>



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## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Board of Selectmen  
Town of Vassalboro  
Vassalboro, Maine

### Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Vassalboro, Maine, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2018, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town of Vassalboro, Maine's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

### Auditors' Responsibility

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

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

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

### Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Vassalboro, Maine as of June 30, 2018, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

*Required Supplementary Information*

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, budgetary comparison information and pension and OPEB information on pages 4 through 10 and 55 through 60 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.

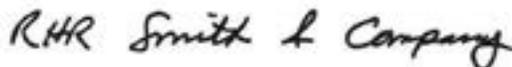
*Other Information*

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Vassalboro, Maine's basic financial statements. The Schedule of Departmental Operations - General Fund, combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements and capital asset schedules are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by Title 20-A MRSA §6051, Sub-chapter 1(K) of the Maine Revised Statutes as amended, and is also not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The Schedule of Departmental Operations - General Fund, combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements, capital asset schedules and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards are the responsibility of management and were derived from and related directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the Schedule of Departmental Operations - General Fund, combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements, capital asset schedules 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.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated January 31, 2019, on our consideration of the Town of Vassalboro, Maine's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Town of Vassalboro, Maine's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



Buxton, Maine  
January 31, 2019

The full Audit Report is available at the Town Office for public inspection.

# Statement C

Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds - June 30, 2018

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 658,547	\$ -	\$ 658,547
Investments	1,094,913	-	1,094,913
Accounts receivable (net of allowance for uncollectibles):			
Taxes	272,166	-	272,166
Liens	94,674	-	94,674
Due from other governments	37,072	110,655	147,727
Inventory	-	7,735	7,735
Prepaid items	51,954	-	51,954
Due from other funds	106,721	463,449	570,170
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 2,316,047</b>	<b>\$ 581,839</b>	<b>\$ 2,897,886</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Accounts payable	\$ 22,186	\$ 3	\$ 22,189
Due to other governments	14,786	-	14,786
Accrued expenses	309,455	-	309,455
Accrued compensated absences	47,333	-	47,333
Due to other funds	463,449	106,721	570,170
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>857,209</b>	<b>106,724</b>	<b>963,933</b>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>			
Prepaid taxes	9,220	-	9,220
Deferred tax revenues	203,623	-	203,623
<b>TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	<b>212,843</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>212,843</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>			
Nonspendable	51,954	103,545	155,499
Restricted	-	280,053	280,053
Committed	-	105,430	105,430
Assigned	38,138	80,200	118,338
Unassigned	1,155,903	(94,113)	1,061,790
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>1,245,995</b>	<b>475,115</b>	<b>1,721,110</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>\$ 2,316,047</b>	<b>\$ 581,839</b>	<b>\$ 2,897,886</b>

See accompanying independent auditor's report and notes to financial statements.

# Statement E

Statement of Revenues and Changes in Fund Balances  
Governmental Funds for the Year Ended June 20, 2018

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Taxes:			
Property	\$ 4,373,779	\$ -	\$ 4,373,779
Excise	844,536	-	844,536
Intergovernmental revenues	4,256,069	702,068	4,958,137
Charges for services	108,952	50,477	159,429
State of Maine on-behalf payments	335,085	-	335,085
Other revenues	201,855	39,418	241,273
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>10,120,276</b>	<b>791,963</b>	<b>10,912,239</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Current:			
General government	462,359	-	462,359
Public safety	173,964	-	173,964
Public works	831,073	-	831,073
Culture and recreation	51,079	-	51,079
Social services	16,012	-	16,012
Education	7,335,441	798,012	8,133,453
County tax	312,452	-	312,452
Solid waste	276,220	-	276,220
Other	83,204	117,082	200,286
State of Maine on-behalf payments	335,085	-	335,085
Debt service:			
Principal	58,430	-	58,430
Interest	5,195	-	5,195
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>9,940,514</b>	<b>915,094</b>	<b>10,855,608</b>
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>179,762</b>	<b>(123,131)</b>	<b>56,631</b>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>			
Transfers in	42,000	144,841	186,841
Transfers (out)	(143,521)	(43,320)	(186,841)
<b>TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>	<b>(101,521)</b>	<b>101,521</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>78,241</b>	<b>(21,610)</b>	<b>56,631</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES - JULY 1, RESTATED</b>	<b>1,167,754</b>	<b>496,725</b>	<b>1,664,479</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30</b>	<b>\$ 1,245,995</b>	<b>\$ 475,115</b>	<b>\$ 1,721,110</b>

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# Schedule 1

## Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Budgetary Basis Budget and Actual - General Fund for the Year Ended June 20, 2018

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Budgetary Fund Balance, July 1	\$ 1,167,754	\$ 1,167,754	\$ 1,167,754	\$ -
Resources (Inflows):				
Taxes:				
Property taxes	4,352,839	4,352,839	4,373,779	20,940
Excise taxes	756,000	756,000	844,536	88,536
Intergovernmental revenues:				
Education subsidy	-	3,847,612	3,847,612	-
State revenue sharing	160,000	160,000	162,141	2,141
Local road assistance	64,000	64,000	65,804	1,804
State park sharing	2,000	2,000	-	(2,000)
Homestead exemption	170,975	170,975	155,802	(15,173)
Tree growth	16,000	16,000	16,290	290
Veterans exemptions	2,900	2,900	3,167	267
Other	3,289	3,289	5,253	1,964
Charges for services	93,000	93,000	108,952	15,952
Interest income	-	-	19,780	19,780
Interest/fees on taxes	35,000	35,000	39,911	4,911
Sale of town property/assets	-	-	5,449	5,449
Miscellaneous revenue	-	49,955	136,715	86,760
Transfers from other funds	32,000	82,000	42,000	(40,000)
Amounts Available for Appropriation	<u>6,855,757</u>	<u>10,803,324</u>	<u>10,994,945</u>	<u>191,621</u>
Charges to Appropriations (Outflows):				
General government	471,943	471,943	462,359	9,584
Public safety	181,662	181,662	173,964	7,698
Public works	851,015	851,015	831,073	19,942
Culture and recreation	56,039	56,039	51,079	4,960
Social services	16,617	16,617	16,012	605
Education	3,369,269	7,382,836	7,335,441	47,395
County tax	312,452	312,452	312,452	-
Solid waste	299,795	299,795	276,220	23,575
Debt service:				
Principal	58,430	58,430	58,430	-
Other	115,170	115,170	83,204	31,966
Transfers to other funds	143,521	143,521	143,521	-
Total Charges to Appropriations	<u>5,881,108</u>	<u>9,894,675</u>	<u>9,748,950</u>	<u>145,725</u>
Budgetary Fund Balance, June 30	<u>\$ 974,649</u>	<u>\$ 908,649</u>	<u>\$ 1,245,995</u>	<u>\$ 337,346</u>
Utilization of restricted fund balance	\$ -	\$ 66,000	\$ -	\$ (66,000)
Utilization of assigned fund balance	33,980	33,980	-	(33,980)
Utilization of unassigned fund balance	150,000	150,000	-	(150,000)
	<u>\$ 183,980</u>	<u>\$ 249,980</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (249,980)</u>

See accompanying independent auditor's report and notes to financial statements.

# Annual Town Meeting Warrant

JUNE 3-11, 2019

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## GREETINGS

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of the Town of Vassalboro in said Kennebec County, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Vassalboro Community School on Monday, June 3rd, 2019, at 6:30 in the evening to elect a moderator to preside at said meeting, then and there to act on Articles 1 through 63, all of said articles being set out below to wit: and further to warn said voters to meet at the Town Office building in said Town on Tuesday, the 11th day of June 2019, then and there to act on Articles numbered 64 to 66. The polls will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**ARTICLE 1:** To choose a **Moderator** to preside at said Meeting, and to pay a sum not to exceed \$200.00 for his/her services.

**ARTICLE 2:** To elect from the floor, under the rules of this meeting, five (5) members of the **Budget Committee** to serve two year terms.

### **Terms Expire in 2019:**

William Browne, Donald Breton, Richard Phippen  
Peggy Schaffer, Philip Landry

**ARTICLE 3:** To see if the Town will vote to fix the **due dates of taxes** as follows, and to set the rate of interest at the prevailing allowable State rate: 9.00%. Interest will begin to accrue 7 days after the due date.

- One-fourth of taxes due on 09-23-19
- One-fourth of taxes due on 11-25-19
- One-fourth of taxes due on 02-24-20
- One-fourth of taxes due on 04-27-20

**Selectmen Recommend: Approval**

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## REVENUES

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to use the following **anticipated revenue** amounts and from the sources named to reduce the 2019-2020 tax commitment:

Excise Tax	\$ 825,000
Agent Fees	14,500
Snowmobile agent fees	2,750
Boat Excise Tax	7,500
Interest/Penalties	40,000
State Revenue Sharing	200,000
State Road Assistance	65,250
Tree Growth Reimbursement	15,250
Veterans Exemption	3,000
Miscellaneous	5,000
Permit Fees	10,000
Solid Waste/Recycling	40,000
Franchise Fee/Cable Fees	13,000
Cemetery Fund Interest	4,000
Clerk Fees	10,000
FEMA Disaster Reimb.	17,400
Surplus	150,000
<b>TOTAL REVENUES:</b>	<b>\$1,422,650</b>

**Selectmen Recommend: \$1,422,650**

**Budget Committee recommends: \$1,422,650**

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## GENERAL GOVERNMENT

**ARTICLE 5:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$463,134 for **Administration**.

**Selectmen Recommend: \$463,134**

**Budget Committee Recommends: \$463,134**

**ARTICLE 6:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$33,200 for **Assessment Costs**.

**Selectmen Recommend: \$33,200**

**Budget Committee Recommends: \$33,200**

**ARTICLE 7:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$56,500 for **Capital Improvements or Reserves** as follows:

Plow Truck Reserve	\$50,000
Standby Generator for PW Garage	6,500
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$56,500</b>

**Selectmen Recommend: \$56,500**

**Budget Committee Recommends: \$56,500**

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## PUBLIC WORKS

**ARTICLE 8:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$556,770 for the **Public Works Department**.

**Selectmen Recommend: \$556,770**

**Budget Committee Recommends: \$556,770**

**ARTICLE 9:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$390,062 for **paving work** to allow the Town to pave all or portions of the following roads: Nelson Road and the Whitehouse Road; and for **road striping and paved road maintenance** and if any of said sums remain, the Selectmen at their discretion could do additional paving.

**Selectmen Recommend: \$390,062**

**Budget Committee Recommends: \$390,062**

**ARTICLE 10:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$34,035 to **repair the 1991 Dresser Road Grader**, and if any amount remains after repairs are complete, to use the remaining funds to **pave a portion of the Public Works Garage driveway**.

**Selectmen Recommend: \$34,035**

**Budget Committee Recommends: \$34,035**

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## SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL

**ARTICLE 11:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$320,060 for the cost of operating the Town's **Solid Waste Disposal and Recycling Facility**.

**Selectmen Recommend: \$320,060**

**Budget Committee Recommends: \$320,060**

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PUBLIC SAFETY

**ARTICLE 12:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$85,213 for the **Public Safety Department** that includes the Police, Animal Control, and Dispatch expenses.

*Selectmen Recommend: \$85,213*

*Budget Committee Recommends: \$85,213*

**ARTICLE 13:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,750 for the cost of operating the **Vassalboro First Responder Service**.

*Selectmen Recommend: \$12,750*

*Budget Committee Recommends: \$12,750*

**ARTICLE 14:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum not to exceed \$5,000 from surplus to be used as local match dollars for new First Responder Service equipment. These funds will be expended only in the event of a **First Responder Service grant award**.

*Selectmen Recommend: Approval*

*Budget Committee Recommends: Approval*

**ARTICLE 15:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$66,100 for the **Fire Department**.

*Selectmen Recommend: \$66,100*

*Budget Committee Recommends: \$66,100*

**ARTICLE 16:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum not to exceed \$45,000 from surplus to be used as local match dollars for new Fire Department equipment. These funds will be expended only in the event of a **Fire Department grant award**.

*Selectmen Recommend: Approval*

*Budget Committee Recommends: Approval*

**ARTICLE 17:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$63,625 for lease payment number four of five for the **2017 E-One Pumper Fire Truck**.

*Selectmen Recommend: \$63,625*

*Budget Committee Recommends: \$63,625*

**ARTICLE 18:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,500 for **fire hydrant rental**.

*Selectmen Recommend: \$20,500*

*Budget Committee Recommends: \$20,500*

**ARTICLE 19:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$18,500 for **Street Lights**.

*Selectmen Recommend: \$18,500*

*Budget Committee Recommends: \$18,500*

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SPECIAL ARTICLES AND TOWN POLICY

**ARTICLE 20:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen on behalf of the Town to **dispose of any real estate** acquired by the Town for non-payment of taxes thereon, on such terms as they may deem advisable, except for property tax-acquired from certain elderly, low-income taxpayers who qualify for the special sale process required pursuant to 36 M.R.S. Section 943-C.

*Selectmen Recommend: Approval*

**ARTICLE 21:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen or their designee to **submit grant applications for State of Maine, Federal Government, or any other duly authorized authority funding** and if said program is approved, authorize the municipal officers to accept said grant funds, to make such assurances, assume such responsibilities, and exercise such authority as necessary and reasonable to implement such program, and to disburse such funds for the purpose granted.

*Selectmen Recommend: Approval*

**ARTICLE 22:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen or their designee to apply for, on behalf of the Town, a **Federal Emergency Management Agency Hazardous Mitigation grant application** or any other grant opportunity, for a new generator to power all or part of the Vassalboro Community School in the event of a power outage, and if said program is approved, to further authorize the Selectmen to expend funds from the town's general fund as needed to pay for the entire project while awaiting state reimbursement. Furthermore, if such grant is received, the town authorizes and appropriates the sum not to exceed \$28,000 from surplus to be used as local match dollars for this purpose and to purchase related items not covered by the grant such as the cement installation pad and wiring of the building. These funds will be expended only in the event of a grant award for the generator, and other related expenses.

*Selectmen Recommend: Approval*

*Budget Committee Recommends: Approval*

**ARTICLE 23:** To see if the Town will vote to establish an **Accrued Comp Payout Fund** in the amount of \$35,000 to be appropriated from SURPLUS and used in the event that it is needed to pay earned benefits to Town staff upon separation from employment. Once established, the fund will be replenished from SURPLUS as needed at the end of each fiscal year to maintain a balance of \$35,000, or not to exceed the accrued comp total liability.

*Selectmen Recommend: Approval*

*Budget Committee Recommends: Approval*

**ARTICLE 24:** To see if the voters of the Town of Vassalboro will vote to authorize the Vassalboro Select Board to negotiate and to enter into a long-term, multi-year lease or a power purchase agreement with a private company or companies to **install a solar array**, and associated equipment, or like utility(ies), on land owned by the Town upon such terms and conditions as the Board determines to be in the best interests of the Town provided the agreement yields annual net electrical cost savings to the Town and incorporates the option for a lease buyout. The array output should be sufficient, at a minimum, to cover the annual electric demand of the Town Office, both fire stations, the Library, and the Vassalboro Historical Society at the former East Vassalboro School.

*Selectmen Recommend: Approval*

*Budget Committee Recommends: Approval*

**ARTICLE 25:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell or trade the 2014 Dodge Ram 5500 truck with plow and sander and to **purchase a new truck, plow and sander** at a cost not to exceed \$122,450 to be funded from the following sources:

\$ 75,000 from Public Works Truck Reserves

\$ 9,450 from taxation appropriation in FY 2019-20

\$ 38,000 from Proceeds from the sale or trade of the 2014 Ram Truck

\$122,450 Total cost of new truck with plow and sander

*Selectmen Recommend: Approval*

*Budget Committee Recommends: Approval*

**ARTICLE 26:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell the 2007 Chevy Impala Cruiser and to **issue bonds, a lease agreement**, or other types of indebtedness in the name of the Town under such terms and conditions as they deem advisable to **purchase a replacement Cruiser and related equipment**, the purchase price of which is not to exceed \$38,000 with an annual payment for a period of up to three years, and to raise and appropriate the annual estimated payment of \$13,000 the first year and \$13,236.15 the following two years, (which agreement includes interest currently estimated at 3.89%).

**TREASURER'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

**Total Town Indebtedness as of 6/30/18**

Bonds/Leases outstanding and unpaid:	\$440,884
Bonds authorized and unissued:	\$ -0-
Bonds/lease to be issued if this question is approved:	\$ 38,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$478,884</b>

**Costs**

At an estimated maximum interest rate of 3.89%, the estimated costs of this bond issue will be:

Three years	
Principal	\$38,000.00
Interest	\$ 1,472.29
<b>TOTAL DEBT SERVICE</b>	<b>\$39,472.29</b>

**Validity**

The validity of the Bonds and of the voters' ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the above estimates. If the actual amount of the total debt service for the bond issue varies from the estimate, the ratification of the electors is nevertheless conclusive and the validity of the bond issue is not affected by reason of the variance.

Mary S. Sabins, Treasurer Town of Vassalboro

**Selectmen Recommend: Approval**

**Budget Committee Recommends: Approval**

**ARTICLE 27:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 and authorize the Selectmen to accept and expend monetary gifts and donations of labor, materials and equipment for **improvements to Soldiers Memorial Park** located near and around the Civil War Monument on Route #32; and to authorize the Selectmen to rededicate the Park to Vassalboro Veterans for the Town's 250th Anniversary in 2021.

**Selectmen Recommend: Approval**

**Budget Committee Recommends: Approval**

**ARTICLE 28:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate, execute, deliver and/or accept all legal instruments necessary to accept a deed from the Riverside Hose Company for the **Riverside Fire Station property** depicted on the Town's tax map as Map 1, Lot 69.

**Selectmen Recommend: Approval**

**Budget Committee Recommends: Approval**

**ARTICLE 29:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into an agreement with a contracted company to install a **standing seam metal roof on the Riverside Fire Station**; to raise and appropriate the amount of \$17,500 and to expend all the funds in the existing Metal Roof Reserve with a current balance of \$12,739.57 as of 3/31/19 to accomplish such project.

**Selectmen Recommend: Approval**

**Budget Committee Recommends: Approval**

**ARTICLE 30:** To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen or their designee to **approve modifications to the Outlet Dam** for the purpose of restoring fish passage into and out of China Lake, and to make such assurances, assume such responsibilities, execute such agreements and exercise such authority as necessary and reasonable for the implementation of the project.

**Selectmen Recommend: Approval**

**ARTICLE 31:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate from **overlay** those sums which it is obligated to pay for approved tax abatements including any interest due thereon.

**Selectmen Recommend: Approval**

**ARTICLE 32:** To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen, for the fiscal year 2019-2020, to **transfer funds** between appropriation accounts so long as the grand total of all appropriations is not exceeded. Any such transfers to be approved only at a properly called public meeting of the Selectmen and Budget Committee.

**Selectmen Recommend: Approval**

**ARTICLE 33:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers under Maine statutes, Chapter 12 Section 6131 and amendments thereto, to promulgate such regulations compatible with the General Laws of the State to govern the time and manner in which **river herring (alewives)** shall be taken therein for the calendar year 2020.

**Selectmen Recommend: Approval**

**ARTICLE 34:** To see if the Town will authorize the Municipal Officers to sell surplus **river herring (alewives)** for one or more years, or take any action relative to the same.

**Selectmen Recommend: Approval**

**Budget Committee Recommends: Approval**

**ARTICLE 35:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the revenues received in FY2019-20 from the Natural Gas Pipeline Municipal Development and Tax Increment Financing District into a fund designated as the **Development Program Fund** to be used for projects, loans and/or grants for economic development within the Town as outlined in the Development Program for the District to be expended on such projects at the discretion of the Board of Selectmen.

**Selectmen Recommend: Approval**

**Budget Committee Recommends: Approval**

**ARTICLE 36:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to **dispose of Town owned property** with a value of \$10,000 or less, under such terms and conditions as they deem advisable.

**Selectmen Recommend: Approval**

**Budget Committee Recommends: Approval**

**ARTICLE 37:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize an amount not to exceed \$15,000 from surplus to serve as a **contingency fund** to be spent by the Selectmen in the event of an emergency and to avoid overdrafts.

**Selectmen Recommend: Approval**

**Budget Committee Recommends: Approval**

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**LIBRARY**

**ARTICLE 38:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$33,929 for the Town's share of the **Library's** budget.

**Selectmen Recommend: \$33,929**

**Budget Committee Recommends: \$33,929**

**HEALTH AND WELFARE/OUTSIDE AGENCIES**

**ARTICLE 39:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 for **General Assistance** and to authorize the Selectmen to expend any and all reimbursement funds received from the State.

*Selectmen Recommend: \$3,000*  
*Budget Committee Recommends: \$3,000*

**ARTICLE 40:** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the fiscal year 2019-2020 budget for the following purposes, or act thereon:

	Agency Request	Selectmen Recommend	Budget Comm. Recommends
Vassalboro Food Station	2,000	2,000	2,000
Hospice of Waterville	1,600	1,600	1,600
Family Violence Project	4,925	4,925	4,925
KV Behavioral Health	3,500	3,500	3,500
Spectrum Generations	1,160	1,000	1,000
Sexual Assault Crisis	1,519	1,417	1,417
Literacy Vols. – Waterville	500	500	500
Kennebec Land Trust	100	-0-	-0-
Town Line Newspaper	3,000	-0-	-0-
<b>FAVOR</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>1,000</b>
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>\$19,304</b>	<b>\$15,942</b>	<b>\$15,942</b>

**RECREATION**

**ARTICLE 41:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,730 for the **Recreation Department**.

*Selectmen Recommend: \$15,730*  
*Budget Committee Recommends: \$15,730*

**ARTICLE 42:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500 for the **Kennebec Trail Riders Snowmobile Club** for the maintenance of snowmobile trails with the understanding that such trails will be open for the use of snowmobiles during snowmobile season.

*Selectmen Recommend: \$1,500*  
*Budget Committee Recommends: \$1,500*

**MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS AND REQUESTS**

**ARTICLE 43:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 for the support of the **Vassalboro Historical Society** to assist this organization with the maintenance of the former East Vassalboro school building.

*Selectmen Recommend: \$2,500*  
*Budget Committee Recommends: \$2,500*

**ARTICLE 44:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$32,000 for the Town's share in the **Maintenance of Cemeteries and Public Grounds and for Memorial Day expenses**.

*Selectmen Recommend: \$32,000*  
*Budget Committee Recommends: \$32,000*

**ARTICLE 45:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the necessary sum to cover the assessment from **Kennebec County Government** (currently estimated at \$331,435).

*Selectmen Recommend: Approval*  
*Budget Committee Recommends: Approval*

**ARTICLE 46:** To see if the Town will vote to take from Alewife Reserves the sum of \$14,000 for the support of the **China Region Lakes Alliance**.

*Selectmen Recommend: \$7,500*  
*Budget Committee Recommends: \$7,500*

**ARTICLE 47:** To see if the Town will vote to take from Alewife Reserves the sum of \$47,500 for the support of the **Alewife Restoration Initiative**.

*Selectmen Recommend: \$47,500*  
*Budget Committee Recommends: \$47,500*

**ARTICLE 48:** To see if the Town will vote to increase the **property tax levy limit** of \$626,198.54 established for the Town of Vassalboro by State Law in the event that the municipal budget approved under the preceding articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that property tax levy limit. (Written ballot)

**SCHOOL BUDGET ARTICLES TO APPROPRIATE MONIES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR. ARTICLES PURSUANT TO 20-A M.R.S.A. SECTION 1485**

**ARTICLE 49:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend the sum of \$4,248,025.27 for **Regular Instruction**.

*School Committee Recommends: \$4,248,025.27*  
*Budget Committee Recommends: \$4,248,025.27*

**ARTICLE 50:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend the sum of \$1,451,449.97 for **Special Education**.

*School Committee Recommends: \$1,451,449.97*  
*Budget Committee Recommends: \$1,451,449.97*

**ARTICLE 51:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend the sum of \$17,941.00 for **Career and Technical Education**.

*School Committee Recommends: \$17,941.00*  
*Budget Committee Recommends: \$17,941.00*

**ARTICLE 52:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend the sum of \$60,231.37 for **Other Instruction**.

*School Committee Recommends: \$60,231.37*  
*Budget Committee Recommends: \$60,231.37*

**ARTICLE 53:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend the sum of \$337,562.42 for **Student and Staff Support**.

*School Committee Recommends: \$337,562.42*  
*Budget Committee Recommends: \$337,562.42*

**ARTICLE 54:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend the sum of \$155,663.18 for **System Administration**.

*School Committee Recommends: \$155,663.18*  
*Budget Committee Recommends: \$155,663.18*

**ARTICLE 55:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend the sum of \$356,049.89 for **School Administration**.

*School Committee Recommends: \$356,049.89*  
*Budget Committee Recommends: \$356,049.89*

**Article 56:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend the sum of \$541,730.82 for **Transportation and Buses.**

**School Committee Recommends: \$541,730.82**  
**Budget Committee Recommends: \$541,730.82**

**Article 57:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend the sum of \$535,254.31 for **Facilities Maintenance.**

**School Committee Recommends: \$535,254.31**  
**Budget Committee Recommends: \$535,254.31**

**ARTICLE 58:** To see what sum the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend for **Debt Service and Other Commitments.**

**School Committee Recommends: \$ .00**  
**Budget Committee Recommends: \$ .00**

**ARTICLE 59:** To see what sum the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend for **All Other Expenditures.**

**School Committee Recommends: \$ .00**  
**Budget Committee Recommends: \$ .00**

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**ARTICLES PURSUANT TO 20-A, M.R.S.A. Section 15690**

**Article 60:** To see what sum the municipality will appropriate for the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act (Recommend \$6,491,910.14) and to see what sum the municipality will raise as the municipality's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15688.

**Statutory Recommendation : \$2,601,990.00**  
**School Committee Recommendation: \$2,601,990.00**  
**Budget Committee Recommendation: \$2,601,990.00**

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

**ARTICLE 61:** To see what sum the municipality will vote to raise and appropriate in additional local funds for school purposes under Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, §15690.

**School Committee Recommends: \$1,069,498.09 for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services model by \$1,069,498.09: costs for special education, salaries and benefits, and tuition.**

**Budget Committee Recommends: \$1,069,498.09**

*Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the school administrative unit's local contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and local amounts raised for the annual payment on non-state funded debt service that will help achieve the municipality/district budget for educational programs.*

**ARTICLE 62:** To see what sum the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020 from the school administrative unit's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, non-state-funded school construction projects, additional local funds for school purposes under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy and other receipts for the support of schools.

**School Committee Recommends: \$7,703,908.23**  
**Budget Committee Recommends: \$7,703,908.23**

**ARTICLE 63:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend such other sums as may be received from federal or state grants or programs or other sources during the fiscal year for school purposes provided that such grants, programs or other sources do not require the expenditure of other funds not previously appropriated.

**School Committee Recommends: Approval**  
**Budget Committee Recommends: Approval**

**The following articles will be decided by secret ballot election. The polls will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., June 11th, 2019 at the Town Office.**

**ARTICLE 64:** Do you favor approving the Vassalboro Community School's budget for the upcoming school year that was adopted at the June 3, 2019 Annual Town Meeting?

**ARTICLE 65:** Do you wish to continue the budget validation referendum process for the Vassalboro Public Schools for an additional three years?

**Informational Note:**

**A "YES" vote will require Vassalboro Public Schools to continue to conduct a referendum to validate its annual school budget for the next three years.**

**A "NO" vote will discontinue the budget validation referendum for at least three years and provide instead that the annual school budget shall be finally adopted at a meeting of the voters of the Town of Vassalboro.**

**ARTICLE 66:** To elect all necessary municipal officers/officials by secret ballot.

Given unto our hands this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2019, AD

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Lauchlin W. Titus, Chairman

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Robert C. Browne, Jr., Selectman

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John G. Melrose, Selectman

# Variance in Proposed Budget

ACCOUNT	CURRENT YEAR 2018-2019	SELECTMEN'S PROPOSED BUDGET	\$ CHANGE	% CHANGE	
<b>TOWN BUDGET:</b>					
ADMINISTRATION	\$445,804.79	\$463,134.00	\$17,329.21	3.89%	
PUBLIC WORKS	485,052.75	556,770.00	71,717.25	14.79%	
SOLID WASTE	306,500.39	320,060.00	13,559.61	4.42%	
PAVING/MAINTENANCE PROGRAM	373,940.00	424,097.00	50,157.00	13.41%	
FIRST RESPONDERS	13,250.00	12,750.00	-500.00	-3.77%	
FIRE DEPARTMENT	67,540.00	66,100.00	-1,440.00	-2.13%	
PUBLIC SAFETY	69,796.98	85,213.00	15,416.02	22.09%	
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT/RESERVES	43,500.00	97,450.00	53,950.00	124.02%	
RECREATION	15,430.00	15,730.00	300.00	1.94%	
LIBRARY	33,929.00	33,929.00	0.00	0.00%	
UTILITIES	38,700.00	39,000.00	300.00	0.78%	
CEMETERIES	28,000.00	32,000.00	4,000.00	14.29%	
GENERAL ASSISTANCE	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00	0.00%	
ASSESSMENT COSTS	44,750.00	33,200.00	-11,550.00	-25.81%	
SOCIAL SERVICES	16,292.00	14,942.00	-1,350.00	-8.29%	
MISCELLANEOUS REQ.	14,150.00	60,000.00	45,850.00	324.03%	
DEBT SERVICE (Fire Truck Lease)	63,625.00	63,625.00	0.00	0.00%	
TOTAL MUNICIPAL BUDGET	2,063,260.91	2,321,000.00	257,739.09	12.49%	
<b>REVENUE BUDGET:</b>					
GENERAL REVENUES	1,192,250.00	1,327,650.00	135,400.00	11.36%	
SURPLUS	150,000.00	150,000.00	0.00	0.00%	
HOMESTEAD AND BETE REIMB (est.)	227,996.04	232,625.00	4,628.96	2.03%	
TOTAL REVENUES	1,570,246.04	1,710,275.00	140,028.96	8.92%	
TAX LEVY REQUIREMENT - TOWN BUDGET	493,014.87	610,725.00	117,710.13	23.88%	
MIL RATE MUNICIPAL	1.63	2.01	0.38	23.06%	
<b>COUNTY TAX:</b>	325,337.03	331,435.00	6,097.97	1.87%	
COUNTY TAX MIL RATE	1.08	1.09	0.01	1.20%	
<b>SCHOOL BUDGET:</b>					
REGULAR INSTRUCTION	4,421,404.46	4,248,025.27	-173,379.19	-3.92%	
SPECIAL EDUCATION	1,441,961.33	1,451,449.97	9,488.64	0.66%	
CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION	19,210.84	17,941.00	-1,269.84	-6.61%	
OTHER INSTRUCTION	55,383.36	60,231.37	4,848.01	8.75%	
STUDENT & STAFF SUPPORT	312,328.62	337,562.42	25,233.80	8.08%	
SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION	148,826.56	155,663.18	6,836.62	4.59%	
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION	329,119.48	356,049.89	26,930.41	8.18%	
TRANSPORTATION & BUSES	496,722.11	541,730.82	45,008.71	9.06%	
FACILITIES MAINTENANCE	505,828.67	535,254.31	29,425.64	5.82%	
DEBT SERVICE & OTHER COMMITMENTS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	
ALL OTHER EXPENDITURES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	
TOTAL SCHOOL BUDGET	7,730,785.43	7,703,908.23	-26,877.20	-0.35%	
TAX LEVY REQUIREMENT - SCHOOL BUDGET	3,697,908.51	3,671,488.09	-26,420.42	-0.71%	
SCHOOL MIL RATE	12.24	12.08	-0.17	-1.37%	
OVERLAY (estimated)	26,622.26	25,000.00	-1,622.26	-6.09%	
Overlay mil rate	0.09	0.08	-0.01	-6.71%	
TIF DISTRICT	123,847.00	120,000.00	-3,847.00	-3.11%	
TIF mil rate	0.41	0.39	-0.02	-3.74%	
COMBINED TAX LEVY REQUIREMENTS	4,666,729.67	4,758,648.09	91,918.42	1.97%	
ESTIMATED COMBINED NET MIL RATE	15.45	15.65	0.20	1.30%	
VALUATIONS (estimated as of 4/2/19)	302,053,700.00	304,053,700.00	2,000,000.00	0.66%	
<b>BUDGET TOTALS GROSS AMOUNTS</b>					<b>% of Budget</b>
COUNTY TAX	325,337.03	331,435.00	6,097.97	1.787%	5.12%
MUNICIPAL BUDGET	2,063,260.91	2,321,000.00	257,739.09	12.49%	35.88%
SCHOOL BUDGET - local portion raised	3,697,908.51	3,671,488.09	-26,420.42	-0.71%	56.76%
OVERLAY	26,622.26	25,000.00	-1,622.26	-6.09%	0.39%
TIF DISTRICT	123,847.00	120,000.00	-3,847.00	-3.11%	1.86%
TOTAL ASSESSMENTS FOR TAX COMMITMENT	\$6,236,975.71	\$6,468,923.09	\$231,947.38	3.72%	100%

# Municipal Directory

Emergency .....	911
Town Office .....	872-2826
Public Works.....	923-3985
Transfer Station .....	923-3051
School.....	923-3100
Library .....	923-3233
Animal Control.....	458-4853
Police Chief - Non Emergency.....	557-4601

## VASSALBORO TOWN OFFICE

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## HOURS

### *Monday thru Wednesday*

8:00am to 4:00pm

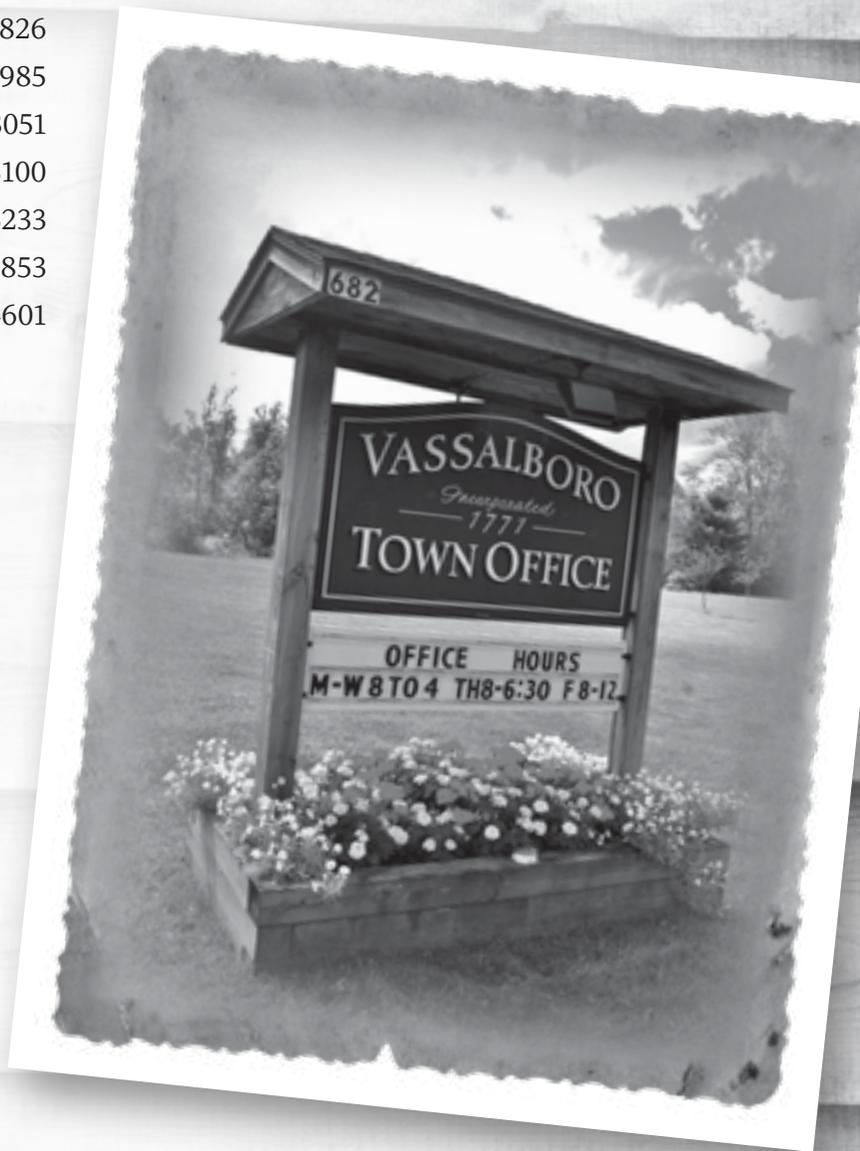
### *Thursday*

8:00am to 6:30pm

### *Friday*

8:00am to 12pm

*Closed Saturday, Sunday and all Holidays.*



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