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TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

As each year passes the Town of Vassalboro is faced with new challenges and we have met these challenges head on because of residents who volunteer their time on various committees or work projects. We are fortunate to have such talent and experience in the Town of Vassalboro.

One only needs to look at the various projects in process, the town's recreation area on the Bog Road, the food station building adjacent to the North Station fire department, the strategic plan that approximately 15 residents worked on for almost two years.

This past year the town signed a lease agreement with the Department of Conservation for the Route 3 rest area. A new fence has been installed by the Department of Transportation and a commitment by the Department of Conservation (D.O.C.) to rebuild the entrance road to the boat landing and also to install new planks for the boat ramp during the fall of 2007. The town will be exploring with the D.E.P. and D.O.C. about a swim area on Three Mile Pond within this eight acres site.

The Department of Marine Resources is continuing its plan for installing a fish ladder at the outlet of Webber Pond. This will allow alewives to continue their migration.

The town has engaged the services of RJD to do a revaluation for the town. The reason for this project is due to a very large discrepancy between the town's valuation of \$172,000,000 and the State's valuation of \$259,000,000. This creates a certified ratio in the low 60's, which then results in lower homestead and veteran's exemptions and less revenues from tree growth. With the completion of the revaluation all real and personal property and exemptions will be brought to full value.

Our financial condition continues to improve, net assets increased from the prior year by \$38,885. Revenues exceeded expenses, thereby increasing our surplus account. This year we were able to maintain our mill rate at \$15.75 per thousand.

In closing, I would like to thank the board of selectmen for their leadership; they do an excellent job in obtaining the necessary information before making a decision. The staff at the town office has been an asset to the town with their experience and knowledge. I am fortunate to have experienced managers at Public Works and at the Transfer Station. Thanks to all for making my job that much easier.

Michael A. Vashon
Town Manager

DIRECTORY OF ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

| TEL. | TERM EXP. | SELECTMAN/OVERSEER | ADDRESS |
|--------------------------|-----------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 626-0966 | 2007 | Robert Browne | 9 Szady Drive, Vassalboro |
| 873-7399 | 2008 | Donald Breton | P.O. Box 12, N. Vassalboro |
| 622-2629 | 2009 | Elizabeth Mitchell | 277 Cushnoc Road, Vassalboro |
| SCHOOL COMMITTEE | | | |
| 872-8596 | 2007 | Kevin Levasseur | 209 Bog Road, Vassalboro |
| 445-2342 | 2007 | Paul Basham | 1661 N. Belfast Ave, Vassalboro |
| 445-5159 | 2008 | Barry Bernier | 165 Nelson Road, Vassalboro |
| 872-6382 | 2008 | Miki Heikkila | 340 Dunham Road, Vassalboro |
| 872-7268 | 2009 | Lori Fowle | 305 Taber Hill Road, Vassalboro |
| PLANNING BOARD | | | |
| 923-3800 | 2007 | Douglas Phillips | 738 Bog Road, Vassalboro |
| 923-3400 | 2007 | Sally Butler | 49 Taber Hill Rd., Vassalboro |
| 873-5226 | 2008 | Virginia Brackett | 20 Alpine St., Vassalboro |
| 622-2793 | 2008 | George Gould | 232 Cushnoc Rd., Vassalboro |
| 622-4465 | 2008 | Jay Nutting | 24 Elliot Road, Vassalboro |
| 873-3911 | Alternate | Gary Coull | 36 Maple Street, Vassalboro |
| BUDGET COMMITTEE | | | |
| 622-3096 | 2007 | William Browne | 793 Webber Pond Rd, Vassalboro |
| 873-6173 | 2007 | John Burke | 196 Oak Grove Rd, Vassalboro |
| 872-5265 | 2007 | William Whitley | 67 Gray Road, Vassalboro |
| 873-2108 | 2007 | Lauchlin Titus | 1063 Main Street, Vassalboro |
| 923-3391 | 2007 | Phil Haines | 702 Bog Road, Vassalboro |
| 923-3355 | 2008 | Joe Suga | 861 Cross Hill Road |
| 923-3625 | 2008 | Matt Masse | 39 Masse Lane, Vassalboro |
| 622-7730 | 2008 | Richard Phippen | 492 Webber Pond Rd, Vassalboro |
| 622-0681 | 2008 | Richard Jose | 647 Webber Pond Rd, Vassalboro |
| 923-3800 | 2008 | Douglas Phillips | 738 Bog Road, Vassalboro |
| BOARD OF APPEALS | | | |
| 923-3803 | 2007 | John Reuthe | 924 Cross Hill Road, Vassalboro |
| 923-3185 | 2007 | Kathy Lees | 28 South Stanley Rd., Vassalboro |
| 923-3759 | 2007 | Leon Duff | 595 Hussey Hill Rd., Vassalboro |
| 923-3231 | 2008 | Peggy Cain | 358 Hussey Hill Road, Vassalboro |
| 623-4808 | 2008 | Russell Brown | 1096 Riverside Dr., Vassalboro |
| SANITARY DISTRICT | | | |
| 873-6125 | 2007 | Catherine St. Pierre | P.O. Box 82, N. Vassalboro |
| 873-2880 | 2007 | Steve Houston | 837 Main Street, Vassalboro |
| 692-2421 | 2008 | Lee Trahan | 374 Crowell Hill Road, Vassalboro |
| 923-3300 | 2008 | David H. Souza | 342 Main Street, Vassalboro |
| 923-3391 | 2009 | Phil Haines | 702 Bog Road, Vassalboro |

DIRECTORY OF ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

| TEL. | TERM EXP. | RECREATION COMMITTEE | ADDRESS |
|---|-----------|----------------------|---------------------------------------|
| ----- | 2007 | Scott Reynolds | 252 Cemetery Street, Vassalboro |
| | 2007 | Mark Bailey | 539 Hussey Hill Rd., Vassalboro |
| | 2007 | Dennis Scates | 1581 N. Belfast Ave., Vassalboro |
| 923-3277 | 2008 | William Pulver | 1171 Cross Hill Road, Vassalboro |
| 923-3277 | 2008 | Theresa Pulver | 1171 Cross Hill Road, Vassalboro |
| | 2008 | Danny Waceken | 51 Riva Ridge Rd, Vassalboro |
| STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE | | | |
| 923-3358 | 2007 | Jon Van Bourg | 593 Main Street, Vassalboro |
| 622-8987 | 2007 | Michael Bourdon | 121 Holman Day Rd., Vassalboro |
| 873-5226 | 2007 | Ginny Brackett | 20 Alpine Street, Vassalboro |
| 873-3911 | 2007 | Gary Coull | Maple Street, Vassalboro |
| 872-9032 | 2007 | Rick Denico | 324 Oak Grove Road, Vassalboro |
| 872-2826 | 2007 | Betsy Fitzgerald | P.O. Box 129, N. Vassalboro |
| 923-3185 | 2007 | Kathy Lees | 28 South Stanley Hill Rd., Vassalboro |
| ---- | 2007 | Sarah Luce | 53 Dam Road, Vassalboro |
| 873-7300 | 2007 | Bob Magda | 807 Main Street, Vassalboro |
| 622-1046 | 2007 | Ray Manocchio | 210 Cushnoc Road, Vassalboro |
| 453-4258 | 2007 | Bill Najpauer | KVCOG |
| 923-3803 | 2007 | John Reuthe | 924 Cross Hill Road, Vassalboro |
| 923-3803 | 2007 | Elizabeth Reuthe | 924 Cross Hill Road, Vassalboro |
| 622-9749 | 2007 | Pam Schofner | 157 Webber Pond Rd., Vassalboro |
| 923-3397 | 2007 | Holly Weidner | 320 Main Street, Vassalboro |
| TOWN CLERK | | | |
| 872-2826 | 2007 | Catherine St. Pierre | P.O. Box 82, N. Vassalboro |
| STATE SENATOR DISTRICT 15 | | | |
| 287-1515 | | Elizabeth Mitchell | 277 Cushnoc Road, Vassalboro, Me. |
| 1-800-423-6900 | | | SHS # 3, Augusta, Maine |
| STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 94 | | | |
| 622-3096 | | William Browne | 793 Webber Pond Rd., Vassalboro, Me. |
| 1-800-423-2900 | | | SHS # 2, Augusta, Maine |



Dear Friends & Neighbors,

I want to thank you all for allowing me the opportunity to continue to represent you and the Town of Vassalboro at the State House in Augusta. I appreciate the support and look forward to working together on what is best for our community.

There is an important agenda facing the members of the 123rd Legislature this session. Each challenge before us is an opportunity to do something great for the citizens of this great state. I remain upbeat as your Senator to bring home the positive results that are expected by our district.

Looking ahead, we have a valuable resource available to help guide this legislature move forward. The Brookings Institute and GrowSmart Maine have released a report that identifies and explains that we “can get there from here.” The report, *Charting Maine’s Future* is an action plan focused to promote sustainable prosperity and quality places in Maine.

Specific recommendations from the report highlight suggestions to cut and reduce taxes by promoting efficiency in government. It also calls for individual communities to implement policy and plans for the future to safeguard the character of each city and town in Maine. Another key ingredient to this recipe for success is to establish and create targeted investment funds that will improve the quality of life in our state.

As the Majority Leader for the Senate, I will work for what is best for this district and state. I am proud to maintain an open door policy and I am available to hear any of your thoughts, concerns and input. It is important that we all work together as a community to do what is best for the Town of Vassalboro and its residents.

If I can ever be of assistance to you or your family, please give me a call.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth H. Mitchell
Senate Majority Leader



Dear Friends & Neighbors,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, the citizens of Vassalboro, for the privilege of serving as your State Representative. It is a tremendous honor and one that I take very seriously. I look forward to addressing the challenges that lie ahead and I hope to hear from you throughout the session. Your input is welcomed and truly appreciated as it helps me to better serve you, my constituency.

My goals of lowering the cost of healthcare, creating a healthy business climate and implementing true tax reform will remain steadfast. The Maine Legislature must enact reasonable policies that will break down longstanding barriers so that our citizens can continue to live, work and raise a family in this great state.

More than 2,000 proposals have been submitted for consideration this First Regular Session. As we progress, I encourage you to visit the Legislature's website at <http://janus.state.me.us/house/homepage.htm> for up-to-date bill status information, public hearing dates and roll call votes on legislation that is of interest to you. Our representative form of government works best when we all get involved.

I have been appointed as the Ranking Republican Member on the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation. As such, I will be intimately involved in negotiations dealing with issues surrounding the Department of Transportation, the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, the Maine Turnpike Authority, the Maine State Police, highway and bridge construction and maintenance, waterways and railroads. Additionally, I am Co-Chair of the Rural Caucus, a non-partisan group of legislators who meet to discuss unique perspectives relative to rural areas of the state.

Please feel free to contact me with your comments, questions and suggestions for change. I can be reached at home in Vassalboro, 622-3096, or at the State House in Augusta, 287-1440. If you prefer writing, my home address is 793 Webber Pond Road, Vassalboro, Maine 04989; and my e-mail address is wpbrowne@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

William P. Browne
State Representative

Proudly Serving the Citizens of Vassalboro, Windsor and a portion of Augusta

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

I am please to submit my Town Clerks report to the Selectman and the residents of Vassalboro.

The Vital Statistic information listed below pertains to the fiscal year beginning April 11, 2006 through March 31, 2007.

IN MEMORY OF

| NAME | DATE OF DEATH | AGE | LOCATION |
|------------------------|----------------------|------------|-----------------|
| Annie M. Allen | April 24, 2006 | 90 | Augusta |
| Arthur John Jenness | May 20, 2006 | 69 | Waterville |
| Harold R. Lewis | May 26, 2006 | 57 | Vassalboro |
| Edward Thomas Wells | June 20, 2006 | 68 | Vassalboro |
| Constance A. Mills | June 14, 2006 | 74 | Augusta |
| Eleanor J Girard | June 19, 2006 | 75 | Augusta |
| Esther Louise Holt | July 4, 2006 | 93 | Waterville |
| Patricia Ann Brown | June 26, 2006 | 61 | Vassalboro |
| Mark A. Redman | July 24, 2006 | 52 | Vassalboro |
| John B. Forster | August 3, 2006 | 64 | Vassalboro |
| Alphonse Boucher | July 6, 2006 | 76 | Augusta |
| Bertha J. Heikkila | September 18, 2006 | 80 | Vassalboro |
| Agnes M. Stearns | September 20, 2006 | 68 | Vassalboro |
| Timothy Ezbon Foshay | September 20, 2006 | 22 | Vassalboro |
| John William Lord | October 4, 2006 | 84 | Waterville |
| Ronald Joseph Girard | October 17, 2006 | 67 | Togus |
| Juanita Joyce Goodale | October 27, 2006 | 76 | No. Vassalboro |
| George Norman Maclearn | October 28, 2006 | 59 | Vassalboro |
| Robert Gary Burns | November 5, 2006 | 49 | Vassalboro |
| Norene W. Miller | November 11, 2006 | 54 | Bangor |
| Wallace C. Berard | December 16, 2006 | 75 | Waterville |
| Sandra Jean Pare | December 24, 2006 | 38 | Vassalboro |
| Robert Chester Briggs | November 8, 2006 | 71 | Augusta |
| Nancy Marie Crowell | January 9, 2007 | 60 | Augusta |
| Beverly Irene Cummings | January 29, 2007 | 70 | Vassalboro |
| Tonia E. Hagan | February 22, 2007 | 69 | Augusta |
| Valeda Foss | March 6, 2007 | 92 | Waterville |
| Douglas J Martin | March 26, 2007 | 73 | Waterville |

The Clerks office recorded 21 Male and 19 Female births to Vassalboro residents from May 2006 thru March 2007.

The following are Marriage Licenses issued from April 11, 2006 through March 31, 2007.

| GROOM | BRIDE (maiden) | DATE MARRIED |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|
| George A. Seneca | Sonja M. Quinn | April 22, 2006 |
| Sean M. Breton | Tina M. Jerolmon | June 3, 2006 |
| Derek K. Clifford | Anne M. Forestell | June 24, 2006 |
| Michael S. Letourneau | Deborah A. Maloney | July 8, 2006 |
| Jordan M. Potter | Jennifer M. Dunlap | July 29, 2006 |
| Brian M. Shorey | Amanda A. Petrom ff-McGara | July 29, 2006 |
| Frederick W. Oxley | Tara E. Page | August 10, 2006 |
| Eric M. Albee | Kathleen M. Leblanc | August 12, 2006 |
| Nicholas A. Brewer | Mary A. Kuchman | August 12, 2006 |
| Gregory R. Depalma | Kathy E. Paul | October 7, 2006 |
| Jeffrey Young | Debra Degraide | December 9, 2006 |
| Michael G. Dearborn | Helen J. Young | January 6, 2007 |
| Eric R. Carnegie | Theresa J. Goodrich | February 14, 2007 |

There were approximately 782 Hunting and/or Fishing license issued in 2006. You must have proof of having a 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 in order to obtain a license.

There were approximately 210 Male/Female and 623 Neutered or spayed dogs licensed in the fiscal year of 2006. There was also one Kennel License issued. You must have rabies certificated and/or a neutering certificate in order to license your dogs. A spayed/neutered dog is \$6.00 and an unaltered dog is \$10.00. Please remember that all licenses expire December 31st. There is a \$15.00 late fee after January 31 and a \$25.00 warrant fee once the warrant is signed. Although the clerks make a huge effort to contact owners of dogs as a reminder to license, it is not our requirement.

You can reach the Animal Control Officer, Howard Morang at 458-4853.

Catherine St. Pierre
Town Clerk

REAL ESTATE TAXES
Unpaid as of March 31, 2007

| Acct | Name | Year | Original Tax | Payment / Adjustments | Balance |
|------|-------------------------------------|------|--------------|-----------------------|----------|
| 71 | BAILEY, RICHARD & PAULA | 2005 | 581.00 | -22.63 | 603.63 |
| 2287 | BOURGET, BRUCE K & MARY N | 2005 | 624.47 | -24.22 | 648.69 |
| 2519 | BROCK, CARL | 2005 | 167.16 | -4.98 | 172.14 |
| 2520 | BROCK, CARL | 2005 | 219.68 | -7.23 | 226.91 |
| 270 | BROCK, CARLETON E & AMY L | 2005 | 77.58 | -0.33 | 77.91 |
| 271 | BROCK, CARLETON E & AMY L | 2005 | 210.40 | -6.84 | 217.24 |
| 2581 | BROCK, CARLETON E & AMY L | 2005 | 165.61 | -4.91 | 170.52 |
| 2582 | BROCK, CARLETON E & AMY L | 2005 | 130.06 | -3.38 | 133.44 |
| 2679 | BROCK, CARLETON E & AMY L | 2005 | 987.52 | -39.82 | 1,027.34 |
| 2680 | BROCK, CARLETON E & AMY L | 2005 | 162.54 | -3.98 | 166.52 |
| 2618 | BROCK, CARLTON | 2005 | 190.34 | -5.97 | 196.31 |
| 2923 | BROWN, SCOTT E. | 2005 | 307.74 | -11.02 | 318.76 |
| 2528 | CAIN, DAVID & LELA | 2005 | 1,101.81 | -43.46 | 1,145.27 |
| 1904 | CENNAMO, SHERRY L. | 2005 | 975.07 | -39.09 | 1,014.16 |
| 437 | CLARK, ROBERT D | 2005 | 1,068.06 | -43.28 | 1,111.34 |
| 317 | FARRINGTON, MATTHEW | 2005 | 312.45 | -10.90 | 323.35 |
| 765 | FIELD, JOHN P & MARIETTA F | 2005 | 363.31 | -13.40 | 376.71 |
| 691 | GORDON, MICHAEL K & TAMMY L | 2005 | 498.10 | -18.72 | 516.82 |
| 978 | HAMMEREN, JAMES | 2005 | 947.31 | 284.69 | 662.62 |
| 2354 | HUGHES, STEPHEN A & LISA A | 2005 | 1,818.66 | 1,726.53 | 92.13 |
| 1089 | HYNES, JOSEPH R "HEIRS" & BEVERLY J | 2005 | 430.17 | -15.74 | 445.91 |
| 1153 | JOSEPH, FRANCIS E | 2005 | 893.22 | -36.17 | 929.39 |
| 2780 | KNOWLES, DOUGLAS & MICHELLE | 2005 | 377.22 | -13.60 | 390.82 |
| 1214 | LACROIX, PAUL | 2005 | 732.57 | -28.47 | 761.04 |
| 3056 | LAPLANT-ELLIS, CAMERON | 2005 | 1,021.52 | -41.28 | 1,062.80 |
| 2564 | LESSARD, KRISTOPHER | 2005 | 191.61 | -6.07 | 197.68 |
| 2885 | MCCAUSLAND, CRAIG | 2005 | 862.39 | -34.44 | 896.83 |
| 1471 | MERRILL, KENNETH | 2005 | 488.50 | -18.78 | 507.28 |
| 1523 | MORNEAU, PAUL J | 2005 | 176.42 | -5.38 | 181.80 |
| 1524 | MORNEAU, PAUL J | 2005 | 1,576.08 | -65.50 | 1,641.58 |
| 1526 | MORNEAU, PAUL J | 2005 | 156.34 | -4.51 | 160.85 |
| 1527 | MORNEAU, PAUL J | 2005 | 494.68 | -19.05 | 513.73 |
| 1528 | MORNEAU, PAUL J | 2005 | 1,417.01 | -58.67 | 1,475.68 |
| 2786 | MORNEAU, PAUL J. | 2005 | 140.90 | -3.85 | 144.75 |
| 2787 | MORNEAU, PAUL J. | 2005 | 153.24 | -4.38 | 157.62 |
| 2791 | MORNEAU, PAUL J. | 2005 | 154.78 | -4.45 | 159.23 |
| 2792 | MORNEAU, PAUL J. | 2005 | 62.11 | -0.46 | 62.57 |
| 2793 | MORNEAU, PAUL J. | 2005 | 154.78 | -4.45 | 159.23 |
| 2794 | MORNEAU, PAUL J. | 2005 | 148.63 | -4.18 | 152.81 |
| 2795 | MORNEAU, PAUL J. | 2005 | 159.43 | -4.65 | 164.08 |

| Acct | Name | Year | Original Tax | Payment / Adjustments | Balance |
|------|---------------------------|------|-----------------|--------------------------|----------|
| 2801 | MORNEAU, PAUL J. | 2005 | 74.46 | -1.00 | 75.46 |
| 2806 | MORNEAU, PAUL J. | 2005 | 147.07 | -4.11 | 151.18 |
| 2811 | MORNEAU, PAUL J. | 2005 | 147.07 | -4.11 | 151.18 |
| 2813 | MORNEAU, PAUL J. | 2005 | 156.34 | -4.51 | 160.85 |
| 2821 | MORNEAU, PAUL J. | 2005 | 160.98 | -4.71 | 165.69 |
| 2822 | MORNEAU, PAUL J. | 2005 | 80.64 | -1.26 | 81.90 |
| 2523 | PEASLEE, DANIEL | 2005 | 1,294.91 | -53.02 | 1,347.93 |
| 2927 | PORTER, DAVID & DEBORAH | 2005 | 1,145.06 | 675.64 | 469.42 |
| 1750 | POULIN, JAMES & BRENDA | 2005 | 347.88 | -12.34 | 360.22 |
| 651 | PULLEN, KEVIN & LISA | 2005 | 66.74 | -0.27 | 67.01 |
| 652 | PULLEN, KEVIN B & LISA | 2005 | 187.17 | -5.44 | 192.61 |
| 1397 | RELIANCE ENTERPRISES, INC | 2005 | 2,099.88 | -75.29 | 2,175.17 |
| 1849 | REYNOLDS, SCOTT & LISA | 2005 | 241.46 | -7.53 | 248.99 |
| 1865 | RICHARDS, PATRICIA A | 2005 | 306.15 | -10.95 | 317.10 |
| 2803 | ROBBINS, BETH & ERIC | 2005 | 210.41 | -6.44 | 216.85 |
| 2862 | SEAMANS, NARISSA & DANIEL | 2005 | 228.90 | -7.63 | 236.53 |
| 1997 | SHIPLEY, EUGENE E SR & JR | 2005 | 1,160.55 | -47.65 | 1,208.20 |
| 384 | SUGA, RICHARD J. | 2005 | 1,582.33 | -65.37 | 1,647.70 |
| 3021 | SUGA, RICHARD J. | 2005 | 1,227.19 | -50.12 | 1,277.31 |
| 2088 | TREE FREE FIBER CO. | 1997 | 175.74 | -130.62 | 306.36 |
| 2088 | TREE FREE FIBER CO. | 1998 | 323.32 | -213.04 | 536.36 |
| 2088 | TREE FREE FIBER CO. | 1999 | 333.10 | -213.03 | 546.13 |
| 2088 | TREE FREE FIBER CO. | 2000 | 380.14 | -206.92 | 587.06 |
| 2088 | TREE FREE FIBER CO. | 2001 | 396.09 | -178.48 | 574.57 |
| 2088 | TREE FREE FIBER CO. | 2002 | 405.29 | -90.50 | 495.79 |
| 2088 | TREE FREE FIBER CO. | 2003 | 442.38 | -82.13 | 524.51 |
| 2088 | TREE FREE FIBER CO. | 2004 | 401.51 | -54.68 | 456.19 |
| 2088 | TREE FREE FIBER CO. | 2005 | 363.35 | -13.41 | 376.76 |
| 2636 | WRIGHT, TANYA | 2005 | 134.70 | -3.58 | 138.28 |
| 2399 | YEATON, BENNIE ""HEIRS | 2005 | 278.45 | -9.85 | 288.30 |
| 2419 | ZINCK, WILLIAM | 2005 | 1,145.11 | -44.99 | 1,190.10 |

PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

Unpaid as of March 31, 2007

| | | | | | |
|-----|---------------------------|------|----------|----------|----------|
| 32 | DAVIS, LESTER & ELEANOR | 2004 | 354.38 | -50.76 | 405.14 |
| 32 | DAVIS, LESTER & ELEANOR | 2005 | 331.88 | -30.66 | 362.54 |
| 187 | KLARITY CASSETTE, INC. | 1998 | 1,641.75 | 1,439.64 | 202.11 |
| 187 | KLARITY CASSETTE, INC. | 1999 | 1,530.82 | -108.84 | 1,639.66 |
| 187 | KLARITY CASSETTE, INC. | 2000 | 1,055.61 | -287.34 | 1,342.95 |
| 99 | MORNEAU, PAUL J | 2005 | 274.35 | -25.34 | 299.69 |
| 307 | RELIANCE ENTERPRISES, INC | 2005 | 240.43 | -22.22 | 262.65 |

ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

As road commissioner for the Town of Vassalboro it has been a pleasure working with the town manager, staff and citizens of Vassalboro.

In the summer and fall of 2006 the public works department went through quite a change with the retirement of Lee Socquet and Scott and Everett Reynolds moving on to other jobs. I would like to thank these employees for their dedicated work.

In 2006 the Nelson Road was prepared for paving with shoulder work and the replacement of the four foot culvert near the intersection of the Seawards Mill Road. The maintenance paving was done by Marriner's. All of the Nelson Road was shimmed and one inch of pavement was then overlaid.

Some of the additional work completed by the public works crew included our annual program of cutting and chipping brush to improve the visibility of signs, intersections and overall visibility.

The public works department also assisted the Recreation department with more gravel work at the ball fields. In addition, we assisted the Food Pantry by digging a ditch from the fire station to the new food pantry building for both water and sewer. A project of a larger nature was the capping of the remainder of the landfill at the transfer station. Although this was a significant project in size it could not be completed because of inclement weather. The project is schedule for completion in late spring of 2007 as the material dries and passes the compaction test.

The public works crew also continued its annual work program with the Kennebec County prisoners raking and cleaning various cemeteries. The use of prisoners has saved the town thousands of dollars. This has become an annual event and I would like to thank Kennebec County for this work program.

The work that is planned for the 2007-2008 budget year is preparing the Lombard Dam Road and as much of Cross Hill Road as funds allow for repaving. Another major endeavor will be a construction project on the Webber Pond Road in conjunction with the Department of Transportation at Gully Brook.

At this time I would like to welcome the new public works crew aboard and thank them for their dedicated work. Also, I would like the citizens of Vassalboro to welcome and meet them. The crew consists of Torrey Kingsbury, Russell Ibbitson and Roger Morrissette. If you have questions about any road project, please don't hesitate to contact the Public Works Garage at 923-3985.

Eugene Field
Road Commissioner

SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING FACILITY REPORT

In 2006 the Vassalboro Solid Waste and Recycling facility continued its recycling efforts. The Town of Vassalboro is committed to its recycling program. It has and will continue to save the taxpayers of Vassalboro thousands of dollars each year. Last year we recycled the following:

| | 2006 Recycling | 2005 Recycling |
|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Cardboard | 86.17 tons | 66.31 tons |
| Newspaper/Magazines | 89.86 tons | 71.89 tons |
| Glass | 11.24 tons | 9.90 tons |
| Plastic | 4.09 tons | 4.89 tons |
| Metal | 230.91 tons | 226.16 tons |
| Compost | 50.00 tons | 45.00 tons |
| Waste Oil | 2,150 gallons | 1,775.00 gallons |
| Brush & Demolition | 360.77 tons | 508.39 tons |
| Fluorescent bulbs | (shipped in | (included below) |
| Hazardous Material | 2007) | 9.88 tons |

I would like to reemphasize and encourage all residents to recycle the following items:

1. Corrugated Cardboard (please flatten)
2. Box board (cereal and cracker boxes)
3. Newspapers, magazines and inserts
4. Plastic #1 and #2 (as indicated on the bottom of the container) (no lids)
5. Tin and Aluminum cans
6. Glass jars (no lids)
7. Waste motor oil
8. Large container for all other metals

In addition, we must now recycle televisions, computer monitors and CPU's. We have a swap shed for unwanted but still useable household items. Last year we estimate that approximately 1,500 lbs per month of unwanted goods was recycled thru the swap shed.

The demolition debris pile now has a new state requirement, no pressure treated wood. Pressure treated must now be included in the bulky goods container. We will continue to chip all brush at no cost to residents.

Please feel free to speak with either George Hamar or myself if you should have any questions, suggestions or comments about the Vassalboro Solid Waste and Recycling facility.

David Proulx
Transfer Station Manager

VASSALBORO POLICE REPORT 2005-2006

Again I would like to bring to your attention the following issues that can significantly improve the safety of our residents and visitors:

Even though Vassalboro residents report few home burglaries, they do occasionally occur. If a resident returns home, and notices anything unusual or out of place, immediately leave for safety and call the police. This is especially important during daytime hours, when residential burglaries often take place.

It is also important for friends and neighbors to take notice of any suspicious activity, especially suspicious people or vehicles in the neighborhood. If anything you see or hear arouses your suspicion, there may very well be something illegal taking place. Often people are suspicious and discount what they have seen or heard; only to find out later something was taking place. Don't hesitate to contact police immediately or at the very least, record plate numbers and descriptions and then call me.

I often receive calls from residents about their suspicions and often I am able to investigate further, and remedy the illegal activity, without involving the caller.

I work very closely with all the other town employees at the landfill, public works, and at the town office. If you do not feel comfortable calling the police please advise any of the above and they will forward the information to me.

The following issues need law enforcement attention continually in Vassalboro, and most likely all rural Maine towns. The most common complaints are; speeding vehicles, loud mufflers, vehicles losing trash on the way to the landfill (especially on weekends), trash being dumped on back roads, ATV's being driven on back roads and on private property without permission, and suspicious persons and/or vehicles and criminal mischief to both private and public property. These complaints seem to peak in early spring.

I would like to say that any issue in Vassalboro that interferes with your safety, health, privacy, property, or peace without annoyances deserve police attention.

Richard Phippen
Vassalboro Police Department.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT

I was recently appointed the new Code Enforcement Officer and Local Plumbing Inspector for the Town of Vassalboro. I am happy to have this opportunity to serve the people in Vassalboro where I have lived for 23 years. If you need to contact me, I am at the Town Office Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Friday mornings. You may be more familiar with the person that I replaced, Betsy Fitzgerald, who left this position in Vassalboro that she held for nine years for greener pastures the Town Manager for Machias. Good luck, Betsy, and thank you for your dedication to our town.

A total of 56 building permits were issued for new homes of all types, which is up from the 47 issued last year. An additional 108 building permits were issued for home additions and accessory structures such as barns, garages, decks, sheds, and pools. The total valuation of all new structures permitted is estimated to be \$7.04 million. Residents are reminded that they should apply for permits prior to starting construction. Building permits are needed for new constructions, reconstructions, alterations, additions, relocations, and replacements of any structures also including both in-ground and above-ground pools.

A total of 129 plumbing permits were issued including 71 for internal plumbing and 56 for subsurface septic systems. Permits are required for most work regarding septic systems and most new installations of internal plumbing. Please contact the Town Office if you are unsure about whether or not you need a permit, prior to starting any work.

The Town's Shoreland Zoning Ordinance is an important resource that regulates land use activities to protect water quality of lakes, rivers, streams, and wetlands. The Vassalboro Planning Board is currently working on a major project of overhauling the Town's Shoreland Zoning Ordinance so that it is consistent with state DEP requirements for updating town ordinances by July of 2008. If you are within 250 feet of a waterbody or wetland, please check with the Town Office prior before initiating any land use activities. You may need a Shoreland Zoning Permit. I would like to work cooperatively with you and together we can minimize impacts to our waterbodies. Please also contact the Town Office if you suspect Shoreland Zoning non-compliance.

My responsibilities include assisting the Planning Board in their review of Subdivisions, Site Review, and Shoreland Zoning Permits. If you need to be heard by the Planning Board, I can assist you with this process. I encourage you to meet with me beforehand and I can inform you about the information that you will need to gather and supply you all the application forms for this process. The Planning Board typically meets on the first Tuesday of every month at 7 PM at the Town Office and welcomes visitors.

Paul Mitnik
Code Enforcement Officer

VASSALBORO STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

Election Day 2006 became a day of transition for the Town of Vassalboro. You, the voters, passed the Strategic Plan that the committee presented to the town for consideration. By this action, we now have a plan that will assist our Town officials and committees to meet their assigned tasks. With the plan complete, the members of the Strategic Planning committee have met the request of the Town to successfully draw a plan together.

As a committee, our work is done; as members of the community, we may now become involved in areas of implementation of the Plan, along with other volunteers from residents.

I would like to express my thanks to all those on the committee for their dedication to seeing the job successfully completed. The committee would also like to thank the many residents who spent time talking with us about their ideas and concerns, and what would be meaningful to include in our proposal. It is a credit to all involved that the project was a success. Also, we wish to thank the voters who supported the plan by coming to the polls on Election Day.

Our Town officials have begun reviewing the timelines, and needs of implementing the various sections of the plan. One of the very important things to remember is that it is a community plan, to be implemented by the community residents as well as the officials. This is your invitation to volunteer involvement in any area that interests you. These goals are all very 'do-able' with the right number of volunteers. Rob Browne is collecting names of those interested in helping with upcoming projects as the agendas are set. Please let him know which activities you wish to join!

Again, thanks to all of you for supporting the future of Vassalboro.

Sarah Luce
Vice-chair, Vassalboro Strategic Planning Committee

VASSALBORO PUBLIC LIBRARY

I am so pleased to present the Vassalboro Public Library report. As this is my first such report since becoming librarian last June, let me begin by thanking you all for the warmest welcome to such a fine community. I would also like to express unending appreciation for my esteemed predecessors, chiefly, Betty Taylor, Julie Lyon, and Vickie Limberger. Their years of dedication, hard work, and expertise have created a truly outstanding library and provided me with enormous shoes that I am honored to attempt to fill. Further, I am indebted to my exceptional assistant, Russell Smith, and the finest cadre of volunteers a librarian could imagine. Their support has been and continues to be incomparable and I consider it a privilege to work in such a charismatic circle.

It was an active and fruitful year at the library. We increased our collection by nearly 900 new books and over 100 audio books, videos, and DVDs. We routinely purchased new literature and bestselling fiction, award-winning and educational children's materials, current and noteworthy non-fiction, and both new and historic notable Maine works. Additionally, many of the new items came from plentiful and much appreciated patron donations. Items that did not enter our collection provided valuable revenue through our 47th annual (and successful!) Book and Bake Sale. Another successful fundraiser was the 15th annual Golf Tournament, for which we owe tremendous thanks to both Natanis Golf Course and Ernie Gauer.

We again offered a Summer Reading Program, hosted presentations by Chewonki and puppeteer Nancy Tyndall, and held various theme-oriented activities for children throughout the year. Programs were well-attended and we welcomed 63 adults and 51 children as new patrons. Patronage and circulation remained fairly steady, with over 7,300 patron visits and materials circulation over 15,000. Understandably, our 3 computers (PCs) with high-speed internet access and individual printers remained popular and were used by over 800 patrons. We anticipate that such patronage will increase with awareness that we also offer wireless access for those with personal laptops.

As mentioned above, volunteers continued to provide invaluable contributions to the library. Volunteers logged over 1300 hours, but I can attest that a truer number is certainly over 2000. From working the front desk to vacuuming the rugs, accessioning books to starting the wood stove, reading at story hour to cleaning the nooks and crannies, baking goodies for the sale to hauling recycling, these amazing individuals were indispensable. Space does not allow an exhaustive list of all who contributed their time and energy, but the following deserve special recognition for their immeasurable efforts and consummate dedication: Eleanor Getchell, Aldo Colasacco, Betts Kiralis, Jim Ashton, Debra Crump, Myrna Duplessie, Lore and Chuck Ferguson, Irene Forster, Faye Higgins, Dianne Hogendorn, Helen LaFleur, the Limberger family, Rochelle Meunier, Valerie Sugden, Debby Thompson, the Welch family, Roberta Bailey, Jennifer Bernhardt, Bill Browne, Elizabeth Davidson, Rick and Cami Denico, Marianne DePue, David Jenney, Susan Kiralis, Bob Magda, George O'Connor, Bria Ryder, Lisa Schwab, David Shipman, Adele Suga Ann White, and Claudia Wilcox.

We look forward to another active year, including our Golf Tournament in August (watch for dates) and Book & Bake Sale (Sat. Sept. 8, 9AM-3PM at the East Vassalboro Grange Hall). We are pleased to have our Web site (www.vplibrary.org) up, running, and offering updates on new books and events, as well as various user services. Please visit us there anytime – and, of course, on the Bog Road in East Vassalboro Mondays & Wednesdays (1:30-8PM) and Saturdays (10AM-8PM)!

Dawn Thistle
Librarian

CHINA REGION LAKES ALLIANCE

This past year has been a busy one for the China Region Lakes Alliance (CRLA) and also a year of change. As of December 31, 2006, long time Executive Director Rebecca Manthey is no longer with the organization.. The CRLA Directors thank her for her contributions to the organization and wish her well in the future. President of the Board of Directors, Betsy Fitzgerald, regrettably gave up her spot on the Board to accept the position as Town Manager in Machias. Past director, David Landry, has replaced her, on an interim basis.

During 2006, work done by or in conjunction with the CRLA was accomplished on 8 sites in the Town of Vassalboro. These included both shorefront buffer strip projects and camp road related work. The Youth Conservation Corp was active in the town and was responsible for a number of projects. The Youth Conservation Corp and local high school students working on lake related projects were originally initiated by the CRLA under the first Executive Director George Lord. Now the Conservation Corp model is used in over a dozen towns around the state. Many in the area were saddened to hear of Mr. Lord's sudden death this past winter at his home in Vienna. He was a driving force in lake restoration, both in the China - Vassalboro area and around the state, and will be sorely missed. As Spring arrives, the Conservation Corp is recruiting local students and looking forward to an active season under the direction of veteran Corp member, Peter Wilkens, of China.

In these times of tight budgets it is only natural that voters would ask themselves are we getting any value out of the CRLA. We feel the answer is a definite yes. For every town dollar that is put into lake related work, 2-3 matching dollars are spent from other sources. Water quality is directly related to property value and working to improve water quality on Webber and Three Mile Pond helps to protect the Town's tax base. The CRLA represents the Towns of Vassalboro, Windsor, China, Augusta, and the Kennebec Water District with the China, Three Mile, Webber, and Three Cornered Pond/Lake Associations. Within these organizations are many volunteers, which by working together are able to accomplish more than any single entity could possibly hope to do alone.

Looking ahead, the CRLA is working closely with the Kennebec County Soil and Water Conservation District (KS&W) for added expertise and also has hired Paul Mitnik on a part- time basis. Paul has spent 23 years with the Department of Environmental Protection and he brings much experience to the CRLA. Because of this, we have decided not replace the Executive Director, and direct those funds directly to lake projects. This is only made possible with the volunteers of the CRLA.

The CRLA is currently looking for lake and camp road erosion projects for this coming Summer. If the work can be done by the Youth Conservation Corp the labor is free. Technical and planning assistance is available for larger projects and there is still camp road upgrade money available for certain projects. In conjunction with the KS&W, the Webber Pond and Three Mile Pond Associations will be hosting camp road maintenance seminars this Summer. If you have questions please contact your lake specific representative, email the CRLA or Peter Wilkens for Conservation Corp related questions.

CRLA email lakesalliance@yahoo.com

Webber Pond- Bob Nadeau - nadeau1@adelphia.net

Three Mile Pond- Kim or Seth Sweetser 445-5862 threemilepondassociation@fairpoint.net

China Lake- Dave Landry 968-2856 david.landry@yahoo.com

The Board of Directors
CRLA

THREE MILE POND ASSOCIATION 2006 – 2007

The past year has been one of continuing the desire to work towards a healthier Pond. The Board of Directors has been meeting monthly to work on moving the Association forward.

In addition the two committees – marketing and research and development - have been continuing to work toward growing the membership and establishing better ways to inform and motivate the owners of property abutting Three Mile Pond. The research and development committee is gathering information and researching ways to improve the quality of our water. We have also been working closely with CRLA and Maine DEP as well as other water authorities and are trying to collect as much information as possible from others who have experience in lake management.

Our annual meeting this past summer was the most widely attended meeting the Association has had and many people came out with lots of great ideas and motivation. We have developed a website which also has a web cam for checking out the views on Three Mile Pond year round. Please keep checking the site for future information and updates. (<http://www.fairpoint.net/~kgeorge/3Mile/3Mile.htm>) The website is helping keep the membership informed rather than always relying on mailings.

We would again like to thank the Town for its past support in the efforts to keep our pond clean. There is a significant portion of Three Mile Pond in Vassalboro and feel that the Town receives a helping hand in the management and care of the Pond from our Association. We provide - through the funds from the Town and the grants obtained through the China Region Lakes Alliance – conservation assistance and shore line property maintenance. Much of this education and funding for these conservation projects would not be available without the Pond Associations and the CRLA. We are here to work with the Town to continue this assistance to property owners.

If anyone is interested in becoming involved with the Association please feel free to email me at kingofpad@adelphia.net.

Seth Sweetser
President, Three Mile Pond Association

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

It is indeed a pleasure to report information regarding Vassalboro Community School in the Vassalboro Town Report. On behalf of the School Committee, the administration and the staff of Vassalboro Community School, we would like to take this time to thank you for your continued support in providing quality education to the students in kindergarten through high school in the town of Vassalboro.

Serving on the School Committee are Chair, Lori Fowle, Miki Heikkila, Kevin Levasseur, Paul Basham, and Barry Bernier. Their continued leadership and support on behalf of Vassalboro's youth is greatly appreciated.

The school's November, 2006 kindergarten to grade eight school enrollment was 509 students and secondary enrollment (*grades 9-12*) was 274 students. A recently completed demographic study of Vassalboro's overall k-12 student enrollment shows the number of students will continue to drop by roughly 100 students through the school year 2016-2017. This enrollment decline coupled with the State Essential Programs and Services (EPS) school funding model (*based on student count*) will continue to present challenges as we work to provide a quality education for our children while still delivering a conservative budget for the citizens of Vassalboro.

The Maine Educational Assessment (MEA) results for Vassalboro show our students making good progress in their reading, writing, math and science skills. Teachers have continued to align curriculum with Maine's *Learning Results*. They have worked with School Union # 52 staff to implement a new assessment tool (*NWEA*) that provides valuable and immediate feedback on student performance allowing teachers to tailor instruction more specifically for students.

Listed below are the student enrollments by grade level, including tuition students at the high school level.

| Elementary Students K-8 | October 2005 | October 2006 | Secondary Students | Total Pupils | Secondary Tuition Rate |
|----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|
| Kindergarten | 60 | 60 | Cony High School – Augusta | 10 | 7,079.16 |
| Grade 1 | 51 | 57 | Erskine Academy – China | 162 | 8,379.76 |
| Grade 2 | 48 | 52 | Kents Hill School – Readfield | 1 | 8,379.76 |
| Grade 3 | 56 | 48 | Gardiner/MSAD #11 | 1 | 7,113.08 |
| Grade 4 | 46 | 58 | Lawrence High School/MSAD 49 | 1 | 6,597.55 |
| Grade 5 | 66 | 47 | Messalonskee High School | 2 | 7,323.57 |
| Grade 6 | 66 | 66 | Good Will-Hinckley – Fairfield | 1 | – |
| Grade 7 | 51 | 61 | Carrabasset Valley Academy | 1 | 8,379.76 |
| Grade 8 | 55 | 56 | Waterville High School | 31 | 6,650.32 |
| | 499 | 505 | Winslow High School | 61 | 7,476.51 |
| | | | | 271 | |

Elaine B. Miller
Superintendent

VASSALBORO FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Fire Department was fortunate to have been awarded a grant from the Department of Homeland Security in December of 2006 for \$125,000. With this grant we purchased a mini Pumper/Brush Truck Attack truck that will service the town for 20 years. We have been fortunate to receive another 50/50 grant from the Department of Forestry to purchase some tracks for the four wheel drive Kubota, which will be used for forest fires and rescues.

Our Fire Prevention Week is now a weeklong event at the Vassalboro Community School. We are pleased to have the opportunity to teach our children about fire safety. Child-related fire incidents have decreased and we believe this is directly related to our program at the school.

Each year we have a very good turnout at our annual hunter's breakfast and the proceeds are used exclusively for Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets and toys. We work with the Food Station, who prepares and distributes food baskets and toys for those less fortunate in town. Our annual fishing derby proceeds go to purchase additional equipment for the fire department.

Again this year we would like to remind residents that many homes still do not have their new E-911 numbers on their mailboxes and on their homes. This causes delay in locating the right resident for Delta Ambulance, law enforcement agencies, chimney fires or brush fires that may be behind the homes. We ask that residents clearly mark their homes and mailboxes. It is recommended that numbers be at least four inches high and a contrasting color.

During the past year the fire department responded to the following calls for service:

| | | | |
|----|-------------------------|------------|--------------------|
| 24 | Accidents | 2 | Vehicle Fires |
| 8 | Alarms | 10 | Mutual Aids |
| 21 | Assist EMS | 19 | Structure Fires |
| 4 | Brush/Trash/Woods Fires | 10 | Trees Down |
| 8 | Smoke Investigation | 10 | Other |
| 7 | Downed Wire | 123 | Total Calls |

I would like to thank all the members of the Vassalboro Fire Department for the countless hours (912 man hours) of time they have spent making Vassalboro a safer place to live. Because of your unselfishness and dedication to service, Vassalboro is truly a better place to live and raise a family.

I would also like to thank the town officials and citizens for their continued support of the fire department. We are lucky to enjoy a supportive community.

Eric Rowe
Chief

VASSALBORO RECREATION COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

The Vassalboro Recreation Committee is responsible for general oversight of the town's organized youth recreational programs and its multi-use recreation facility on the Bog Road.

Youth Programs: The success of the town's youth programs can only be contributed to very gracious volunteers who donate hundreds of hours each year toward organizing, coaching, fund raising, field maintenance, and all other necessary activities. Generous donations from area businesses are very much appreciated and key in maintaining quality facilities, equipment, uniforms, etc. to give our kids experiences to be proud of. While administered separately, all programs share common goals, such as inclusive participation, physical fitness, community spirit, sportsmanship and teamwork, in addition to the teaching of fundamental skills for the various sports.

Our core programs currently include baseball/softball, soccer and basketball and generally include youth ages 5-12 or grades K-5, depending on the sport. These programs have been extremely successful and have experienced significant participation growth in recent years. Our basketball program remains intramural, while our baseball/softball and soccer programs participate in the Dirigo League, where our teams play with other area towns including China, Chelsea, Windsor, Palermo, Whitefield, and Jefferson.

Recreation Facility: The Vassalboro Recreational Field, currently used for baseball/softball and soccer, is located next to the town Public Works garage on the Bog Road. The basketball program and overflow baseball/softball activities are held at the Vassalboro Community School.

Field Expansion Project: Even though we have experienced some of the wettest spring and fall seasons on record, significant progress was made during 2006. The new Little League field nears completion with only the dugouts and amenities remaining. We are happy to report our teams will be enjoying this new field in the 2007 Baseball/Softball season.

As everyone has experienced over the last couple years, the budget for the project has been affected by increases in construction and fuel costs, and by some rework required due to heavy rains. The remaining scope and progress of the project will depend highly on donations of time, equipment, materials and funds from contractors, businesses and volunteers. Any contributions would be greatly appreciated.

2006-2007 Activities (Estimates):

Soccer: 130 Participants Basketball: 100 Participants Baseball/Softball: 160 Participants

Committee Members:

Bill Pulver, Director 923-3277

Danny Waceken, Theresa Pulver, Dennis Scates, Scott Reynolds, Mark Bailey

Youth Program Contacts:

Baseball/Softball: Bill Pulver – 923-3277 **Soccer:** Jim Balmer – 623-6453

Basketball: Christine Nadeau – 923-3885

VASSALBORO HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Vassalboro Historical Society has been very busy over the last year. The newsletter is getting stronger with each issue, under the care of Editor Chuck Ferguson and lead writer Esther Bernhardt. The success of the quilt display in the spring of 2006 spilled over to the '06 Summer Fun display. We currently have the Societies photographic collection along with a large number of loaned pictures on display. This includes a number of photos that have not been shown before and Raymond Breton's Lowell Grammar Scholl collection.

The curators, under the direction of Betty Taylor, continue to catalog items that have been donated in the last few years and are slowly reducing the back log. The Monday night crew is currently painting the south entrance and stairwell and as soon as it warms up they will start on the grounds again.

The Museum was open in conjunction with Vassalboro Days and had a large visitation from residents both former and current.

The Society Meets the third Thursday of odd numbered months and the Museum is open the second and fourth Sunday of each month except December when it is closed the fourth Sunday.

Please stop by.

Kent London
President

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER'S REPORT

The following is a list of calls that I handled during the past year for the Town of Vassalboro.

| | | | |
|-------------------------|----|-----------------------|-----|
| Dogs at large | 45 | Barking dogs | 1 |
| Cats to Humane Shelter | 60 | Dog Bites | 10 |
| Dogs to Humane Shelter | 20 | Animal cruelty | 5 |
| Wild animals trapped | 45 | Court cases handled | 11 |
| Animals hit by vehicles | 5 | Kennels inspected | 2 |
| Horses in the road | 3 | Warrants for dogs | 195 |
| Cows in the road | 3 | Animals to rabies lab | 5 |
| Goats in the road | 3 | Misc. | 5 |

Howard E. Morang
Animal Control Officer

VASSALBORO SCHOOL
Budget vs. Actual

| Function | Appropriation | 2006 Budget | 2006 Actual |
|---------------------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Library | \$ 64,477.00 | | |
| Salary | | \$ 51,021.00 | \$ 50,002.82 |
| Benefits | | \$ 6,171.00 | \$ 6,168.78 |
| Other | | \$ 7,285.00 | \$ 6,335.81 |
| Total | \$ 64,477.00 | \$ 64,477.00 | \$ 62,507.41 |
| Principal's Office | \$ 203,116.00 | | |
| Salary | | \$ 149,829.00 | \$ 148,364.83 |
| Benefits | | \$ 36,737.00 | \$ 31,843.61 |
| Other | | \$ 16,550.00 | \$ 13,117.39 |
| Total | \$ 203,116.00 | \$ 203,116.00 | \$ 193,325.83 |
| Building Operation | \$ 334,033.00 | | |
| Salary | | \$ 109,438.00 | \$ 107,335.27 |
| Benefits | | \$ 32,985.00 | \$ 32,055.53 |
| Other | | \$ 191,610.00 | \$ 171,067.82 |
| Total | \$ 334,033.00 | \$ 334,033.00 | \$ 310,458.62 |
| Instruction | \$ 1,847,658.00 | | |
| Salary | | \$1,459,000.00 | \$1,489,972.00 |
| Benefits | | \$ 245,148.00 | \$ 253,244.75 |
| Other | | \$ 143,510.00 | \$ 126,406.96 |
| Total | \$ 1,847,658.00 | \$1,847,658.00 | \$1,869,623.71 |
| Tuition | \$ 2,297,310.00 | | |
| Public Tuition | | \$ 802,005.00 | \$ 801,233.27 |
| Private Tuition | | \$1,208,005.00 | \$1,132,706.85 |
| Special Education | | \$ 287,300.00 | \$ 334,082.17 |
| Total | \$ 2,297,310.00 | \$2,297,310.00 | \$2,268,022.29 |
| Special Education | \$ 739,820.00 | | |
| Salary | | \$ 566,179.00 | \$ 569,570.07 |
| Benefits | | \$ 128,630.00 | \$ 131,652.37 |
| Other | | \$ 45,011.00 | \$ 20,848.41 |
| Total | \$ 739,820.00 | \$ 739,820.00 | \$ 722,070.85 |
| Summer School | \$ 8,285.00 | | |
| Salary | | \$ 8,000.00 | \$ 9,133.79 |
| Benefits | | \$ 285.00 | \$ 147.31 |
| Total | \$ 8,285.00 | \$ 8,285.00 | \$ 9,281.10 |
| Extra Curricular | \$ 40,574.00 | | |
| Salary | | \$ 29,000.00 | \$ 35,360.00 |
| Benefits | | \$ 1,380.00 | \$ 1,136.76 |
| Other | | \$ 10,194.00 | \$ 8,141.75 |
| Total | \$ 40,574.00 | \$ 40,574.00 | \$ 44,638.51 |

| Function | Appropriation | 2006 Budget | 2006 Actual |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Guidance | \$ 58,217.00 | | |
| Salary | | \$ 50,251.00 | \$ 51,041.42 |
| Benefits | | \$ 6,993.00 | \$ 6,112.99 |
| Other | | \$ 973.00 | \$ 749.02 |
| Total | \$ 58,217.00 | \$ 58,217.00 | \$ 57,903.43 |
| Health & Medical | \$ 48,245.00 | | |
| Salary | | \$ 30,150.00 | \$ 29,386.76 |
| Benefits | | \$ 13,006.00 | \$ 10,355.42 |
| Other | | \$ 5,089.00 | \$ 5,390.79 |
| Total | \$ 48,245.00 | \$ 48,245.00 | \$ 45,132.97 |
| School Committee | \$ 4,155.00 | | |
| Stipends | | \$ 2,200.00 | \$ 2,000.00 |
| Benefits | | \$ 155.00 | \$ 153.00 |
| Other | | \$ 1,800.00 | \$ - |
| Total | \$ 4,155.00 | \$ 4,155.00 | \$ 2,153.00 |
| Superintendent's Office | \$ 162,883.00 | | |
| Salary | | \$ 94,097.00 | \$ 94,119.99 |
| Benefits | | \$ 26,675.00 | \$ 29,503.19 |
| Other | | \$ 42,111.00 | \$ 47,208.21 |
| Total | \$ 162,883.00 | \$ 162,883.00 | \$ 170,831.39 |
| Capital Improvement | \$ 31,000.00 | | |
| Cap Improvement | | \$ 31,000.00 | \$ 21,481.50 |
| Total | \$ 31,000.00 | \$ 31,000.00 | \$ 21,481.50 |
| Grounds & Maintenance | \$ 18,600.00 | | |
| Other | | \$ 18,600.00 | \$ 16,512.44 |
| Total | \$ 18,600.00 | \$ 18,600.00 | \$ 16,512.44 |
| Transportation | \$ 347,610.00 | | |
| Salary | | \$ 126,600.00 | \$ 124,424.61 |
| Benefits | | \$ 40,535.00 | \$ 44,427.52 |
| Other | | \$ 180,475.00 | \$ 209,492.13 |
| Total | \$ 347,610.00 | \$ 347,610.00 | \$ 378,344.26 |
| Audio Visual | \$ 6,500.00 | | |
| Audio Visual | | \$ 6,500.00 | \$ 5,994.22 |
| Total | \$ 6,500.00 | \$ 6,500.00 | \$ 5,994.22 |
| Re-Certification | \$ 3,777.00 | | |
| Salary | | \$ 3,500.00 | \$ 3,612.36 |
| Benefits | | \$ 277.00 | \$ 200.89 |
| Total | \$ 3,777.00 | \$ 3,777.00 | \$ 3,813.25 |
| Debt Service | \$ 470,094.00 | | |
| Interest | | \$ 135,604.00 | \$ 135,604.16 |
| Principal | | \$ 334,490.00 | \$ 334,490.00 |
| Total | \$ 470,094.00 | \$ 470,094.00 | \$ 470,094.16 |
| Grand Total | \$ 6,686,354.00 | \$6,686,354.00 | \$6,652,188.94 |

MUNICIPAL EXPENDITURES

JULY 1, 2005 - JUNE 30, 2006

ADMINISTRATION

| | |
|---------------------------|--------------|
| Appropriation: | \$242,831 |
| Expenditures: | |
| Personnel service | \$179,097 |
| Insurance | 10,902 |
| Utilities | 9,628 |
| Building Maintenance | 5,931 |
| Printing/Advertising | 2,522 |
| Audit/Legal/Dues | 9,683 |
| Office Supplies/Equipment | 4,574 |
| Technology/Postage/Other | 16,643 |
| Registry Deeds | <u>2,697</u> |
| Balance | 1,154 |

PUBLIC WORKS

| | |
|---------------------------|--------------|
| Appropriation: | \$317,548 |
| Expenditures: | |
| Personnel Services | \$168,181 |
| Insurance | 18,638 |
| Sand/Salt/other contracts | 31,784 |
| Vehicle Expenses/Equip. | 75,607 |
| Garage Utilities/Supplies | 19,206 |
| Bridges/Culverts | <u>2,003</u> |
| Balance | 2,129 |

SOLID WASTE

| | |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|
| Appropriation: | \$248,155 |
| Expenditures: | |
| Personnel Services | \$ 60,899 |
| Insurance | 4,133 |
| Bldg Maint, Water Monit, Engineering | 8,520 |
| Utilities/Supplies | 2,668 |
| Disposal/Hauling/Recycling | <u>171,399</u> |
| Balance | 536 |

ROAD PAVING/GRAVEL ROADS

| | |
|--------------------------|--------------|
| Appropriation: | \$152,960 |
| Expenditures: | |
| Paving | \$144,943 |
| Striping | 3,351 |
| Gravel Roads/Maintenance | <u>2,772</u> |
| Balance | 1,894 |

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT

| | |
|---------------------------------|--------------|
| Appropriation: | \$119,000 |
| Expenditures: | |
| Revaluation | \$ 15,000 |
| Landfill Reserve | 15,000 |
| Fire Truck/Public Works Reserve | 86,500 |
| Police Vehicle Reserve | <u>2,500</u> |
| Balance | 0 |

FIRE DEPARTMENT

| | |
|-----------------------------|--------------|
| Appropriation: | \$ 48,525 |
| Expenditures: | |
| Utilities | \$10,654 |
| Insurances | 7,287 |
| Repairs | 12,146 |
| Training/Equipment/Supplies | 9,987 |
| Radios | 628 |
| Bldg Maintenance | 2,870 |
| Firefighter stipend | 3,365 |
| Chief Stipend | <u>1,500</u> |
| Balance | 88 |

PUBLIC SAFETY

| | |
|------------------------------|--------------|
| Appropriation: | \$ 30,204 |
| Expenditures: | |
| Employee Costs | \$20,601 |
| Insurances | 1,751 |
| Supplies/Vehicle Maintenance | 2,234 |
| Humane Society | <u>5,585</u> |
| Balance | 33 |

RECREATION/SUMMER YOUTH

| | |
|----------------|------------------|
| Appropriation: | \$ 14,100 |
| Expenditures: | \$ <u>14,100</u> |
| Balance | 0 |

LIBRARY

| | |
|-----------------|--------------|
| Appropriation: | \$ 30,157 |
| Expenditures: | |
| Employee Costs: | \$ 22,027 |
| Books/Supplies | <u>8,130</u> |
| Balance | 0 |

UTILITIES

| | |
|----------------|---------------|
| Appropriation: | \$ 32,500 |
| Expenditures: | |
| Street Lights | \$ 15,539 |
| Hydrant Rental | <u>14,791</u> |
| Balance | 2,170 |

CEMETERIES

| | |
|--------------------|------------------|
| Appropriation: | \$ 15,500 |
| Expenditures: | |
| Care of Cemeteries | \$ <u>15,279</u> |
| Balance | 221 |

GENERAL ASSISTANCE

| | |
|----------------|--------------|
| Appropriation: | \$ 3,000 |
| Expenditures: | |
| Fuel/Utilities | \$ 150 |
| Shelter | <u>2,238</u> |
| Balance | 612 |

ASSESSMENT

| | |
|--------------------|--------------|
| Appropriation: | \$ 52,028 |
| Expenditures: | |
| Employee Costs: | \$ 44,215 |
| Maps/Dues/Supplies | 1,784 |
| Quarterly Review | <u>6,000</u> |
| Balance | 29 |

SOCIAL SERVICES

| | |
|------------------|------------|
| Appropriation: | \$ 9,110 |
| Expenditures: | |
| Senior Citizens | \$ 450 |
| Hospice | 1,500 |
| Food Pantry | 1,000 |
| Family Violence | 1,910 |
| KV Mental Health | 3,500 |
| Senior Spectrum | <u>750</u> |
| Balance | 0 |

MISCELLANEOUS REQUEST

| | |
|--------------------|--------------|
| Appropriation: | \$ 17,111 |
| Expenditures: | |
| Historical Society | \$ 3,000 |
| Regional Planning | 5,111 |
| Snowmobile Club | 1,500 |
| C.R.L.A. | <u>7,500</u> |
| Balance | 0 |

COUNTY TAX

| | |
|----------------|------------------|
| Appropriation: | \$233,852 |
| Expenditures: | <u>\$233,852</u> |
| Balance | 0 |

DEBT SERVICE

| | |
|----------------|---------------|
| Appropriation: | \$ 83,500 |
| Expenditures: | |
| Paving Bond | 56,594 |
| CIP Bond | <u>26,900</u> |
| Balance | 6 |

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT

Board of Selectmen
Town of Vassalboro
Vassalboro, Maine

I 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, 2006, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Town of Vassalboro, Maine's management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. I believe that my audit provides a reasonable basis for my opinion.

In my 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, 2006, and the respective changes in financial position, where applicable, thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information, are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. I have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, I did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

February 13, 2007

TOWN OF VASSALBORO, MAINE BALANCE SHEET GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2006

| ASSETS | General Fund | Special Revenue | Debt Service | Total Governmental Funds |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|
| Cash | \$ 1,186,017 | \$ 56,543 | \$ 14,177 | \$ 1,256,737 |
| Investments | | | 234,511 | 234,511 |
| Receivables: | | | | |
| Taxes | 123,192 | | | 123,192 |
| Liens | 31,146 | | | 31,146 |
| Accounts | | 58,020 | | 58,020 |
| Other governments | | 16,603 | | 16,603 |
| Inventory | | 2,728 | | 2,728 |
| Interfund balances | (53,566) | 53,566 | | 0 |
| Total Assets | 1,286,789 | 187,460 | 248,688 | 1,722,937 |
| LIABILITIES | | | | |
| Accounts payable | 19,844 | | | 19,844 |
| Accrued wages | 289,586 | 11,964 | | 301,550 |
| Accrued compensated absences | 25,810 | | | 25,810 |
| Deferred property taxes | 89,800 | | | 89,800 |
| Total Liabilities | 425,040 | 11,964 | 0 | 437,004 |
| FUND BALANCES | | | | |
| Fund Balances | | | | |
| Reserved: | | | | |
| Capital purchases | 185,223 | | | 185,223 |
| Unreserved: | | | | |
| Designated for subsequent years | | | | |
| Revenues | 101,596 | | | 101,596 |
| Expenditures | 63,423 | | | 63,423 |
| Expenditures - Education | (436,242) | | | (436,242) |
| Undesignated | 947,749 | 175,496 | 248,688 | 1,371,933 |
| Total Fund Equity | 861,749 | 175,496 | 248,688 | 1,285,933 |
| Total Liabilities and Fund Equity | \$ 1,286,789 | \$ 187,460 | \$ 248,688 | \$ |

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net assets are different because:

| | |
|--|--------------|
| Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds. | 9,356,585 |
| Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current-periods expenditures and therefore are deferred in the funds. | 89,800 |
| Long-term liabilities, including bonds, notes and leases payable, are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds. | |
| Leases payable | (71,517) |
| Bonds payable | (2,002,186) |
| Net assets of governmental activities | \$ 8,658,615 |

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

TOWN OF VASSALBORO, MAINE

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2006

| | <u>General Fund</u> | <u>Special Revenue</u> | <u>Debt Service Fund</u> | <u>Total Governmental Funds</u> |
|---|-------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|---|
| Revenues: | | | | |
| Taxes | \$ 3,045,920 | \$ | \$ | \$ 3,045,920 |
| Intergovernmental | 4,859,028 | 510,095 | | 5,369,123 |
| Charges for services | 95,488 | 142,436 | | 237,924 |
| Interest | 65,243 | 10,643 | 14,430 | 90,316 |
| Miscellaneous | 69,395 | | | 69,395 |
| Total Revenues | 8,135,074 | 663,174 | 14,430 | 8,812,678 |
| Expenditures: | | | | |
| Current: | | | | |
| General government | 292,190 | | | 292,190 |
| Public safety | 112,992 | | | 112,992 |
| Public works | 454,048 | | | 454,048 |
| Health and sanitation | 236,427 | 8,570 | | 244,997 |
| Education | 6,668,091 | 409,937 | | 7,078,028 |
| Social services | 14,498 | | | 14,498 |
| Special assessments | 241,632 | | | 241,632 |
| Leisure services | 45,757 | | | 45,757 |
| Unclassified | 35,113 | | | 35,113 |
| Food services | | 176,015 | | 176,015 |
| Debt service | 83,494 | | 49,359 | 132,853 |
| Total Expenditures | 8,184,242 | 594,522 | 49,359 | 8,828,123 |
| Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures | (49,168) | 68,652 | (34,929) | (15,445) |
| Fund Balances - beginning | 910,917 | 106,844 | 283,617 | 1,301,378 |
| Fund Balances - ending | \$ 861,749 | \$ 175,496 | \$ 248,688 | \$ 1,285,933 |

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

TOWN OF VASSALBORO, MAINE BUDGET COMPARISON SCHEDULE GENERAL FUND

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2006

| | <u>Budgeted Amounts</u> | | | Variance with |
|--|-------------------------|--------------|---------------|--|
| | <u>Original</u> | <u>Final</u> | <u>Actual</u> | final budget positive (negative) |
| Revenues: | | | | |
| Taxes | \$ 2,945,548 | \$ 2,945,548 | \$ 3,045,920 | \$ 100,372 |
| Intergovernmental | 4,823,390 | 4,823,390 | 4,859,028 | 35,638 |
| Interest | 18,000 | 18,000 | 65,243 | 47,243 |
| Charges for services | 66,500 | 66,500 | 95,488 | 28,988 |
| Miscellaneous | 60,921 | 60,921 | 69,395 | 8,474 |
| Total revenues | 7,914,359 | 7,914,359 | 8,135,074 | 220,715 |
| Expenditures: | | | | |
| Current: | | | | |
| General government | 299,970 | 299,970 | 292,190 | 7,780 |
| Public safety | 116,229 | 116,229 | 112,992 | 3,237 |
| Public works | 470,508 | 470,508 | 454,048 | 16,460 |
| Health and sanitation | 248,155 | 248,155 | 236,427 | 11,728 |
| Education | 6,231,849 | 6,231,849 | 6,668,091 | (436,242) |
| Social services | 15,110 | 15,110 | 14,498 | 612 |
| Special assessments | 305,306 | 305,306 | 241,632 | 63,674 |
| Leisure services | 45,757 | 45,757 | 45,757 | 0 |
| Unclassified | 68,921 | 68,921 | 35,113 | 33,808 |
| Debt service | 83,500 | 83,500 | 83,494 | 6 |
| Capital outlay | 119,000 | 119,000 | | 119,000 |
| Total expenditures | 8,004,305 | 8,004,305 | 8,184,242 | (179,937) |
| Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures | (89,946) | (89,946) | (49,168) | 40,778 |
| Fund Balance - beginning | 910,917 | 910,917 | 910,917 | 0 |
| Fund Balance - ending | \$ 820,971 | \$ 820,971 | \$ 861,749 | \$ 40,778 |

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

WARRANT

STATE OF MAINE, KENNEBEC COUNTY

To: Richard Phippen, a resident of the Town of Vassalboro

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 Town Office building in said Town on Tuesday, the 12th day of June 2007, at 7:55 in the morning, then and there to act on Article 1; the polls will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the purpose of acting on Articles 1 and 2 and further to warn said voters to meet at the Vassalboro Community School on Wednesday, June 13th, 2007, at 6:30 in the evening, then and there to act on Articles 3 through 54, all said articles being set out below to wit:

Article 1: To choose a Moderator to preside at said Meeting, and to pay a sum not to exceed \$50.00 for his/her services.

Article 2: To elect one (1) Selectman who shall be an Overseer of the Poor for a term of three (3) years; two (2) members of the School Committee for a term of three (3) years; and two (2) members of the Vassalboro Sanitary District Board of Trustees for a term of three (3) years, all to be elected by secret ballot as prescribed in Title 30-A, Section 2528, of the Maine Revised Statutes Annotated.

Article 3: To elect from the floor, under the rules of this meeting, five (5) members of the Budget Committee to serve two (2) year terms.

Terms Expire in 2007

**William Browne, John Burke, William Whitley,
Lauchlin Titus, Phil Haines**

Article 4: 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: 12.00% Interest will begin to accrue 7 days after the due date.

One-fourth of taxes due on 09-24-07

One-fourth of taxes due on 11-26-07

One-fourth of taxes due on 02-25-08

One-fourth of taxes due on 04-28-08

Selectmen Recommend: Approval

SCHOOLS

Article 5: To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for ADMINISTRATION for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2008.

School Committee Recommends: \$397,489

Budget Committee Recommends: \$397,489

Article 6: Buildings and Grounds

To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008.

School Committee Recommends: \$471,217

Budget Committee Recommends: \$451,217

Article 7: Debt Service

To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for DEBT SERVICE for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008.

School Committee Recommends: \$371,493

Budget Committee Recommends: \$371,493

Article 8: Instruction

To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for INSTRUCTION for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2008.

School Committee Recommends: \$3,035,169

Budget Committee Recommends: \$3,035,169

Article 9: Transportation

To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for TRANSPORTATION for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2008

School Committee Recommends: \$358,766

Budget Committee Recommends: \$358,766

Article 10: Tuition

To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for **TUITION** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2008.

School Committee Recommends: \$2,356,696
Budget Committee Recommends: \$2,356,696

Article 11: State & Local EPS Funding Allocation.

To see what sum the Town of Vassalboro will appropriate for the Vassalboro Public School’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 (Recommend \$6,464,327) and to see what sum the Town of Vassalboro will raise as the Town’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 (Recommend \$1,757,700).

School Committee Recommends: \$1,757,700 in local funds
Budget Committee Recommends: \$1,757,700 in local funds

Explanation: The Town’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 the state law to be the minimum amount that the Town must raise in order to receive the full amount of state dollars.

Article 12: Additional Local Funds

To see what sum, the Town of Vassalboro will raise and appropriate in additional local funds (Recommend \$383,189), which exceeds the State’s Essential Programs and Services funding model by \$131,749.

The school committee recommends \$383,189 for the following reasons:

- For the school year 2007-08, the State is funding only 53.86% (versus 55%) of the State LD1/Essential Programs and Services school funding requirements.
- Costs for secondary student tuition (Grades 9-12) are above EPS funding allowances for secondary students.
- Costs are above the Essential Programs and Services funding allocation because of co-curricular and extracurricular.

School Committee Recommends: \$383,189
Budget Committee Recommends: \$363,189

Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the Town’s local contribution to the total cost of funding public education from Kindergarten to Grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and local amounts raised for the annual debt service payment on non-state-funded school construction projects and the non-state-funded portion of school construction projects that will help achieve the Town’s budget for educational programs.

Article 13: Total School Budget Summary Article

To see what sum the Town of Vassalboro will authorize the Vassalboro School Committee to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008 from the Town’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 the Vassalboro Public Schools. (Recommend \$6,990,830).

School Committee Recommends: \$6,990,830
Budget Committee Recommends: \$6,970,830

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Article 14: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate for Administration.

Selectmen Recommend: \$ 277,435 from revenues
Budget Committee recommends: \$277,435 from revenues

Article 15: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate for Assessment Costs.

Selectmen Recommend: \$69,052 from revenues
Budget Committee Recommends: \$69,052 from revenues

Article 16: To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate for Debt Service.

Selectmen Recommend: \$25,300 from revenues
Budget Committee Recommends: \$25,300 from revenues

PUBLIC WORKS

Article 17: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate for the Public Works Department.

Selectmen Recommend: \$352,304 from revenues
Budget Committee Recommends: \$352,304 from revenues

Article 18: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate for paving work to allow the Town to pave the following road: Cross Hill Road and Lombard Dam 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: \$248,451 from revenues
Budget Committee Recommends: \$248,451 from revenues

SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL

Article 19: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the cost of operating the Town’s Solid Waste Disposal and Recycling Facility.

Selectmen Recommend: \$ 93,958 from revenues
 \$132,600 from surplus
 \$ 68,559 from taxation
Budget Committee
Recommends \$ 93,958 from revenues
 \$132,600 from surplus
 \$ 68,559 from taxation

PUBLIC SAFETY

Article 20: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Police Department and Animal Control.

Selectmen Recommend: \$ 31,257 from taxation
Budget Committee Recommends: \$31,257 from taxation

Article 21: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Fire Department.

Selectmen Recommend: \$ 15,400 from designated revenues
 \$ 69,257 from taxation
Budget Committee
Recommends: \$ 15,400 from designated revenues
 \$ 69,257 from taxation

Article 22: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$5,000 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 grant award.

Selectmen Recommend: \$5,000 from surplus
Budget Committee Recommends: \$5,000 from surplus

Article 23: To see if the Town will allow funds in the amount not to exceed \$15,000 from the surplus account to serve as a contingency fund to be spent by the Selectmen in the event of an emergency and to avoid overdrafts.

Selectmen Recommend: \$15,000 from surplus
Budget Committee Recommends: \$15,000 from surplus

Article 24: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for fire hydrant rental.

Selectmen Recommend: \$17,665 from taxation
Budget Committee Recommends: \$17,665 from taxation

Article 25: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Street Lights.

Selectmen Recommend: \$ 19,512 from taxation
Budget Committee Recommends: \$ 19,512 from taxation

SPECIAL ARTICLES AND TOWN POLICY

Article 26: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell and dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town for non-payment of taxes thereon, and to execute quit-claim deeds for such property, and to further direct that the sale of such tax-acquired property shall be by public notice which shall be advertised in the local daily newspapers prior to sale, and that this procedure shall apply except in cases where the tax-acquired property is sold back to the former owners or their successors or descendants within the period of sixty (60) days after legal acquisition by the Town, or to take any action thereon. Funds received through the sale of tax-acquired property may be used at the Selectmen’s discretion to reduce previously authorized debt service.

Selectmen Recommend: Approval

Article 27: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to submit applications for State and/or Federal 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 are necessary and reasonable to implement such program, and to disburse such funds for the purpose granted.

Selectmen Recommend: Approval

Article 28: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen, for the fiscal year 2007-2008, 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
Budget Committee Recommends: Approval

Article 29: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the purpose of establishing a truck reserve account.

Selectmen Recommend: \$ 20,000 from surplus
Budget Committee Recommends: \$ 20,000 from surplus

Article 30: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to purchase a new public works equipment trailer at a net cost not to exceed \$14,000 with the sale or trade-in of the existing trailer.

Selectmen Recommend: \$14,000 from surplus
Budget Committee Recommends: \$ 14,000 from surplus

Article 31: To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$20,000 from the truck reserve account to a D.O.T. reserve account and authorize the selectmen to expend funds from the D.O.T. reserve in the event funds are needed to complete the Webber Pond project (RRI program with the state).

Selectmen Recommend: \$20,000 transfer
Budget Committee Recommends: \$20,000 transfer

Article 32: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to replace the roof on the Historical Society building.

Selectmen Recommend: \$18,600 from designated revenues
Budget Committee Recommends: \$18,600 from designated revenues

Article 33: To see if the Town of Vassalboro will accept the dedication of Partridge Hollow Drive in fee simple title made by Pine View Mobile Homes, Inc, pursuant to Title 23 M.R.S.A. Section 3025 for land owned by Pine View Mobile Homes, Inc., the location of said dedicated interest being the parcel of land designated as "Partridge Hollow Drive" on a plan entitled "Second Revision Vannah/Swan Subdivision" and to establish a Town way of said land.

Selectmen Recommend: Approval

Article 34: To see if the town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers under Maine statues, 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 alewives shall be taken therein for the calendar year 2008.

Selectmen Recommend: Approval

Article 35: To see if the town will authorize the Municipal Officers to sell surplus alewives for one or more years, or take any action relative to the same.

Selectmen Recommend: Approval

LIBRARY

Article 36: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Town's share of the operation of the Library.

Selectmen Recommend: \$ 31,000. from taxation
Budget Committee Recommends: \$ 31,000 from taxation

HEALTH AND WELFARE

Article 37: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for General Assistance and to authorize Selectmen to expend any and all reimbursement funds received from the State.

Selectmen Recommend: \$ 3,500 from taxation
Budget Committee Recommends: \$ 3,500 from taxation

Article 38: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 450 for the support of the Vassalboro Senior Citizens.

Selectmen Recommend: \$ 450 from taxation
Budget Committee Recommends: \$ 450 from taxation

Article 39: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 1,000 for the Vassalboro Food Station.

Selectmen Recommend: \$ 1,000 from taxation
Budget Committee Recommends: \$ 1,000 from taxation

Article 40: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 1,600 for the Hospice. (This article by Petition).

Selectmen Recommend: \$1,500 from taxation
Budget Committee Recommends: \$ 1,500 from taxation

Article 41: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 2,250 for the Family Violence Project. (This article by Petition).

Selectmen Recommend: \$ 1,910 from taxation
Budget Committee Recommends: \$ 1,910 from taxation

Article 42: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 3,830 for the Kennebec Valley Mental Health Center. (This article by petition.)

Selectmen Recommend: \$ 3,500 from taxation
Budget Committee Recommends: \$ 3,500 from taxation

Article 43: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 2,642 for the Senior Spectrum. (This article by petition.)

Selectmen Recommend: \$ 750 from taxation
Budget Committee Recommends: \$ 750 from taxation

Article 44: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 for the Stretch and Walk Healthy Heart Program at the Sukeforth New Life Center in China. (This article by petition).

Selectmen Recommend: \$ 500 from taxation
Budget Committee Recommends: \$ 500 from taxation

RECREATION

Article 45: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Recreation Department.

Selectmen Recommend: \$ 20,000 from taxation
Budget Committee Recommends: \$ 20,000 from taxation

Article 46: 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 from taxation
Budget Committee Recommends: \$ 1,500 from taxation

MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS AND REQUESTS

Article 47: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for The Town Line. The amount requested is \$1,000 (This article by petition)

Selectmen Recommend: \$ 0.00
Budget Committee Recommends: \$ 0.00

Article 48: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 for the support of the Vassalboro Historical Society and to assist this organization with the maintenance of the former East Vassalboro school building.

Selectmen Recommend: \$ 3,000 from taxation
Budget Committee Recommends: \$ 3,000 from taxation

Article 49: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Town's share in the maintenance of cemeteries and public grounds and for Memorial Day expenses.

Selectmen Recommend: \$ 17,500 from taxation
Budget Committee Recommends: \$ 17,500 from taxation

Article 50: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the maintenance of the Route 3 rest area.

Selectmen Recommend: \$ 5,650 from taxation
Budget Committee Recommends: \$ 5,650 from taxation

Article 51: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 261,795 for the support of county government.

Selectmen Recommend: \$ 261,795 from taxation
Budget Committee Recommends: \$ 261,795 from taxation

Article 52: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate for the support of the China Region Lakes Alliance. The amount requested is \$7,500

Selectmen Recommend: \$ 7,500 from taxation
Budget Committee Recommends: \$ 7,500 from taxation

Article 53: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Kennebec Valley Council of Governments (KVCOG).

Selectmen Recommend: \$ 5,642 from taxation
Budget Committee Recommends: \$ 5,642 from taxation

Article 54: To see if the town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of \$_____ 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.

Selectmen Recommend:
Budget Committee Recommends:

Given unto our hands this day of May 2007, AD

Rob Browne
Selectman, Town of Vassalboro

Donald Breton
Selectman, Town of Vassalboro

Elizabeth Mitchell
Selectwoman, Town of Vassalboro

A true copy. Attest: Richard Phippen, _____ of Vassalboro

VASSALBORO 1906 COMPARED TO 2006

| | 1906 | 2006 |
|---------------------------------|-----------|---------------|
| Valuation: | | |
| Real Estate | \$823,815 | \$155,416,268 |
| Personal Property | 182,090 | 4,620,900 |
| Total | 1,005,905 | 160,037,168 |
| Mill rate (per thousand) | 17.00 | 14.75 |
| Revenues generated | 17,100.38 | 2,360,548.23 |
| County Tax | 1,472.74 | 256,810.00 |
| Principal & Interest Payments | 897.88 | 26,000.00 |
| Highway - Summer & Winter Bills | 3,313.81 | 317,548.00 |
| School Bills | 6,274.89 | 6,773,986.00 |
| Number of Polls taxed | 537 | 0 |
| Number of Dogs | 147 | 833 |

The following is a list of personal property assessed in 1906:

| | No. | Value |
|---------------------|-----|------------|
| Horses | 540 | 42,310.00 |
| Colts 3 to 4 | 16 | 1,830.00 |
| Colts 2 to 3 | 40 | 2,435.00 |
| Colts under 2 | 19 | 775.00 |
| Cows | 779 | 21,362.00 |
| Oxen | 16 | 1,340.00 |
| 3 years old | 136 | 2,929.00 |
| 2 years old | 178 | 3,173.00 |
| 1 year old | 113 | 1,241.00 |
| Sheep | 580 | 2,540.00 |
| Swine | 158 | 1,809.00 |
| Trust Co. Stock | 15 | 1,500.00 |
| Bank Stk Shares | | 2,183.00 |
| Money at Interest | | 3,580.00 |
| Stock in trade | | 18,650.00 |
| Shipping | | 300.00 |
| Logs and Lumber | | 2,061.00 |
| Wood and bark | | 2,942.00 |
| Bicycles | | 375.00 |
| Carriages | | 4,695.00 |
| Automobiles | | 625.00 |
| Musical Instruments | | 8,135.00 |
| Material in Stock | | 55,000.00 |
| Other property | | 300.00 |
| Total | | 182,090.00 |

Other Interesting Facts

In 1906 grades were 1 to 5, and most students attended ten weeks of school in each term, which was generally Spring, Fall and Winter.

High School students attended two terms Spring (11 weeks) and Fall (14 weeks) Grades 1 through 5 were held in eight schools listed below.

South Vassalboro School
 Vassalboro School
 Ayer School
 Small School
 North Vassalboro School
 Perley School
 Riverside School
 East Vassalboro School

High School:
 Oak Grove Seminary

2006

Vassalboro Community School
 (K through 8th)

High Schools:
 Cony
 Waterville
 Winslow
 Erskine
 Kents Hill
 Carrabassett Valley
 Christa McAuliffe

DATES TO REMEMBER

- July 1** Fiscal Year Begins
- Mid July** Tax Lien process begins on unpaid 2006 taxes
- Late August** Tax Bills Mailed
- September 24** 1st Quarter Taxes Due
- November** General Election
- November 26** 2nd Quarter Taxes Due
- December 30** Certain municipal licenses expire (Liquor License, Dog Licenses, Hunting & Fishing Licenses).
- January 31** Late Fee charged for dogs licensed after this date.
- February 25** 3rd Quarter Taxes Due
- April 1** Property Assessed for value as of this date
- April 28** 4th Quarter Taxes Due
- Early June** Town Meeting
- June 30** Close of Fiscal Year



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| 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 | 622-7730 |

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