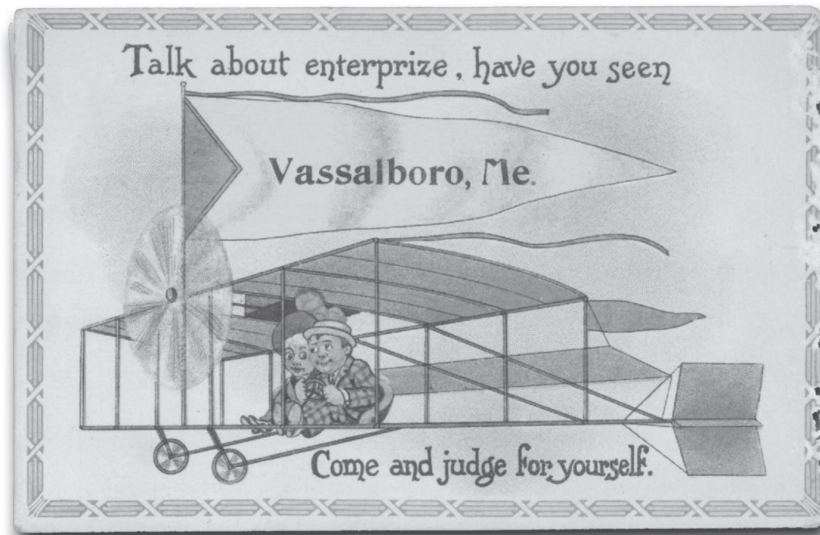


North Vassalboro, 1936

*town of*  
**Vassalboro**  
ANNUAL REPORT  
**2007**

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# TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

*To the Vassalboro Board of Selectmen  
and residents of Vassalboro,*

This past year the town had several projects that were ongoing that benefited the town in various ways. One was rebuilding a portion of the Webber Pond Road at Gully Brook with the D.O.T, making that a safer road. Another project was the rebuilding of the road to the Three Mile Pond boat launch, by the D.O.C and installing new planks. The town also closed the remainder of the landfill with the public works crew, which saved the taxpayers ten of thousands of dollars. The revaluation of the town was another major project that was undertaken, and R.J.D. who had previously done a revaluation for the town, did very good work.

This year the Department of Marine Resources will be installing a fish ladder at the outlet of Webber Pond. This will allow alewives to continue their migration and next year and many years thereafter, the town should receive revenues from the sale of alewives.

This year the town recognized the Vassalboro Fire Department for their volunteer work. These individuals put their lives at risk to protect the property and lives of the residents of Vassalboro. This year's town report cover reflects the four newest trucks the town owns. The town is very fortunate to have such dedicated volunteers.

Our financial condition continues to improve, net assets increased from the prior year by \$304,830. Revenues exceeded expenses, thereby increasing our surplus account. This year with the revaluation the mill rate was reduced to \$8.60 per thousand.



*Town office employees: Mike Vashon, Cathy St. Pierre,  
Jean Poulin, Paul Mitnik, Jim Schad*

In closing, I would like to thank the board of selectmen for their assistance and leadership. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Don Breton, who has decided not to seek reelection. Don has served the town as selectmen for the past nine years and has worked diligently for the town over the years. The employees at the town office, Cathy, Jean, Jim and Paul are all an asset to the town with their experience, dedication and knowledge. I am also fortunate to have experienced managers at Public Works, Gene Field and Dave Proulx at the Transfer Station, who have done an excellent job for the town. I would like to thank all of you for making my job that much easier.

Lastly, I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the residents that I have met over the years, and to say it has been my pleasure to have served you. I hope you all take the opportunity to meet and greet the new town manager, Mary Sabins, who will begin her duties on June 16th.

**Michael A. Vashon**  
*Town Manager*

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**DIRECTORY OF ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS**


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<b>TELEPHONE</b>	<b>TERM EXP.</b>	<b>SELECTMAN/OVERSEER</b>	<b>ADDRESS</b>
873-7399	2008	Donald Breton	P.O. Box 12, N. Vassalboro
622-2629	2009	Elizabeth Mitchell	277 Cushnoc Road, Vassalboro
626-0966	2010	Robert Browne	9 Szady Drive, Vassalboro
<b>SCHOOL COMMITTEE</b>			
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
622-4465	2010	Amy Nutting	24 Elliot Road, Vassalboro
872-8596	2010	Kevin Levasseur	209 Bog Road, Vassalboro
<b>PLANNING BOARD</b>			
873-5226	2008	Virginia Brackett	20 Alpine Street, Vassalboro
622-2793	2008	George Gould	232 Cushnoc Road, Vassalboro
622-4465	2008	Jay Nutting	24 Elliot Road, Vassalboro
923-3800	2009	Douglas Phillips	738 Bog Road, Vassalboro
923-3400	2009	Sally Butler	49 Taber Hill Road, Vassalboro
873-3911	Alternate	Gary Coull	36 Maple Street, Vassalboro
<b>BUDGET COMMITTEE</b>			
923-3355	2008	Joe Suga	861 Cross Hill Road, Vassalboro
923-3625	2008	Matt Masse	39 Masse Lane, Vassalboro
622-7730	2008	Richard Phippen	492 Webber Pond Road, Vassalboro
622-0681	2008	Richard Jose	647 Webber Pond Road, Vassalboro
923-3800	2008	Douglas Phillips	738 Bog Road, Vassalboro
923-3511	2009	Elizabeth Reuthe	924 Cross Hill Road, Vassalboro
873-6173	2009	John Burke	196 Oak Grove Road, Vassalboro
622-3096	2009	William Browne	793 Webber Pond Road, Vassalboro
872-5265	2009	William Whitley	67 Gray Road, Vassalboro
873-2108	2009	Lauchlin Titus	1063 Main Street, Vassalboro
<b>BOARD OF APPEALS</b>			
923-3231	2008	Peggy Cain	358 Hussey Hill Road, Vassalboro
623-4808	2008	Russell Brown	1096 Riverside Drive, Vassalboro
923-3185	2009	Kathy Lees	604 Bog Road, Vassalboro
923-3759	2009	Leon Duff	595 Hussey Hill Road, Vassalboro
923-3803	2009	John Reuthe	924 Cross Hill Road, Vassalboro

**DIRECTORY OF ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS**

TELEPHONE	TERM EXP.	SANITARY DISTRICT	ADDRESS
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
873-6125	2009	Catherine St.Pierre	P.O. Box 85, N. Vassalboro
873-2880	2009	Steve Houston	837 Main Street, Vassalboro

**RECREATION COMMITTEE**

923-3277	2008	William Pulver, Director	1171 Cross Hill Road, Vassalboro
923-3277	2008	Theresa Pulver	1171 Cross Hill Road, Vassalboro
	2008	Danny Waceken	51 Riva Ridge Road, Vassalboro
	2009	Scott Reynolds	252 Cemetery Street, Vassalboro
	2009	Mark Bailey	539 Hussey Hill Road, Vassalboro
	2009	Dennis Scates	1581 N. Belfast Avenue, Vassaboro

**TOWN CLERK**

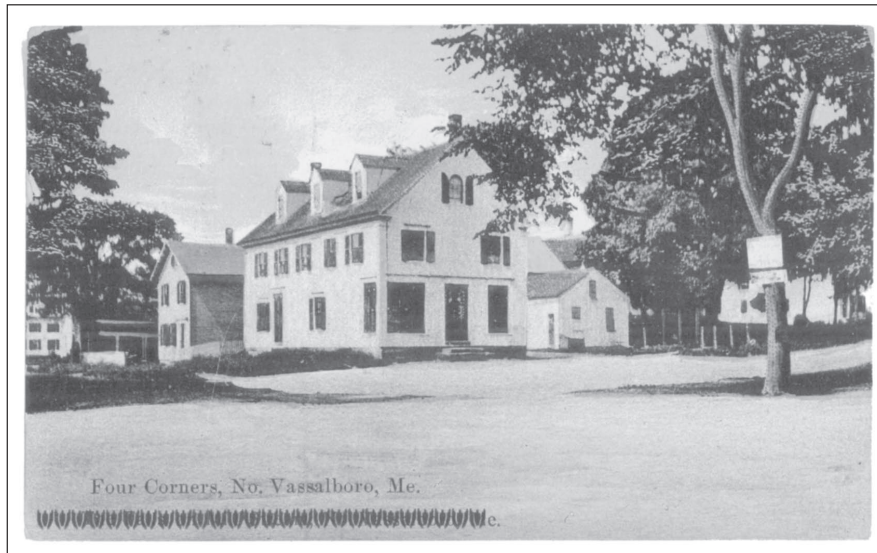
872-2826	2007	Catherine St. Pierre	P.O. Box 82, N. Vassalboro
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**STATE SENATOR DISTRICT 15**

287-1515		Elizabeth Mitchell	277 Cushnoc Road, Vassalboro
1-800-423-6900		SHS # 3, Augusta, Maine	

**STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 94**

622-3096		William Browne	793 Webber Pond Road, Vassalboro
1-800-423-2900		SHS # 2, Augusta, Maine	



*Four Corners, North Vassalboro*

# LEGISLATIVE CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Friends & Neighbors,

I hope 2008 finds you and your family in good health and spirit. As always, I am most grateful for your continued support and appreciate the opportunity to represent and serve as your State Senator in the Maine Legislature.



Numerous challenges are facing our state as we look ahead to this legislative session. I promise to work hard on your behalf to address the many issues that will come before the Legislature. I remain positive on the outlook for our state and the way I see it, every challenge before us creates an opportunity to something great for the people of Maine.

To help ease the local tax burden, our state government is now contributing 55% of the cost of public education. In total, over one billion dollars for K-12 public education is funded throughout Maine. Locally, the Vassalboro School Department received almost five million dollars in state subsidy for the budget year 2007-2008 (\$4,705,898). This was an increase of nearly \$120,000 from 2006-2007 (\$4,585,928).

In addition, the Maine Property Tax and Rent Refund Program, commonly referred to as the "Circuit Breaker" program, has distributed millions of dollars in tax relief to qualified residents of Maine. In 2007, about 100 Vassalboro residents applied for the program and received \$33,829 in tax relief. The program continues to run in 2008 and may be worth your while to apply. I would be happy to send you an application if you are interested.

To stay informed about local happenings and other legislative news, please sign up for updates at [www.mainesenate.org/mitchell](http://www.mainesenate.org/mitchell).

It is important that we continue to work together and do what is best for our district and state. Please feel free to contact me if I may be of any assistance to you or your family. I can be reached at home, 622-2629, or at the State House Senate Majority Office, 287-1515. You can also reach me by mail at 277 Cushnoc Road, Vassalboro, Maine 04989, or email at [SenLibby.Mitchell@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:SenLibby.Mitchell@legislature.maine.gov).

Sincerely yours,  
Senator Libby Mitchell

*Proudly serving the communities of Augusta, China, Oakland, Sidney, and Vassalboro*

# LEGISLATIVE CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

It is a pleasure to be able to thank you, the citizens of Vassalboro, for the honor of serving as your State Representative. It is a true privilege that I take very seriously as I assist constituents through the maze of state government and cast ballots on issues affecting our community as well as the entire state. Every day I continue to learn more about Maine law and I am grateful for the opportunity to be a part of this process.



The Second Regular Session of the 123<sup>rd</sup> Maine Legislature began the first week of January and I look forward to the many challenges that lie ahead. Over the next several weeks legislators will resume negotiations on bills carried over from the previous session as well as take up new emergency requests submitted by legislators, state departments and the Governor. Topics of interest will include affordable health care, immigration and tax reform. At this time Maine is facing over a \$95 million shortfall and I believe that it is necessary to cut expenditures to balance our state's budget rather than raise taxes and fees. Much focus will be on the new school administrative consolidation law and the governor's proposal to create one statewide unified jail system that would be run by the state's Department of Corrections. As co-chair of the legislative Rural Caucus, these matters have consumed many hours of debate and will continue to do so as my colleagues and I work in earnest to find a palatable solution for every corner of this state.

I would encourage you to visit the Legislature's website at <http://janus.state.me.us/legis/> in order to monitor pieces of legislation that are of interest to you. From here you are able to 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.

Again, thank you. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions, thoughts or concerns related to state government. Your input is welcomed and truly appreciated.

Sincerely,  
William P. Browne  
State Representative

# VASSALBORO TOWN CLERK

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

Certified Copies of Death, Birth, and Marriage Certificates can be obtained at a cost of \$10.00. (additional copies are \$5.00 each).

There were approximately 710 Hunting and/or Fishing license issued in 2007. 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 of Vassalboro in order to obtain a license.

All dog licenses expire December 31<sup>st</sup>. You must have a rabies certificate and/or a neutering certificate in order to license your dog. A spayed/neutered dog is \$6.00 and the fee for an unaltered dog is \$11.00. There is a \$15.00 late fee after January 31 and a \$25.00 warrant fee once the warrant is signed.

For the past 2 years we have held a Rabies Clinic at the North Vassalboro Fire Station the weekend before Thanksgiving. You can license your dog at this time also. Part of the proceeds goes to the Vassalboro Food Pantry. You can reach the Animal Control Officer, Howard Morang at 458-4853.

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 must obtain all receipts to keep their eligibility. You can call 872-2826 to set up an appointment.

**Catherine St. Pierre**

*Town Clerk*

The Vital Statistic information listed below pertains to  
April 1, 2007 through March 13, 2008.

NAME	DATE OF DEATH	AGE	LOCATION
Alex C. Beckwith	May 11, 2007	61	Augusta
Julie L. Booker	February 22, 2008	44	Vassalboro
Carroll Bragdon	January 28, 2008	80	Bangor
James H. Brundrett	April 29, 2007	82	Bangor
Everett W. Buzzell	July 19, 2007	84	Augusta
Hubert Waldon Carter	April 11, 2007	89	Augusta
Also Anthony Colascco	June 24, 2007	84	East Vassalboro
Ronald Frederick Currie	December 6, 2007	57	Vassalboro
Lana Jo Cutting	August 25, 2007	59	Waterville
Marion A. Diciancia	May 11, 2007	79	Vassalboro
Robert G. Drake	April 13, 2007	92	Waterville
Ruth E. Dwelley	January 21, 2008	93	Waterville
James Alden Furst	May 5, 2007	0	Augusta
James Herman Goodale	June 20, 2007	81	N Vassalboro
Yvette Marie Goodrich	July 25, 2007	75	Waterville
Kiana Grant	October 11, 2007	0	Bangor
Barbara G. Lord	July 6, 2007	76	Waterville



<b>NAME</b>	<b>DATE OF DEATH</b>	<b>AGE</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
Lewis H. Noll	May 21, 2007	80	Vassalboro
Tracy M. Pass	May 8, 2007	50	Waterville
Rachel Ann Roy	October 6, 2007	33	Waterville
Charles R. Shorey	May 28, 2007	82	Waterville
Freeman Smith	August 4, 2007	85	Vassalboro
Margaret B. Smith	August 3, 2007	88	Vassalboro
Eleanor C. Snowden	March 1, 2008	86	Waterville
Sandra L. Vlodek	December 5, 2007	55	Augusta
Jerome A. York	August 19, 2007	34	Belgrade

*The Clerks office recorded 48 births to Vassalboro residents from April 1, 2007 – March 13, 2008.*

**The following are Marriage Licenses issued from  
April 1, 2007 through March 13, 2008.**

<b>GROOM</b>	<b>BRIDE (current last name)</b>	<b>DATE MARRIED</b>
Michael W. Smith	Heather Lee Reny	April 21, 2007
Charles M. Tibbetts	April M. Stearns	April 21, 2007
David M. Patrick	Lisa M. McDaniel	April 23, 2007
Able O. Livingstone	Jennifer S. Perkins	April 27, 2007
Maurice E. Pare	Sarah A. Drew	May 12, 2007
Jacob M. Deblois	Carlee R. Hotham	May 19, 2007
Arthur J. Dutil	Bernadine A. Dutil	June 29, 2007
Alan J. Ring	Tammy L. Greaton	June 30, 2007
Darrell L. Crommett	Tammy M. Palow	July 7, 2007
Isreal J. Rancourt	Dori L. Glidden	July 7, 2007
Jason L. York	Amy F. Elwell	July 17, 2007
Dale E. Richmond	Carol K. Hatch	July 17, 2007
Randy J. Cummings	Julianne M. Siegfriedt	July 21, 2007
William J. Burdette	Lucy E. Peters	July 21, 2007
Jeffrey S. Ronco	Andrea I. Shea	July 28, 2007
Owen W. Wentworth	Constance M. Pelletier	September 1, 2007
Ryan d. Burton	Amanda L. Brown	September 15, 2007
Todd M. Hews	Wendi Jo Yoos	September 21, 2007
Vincent D. Douin	Catherine T. Keene	September 28, 2007
Gregory A. Davis	Teaen N. Thayer	September 29, 2007
Tyler A. Brown	Victoria S. Brown	October 6, 2007
David A. Bouwkamp	Ashley J. Monk	November 6, 2007
Peter D. French	Teena R. Grant	November 10, 2007
Daniel A. Nessmith	Monica R. Trask	November 17, 2007
John A. Benge	Melody P. Beaulieu	November 23, 2007
Neil E. McLean	Rebekah D. Harding	December 29, 2007
Marc D. Roderick	Raquel Dizon	February 2, 2008
John D. Green	Bonnie J. Cartagena	March 10, 2008

# REAL ESTATE TAXES

*Unpaid as of March 31, 2008*

Acct	Name	Year	Original Tax	Payment/ Adjustments	Balance Due
71	BAILEY, RICHARD & PAULA	2006	767.14	-29.32	737.82
117	BECKWITH, ALEX & VICKY	2006	459.67	24.69	484.36
2287	BOURGET, BRUCE K & MARY N	2006	665.86	36.19	702.05
2520	BROCK, CARL	2006	228.46	11.10	239.56
273	BROCK, CARL & AMY	2006	255.75	12.09	267.84
271	BROCK, CARLETON E & AMY L	2006	201.44	9.52	210.96
2679	BROCK, CARLETON E & AMY L	2006	1,062.49	59.48	1121.97
2618	BROCK, CARLTON	2006	191.32	8.92	200.24
3092	BROWN, JAMES A.	2006	142.37	6.05	148.42
2903	BUXTON, FAUSTINA	2006	122.12	-61.00	61.12
2528	CAIN, DAVID & LELA	2006	1,194.13	67.22	1261.35
475	DAVIS, LESTER B & ELEANOR D	2006	4,083.52	236.94	4320.46
317	FARRINGTON, MATTHEW F.	2006	832.95	-523.96	308.99
733	FARRINGTON, NANCY A	2006	875.60	52.25	927.85
737	FAY, PAUL F., JR.	2006	1,939.95	111.36	2051.31
765	FIELD, JOHN P & MARIETTA F	2006	387.09	20.42	407.51
2777	GIDNEY, JOSEPH F & ADAM J	2006	647.23	35.72	682.95
978	HAMMEREN, JAMES	2006	991.58	55.32	1046.90
2354	HUGHES, STEPHEN A & LISA A	2006	1,058.54	60.75	1119.29
1153	JOSEPH, FRANCIS E, TRUSTEE	2006	965.98	54.43	1020.41
827	KNIGHTS, ALBERT JR.	2006	1,278.37	72.47	1350.84
2780	KNOWLES, DOUGLAS & MICHELLE	2006	402.58	20.72	423.30
1916	LILLEY, DAWN-MARIE	2006	383.69	20.21	403.90
2415	LORD, JEFFREY J & TERRY A	2006	1,317.34	-229.00	1088.34
2885	MCCAUSLAND, CRAIG	2006	981.47	-14.16	967.31
2318	MCKEE, DAREN L & MELISA L	2006	679.07	37.57	716.64
1523	MORNEAU, PAUL J	2006	176.13	8.03	184.16
1524	MORNEAU, PAUL J	2006	1,711.98	98.25	1810.23
1526	MORNEAU, PAUL J	2006	154.18	6.74	160.92
1527	MORNEAU, PAUL J	2006	523.81	28.45	552.26
1528	MORNEAU, PAUL J	2006	1,531.38	87.64	1619.02
2786	MORNEAU, PAUL J.	2006	137.31	5.75	143.06
2787	MORNEAU, PAUL J.	2006	150.82	6.54	157.36
2791	MORNEAU, PAUL J.	2006	152.51	6.64	159.15
2792	MORNEAU, PAUL J.	2006	51.24	0.69	51.93
2793	MORNEAU, PAUL J.	2006	152.51	6.64	159.15
2794	MORNEAU, PAUL J.	2006	145.76	6.25	152.01
2795	MORNEAU, PAUL J.	2006	157.55	6.94	164.49
2801	MORNEAU, PAUL J.	2006	64.75	1.49	66.24
2806	MORNEAU, PAUL J.	2006	144.05	6.15	150.20
2811	MORNEAU, PAUL J.	2006	144.05	6.15	150.20
2813	MORNEAU, PAUL J.	2006	154.18	6.74	160.92
2821	MORNEAU, PAUL J.	2006	159.26	7.04	166.30
2822	MORNEAU, PAUL J.	2006	71.50	1.88	73.38
2523	PEASLEE, DANIEL	2006	1,405.09	79.61	1484.70
1708	PICHER, ROBERT A & GAIL I	2006	164.06	6.92	170.98
2927	PORTER, DAVID & DEBORAH	2006	1,209.33	-469.65	739.68
1750	POULIN, JAMES & BRENDA	2006	360.38	18.24	378.62
651	PULLEN, KEVIN & LISA	2006	51.37	0.40	51.77
652	PULLEN, KEVIN B & LISA	2006	183.02	8.13	191.15
2463	PYSKA, JEFFREY MATTHEW	2006	302.71	15.47	318.18
1397	RELIANCE ENTERPRISES, INC	2006	2,277.65	-762.17	1515.48

# REAL ESTATE TAXES

*Unpaid as of March 31, 2008*

Acct	Name	Year	Original Tax	Payment/ Adjustments	Balance Due
1865	RICHARDS, PATRICIA A	2006	316.21	16.26	332.47
1866	RICHARDS, REBECCA	2006	655.44	36.19	691.63
1901	ROBINSON, LESTER JR	2006	182.88	8.43	191.31
1955	ROY, PAUL	2006	328.04	16.95	344.99
2646	SHAW, KENNETH D.	2006	345.04	17.65	362.69
1997	SHIPLEY, EUGENE E SR & JR	2006	1,251.21	-143.62	1107.59
2980	SMITH, BERTELLE & KIMBERLY	2006	267.28	13.38	280.66
2064	SPAUDLING, EDWARD E.	2006	998.35	55.72	1054.07
1811	SUGA, LINDA	2006	1,188.92	67.22	1256.14
2128	SUGA, LINDA	2006	989.76	55.52	1045.28
2119	SUGA, LINDA C.	2006	299.33	15.27	314.60
3045	SUGA, LINDA C.	2006	1,352.47	77.13	1429.60
1571	SUGA, RICHARD J	2006	176.13	8.03	184.16
1669	SUGA, RICHARD J	2006	151.11	5.95	157.06
1670	SUGA, RICHARD J	2006	151.11	5.95	157.06
384	SUGA, RICHARD J.	2006	1,712.26	97.65	1809.91
2127	SUGA, RICHARD J. & RHONA R.	2006	2,181.29	125.51	2306.80
2457	SUGA, RICHARD JOSEPH	2006	547.43	29.84	577.27
1848	SULLIVAN, BRANDEN	2006	148.30	6.58	154.88
2088	TREE FREE FIBER CO.	1997	175.74	143.98	319.72
2088	TREE FREE FIBER CO.	1998	323.32	239.75	563.07
2088	TREE FREE FIBER CO.	1999	333.10	242.58	575.68
2088	TREE FREE FIBER CO.	2000	380.14	240.54	620.68
2088	TREE FREE FIBER CO.	2001	396.09	213.38	609.47
2088	TREE FREE FIBER CO.	2002	405.29	113.56	518.85
2088	TREE FREE FIBER CO.	2003	442.38	108.66	551.04
2088	TREE FREE FIBER CO.	2004	401.51	80.68	482.19
2088	TREE FREE FIBER CO.	2005	363.35	36.18	399.53
2088	TREE FREE FIBER CO.	2006	382.04	20.13	402.17
2705	WILLET T JR., RONALD E.	2006	82.29	2.28	84.57
251	WILLIAMS, LINDA JEAN	2006	423.22	22.16	445.38
2487	WOOD, SHANE	2006	160.93	7.14	168.07
2488	WOOD, SHANE	2006	120.73	4.16	124.89
2399	YEATON, BENNIE ""HEIRS	2006	373.58	19.63	393.21
2447	YEATON, SANDRA J & JEFFREY A	2006	333.38	16.66	350.04
2419	ZINCK, WILLIAM	2006	1,237.34	67.61	1304.95

# PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

*Unpaid as of March 31, 2008*

32	DAVIS, LESTER & ELEANOR	2004	354.38	74.75	429.13
32	DAVIS, LESTER & ELEANOR	2005	331.88	57.46	389.34
32	DAVIS, LESTER & ELEANOR	2006	354.38	47.67	402.05
187	KLARITY KASSETTE, INC.	1999	1,530.82	237.69	1,768.51
187	KLARITY KASSETTE, INC.	2000	1,055.61	175.88	1,231.49
266	KNOWLES, DOUGLAS	2006	15.75	2.11	17.86
94	MCCASLIN, CARL	2006	23.63	3.18	26.81
99	MORNEAU, PAUL J	2005	274.35	47.50	321.85
99	MORNEAU, PAUL J	2006	292.95	39.40	332.35
313	THOMPSON, JEREMY	2006	24.00	2.56	26.56
153	UNDERWOOD, JAY R	2006	22.05	2.96	25.01

# 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.

I would like to take this time to thank Mike Vashon, town manager, where he'll be retiring in June for having trust and confidence in me to run the public works department.



*From left: Ken Farrell, Torrey Kingsbury, Eugene Field, Russell Ibbitson*

In the summer of 2007 the Lombard Dam Road and 3.5 miles of Cross Hill Road were repaved. The roads were first shimmed then a one inch of pavement was overlaid. The paving was done by Pike Industries at a cost of \$234,500.00.

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 at intersections and overall visibility with Priest Hill, Reynolds Road, Gray Road and Tabor Hill receiving the majority of the work.

The public works department finished up the task it started last fall of capping the remainder of the landfill. This saved the town a considerable amount of money compared to hiring a private contractor.

The public works department also took on another endeavor in the fall of 2007 working with the Department of Transportation, reconstructing approximately 1,500 feet of the Webber Pond Road at Gully Brook. The project improved the road substantially, although it took a longer than anticipated. The MDOT will apply another surface coat in 2008. The MDOT also placed a surface coat on the State Aid Roads in Vassalboro.

The public works crew also continued its annual work program with the Kennebec County prisoners raking and cleaning various cemeteries. Also, we used the prisoners in chipping brush. 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 planned for the 2008-2009 budget year is preparing the Hannaford Hill Road, Bog Road, and completing the Cross Hill Road for repaving.

At this time I would like to thank my crew for their dedicated work. The crew consists of Torrey Kingsbury, Russell Ibbitson and Ken Farrell. 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 & RECYCLING REPORT

In 2007 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.

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

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

In addition, we must now recycle televisions, computer monitors, CPU's and all switches and devices with mercury. We have a swap shed for unwanted but still useable household items. Last year we estimate that approximately 1,000 lbs per month of unwanted goods was recycled thru the swap shed. We have preprinted list of all items that we recycle and those that we charge a fee for. Please ask George or myself for a copy.

The demolition debris pile now has a state requirement, no pressure treated wood. Pressure treated must now be included in the bulky goods container and residents will be charged based on quantity. We will continue to chip all brush at no cost to residents and we encourage residents to bring their brush to decrease the amount of pollution from burning and the threat of spreading wild fires.

The town has been confronted with people from other communities depositing their trash at the transfer station. Our ordinance is very specific, only trash generated within Vassalboro shall be allowed at the transfer station, therefore violators will be prosecuted.



*Dave Proulx and George Hamar*

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

The following issues, some of which I have reported before, are important for Vassalboro residents health and safety:

First of all, display your street or road number in a conspicuous place on your home or mailbox. There are numerous situations where rescue, ambulance, fire and police are called to our homes. Your safety may be compromised by any unnecessary delay.

Vassalboro residents are serviced by Delta ambulance from both Augusta and Waterville, depending where services are needed and availability.



The Maine State Police, the Kennebec County Sheriffs Department as well as the Vassalboro Police (a part time agency) provides police services. All calls of an emergency nature go through the Maine Department of Public Safety in Augusta.

Speeding, littering and / or unsecured loads, are probably the three most common complaints on our roadways. The Vassalboro Police Department issued approximately 200 speeding tickets this year. Many of those tickets were issued on the Webber Pond, Bog, Church Hill, and the Stone/Hannaford Hill roads.

The most common cause of accidents is speeding. Many drivers forget to allow extra time during inclement weather. Even though a vehicle may be traveling the posted speed limit it often is too fast, especially in the winter. A driver can be charged with imprudent speeding. Quoting from Maine law: "An operator shall operate a vehicle at a careful and prudent speed" taking road conditions into considerations.

It is very helpful when neighbors call the police to report anything suspicious. We would rather occasionally respond to a false alarm than a call in the evening from someone whose house has been burglarized and a neighbor saw something suspicious and didn't call. I want to emphasize that anything you feel is suspicious is worth police consideration.

The 1998 ice storm has left many dead trees on our properties that are now falling on our roadways, threatening motorists. Please make arrangements to have the trees removed in a safe manner.

If you have any safety or police concerns do not hesitate to call me either through the town office or at home.

**Richard Phippen**

*Vassalboro Police*

# CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

As I complete my first year in Code Enforcement, I am learning the many issues associated with this position. I am meeting many new people in Vassalboro, most of who are quite friendly and cooperative. I am finding that most people want to do what's right and want to comply with local ordinances and state laws.

The building of new homes within Vassalboro was lower last year than in previous years. A total of 41 building permits were issued for all types of residential dwellings, down from the 57 issued last year. An additional 124 permits were issued for additions, and accessory structures, such as barns garages, decks, pools, and sheds. The total valuation of all permitted structures was \$5.3 million. Residents are reminded that they should apply for permits prior to construction. Building permits are needed for all new construction, additions, and reconstruction or replacement of structures, and may be needed for remodeling alterations if they are extensive. Please contact the town office if you are in doubt.

I will add that the State is considering requiring towns of Vassalboro's size to adopt a statewide building code. Nothing has been decided yet, but I will let you know as I find out more.

A total of 129 plumbing permits were issued, including 44 for subsurface septic systems, and 85 for internal plumbing. You should have a plumbing permit before beginning any work. Inspections are required for both internal plumbing and subsurface septic systems. I will typically tell you when inspections are needed when you get your permits.

I have been spending quite a bit of time on automobile graveyards lately. Four graveyards that had formerly been licensed are being closed down, due to stricter requirements in State Law. In addition, over 30 properties were cited in Vassalboro last year for being unlicensed automobile graveyards. Vassalboro's Junkyard Ordinance does not allow more than one unregistered and uninspected vehicle on your property. If these vehicles are left on your property too long, they become an eyesore to your neighbors and leaking fluids could contaminate your groundwater or nearby surface water. Nearly 75% of the cited properties removed vehicles voluntarily when asked to do so. If you have two or more unregistered and uninspected vehicles, please consider removing enough vehicles so that only one remains.

Fourteen Shoreland Zoning permits were issued last year, seven of which were decided by the Planning Board and the other seven were issued by the CEO. The Shoreland Zoning Ordinance applies within 250 feet of lakes, rivers, streams, and wetlands. You should obtain permits from the Town, if you plan on doing any building within your residence or accessory structures including routine maintenance or for such activities as earth moving, placement of docks, seasonal conversions, and road construction.

**Paul Mitnik**

*Code Enforcement Officer*

# PLANNING BOARD

This year brought continued activity dealing with new and old subdivisions. Three new subdivisions were approved: On Route 201, four lots in Riverside Heights, on the south end of the Church Hill Rd, five lots with duplexes on the lots, and on the Stone Road, 12 lots were approved. We also re examined three approved subdivisions for amendments. One needed an amendment for a change in road construction, another wanted to add a lot, and the last wanted to add four lots. The first two were approved, the last was not due to issues with road construction.



*Grange Hall, East Vassalboro*

Road Construction was discussed at several meetings, as the board was trying to develop a method to ensure that roads within subdivisions were built to town specification. We eventually developed check list with a recommendation for inspections by the road commissioner or his/her representative. At issue was the need to assure the town that the subsurface

of roads being built in a subdivision meet town standards, as many of these subdivisions request that their roads be accepted by the town. Six or seven of the subdivisions approved within the past two years may request such approval within the next two or three years. We needed to develop a mechanism to make sure that roads were build according to the subdivision's original plans.

Five new businesses also sought approval: A paint ball business on Route 201, two used car dealerships on Route 201, a concrete design business on Route 201, a reuse of an existing building on the Church Hill Road, and the addition of a building to an existing business, also on Route 201. One of the used car businesses was conditional for one year, pending improvements on the site for junkyard issues.

Seven Shoreland properties were either expanded or moved within the past year. We continue to see improvements of properties along the shore land.

Over the next year, we will work to revise and update the existing shoreland ordinance to bring it into compliance with the new state ordinance. This includes remapping the existing shoreland, changes in some of the currents zones, and adding wetlands to the exiting maps. These meetings to review the ordinance will be on the third Tuesday of the month, not at our regular meeting time. Any interested citizen is welcome to attend. We anticipate having the ordinance ready for town vote by June 2009, at the latest.

## **Ginny Brackett**

*Chair, Vassalboro Planning Board*



# VASSALBORO PUBLIC LIBRARY

I am pleased to once again present the Vassalboro Public Library report. It has been another busy and rewarding year at the library. We increased our collection by nearly 900 new books and over 100 audio books, videos, and DVDs and welcomed over 120 new patrons (84 adults, 40 children). We 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 our new and favorite items came from plentiful and much appreciated patron donations. Items that did not enter our collection provided valuable revenue through our 48th annual (and successful!) Book and Bake Sale. Another successful fundraiser was the 16th annual Golf Tournament, for which we, once again, owe tremendous thanks to both Natanis Golf Course and Ernie Gauer.

We offered a number of activities for both children and adults. Our Summer Reading Program for children included presentations by puppeteer Nancy Tyndall and butterfly expert Jerry Schneider. We welcomed local author Dr. Bradford Brown for a book signing – and still have a few signed copies of his veterinary memoirs, *While You're Here, Doc* and *Just One More Thing, Doc* available for purchase – and also hosted a night of the Maine Humanities Council sponsored reading group, *Let's Talk About It*. Patronage and circulation remained steady, with nearly 7,600 patron visits and materials circulation over 15,000. Our 3 computers (PCs) with high-speed internet access and individual printers remained popular and were used by over 900 patrons. We continue to offer wireless high-speed access for those with personal laptops.

My exceptional assistant, Russell Smith, and our top-notch cadre of volunteers remained the driving forces behind all our accomplishments. Logging over 1400 hours, these dedicated and invaluable individuals

completed the day-to-day tasks, the behind the scenes necessities, and the whirlwind charges of our larger events. Whether shelving books or reading stories, hauling firewood or baking pies, their efforts 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, Betts Kiralis, Jim Ashton, Joyce Colasacco, Debra Crump, Myrna Duplessie, Lore and Chuck Ferguson, Irene Forster, Dianne Hogendorn, Helen LaFleur, the Limberger family, Julie Lyon, Rochelle Meunier, Kate Reynolds, 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, Amy Schwab, Lisa Schwab, David Shipman, Adele Suga, Ann White, and Claudia Wilcox. Their support has been and continues to be incomparable and I consider it a privilege to work in such a charismatic circle. It was with great sadness, however, that the year also brought the passing of our treasured volunteer and inveterate patron, Aldo Colasacco. His presence and company will long be missed.

We look forward to another active year, including our Golf Tournament in August (watch for dates) and Book & Bake Sale (Sat. Sept. 6, 9AM-3PM at the East Vassalboro Grange Hall). Our Web site ([www.vplibrary.org](http://www.vplibrary.org)) offers 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

The year 2007 was the eighteenth year that area youth have worked on erosion control projects in the Central Maine area under the direction of the China Region Lakes Alliance (CRLA). Many citizens in Vassalboro on both Three Mile Pond and Webber Pond took advantage of the services offered by the CRLA to landowners in the past year. The CRLA offers free consultations regarding erosion control issues, shorefront stabilization, and buffer strip improvement in the Town of Vassalboro. Over the past two year grant cycle the CRLA worked with the Kennebec County Soil and Water Conservation District on water quality issues on Webber and Three Mile Ponds with 17 erosion control projects being done under the water quality grant. In addition to this, multiple erosion control consults were done that have not resulted in site work this past year but may turn into erosion control projects in the coming year.

Why is erosion control work important in watersheds of our area lakes? Soil runoff carries phosphorus which fuels the annual algae blooms. Reducing runoff can diminish the algae blooms, improve water quality and result in improved property values. Water quality is not the only topic of interest to the CRLA. Keeping Webber Pond and Three Mile Pond free of invasive plants such as milfoil is equally important. Throughout this past summer boat inspectors were stationed at the public boat landing on Three Mile Pond inspecting boats before launch for invasive plants. Next year plans are in the works to expand these boat inspections to Webber Pond. Nearly 300 boats were inspected before they were launched into Three Mile Pond this past summer. If milfoil were to get into either Webber or

Three Mile Ponds the result could be disastrous. Much of the lakes could be rendered useless to recreational use by thick mats of weeds.

This next year the CRLA will again be offering money to property and road owners for erosion control work. Also the CRLA wants to meet with shorefront property owners wishing to improve the quality of shorefront buffer strips. There will be a grant program available that will help pay for lakeside tree and shrub plantings as well as free consultations regarding what type of plants are best suited for each property. The CRLA is also looking into new state grant money to be used in the Town of Vassalboro to fund additional projects in the coming year.

If you are a property owner in the Three Mile or Webber Pond watersheds and have water quality or erosion control issues please contact the CRLA.

**CRLA email:**

lakesalliance@yahoo.com

**Conservation Corp Director:**

Peter Wilkens: pwilkens@gmail.com

**Webber Pond Contact:**

Bob Nadeau: nadeau1@adelphia.net

**Three Mile Pond Contact:**

Keith George: kgeorge@fairpoint.net

**China Lake Contact:**

David Landry: david.landry@yahoo.com

Respectfully,

CRLA Board of Directors

# THREE MILE POND ASSOCIATION

The past year has been one of investigation and work on the Pond. The Board of Directors has been meeting monthly (with a small break during the winter) 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 continues to gather and explore information and research on ways to improve the quality of our water. We continue to work 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. We also have been trying to make owners aware of shoreland zoning rules – and with the assistance of Paul Mitnik – code enforcement officer – have tried to be aware and report violations on the Pond.

Our annual meeting this past summer was well attended, and the Association has had many people who are motivated and have new ideas. 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. [www.threemilepond.org](http://www.threemilepond.org) 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 we are thankful that the Town is willing to work with us in the management and care of the Pond. 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. Also, this past year we have had Boat Launch monitors in place – paid for by our Association – to help insure that no evasive



*Butterfield Store and Post Office, East Vassalboro*

plants come into our Pond from boaters. We have also used this as an opportunity to employ students from Vassalboro for both the Boat Launch and other Pond projects. Much of this education and funding for these conservation projects would not be available without the Pond Associations and the CRLA. We have provided in the past – and continue to do so, on an ongoing basis – the opportunity for landowners to gain information and funding to help improve and maintain their shorefront properties. This is beneficial for all in our Town who enjoy the recreation and beauty that the Pond provides.

If anyone is interested in becoming involved with the Association please feel free to email Keith George, President of the Association at [tmpa@threemilepond.org](mailto:tmpa@threemilepond.org)

## **Kimberlee Ellis Sweetser**

*Treasurer, Three Mile Pond Association*

# VASSALBORO FIRE DEPARTMENT

We have been fortunate to receive another 50/50 grant from the Department of Forestry to replace some communication pagers that are no longer serviceable. In addition the fire department purchase some class A foam to fight forest and structure fires.

Our Fire Prevention Week continues 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 ice 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 residence 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.

23	Accidents
2	Vehicle Fires
16	Alarms
5	Mutual Aids
7	Assist EMS
5	Structure Fires
5	Brush/Trash/Woods Fires
5	Trees Down
1	Smoke Investigation
12	Other Calls
<b>123</b>	<b>Total Calls</b>

I would like to thank all the members of the Vassalboro Fire Department for the countless hours (590 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*

# SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

The Vassalboro Community School continues to provide quality educational programming to the students of the town of Vassalboro. The faculty and staff are commended for their dedication and commitment to children, and their efforts to continue a process of school improvement. Citizens of Vassalboro are recognized and thanked for their financial support, as well as, the many hours of volunteer work within the school.

Within the Vassalboro Community School during the past year, of significance and noteworthy are: The implementation of a new reading program, "Reading Street", for students in grades K -2. The hope is to expand the program into grades 3-5 next year. Through our "Response To Intervention" [RTI] initiatives we are intervening earlier on behalf of students who are having difficulties with learning. As a result, fewer students are in special education programs while receiving support for their learning by other means. Efforts continue to raise money for phase II of the school's new playground. Students are not only enjoying the new equipment, but improved grounds as a result of work by town's public work's crew! Students continue to perform well academically as is evident on NWEA and MEA assessments. Parental and community support for the school is clear. The climate within the school is positive with students and staff clearly demonstrating a sense of belonging to their school. Vassalboro students, staff, parents and citizens have much to be proud of within our school!

No doubt, you are aware of the State's efforts to regionalize the administrative functions of school districts within the state of Maine. At this writing representatives of Vassalboro are engaged in discussions as members of a Regional Planning Committee to analyze whether it makes sense for the towns within School Union 52, and MSAD 47 to merge into a Regional School Unit [RSU]. The goals are to save money by eliminating the duplication of administrative functions at the central office level and to enhance the educational opportunities for students. The plan developed by the Regional Planning Committee must be submitted to the Department of Education for approval. Voters within each school unit will have the final say in regards to acceptance of the plan. The time line for implementation is July 1, 2009. This process and plan are subject to change given variables on the state, regional, or local level.

School Committee members are thanked for their stewardship of the Vassalboro Community School, and the many hours of service to the town of Vassalboro. Serving on the Vassalboro School Committee are Chairperson, Lori Fowle, Miki Heikkila, Kevin Levasseur, Barry Bernier, and Amy Nutting.

## **Hugh Riordan**

*Superintendent of Schools*

# VASSALBORO RECREATION COMMITTEE

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 REPORT:** The benefits of having an additional Little League Field were definitely realized last season. The new field will be receiving finishing touches in the 2008 season, including the painting of the dugouts and installing the scoreboard.

With the increase costs of construction lately, the completion of the multi-use field this season will depend on the right combination of donations of time, equipment, materials and funding from volunteers, contractors and businesses. Any contributions would be greatly appreciated.

## 2006-2007 ACTIVITIES (ESTIMATES):

Soccer:	120 Participants
Basketball:	90 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:

<b>Baseball/Softball:</b>	Ben Foster	623-6224
<b>Soccer:</b>	Jim Balmer	623-6453
<b>Basketball:</b>	Christine Nadeau	923-3885

# VASSLABORO SANITARY DISTRICT

The Vassalboro Sanitary District is pleased to report to the Town some of the highlights of its year. Operations have proceeded fairly normally, although a few equipment failures have necessitated emergency repairs or purchases.

Recently, we learned that our septage disposal field has been declared non-compliant by the DEP, and we have needed to change to disposal of our septage at the Waterville Sanitary District, through contracted pumper/haulers. This new expense will challenge our budget into the future, as the field is not likely to be reopened.

As some of you know, our pipes under the outlet stream, from behind the Catholic Church to the treatment plant, are not buried in the stream bed, posing a risk of freezing if the dam failed and the stream level dropped. We were fortunate to receive some FEMA funds from flooding a couple of years ago, thanks to the Town Manager's assistance. This summer, we plan to replace the pipeline with a ductile iron pipe, properly buried in the stream bed. This work will necessitate lowering the stream level for a period of time, to its lowest point, some 4 to 5 feet below normal levels. We know some residents will be disappointed to lose the water level

during that time, but it is in the best interests of the town, and we ask your understanding.

In addition, we have observed a steady failure by some users of the system to pay their sewer bills. In some cases, accounts are overdue by a matter of years. Starting this spring, we will institute a more vigorous system of collection, beginning with identification of particularly delinquent accounts and placement of liens on those properties. These liens, recorded at the Registry of Deeds, will need to be cleared before any change of ownership can take place. For affected properties, the owner and any mortgage holders will be properly notified of the actions. We hope that this process will promote a better cash flow, which is essential to our continued operation.

The District operates with an all volunteer board, and one part-time book keeper/treasurer. The Board strives to maintain good service at the lowest possible cost, but we are always looking for assistance and we appreciate the town's support.

**Steve Houston**  
*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 . . . . .	31	Barking dogs . . . . .	2
Cats to Humane Shelter . . . .	106	Dog Bites . . . . .	5
Dogs to Humane Shelter . . . .	18	Animal cruelty . . . . .	2
Wild animals trapped . . . . .	38	Court cases handled . . . .	8
Animals hit by vehicles . . . . .	2	Kennels inspected . . . . .	3
Horses in the road . . . . .	4	Warrants for dogs . . . .	187
Cows in the road . . . . .	2	Animals to rabies lab . . . .	2
Goats in the road . . . . .	0	Misc. . . . .	7



**Howard E. Morang**, *Animal Control Officer*

## VASSALBORO FOOD STATION PANTRY

On behalf of the volunteers of the Vassalboro Food Station Pantry, I would like to take this opportunity to report about the pantries operations.

The year 2007 was a very busy and productive year, with the fund raising and start of construction of the new building. The pantry was fortunate enough to receive a grant from the Stephen King Foundation and with fund raising efforts, volunteer labor and donated materials we were able to frame up and close in the new building. Progress has slowed this season due to the record winter and lack of volunteers. This spring and summer holds hope of completing the project.

The pantry is assisting between thirty to thirty-eight walk-in families and ten weekly home deliveries. There are currently one hundred eight families registered with the program that come in when in

need. These numbers are up from last year, which is most likely due to the rising cost for heat, food, and transportation.

In closing, I would like to thank all of the town employees for their support and help when needed. I especially want to thank the wonderful volunteers that dedicate their time and energy to make this organization possible.

The board members are: Evelyn Dutil, Lisa Robbins, Albert Ferland, Marjorie Saporita, George Bourassa, John Robertson, Cheryl and David Sherwood. If anyone would like more information or volunteer, please contact me at 873-7375.

**Cynthia Ferland**

*Executive Director*

## VASSALBORO HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Vassalboro Historical Society is wrapping up another successful year. We have made large advances in cataloguing and making available to the public the collection with which we are entrusted.

We are continuing to expand collections and are very happy to have acquired one of the oldest business signs, if not the oldest business sign in the Kennebec Valley. A sign for the Sturgiss farm in Riverside became available to us and the residents of Vassalboro and the surrounding communities answered our plea and we were able to purchase it. The sign dates from the early part of the nineteenth century.

The Museum is on schedule to get a new roof which will make the collections more secure and relieve many concerns. We are also in the process of getting an energy study done of the building to make it more cost effective to run.

**Kent London**

*President*



# VASSALBORO SCHOOL

## Budget vs. Actual

FUNCTION	APPROPRIATION	2007 BUDGET	2007 ACTUAL
<b>LIBRARY</b> .....	\$ 66,295.00		
Salary		\$ 52,459.00	\$ 52,607.00
Benefits		\$ 6,511.00	\$ 6,348.65
Other		\$ 7,325.00	\$ 6,986.49
Total	\$ 66,295.00	\$ 66,295.00	\$ 65,942.14
 <b>PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE</b> .....	 \$ 202,175.00		
Salary		\$ 151,084.00	\$ 152,417.04
Benefits		\$ 32,256.00	\$ 37,195.94
Other		\$ 18,835.00	\$ 13,929.38
Total	\$ 202,175.00	\$ 202,175.00	\$ 203,542.36
 <b>BUILDING OPERATION</b> .....	 \$ 359,478.00		
Salary		\$ 112,766.00	\$ 114,842.05
Benefits		\$ 34,137.00	\$ 29,262.39
Other		\$ 212,575.00	\$ 223,555.69
Total	\$ 359,478.00	\$ 359,478.00	\$ 367,660.13
 <b>INSTRUCTION</b> .....	 \$ 1,853,454.00		
Salary		\$ 1,468,072.00	\$ 1,489,972.00
Benefits		\$ 259,295.00	\$ 253,244.75
Other		\$ 126,087.00	\$ 126,406.96
Total	\$ 1,853,454.00	\$ 1,853,454.00	\$ 1,869,623.71
 <b>TUITION</b> .....	 \$ 2,416,259.00		
Public Tuition		\$ 762,784.00	\$ 689,494.63
Private Tuition		\$ 1,267,583.00	\$ 1,296,741.55
Special Education		\$ 385,892.00	\$ 287,006.66
Total	\$ 2,416,259.00	\$ 2,416,259.00	\$ 2,273,242.84
 <b>SPECIAL EDUCATION</b> .....	 \$ 773,601.00		
Salary		\$ 595,473.00	\$ 557,972.06
Benefits		\$ 150,158.00	\$ 159,575.66
Other		\$ 27,970.00	\$ 60,907.19
Total	\$ 773,601.00	\$ 773,601.00	\$ 778,454.91
 <b>SUMMER SCHOOL</b> .....	 \$ 10,285.00		
Salary		\$ 10,000.00	\$ 12,840.92
Benefits		\$ 285.00	\$ 295.21
Total	\$ 10,285.00	\$ 10,285.00	\$ 13,136.13

# VASSALBORO SCHOOL

## Budget vs. Actual

FUNCTION	APPROPRIATION	2007 BUDGET	2007 ACTUAL
EXTRA CURRICULAR .....	\$ 45,494.00		
Salary		\$ 31,550.00	\$ 41,910.08
Benefits		\$ 1,470.00	\$ 1,450.02
Other		\$ 12,474.00	\$ 10,959.48
Total	\$ 45,494.00	\$ 45,494.00	\$ 54,319.58
FOOD SERVICE .....	\$ -		
Salaries			\$2,372.25
Benefits			\$794.42
Total			\$3,166.67
GUIDANCE .....	\$ 59,311.00		
Salary		\$ 51,759.00	\$51,527.00
Benefits		\$ 7,052.00	\$6,778.05
Other		\$ 500.00	\$184.95
Total	\$ 59,311.00	\$ 59,311.00	\$58,490.00
HEALTH & MEDICAL .....	\$ 49,311.00		
Salary		\$ 31,328.00	\$31,623.54
Benefits		\$ 13,654.00	\$13,793.92
Other		\$ 4,329.00	\$3,680.66
Total	\$ 49,311.00	\$ 49,311.00	\$49,098.12
SCHOOL COMMITTEE .....	\$ 11,839.00		
Stipends		\$ 2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Benefits		\$ 155.00	\$146.46
Other		\$ 9,684.00	\$12,756.52
Total	\$ 11,839.00	\$ 11,839.00	\$14,902.98
TECHNOLOGY .....	\$ 7,446.00		
Salary		\$ 7,446.00	\$7,446.40
Benefits			\$1,345.17
Other			\$1,104.58
Total	\$ 7,446.00	\$ 7,446.00	\$9,896.15
CURRICULUM .....	\$ 10,400.00		
Salary		\$ 10,400.00	\$6,983.60
Benefits			\$1,853.29
Other			\$240.11
Total	\$ 10,400.00	\$ 10,400.00	\$9,077.00

# VASSALBORO SCHOOL

## Budget vs. Actual

FUNCTION	APPROPRIATION	2007 BUDGET	2007 ACTUAL
STUDENT ASSESSMENT. ....	\$ -		
Salary			\$ 1,642.00
Benefits			\$ 1,140.35
Other			\$ 184.80
Total			\$ 2,967.15
 SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE .....	 \$ 146,977.00		
Salary		\$ 84,798.00	\$ 85,722.74
Benefits		\$ 35,175.00	\$ 54,127.53
Other		\$ 27,004.00	\$ 19,715.16
Total	\$ 146,977.00	\$ 146,977.00	\$ 159,565.43
 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT .....	 \$ 3,780.00		
Cap Improvement		\$ 3,780.00	\$ 1,280.95
Total	\$ 3,780.00	\$ 3,780.00	\$ 1,280.95
 GROUNDS & MAINTENANCE .....	 \$ 6,500.00		
Other		\$ 6,500.00	\$ 2,869.17
Total	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 2,869.17
 TRANSPORTATION. ....	 \$ 358,518.00		
Salary		\$ 151,520.00	\$ 128,481.88
Benefits		\$ 47,918.00	\$ 47,795.28
Other		\$ 159,080.00	\$ 172,174.73
Total	\$ 358,518.00	\$ 358,518.00	\$ 348,451.89
 AUDIO VISUAL. ....	 \$ 6,500.00		
Audio Visual		\$ 6,500.00	\$ 3,600.00
Total	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 3,600.00
 RE-CERTIFICATION .....	 \$ 2,536.00		
Salary		\$ 2,500.00	\$ 7,921.10
Benefits		\$ 36.00	\$ 274.66
Total	\$ 2,536.00	\$ 2,536.00	\$ 8,195.76
 DEBT SERVICE. ....	 \$ 383,827.00		
Interest		\$ 49,337.00	\$ 49,337.28
Principal		\$ 334,490.00	\$ 334,490.00
Total	\$ 383,827.00	\$ 383,827.00	\$ 383,827.28
 GRAND TOTAL. ....	 \$ 6,773,986.00	\$ 6,773,986.00	\$ 6,681,310.35

# MUNICIPAL EXPENDITURES

JULY 1, 2006 - JUNE 30, 2007

## ADMINISTRATION

Appropriation:	\$263,649
Expenditures:	
Personnel service	\$193,481
Insurance	9,897
Utilities	9,762
Building Maintenance	4,534
Printing/Advertising	2,264
Audit/Legal/Dues	12,414
Office Supplies/Equipment	4,497
Technology/Postage/Other	17,350
Registry Deeds	3,121
Balance	<u>6,329</u>

## PUBLIC WORKS

Appropriation:	\$351,481
Expenditures:	
Personnel Services	\$176,906
Insurance	16,525
Sand/Salt/other contracts	35,345
Vehicle Expenses/Equip.	75,962
Garage Utilities/Supplies	25,907
Bridges/Culverts	2,893
Balance	<u>17,943</u>

## SOLID WASTE

Appropriation:	\$261,406
Expenditures:	
Personnel Services	\$ 61,648
Insurance	2,934
Bldg Maint, Water Monit, Engineering	2,730
Utilities/Supplies	6,031
Disposal/Hauling/Recycling	177,088
Balance	<u>10,975</u>

## ROAD PAVING/GRAVEL ROADS

Appropriation:	\$166,710
Expenditures:	
Paving	\$154,560
Striping	7,814
Gravel Roads/Maintenance	3,135
Balance	<u>1,201</u>

## CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT

Appropriation:	\$221,500
Expenditures:	
Revaluation	45,000
Landfill Reserve	25,000
Fire Truck/Public Works Reserve	136,500
Police Vehicle Reserve	15,000
Balance	<u>0</u>

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation:	\$ 55,150
Expenditures:	
Utilities	\$13,025
Insurances	7,674
Repairs	9,874
Training/Equipment/Supplies	12,579
Radios	3,751
Bldg Maintenance	2,552
Firefighter stipend	3,615
Chief Stipend	2,000
Balance	<u>80</u>

## PUBLIC SAFETY

Appropriation:	\$ 31,138
Expenditures:	
Employee Costs	\$19,226
Insurances	1,878
Supplies/Vehicle Maintenance	2,066
Humane Society	6,981
Balance	<u>987</u>

# MUNICIPAL EXPENDITURES

JULY 1, 2006 - JUNE 30, 2007

## RECREATION/SUMMER YOUTH

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

## LIBRARY

Appropriation:	\$ 31,415
Expenditures:	
Employee Costs:	\$ 22,338
Books/Supplies	<u>9,077</u>
Balance	<u>0</u>

## UTILITIES

Appropriation:	\$ 37,100
Expenditures:	
Street Lights	\$ 18,008
Hydrant Rental	<u>16,172</u>
Balance	<u>2,920</u>

## CEMETERIES

Appropriation:	\$ 15,500
Expenditures:	
Care of Cemeteries	\$ 16,431
Balance	<u>(931)</u>

## GENERAL ASSISTANCE

Appropriation:	\$ 3,500
Expenditures:	
Fuel/Utilities	\$ 355
Shelter	<u>1,717</u>
Balance	<u>1,428</u>

## ASSESSMENT

Appropriation:	\$ 45,790
Expenditures:	
Employee Costs:	\$ 44,535
Maps/Dues/Supplies	<u>2,947</u>
Quarterly Review	<u>0</u>
Balance	<u>(1,692)</u>

## 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	<u>0</u>

## MISCELLANEOUS REQUEST

Appropriation:	\$ 17,826
Expenditures:	
Historical Society	\$ 3,000
Regional Planning	5,326
Snowmobile Club	1,500
C.R.L.A.	7,500
Stretch & Walk	<u>500</u>
Balance	<u>0</u>

## COUNTY TAX

Appropriation:	\$256,794
Expenditures:	\$256,794
Balance	<u>0</u>

## DEBT SERVICE

Appropriation:	\$ 26,000
Expenditures:	
CIP Bond	<u>25,338</u>
Balance	<u>662</u>

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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 Town of Vassalboro, Maine, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2007, 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 applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. 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, 2007, 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.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, I have also issued a report dated March 10, 2008 on my consideration of Town of Vassalboro, Maine's internal control over financial reporting and my tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of my audit.

The management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information are not a required part of the basic financial statements but is 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.

My 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 accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Nonprofit Organizations, and is also not a required part of the basic financial statements of Town of Vassalboro, Maine. The schedule of expenditures of federal awards has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in my opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

March 10, 2008

# TOWN OF VASSALBORO, MAINE

## BALANCE SHEET GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

ASSETS	General Fund	Debt Service	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Cash	\$ 1,368,121	\$ 11,969	\$ 69,538	\$ 1,449,628
Investments		200,880		200,880
Receivables:				
Taxes	178,354			178,354
Liens	24,106			24,106
Accounts	2,249		17,400	19,649
Other governments			6,790	6,790
Inventory			2,954	2,954
Interfund balances	(46,832)		46,832	0
Total Assets	1,525,998	212,849	143,514	1,882,361
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
Accounts payable	13,309			13,309
Accrued wages	301,096		7,527	308,623
Accrued compensated absences	27,141			27,141
Deferred property taxes	110,600			110,600
Total Liabilities	452,146	0	7,527	459,673
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>				
Fund Balances				
Reserved:				
Capital purchases	239,377			239,377
Unreserved:				
Designated for subsequent years				
Revenues	19,099			19,099
Expenditures	36,000			36,000
Expenditures - Education	(317,135)			(317,135)
Undesignated	1,096,511	212,849	135,987	1,445,347
Total Fund Equity	1,073,852	212,849	135,987	1,422,688
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	\$ 1,525,998	\$ 212,849	\$ 143,514	\$

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. 9,074,382

Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current-periods expenditures and therefore are deferred in the funds. 110,600

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 (31,703)

Bonds payable (1,612,522)

Net assets of governmental activities \$ 8,963,445

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

# STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Debt Service Fund</u>	<u>Other Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
<b>Revenues:</b>				
Taxes	\$ 3,240,892	\$	\$	\$ 3,240,892
Intergovernmental	5,164,158		459,969	5,624,127
Charges for services	130,441		164,778	295,219
Interest	75,087	12,475	1,308	88,870
Miscellaneous	21,553			21,553
<b>Total Revenues</b>	8,632,131	12,475	626,055	9,270,661
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
Current:				
General government	307,705			307,705
Public safety	123,650			123,650
Public works	480,958			480,958
Health and sanitation	242,671			242,671
Education	6,692,913		482,293	7,175,206
Social services	14,682			14,682
Special assessments	258,831			258,831
Leisure services	80,438			80,438
Unclassified	23,932			23,932
Food services			183,271	183,271
Debt service	25,338	48,314		73,652
Capital reserves	169,316			
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	8,420,434	48,314	665,564	8,964,996
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	211,697	(35,839)	(39,509)	136,349
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</b>				
Sale of assets	406			406
<b>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>	406	0	0	406
<b>Net Change in Fund Balances</b>	212,103	(35,839)	(39,509)	136,755
Fund Balances - beginning	861,749	248,688	175,496	1,285,933
<b>Fund Balances - ending</b>	\$ 1,073,852	\$ 212,849	\$ 135,987	\$ 1,422,688

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, 2007

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>			Variance with final budget positive (negative)
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>	<u>Actual</u>	
Revenues:	\$	\$	\$	\$
Taxes	3,196,397	3,196,397	3,240,892	44,495
Intergovernmental	5,193,965	5,231,999	5,164,158	(67,841)
Interest	30,000	30,000	75,087	45,087
Charges for services	67,000	67,000	130,441	63,441
Miscellaneous	54,403	54,403	21,553	(32,850)
Total revenues	<u>8,541,765</u>	<u>8,579,799</u>	<u>8,632,131</u>	<u>52,332</u>
Expenditures:				
Current:				
General government	318,265	318,265	307,705	10,560
Public safety	130,888	130,888	123,650	7,238
Public works	534,191	534,191	480,958	53,233
Health and sanitation	270,406	270,406	242,671	27,735
Education	6,337,744	6,375,778	6,692,913	(317,135)
Social services	16,110	16,110	14,682	1,428
Special assessments	297,904	297,904	258,831	39,073
Leisure services	83,438	83,438	80,438	3,000
Unclassified	24,500	24,500	23,932	568
Debt service	26,000	26,000	25,338	662
Capital reserves	406,723	406,723	169,316	237,407
Total expenditures	<u>8,446,169</u>	<u>8,484,203</u>	<u>8,420,434</u>	<u>63,769</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>95,596</u>	<u>95,596</u>	<u>211,697</u>	<u>116,101</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Sale of Assets			406	406
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>406</u>	<u>406</u>
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Sources (Uses)	95,596	95,596	212,103	116,507
Fund Balance - beginning	861,749	861,749	861,749	0
Fund Balance - ending	<u>\$ 957,345</u>	<u>\$ 957,345</u>	<u>\$ 1,073,852</u>	<u>\$ 116,507</u>

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 Vassalboro Community School on Monday, June 2nd, 2008, at 6:30 in the evening to elect a moderator to preside at said meeting, then to act on Articles 3 through 58, all 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 10th day of June 2008, 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 \$50.00 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 (2) year terms.

Terms Expire in 2008

**Richard Jose, Matt Masse, Richard Phippen,  
Douglas Phillips, Joe Suga**

**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: 11.00% Interest will begin to accrue 7 days after the due date.

**One-fourth of taxes due on 09-29-08**

**One-fourth of taxes due on 11-24-08**

**One-fourth of taxes due on 02-23-09**

**One-fourth of taxes due on 04-27-09**

Selectmen Recommend: Approval

## GENERAL GOVERNMENT

**ARTICLE 4:** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate for Administration.

Selectmen Recommend:

\$ 269,205 from revenues

Budget Committee recommends:

\$ 269,205 from revenues

**ARTICLE 5:** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate for Assessment Costs.

Selectmen Recommend:

\$ 41,500 from revenues

Budget Committee Recommends:

\$ 41,500 from revenues

**ARTICLE 6:** To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate for Debt Service.

Selectmen Recommend:

\$ 24,000 from revenues

Budget Committee Recommends:

\$ 24,000 from revenues

## PUBLIC WORKS

**ARTICLE 7:** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate for the Public Works Department.

Selectmen Recommend:

\$ 370,473 from revenues

Budget Committee Recommends:

\$ 370,473 from revenues

# WARRANT

STATE OF MAINE, KENNEBEC COUNTY  
To: Richard Phippen, a resident of the Town of Vassalboro

**ARTICLE 8:** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate for paving work to allow the Town to pave the following road: Hannaford Hill Road, Bog Road, Cross Hill 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:

\$ 56,100 from revenues  
\$ 15,000 designated revenues  
\$ 192,000 from surplus

Budget Committee Recommends:

\$ 56,100 from revenues  
\$ 15,000 designated revenues  
\$ 192,000 from surplus

## SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL

**ARTICLE 9:** 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:

\$ 300,022 from revenues  
\$ 5,480 from taxation

Budget Committee Recommends:

\$ 300,022 from revenues  
\$ 5,480 from taxation

## PUBLIC SAFETY

**ARTICLE 10:** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Police Department and Animal Control.

Selectmen Recommend:

\$ 31,326 from taxation

Budget Committee Recommends:

\$ 31,326 from taxation

**ARTICLE 11:** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Fire Department.

Selectmen Recommend:

\$ 90,561 from taxation

Budget Committee Recommends:

\$ 90,561 from taxation

**ARTICLE 12:** 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 13:** 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 14:** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for fire hydrant rental.

Selectmen Recommend:

\$ 17,545 from taxation

Budget Committee Recommends:

\$ 17,545 from taxation

# WARRANT

STATE OF MAINE, KENNEBEC COUNTY  
To: Richard Phippen, a resident of the Town of Vassalboro

**ARTICLE 15:** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Street Lights.

Selectmen Recommend:

\$ 19,045 from taxation

Budget Committee Recommends:

\$ 19,045 from taxation

## SPECIAL ARTICLES AND TOWN POLICY

**ARTICLE 16:** 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 17:** 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 18:** 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 19:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to purchase a new public works truck at a cost not to exceed \$144,000 with the sale or trade-in of the existing truck and to use the balance of the following reserve accounts: D.O.T. Reserve, Landfill Reserve and the Public Works/Fire Department Reserve and to raise and appropriate \$54,500.

Selectmen Recommend:

\$ 54,500 from surplus

Budget Committee Recommends:

\$ 54,500 from surplus

**ARTICLE 20:** 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

# WARRANT

STATE OF MAINE, KENNEBEC COUNTY  
To: Richard Phippen, a resident of the Town of Vassalboro

**ARTICLE 21:** 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 2009.

Selectmen Recommend:  
Approval

**ARTICLE 22:** 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

**ARTICLE 23:** Shall an ordinance for the Town of Vassalboro entitled "Building Permit Ordinance for the Town of Vassalboro" revised June 2008 be enacted?

Selectmen Recommend:  
Approval

**ARTICLE 24:** Shall an ordinance for the Town of Vassalboro entitled "Automobile Graveyard/ Junkyard Ordinance for the Town of Vassalboro" revised June 2008 be enacted?

Selectmen Recommend:  
Approval

**ARTICLE 25:** Shall an ordinance for the Town of Vassalboro entitled "The Vassalboro Conservation Commission Ordinance" revised June 2008 be enacted?

Selectmen Recommend:  
Approval

## LIBRARY

**ARTICLE 26:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,990 for the Town's share of the Library.

Selectmen Recommend:  
\$ 30,990 from taxation  
Budget Committee Recommends:  
\$ 30,990 from taxation

## HEALTH AND WELFARE

**Article 27:** 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 28:** 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 29:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 1,500 for the Vassalboro Food Station.

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

# WARRANT

STATE OF MAINE, KENNEBEC COUNTY  
To: Richard Phippen, a resident of the Town of Vassalboro

**ARTICLE 30:** 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:  
\$ 1,600 from taxation  
Budget Committee Recommends:  
\$ 1,600 from taxation

**ARTICLE 31:** 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:  
\$ 2,250 from taxation  
Budget Committee Recommends:  
\$ 2,250 from taxation

**ARTICLE 32:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 5,236 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 33:** 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 34:** 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 35:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 for the Recreation Department.

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

**ARTICLE 36:** 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 37:** 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

# WARRANT

STATE OF MAINE, KENNEBEC COUNTY  
To: Richard Phippen, a resident of the Town of Vassalboro

**ARTICLE 38:** 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 39:** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the maintenance of the Vassalboro Rest Area rest area.

Selectmen Recommend:

\$ 5,650 from taxation

Budget Committee Recommends:

\$ 5,650 from taxation

**ARTICLE 40:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 273,762 for the support of county government.

Selectmen Recommend:

\$ 273,762 from taxation

Budget Committee Recommends:

\$ 273,762 from taxation

**ARTICLE 41:** 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 42:** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Kennebec Valley Council of Governments (KVCOG).

Selectmen Recommend:

\$ 5,761 from taxation

Budget Committee Recommends:

\$ 5,761 from taxation

**ARTICLE 43:** To see if the town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of \$0 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:

## SCHOOL BUDGET ARTICLES TO APPROPRIATE MONIES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

### **ARTICLES PURSUANT TO 20-A M.R.S.A. SECTION 1485**

**ARTICLE 44:** To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for **Regular Instruction.**

School Committee Recommendation

\$ 4,049,376

Budget Committee Recommendation

\$ 4,049,376

**ARTICLE 45:** To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for **Special Education.**

School Committee Recommendation

\$ 1,077,257

Budget Committee Recommendation

\$ 1,077,257

**ARTICLE 46:** To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for **Career and Technical Education.**

School Committee Recommendation

\$ 42,200

Budget Committee Recommendation

\$ 42,200

# WARRANT

STATE OF MAINE, KENNEBEC COUNTY  
To: Richard Phippen, a resident of the Town of Vassalboro

**ARTICLE 47:** To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for **Other Instruction.**

School Committee Recommendation  
\$ 52,802  
Budget Committee Recommendation  
\$ 52,802

**ARTICLE 48:** To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for **Student and Staff Support.**

School Committee Recommendation  
\$ 208,760  
Budget Committee Recommendation  
\$ 208,760

**ARTICLE 49:** To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for **System Administration.**

School Committee Recommendation  
\$ 135,836  
Budget Committee Recommendation  
\$ 135,836

**ARTICLE 50:** To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for **School Administration.**

School Committee Recommendation  
\$ 218,845  
Budget Committee Recommendation  
\$ 218,845

**ARTICLE 51:** To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for **Transportation and Buses.**

School Committee Recommendation  
\$ 391,325  
Budget Committee Recommendation  
\$ 391,325

**ARTICLE 52:** To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for **Facilities Maintenance.**

School Committee Recommendation  
\$ 448,818  
Budget Committee Recommendation  
\$ 448,818

**ARTICLE 53:** To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for **Debt Service and Other Commitments.**

School Committee Recommendation  
\$ 370,151  
Budget Committee Recommendation  
\$ 370,151

**ARTICLE 54:** To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for **All Other Expenditures.**

School Committee Recommendation  
\$ 0.00  
Budget Committee Recommendation  
\$ 0.00

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

**ARTICLE 55:** 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 \$1,700,798**) and to see what sum the municipality will raise as the municipality's



# WARRANT

STATE OF MAINE, KENNEBEC COUNTY

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

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.

School Committee Recommendation

\$1,700,798

Budget Committee Recommendation

\$1,700,798

*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 56:** Shall the Town of Vassalboro raise and appropriate \$698,344 in additional local funds, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$553,789 as required to fund the budget recommended by the school committee?

The school committee recommends \$698,344 (Budget Committee Recommends: \$698,344) for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by \$553,789.

The school budget exceeds the state EPS funding model for the following reasons.

- State funding for Essential Programs and Services (EPS) is only at 54.01% of operating costs allocation for the school year 2008-09.
- Reimbursement for Private School Insured Value Factor spending does not cover the anticipated 2008-09 expenditures.

- Costs for Regular, Special Education, and Other Instruction categories exceeds the EPS funding allowances for co-curricular & extra-curricular programs, secondary student tuition costs (Grades 9-12), and Kindergarten to Grade 8 student/teacher class ratios.
- Costs for transportation and systems administration exceed the EPS funding allowance.

*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 57:** To see what sum the municipality will authorize the school committee to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009 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:

\$ 6,995,370

Budget Committee Recommends

\$ 6,995,370

**Article 58:** Shall the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Vassalboro be authorized to issue bonds and other evidences of indebtedness in the name of this District in an amount not to exceed \$222,500 and to borrow that sum pursuant to the State of Maine's zero

# WARRANT

STATE OF MAINE, KENNEBEC COUNTY

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

interest rate/loan forgiveness Revolving Renovation Fund Program for window renovations and related improvements at the Vassalboro Community School, provided that the State of Maine shall forgive the State's share of the loan amount?

Town of Vassalboro, Maine  
Financial Statement Regarding \$222,500  
Borrowing for Window Renovations and Related Improvements at The Vassalboro Community School

A. The Department of Education has granted approval to the Town for a Revolving Renovation Fund Loan in the total amount of \$222,500.

As of the referendum date, the total amount of bonds of the Town of Vassalboro outstanding and unpaid is \$1,740,577 of which \$1,644,225 is principal and \$96,352 is interest. The Town has no bonds authorized and unissued. The total general obligation to be assumed if the article authorizing this borrowing is ratified by the voters is \$66,750. The total estimated debt service is \$66,750, of which \$66,750 is principal. Estimated interest of 0% over 5 years is \$0.

B. The Department of Education has agreed to forgive 70% (up to \$155,750) of the total loan amount.

C. The District will be responsible to repay 30% (up to \$66,750) of the total loan amount over a term not to exceed five years at zero interest.

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

Selectmen recommend: PASSAGE  
Budget committee recommends: PASSAGE  
School committee recommends: PASSAGE

Given unto our hands this 21<sup>st</sup> day of May 2008, AD

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Donald Breton  
Selectman, Town of Vassalboro

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Elizabeth Mitchell  
Selectwoman, Town of Vassalboro

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Rob Browne  
Selectman, Town of Vassalboro

A true copy. Attest: Richard Phippen, \_\_\_\_\_ of Vassalboro

# VASSALBORO 1907 COMPARED TO 2007

Valuation:	1907	2007
Real Estate	\$833,245	\$159,933,400
Personal Property	172,512	4,282,300
Total	1,005,757	164,215,700
Mill rate (per thousand)	20.50	15.75
Revenues generated	20,618.02	2,586,397.28
County Tax	1,541.41	256,810.00
Principal & Interest Payments	897.88	26,000.00
Highway - Summer & Winter Bills	3,313.81	351,481.00
School Bills	6,274.89	6,990,830.00
Number of Polls taxed	537	0
Number of Dogs	147	825



## The following is a list of personal property assessed in 1907:

	No.	Value
Horses	525	39,610.00
Colts 3 to 4	100	2,295.00
Colts 2 to 3	68	2,995.00
Colts under 2	45	815.00
Swine	199	2,322.00
Sheep	715	3,000.00
Cows	729	19,185.00
Oxen	24	1,345.00
3 years old	121	2,903.00
2 years old	94	1,756.00
1 year old	121	1,418.00
Bicycles		50.00
Carriages		3,875.00
Bank Stk Shares		2,183.00
Musical Instruments		7,340.00
Money at Interest		4,475.00
Material in Stock		55,000.00
Stock in trade		18,250.00
Other property		875.00
Shipping		225.00
Logs and Lumber		2,150.00
Wood and bark		445.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>172,512.00</b>

## Other Interesting Facts

In 1907 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
East Vassalboro School	Ayer School
North Vassalboro School	Small School
Perley School	Riverside School

High School: Oak Grove Seminary

### In 2007

Vassalboro Community School  
(K through 8th)

High Schools:

Cony, Waterville, Winslow, Erskine  
Kents Hill, Carrabassett Valley  
Christa McAuliffe

Hotel Jackson, N. Vassalboro, Me.



Hotel Jackson, North Vassalboro

# *town of* Vassalboro

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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