



# TOWN *of* VASSALBORO

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# IN MEMORIAM



**ROCHELLE JUNE MEUNIER, 1936 – 2008**

It is appropriate that we dedicate the 2009 Annual Town Report of Vassalboro to Rochelle J. Meunier. Rochelle lived the word community as few do, and the Town is richer for it. Her involvement took many forms and touched many lives.

Married to Ronald Meunier until his death from cancer, she took great joy and pride in their children, Laurie and Steve, and in their grandchildren Deirdre and Shannon Graves and Patrick Meunier. Later in life she married Bill Corning; and they made their home in East Vassalboro.

Rochelle loved people, and art, and literature, and movies, and travel, and politics, and religion, and singing, and acting, and learning new things and meeting new people. Who can forget the postage-stamp garden that flourished at her home in East Vassalboro Village? Her daughter Laurie wrote, "...she managed to transform that plain, tiny lot into a glorious explosion of color and blooms."

Rochelle brought color and fragrance to Town in many ways. For decades she served as ballot clerk, her face familiar to nearly everyone who votes here. "State your name, please."

Trustee of the Vassalboro Public Library, member of the Historical Society, assistant steward at the Grange, active member of the United Methodist Church, student with the Vassalboro Bible Study Group, singer with the Kennebelles—she was involved in dynamic leadership and hard work wherever she went.

She and Bill made the rounds of public suppers in the area, picking up shut-ins and the elderly as they went. They drove three times a week to the Healthy Heart Walking Program, taking with them a car full of folks from around town. For several years she joined with other local singers in a regional chorus that performed at Christmas time in Unity.

The list goes on. Echoes of Rochelle's voice and shadows of her smile will remain here for many years. If you were lucky enough to be one of her many friends, you have your own stories to tell. If not, you can be sure she would have welcomed you into her circle of community without hesitation. Either way, we can learn from her example how to have an impact on those we meet—with courage, humor, selflessness, and love. - *Vicki Schad*

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# TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Since becoming the new Vassalboro Town Manager last June, I have had the pleasure of meeting many of the residents of Vassalboro and I have truly enjoyed working with the town staff and the Selectmen.

As we began the transition from one manager to the next, former Town Manager Mike Vashon and I had a few weeks to work together before his official retirement so that I could become familiar with the customs and procedures of the Vassalboro Town Government functions. I very much appreciated the opportunity to work with him and for his willingness to share information to provide a smooth transition.

One of my first projects undertaken was the enhancement and further development of the Town's website ([www.vassalboro.net](http://www.vassalboro.net)) to improve the Town's ability to communicate with the public. With the help of webmaster and resident David Jenney, the website is updated several times a week with current information and listings of upcoming events or items of interest. If you are not a current user of the Town's website, I encourage you to take a look!

Cost savings has been another goal and steps were taken to analyze the functions of the Transfer Station to identify any cost saving opportunities. The hauling and disposal of our solid waste was put out to bid, resulting in thousands of dollars in savings. Likewise, the mowing services for the 2009 mowing season has been put out to bid resulting in a sizable saving over last year as well. The town's surplus funds have also been invested in a certificate of deposit to gain a higher interest rate. We continually strive to look for ways to save and conserve your tax dollars. Fiscally, the town is sound and the Selectmen, the Budget Committee, and I are all working together to make sure it stays that way as we work to prepare the town budget for the upcoming year.

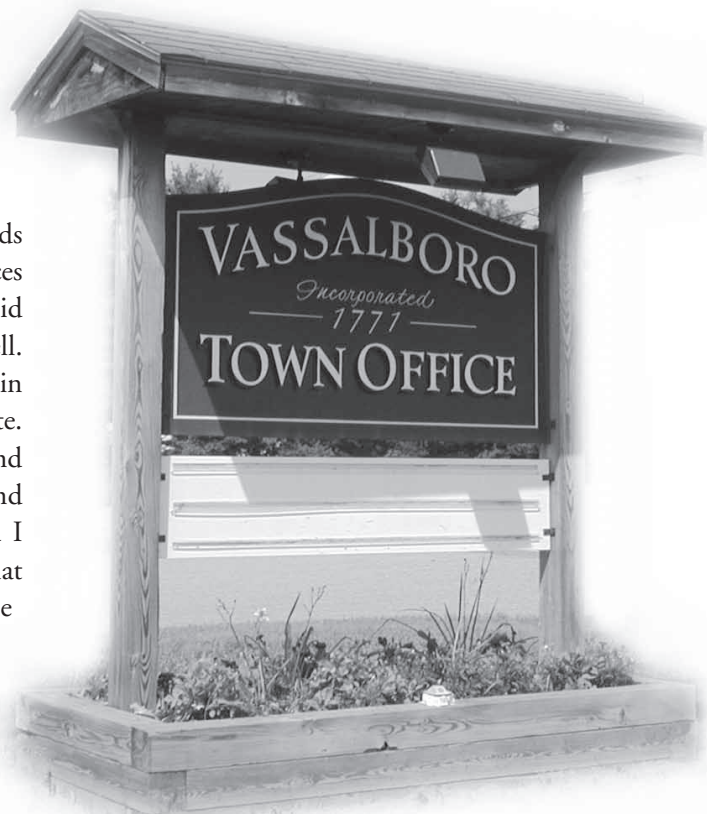
Other accomplishments this past year include the completion of the swimming

area at the Route #3 boat launch, a signed agreement with the Kennebec Water District for operations of the China Lake Dam, the purchase of the new public works truck, and the presentation in October of the Spirit of America Award to Library Volunteer Eleanor Getchell and Recreation Director Bill Pulver to recognize their volunteer efforts in Town. Many thanks go out to all of the volunteers in Town who give of their time and resources to make Vassalboro the wonderful community that it is to live, work, and play in!

I would like to thank the Selectmen and all of my town staff for their help and support this past year. I very much appreciate all of their efforts to strive for efficiencies while exemplifying fine models of teamwork.

**MARY SABINS**

*Vassalboro Town Manager*



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## DIRECTORY OF ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

TELEPHONE	TERM EXP.	SELECTMAN/OVERSEER	ADDRESS
622-2629	2009	Elizabeth Mitchell	277 Cushnoc Road, Vassalboro
626-0966	2010	Robert Browne	9 Szady Drive, Vassalboro
873-2108	2011	Lauchlin Titus	1063 Main Street, Vassalboro

### SCHOOL COMMITTEE

445-5159	2011	Barry Bernier	165 Nelson Road, Vassalboro
622-4465	2010	Amy Nutting	24 Elliot Road, Vassalboro
872-7268	2009	Lori Fowle	305 Taber Hill Road, Vassalboro
923-4011	2011	Sarah Sugden	333 Main Street, Vassalboro
872-8596	2010	Kevin Levasseur	209 Bog Road, Vassalboro

### PLANNING BOARD

873-5226	2010	Virginia Brackett	20 Alpine St., Vassalboro
622-2793	2010	George Gould	232 Cushnoc Rd., Vassalboro
622-4465	2010	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

### BUDGET COMMITTEE

923-3355	2010	Joe Suga	861 Cross Hill Road
923-3625	2010	Matt Masse *	39 Masse Lane, Vassalboro
622-7730	2010	Richard Phippen	492 Webber Pond Rd, Vassalboro
872-2040	2010	Michael Vashon	425 Oak Grove Road, Vassalboro
923-3800	2010	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	2011	Lauchlin Titus *	1063 Main Street, Vassalboro

### BOARD OF APPEALS

923-3231	2010	Peggy Cain	358 Hussey Hill Road, Vassalboro
623-4808	2010	Russell Brown	1096 Riverside Dr., 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

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## DIRECTORY OF ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

TELEPHONE	TERM EXP.	SANITARY DISTRICT	ADDRESS
873-4374	2011	Lee Trahan	374 Crowell Hill Road, Vassalboro
923-3300	2011	David H. Souza	342 Main Street, Vassalboro
923-3391	2009	Phil Haines	702 Bog Road, Vassalboro
873-6125	2010	Cathy St.Pierre	P.O. Box 82, N. Vassalboro
873-2880	2009	Steve Houston	837 Main Street, Vassalboro

### RECREATION COMMITTEE

923-3277	2011	William Pulver, Director	1171 Cross Hill Road, Vassalboro
923-3277	2011	Theresa Pulver	1171 Cross Hill Road, Vassalboro
	2011	Danny Waceken	51 Riva Ridge Rd, Vassalboro
	2009	Scott Reynolds	252 Cemetery Street, Vassalboro
	2009	Mark Bailey	539 Hussey Hill Road, Vassalboro
	2009	Dennis Scates	1581 N. Belfast Ave, Vassalboro

### CONSERVATION COMMISSION

	2010	Mary-Ellen Johnston	191 Priest Hill Road, Vassalboro
923-3836	2010	Steve Jones	55 Quaker Lane, Vassalboro
923-3397	2011	Holly Weidner	320 Main Street, Vassalboro
	2011	Paul Mitnik	700 Cross Hill Road, Vassalboro
923-3483	2009	David Jenney	844 Cross Hill Road, Vassalboro

### TOWN CLERK

872-2826	2009	Catherine St. Pierre	P.O. Box 82, N. Vassalboro
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### STATE SENATOR DISTRICT 24

287-1500		Elizabeth Mitchell	277 Cushnoc Road, Vassalboro, Me.
1-800-423-6900			SHS # 3, Augusta, Maine

### STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 58

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

\* Resigned

# LEGISLATIVE CORRESPONDENCE



Elizabeth H. Mitchell  
President of the Senate

THE SENATE OF MAINE  
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
3 STATE HOUSE STATION  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333



Dear Friends,

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your State Senator. It is an honor to represent this outstanding community.

Maine's natural beauty and quality of life are unmatched. But it is our people who make this a special place. They believe in family, in hard work and in community. They may have trouble asking for help, but they have no trouble offering it. During these tough economic times, we witness that everyday.

These are trying times not only in Maine, but across the country in this global financial meltdown. Every challenge facing us, however, can also be seen as an opportunity. As we work together to fashion state and local budgets that prepare us for the future and protect us for the present, we will share sacrifices but invest in education, our roads, our towns, and our citizens.

On a personal note, this legislative session is truly special for me. I am grateful and honored to serve as the President of the Maine Senate as well as your State Senator. I am deeply committed to living up to this responsibility.

Whether I am home, at work, or presiding over the Maine Senate, I always welcome your opinion. It is my pledge to listen to your thoughts and concerns, ideas and positions, and hopes and aspirations as we work together for a better Maine. Please feel free to contact me if I may be of any assistance to you or your family. I can be reached at home, (207) 622-2629 or at the State House, (207) 287-1500. If you prefer to write, you can send mail to 277 Cushnoc Road, Vassalboro, Maine 04989 or email me through my webpage at [www.mainesenate.org/mitchell](http://www.mainesenate.org/mitchell).

Thank you again for the opportunity to represent you at the State House.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Libby'.

Libby Mitchell  
President of the Senate



# LEGISLATIVE CORRESPONDENCE



## House of Representatives

2 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333-0002  
(207) 287-1440  
TTY: (207) 287-4469



Dear Friends and Neighbors:

It remains an honor to serve you, the citizens of Vassalboro, in the Maine State Legislature. The last six years have been filled with an abundance of learning experiences and challenges and I look forward to the next two years as they will surely test our fortitude. The economic forecast does not look promising; however, Mainers are known for their resiliency and I am confident we will prevail through these very trying times.

Once again I will serve as the Ranking Minority Member of the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation. As such, I am responsible for briefing legislative leaders and caucus members on the various proposals and recommendations that filter through the Transportation Committee. This 13-member panel has oversight of such areas as the Department of Transportation, the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, driver licenses, the Maine Turnpike Authority, highway and bridge construction and maintenance, waterways and railroads. I believe we must maintain a top-notch transportation infrastructure if we are to attract and keep new businesses here in the State of Maine.

Over the next several weeks policymakers will be working on the biennial budget and attempting to close a structural gap of approximately \$838 million. Some key points in the Governor's proposal include eliminating an additional 219 positions, reducing a number of property tax rebate programs by 10 percent, freezing education funding, decreasing Maine Clean Election Act funding for gubernatorial candidates and increasing a number of marine resources, inland fisheries and wildlife and conservation fees.

To keep apprised of all legislative proposals, I would suggest you visit the Legislature's website at <http://www.state.me.us/legis/homepage.htm>. From here you can view the homepages of the Senate and House of Representatives, view documents, roll call votes, listen to public hearings and view live streaming video of legislative sessions.

Thank you for the confidence you have placed in my service. Due to statutory term limits, this will be my fourth and final term in the House of Representatives. It has been an extreme privilege serving you. As always, please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any comments or suggestions you wish to share. I can be reached at home in Vassalboro, 622-3096, or at the State House in Augusta, 287-1440.

Sincerely,  
William P. Browne  
State Representative

# VASSALBORO TOWN CLERK

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

You must have proof of having held 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.



Town Office employees: Cathy St. Pierre, Jean Poulin, Jim Schad

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 31st and a \$25.00 warrant late fee once the warrant is signed. For the past several years we have held a Rabies Clinic at the North Vassalboro Fire Station the weekend before Thanksgiving. Dog licensing is available at the clinic. 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 retain 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 March 14, 2008 through March 31, 2009.

NAME	DATE OF DEATH	AGE	LOCATION
Fay E Higgins	March 27, 2008	63	Vassalboro
Debra M Seeley	April 24, 2008	52	Vassalboro
Robert E McPherson	April 20, 2008	80	Vassalboro
Pauline G Seaney	April 12, 2008	88	Waterville
Melvin R Gurney	April 18, 2008	84	Waterville
Violet Wood	May 7, 2008	91	Augusta
Rochelle J Meunier	May 28, 2008	71	Waterville
Clarice A Robideau	May 29, 2008	81	Lewiston
Janet E Drouin	July 17, 2008	62	Waterville
Nicholas P Grosso	September 8, 2008	91	Vassalboro
Lewine T Cormier	June 2, 2008	74	Augusta
Laurie D Reynolds	June 17, 2008	53	Waterville
Elizabeth W Shorey	June 17, 2008	82	Waterville
Lawrence B Merrill	June 20, 2008	45	Bangor
Ulla B Schlosser	June 13, 2008	71	Waterville
Harold E Proctor	June 21, 2008	59	Togus
John A Dalbeck	June 30, 2008	80	Augusta
Julia L Browne	July 22, 2008	64	Augusta
Lucille C Messier	August 12, 2008	86	Skowhegan
Christine P Duplessie	September 28, 2008	98	Waterville

William E Boucher	September 13, 2008	67	Portland
Johnny J Poirier	October 21, 2008	38	Waterville
Darren D Duncan	November 8, 2008	43	Chelsea
Marjorie T Hutchings	November 26, 2008	69	Waterville
Amanda M Edwards	November 15, 2008	17	Vassalboro
Joseph E D'Auteuil	September 4, 2008	92	Augusta
Victor J LeBretton	January 5, 2009	59	Vassalboro
Edward A Carlson	December 24, 2008	80	Vassalboro
Jerry J Peaslee	December 27, 2008	76	Waterville
Lauriston R Rice	January 12, 2009	89	Togus
Harold E Brann	January 19, 2009	71	Portland
Gary A Gray	February 9, 2009	56	Waterville
Shirley G Hardy	January 31, 2009	75	Augusta
Carolyn E Pease	February 17, 2009	79	Waterville
Michael E McQuarrie	February 18, 2009	63	Waterville
Michael F Sularie	March 21, 2009	50	Waterville

*There were 22 Female and 15 Male births to Vassalboro residents from March 14, 2008 – March 31, 2009.*

The following are Marriage Licenses were recorded from  
March 14, 2008 through March 31, 2009.

<b>GROOM</b>	<b>BRIDE (current last name)</b>	<b>DATE MARRIED</b>
Randall Ira Rickards	Virginia Ann Demo	April 29, 2008
George John Neagle	Amanda Marie James	May 3, 2008
Frank Alan Preo	Jacquelyn Mina Yeaton	May 4, 2008
Ryan David O'Connor	Sara Jane Boudreau	May 9, 2008
Torrey Wayne Kingsbury	Michelle Lynne Farrell	May 10, 2008
Christopher Frances Ratte	Nicole Marie Whitman	May 10, 2008
Alan James Campbell	Kelly Ann Thurlow	May 19, 2008
Thomas M Hujara	Mable E. Hardy	June 7, 2008
Eric Daniel Hamm	Stephanie Lynn Bowring	June 14, 2008
Joey Sheldon Demerchant	Kerri Lee Pooler	June 21, 2008
Jonah Kristofer Hawk	Mary Marie Gallant	June 28, 2008
Scott Frederick Lacroix	Kristi Jean Ferro	July 4, 2008
Benjamin Ray May	Catherine Angela Bell	July 12, 2008
Jeffrey Michael Reny	Lisa Marie Green	July 18, 2008
James Lucian Plourde	Valerie L Taylor	July 26, 2008
Daniel Cyr Ouellette	Bethany Mae Ziehm	July 31, 2008
R. Cameron Laplant-Ellis	Lana Jill Clough	August 8, 2008
Keith Wayne Howard	Lisa Ann Leblanc	August 8, 2008
Ian Christopher Macmaster	Sandra Lee Marie Cyr	August 9, 2008
Douglas Matthew Perry	Bethany Marie Jones	August 23, 2008
David Harland Robbins	Jessica Marie Blaisdell	August 23, 2008
Bryant Anthony Clyburn	Vicki Lynn Truman	September 6, 2008
Christopher Jon Monroe	Nicole Elizabeth Pare	September 12, 2008
Jason Paul Lagasse	Rachel Anne Ellis	October 12, 2008
James Auril Sherburne	Janice Ann Gallagher	October 17, 2008
Burleigh Jonathan Martin	Angela Marie Seagers	October 25, 2008
Timothy Charles Proctor	Lisa Michelle Gillis	November 8, 2008
Daniel Richard Roy	Danielle Rae Ferland	November 13, 2008
Jerrold David McKeen	Stefanie Rene Pion	December 10, 2008
Daniel Franklin Littlefield	Felicia Emuily Bailey	December 17, 2008
Paul Joseph Poulin	Jessica Marie Lafountain	February 21, 2009
John Richard Palmer	Janette Patricia Bulkan	March 13, 2009

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# VOTER REGISTRAR REPORT

It is with pleasure that I submit the Vassalboro Voter Registrar report to the Selectmen and the residents of Vassalboro.

As of June 1, 2007, there were 2,653 registered voters in Vassalboro. From then until January 13, 2009, we held four elections, and each election added new voters to the voting list.

The November 6, 2007, election was a Referendum Election. A total of 803 votes were cast, with 25 of them absentee. That was the last day we used our faithful OPTEC 3P voting machine. The OPTEC was bought new in 1977 when I had been clerk for one year. The machine went out of production in 1995, and the manufacturer/supplier is no longer able to support it. It has been donated to the Vassalboro Historical Society.

The following February (2008), it was my pleasure to attend the party Caucuses, to provide voter enrollment services. I have never seen such a high degree of energy at any previous caucus.

On June 10, 2008, Vassalboro held the Primary/Referendum Election, coupled with the Annual Town Election. A total of 515 votes were cast, with 26 absentees.

The Presidential Election of November 4, 2008, was like no other election ever held in the history of Vassalboro. The excitement of this election here seemed to be even greater than it was on the national scale.

**“Vassalboro enjoyed one of the highest percentages of voter turnout in the State of Maine, with a whopping 81.3% participation! WAY TO GO, VASSALBORO!”**

Two thousand three hundred and ninety-two (2,392) citizens of Vassalboro voted, with a record 703 absentee ballots cast. Vassalboro was one of 34 Maine towns that participated in a “roll-out” program for the Presidential Election, in which voters could request absentee ballots by e-mail; 69 voters utilized this option.

The January 13, 2009, election was for the Alternative Organizational Structure (AOS), voting to reorganize the Vassalboro, Waterville, and Winslow school systems. One hundred ninety-eight (198) residents cast ballots, 13 being absentees.

A new tool now being used statewide by all Registrars is the Central Voter Registration System (the CVR). Registrars can now access the record of any registered voter in the State of Maine, making it much easier to track voters from town to town when they move. CVR helps our efficiency, and is a powerful tool against voter fraud.

As of March 1, 2009, Vassalboro had 3,050 registered voters, enrolled as follows:

Democrat	1008
Republican	816
Green Independent	143
Unenrolled (not in any party)	1083

FYI, our office is equipped to register voters anytime we're open. When you come to register, remember we do need to see a photo ID and proof of Vassalboro residency. I would like to thank my co-workers, Cathy St. Pierre and Jean Poulin, without whose help this job would be most difficult.

JIM SCHAD  
*Voter Registrar in Vassalboro*

# PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

*Unpaid as of March 31, 2009*

Acct	Name ----	Year	Original Tax	Payment / Adjustments	Amount Due
289	P CEILING TILE CENTER	2007	15.48	15.24	0.24
323	P FOX PHOTOGRAPHY SERVICES	2007	35.26	17.04	18.22
169	P FRENCH, ALBERT & EVA	2007	4.30	1.08	3.22
309	P INK BLOT PRINTING	2007	181.46	174.45	7.01
187	P KLARITY KASSETTE, INC.	1999	1,530.82	191.13	1,339.69
187	P KLARITY KASSETTE, INC.	2000	1,055.61	0.00	1,055.61
266	P KNOWLES, DOUGLAS	2006	15.75	12.69	3.06
266	P KNOWLES, DOUGLAS	2007	11.18	0.00	11.18
94	P MCCASLIN, CARL	2006	23.63	0.00	23.63
94	P MCCASLIN, CARL	2007	16.34	0.00	16.34
99	P MORNEAU, PAUL J	2005	274.35	0.00	274.35
99	P MORNEAU, PAUL J	2006	292.95	0.00	292.95
99	P MORNEAU, PAUL J	2007	200.38	0.00	200.38
315	P PIKE, WILLIAM	2007	16.34	0.00	16.34
122	P PULLEN, FREDERICK	2006	39.38	66.04	-26.66
307	P RELIANCE ENTERPRISES, INC	2007	175.44	0.00	175.44
272	P RENT-WAY, INC.	2007	104.92	0.00	104.92
313	P THOMPSON, JEREMY	2006	75.60	51.60	24.00
313	P THOMPSON, JEREMY	2007	51.60	0.00	51.60
333	P VERIZON WIRELESS	2007	972.66	496.35	476.31
336	P VERIZON WIRELESS	2007	972.66	496.35	476.31
Total for 21 Accounts:			6,066.11	1,521.97	4,544.14



# REAL ESTATE TAXES

*Unpaid as of March 31, 2009*

Acct	Name	Year	Original Tax	Payment / Adjustments	Amount Due
71 L	BAILEY, RICHARD & PAULA	2007	743.48	220.26	523.22
3185 L	BARRETT, JULIA, P.O.A.	2007	137.87	0.00	137.87
331 L	BIBBER, ROBERT M JR	2007	595.72	0.00	595.72
163 L	BLUMBERG, SARA ""HEIRS	2007	1,121.68	0.00	1,121.68
1869 L	BREARD, RHONDA L & PAUL C	2007	569.09	0.00	569.09
2520 L	BROCK, CARL	2007	200.40	0.00	200.40
273 L	BROCK, CARL & AMY	2007	231.89	0.00	231.89
271 L	BROCK, CARLETON E & AMY L	2007	253.20	0.00	253.20
2679 L	BROCK, CARLETON E & AMY L	2007	838.43	0.00	838.43
2618 L	BROCK, CARLTON	2007	186.50	0.00	186.50
327 L	BRYSON, ROBERT & ALISON	2007	2,112.89	0.00	2,112.89
337 L	BURDZEL, RICHARD L	2007	110.10	0.00	110.10
2480 L	BURNS, RICHARD	2007	1,757.85	0.00	1,757.85
2903 L	BUXTON, FAUSTINA	2007	103.60	0.00	103.60
2528 L	CAIN, DAVID & LELA	2007	1,145.54	0.00	1,145.54
447 L	CARTER, MICHAEL O	2007	665.90	0.00	665.90
423 L	CHENETTE, RICHARD	2007	533.89	0.00	533.89
541 L	CUTHBERTSON, LEE A	2007	68.44	0.00	68.44
634 L	DOUGLAS, GERALD	2007	51.76	0.00	51.76
693 L	DYER, DAVID & TANYA	2007	870.40	0.00	870.40
317 L	FARRINGTON, MATTHEW F.	2007	370.98	0.00	370.98
733 L	FARRINGTON, NANCY A	2007	1,411.40	0.00	1,411.40
765 L	FIELD, JOHN P & MARIETTA F	2007	406.53	0.00	406.53
857 L	GALLANT, PERLEY F. & VIRGINIA B.	2007	576.76	232.66	344.10
2777 L	GIDNEY, JOSEPH F & ADAM J	2007	775.96	0.00	775.96
978 L	HAMMEREN, JAMES	2007	920.42	0.00	920.42
2737 L	HUSSEY, FRED ""HEIRS	2007	253.68	0.00	253.68
3124 L	JKP PROPERTIES, INC.	2007	226.78	0.00	226.78
1153 L	JOSEPH, FRANCIS E, TRUSTEE	2007	956.78	0.00	956.78
2429 L	KARTMAN, MICHAEL J SR	2007	560.75	0.00	560.75
1167 L	KELLY, RICHARD D JR & NANCY	2007	1,470.44	420.28	1,050.16
2415 L	LORD, JEFFREY J & TERRY A	2007	1,167.05	0.00	1,167.05
3108 L	LUDDEN, THOMAS B. & HEATHER M.	2007	588.40	384.69	203.71
1437 L	MCCASLIN, CARL	2007	1,655.71	0.00	1,655.71
2885 L	MCCAUSLAND, CRAIG	2007	817.12	771.43	45.69
2318 L	MCKEE, DAREN L & MELISA L	2006	679.07	-8.32	687.39
2318 L	MCKEE, DAREN L & MELISA L	2007	599.22	0.00	599.22
2529 L	MCNEIL, ALICE & WILLIAM	2007	497.42	0.00	497.42
3048 L	MILLIKEN, SCOTT	2007	601.90	0.00	601.90
1523 L	MORNEAU, PAUL J	2007	162.66	0.00	162.66
1524 L	MORNEAU, PAUL J	2007	1,693.94	0.00	1,693.94
1526 L	MORNEAU, PAUL J	2007	143.21	0.00	143.21
1527 L	MORNEAU, PAUL J	2007	496.15	0.00	496.15
1528 L	MORNEAU, PAUL J	2007	1,507.73	0.00	1,507.73
2786 L	MORNEAU, PAUL J.	2007	161.73	0.00	161.73
2787 L	MORNEAU, PAUL J.	2007	173.78	0.00	173.78
2791 L	MORNEAU, PAUL J.	2007	174.70	0.00	174.70
2792 L	MORNEAU, PAUL J.	2007	58.90	0.00	58.90
2793 L	MORNEAU, PAUL J.	2007	174.70	0.00	174.70
2794 L	MORNEAU, PAUL J.	2007	169.14	0.00	169.14
2795 L	MORNEAU, PAUL J.	2007	178.40	0.00	178.40
2806 L	MORNEAU, PAUL J.	2007	168.22	0.00	168.22
2811 L	MORNEAU, PAUL J.	2007	168.22	0.00	168.22
2813 L	MORNEAU, PAUL J.	2007	175.62	0.00	175.62
2821 L	MORNEAU, PAUL J.	2007	179.33	0.00	179.33

# REAL ESTATE TAXES

*Unpaid as of March 31, 2008*

Acct	Name	Year	Original Tax	Payment / Adjustments	Amount Due
2822 L	MORNEAU, PAUL J.	2007	75.58	0.00	75.58
2782 L	MORSE, RYAN & BECKY	2007	2,096.90	1,872.03	224.87
3096 L	NEXTEL COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MID-ATLANTIC	2007	368.56	0.00	368.56
2523 L	PEASLEE, DANIEL	2007	1,363.67	0.00	1,363.67
1708 L	PICHER, ROBERT A & GAIL I	2007	570.95	0.00	570.95
1264 L	POIER, CHRISTOPHER	2007	775.66	0.00	775.66
1750 L	POULIN, JAMES & BRENDA	2007	383.13	0.00	383.13
1397 L	RELIANCE ENTERPRISES, INC	2006	2,277.65	868.75	1,408.90
1397 L	RELIANCE ENTERPRISES, INC	2007	2,114.81	0.00	2,114.81
1865 L	RICHARDS, PATRICIA A	2007	312.73	0.00	312.73
1866 L	RICHARDS, REBECCA	2007	618.67	0.00	618.67
1896 L	ROBIDEAU, DANIEL	2007	721.72	0.00	721.72
1922 L	ROINESTAD, JOHN M.	2007	270.52	0.00	270.52
1955 L	ROY, PAUL	2007	369.47	0.00	369.47
1997 L	SHIPLEY, EUGENE E SR & JR	2007	851.18	0.00	851.18
2064 L	SPAULDING, EDWARD E.	2007	1,147.33	0.00	1,147.33
599 L	STARRATT, ROBERT W., JR.	2007	114.49	0.00	114.49
1811 L	SUGA, LINDA	2007	891.71	0.00	891.71
2128 L	SUGA, LINDA	2007	909.30	0.00	909.30
2119 L	SUGA, LINDA C.	2007	304.39	0.00	304.39
3045 L	SUGA, LINDA C.	2007	1,286.34	0.00	1,286.34
1571 L	SUGA, RICHARD J	2007	185.34	0.00	185.34
1669 L	SUGA, RICHARD J	2007	123.28	0.00	123.28
1670 L	SUGA, RICHARD J	2007	123.28	0.00	123.28
384 L	SUGA, RICHARD J.	2007	1,807.41	0.00	1,807.41
2127 L	SUGA, RICHARD J. & RHONA R.	2007	1,366.46	0.00	1,366.46
2457 L	SUGA, RICHARD JOSEPH	2007	532.73	0.00	532.73
2137 L	SULLIVAN, MICHAEL L	2007	138.81	0.00	138.81
2039 L	SULLIVAN, PATRICK D	2007	121.65	0.00	121.65
1082 L	SYLVESTER, KEITH	2007	464.29	0.00	464.29
2088 L	TREE FREE FIBER CO.	1997	175.74	-11.98	187.72
2088 L	TREE FREE FIBER CO.	1998	323.32	35.50	287.82
2088 L	TREE FREE FIBER CO.	1999	333.10	-12.25	345.35
2088 L	TREE FREE FIBER CO.	2000	380.14	-12.93	393.07
2088 L	TREE FREE FIBER CO.	2001	396.09	-12.93	409.02
2088 L	TREE FREE FIBER CO.	2002	405.29	-5.00	410.29
2088 L	TREE FREE FIBER CO.	2003	442.38	-12.64	455.02
2088 L	TREE FREE FIBER CO.	2004	401.51	-12.64	414.15
2088 L	TREE FREE FIBER CO.	2005	363.35	0.00	363.35
2088 L	TREE FREE FIBER CO.	2006	382.04	-8.32	390.36
2088 L	TREE FREE FIBER CO.	2007	294.44	0.00	294.44
2543 L	VEILLEUX, JEFFREY M. & DONNA J.	2007	135.11	0.00	135.11
2907 L	WILLETT, SHANE W. & RICHELLE R. ABBOTT	2007	1,288.71	0.00	1,288.71
251 L	WILLIAMS, LINDA JEAN	2007	504.66	0.00	504.66
2699 L	WILSON, SHELLEY MARIE & DERECK	2007	1,750.44	0.00	1,750.44
2451 L	WOOD, SHANE	2007	598.98	0.00	598.98
2487 L	WOOD, SHANE	2007	120.98	0.00	120.98
2488 L	WOOD, SHANE	2007	91.33	0.00	91.33
2386 L	WOOLEY, MARCIA L.	2007	515.61	0.00	515.61
2384 L	WOOLEY, MARSHA	2007	341.68	0.00	341.68
2399 L	YEATON, BENNIE ""HEIRS	2007	241.64	0.00	241.64
2447 L	YEATON, SANDRA J & JEFFREY A	2007	349.78	0.00	349.78
<b>Total for 107 Accounts:</b>			<b>65,145.76</b>	<b>4,708.59</b>	<b>60,437.17</b>

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# ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

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

In the summer of 2008 the Bog Road, Hannaford Hill Road and the last 4 tenths of a mile on the Cross Hill road were scheduled to be repaved, but due to the extreme rise of asphalt prices during the summer when it came time to pave in August, Pike Industries would not honor their earlier bid of 59.22 per ton. They wanted close to 90.00 per ton. Discussions followed with Mary (town manager) selectmen and my self and it was decided to put the Towns paving program on hold for this summer and hope things would stabilize next season. As I write this report, I'm in discussions with Pike Industries to honor last season price, which they are going to do. The paving plan for the summer of 2009 is to do last years work and plus the following, if the budget allows for this amount of work to be completed. If not, we will do as much as possible.

- 1) Taber Hill Road - approximately 1.2 miles, from the Bog Road intersection to the Hussey Hill intersection.
- 2) Cemetery Street - all of it, 1.5 miles. They will be a section where the big culvert was installed last fall that gets reconstructed.
- 3) Hussey Hill (west) - all of it, approximately .2 miles.
- 4) Hussey Hill (east) - all of it, approximately 1.0 miles

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 Hussey Hill (east),

and the Bog Road, receiving the majority of the work. A little was done on the Nelson Road and Seawards Mill Road.

Other work completed was the rebuilding of the road side mower. We did a considerable amount of culvert work and ditching on Hannaford Hill in preparation of paving. We also did extensive ditching work on the Town Farm Road for regular maintenance. We also assisted with a small parking lot which was built off the Webber Pond road for hikers, and provided by the Kennebec Land Trust. After, we worked on building a parking lot off from the Boat Launch Road to Three Mile Pond for swimmers to use. We cut a path through the woods to the beach area and also a path so a fence could be erected between the boat launch and the beach areas. There was substantial amount of fill hauled in and leveled at the towns new all purpose field.

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 2009-2010 budget year is preparing the Taber Hill Road, Cemetery Street, and Hussey Hill Road for repaving.

At this time I would like to thank my crew for their dedicated work. The crew consists of Russell Ibbitson, Ken Farrell and James Wentworth. If you have questions about any road project, please don't hesitate to contact the Public Works Garage at 923-3985 or E- Mail at [vasspublicworks@fairpoint.net](mailto:vasspublicworks@fairpoint.net).

**EUGENE FIELD**  
*Road Commissioner*





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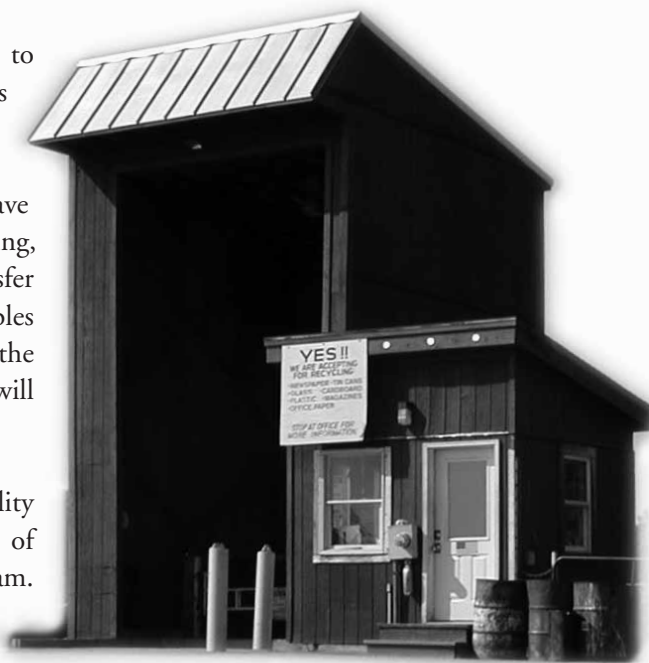
# SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING REPORT

As the Transfer Station Manager, I would like to thank the residents of Vassalboro for their efforts on recycling cardboard. I estimate at this point, we have retrieved at least 99% of all cardboard disposed of. Even though we do not yet have mandatory newspaper and mixed paper recycling, there is a recycling bin available at the Transfer station for residents to deposit these recyclables voluntarily. Removing the paper products from the waste stream and recycling the paper instead will save your tax dollars.

The Vassalboro Solid Waste and Recycling facility continues its recycling efforts. The Town of Vassalboro is committed to its recycling program. We have 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:

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

In addition, we must now recycle televisions, computer monitors, CPU's and all switches and devices with mercury. We have a swap shed for unwanted but still useable household items. We estimate that approximately 1,000 lbs per month of unwanted goods are recycled thru the swap shed. We have preprinted lists of all items that we recycle and those that we charge a fee for. Please ask George or myself for a copy or view the list on the Town's website at [www.vassalboro.net](http://www.vassalboro.net).



Efforts have been made this past year to acquire the services of a new transporter for our solid waste and we anticipate a large savings for transportation costs.

The town continues to be 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.

I would like to thank Peter Barry for his years of volunteering on Tuesday at the transfer station and for his voluntary mowing services throughout the summer mowing season each year.

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*

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# VASSALBORO POLICE REPORT

*To the residents of the Town of Vassalboro:*

To deter burglaries and thefts it is important to lock your homes and **vehicles**, especially during warmer months when people are wandering around throughout town. If you observe people around especially at night that you do not recognize don't hesitate to call police advising of suspicious circumstances.

Keep your neighbors informed. Remember they are your eyes and ears, especially when you're not home. I can not tell you how many times during burglary or theft investigations I have been told by the victim that they have not locked their vehicles and home for so many years. Occasionally the key is also left in the vehicle for the thief.

Reports this year included thefts of ladders, outboards, chainsaws and any metal items of value from resident's yards.

When plowing or snow blowing driveways be aware that any excess snow left in the road may cause someone to lose control of their vehicle.

It is very important to drive slower, especially during inclement weather, and at times when snow banks are high obstructing driver's views.

It is important to secure trash being hauled to the town landfill in open trailers or trucks. Nearly every day the landfill is open, trash is found along the roadways.

If you observe vehicles stopped along side back roads, or coming from woodlots or fields, record the plate number and call me. Dumping trash alongside the back roads, in fields, and woodlots is very prevalent.

The Maine State Police, the Kennebec County Sheriff's Department, and Vassalboro Police, provide police services for Vassalboro.

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*



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# ASSESSOR'S REPORT

This past year it has been my pleasure to work with the many Vassalboro residents who I have come in contact with. It has been a challenge this year in trying to gauge a very trying market and I have done my best to ensure that all taxpayers have been treated in a most fair and equitable manner. As we all know, taxes in any form can be at the very least a necessary evil, property tax is no exception. Despite this, it has been my experience that even in trying times the people of Vassalboro have presented themselves in a very understanding manner, despite economic times.

The Town is still growing and people are still building in the Town of Vassalboro, though I am seeing the amount of building permits decrease in comparison to previous years. Despite this slow down of the market & expansion, according to the State valuation process we are still at 100% of market Town-Wide. I will be watching the upcoming year's sales closely to see if this trend continues. It is my charge to ensure

the delicate balance of a stable Tax base and accurate valuations continues within the Town of Vassalboro.

For 2008/2009 the town had a total valuation of \$318,058,900 and issued a total of 1,094 Homestead exemptions. There were also 148 veterans exemptions granted this last year. There are also many residents who have applied and entered State classified programs such as Tree Growth, Farm Land and Open space. All of these programs if applicable can be a help to taxpayers in easing the burdens they face in regards to property tax. Any help that I can offer in explaining these programs and exemptions is encouraged so please feel free to contact me @ the Town of Vassalboro assessing office @ 872-2826. I look forward to working with you in the future.

**ELLERY G. BANE**  
*Assessor*

## APPEALS BOARD

The 2008-09 meetings were mostly dedicated to the abatement process. With the new mass tax assessments in 2007, a few individuals came forward to ask for an adjustment in their taxes. A majority of our decisions supported the town assessor's assessment and the mathematical approach to the process. On two occasions, very unique properties were reviewed with abatements granted.

The Appeals Board deferred a decision to the Selectmen as per the State statutes regarding a septic permit issued earlier this year. Lastly, the Board had a meet-

ing regarding the denial of a subdivision expansion. The appeal was to reverse the Planning Board's decision to deny any more lots within the subdivision. The Appeal's Board denied this appeal hence supporting the Planning Board's decision. Unfortunately, the individual went forward to the Superior Court looking for a reversal. No other appeal that came to the Board went forward to the Superior Courts.

**KATHLEEN C. LEES**  
*Chair*

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# CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

As I complete my second 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 continues to decline from those permitted in previous years. A total of 37 building permits were issued for all types of residential dwellings, down from the 41 issued last year and 57 issued the previous year. An additional 77 permits were issued for additions, and accessory structures, such as barns garages, decks, pools, and sheds. The total valuation of all permitted structures was \$1.8 million. Residents are reminded that they should apply for permits prior to construction and excavation. 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.

The Building Permit Ordinance revisions were approved at Town Meeting last June. There are some changes involving setback of new structures and new septic systems from property lines and roads. The Ordinance better defines now whether or not you need a permit for various actions.

The Maine Legislature did finally pass a mandatory Building Code after several failed attempts which will become effective in January of 2012. It will be important after that date to communicate with

builders and DIYers as part of permitting to make sure that the Code is being followed. State mandated inspections will also be required.

A total of 91 plumbing permits were issued, including 32 for subsurface septic systems, and 59 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.

Vassalboro is very close to having full compliance with the Automobile Graveyard Ordinance. About 90 percent of those cited for violations complied voluntarily. My thanks to those who chose to comply. Remember that you may have up to two unregistered or uninspected vehicles on your property. Any more, you are in violation of the Ordinance.

Sixteen Shoreland Zoning permits were issued last year, ten of which were decided by the Planning Board and the other six 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*



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# VASSALBORO PUBLIC LIBRARY

As 2009 brings the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of the Vassalboro Public Library and the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Annual Book & Bake Sale, we at the library are prouder than ever of the services and value we are able to provide the citizens of Vassalboro. I am pleased to report that FY07-08 was yet another busy and rewarding year. Over 150 new patrons (90 adults, 66 children) joined the library and our collection increased by nearly 800 new items, including over 650 new books and 115 audio books, videos, and DVDs. We continue to receive compliments on our selection of new literature and bestselling fiction, award-winning and educational children's materials, current and noteworthy non-fiction, genealogical materials, and both new and historic notable Maine works. As ever, many favorite items came from plentiful and much appreciated patron donations. Patronage and circulation remained steady, with over 7,500 patron visits and materials circulation over 14,500. Used by over 900 patrons, our 3 computers (PCs) with high-speed internet access, color printing, and free wireless access also remained popular.

We offered a number of activities for both children and adults. Our Summer Reading Program for children included presentations by puppeteer Nancy Tyndall and nature programs with the L.C. Bates Museum. We welcomed Ron Joseph ("Bird Man") of the Fish & Wildlife department for a children's wildlife program, hosted a night of the Maine Humanities Council-sponsored adult reading group, *Let's Talk About It*, and celebrated our volunteers and patrons with a special Tea & Variety Show at the Grange. Additionally, we raised much-needed funds through our 49th annual Book and Bake Sale and 17th annual Golf Tournament (for which we, once again, owe tremendous thanks to both Natanis Golf Course and Ernie Gauer!).

With great appreciation I also commend my outstanding assistant, Russell Smith, and our invaluable team of volunteers for another year of unrivaled and unwavering service to the library. Logging nearly 1700 hours, volunteers checked out and shelved books, filed catalog cards, digitized accession materials, read stories,

hauled firewood, carted recycling, baked cookies, sorted donations, and enthusiastically completed myriad other tasks -- every effort contributing to our greater good. 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, Myrna Duplessie, Adam Farren, Lore and Chuck Ferguson, Irene Forster, Dianne Hogendorn, Jennifer Kochaver, Helen LaFleur, the Limberger family, Julie Lyon, Amy Schwab, Valerie Sugden, Claudia Wilcox, the Welch family, Esther Bernhardt, Debra Crump, Elizabeth Davidson, Rick & Cami Denico, David Jenney, Art & Linda Kingdon, Susan Kiralis, George O'Connor, Kate Reynolds, David Shipman, Debby Thompson, Lauchlin & Linda Titus, Morgan Titus, Ed & Nicole Wasilewski, and Ann White. Their support 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 patron, Rochelle Meunier. Her presence, assistance, and cherished company will be long missed.

Looking forward to another active and successful year (and century!), we hope that many more will join us along the way. As always, library membership is free for the people of Vassalboro. 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 (12:30-8PM) and Saturdays (10AM-6PM). Mark your calendars for the Golf Tournament (August 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>), our 50<sup>th</sup> Book & Bake Sale (sure to be a grand celebration -- Sat. Sept. 12, 9AM-3PM at the East Vassalboro Grange Hall), and keep an eye out for a variety of new and exciting programs and events -- surely we have something for everyone at the Vassalboro Public Library!

DAWN THISTLE  
*Librarian*

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# CONSERVATION COMMISSION

**MAY MEETING:** The Commission developed an amendment to the Ordinance written in 1988 that laid out the responsibilities of the Vassalboro Conservation Commission. This was presented at the Town Meeting in June 2008 and was passed unanimously.

**JUNE MEETING:** Forester, Vite Vitale attended our meeting to go over the Forest Management Plan that he prepared for Vassalboro in 2003. This was an opportunity for the Commission to read and understand the plan and the recommendations made in it by Mr. Vitale. The 49 acres of land off the Bogg Road is the site of ball fields, municipal sand and salt sheds, and a mixture of hardwood and softwood trees. There are snowmobile trails and hiking trails that run through the cut areas of the property. The Commission is particularly interested in looking at opportunities for extending the hiking trails. The Trails Committee works closely with the Conservation Commission, having similar goals and mission. This meeting encouraged us to take the question to the Board of Selectmen: What next? One of the Commission members, David Jenney, attended a Selectmen's meeting in August to share the Forest Management Plan with the Selectmen and seek their approval to go ahead with some of the recommendations in the plan.

**JULY MEETING:** An on-going topic for the Commission has been the establishment of a boat launch site along the Kennebec River in Vassalboro. This idea was presented to us last year when the Kennebec River Initiative representative, Josh Platt, came to one of our meetings to share the KRI strategy. River access is a goal of the KRI, and there is no public access point in Vassalboro. The proposal is to find a location where walk -in access for small (non-motorized) boats might be possible. Several obstacles have been identified including the steepness of the slope, landowner approval, and permission from the Guilford Railroad Company. Some field trips occurred last summer to visit potential sites, and we will continue this search in the spring.

We learned that our Town Manager Mary Sabins wanted to refresh the town website, and our member David Jenney has been working with her since July on this project. Information about all of the town activities and services can now be found at [www.vassalboro.net](http://www.vassalboro.net).

**AUGUST MEETING:** In addition to our on-going topics, we addressed the need to develop an out-reach strategy. The VCC attempted to get the word out about conservation work by holding an open house in April 2008 at the school. The attendance was not what we had hoped for, but we were not discouraged. We have begun to develop a network of partners, particularly among the environmental and land protection organizations in the state. We are still learning about techniques used for conservation and have no financial resources to launch a major project right away. We met with the Planning Board Chair, Ginny Brackett, to discuss our common ground and the need for cooperation. We discussed the idea of an Open Space component to the Site Development Ordinance. The VCC has access to similar ordinances enacted by other towns. The Conservation Commission is now receiving the agendas of the Planning Board meetings so that we can attend their meetings when appropriate.

**SEPTEMBER MEETING:** The meeting was devoted to looking at the set of maps called Beginning with Habitat provided by the Soil and Water District in 2005. We are able to locate valuable natural resources around our community and over-lay them on maps delineating roads, property lines, and other data. Our goal is to identify all the large tracts of land with multiple values on them. This inventory will be the first step in developing a conservation plan for Vassalboro. We also discussed opportunities to hold public events or meetings to raise awareness in the community about our conservation commission activities and mission.

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**OCTOBER MEETING:** We returned to the topic of river access, with focus on the Seven Mile Stream inlet to see how steep that slope was. The question of land ownership was addressed and Paul Mitnik volunteered to contact the owners. David Jenney and Holly Weidner walked through the Town Forrest following the existing trails, noting where they could be improved. Some adjacent fields are now of interest as a way to extend the walking trails and have access from Route 32. Working on trails could be done in the spring and summer, inviting community volunteers to help.

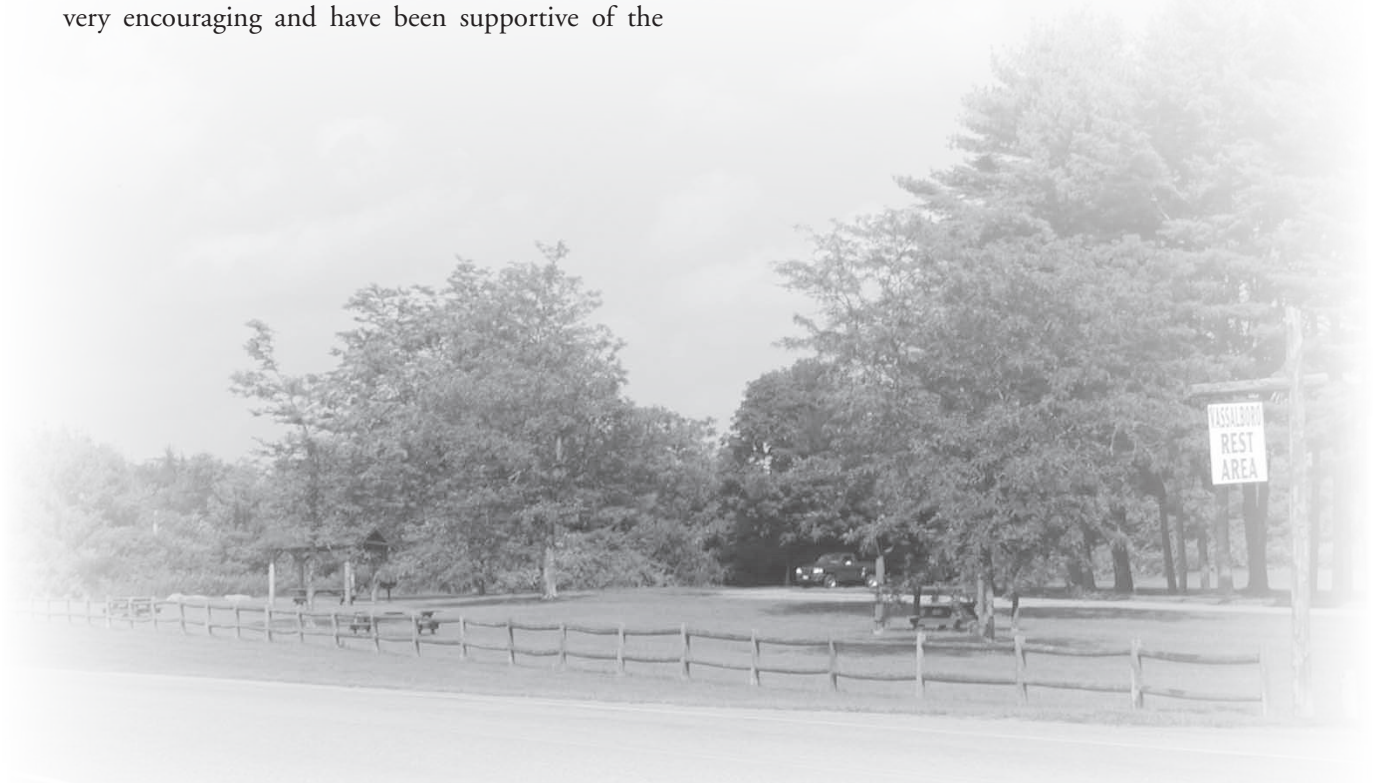
**NOVEMBER MEETING:** Joining the Maine Association of Conservation Commissions will cost of \$150. We have no budget so we would need to request this money from the town. We also discussed the possibility of doing a project with the China Region Lakes Alliance Conservation Corp next summer, regarding the eradication of Purple Loosestrife in our lakes. We will invite a CRLA member to one of our future meetings, to find out how we can partner with them.

**JANUARY MEETING:** Mary Ellen Johnston attended the Selectmen's meeting in November to up-date them about the VCC activities. They were very encouraging and have been supportive of the

commission as we continue to define our role based on the Town Strategic Plan. We agreed to request the funds for the dues to the Maine Association of Conservation Commissions. We also discussed the possibility of applying for a Project Canopy Grant from the State Department of Conservation.

**FEBRUARY MEETING:** Commission member David Jenny and Town Manager Mary Sabins attended a workshop for the Project Canopy Grant in Augusta. This was a requirement of any community wanting to apply for these funds. Our category will be Tree Planting and Maintenance. We have determined that this is a good fit for Vassalboro and will be most likely to succeed. The funds will be used to purchase and plant approximately 20 trees on town owned lands around the community.

**MARCH MEETING:** The meeting was focused on the Project Canopy Grant application due in April, with a reply expected in May. We also took some time to review the Vassalboro Sub Division Ordinance that needs more clear guidelines for protection of natural resources and for providing open space. This will be done in conjunction with the Planning Board.



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# CHINA REGION LAKES ALLIANCE

The China Region Lakes Alliance was formed in 1995 by the China Lake, Three Mile Pond, and Webber Pond Associations along with the Towns of China, Vassalboro, and Windsor and the Kennebec Water District with the mission to improve water quality in member lakes. The work done by the CRLA falls into four broad categories; technical assistance and design work for major erosion control projects, hands on work on smaller projects done by our Youth Conservation Corp, free land owner consultations, and boat launch inspections to prevent the introduction of invasive water plants into area lakes. In 2008 the China Region Lakes Alliance continued working on erosion control projects up until the time of our first major snowfall.

Erosion control projects were done in the Town of Vassalboro in cooperation with the Kennebec Soil and Water Conservation District (KCSWCD). In the Town of Vassalboro, a total of eight erosion control projects were done this past year with two more major projects planned for early next year. In addition to the actual erosion control work, 16 Vassalboro shorefront property owners took advantage of the free land owner consultations. The Youth Conservation Corp also obtained the marking buoys and set them out for the town swimming area on Three Mile Pond. The KCSWCD, in cooperation with CRLA, will seek to secure State funds from two different sources for future work on Webber and Three Mile Ponds. One of these sources has already been secured. Both of these lakes have storm water funds set aside for work in the lake's watershed. We have obtained approximately \$5,147 for Three Mile Pond and \$21,260 for Webber Pond from this source. This money will be used to address buffer issues on the waterfront of private landowners on Three Mile Pond and in the Webber Pond watershed. We hope to cooperate with the Town of Vassalboro, Department of Conservation and the land owners on the Dam Road which provides public access to Webber Pond. This project includes incorporating Low Impact Design Techniques to treat stormwater runoff from the site and make the public

space a showcase for water quality education. The CRLA is also applying for funds for general erosion control program to continue projects around the lake's watershed. The other source will be through Section 319 of the Clean Water Act, administered through the Maine DEP in a competitive grant process.

The water quality was again excellent on Webber Pond and not so good on Three Mile Pond. Why is this? Some think the addition of alewives into Webber Pond has helped the water quality. The CRLA is evaluating this issue and is considering ways to get more alewives into Three Mile Pond. We will keep you informed on this important matter. The CRLA in conjunction with the Webber and Three Mile Pond associations is introducing a buffer strip improvement program on the lakes. Buffer strip health is related to water quality. The more naturally forested a buffer strip is the less soil erosion takes place. The CRLA and member lake associations will be assisting interested shorefront property owners assess their buffer strip, select appropriate plants and cost share the projects. It is expected that doing selected plantings in the buffer strip area will improve water quality by lessening runoff while not interfering with the lakefront views.

An important task of the CRLA in recent years has been the job of weekend pre-launch boat inspections to prevent the introduction of invasive plants into our lakes. This is especially important with the late summer discovery of Eurasian Milfoil in Salmon Lake and in the stream that drains into Great Pond. Eurasian Milfoil, a very aggressive invasive plant, has made many lakes in the Midwest unusable. If a plant such as Eurasian Milfoil were to get into a shallow lakes such as Webber and Three Mile the results would be catastrophic. This past season 912 courtesy boat inspections were done by the CRLA on member lakes; 511 on China Lake, 270 on Three Mile Pond, and 131 on Webber Pond. The boat inspection program is partially supported through grants obtained from the DEP.





If the CRLA is applying for state funding why do we ask for money from the Town of Vassalboro? Without matching funds from the Town of Vassalboro the CRLA would not be successful in the grant process. The state and federal government assess local support for lake related projects as part of the application process. The CRLA has been able to match every dollar contributed by the Town of Vassalboro by more than 2:1.

This December David Landry completed his term as CRLA president with Jim Hart taking over. Jim works with the Kennebec Water District as treatment plant manager. Jim is an engineer by training and brings a good deal of knowledge and enthusiasm to his position as incoming CRLA president. Peter Wilkens who was Youth Conservation Corp Director and chief site evaluator for the CRLA during the past two years is stepping down. Peter did a wonderful job

and many in the community can attest to Peter's hard work on behalf of the organization. Justin Hebert will be the new YCC director for 2009. Those wishing to contact the CRLA are referred to the following contact information.

**DAVID LANDRY**  
*Board of Directors CRLA*  
Email: lakesalliance@yahoo.com

China Lake: David Landry 968-2856  
Email: david.landry@yahoo.com

Three Mile Pond: Rick Hayden 445-2077  
Email: rhayden61@juno.com

Webber Pond: Bob Nadeau 873-2025  
Email: nadeau1@adelphia.net

General Information: Jim Hart 445-3358  
Email: jim.hart@roadrunner.com

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# 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 to work on moving the Association forward by growing the membership, establishing Road Captains for better corporation of efforts around the lake, the Alewife restoration project that involves stocking Alewives, and alterations to the Route 3 culvert and outlet stream, “The Year of the Buffer Strip” for shore line property owners to help control phosphorus run-off, monitoring of inlets to the pond for identifying erosion and phosphorus problems, assisting CRLA in finding restoration projects for a 319 grant. All of this is designed to improve the quality of our water. We continue to work closely with CRLA and Maine DEP as well as other water authorities who have experience in lake management. We also have been trying to make owners aware of shore land zoning rules, and with the assistance of the code enforcement officer and DEP 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. (<http://www.threemilepond.org>)

The website is helping keep the membership informed with meeting minutes, and important links particularly the Phosphorus Control Action Plan completed by the DEP and enacted by the Three mile Pond Association this past year.

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 R 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 plants, such as Milfoil, 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 conducted by the CRLA Youth Conservation Corp. 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 a 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 Rick Hayden, President of the Association at [tmpa@threemilepond.org](mailto:tmpa@threemilepond.org)

**RICK HAYDEN**  
*President TMPA*



4th of July parade: photo courtesy of Rick Hayden

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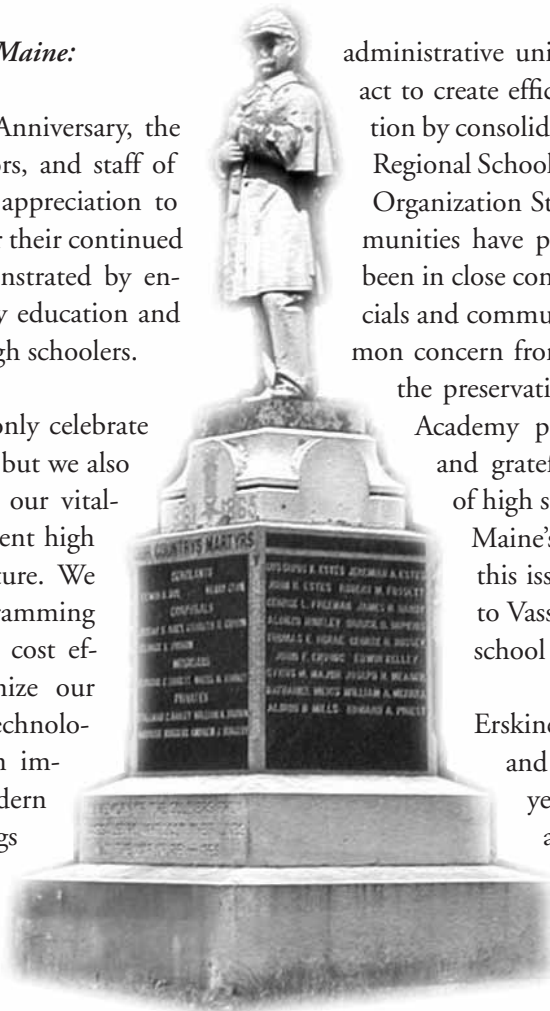
# ERSKINE ACADEMY HEADMASTER

*To The Residents of Vassalboro, Maine:*

On the occasion of our 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, the Board of Trustees, administrators, and staff of Erskine Academy extend their appreciation to the community of Vassalboro for their continued support of the school as demonstrated by entrusting us to provide secondary education and learning experiences for their high schoolers.

In this our 125<sup>th</sup> year, we not only celebrate our longevity and performance, but we also take important steps to ensure our vitality and viability as an independent high school of choice well into the future. We routinely take stock of our programming and resources, aiming to make cost effective investments to modernize our teaching methodologies and technologies. Our unyielding focus on improvement has grown our Modern and Classical Language offerings to include Russian and Arabic Studies; equipped classrooms with Promethean Board's to aid classroom instruction and Internet access; established an accelerated mathematics sequence and tutorial lab; and expanded our dual enrollment courses through which students earn college credits while taking rigorous high school coursework. As a result of these and other initiatives: Erskine Academy students are more high tech, globally and culturally aware, and better prepared for higher education than at any time in our history.

Resolved to continue to present an educational program fit for the times and the communities we serve, Erskine Academy is affected by and contends with the same challenges presented to our public schools. Chief among these is the state's requirement that all school



administrative units comply with LD2323, an act to create efficiencies in school administration by consolidating functions and forming a Regional School Unit (RSU) or an Alternative Organization Structure (AOS). As our communities have prepared their plans, we have been in close communication with school officials and community planners. The one common concern from the communities has been the preservation of school choice, Erskine Academy primarily. We are delighted and grateful that Vassalboro's heritage of high school choice was preserved in Maine's educational statutes and that this issue was of critical importance to Vassalboro when forming its new school administrative unit.

Erskine Academy reflects proudly and appreciatively on its 125 years of progress and performance. As we continue to be entrusted with the care and education of Vassalboro's young people, we become even more resolved to fulfill our mission—the provi-

sion of high quality educational experiences to inspire students to their highest potential—for many, many more years. Thank you for ensuring that school choice remains for Vassalboro, an opportunity that is the envy of many Maine communities, and thank you for your confidence in Erskine Academy.

**MICHAEL MCQUARRIE**  
*Headmaster*

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# 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.

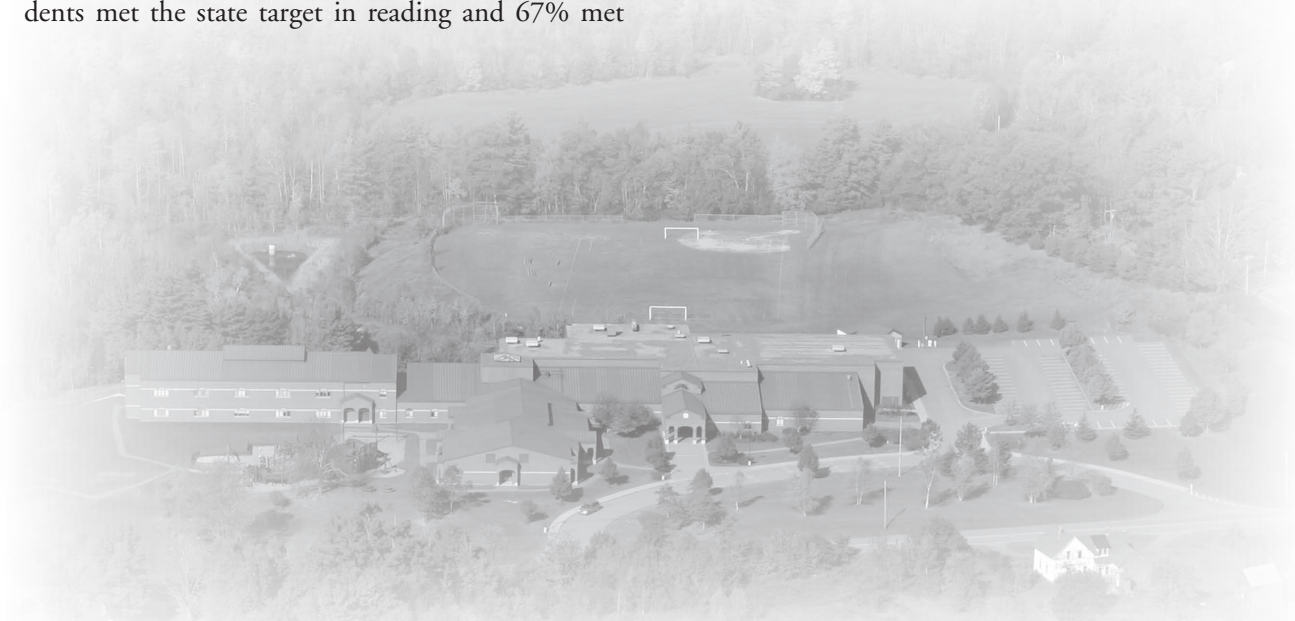
Within the Vassalboro Community School during the past year, of significance and noteworthy are: the implementation of a new reading program, “Reading Street”, for students in grades three through five. Last year the program was introduced to students in kindergarten, first, and second grades. The program now serves as the core reading program for students in grades K - 5. Teachers report improvement in reading fluency and comprehension for students of all ability levels. Students continue to perform well academically as is especially evident on Maine Educational Assessments that were administrated last March. For example, 35% of last years eighth grade class exceeded the state standard in reading, 32% exceeded the standard in math, and in science all but one student met state standard. School wide results for students in grades three through eight were strong; 73% of students met the state target in reading and 67% met

the standard in math. 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. After more than a year and a half of planning the voters of Vassalboro, Waterville, and Winslow approved the formation of an Alternative Organizational Structure [AOS] in order to comply with the consolidation mandate from the state. At this writing planning is on-going to be ready for the July 1 deadline for implementation.

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, Sarah Sugden, Kevin Levasseur, Barry Bernier, and Amy Nutting. Amy also serves on the AOS school committee as Vassalboro’s representative.

**HUGH RIORDAN**  
*Superintendent of Schools*



Aerial photography by Charlie Cabaniss (Fox Photography Services)

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# 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 PROJECTS:** Loaming and seeding of the multi-use field will be completed this spring. This would not have been possible without the help of Gene Field and the Publics Works crew for all their work last fall getting the field graded and the ditching completed. Many thanks to Gene and other members of the crew.

A new project was started by the Youth Baseball/Softball League last fall to transform one of the older fields ("the middle field") into an official youth softball field. The project entails a skinned infield and changing the field's location and orientation to avoid reoccurring conflicts with other fields. Any contributions or donations of labor or equipment would be greatly appreciated to make this volunteer project a success this year.

2008-2009 Activities (Estimates):

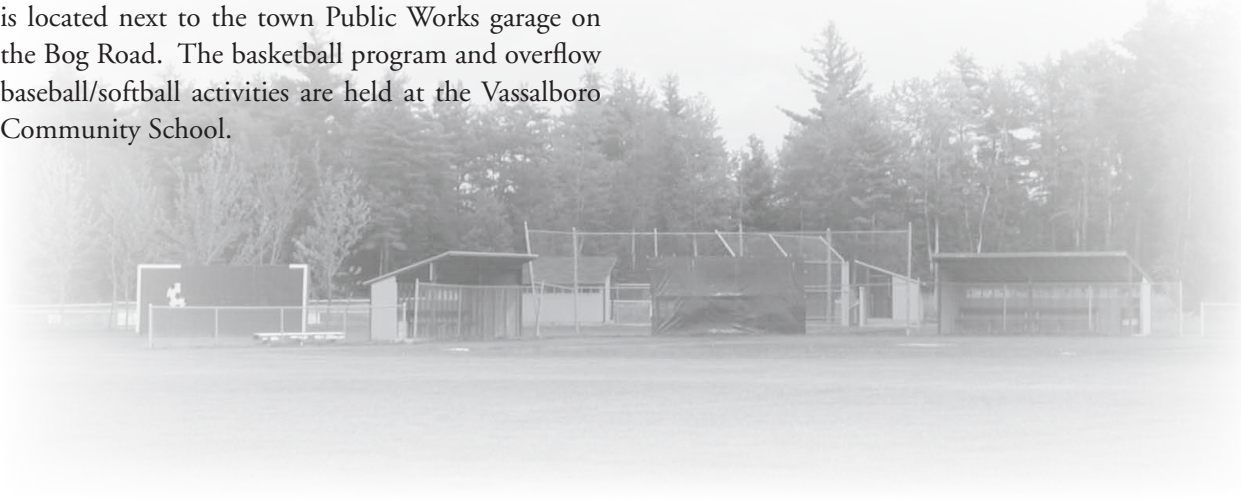
Soccer:	120 Participants
Basketball:	80 Participants
Baseball/Softball:	150 Participants

Committee Members:

Bill Pulver, Director 923-3277  
Danny Waceken, Theresa Pulver, Dennis Scates  
Scott Reynolds, Mark Bailey

Youth Program Contacts:

**Baseball/Softball:** Ben Foster - 623-6224  
**Soccer:** Peter Howard - 623-6453  
**Basketball:** Kelly McQuarrie - 445-5043



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# VASSALBORO FIRE DEPARTMENT

We have applied and hope to receive another grant for 50/50 from the Department of Forestry to replace some communication pagers that are no longer serviceable. In addition, the fire department purchased 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 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 the 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.

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



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

- 1 Heater Fire
- 8 Structure Fire
- 1 Assist Fire Marshall
- 11 10-55
- 16 10-55 PI
- 3 Chimney Fire
- 3 Fire Alarm
- 11 Assist Delta
- 2 Smoke Investigation
- 1 Car went through Ice
- 2 Dog rescue
- 2 Wire Down
- 5 Tree Down
- 2 Tire Fire
- 6 Stand by Winslow Fire
- 2 Carbon Monoxide
- 1 Unknown type of fire
- 2 Vehicle Fire
- 1 Grass Fire
- 3 Brush Fire
- 1 Flooded Basement
- 1 Propane Leak
- 1 Broken Water Pipe
- 1 Water Rescue
- 1 Oder Investigation

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# VASSALBORO SANITARY DISTRICT

The Vassalboro Sanitary District is pleased to report to the Town some of the highlights of its year. It has been a year of some changes for us, as we faced loss of our septage spreading site, and we were delayed in getting the sand filter beds weeded, both resulting in significant unexpected expenses.

In addition, the project to replace the pipeline under the Outlet Stream ran into a major obstacle in the form of ledge. This stopped work until major new funding can be secured. Stimulus money is our hope, but may not be available to us. A loan, even at low interest, will burden ratepayers. This remains a major challenge.

In addition, we have been further burdened by the continuing failure by some users of the system to pay their sewer bills. In some cases, accounts are overdue by a matter of years. Time has not permitted us to

institute the liens we hoped to impose, as yet, though that remains a goal. We certainly need the better cash flow of full payment by all, which is essential to our continued operation.

Most important is the challenge we have faced in recruiting members of the Sanitary District Board of Trustees. We have been operating for almost a year with only 4 of 5 slots filled, and can not assure that all of those will remain after their current term. It is critical that residents of Vassalboro, whether or not on the system, look within themselves for the sense of community that may enable them to become involved. We are all volunteers, with only a small stipend. We strive to operate the system efficiently, and the least possible cost. More help is urgently needed!

**PHILIP HAINES**  
*President*

# VASSALBORO HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Vassalborough Historical Society was founded in 1960 to preserve and educate the community about the history of our unique town. We have continued to do so for the last 49 years. Currently the Society hosts six public meetings a year with the intent to make the public aware of various events that have shaped the town. The collection of the Society is housed at the former East Vassalboro School. There were two significant additions to the collection this year, a Priest Family sampler done in the early 1800's, and a buggy manufactured at Grant Brothers in North Vassalboro.

The Museum hours were curtailed some this winter to help save on fuel but we are open the second and fourth Sundays of the month from April through November, except holidays. For more information in the Society you may contact it at 207-923-3505



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# VASSALBORO FOOD STATION PANTRY

The Vassalboro Food Pantry is pleased to report to the town some of the highlights of this year. The new building opened on January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009 with a few finishing touches to be completed at that time. Operations have proceeded fairly normally this year and we want to thank all of the volunteers for the countless hours of time they have spent making the new building a reality.



We started the fundraising for this building in May of 2005 by holding a turkey supper. Later fundraisers included: yard sales, rabies clinics, sales of refreshments at town events and grants. Many volunteers with full time jobs gave up countless weekends to work on the completion of the building. In addition, many

volunteers gave of their time and labor on the days the pantry was open.

We have served 1674 households, which included 4160 people during the course of this past year. When we opened in 2002, we served 991 families, which included 2,648 people. This year, we have furnished 25 Thanksgiving dinners and 61 Christmas boxes. The numbers are much higher this year, as more individuals need assistance due to loss of jobs and the higher cost of fuel and food. We feel that we have made large advances this past year by making the pantry a place to receive assistance with food.

The pantry is open every Thursday from 11-12 for any Vassalboro citizen who needs help. The Executive Director of the food pantry is Cindy Ferland and the Chairman of the Board is Evelyn Dutil. Other Board members are: Lisa Robbins, Albert Ferland, Marjorie Saporita, George Bourassa, John Robertson, and Cheryl and David Sherwood. Anyone wanting further information should contact Cindy at 873-7375.

EVELYN DUTIL  
*Chairman of the Board*

## ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER'S REPORT

In the year 2008, I handled many calls for animal problems in the Town of Vassalboro. This is a breakdown of those calls:

Dogs at large	25	Return runaway dogs	4	Cats to Humane Shelter	29
Dog Bites	2	Dogs to Humane Shelter	11	Welfare checks	3
Wild animals calls (rabies)	5	Court cases handled	14	Animals hit by vehicles	6
Trap feral cat	2	Horses/cows in the road	4	Warrants for dogs	183

Thanks to the office staff for all the help with licenses and information that I need throughout the year. Thanks also to Chief Phippen, State Police, and the Kennebec County Sheriffs Department.

HOWARD E. MORANG  
*Animal Control Officer*



# VASSALBORO SCHOOL

## Budget vs. Actual

<b>FUNCTION</b>	<b>APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>2008 BUDGET</b>	<b>2008 ACTUAL</b>
<b>LIBRARY</b> .....	\$ 68,367.04		
Salary		\$53,441.00	\$53,504.48
Benefits		\$6,316.04	\$7,044.13
Other		\$8,610.00	\$7,598.96
Total	68,367.04	\$68,367.04	\$68,147.57
<b>PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE</b> .....	\$ 220,326.58		
Salary		\$160,477.50	\$155,295.66
Benefits		\$40,949.08	\$38,141.99
Other		\$18,900.00	\$18,328.15
Total	220,326.58	\$220,326.58	\$211,765.80
<b>BUILDING OPERATION</b> .....	\$ 362,434.36		
Salary		\$115,258.40	\$118,159.52
Benefits		\$35,157.96	\$35,440.78
Other		\$212,018.00	\$194,747.33
Total	362,434.36	\$362,434.36	\$348,347.63
<b>INSTRUCTION</b> .....	\$ 2,003,512.10		
Salary		\$1,594,410.94	\$1,526,515.56
Benefits		\$287,409.16	\$274,389.39
Other		\$121,692.00	\$128,613.40
Total	2,003,512.10	\$2,003,512.10	\$1,929,518.35
<b>TUITION</b> .....	\$ 2,363,496.00		
Public Tuition		\$705,391.00	\$721,965.40
Private Tuition		\$1,284,380.00	\$1,301,256.36
Special Ed		\$373,725.00	\$395,422.34
Total	2,363,496.00	\$2,363,496.00	\$2,418,644.10
<b>SPECIAL EDUCATION</b> .....	\$ 780,306.70		
Salary		\$575,795.98	\$568,083.04
Benefits		\$153,742.72	\$138,477.41
Other		\$50,768.00	\$54,255.48
Total	780,306.70	\$780,306.70	\$760,815.93
<b>SUMMER SCHOOL</b> .....	\$ 12,559.00		
Salary		\$9,000.00	\$12,522.50
Benefits		\$3,359.00	\$270.59
Other		\$200.00	\$80.08
Total	12,559.00	\$12,559.00	\$12,873.17

# VASSALBORO SCHOOL

## Budget vs. Actual

<b>FUNCTION</b>	<b>APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>2008 BUDGET</b>	<b>2008 ACTUAL</b>
<b>CO-CURRICULAR . . . . . \$</b>	12,909.00		
Salary		\$10,950.00	\$13,575.00
Benefits		\$459.00	\$358.42
Other		\$1,500.00	\$4,622.94
Total	12,909.00	\$12,909.00	\$18,556.36
<b>EXTRA CURRICULAR . . . . . \$</b>	26,251.00		
Salary		\$18,800.00	\$27,425.00
Benefits		\$700.00	\$1,190.85
Other		\$6,751.00	\$9,963.20
Total	26,251.00	\$26,251.00	\$38,579.05
<b>FOOD SERVICE . . . . . \$</b>	-		
Salary		\$-	\$141.09
Benefits		\$-	\$2,120.20
Other		\$-	
Total	-	\$-	\$2,261.29
<b>GUIDANCE . . . . . \$</b>	54,177.00		
Salary		\$43,402.00	\$36,695.01
Benefits		\$10,100.00	\$9,597.86
Other		\$675.00	\$737.83
Total	54,177.00	\$54,177.00	\$47,030.70
<b>HEALTH &amp; MEDICAL . . . . . \$</b>	49,977.72		
Salary		\$32,725.00	\$28,439.37
Benefits		\$13,975.72	\$13,872.56
Other		\$3,277.00	\$2,880.00
Total	49,977.72	\$49,977.72	\$45,191.93
<b>SCHOOL COMMITTEE . . . . . \$</b>	12,611.00		
Stipends		\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Benefits		\$155.00	\$153.00
Other		\$10,456.00	\$10,328.93
Total	12,611.00	\$12,611.00	\$12,481.93
<b>TECHNOLOGY . . . . . \$</b>	29,783.00		
Salary		\$7,525.00	\$7,225.00
Benefits		\$3,515.00	\$3,492.00
Other		\$18,743.00	\$12,753.10
Total	29,783.00	\$29,783.00	\$23,470.10

# VASSALBORO SCHOOL

## Budget vs. Actual

<b>FUNCTION</b>	<b>APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>2008 BUDGET</b>	<b>2008 ACTUAL</b>
<b>CURRICULUM . . . . . \$</b>	<b>\$8,218.00</b>		
Salary		\$5,757.00	\$5,746.00
Benefits		\$2,229.00	\$2,285.90
Other		\$232.00	\$279.86
Total	\$8,218.00	\$8,218.00	\$8,311.76
<b>STUDENT ASSESSMENT . . . . . \$</b>	<b>\$8,218.00</b>		
Salary		\$5,757.00	\$5,746.00
Benefits		\$2,229.00	\$2,285.00
Other		\$232.00	\$3,996.01
Total	\$8,218.00	\$8,218.00	\$12,027.01
<b>RECERTIFICATION . . . . . \$</b>	<b>\$986.00</b>		
Salary		\$950.00	\$4,425.34
Benefits		\$36.00	\$181.31
Other			
Total	986.00	\$986.00	\$4,606.65
<b>SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE . . . \$</b>	<b>138,937.00</b>		
Salary		\$86,279.00	\$86,557.00
Benefits		\$29,340.00	\$29,283.00
Other		\$23,318.00	\$18,321.82
Total	138,937.00	\$138,937.00	\$134,161.82
<b>CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT . . . . . \$</b>	<b>97,100.00</b>		
Cap Improvement		\$97,100.00	\$97,413.19
Total	97,100.00	\$97,100.00	\$97,413.19
<b>GROUNDS &amp; MAINTENANCE . . \$</b>	<b>16,000.00</b>		
Other		\$16,000.00	\$11,817.36
Total	16,000.00	\$16,000.00	\$11,817.36
<b>TRANSPORTATION . . . . . \$</b>	<b>353,168.50</b>		
Salary		\$142,519.70	\$131,002.14
Benefits		\$50,915.80	\$58,377.15
Other		\$159,733.00	\$263,839.73
Total	353,168.50	\$353,168.50	\$453,219.02
<b>DEBT SERVICE . . . . . \$</b>	<b>371,493.00</b>		
Interest		\$334,490.00	\$334,490.00
Principal		\$37,003.00	\$37,002.96
Total	371,493.00	\$371,493.00	\$371,492.96
	<b>\$6,990,831.00</b>	<b>\$6,990,831.00</b>	<b>\$7,030,733.68</b>

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# MUNICIPAL EXPENDITURES

JULY 1, 2007 - JUNE 30, 2008

## ADMINISTRATION

Appropriation:	\$277,435
Expenditures:	
Personnel service	\$210,235.85
Insurance	8,973.44
Utilities	9,724.01
Building Maintenance	2,670.45
Printing/Advertising	3,623.24
Audit/Legal/Dues	6,246.72
Office Supplies/Equipment	3,387.80
Technology/Postage/Other	26,688.11
Registry of Deeds	3,127.72
Balance	2,757.66

## PUBLIC WORKS

Appropriation:	\$352,304
Expenditures:	
Personnel Services	\$177,399.85
Insurance	13,827.82
Sand/Salt/other contracts	33,447.89
Vehicle Expenses/Equip.	79,849.82
Garage Utilities/Supplies	21,545.16
Bridges/Culverts	7,760.59
Balance	18,472.87

## SOLID WASTE

Appropriation:	\$295,117
Expenditures:	
Personnel Services	\$ 63,725.82
Insurance	1,960.85
Bldg Maint, Water Monit,	
Engineering	5,465.62
Utilities/Supplies	2,345.95
Disposal/Hauling/Recycling	203,956.38
Balance	17,662.38

## ROAD PAVING/GRAVEL ROADS

Appropriation:	\$248,451
Expenditures:	
Paving	\$233,475.73
Striping	9,408.96
Gravel Roads/Maintenance	2,307.35
Balance	3,258.96

## CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT

Appropriation:	\$52,600
Expenditures:	
Fire Truck/Public Works Reserve	\$18,600.00
Balance	34,000.00

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation:	\$ 84,658
Expenditures:	
Utilities	\$11,962.52
Insurances	6,955.67
Repairs	12,360.26
Training/Equipment/Supplies	12,883.90
Radios	4,002.64
Bldg Maintenance	1,378.46
Firefighter stipend	4,070.00
Chief Stipend	2,000.00
Miscellaneous	16,862.53
Balance	12,182.02

## PUBLIC SAFETY

Appropriation:	\$ 31,257
Expenditures:	
Employee Costs	\$19,777.71
Insurances	849.00
Supplies/Vehicle Maintenance	2,893.29
Humane Society	5,584.84
Balance	2,152.16

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# MUNICIPAL EXPENDITURES

JULY 1, 2007 - JUNE 30, 2008

## RECREATION/SUMMER YOUTH

Appropriation: \$ 20,000  
Expenditures: \$ 20,000.00  
Balance .00

## RECREATION/ROUTE #3 REST AREA

Appropriation: \$ 5,650  
Expenditures: \$ 5,625.00  
Balance 25.00

## LIBRARY

Appropriation: \$ 31,000  
Expenditures: \$ 31,000.00  
Balance .00

## UTILITIES

Appropriation: \$ 37,177  
Expenditures:  
Street Lights \$ 16,350.43  
Hydrant Rental 17,544.72  
Balance 3,281.85

## CEMETERIES

Appropriation: \$ 17,500  
Expenditures:  
Care of Cemeteries \$ 14,291.71  
Balance 3,208.29

## GENERAL ASSISTANCE

Appropriation: \$ 3,500  
Expenditures:  
Fuel/Utilities \$ 784.80  
Shelter 3,275.00  
Balance (559.80)

## ASSESSMENT

Appropriation: \$ 69,052  
Expenditures:  
Employee Costs: \$ 42,161.86  
Maps/Dues/Supplies 2,220.88  
Balance 24,669.26

## SOCIAL SERVICES

Appropriation: \$ 9,550  
Expenditures:  
Senior Citizens \$ 450.00  
Hospice 1,600.00  
Food Pantry 1,000.00  
Family Violence 2,250.00  
KV Mental Health 3,500.00  
Senior Spectrum 750.00  
Balance .00

## MISCELLANEOUS REQUEST

Appropriation: \$ 18,142  
Expenditures:  
Historical Society \$ 3,000.00  
Regional Planning 5,642.00  
Snowmobile Club 1,500.00  
C.R.L.A. 7,500.00  
Stretch & Walk 500.00  
Balance .00

## COUNTY TAX

Appropriation: \$261,795  
Expenditures: \$261,794.48  
Balance .52

## DEBT SERVICE

Appropriation: \$ 25,300  
Expenditures:  
CIP Bond \$ 25,300.00  
Balance .00

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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, 2008, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Town of Vassalboro, Maine's management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit.

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

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Vassalboro, Maine as of June 30, 2008, and the respective changes in financial position, where applicable, thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The budgetary comparison information is 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.



November 24, 2008

The complete audit is available upon request at the Town Office.

# TOWN OF VASSALBORO, MAINE BALANCE SHEET GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

<b>ASSETS</b>	General <u>Fund</u>	Other Governmental <u>Funds</u>	Total Governmental <u>Funds</u>
Cash	\$ 1,383,163	\$ 31,221	\$ 1,414,384
Investments		161,861	161,861
Receivables:			
Taxes	199,926		199,926
Liens	36,073		36,073
Accounts	5,370	14,587	19,957
Other governments		4,993	4,993
Inventory		3,905	3,905
Interfund balances	(85,523)	85,523	0
Total Assets	1,539,009	302,090	1,841,099
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Accounts payable	15,549		15,549
Accrued wages	295,272	8,138	303,410
Accrued compensated absences	21,753		21,753
Deferred property taxes	116,500		116,500
Total Liabilities	449,074	8,138	457,212
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>			
Fund Balances			
Reserved:			
Capital purchases	60,320		60,320
Unreserved:			
Designated for subsequent years			
Revenues	25,287		25,287
Expenditures	13,859	176,038	189,897
Expenditures - Education	(165,144)	117,914	(47,230)
Undesignated	1,155,613		1,155,613
Total Fund Equity	1,089,935	293,952	1,383,887
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	\$ 1,539,009	\$ 302,090	\$

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.	9,019,987
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current-periods expenditures and therefore are deferred in the funds.	116,500
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	(64,097)
Bonds payable	(1,220,816)
Net assets of governmental	\$ 9,235,461

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, 2008

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Other Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
<b>Revenues:</b>			
Taxes	\$ 3,347,676	\$	\$ 3,347,676
Intergovernmental	5,382,596	474,134	5,856,730
Charges for services	103,867	203,203	307,070
Interest	50,404	11,828	62,232
Miscellaneous	38,049		38,049
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>8,922,592</b>	<b>689,165</b>	<b>9,611,757</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>			
Current:			
General government	322,501		322,501
Public safety	135,476		135,476
Public works	581,139		581,139
Health and sanitation	280,455		280,455
Education	7,030,734	485,038	7,515,772
Social services	16,610		16,610
Special assessments	269,197		269,197
Leisure services	53,188		53,188
Unclassified	23,792		23,792
Food services		211,741	211,741
Debt service	25,300	47,270	72,570
Capital reserves	232,308		
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>8,970,700</b>	<b>744,049</b>	<b>9,482,441</b>
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(48,108)	(54,884)	(102,992)
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</b>			
Debt issuance proceeds	64,191		64,191
<b>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>	<b>64,191</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>64,191</b>
<b>Net Change in Fund Balances</b>	<b>16,083</b>	<b>(54,884)</b>	<b>(38,801)</b>
Fund Balances - beginning	1,073,852	348,836	1,422,688
Fund Balances - ending	<b>\$ 1,089,935</b>	<b>\$ 293,952</b>	<b>\$ 1,383,887</b>

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, 2008

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>			Variance with final budget positive <u>(negative)</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>	<u>Actual</u>	
Revenues:	\$	\$	\$	\$
Taxes	3,296,058	3,296,058	3,347,676	51,618
Intergovernmental	5,181,053	5,347,025	5,382,596	35,571
Interest	55,000	55,000	50,404	(4,596)
Charges for services	77,000	77,000	103,867	26,867
Miscellaneous	55,314	17,045	38,049	21,004
Total revenues	<u>8,664,425</u>	<u>8,792,128</u>	<u>8,922,592</u>	<u>130,464</u>
Expenditures:				
Current:				
General government	357,629	357,629	322,501	35,128
Public safety	155,091	155,091	135,476	19,615
Public works	619,255	619,255	581,139	38,116
Health and sanitation	302,117	302,117	280,455	21,662
Education	6,673,695	6,865,589	7,030,734	(165,145)
Social services	16,050	16,050	16,610	(560)
Special assessments	295,503	295,503	269,197	26,306
Leisure services	59,650	59,650	53,188	6,462
Unclassified	27,000	27,000	23,792	3,208
Debt service	25,300	25,300	25,300	0
Capital reserves	291,977	291,977	232,308	59,669
Total expenditures	<u>8,823,267</u>	<u>9,015,161</u>	<u>8,970,700</u>	<u>44,461</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>(158,842)</u>	<u>(223,033)</u>	<u>(48,108)</u>	<u>174,925</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Sale of Assets			64,191	64,191
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>64,191</u>	<u>64,191</u>
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>(158,842)</u>	<u>(223,033)</u>	<u>16,083</u>	<u>239,116</u>
Fund Balance - beginning	1,073,852	1,073,852	1,073,852	0
Fund Balance - ending	<u>\$ 915,010</u>	<u>\$ 850,819</u>	<u>\$ 1,089,935</u>	<u>\$ 239,116</u>

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

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# 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 8th, 2009, at 6:30 in the evening to elect a moderator to preside at said meeting, then to act on Articles 1 through 57, all of said articles being set out below to wit: and further to warn said voters to meet at the Town Office building in said Town on Tuesday, the 9th day of June 2009, then and there to act on Article 58. The polls will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

## ARTICLE 1:

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

## ARTICLE 2:

To elect from the floor, under the rules of this meeting, five (5) members of the **Budget Committee** to serve two (2) year terms, and one (1) member of the Budget Committee to serve one (1) year to fill the unexpired term of Matt Masse who resigned.

### *Terms Expire in 2009:*

William Browne, William Whitley,  
Elizabeth Reuthe, John Burke, Lauchlin Titus

### *Terms Expire in 2010:*

Matt Masse

## ARTICLE 3:

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

One-fourth of taxes due on 09-28-09  
One-fourth of taxes due on 11-23-09  
One-fourth of taxes due on 02-22-10  
One-fourth of taxes due on 04-26-10

Selectmen Recommend: Approval

## REVENUES

### ARTICLE 4:

To see if the Town will vote to use the following **anticipated revenue** amounts and from the sources named to reduce the 2009-2010 tax commitment:

Excise Tax	\$ 575,000
Agent Fees	13,000
Snowmobile agent fees	2,500
Boat Excise Tax	4,000
Interest/Penalties	22,000
State Revenue Sharing	200,000
State Road Assistance	70,000
State Road Assis. (prev. yrs.)	25,287
Tree Growth Reimb.	8,000
State Park Sharing	1,800
Veterans Exemption	1,500
Investment Income	35,000
Miscellaneous	5,000
Permit Fees	8,000
Solid Waste/Recycling	48,000
Franchise Fee/Cable Fees	12,000
Clerk Fees	6,000
Bete Reimbursement	150
Surplus	<u>150,000</u>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES:</b>	<b>\$ 1,187,237</b>

## GENERAL GOVERNMENT

### ARTICLE 5:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$278,260 for **Administration**.

Selectmen Recommend: \$278,260  
Budget Committee recommends: \$278,260

### ARTICLE 6:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$45,700 for **Assessment Costs**.

Selectmen Recommend: \$45,700  
Budget Committee Recommends: \$45,700

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# WARRANT

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

## ARTICLE 7:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$22,275 for **Debt Service**.

Selectmen Recommend: \$22,275  
Budget Committee Recommends: \$22,275

## ARTICLE 8:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 for the **Capital Reserve Fund**.

Selectmen Recommend: \$ -0-  
Budget Committee Recommends: \$ -0-

## PUBLIC WORKS

### ARTICLE 9:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$366,799 for the **Public Works Department**.

Selectmen Recommend: \$366,799  
Budget Committee Recommends: \$366,799

### ARTICLE 10:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$249,000 for **paving work** to allow the Town to pave the following roads: Cemetery Road, Taber Hill Road, and the west section of Hussey 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: \$249,000  
Budget Committee Recommends: \$249,000

## SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL

### ARTICLE 11:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$289,502 for the cost of operating the Town's **Solid Waste Disposal and Recycling Facility**.

Selectmen Recommend: \$289,502  
Budget Committee Recommends: \$289,50

## PUBLIC SAFETY

### ARTICLE 12:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$34,283 for the **Police Department and Animal Control**.

Selectmen Recommend: \$34,283  
Budget Committee Recommends: \$34,283

### ARTICLE 13:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$103,758 for the **Fire Department**.

Selectmen Recommend: \$103,758  
Budget Committee Recommends: \$103,758

### ARTICLE 14:

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum not to exceed \$6,000 from surplus to be used as local match dollars for new Fire Department equipment. These funds will be expended only in the event of a **Fire Department grant award**.

Selectmen Recommend: \$6,000  
Budget Committee Recommends: \$6,000

### ARTICLE 15:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$17,545 for **fire hydrant rental**.

Selectmen Recommend: \$17,545  
Budget Committee Recommends: \$17,545

### ARTICLE 16:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$17,500 for **Street Lights**.

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

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# WARRANT

STATE OF MAINE, KENNEBEC COUNTY

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

## SPECIAL ARTICLES AND TOWN POLICY

### **ARTICLE 17:**

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 18:**

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 19:**

To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen, for the fiscal year 2009-2010, 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 20:**

To see if the town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers under Maine statutes, Chapter 12 Section 6131 and amendments thereto, to promulgate such regulations compatible with the General Laws of the State to govern the time and manner in which **alewives** shall be taken therein for the calendar year 2010.

Selectmen Recommend: Approval

### **ARTICLE 21:**

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 22:**

Shall an ordinance entitled "**Town of Vassalboro Adult-Only Businesses Ordinance**" be enacted? (A copy of the ordinance is posted with this warrant. Copies are also available at the Town Clerk's office.)

Selectmen Recommend: Approval

### **ARTICLE 23:**

Shall an ordinance entitled "**Shoreland Zone Ordinance** for the Town of Vassalboro" revised June 2009 be enacted? (A copy of the ordinance is posted with this warrant. Copies are also available at the Town Clerk's office.)

Selectmen Recommend: Approval

### **ARTICLE 24:**

Shall an ordinance entitled "Town of Vassalboro **Enforcement and Appeals Ordinance**" be enacted? (A copy of the ordinance is posted with this warrant. Copies are also available at the Town Clerk's office.)

Selectmen Recommend: Approval

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# WARRANT

STATE OF MAINE, KENNEBEC COUNTY

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

## ARTICLE 25:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a **boundary agreement** with Philip and Patricia Innes, abutters of the town property at the Webber Pond Boat Launch and parking area, and to appropriate from alewife revenue an amount not to exceed \$1,900 for compensation to Philip and Patricia Innes to purchase the land the Town needs to clarify the deeds and to re-establish the parking lot and boat ramp as Town property; and to further authorize the Selectmen to seek and receive grant funding through the Department of Conservation (DOC) valued at approximately \$80,000 for improvements that the DOC will conduct at the Webber Pond Boat Launch and parking area.

Selectmen Recommend:  
\$1,900 from Alewife Revenue

## 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  
Budget Committee Recommends: \$30,990

## HEALTH AND WELFARE

### ARTICLE 27:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,500 for **General Assistance** and to authorize Selectmen to expend any and all reimbursement funds received from the State.

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

### ARTICLE 28:

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  
Budget Committee Recommends: \$1,500

### ARTICLE 29:

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  
Budget Committee Recommends: \$1,600

### ARTICLE 30:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,070 for the **Family Violence Project**. (This article by Petition).

Selectmen Recommend: \$ 2,250  
Budget Committee Recommends: \$ 2,250

### ARTICLE 31:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 5,382.50 for the **Kennebec Valley Mental Health Center**. (This article by petition.)

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

### ARTICLE 32:

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  
Budget Committee Recommends: \$ 750

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# WARRANT

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

## ARTICLE 33:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$700 for the **KVCAP Child & Family Services**. (This article by petition).

Selectmen Recommend: \$ -0-  
Budget Committee Recommends: \$ -0-

## RECREATION

### ARTICLE 34:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 for the **Recreation Department**.

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

### ARTICLE 35:

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

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

## MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS AND REQUESTS

### ARTICLE 36:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,500 for the support of the **Vassalboro Historical Society** to assist this organization with the maintenance of the former East Vassalboro school building.

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

## ARTICLE 37:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$14,500 for the Town's share in the **maintenance of cemeteries and public grounds and for Memorial Day expenses**.

Selectmen Recommend: \$14,500  
Budget Committee Recommends: \$14,500

## ARTICLE 38:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 for the maintenance of the **Three Mile Pond Recreational Area**.

Selectmen Recommend: \$2,000  
Budget Committee Recommends: \$2,000

## ARTICLE 39:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 293,055 for the support of **Kennebec County Government**.

Selectmen Recommend: \$293,055  
Budget Committee Recommends: \$293,055

## ARTICLE 40:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 for the support of the **China Region Lakes Alliance**.

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

## ARTICLE 41:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,761 for the **Kennebec Valley Council of Governments (KVCOG)**.

Selectmen Recommend: \$5,761  
Budget Committee Recommends: \$5,761

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# WARRANT

STATE OF MAINE, KENNEBEC COUNTY

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

## ARTICLE 42:

To see if the town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of \$\_\_\_\_\_ established for the Town of Vassalboro by State law in the event that the municipal budget approved under the preceding articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that property tax levy limit.

Selectmen Recommend  
Budget Committee Recommends

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

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

#### ARTICLE 43:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend the sum of \$4,102,577 for **Regular Instruction.**

School Committee Recommends: \$4,102,577  
Budget Committee Recommends: \$4,102,577

#### ARTICLE 44:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend the sum of \$1,182,052 for **Special Education.**

School Committee Recommends: \$1,182,052  
Budget Committee Recommends: \$1,182,052

#### ARTICLE 45:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend the sum of \$80,100 for **Career and Technical Education.**

School Committee Recommends: \$80,100  
Budget Committee Recommends: \$80,100

#### ARTICLE 46:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend the sum of \$63,967 for **Other Instruction.**

School Committee Recommends: \$63,967  
Budget Committee Recommends: \$63,967

#### ARTICLE 47:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend the sum of \$207,524 for **Student and Staff Support.**

School Committee Recommends: \$207,524  
Budget Committee Recommends: \$207,524

#### ARTICLE 48:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend the sum of \$269,028 for **System Administration.**

School Committee Recommends: \$269,028  
Budget Committee Recommends: \$269,028

#### ARTICLE 49:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend the sum of \$239,725 for **School Administration.**

School Committee Recommends: \$239,725  
Budget Committee Recommends: \$239,725

#### ARTICLE 50:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend the sum of \$500,268 for **Transportation and Buses.**

School Committee Recommends: \$500,268  
Budget Committee Recommends: \$500,268

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# WARRANT

STATE OF MAINE, KENNEBEC COUNTY

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

## ARTICLE 51:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend the sum of \$433,607 for **Facilities Maintenance.**

School Committee Recommends: \$433,607

Budget Committee Recommends: \$433,607

## ARTICLE 52:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend the sum of \$360,174 for **Debt Service and Other Commitments.**

School Committee Recommends: \$360,174

Budget Committee Recommends: \$360,174

## ARTICLE 53:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend the sum of \$17,800 for **All Other Expenditures.**

School Committee Recommends: \$17,800

Budget Committee Recommends: \$17,800

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

### ARTICLE 54:

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,843,797 for the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act (**Recommend \$6,282,271**) and to raise the sum of \$1,843,797 as the municipality's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15688.

School Committee Recommends: \$1,843,797

Budget Committee Recommends: \$1,843,797

The following statement must accompany this article in subparagraph:

*“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 55:

*(Written ballot required)* Shall the Town of Vassalboro raise and appropriate \$810,455 in additional local funds, which exceeds the **State’s Essential Programs and Services** allocation model by \$660,441 as required to fund the budget recommended by the school committee?

The school committee recommends \$810,455. Budget Committee recommends \$810,455 for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State’s Essential Programs and Services funding model by \$660,441.

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

- State funding for Essential Programs and Service (EPS) educational funding is less than the required 55% for the school year 2009-10.
- Reimbursement for Private School Insured Value  
Factor spending does not cover the anticipated 2009-10 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.



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# WARRANT

STATE OF MAINE, KENNEBEC COUNTY

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

*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 56:**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the school committee to expend the sum of \$7,456,822 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010 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, sec-

tion 15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy and other receipts for the support of schools.

School Committee Recommends: \$7,456,822  
Budget Committee Recommends: \$7,456,822

**ARTICLE 57:**

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

**ARTICLE 58:**

To elect all necessary municipal officers/officials by secret ballot. The polls will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at the Vassalboro Town Office.

Given unto our hands this 20<sup>th</sup> day of May 2009, AD

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Elizabeth Mitchell  
Selectwoman, Town of Vassalboro

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Rob Browne  
Selectman, Town of Vassalboro

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Lauchlin Titus  
Selectman, Town of Vassalboro

A true copy. Attest:

Catherine St. Pierre, \_\_\_\_\_ of Vassalboro

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# OLD VASSALBORO TOWN OFFICE AND MEETING HALLS



## **BUILDING #1**

Vassalboro Town Meeting House was built in 1795. It originally was located near the intersection of Bog Road and Rt. #201. It was moved to the intersection of Quaker Lane and Cross Hill Road, where, for many years, town meetings and elections were held.

Such functions were moved to Citizens Hall in North Vassalboro in 1940. The building was then unused for several years except for dances in the summer. Kennebec Valley Trail Riders took it over as their clubhouse and later the building burned.

## **BUILDING #2**

The first town office was in the little building which is directly opposite the Grange Hall in East Vassalboro. This used to be the harness shop of Hanson O. Lampson. In the late 1940s the town converted to a town manager form of government and it was felt we needed a town office. Prior to this, all routine town business had been performed out of the homes of the selectmen and town treasurer. The building was rented by the town from the Lampson family. After the town ceased to use the building, it stood empty for several years until the Vassalboro Public Library took it over as a storage facility. Today, the building is owned by the Vassalboro Historical Society which hopes to use it as part of its museum exhibit.



## **BUILDING #3**

The next town office was located in what was known as Lowell Grammar School. This is the building in North Vassalboro which today houses doctors' offices. The building was built in 1873 as a grammar school for grades K through 8. The north wing was added in 1936. The classrooms were all located on the ground floor. The second floor was a hall with a stage, called Citizens Hall. In it were held all kinds of entertainments, recitals and dances and after 1940, town meetings for several years. This building was replaced as a schoolhouse by Carl B. Lord School. At that time the town took it over as a town office. The north wing built in 1936, became the home of the Vassalboro Lions Club. At this point, town meetings were held in the Lions Den. Eventually the



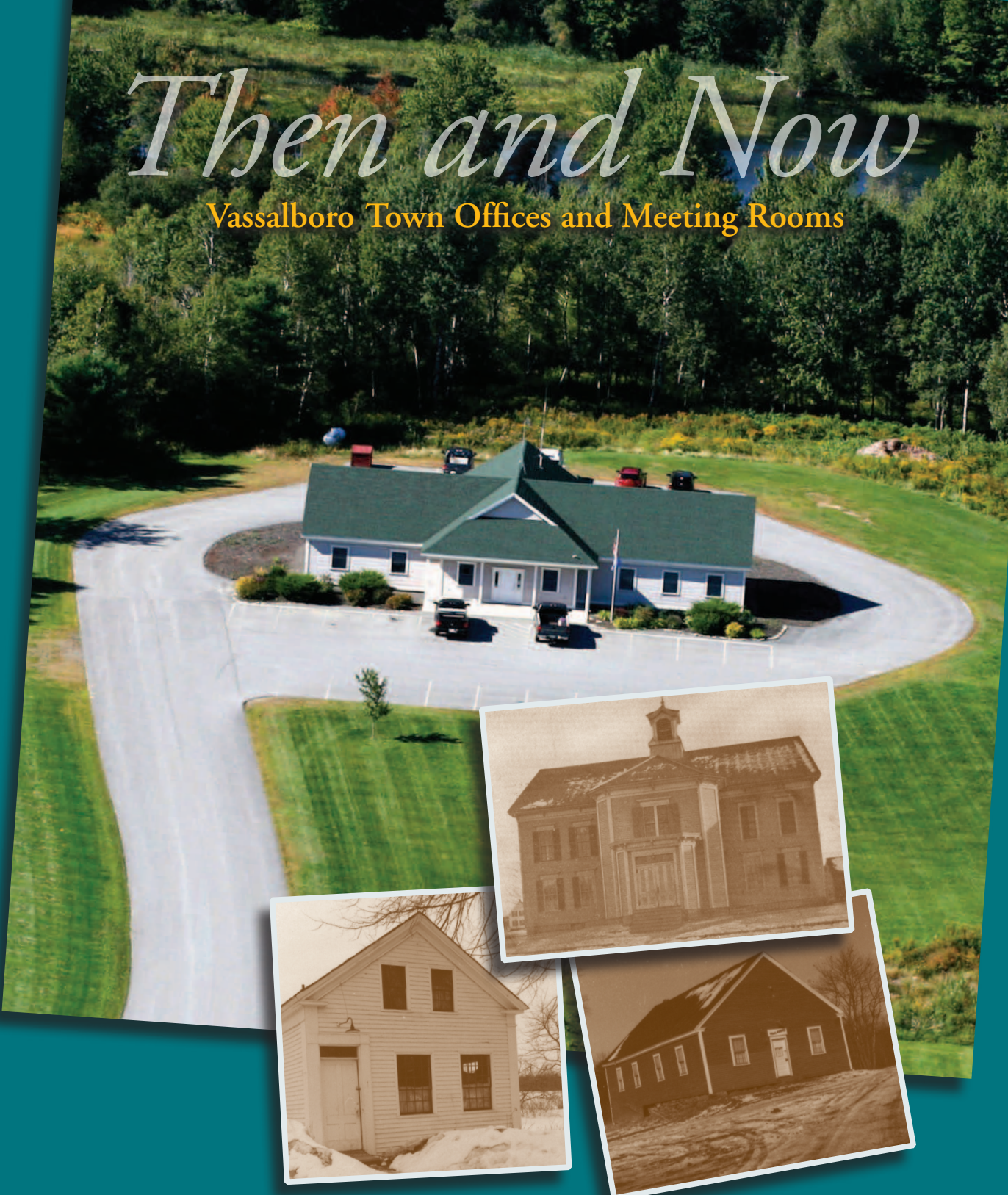
town built the present town office complex, and this building converted into attractive modern doctors' offices. The upstairs (formerly Citizens Hall) is now used for storage. The building is presently owned by Raymond Breton.

*The above factual information and photos provided by Betty Taylor*



# Then and Now

## Vassalboro Town Offices and Meeting Rooms



Aerial photography by Charlie Cabaniss (Fox Photography Services)

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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