



TOWN OF

VASSALBORO

EST. 1771

IN MEMORIAM



LUCILLE MARI-BLANCHE BRETON (1936 – 2010)

Lucille M. Breton may have made a small shadow, but she continues to have a big impact on our town. We dedicate the Vassalboro Town Report of 2010 to her memory.

Born in Waterville, she was the youngest child in the Poulin family. She married her sweetheart, Jean Breton in 1955. They moved to Dearborn Hill in North Vassalboro twelve years later, with five young children in tow—Raymond, Richard, Yvette, Donald, and Paul.

Lucille was all about family and faith. She and Jean had a large garden every year, which provided the seven of them with enough veggies to last till the next harvest. Her whoopie pies and tourtiere pies were practically world-famous. In later years, she tried to teach some of the kids to make them, with varying degrees of success.

Her son Don writes, “She was the thread that kept us sewn together as a family.” Her knitting, sewing, and crocheting skills kept all of her children and grandchildren wrapped in love from their beginnings—mittens, pajamas, hats, socks, and even toys, materialized under her adept hands.

Those hands were talented in other ways, too. For thirty years she was organist at St. Bridget’s, playing at mass almost to the end. Last fall, when her sons suggested it was too much for her, she answered fiercely, “This is all I have to look forward to, other than you guys.” Most recently she carried her oxygen with her to the organ bench. Her musical heart also expressed itself in playing piano, guitar, and harmonica.

Yes, Lucille was all about faith and family. And much of her family remains in Vassalboro. Her beloved husband predeceased her in 1998, but her sons continue to make their mark on our community. In fact, another generation of Bretons is growing up here in Town, worshiping at St. Bridget’s, hearing the echo of their grandmother’s playing, and missing her special touch in their lives.

After Lucille’s death, some family members found a poem she had written on a note pad beside her rocking chair. It reads, in part:

I praise the name of Jesus each and every day;
I’ll walk in his footsteps so I won’t lose my way...
I’m exactly where I want to be; I found Jesus to be reality.
He is Lord for you and me, and I’m exactly where I want to be.

We shall miss Lucille Breton—small in stature, but large in faith—and whenever we see her sons we will remember the fine legacy of family she and Jean have left behind.

– Vicki Schad

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TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

During this past year, the Selectmen and I have dealt with many important issues facing the town. In early January 2009, a new business in town required us to focus our attention to the creation of a new Adult-Only Business Ordinance. After several public discussions and public hearings, the new ordinance was adopted at the June 2009 town meeting. Going forward, this ordinance will provide guidance for the Code Officer and the Planning Board as they review new applications for such businesses.

In the spring of 2009, the Selectmen contracted with the Maine Department of Conservation for grant funding to renovate and improve the boat ramp at Webber Pond. The winning project bidder was Coutts Brothers, Inc., and they have completed all of the work except paving, which will be finished this spring.

At the June 2009 town meeting, funding was approved for the second phase in our GIS mapping project. The successful bidders, Kappa Mapping and Dirigo Spatial Systems in a joint effort, completed the digital tax maps with annotations in the early part of 2010. The maps are now posted on the town website (<http://www.vassalboro.net/assessor.html>) along with listings of property owners and assessed values.

In the fall, staffing changes were made at the Transfer Station. Former Station Attendant George Hamar accepted the Station Manager's position and we welcomed newcomer Tom O'Rourke as the new attendant. Many thanks go out to the public works staff members who willingly assisted with shift coverage at the transfer station during this transition.

Volunteerism is alive and well in Vassalboro with new volunteers stepping forward on a regular basis to serve on committees when requested by town officials. Two new committees were formed by the Board of Selectmen this year – the Cemetery Committee and the Energy Committee. Both Committees are staffed with well qualified volunteers. Many thanks go out to these new volunteers, as well as the other existing committee volunteers who have given of themselves for so long for the benefit of the residents of Vassalboro. Your help and community spirit is so much appreciated! In keeping with recognition of those who have volunteered in the community, the members of the Board of Selectmen have presented Lori Fowle with the 2009 Spirit of America Award for her volunteerism with the School Committee. Volunteer Recreation Director Bill Pulver has handed over the baton as leader of the town recreation program to Nicole Wasilewski who expressed an interest in the position. We thank Bill and his team of volunteers for their past service and we welcome Nicole. Thank you all for your willingness to help out in the community!

The Selectmen and I continue to look for ways to reduce town expenses to save taxpayer dollars. This past year, we have signed on with Glacial Energy to purchase our electrical power at a reduced rate, and we have put the assessing services out to bid. Both processes combined have saved several thousand dollars without compromising quality of service. Fiscally, the town is sound and we are working hard in these trying economic times to keep the budget and the resulting taxes to a minimum.

I would like to thank the Selectmen and all of my town staff for their help and support again this past year. I appreciate all of them and their team efforts!

MARY SABINS
Vassalboro Town Manager



DIRECTORY OF ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

TELEPHONE	TERM EXP.	SELECTMAN/OVERSEER	ADDRESS
626-0966	2010	Robert Browne	9 Szady Drive, Vassalboro
873-2108	2011	Lauchlin Titus	1063 Main Street, Vassalboro
923-3391	2012	Philip Haines	702 Bog Road, Vassalboro
SCHOOL COMMITTEE			
445-5159	2011	Barry Bernier	165 Nelson Road, Vassalboro
622-4465	2010	Amy Nutting	24 Elliot Road, Vassalboro
872-8596	2010	Kevin Levasseur	209 Bog Road, Vassalboro
923-3550	2011	Sarah Sugden	333 Main Street, Vassalboro
872-9032	2011	Frederick Denico	324 Oak Grove Road, Vassalboro
PLANNING BOARD			
873-5226	2010	Virginia Brackett	20 Alpine Street, Vassalboro
622-2793	2010	George Gould	232 Cushnoc Road, Vassalboro
622-4465	2010	Jay Nutting	24 Elliot Road, Vassalboro
923-3800	2011	Douglas Phillips	738 Bog Road, Vassalboro
923-3400	2011	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, Vassalboro
873-7399	2011	Donald Breton	174 Cemetery Street, Vassalboro
622-7730	2010	Richard Phippen	492 Webber Pond Road, Vassalboro
872-2040	2010	Michael Vashon	425 Oak Grove Road, Vassalboro
923-3800	2010	Douglas Phillips	738 Bog Road, Vassalboro
923-3511	2010	Elizabeth Reuthe	924 Cross Hill Road, Vassalboro
873-6173	2011	John Burke	196 Oak Grove Road, Vassalboro
622-3096	2011	William Browne	793 Webber Pond Road, Vassalboro
872-5265	2011	William Whitley	67 Gray Road, Vassalboro
872-7268	2011	Lori Fowle	305 Taber Hill Road, Vassalboro
BOARD OF APPEALS			
923-3231	2010	Peggy Cain	358 Hussey Hill Road, Vassalboro
623-4808	2010	Russell Brown	1096 Riverside Drive, Vassalboro
923-3185	2011	Kathy Lees	604 Bog Road, Vassalboro
923-3759	2011	Leon Duff	595 Hussey Hill Road, Vassalboro
923-3803	2011	John Reuthe	924 Cross Hill Road, Vassalboro

* Resigned

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	2012	Phil Haines	702 Bog Road, Vassalboro
872-0579	2012	Leo Sylvain	24 Evans Road, 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 Road, Vassalboro
	2011	Scott Reynolds*	252 Cemetery Street, Vassalboro
	2011	Mark Bailey*	539 Hussey Hill Road, Vassalboro
	2011	Dennis Scates*	1581 N. Belfast Avenue, 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	2012	David Jenney	844 Cross Hill Road, Vassalboro

TOWN CLERK

872-2826	2010	Catherine St. Pierre	P.O. Box 82, N. Vassalboro
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STATE SENATOR DISTRICT 24

1-800-423-6900		Elizabeth Mitchell	277 Cushnoc Road, Vassalboro, Me. SHS # 3, Augusta, Maine
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STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 58

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

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your state senator. For the last two sessions, I have had the privilege of leading the Maine Senate, first as Majority Leader and currently as President of the Senate. But the true honor is representing the people, businesses, and interests of the region. I am forever grateful for the confidence and support of this community.

My term in the state senate has certainly been filled with challenges. A national recession has presented many hardships for state and local government, the business community, and just about every household around the state. Although our individual economic challenges vary, all of us are feeling the financial pain.

In spite of these challenges, we have all been working together with recovery in mind to weather this economic storm. Over the course of two years, the legislature has made many difficult decisions to reduce and cut spending in state government. All the while, we have made a conscientious effort to protect our most vulnerable citizens and invest in our future. No matter how tough the challenge, it is important that we remain poised and ready for better times ahead. I am hopeful and optimistic that we will get there.

A great example of a stronger future is in energy. I am very excited about Maine's potential in wind, solar and ocean energy development, and the creation of energy corridors. Like the wind that blows up the Kennebec, our potential for a greener state is limitless. We have a real opportunity to lead the way into a sustainable energy future.

No matter how complex or challenging the issue, it is an honor to represent you. As your state senator, it is my pledge to keep you informed about what is happening in the legislature. Please go to www.mainesenate.org/mitchell to sign up for legislative email updates.

As always, I welcome your opinion and feedback as the legislature does its work. Feel free to contact me anytime by email at SenLibby.Mitchell@legislature.maine.gov. I can also be reached by phone locally at (207) 622-2629 or the State House at (207) 287-1500.

Sincerely yours,

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:

As this is my final year in the House of Representatives due to term limits, I appreciate this opportunity to express my gratitude for the confidence you have placed in me over the last seven years. It has been an extreme honor and privilege serving you, the citizens of Vassalboro; and I look forward to the challenges during my remaining few months. I have taken great pride in being able to represent your interests at the State House and I will continue to work diligently for our community.


Being the Lead Republican Member of the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation, I have been working closely with the chairs of the committee as well as legislative leadership in finding solutions to keeping our road and bridge maintenance sufficiently funded. The Highway Budget was quite controversial last year as various proposals were made to raise the gas tax. After intense negotiations in the closing hours of the First Regular Session, a bipartisan compromise was reached to pass the budget. Approximately \$9 million was shifted from other funds back into the Highway Budget, funding some maintenance paving. Currently the Transportation Committee is thoroughly examining several measures, including one that I sponsored that will dedicate 3.75% of the highway revenue to maintenance paving, which adds six to eight years of useful life to roads before major reconstruction is needed.

The Second Regular Session of the 124th Maine State Legislature convened on January 6th and since that time policymakers have been deliberating the \$438 million budget gap. It is my hope that the Governor's pledge of not raising taxes holds true. Maine taxpayers simply cannot withstand any more financial strain on their household budgets. It is true that difficult decisions must be made; however, I am confident that we can look upon this time of fiscal insecurity and implement much-needed structural change in state government.

I encourage you to visit the Legislature's website at www.state.me.us/legis/homepage.htm. From here you are able to gather information about the House of Representatives and the Senate, monitor and listen to the legislative sessions and public hearings, view documents and research roll call votes. Furthermore, the State of Maine website, www.state.me.us, offers a wealth of data and online services such as travel and recreation ideas, government news releases and license renewals.

Again, I appreciate the faith you have shown in my service. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions, comments or concerns regarding state government as it is through your input that I am better able to represent you, my constituency.

Sincerely,


William P. Browne
State Representative

VASSALBORO TOWN CLERK



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

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.

All dog licenses expire December 31st. You must

have a rabies certificate in order to license your dog. You will also need to provide proof of Spay or Neutering. A spayed/neutered dog is \$6.00 and the fee for an unaltered dog is \$11.00. There is a \$15.00 late fee after January 31st. 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

There were 17 female and 19 male births to Vassalboro residents from April 1, 2009 - March 5, 2010, and the following Marriage Licenses and Vital Statistics were recorded from April 1, 2009 - March 5, 2010.

GROOM

Benjamin Alonzo Foster
Caleb William Q. Hewey
Richard Paul Garland
Paul Joseph Emerson
Eric Zachary Smith
Ryan Travis Desmond
Dana Kent Jordan
John Edward Goodale
Normand Odilon Lavigne
Michael David Pagliaro
Christopher Andrew Hertler
Philip Edwin Dail
Tory Frederick Rau
Dean Earl Snell
Matthew Scott Quintal
Kyle Ross Allen
Galen Wayne Gould
Michael Roland Plante
Tyler Edward Watson
Bruce Robert heath

BRIDE (current last name)

Sarah Teresa Trussel
Brandie Lynn Perkins
Kaitlin Marie Daigle
Carol Jean Rogers
Brenda Louise Derosier
Breanne Marie White
Joanne Constance Mathieu
Penny Marie Reid
Claire Eleana Dubord
Lynn Marie Lunceford
Nicole Leigh Wright
Deidre Lynne Cooper
Morgan Jennie Titus
Debra Cheree Stephens
Audra Louise Bickford
Megan Elisabeth Schoppe
Cheryl Jo-Ann Crowell
Diane Lynn Taylor
Sarah Martha Lemieux
Karen Lee Brown

DATE MARRIED

April 4, 2009
April 4, 2009
April 25, 2009
April 30, 2009
May 30, 2009
June 27, 2009
July 2, 2009
July 5, 2009
July 11, 2009
July 26, 2009
August 8, 2009
August 14, 2009
August 20, 2009
August 22, 2009
August 29, 2009
September 5, 2009
September 5, 2009
September 20, 2009
October 10, 2009
October 24, 2009

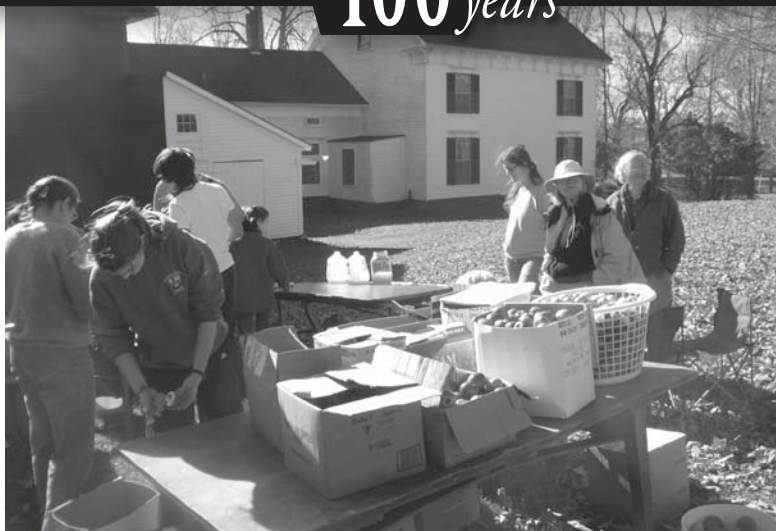
Marshall Lloyd Cox
 David Lester Meyer
 Ronald Joseph Gilbert
 Michael Alan Breton
 Brian Alan Roderick
 Steven Michael Poulin

Katherine Eloise Lesiker
 Eliza Jane Jacques
 Deborah Sue Warren
 Susan Marie Cromwell
 Michelle Lynne Baros
 Christina Lynn Sparrow-Shenett

October 31, 2009
 November 1, 2009
 December 29, 2009
 December 31, 2009
 January 23, 2010
 February 13, 2010

NAME	DATE OF DEATH	AGE	LOCATION
Barclay R. Austin	August 20, 2009	80	Augusta
Gerard Bouchard	December 7, 2009	88	Waterville
Laurie Leigh Brennard	December 26, 2009	48	Auburn
Lucille Mari-Blanche Breton	February 19, 2010	73	Waterville
Margaret L. Dentone	August 19, 2009	86	Vassalboro
Ramon Anthony DiOrio	August 26, 2009	87	Augusta
Louis D. Dutil	October 16, 2009	80	Togus
Jean G. B. Fletcher	September 26, 2009	93	Whitefield
Renee Fournier	February 27, 2010	86	N. Vassalboro
Patricia L. Gauer	June 13, 2009	65	Waterville
Bertye Jean Haywood	June 17, 2009	77	Augusta
Maurice Charles Jackson	December 17, 2009	68	Vassalboro
Timothy R. Manocchio	January 27, 2010	41	Vassalboro
Frances L. Martin	July 24, 2009	77	Waterville
Walter W. McCarty	June 29, 2009	87	Togus
Patricia Nmi Morang	July 8, 2009	76	Augusta
Lois A. Noll	December 9, 2009	82	Vassalboro
Joseph E. Ogon	May 5, 2009	58	Vassalboro
Malcolm J. Pellerin	June 15, 2009	74	Augusta
Eugene P. Roderick	June 6, 2009	85	Bangor
Michael Ann Saragosa	August 16, 2009	65	N. Vassalboro
Harriet I. Staples	August 13, 2009	97	Waterville
Nellie G. Vannah	December 26, 2009	62	Portland
Adeline E. Vashon	July 12, 2009	88	Waterville

100 years



Pressing apple cider on Stanley Hill Road to take to the Grange Farmer's Market.

PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

Unpaid as of March 31, 2010

Acct	Name	Year	Original Tax	Payment / Adjustments	Amount Due
319 P	CABANISS, CHARLES W. & DEBORAH	2008	91.08	0.00	91.08
289 P	CEILING TILE CENTER	2008	16.56	16.53	0.03
37 P	CSENGERY, JOSEPH	2008	19.32	4.83	14.49
32 P	DAVIS, LESTER & ELEANOR	2008	50.60	0.00	50.60
309 P	INK BLOT PRINTING	2007	181.46	174.45	7.01
309 P	INK BLOT PRINTING	2008	194.12	88.08	106.04
75 P	KENNEBEC BEAN COMPANY	2008	644.00	0.00	644.00
266 P	KNOWLES, DOUGLAS	2006	15.75	12.69	3.06
266 P	KNOWLES, DOUGLAS	2007	11.18	0.00	11.18
266 P	KNOWLES, DOUGLAS	2008	11.96	0.00	11.96
94 P	MCCASLIN, CARL	2006	23.63	0.00	23.63
94 P	MCCASLIN, CARL	2007	16.34	0.00	16.34
94 P	MCCASLIN, CARL	2008	17.48	0.00	17.48
123 P	MCGEE FARMS, INC	2008	971.52	728.64	242.88
99 P	MORNEAU, PAUL J	2005	274.35	0.00	274.35
99 P	MORNEAU, PAUL J	2006	292.95	0.00	292.95
99 P	MORNEAU, PAUL J	2007	200.38	0.00	200.38
99 P	MORNEAU, PAUL J	2008	214.36	0.00	214.36
314 P	NOLL, ETHAN E.	2008	69.00	0.00	69.00
315 P	PIKE, WILLIAM	2007	16.34	0.00	16.34
307 P	RELIANCE ENTERPRISES, INC	2007	175.44	0.00	175.44
307 P	RELIANCE ENTERPRISES, INC	2008	187.68	0.00	187.68
272 P	RENT-WAY, INC.	2007	104.92	0.00	104.92
272 P	RENT-WAY, INC.	2008	100.28	0.00	100.28
313 P	THOMPSON, JEREMY	2006	75.60	51.60	24.00
313 P	THOMPSON, JEREMY	2007	51.60	0.00	51.60
	Total for 26 Accounts:		4,027.90	1,076.82	2,951.08

REAL ESTATE TAXES

Unpaid as of March 31, 2010

Acct	Name	Year	Original Tax	Payment / Adjustments	Amount Due
3040 L	ADDY, BRIAN J. & DAWN	2008	213.92	0.00	213.92
71 L	BAILEY, RICHARD & PAULA	2008	783.80	614.11	169.69
2521 L	BAILEY, STEPHEN & JOLENE	2008	2,746.83	0.00	2,746.83
3185 L	BARRETT, JULIA, P.O.A.	2008	427.46	0.00	427.46
163 L	BLUMBERG, SARA ""HEIRS	2008	1,182.69	0.00	1,182.69
1869 L	BREARD, RHONDA L & PAUL C	2008	595.10	0.00	595.10
2519 L	BROCK, CARL	2008	162.59	0.00	162.59
2520 L	BROCK, CARL	2008	194.35	0.00	194.35
2972 L	BROCK, CARL	2008	125.80	0.00	125.80
272 L	BROCK, CARL & AMY	2008	80.13	0.00	80.13
273 L	BROCK, CARL & AMY	2008	236.69	0.00	236.69
271 L	BROCK, CARLETON E & AMY L	2008	250.47	0.00	250.47
2581 L	BROCK, CARLETON E & AMY L	2008	162.59	0.00	162.59
2582 L	BROCK, CARLETON E & AMY L	2008	109.42	0.00	109.42
2679 L	BROCK, CARLETON E & AMY L	2008	881.27	0.00	881.27
2680 L	BROCK, CARLETON E & AMY L	2008	131.34	0.00	131.34

REAL ESTATE TAXES

Unpaid as of March 31, 2010

Acct	Name	Year	Original Tax	Payment / Adjustments	Amount Due
2618	L BROCK, CARLTON	2008	188.44	0.00	188.44
3076	L BROCK, CURT	2008	204.93	0.00	204.93
3092	L BROWN, JAMES A.	2008	83.79	0.00	83.79
2480	L BURNS, RICHARD	2008	1,868.64	0.00	1,868.64
2903	L BUXTON, FAUSTINA	2008	100.56	0.00	100.56
423	L CHENETTE, RICHARD	2007	533.89	102.77	431.12
423	L CHENETTE, RICHARD	2008	391.85	0.00	391.85
1114	L CHINA LAKE ASSOCIATES, LLC	2008	985.46	0.00	985.46
3164	L CHINA LAKE ASSOCIATES, LLC	2008	954.14	0.00	954.14
3166	L CHINA LAKE ASSOCIATES, LLC	2008	1,041.82	0.00	1,041.82
3167	L CHINA LAKE ASSOCIATES, LLC	2008	954.14	0.00	954.14
3168	L CHINA LAKE ASSOCIATES, LLC	2008	895.84	0.00	895.84
3169	L CHINA LAKE ASSOCIATES, LLC	2008	1,047.60	0.00	1,047.60
3172	L CHINA LAKE ASSOCIATES, LLC	2008	895.84	0.00	895.84
3173	L CHINA LAKE ASSOCIATES, LLC	2008	973.41	0.00	973.41
3175	L CHINA LAKE ASSOCIATES, LLC	2008	958.00	0.00	958.00
268	L COSTON, ROBIN & JEFF	2008	106.47	0.00	106.47
529	L CSENGERY, JOSEPH	2008	1,048.86	0.00	1,048.86
530	L CSENGERY, JOSEPH	2008	291.29	0.00	291.29
527	L CSENGERY, JOSEPH J	2008	301.43	0.00	301.43
528	L CSENGERY, JOSEPH J	2008	1,724.54	0.00	1,724.54
64	L CUMMINGS, LEON E	2008	789.81	0.00	789.81
535	L CUMMINGS, LEON E	2008	1,185.28	0.00	1,185.28
263	L DANA, CHAYANN L.	2008	517.07	119.39	397.68
475	L DAVIS, LESTER B & ELEANOR D	2008	2,324.84	0.00	2,324.84
524	L DODGE, AARON D.	2008	1,738.26	0.00	1,738.26
661	L DUMAIS, ROBERT M	2008	328.64	0.00	328.64
693	L DYER, DAVID & TANYA	2008	921.02	0.00	921.02
2684	L DYER, THOMAS	2008	164.81	0.00	164.81
2789	L ELLIOT, JOHN	2008	752.40	0.00	752.40
317	L FARRINGTON, MATTHEW F.	2008	710.31	0.00	710.31
733	L FARRINGTON, NANCY A	2008	1,518.10	0.00	1,518.10
765	L FIELD, JOHN P & MARIETTA F	2008	428.08	0.00	428.08
2777	L GIDNEY, JOSEPH F & ADAM J	2008	822.31	0.00	822.31
884	L GIDNEY, NORA M	2008	852.10	766.71	85.39
2338	L HAYWARD, RICHARD S.	2008	862.31	0.00	862.31
2737	L HUSSEY, FRED ""HEIRS	2008	256.75	0.00	256.75
1153	L JOSEPH, FRANCIS E, TRUSTEE	2008	1,012.95	0.00	1,012.95
2429	L KARTMAN, MICHAEL J SR	2008	576.38	0.00	576.38
81	L KENNETT, MICHAEL J. & STASIA A.	2008	1,230.33	0.00	1,230.33
1187	L KIRALIS, KARL	2008	1,230.94	0.00	1,230.94
3147	L KIRALIS, KARL	2008	51.32	0.00	51.32
2112	L LIGHT, LIZA R.	2008	606.31	0.00	606.31
1437	L MCCASLIN, CARL	2007	1,655.71	0.00	1,655.71
1437	L MCCASLIN, CARL	2008	1,750.11	0.00	1,750.11
2885	L MCCAUSLAND, CRAIG	2008	580.04	0.00	580.04
3199	L MCGEE, ELIZABETH M.	2008	722.87	0.00	722.87
2529	L MCNEIL, ALICE & WILLIAM	2008	594.49	0.00	594.49
1523	L MORNEAU, PAUL J	2008	157.67	0.00	157.67
1524	L MORNEAU, PAUL J	2008	1,785.30	0.00	1,785.30
1526	L MORNEAU, PAUL J	2008	136.99	0.00	136.99
1527	L MORNEAU, PAUL J	2008	517.68	0.00	517.68
1528	L MORNEAU, PAUL J	2008	1,587.40	0.00	1,587.40
2786	L MORNEAU, PAUL J.	2008	162.23	0.00	162.23
2787	L MORNEAU, PAUL J.	2008	175.03	0.00	175.03
2791	L MORNEAU, PAUL J.	2008	176.01	0.00	176.01
2792	L MORNEAU, PAUL J.	2008	52.92	0.00	52.92
2793	L MORNEAU, PAUL J.	2008	176.01	0.00	176.01
2794	L MORNEAU, PAUL J.	2008	170.11	0.00	170.11
2795	L MORNEAU, PAUL J.	2008	179.95	0.00	179.95

REAL ESTATE TAXES

Unpaid as of March 31, 2010

Acct	Name	Year	Original Tax	Payment / Adjustments	Amount Due
2806	L MORNEAU, PAUL J.	2008	169.12	0.00	169.12
2811	L MORNEAU, PAUL J.	2008	169.12	0.00	169.12
2813	L MORNEAU, PAUL J.	2008	177.00	0.00	177.00
2821	L MORNEAU, PAUL J.	2008	180.94	0.00	180.94
2822	L MORNEAU, PAUL J.	2008	70.66	0.00	70.66
3202	L MORTON, ROBERT	2008	149.80	20.16	129.64
2576	L NADEAU, PATRICIA	2008	69.05	0.00	69.05
3159	L OGOON, JOSEPH E. & IRENE I.	2008	1,604.90	0.00	1,604.90
2523	L PEASLEE, DANIEL	2008	1,513.42	0.00	1,513.42
2611	L PICARD, WAYNE & CATHERYN	2008	79.52	0.00	79.52
1404	L PINKHAM, KIRBY L.	2008	268.19	41.38	226.81
1264	L POIER, CHRISTOPHER	2007	775.66	-25.16	800.82
1264	L POIRIER, CHRISTOPHER	2008	829.82	0.00	829.82
1750	L POULIN, JAMES & BRENDA	2008	391.64	0.00	391.64
1865	L RICHARDS, PATRICIA A	2008	316.81	0.00	316.81
1866	L RICHARDS, REBECCA	2008	648.03	0.00	648.03
2803	L ROBBINS, BETH & ERIC	2008	92.68	0.00	92.68
1955	L ROY, PAUL	2008	383.14	0.00	383.14
2862	L SEAMANS, NARISSA & DANIEL	2008	94.65	0.00	94.65
1997	L SHIPLEY, EUGENE E SR & JR	2008	906.26	0.00	906.26
2980	L SMITH, BERTELLE & KIMBERLY	2008	217.73	0.00	217.73
2064	L SPAULDING, EDWARD E.	2008	1,485.98	0.00	1,485.98
2065	L SPAULDING, JESSIE A.	2008	78.52	0.00	78.52
599	L STARRATT, ROBERT W., JR.	2008	117.55	0.00	117.55
1811	L SUGA, LINDA	2008	938.14	0.00	938.14
2128	L SUGA, LINDA	2008	956.85	0.00	956.85
2119	L SUGA, LINDA C.	2008	313.86	0.00	313.86
3045	L SUGA, LINDA C.	2008	1,357.59	0.00	1,357.59
1571	L SUGA, RICHARD J	2008	181.55	0.00	181.55
1669	L SUGA, RICHARD J	2008	115.57	0.00	115.57
384	L SUGA, RICHARD J.	2008	1,905.68	0.00	1,905.68
2127	L SUGA, RICHARD J. & RHONA R.	2008	1,695.95	0.00	1,695.95
2457	L SUGA, RICHARD JOSEPH	2008	556.34	0.00	556.34
2039	L SULLIVAN, PATRICK D	2008	119.52	0.00	119.52
1082	L SYLVESTER, KEITH	2008	1,224.10	0.00	1,224.10
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
2088	L TREE FREE FIBER CO.	2008	305.37	0.00	305.37
2088	L TREE FREE FIBER CO.	2008	16,087.40	0.00	16,087.40
1922	L W & S WOOD PRODUCTS, INC.	2008	506.48	0.00	506.48
243	L WALTERS, CHRISTOPHER D.	2008	44.68	0.00	44.68
2907	L WILLETT, SHANE W.	2008	1,829.49	0.00	1,829.49
2907	L WILLETT, SHANE W. & RICHELLE R. ABBOTT	2007	1,288.71	-25.16	1,313.87
2451	L WOOD, SHANE	2008	626.98	0.00	626.98
2487	L WOOD, SHANE	2008	118.90	0.00	118.90
2488	L WOOD, SHANE	2008	87.39	0.00	87.39
2636	L WRIGHT, TANYA	2008	135.03	0.00	135.03
2399	L YEATON, BENNIE "HEIRS	2008	258.35	0.00	258.35
2447	L YEATON, SANDRA J & JEFFREY A	2008	373.19	0.00	373.19
269	L YORK, JEROME	2008	123.46	0.00	123.46

Total for 135 Accounts:

99,134.40

1,561.01

97,573.39

VOTER REGISTRAR REPORT



*Jim and Vicki Schad working during the AOS #92 budget meeting.
Photo taken by Cathy St. Pierre.*

During this past year we have had three elections in Vassalboro.

- (1) On June 9, 2009, we held the election that was a continuation of the Annual Town Meeting. There were 454 votes cast to elect a selectman, Sanitary District trustees, and School Board members. Article 58 of the town warrant was also ratified at that time, confirming the AOS budget.
- (2) The November Referendum Election brought out a record number of voters—1,973 total votes, nearly 66% voter turnout, the highest ever for a referendum election. Once again the Vassalboro voter participation was above the state average.
- (3) On December 15 we had a special town meeting/AOS election with 175 votes cast to confirm the AOS budget.

The Party Caucuses for 2010 were held at the Vassalboro Town Office Meeting Room—the Democrats on January 31, and the Republicans on February 21. Both caucuses enjoyed healthy voter participation, as well as meeting and greeting several hopeful candidates.

All registrations are now kept on the Central Voting Registration (CVR) System, set up through the Secretary of State's Office in Augusta. This makes it an easier task to track voters when they move from town to town within the State. The CVR System boosts our efficiency, and is a powerful tool against voter fraud.

As of March 1, 2010, Vassalboro had 3,077 registered voters, enrolled as follows:

Democrat	1,002
Green Independent	140
Republican	812
Unenrolled (not in any party)	1,123

Our office is equipped to register voters any time that we are open. When you come to register, remember we 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

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 2009 the Bog Road, Hannaford Hill Road and the last 4 tenths of a mile on the Cross Hill road were repaved. These were the roads originally scheduled to be done in the summer of 2008 but were not because Pike would not honor their bid price because asphalt prices increased so much. After discussions with Pike throughout the winter and early spring of 2009, they did honor their price bid of \$59.22 per ton. These roads were completed in May of 2009 for a total price of \$246,642.00. The roads were first shimmed with an approximately one half inch of shim mix, and then a one inch overlay of 9.5mm mix. The scheduled paving of the Taber Hill Road from the Bog Road intersection to the Hussey Hill intersection, all of Cemetery Street, Hussey Hill (west) were all completed with 1/2" shim mix and a one inch overlay of 9.5mm mix. Hussey Hill (east) was also scheduled, but we could only do approximately one tenth of a mile due to money constraints. The cost for mix this year was \$71.33 per ton for a total cost of \$234,208.00.

The plan for the summer of 2010 is to pave the following roads. If the budget does not allow for this amount of work to be completed, we will do as much as possible.

- 1) Complete Hussey Hill (east) – approximately .9 miles
- 2) Seawards Mill Road – approximately 1.3 miles
- 3) Dam Road – approximately .1 miles

Normally the Town has been trying to pave around four miles of roads per year to keep them in good condition. This allows most Town roads to be repaved about every ten years. As you can see, we have been falling behind due to budget constraints.

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. Some of the major brush cutting was done on the following roads: Taber Hill, Cemetery Street, South Cross Hill, Lombard Dam Road, and the Legion Park Road. Other work completed was ditching and culvert replacement on both Cemetery Street and Taber Hill Road in preparation for paving. We also did some maintenance ditching work on the Legion Park Road. We removed the pavement from the rest area off from Route Three because that was the agreement with the State if we chose to no longer operate it. The Town purchased a new shoulder box for putting out gravel on the shoulders after a road has been paved. This past year we worked on getting the worst places done, and to get a head start on the work areas planned for this coming year.

The public works crew also raked all of the Cemeteries in Town. Normally the Kennebec County prisoners help us out with this but, due to a scheduling conflict, could not help us out. Later, we did receive their help with some brush work and painting projects. 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 2010-2011 budget year is preparing the rest of Hussey Hill Road and the Seawards Mill Road for paving. Also we will be doing more shoulder work and maintenance ditching. The Town put a new truck into service on February 2nd, 2009, replacing the 1995 we had.

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 email at vasspublicworks@fairpoint.net.

EUGENE FIELD
Road Commissioner

SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING REPORT

As the Manager of the Vassalboro Transfer Station, I would like to welcome aboard Thomas O'Rourke of Vassalboro as the new station attendant. I thank him for his hard work and dedication as a team player. Together, our goal is to keep the Transfer Station a friendly, organized place for the people of Vassalboro.

This year, we have been making some changes at the Transfer Station for safety, accessibility, and managing the flow of the trash coming in. We have put in new poles and safety chains around the open-top containers and we are anticipating painting the transfer station this year. I would like to thank the Public Works Department for all the cooperation and hard work they have done at the Transfer Station with improvements and rotating their weekends when the help was needed. We will continue to make improvements on maintaining the buildings, equipment, and disposal areas as time goes on.

We have designated areas for all your recyclables. Please continue to recycle these items:

Corrugated cardboard
*Mixed paper (boxboard, shredded paper,
junk mail, other paper)*
Newspaper & magazines
Plastics #1 and #2
Waste motor oil
Glass jars
Tin and aluminum cans
All other metals

In 2009, we recycled 339 tons of these items for an approximate savings of \$24,408.

We also have an area for universal hazardous waste. Please keep the following items out of the trash flow, which must be recycled:

Televisions (flat screens, wide screens, etc.)
*Computers and related items (towers, printers,
keyboards, etc.)*
Florescent bulbs/CFL
Cell phones
Batteries



"As always, we thank the residents of Vassalboro for all of their recycling efforts and we encourage all residents to continue to do so. By keeping the recyclable items out of the household trash, it saves the taxpayers of Vassalboro thousands of dollars every year."

Some items you dispose of have a fee. Please pick up a schedule at the Transfer Station or a copy at the Town Office. We welcome any ideas or comments you would like to share with us. If you have any questions, please feel free to speak with either Tom or myself.

GEORGE HAMAR
Transfer Station Manager

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

As I complete my third year in Code Enforcement, I continue to find how fortunate I am to work for such a good Town. I am finding that most people want to do what's right and want to comply with local ordinances and state laws. Thank you for all of the telephone calls asking questions whenever you think that you may need a land use permit. Also thank you for the continued cooperation.

The building of new homes within Vassalboro continues to decline from those permitted in previous years. A total of 25 building permits were issued for all types of residential dwellings, down from the 37 issued last year, and 41 and 57 issued in 2007 and 2006, respectively. An additional 57 permits were issued for additions, and accessory structures, such as barns garages, decks, pools, and sheds. The total valuation of all permitted structures was \$3.45 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.

A total of 71 plumbing permits were issued, including 26 for subsurface septic systems, and 45 for internal plumbing. Nine replacement septic systems were installed. The usually wet weather experienced last summer took its toll on septic systems resulting in more malfunctioning systems than usual. You should have a plumbing permit before beginning any work. Inspections are required for both internal plumbing and subsurface septic systems. Please report all failing systems to me if you know about them. No one likes to report a neighbor, but a failing septic system, if left unattended too long, could result in a neighborhood health issue.

The statewide building code will be adopted by Technical Building Codes and Standards Board by June 1, 2010. Enforcement of this code is mandated for our town by July 1, 2012. This will mean inspections as new homes are being built and

detailed plans as part of the permitting process. It is still uncertain whether or not the Code Officer will be doing the inspections or a regional inspector who may cover several towns.

Remember that you are limited to two unregistered or un-inspected motor vehicles. Any more and you are in violation of the Automobile Graveyard and Junkyard Ordinance. Compliance of this ordinance continues to be good.

Enforcement of the subdivision ordinance against land developers has been a problem recently. I was involved in three court cases involving unresolved violations in subdivisions in which the Town prevailed in all three instances. Sizeable fines and reimbursement of the Town's attorney fees were ordered by the Court. I have been working with the Planning Board to permit subdivisions differently and to more carefully monitor their development so that violations by land developers will be less likely in the future.

Fourteen Shoreland Zoning permits were issued last year, seven of which were decided by the Planning Board and the other seven were issued by the CEO. The Shoreland Zoning Ordinance applies within 250 feet of lakes, rivers, streams, and wetlands. You should check with me before doing any land use activities within the Shoreland Zone to confirm whether or not a permit is needed.

I am the person that will determine whether or not you need a permit from the Planning Board. I often consult with the Board for their opinions also. The Planning Board issues permits for businesses through our Site Review Ordinance, subdivisions, and Shoreland Zoning involving new homes or expansions of homes. I am available to help you with this permitting, making sure you do not miss anything and helping you fill out the application, if necessary.

PAUL MITNIK
Code Enforcement Officer

ASSESSOR'S REPORT

It has been my pleasure to serve as the Town of Vassalboro Assessor this past year. Whether complicated or easy, good or bad, I have found Vassalboro residents respectful and courteous. As a Taxpayer I understand how important it is to be heard and listened to and I have tried to reciprocate back the same amount of courtesy that has been levied to me.

One of the many challenges the Assessing office has faced this year has been in getting the Town's tax maps digitized and produced. Kappa Mapping & Dirigo Spatial have been working diligently with us throughout the year to finalize our new digital maps. I am really pleased with them and I believe you will be as well. The new maps will incorporate the aerials in conjunction with the tax maps themselves. It is an ever developing project and we are looking forward to enhancing them further in the future.

As we all know, another challenge has been the undeniable fact that it is a trying real estate market out there. Although I have seen the market dip here in Vassalboro, I do believe based on sales data coming in that it is starting to stabilize. The real estate market here certainly has not seen the catastrophic turns as some of the rest of the country,

but I absolutely understand your concerns. Our assessments on the whole appear to still depict just value town wide. In fact, I have seen a variety of properties that are selling for as much or more than what we have them assessed for. As always I ensure you, I am keeping close watch to ensure assessments remain fair & equitable to all.

For 2009/2010 the town had a total valuation of \$320,856,900 and issued a total of 1,108 Homestead exemptions. There were also 152 veterans exemptions granted this last year. There are also many residents who have applied for and entered into 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.

Please feel free to contact me at the Town of Vassalboro assessing office at 872-2826 or through the Town's website at ebane@vassalboro.net. As always, I look forward to working with you in the future.

ELLERY G. BANE

Assessor

APPEALS BOARD

For the year, the committee met once in regards to a request for tax abatement on a residential property. The committee supported the tax assessor's assessment.

The committee also met for an appeal of a permit denial by the Planning Board. The committee vot-

ed in favor of the Planning Board's decision and the appeal's committee decision was upheld in superior court.

KATHLEEN C. LEES

Chair

VASSALBORO FIRE DEPARTMENT



Vassalboro Fire Department Officers accept gift of fire truck from the East Fishkill, NY Fire District. Photo courtesy of Sue Vashon.

We have applied and hope to receive another 50/50 grant from the Department of Forestry for 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.

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, and any other emergency. We ask that residents clearly mark their homes and both sides of their mailbox. 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.

This year we were fortunate to receive a fire truck from the East Fishkill Fire District in New York. Our friendship with them was established over 40 years ago. Because of their generosity the town will be able to put off purchasing a fire truck for a few more years.

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:

9 - Structure Fires	18 - Veh. Accidents w/injury	1 - Carbon Monoxide
5 - Standby Winslow Fire	1 - Standby Waterville Fire	1 - Pole Fire
3 - Wire Calls	1 - Stove Fire	5 - Delta Assists
3 - Vehicle Accidents	3 - Chimney Fires	1 - Vehicle Fire
1 - Standby Augusta Fire	3 - Smoke Investigations	2 - Grass Fires
2 - Tree Calls	1 - Grease Fire	2 - Brush Fires
	5 - Fire Alarms	

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 both challenges and growth. Several significant changes have taken place this year, and our future looks quite bright.

The rainy spring and early summer exacerbated the weed growth in our beds, so that weeding costs remained high. Closer attention to this issue and perhaps different approaches to getting the work done are in our plans.

Our long time system operator resigned in June of 2009, but we were fortunate to secure the services of Planet Wastewater Services of Richmond, and that firm is doing an excellent job of staying on top of our system and its needs. As they gain experience with our system, we anticipate productive results from them.

Our Treasurer resigned, and we were most fortunate to replace her with Elizabeth Bean, an experienced accountant, who has brought our records up to speed very quickly and has improved the timeliness of issuance of bills, so that they can be delivered on a regular schedule. She and another new board member have

begun an aggressive program of contacting system users who are delinquent in their payments, and real progress is being made on bills in arrears. Customers who are not responsive will find liens placed on their properties.

In addition, after a financial analysis of costs versus income, we instituted a rate increase, after a public hearing in October. We are now in a better position to keep current on accounts we owe, as well as begin to re-establish a reserve of funds for major repairs.

Finally, we are most gratified that our Board of Trustees is currently at full membership. Having a full complement of members makes our work easier and more efficient.

We realize that paying increasing sewer bills is not popular, but given the system we have to operate, and the needs of both the environment and our customers, we are confident that we are operating efficiently and effectively. We appreciate your cooperation and support.

PHILIP HAINES
President

100 years



Front of East Vassalboro Grange during a Friday Grange Farmer's Market.

VASSALBORO POLICE REPORT

To the residents of the Town of Vassalboro:

The Maine State Police (MSP), the Kennebec County Sheriff's Department (KSO), and the Vassalboro Police provide police services for Vassalboro. The KSO and the MSP answer calls in Vassalboro on a two-week rotation schedule. For all emergencies call 911. For other police services call 624-7076 or 1-800-452-4664.

The three agencies handled approximately 2,000 police related actions in 2009. The MSP recorded 637, the KSO 972, and the Vassalboro police recorded 394 of these actions.

There were 76 vehicle reported crashes reported in 2009 and a 10 year total of 751. Driving over the speed limit or speeding during inclement weather is a major contributor to the 76 accidents that occurred within Vassalboro last year and the 751 in the last 10 years.

The Vassalboro police issued 88 traffic summons and patrolled 9,250 miles.

In order to ensure your safety, the Vassalboro police request that you do not allow any strangers in your home. It is also requested that you record suspicious plate numbers and call the Vassalboro Police, KSO, or MSP with anything suspicious. Nothing is too frivolous.

Remember to always lock your homes and vehicles and to never leave the keys in the vehicle.

For emergency situations it is very important that all residents' homes be numbered conspicuously so that desired locations can be found readily by emergency personnel for assistance.

RICHARD PHIPPEN
Vassalboro Police



ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER'S REPORT

In the year 2009, I handled many calls for animal problems in the Town of Vassalboro. To the right is a breakdown of those calls.

With much help from the office staff, the fire department, and the police chief, all went well. But having Cindy Ferland on board as assistant, it was a much better year.

HOWARD E. MORANG
Animal Control Officer

Dogs at large	10
Return runaway dogs	3
Cats to Humane Shelter	19
Dog Bites	4
Dogs to Humane Shelter	6
Welfare checks	0
Wild animals calls (rabies)	0
Court cases handled	14
Animals hit by vehicles	2
Trap feral cat	7
Horses/cows in the road	25
Warrants for dogs	180
Dogs killing chickens	1
Kennel inspections	4
Rescue dog in swimming pool	1

VASSALBORO PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Vassalboro Public Library is lively, active and at 100 years old just hitting its stride! 2009 marked the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the Vassalboro Public Library, the 50th anniversary of our Annual Book & Bake Sale, and a whole new year of progress, growth, and planning for our future. First organized by a group of women at the East Vassalboro Friends Church in March 1909, the Vassalboro Public Library initially welcomed residents from Vassalboro, Winslow and China. A fifty cent annual membership fee covered the purchase of new books and, later that year, the association held a lawn party fundraiser, collecting over \$700 – a sum worth over \$16,000 today! Patronage, funding, and even the building have seen many eventful changes over the years, making the history of the library a colorful and entertaining tale that we celebrated through various community activities and programs in our centennial year – from the sewing and raffle of a gorgeous quilt to the gala evening of comedy with Maine humorist, Tim Sample.

FY 08-09 was yet another busy and rewarding chapter in our history. Nearly 160 new patrons (93 adults, 64 children) joined the library and our collection increased by over 1100 new items, including more than 900 new books and 200 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 13,500. Used by over 900 patrons, our 3 computers (PCs) with high-speed internet access, color printing, and free wireless access also grew in popularity. Today, we are prouder than ever of the services and value we are able to provide the citizens of Vassalboro. We regularly host visiting presentations and story hours; and our terrific volunteers have begun the process of digitizing our catalog and automating circulation.

My outstanding assistant, Russell Smith, and I give great thanks to our invaluable team of volunteers

for another year of unrivaled and unwavering service to the library. Logging over 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, Hope Audet, Joyce Colasacco, Melissa Cote, Adam Doyen, Myrna Duplessie, Lore and Chuck Ferguson, Irene Forster, Dianne Hogendorn, Maisie Knowles, Jennifer Kochaver, Helen LaFleur, the Limberger family, Julie Lyon, Amy & Jasmine 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, Ann White, and, always a treasure, Betty Taylor. Their support continues to be incomparable and I consider it a privilege to work in such a charismatic circle.

We are working as hard as ever to provide Vassalboro with a vibrant community center that delivers access to information, ideas and entertainment for everyone. And in these difficult economic times libraries and patrons need each other more than ever. As we look forward to another active and successful year (and century!), we hope that many more of you will join us along the way. Please stop in to see us on the Bog Road in East Vassalboro Mondays & Wednesdays (12:30-8PM) and Saturdays (10AM-6PM) – look for a new bestseller, search online databases of thousands of magazines, newspapers, and reference books, print out your resume, learn something new, volunteer, meet up with your friends and neighbors, or just come in and say hello! You're always welcome at the Vassalboro Public Library.

DAWN THISTLE
Librarian

CHINA REGION LAKES ALLIANCE

This report contains highlights of activities and accomplishments for the China Region Lakes Alliance (CRLA) in 2009 on behalf of the Town of Vassalboro and her present- and future- citizens.

Milfoil Inspections:

To help fend off an infestation of unwanted aquatic invasive species (i.e. milfoil), CRLA hired and trained twelve (12) local Courtesy Boat Inspectors to patrol the four boat launches at Webber Pond, Three Mile Pond, and China Lake. Over the course of the summer vacation season, 682 boats and trailers were inspected by the CRLA Staff at a total cost of protection of \$ 12,567. To partially offset the cost of the environmental safety service, CRLA applied for- and received- reimbursement in the amount of \$ 2,600 grant from the Lakes Environmental Association of Maine. No infestations have been detected on our Lakes; but, continued vigilance is needed while a better means of preventing these hitchhikers is sought State-wide.

DAVID LANDRY

Board of Directors CRLA

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Email:david.landry@yahoo.com

Three Mile Pond:

Rick Hayden 445-2077

Email: rhayden61@juno.com

Webber Pond:

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General Information:

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Email:jim.hart@roadrunner.com

Project cooperation with the Vassalboro Conservation Committee (VCC):

CRLA and the Vassalboro Conservation Committee collaborated on the Carry-In boat launch project at the mouth to Seven Mile Stream. Working with the Kennebec Soil and Water Conservation District, CRLA secured the environmental permits and funded \$ 1,500 for the completion of the necessary design specifications as required by the Department of Conservation on behalf of the VCC for this project. The design contains provisions for parking and handicap accessibility, while minimizing the impact on the environment from the path and launch area as well. CRLA seeks to cooperate with the Conservation Committee on other beautification and waterway protection projects where we can be of mutual assistance.

Water quality protection projects by CRLA's Youth Conservation Corp (YCC):

In 2009, the YCC conducted approximately 2,160 man hours of conservation work in the three watersheds. Working in cooperation with Vassalboro's Code Enforcement Officer, Mr. Paul Mitnik, P.E., for instance, the YCC undertook mitigation projects on three priority sites that were identified and re-surveyed by CRLA on Webber Pond.

On Three Mile Pond, the YCC built six large buffer strips and constructed four erosion control projects to help minimize erosion and to project water quality. And, each year the YCC happily assists the Vassalboro Public Works Department in installing the swimming buoys next to the recreation and boating areas on Three Mile Pond to provide a safe public place to enjoy a swim.

Environmental projects on China Lake:

In 2009, CRLA worked to mitigate several major sites affecting water quality on China Lake. In the E. Basin, two stream banks were successfully stabilized with riprap using large boulder and an approved technique supplied by the Kennebec County Soil and

Water Conservation District. Another important project involved working with a local farmer and a local agronomist to construct a series of vegetated drainage swales to intercept manure runoff without detracting from agricultural operations. In addition, CRLA cooperated with several groups of gravel road owners in all three watersheds to design and install improvements to their road to better handle stormwater runoff and to minimize erosion which detracts from water quality.

CRLA Award:

At the Annual Meeting of the Maine Association of Conservation Districts (MACD) on December 3rd, 2009, the China Region Lakes Alliance (CRLA) was

presented the Conservation Organization of the Year award. Citing CRLA's track record of significant accomplishments, and its recent large scale erosion control work in the China Lake watershed, Tom Gordon, MACD President, stated "the CRLA was to be commended". Mr. Gordon noted that few volunteer run conservation organizations have tackled the wide range of projects that CRLA has. Upon accepting the award on behalf of the CRLA, Jim Hart thanked the many partners who have helped the CRLA attain its success over the years; namely, the Towns of Vassalboro and China, and the Kennebec Water District, which together deserve recognition for much of the credit for the accomplishments and their support of the organization.

100 years



Interior of Vassalboro Grange with well preserved painted backdrop.

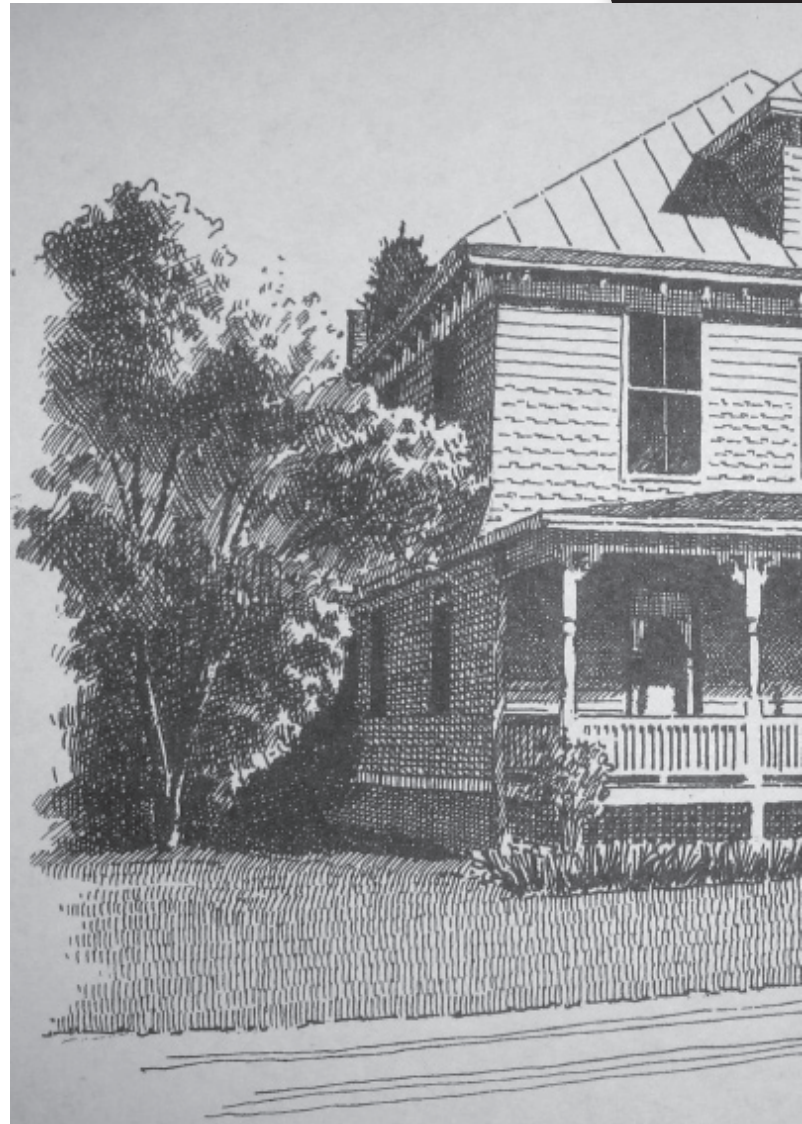
VASSALBORO

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In East Vassalboro, on the east side of Main Street, stands a gracious old building which will be a century old in November...

VASSALBORO GRANGE #322 was formed as part of a national movement in America to bring farm families together for community and economic benefit. Their full title was “Patrons of Husbandry,” and their stated purpose was to “place faith in God, nurture hope, dispense charity, and be noted for fidelity.” There were 21 members at that first meeting on March 27, 1895, and for a long while the group grew larger with each subsequent gathering. For the first 15 years they met upstairs in Butterfield’s Store, located across from Revere House in the Village. Rent was two dollars an evening.

The Grangers soon recognized the need to build their own meeting place, and the Hall Fund was begun. Fund raising was a wonderful blend of hard work and community spirit. Suppers, bake sales, country fairs, and pledge drives expanded the funds. On November 29, 1910, the splendid new Hall with its spacious kitchen and expansive meeting room upstairs, was dedicated with special speakers and much celebration. During



the two-day festivities, the hardworking women of the Grange served dinner to over 150 guests (at 25 cents apiece), with a total of \$102.50 added to their treasury.

For many decades, Tuesday night was Grange night, and people of all ages gathered for fellowship, food, and programs of great interest and relevance. Women were given an equal voice

100 years GRANGE HALL



and vote in the organization, and for a long time there was a Juvenile Grange, especially for young people. Music, debate, dances, skits, readings, lectures, and those famous Grange suppers drew farm families together to enjoy humor and local news and, best of all, each other.

The Grange Hall standing in the Village today is not much changed in the last hundred years.

Present-day members have worked to retain its original architecture and atmosphere—and even its color scheme. The organization itself, however, has evolved. There is very little ritual at their meetings now, and their focus has turned to serving the community with fuel assistance, youth scholarships, and help for the needy. The Hall is closed during the coldest months of the winter, but warmer weather brings craft fairs, children’s theater, contradances, musicals, receptions, talent shows, rummage and bake sales, a weekly farmers’ market, and of course those famous Grange suppers!

And overseeing it all, with wide front porch, fresh flowers, and wonderful creaking wood floors, is the Grange Hall—grand lady of Vassalboro.

- Vicki Shad

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, sportsmanship, and teamwork, in addition to the teaching of fundamental skills for the various sports.

Our core programs currently include soccer, basketball, and baseball/softball and generally include youth ages 5-12 or grades Kindergarten through fifth, depending on the sport. These programs have been extremely successful and have experienced significant participation growth in recent years. All programs participate in the Dirigo League, where our teams

play with other area towns including China, Chelsea, Windsor, Whitefield, and Jefferson.

Recreation Facility:

The Vassalboro Recreational Fields are located next to the Town Public Works garage on the Bog Road. They are currently used for soccer and baseball/softball. 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 Public 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.



Aerial photo of the Town recreation fields by Fox Photo. www.FoxFoto.us

Youth Program Contacts

Director..... Nicole Wasilewski
873-5772

Soccer..... Peter Howard
623-6453

Basketball.. Nicole Wasilewski
873-5772

Baseball.... Ben Foster
& Softball 623-6224

2009-2010 Activities (Estimates)

Soccer 120 Participants

Basketball... 100 Participants

Baseball 150 Participants
& Softball

ERSKINE ACADEMY HEADMASTER

To The Residents of Vassalboro, Maine:

The trustees, administrators, faculty and staff of Erskine Academy extend their appreciation to the community of Vassalboro for entrusting us to provide their high schoolers with an excellent secondary education and high quality learning experiences.

To ensure our vitality and viability as an independent high school of choice for the families of Vassalboro, we continually plan and make cost effective investments to modernize our teaching methodologies and technologies. With our long-term “One to Many” Technology plan, each student will have access to multiple technologies designed to enhance his/her educational experience by seamlessly integrating technology into the instructional program. The initial stage of this plan began this past fall, with each of our freshmen being issued a laptop device for in-school and at-home use. Our intent is to deploy units to subsequent incoming classes, while enriching classroom based technologies and expanding applications usage.

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.

This turbulent economy and current political landscape shall impact every future decision made by the school. We have relied heavily on the goodwill, generosity, and commitment from our alumni and friends, who have not only provided financial support, but have taken important action in their communities to ensure school choice. As a result, Erskine Academy secures its prominence in the



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Aerial photo of Erskine Academy by Fox Photo.

Capital Region, providing traditional public school students from eight sending towns with a private school education.

We are delighted and appreciative that when Maine’s educational statutes mandated the formation of new school administrative structures, Vassalboro’s heritage of high school choice was preserved. As we continue to care for and educate Vassalboro’s young people, we become even more resolved to fulfill our mission—the provision of high quality educational experiences to inspire students to their highest potential. We pledge to progress and advance to increase our students’ competitive capacities for work, higher education, and citizenship. We thank Vassalboro for ensuring high school choice for its residents, and are grateful for your confidence in Erskine Academy.

MICHAEL MCQUARRIE
Headmaster

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Good day to all “Vassalboroians”,

To say it has been an exciting year for Vassalboro Public Schools is certainly an understatement! After several years of failed consolidation attempts the communities of Vassalboro, Waterville, and Winslow were finally able to agree in forming an Alternative Organization Structure (AOS #92). This type of organization maintains local control of each community’s schools, while sharing the services of the superintendent and the superintendent’s office staff, as well as district directors e.g. transportation, special education, technology, and maintenance. In addition, the three communities have agreed to share the expertise of a food service director.

As you can well imagine, it has taken a huge investment of personnel’s time to handle these changes, set up new checking accounts, close out old checking accounts, create new policies/procedures, negotiate contracts, and physically move staff offices. The staff’s of Vassalboro, Waterville, and Winslow Schools deserve

a huge thanks for the extra hours, sweat, tears, and effort put in to make AOS #92 a reality.

As your new superintendent and on behalf of my staff, I also want to thank each and every one of you for the warm reception you have given us as we worked through this first year of the AOS #92. Your School Committee has done an outstanding job of leading me and my staff through the intricacies of past practice, budgeting process, and general oversight of the Vassalboro Public Schools. Rest assured the School Committee members you elected to office take their responsibility very seriously and are providing a quality education to the youth of Vassalboro.

I asked Assistant Superintendent, Peter Thiboutot, to highlight some of the curriculum/assessment work he has been shepherding this year. Please see his comments next.

ERIC L. HALEY
Superintendent of Vassalboro Public Schools



Selectmen (L to R) Phil Haines, Rob Browne, and Lauchlin Titus present the Spirit of America Award to Lori Fowle in recognition of her many years as a volunteer School Committee Member.

Things are alive and well at the Vassalboro Community School. In the fall of the year, students in grades 3-8 participated in the New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP). The NECAP is a measure of student performance in the areas of reading and math. We are pleased to report that students scored very well on the assessment as compared to other local schools and to New England.

Teachers have worked hard in the area of curriculum development. The revision of the math curriculum has been a major focus. In addition, all staff has been introduced to a curriculum mapping software program called Atlas. Atlas will provide teachers with a structure to develop and continually revise curriculum, keeping it current with the needs of our students and the community.

The staff at Vassalboro Community School has also participated in a “Response to Intervention” (RTI) in-service, presented by Ellen Holmes from the Maine Department of Education. RTI is designed to identify students, as early as possible, who are struggling and tailor support services to meet their individual needs. At the workshop session, teachers were able

to assess their current practices to determine if they had all of the necessary components in place prior to implementing various interventions.

Mary Boyle, AOS #92 literacy and instructional specialist, worked throughout the year with the Literacy Design Team. This group, made up of Winslow and Vassalboro teachers interested in issues related to literacy, proposed professional development opportunities for teachers, discussed the implications of common core standards, administered, scored and analyzed common writing prompts, and prepared materials for teachers to use to help students prepare for NECAP assessments.

Curriculum work will continue during the summer months through grant funding and at the AOS #92 two day Leadership Retreat held in August each year.

In summary I want to thank you for the opportunity to work with your outstanding school staff and carry on the good work that has proceeded.

PETER THIBOUTOT

Assistant Superintendent of Vassalboro Public Schools



Vassalboro School Band

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Vassalboro Conservation Commission is now in its third year of operation. The members of the Commission include: David Jenney, Steve Jones, Mary Ellen Johnston, Holly Weidner and Paul Mitnik. The ordinance under which it functions allows up to seven members. If a Vassalboro resident is particularly interested in serving on this Commission, please call the Town Office and leave your contact information. The following is a summary of our monthly meetings. The minutes from each meeting are available on the town's web site (www.vassalboro.net), at the link provided for Conservation Commission.

In March 2009, commission members were busy planning for the new Farmer's Market in the Vassalboro Grange Hall on Fridays. A core group of farmers continues to show enthusiasm and determination, and welcomes any newcomers. Customers have been pleased by the selection of fresh produce, baked goods, and specialty foods. Other commission members continued to work on the Project Canopy Grant application for planting some street trees, and submitted it for review to the Town Manager.

In April, the application for Project Canopy was submitted. We turned our attention to the China Regional Lakes Alliance whose Executive Director, Peter Wilkins, came to our meeting to explain what they do. Vassalboro participates in the Alliance and benefits from the Conservation Corp work that takes place during the summer. We agreed that people in the community needed to be made aware of the good work they do for our lakes.

Other business in April included discussions with two landowners about the Seven Mile Stream boat launch site. Securing their permission to use their rights of way was not difficult, as they are both happy to allow people to have access to the water for non-motorized boats.

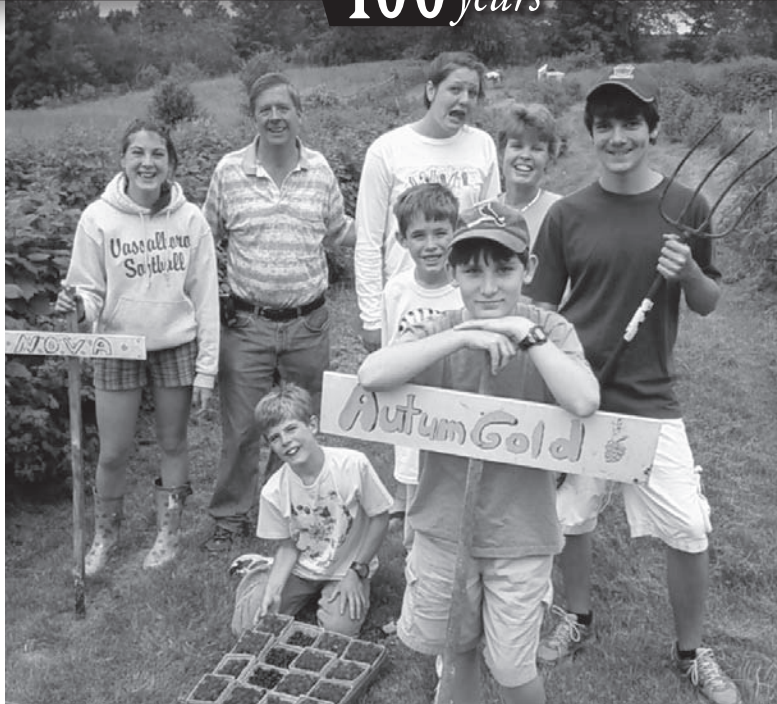
In May, we did a walking tour of the old Rancourt Farm, now owned by a non-profit organization called Maine Farms LLC. The new owners expressed

an interest in permanently protecting the farm and insuring that it remains in agricultural use. The natural resource values of the property are significant, including river frontage/wildlife habitat, excellent soils and mature forests.

June came with the disappointing news that we did not receive a Project Canopy grant. We will apply again, in 2010. We spent more time with the CLRA who had been working with Vassalboro to create buffer strips on lakefront properties in order to reduce the run off and improve the water quality. The KVCOG is writing an ordinance for Low Impact Development, which would be helpful in locations where environmental degradation or water quality issues could occur due to development.

In July, we continued to look for opportunities to heighten awareness about the work CRLA was doing around the lakes in Vassalboro. We submitted an article to the TownLine that described their shoreland protection projects. We continued to work with the NRCS staff who provided maps that would be useful in the design of a boat launch site at Seven Mile Stream.

In August we began developing specific details of the boat launch project, including a parking area, a way to safely approach the water, what type of launch platform would work best, and the estimated cost of preparing the site. Another detail included getting the appropriate permits from DEP. Our technical assistance person, Josh Platt, who is on staff at the Kennebec County Soil and Water Conservation district, has been assisting the Commission in determining the likelihood of receiving a grant from the Kennebec River Initiative. One of the goals of the Kennebec River Initiative has been to improve access to the river for citizens of the communities along the corridor from Moosehead Lake to the ocean. Also this month, our student volunteer, Amanda Brackett, spent some time at the Farmer's Market with information about the VCC and the Rancourt Farm conservation project.



The Full Circle Farm Berry Harvest Bunch prepares for the Grange Farmer's Market.

September was devoted to follow up with the DEP about the Seven Mile Stream boat launch and attending the Selectmen's meeting to update them on the project. We discussed the need to join the Maine Association of Conservation Commissions so that we can network and learn more about what other commissions are doing in the state. We learned that only a Tier 1 permit from the DEP would be required for the boat launch. Our next step was to contact the landowner who had already agreed to deed the land over to the town for this purpose. The final transaction would need to be approved at town meeting.

In October, a meeting was held with the owners of the Rancourt Farm and interested parties to discuss the concept of permanent protection of the farmland as well as a long-term strategy for Vassalboro to protect farmland in multiple locations.

In November, volunteers improved the Town Forest trails and signage was put up to help people find

the trails more easily. The Trails Committee is a sub-committee of the Conservation Commission. Volunteers are encouraged to help with these small projects that make a big difference!

In January, a guest speaker, Nate Gray with the Inland Fish and Wildlife Agency, spoke to us about the Alewives Restoration Project in China Lake. Through a NOAA grant, they are assessing the potential for passage of alewives at the 6 dams on the Outlet Stream. We discussed the importance of alewives to the health of China Lake. The Webber Pond alewives restoration project shows what can be done and how the lake improves when native species are allowed to spend the summer and leave in the fall to spawn upstream. We will work with Nate to continue to provide information and education to the town.

The February meeting was devoted to the final details of the boat launch project on Seven Mile Stream. Josh Platt came to up-date us on the requirements and the over-all process.

VASSALBORO FOOD STATION PANTRY

The Vassalboro Food Pantry is pleased to report to the town some of the projects that the volunteers and clients do during the year. We collect Box Tops for Education, Campbell Soup Labels, and aluminum can tabs for the Shriners' Hospital for Children and gave these items to the Vassalboro Community School.

Volunteers give countless hours to work on getting the food from all the different sources to the pantry for distribution to the clients. In addition, volunteers give of their time and labor on Thursdays the day the pantry is open. The one thing that we are lacking is people with strong backs. Most of the volunteers can't carry heavy boxes of food and we do need volunteers who can lift and carry.

Cindy and Evelyn would like to thank the pantry Board Members, the Thursday volunteers, the Town of Vassalboro employees and the many-many town residents for all their help and support this past year. We would also like to thank the two Hannaford Stores of Augusta, and the Country Kitchen Thrift Store of Waterville for ALL their generous weekly donations.

The pantry is open every Thursday from 11am-Noon for any Vassalboro resident who needs help.

Our Board Members at this time are:

Cindy Ferland - Executive Director
Evelyn Dutil - Chairwoman of the Board
Albert Ferland
George Bourassa
Cheryl and David Sherwood
Marjorie Saporita
Russell Brown

EVELYN DUTIL
Chairman of the Board

For 2009 Cindy coordinated and provided through the Vassalboro Food Pantry:

Thanksgiving Baskets:

- 33 Food Pantry
- 5 Vassalboro Community School-sponsor
- 5 We gave to Winslow Pantry for Emergency Families
- 2 Pleau's Market-Employees-sponsor
- 14 Togus-employees-sponsor
- 59 Thanksgiving Dinners to Needy families

Christmas Program:

- 51 families requested help for gifts for children. The sponsors are:
- 21 families-Marine Corps Reserve-Toys for Tots
 - 5 families- Maine Savings Credit Union-Vass.
 - 9+ families-Vassalboro Community School
 - 15 families- Maine Children Home for Little Wanderers
 - 1 family- sponsored-by anonymous family

Christmas Dinner Baskets sponsors:

- 53 Vassalboro Food Pantry
- 7 Maine Savings Credit Union-Vass.
- 7 Sappi-employees

Pantry Started February 15, 2002

Year	# of Food Boxes Distributed
2002	991
2003	1269
2004	1441
2005	1425
2006	1578
2007	1653
2008	1674
2009	2345

VASSALBORO CEMETERY COMMITTEE

The Town of Vassalboro has a long history of care for its many cemeteries and provides reasonably priced burial lots for citizens in a cemetery owned by the Town itself. The year 2009 has been a time of reinforcing its commitment to this important responsibility. This has involved the appointment of a citizen committee to oversee the cemetery work of the Town and reassessment of the care of these cemeteries. To save taxpayer's money, the Town Office conducted an open bidding process for the selection of mowing services for the sixteen some cemeteries the Town cares for. This has resulted in a substantial savings to the town. It is expected this practice will continue in subsequent years.

In the Fall of 2009 the Selectmen created a new Cemetery Committee to establish and update practices for managing the Town owned cemetery and oversee the care of existing cemeteries.

The first priority of the Cemetery Committee is to assist the Town in effectively administering the Town

Cemetery. This entails: Establishing a new section of the Town Cemetery, establishing new procedures for record keeping, and clarifying old records of lots previously sold to citizens.

The second priority is updating the policies governing use of the Town Cemetery and any other cemeteries under the care of the Town including reviewing and updating the current policies, comparing them to policies governing other Town Cemeteries, and writing a new policy for approval by the Selectmen.

The third priority entails a review of the status of the existing cemeteries in the Town and recommencing appropriate measures to insure their proper upkeep and updating records.

Members of the Committee include:

Julie Lyon, Tom Richards, Jim Ashton, Richard Kelly, Chair



Bernie and Jody Welch at the Grange Farmer's Market. Photo by Margaret Cates.

MUNICIPAL EXPENDITURES

JULY 1, 2008 - JUNE 30, 2009

ADMINISTRATION

Appropriation:	\$ 284,205.00
Expenditures:	
Personnel service	198,006.89
Insurance	8,203.66
Utilities	10,134.65
Building Maintenance	4,052.64
Printing/Advertising	3,483.93
Audit/Legal/Dues	25,878.37
Office Supplies/Equipment	4,473.01
Technology/Postage/Other	24,779.53
Registry of Deeds	3,725.60
Balance	<u>1,466.72</u>

PUBLIC WORKS

Appropriation:	\$ 370,473.00
Expenditures:	
Personnel Services	178,638.15
Insurance	15,353.76
Sand/Salt/other contracts	45,100.58
Vehicle Expenses/Equip.	61,111.28
Garage Utilities/Supplies	33,104.34
Bridges/Culverts	3,179.02
Balance	<u>33,985.87</u>

SOLID WASTE

Appropriation:	\$ 305,502.00
Expenditures:	
Personnel Services	70,237.11
Insurance	2,808.82
Bldg Maint, Water Monit,	
Engineering	3,553.03
Utilities/Supplies	2,859.20
Disposal/Hauling/Recycling	183,662.33
Balance	<u>42,381.51</u>

ROAD PAVING/GRAVEL ROADS

Appropriation:	\$ 263,100.00
Expenditures:	
Paving	246,642.42
Striping	10,164.00
Gravel Roads/Maintenance	3,879.44
Balance	<u>2,414.14</u>

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT

Appropriation:	\$ 146,500.00
Expenditures:	
Fire Truck/Public Works Reserve	144,000.00
Balance	<u>2,500.00</u>

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation:	\$ 90,561.00
Expenditures:	
Utilities	17,823.14
Insurances	8,281.89
Repairs	13,559.55
Training/Equipment/Supplies	6,529.92
Radios	1,823.34
Bldg Maintenance	796.16
Firefighter stipend	6,871.00
Chief Stipend	2,500.00
Dispatching	32,376.00
Balance	<u>.00</u>

PUBLIC SAFETY

Appropriation:	\$ 31,326.00
Expenditures:	
Employee Costs	20,012.57
Insurances	2,046.33
Supplies/Vehicle Maintenance	2,234.82
Humane Society	5,584.84
Balance	<u>1,447.44</u>

MUNICIPAL EXPENDITURES

JULY 1, 2008 - JUNE 30, 2009

RECREATION/SUMMER YOUTH

Appropriation:	\$ 15,000.00
Expenditures:	15,000.00
Balance	<u>.00</u>

ROUTE #3 REST AREA

Appropriation:	\$ 9,150.00
Expenditures:	7,052.00
Balance	<u>2,098.00</u>

LIBRARY

Appropriation:	\$ 30,990.00
Expenditures:	30,989.98
Balance	<u>.02</u>

UTILITIES

Appropriation:	\$ 36,590.00
Expenditures:	
Street Lights	15,720.05
Hydrant Rental	17,544.72
Balance	<u>3,325.23</u>

CEMETERIES

Appropriation:	\$ 17,500.00
Expenditures:	
Care of Cemeteries	17,500.00
Balance	<u>.00</u>

GENERAL ASSISTANCE

Appropriation:	\$ 3,500.00
Expenditures:	
Fuel/Utilities	1,085.03
Shelter	2,274.00
Balance	<u>140.97</u>

ASSESSMENT

Appropriation:	\$ 41,500.00
Expenditures:	
Employee Costs:	30,000.00
Maps/Dues/Supplies	7,918.03
Balance	<u>3,581.97</u>

SOCIAL SERVICES

Appropriation:	\$ 10,050.00
Expenditures:	
Senior Citizens	.00
Hospice	1,600.00
Food Pantry	1,500.00
Family Violence	2,250.00
KV Mental Health	3,500.00
Spectrum Generations	750.00
Balance	<u>450.00</u>

MISCELLANEOUS REQUEST

Appropriation:	\$ 18,261.00
Expenditures:	
Historical Society	3,000.00
Regional Planning	5,761.00
Snowmobile Club	1,500.00
C.R.L.A.	7,500.00
Stretch & Walk	.00
Balance	<u>500.00</u>

COUNTY TAX

Appropriation:	\$ 273,762.00
Expenditures:	273,761.52
Balance	<u>.48</u>

DEBT SERVICE

Appropriation:	\$ 24,000.00
Expenditures:	
CIP Bond	24,000.00
Balance	<u>.00</u>

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT

Board of Selectmen
Town of Vassalboro
Vassalboro, Maine

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information, of Town of Vassalboro, Maine, as of and for the year ended June 30, 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.



December 15, 2009

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, 2009

ASSETS	General <u>Fund</u>	Other Governmental <u>Funds</u>	Total Governmental <u>Funds</u>
Cash	\$ 1,305,102	\$ 9,762	\$ 1,314,864
Investments		138,193	138,193
Receivables:			
Taxes	203,858		203,858
Liens	42,602		42,602
Accounts	269	11,330	11,599
Other governments		148,839	148,839
Inventory		3,750	3,750
Interfund balances	(22,450)	22,450	0
Total Assets	<u>1,529,381</u>	<u>334,324</u>	<u>1,863,705</u>
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable	62,552		62,552
Accrued wages	306,283	8,382	314,665
Accrued compensated absences	19,401		19,401
Deferred property taxes	120,400		120,400
Total Liabilities	<u>508,636</u>	<u>8,382</u>	<u>517,018</u>
FUND BALANCES			
Fund Balances			
Unreserved:			
Designated for subsequent years			
Revenues	29,815		29,815
Expenditures	16,490		16,490
Expenditures - Education	(127,391)	187,749	60,358
Designated for debt service		138,193	138,193
Undesignated	1,101,831		1,101,831
Total Fund Equity	<u>1,020,745</u>	<u>325,942</u>	<u>1,346,687</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	<u>\$ 1,529,381</u>	<u>\$ 334,324</u>	<u>\$ 1,863,705</u>

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.	9,459,339
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current-periods expenditures and therefore are deferred in the funds.	120,400
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	(644,604)
Bonds payable	(870,377)
Net assets of governmental	<u>\$ 9,411,445</u>

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, 2009

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Other Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
Revenues:			
Taxes	\$ 3,564,383	\$	\$ 3,564,383
Intergovernmental	4,888,118	594,268	5,482,386
Charges for services	100,891	154,906	255,797
Interest	34,540	9,611	44,151
Miscellaneous	111,941		111,941
Total Revenues	8,699,873	758,785	9,458,658
Expenditures:			
Current:			
General government	323,175		323,175
Public safety	150,438		150,438
Public works	603,974		603,974
Health and sanitation	262,872		262,872
Education	6,943,579	500,084	7,443,663
Social services	15,959		15,959
Special assessments	274,223		274,223
Leisure services	58,765		58,765
Unclassified	23,632		23,632
Food services		180,491	180,491
Debt service	23,595	46,220	69,815
Capital reserves	144,000		
Total Expenditures	8,824,212	726,795	9,407,007
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(124,339)	31,990	(92,349)
Other Financing Sources (Uses):			
Debt issuance proceeds	55,149		55,149
Total Other Financing Sources	55,149	0	55,149
(Uses)	55,149	0	55,149
Net Change in Fund Balances	(69,190)	31,990	(37,200)
Fund Balances - beginning	1,089,935	293,952	1,383,887
Fund Balances - ending	\$ 1,020,745	\$ 325,942	\$ 1,346,687

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, 2009

Schedule 1

TOWN OF VASSALBORO, MAINE
Budget Comparison Schedule
General Fund
For the year ended June 30, 2009

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>			<u>Variance with final budget positive (negative)</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>	<u>Actual</u>	
Revenues:	\$	\$	\$	\$
Taxes	3,540,142	3,540,142	3,564,383	24,241
Intergovernmental	4,972,064	4,858,860	4,888,118	29,258
Interest	35,000	35,000	34,540	(460)
Charges for services	85,500	85,500	100,891	15,391
Miscellaneous	17,000	95,977	111,941	15,964
Total revenues	8,649,706	8,615,479	8,699,873	84,394
Expenditures:				
Current:				
General government	337,466	342,966	323,175	19,791
Public safety	163,477	163,477	150,438	13,039
Public works	633,573	633,573	603,974	29,599
Health and sanitation	305,502	300,002	262,872	37,130
Education	6,830,226	6,815,243	6,943,579	(128,336)
Social services	17,050	17,050	15,959	1,091
Special assessments	313,128	313,128	274,223	38,905
Leisure services	50,990	60,863	58,765	2,098
Unclassified	30,650	25,000	23,632	1,368
Debt service	24,000	24,000	23,595	405
Capital reserves	114,820	146,501	144,000	2,501
Total expenditures	8,820,882	8,841,803	8,824,212	17,591
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	(171,176)	(226,324)	(124,339)	101,985
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Debt proceeds		55,149	55,149	0
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	0	55,149	55,149	0
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(171,176)	(171,175)	(69,190)	101,985
Fund Balance - beginning	1,089,935	1,089,935	1,089,935	0
Fund Balance - ending	\$ 918,759	\$ 918,760	\$ 1,020,745	\$ 101,985

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

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 7th, 2010, at 6:30 in the evening to elect a moderator to preside at said meeting, then and there to act on Articles 1 through 62, 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 8th day of June 2010, then and there to act on Articles numbered 63 to 65. The polls will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

ARTICLE 1:

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

ARTICLE 2:

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

Terms Expire in 2010

Joe Suga
Elizabeth Reuthe
Richard Phippen
Douglas Phillips
Michael Vashon

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: 7.00%. Interest will begin to accrue 7 days after the due date.

One-fourth of taxes due on 09-27-10

One-fourth of taxes due on 11-22-10

One-fourth of taxes due on 02-28-11

One-fourth of taxes due on 04-25-11

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 2010-2011 tax commitment:

Excise Tax	\$ 580,000
Agent Fees	13,000
Snowmobile agent fees	2,500
Boat Excise Tax	4,000
Interest/Penalties	26,000
State Revenue Sharing	150,000
State Road Assistance	65,000
Tree Growth Reimbursement	8,000
State Park Sharing	1,650
Veterans Exemption	1,500
Investment Income	16,000
Miscellaneous	5,000
Permit Fees	10,000
Solid Waste/Recycling	60,000
Franchise Fee/Cable Fees	12,000
Clerk Fees	6,000
Surplus	<u>150,000</u>
TOTAL REVENUES:	\$ 1,110,650

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

ARTICLE 5:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$309,986 for **Administration**.

Selectmen Recommend: \$309,986

Budget Committee recommends: \$309,986

ARTICLE 6:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,100 for **Assessment Costs**.

Selectmen Recommend: \$35,100

Budget Committee Recommends: \$35,100

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 \$6,000 for **Debt Service**.

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

ARTICLE 8:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 for the **Capital Reserve Fund**.

Selectmen Recommend: \$25,000
Budget Committee Recommends: \$25,000

PUBLIC WORKS

ARTICLE 9:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$353,324 for the **Public Works Department**.

Selectmen Recommend: \$353,324
Budget Committee Recommends: \$353,324

ARTICLE 10:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200,000 for **paving work** to allow the Town to pave the following roads: finish Hussey Hill Road (east - .9 miles); Seawards Mill Road (1.3 miles); Dam Road (.1 mile) 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: \$200,000
Budget Committee Recommends: \$200,000

SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL

ARTICLE 11:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$277,896 for the cost of operating the Town's **Solid Waste Disposal and Recycling Facility**.

Selectmen Recommend: \$277,896
Budget Committee Recommends: \$277,896

PUBLIC SAFETY

ARTICLE 12:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$33,932 for the **Police Department and Animal Control**.

Selectmen Recommend: \$33,932
Budget Committee Recommends: \$33,932

ARTICLE 13:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$101,848 for the **Fire Department**.

Selectmen Recommend: \$101,848
Budget Committee Recommends: \$101,848

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 \$17,000 for **Street Lights**.

Selectmen Recommend: \$17,000
Budget Committee Recommends: \$17,000

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 2010-2011, 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 2011.

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 Shoreland Zoning Ordinance**" revised June 2010 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 "**Town of Vassalboro Enforcement and Appeals Ordinance**" revised June 2010 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:

To see if the Town will vote to accept the gift of a 1981 Pumper fire truck from the Town of E. Fishkill, NY and to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of the town owned 1978 fire truck by whatever method they deem appropriate.

Selectmen Recommend: Approval

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 on behalf of the town to receive gifts and donations of money for specific purposes. Such authority will remain in effect until revoked by a vote of the Town.

ARTICLE 26:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of town owned property with a value of \$10,000 or less.

ARTICLE 27:

To see if the Town will vote to waive the 2007 tax lien foreclosure on the Carl McCaslin property located at Tax Map 23, Lot 28. Such tax lien is recorded in the Kennebec County Registry of Deeds at Book 9844 and Page 253.

ARTICLE 28:

To see if the Town will vote to accept a gift of land from Mark Isaacson located on the Kennebec River and described in the town tax maps as Map 1, Lot 126. Such parcel of land is donated to be used for the purpose of creating a small parking area and public hand-carry boat access to the Kennebec River.

ARTICLE 29:

To see if the Town will vote to accept a gift of land from Laurah and Bradford Brown located on the Seven Mile Stream and described in the town tax maps as Map 16A, Lot 28. Such parcel of land is donated to be used for the purpose of conservation.

ARTICLE 30:

To see if the Town will vote to approve the Municipal Officers' Order of Discontinuance of the Barrows Road without reservation of a public easement in the same, dated May 13, 2010 and filed with the Town Clerk, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$-0- to pay damages as stated in the Order.

LIBRARY

ARTICLE 31:

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

Selectmen Recommend: \$30,990

Budget Committee Recommends: \$30,990

HEALTH AND WELFARE

ARTICLE 32:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000 for **General Assistance** and to authorize Selectmen to expend any and all reimbursement funds received from the State.

Selectmen Recommend: \$4,000

Budget Committee Recommends: \$4,000

ARTICLE 33:

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 34:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,600 for the **Hospice Volunteers of the Waterville Area**. (This article by Petition).

Selectmen Recommend: \$1,600

Budget Committee Recommends: \$1,600

ARTICLE 35:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,925 for the **Family Violence Project**. (This article by Petition).

Selectmen Recommend: \$2,250

Budget Committee Recommends: \$2,250

WARRANT

STATE OF MAINE, KENNEBEC COUNTY

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

ARTICLE 36:

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 37:

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

Selectmen Recommend: \$750

Budget Committee Recommends: \$750

ARTICLE 38:

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-

ARTICLE 39:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,417 for the **Sexual Assault Crisis & Support**. (This article by petition.)

Selectmen Recommend: \$ -0-

Budget Committee Recommends: \$ -0-

RECREATION

ARTICLE 40:

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 41:

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 42:

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 43:

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 44:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 for the maintenance of the **Three Mile Pond Recreational Area**.

Selectmen Recommend: \$1,000

Budget Committee Recommends: \$1,000

WARRANT

STATE OF MAINE, KENNEBEC COUNTY

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

ARTICLE 45:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the estimated sum of \$434,653 for the assessment from **Kennebec County Government**. Note: The County is changing their budget year from a calendar year to a fiscal year. This amount is the estimated combined amount for a six-month budget (\$134,653) and a twelve-month budget. The actual twelve-month budget amount was not available at the time of warrant signing.

Selectmen Recommend: \$434,653

Budget Committee Recommends: \$434,653

ARTICLE 46:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,500 for the support of the **China Region Lakes Alliance**.

Selectmen Recommend: \$5,000

Budget Committee Recommends: \$5,000

ARTICLE 47:

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: \$-0-

Budget Committee Recommends: \$-0-

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

ARTICLE 48:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend the sum of \$3,998,344.36 for **Regular Instruction**.

School Committee Recommends: \$3,998,344.36

Budget Committee Recommends: \$3,998,344.36

ARTICLE 49:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend the sum of \$945,891.02 for **Special Education**.

School Committee Recommends: \$945,891.02

Budget Committee Recommends: \$945,891.02

ARTICLE 50:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend the sum of \$111,000.00 for **Career and Technical Education**.

School Committee Recommends: \$111,000.00

Budget Committee Recommends: \$111,000.00

ARTICLE 51:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend the sum of \$54,072.22 for **Other Instruction**.

School Committee Recommends: \$54,072.22

Budget Committee Recommends: \$54,072.22

ARTICLE 52:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend the sum of \$288,181.39 for **Student and Staff Support**.

School Committee Recommends: \$288,181.39

Budget Committee Recommends: \$288,181.39

ARTICLE 53:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend the sum of \$146,287.79 for **System Administration**.

School Committee Recommends: \$146,287.79

Budget Committee Recommends: \$146,287.79

WARRANT

STATE OF MAINE, KENNEBEC COUNTY

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

ARTICLE 54:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend the sum of \$235,948.01 for **School Administration**.

School Committee Recommends: \$235,948.01

Budget Committee Recommends: \$235,948.01

ARTICLE 55:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend the sum of \$377,084.00 for **Transportation and Buses**.

School Committee Recommends: \$377,084.00

Budget Committee Recommends: \$377,084.00

ARTICLE 56:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend the sum of \$495,541.09 for **Facilities Maintenance**.

School Committee Recommends: \$495,541.09

Budget Committee Recommends: \$495,541.09

ARTICLE 57:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend the sum of \$347,840.00 for **Debt Service and Other Commitments**.

School Committee Recommends: \$347,840.00

Budget Committee Recommends: \$347,840.00

ARTICLE 58:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend the sum of \$.00 for **All Other Expenditures**.

School Committee Recommends: \$.00

Budget Committee Recommends: \$.00

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

ARTICLE 59:

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,215,935.00 for the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act (**Recommend \$6,452,105.77**) and to raise the sum of \$2,215,935.00 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: \$2,215,935.00

Budget Committee Recommends: \$2,215,935.00

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 60:

To see what sum the municipality/district/unit will raise and to appropriate the sum of (Recommend \$272,584.11) in additional local funds for school purposes under Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, §15690. The School Committee and the Budget Committee recommends \$272,584.11.

The school budget does not exceed the state EPS funding model.

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

WARRANT

STATE OF MAINE, KENNEBEC COUNTY

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amounts raised for the annual payment on non-state funded debt service that will help achieve the municipality/district budget for educational programs.

ARTICLE 61:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the school committee to expend the sum of \$7,000,189.88 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011 from the school administrative unit's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, non-state-funded school construction projects, additional local funds for school purposes under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy and other receipts for the support of schools.

School Committee Recommends: \$7,000,189.88

Budget Committee Recommends: \$7,000,189.88

ARTICLE 62:

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.

The following articles will be decided by secret ballot election. The polls will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. tomorrow, June 8th, 2010 at the Town Office.

ARTICLE 63:

Do you favor approving the Vassalboro Elementary School's budget for the upcoming school year that was adopted at the June 7, 2010 Annual Town Meeting?

ARTICLE 64:

Do you wish to continue the budget validation referendum process for the Vassalboro Elementary School for an additional three years?

Informational Note:

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

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

ARTICLE 65:

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 8th, 2010 at the Vassalboro Town Office.

Given unto our hands this 13th day of May 2010, AD

Rob Browne
Selectman, Town of Vassalboro

Lauchlin Titus
Selectman, Town of Vassalboro

Philip W. Haines
Selectman, Town of Vassalboro

A true copy. Attest:

Catherine St. Pierre, _____ of Vassalboro

VASSALBORO HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Vassalboro Historical Society had a successful year. The quarterly newsletter has increased from four to eight pages and with the addition of Vickie Schad as a feature writer the newsletter will maintain the quality that Esther Bernhardt and Editor Charles Ferguson have achieved.

The Harold Taylor Blacksmith Shop was open during Vassalboro Days for the first time. There were about 100 visitors and the comments were very positive. We may try to have it open a couple of weekends this coming year. The Society moved Hanson O. Lampson's Harness shop onto the Taylor property this winter and hopefully will be able to have it open sometime in the near future.

The Museum was closed for the winter but had a very successful summer, we had a meeting of the local Sons of Union Veterans Camp in June and they enjoyed the Civil War display. The kitchen displays are set up, one from the late 19th century and the other from the first half of the 20th century. We hope to have a

display on the stores in town ready for this summer.

We continue to be visited by family researchers from all over the country. The continuing organization of the collections, both genealogical and historical by Julie Lyon, the curator, and her helpers is tremendous.

I wish to thank the Monday night work crew for keeping the Museum and other buildings in good repair, and Julie's group for getting things in order so that they can be found. I also wish to thank Russell and Mary Smith, Roy and Ruth Brackett for being there when the Museum is open, and the Society Board for making sure everything else gets done.

The Society meets the third Thursday of odd numbers months at 7:30 at the Museum. The Museum is open the 2nd and 4th Sundays from May through November. For more information about the Society you may contact it at 207-923-3505.

Please come and join us.

100 years



Elizabeth Cates of Cates Farm Stand during a Farmer's Market Day at the Grange.



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Public Works	923-3985
Transfer Station	923-3051
School	923-3100
Library	923-3233
Animal Control	458-4853
Police Chief - Non Emergency . .	622-7730

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Vassalboro School Band as part of opening ceremonies of the Farmer's Market



Old photo of Grange Building circa 1912



Holly Weidner with Farmer's Market purchase

Jody Welch with celery at the Farmer's Market



Market Sunflowers with Amy Sun-Han, Jody Welch, and Gillian Welch