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DEDICATION

We Dedicate the 2011 Town Report to VOLUNTEERS:



Board of Selectmen (L to R) Philip Haines, Lauchlin Titus, Chairman; and Rob Browne

The Selectmen want to dedicate this Town Report to all of the VOLUNTEERS who work so diligently and faithfully to make Vassalboro a wonderful place to live. As individuals, all of us in Town recognize the volunteers that we encounter in functions of the Town that we interact with. But individually, we each see only the tip of the iceberg of volunteerism in Vassalboro. The Selectmen have the privilege to witness the fuller scope of how positively Vassalboro and its residents benefit from the volunteer services of so many people. We know that there are thousands of cumulative hours of volunteer time given to all of us in Vassalboro. To all of you who volunteer for some activity in this Town--you know who you are--you inspire us! THANK YOU!

Betty Taylor, who passed away in 2010, is a prime example of a local volunteer. Betty was well known for her dedication to the Vassalboro Free Library and countless hours of volunteerism to the Vassalboro Historical Society. The Town Report was dedicated to Betty Taylor several years ago to thank her for her efforts on behalf of the residents of Vassalboro.

Any listing of the volunteer efforts in a community is a dangerous undertaking. We expect we will miss some, but we also feel compelled to attempt to demonstrate the vast number of people involved as volunteers in our Town. If YOUR group is not listed, please accept our apologies and accept our thanks still. Where do we begin--let's start with children. Some of you volunteer at the Vassalboro Community School helping in classrooms, reading to children, helping with special projects. Many of you devote countless hours of your time in the Recreation Program coaching and supporting our young people. Others help young people with creative endeavors at the Vassalboro Grange. On the other end of the generational spectrum we have folks who provide assistance to our more mature

residents. Senior Spectrum activities, Meals on Wheels, and Hospice Care are examples of volunteer services provided to our elder citizens. We certainly need to recognize the dedicated members of the Vassalboro Volunteer Fire Department who spend so much time training and working to be able to defend our homes from fire. We have residents who are diligent in monitoring the town for criminal activity and passing that information on to law enforcement for further action. Dedicated individuals work and raise money to provide aid and comfort to those less fortunate through the Vassalboro Food Pantry and Vassalboro Ministerial Associations Fuel Fund.

Lots of you work to enrich our lives by giving your time to the Vassalboro Free Library and the Vassalboro Historical Society. A host of you participate in committees of the Town--and have for many years! Planning Board, Appeals Board, Cemetery Committee, Energy Committee, Conservation Commission, Trails Committee, Bike and Pedestrian Committee, Budget Committee, Recreation Committee, Vassalboro Sanitary District, Kennebec Water District, and School Committee members all participate in important work to make the Town run in an orderly manner. Some of you groom snowmobile trails for the winter enjoyment of others. Thanks to the folks who show up at the Transfer Station on a regular basis to help out.

Thanks to the residents of the Kennebec County Jail who volunteer time to work on projects at the Town Garage, Fire Stations, Transfer Station, Cemeteries, and anywhere else we can find work for them to do.

Lastly, Thanks to all of you who show up at church suppers, Grange events, Fire Station breakfasts and benefit suppers, school programs, ball games, and parades. Your financial and moral support helps to complete the circle.

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TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

During the past year, the Selectmen and I continued to work together on the many issues that have arisen in your town government. The fiscal year began with the appointment of some new members to the Planning Board and the Recreation Committee. The new members have brought some fresh ideas and we appreciate their enthusiasm. Thank you to the outgoing members who volunteered many hours to serve Vassalboro residents.

In late summer, the tax mill rate was set and we were able to keep the tax rate the same as the previous year at \$10.10 per thousand. Many hours are spent by many volunteers reviewing the proposed budget figures of all departments including the school every budget season to keep the tax rate as low as possible and still provide the services needed by town residents.

In October, the Spirit of America award was presented to a very deserving recipient, Victor Esposito, otherwise known as Mr. E to his students at the Vassalboro Community School. Mr. E was recognized by his students, his colleagues, his supervisors, and the Selectmen, at a general assembly of the junior high students at the school for his work with the students and his community volunteerism above and beyond the call of duty.

Also this past year, it became apparent that the gates on the China Lake Outlet Stream are in need of replacement. It has been an estimated 15 years since the wooden gates were replaced last



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and it is now time to replace them again. Estimates to contract out the work proved to be cost prohibitive, so the Kennebec Water District, the Town of China, and the Town of Vassalboro have all joined resources and made plans to perform the project in house at a much lower cost. The Vassalboro Business Association recognized this project as a way to help the community, so they put on a public supper fund raiser in mid April 2011, to help raise funds for the repair project to be undertaken in May or June of 2011. Just another tremendous example of volunteerism and cooperation at work within our community!

Many other exciting changes have happened in many town departments and on many town committees throughout this past year. The Department Head and Committee Chairs have written summary stories for you and those stories appear in the pages following this page. Please take the time to read their stories, and when you see these Department Heads or Committee Members about town, take a few minutes to thank them for all that they do in your community to make the Town of Vassalboro a remarkable place to live!

It has truly been my pleasure to serve as your town manager another year. I would like to thank the Selectmen and all of my town staff for making the experience such a pleasant one.

MARY SABINS
Vassalboro Town Manager

DIRECTORY OF ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

TELEPHONE	TERM EXP.	SELECTMAN/OVERSEER	ADDRESS
873-2108	2011	Lauchlin Titus	1063 Main Street, Vassalboro
923-3391	2012	Phillip Haines	702 Bog Road, Vassalboro
626-0966	2013	Robert Browne	9 Szady Drive, Vassalboro
SCHOOL COMMITTEE			
445-5159	2011	Barry Bernier	165 Nelson Road, Vassalboro
872-7062	2013	Phillip Landry	10 St. Bridgetts Way, Vassalboro
872-8596	2013	Kevin Levasseur	209 Bog Road, Vassalboro
923-3550	2011	Sarah Sugden	333 Main Street, Vassalboro
872-9032	2012	Frederick Denico	324 Oak Grove Road, Vassalboro
PLANNING BOARD			
873-5226	2012	Virginia Brackett	20 Alpine St., Vassalboro
622-2793	Alternate	George Gould	232 Cushnoc Rd., Vassalboro
923-6007	2012	Lee Cummings	151 Crowell Hill Rd., Vassalboro
923-3800	2011	Douglas Phillips	738 Bog Road, Vassalboro
923-3400	2011	Sally Butler	49 Taber Hill Road, Vassalboro
923-3758	2012	Paul Mitnik	700 Cross Hill Rd., Vassalboro
BUDGET COMMITTEE			
923-3355	2012	Joe Suga	861 Cross Hill Road, Vassalboro
873-7399	2011	Donald Breton	174 Cemetery Street, Vassalboro
622-7730	2012	Richard Phippen	492 Webber Pond Rd, Vassalboro
872-8860	2012	William Branch	622 Oak Grove Road, Vassalboro
923-3800	2012	Douglas Phillips	738 Bog Road, Vassalboro
923-3511	2012	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 Rd., Vassalboro
BOARD OF APPEALS			
923-3231	2012	Peggy Cain	358 Hussey Hill Road, Vassalboro
623-4808	2012	Russell Brown	1096 Riverside Dr., 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
SANITARY DISTRICT			
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
872-7263	2013	Elizabeth Bean	Main Street, Vassalboro
TOWN CLERK			
872-2826	2011	Catherine St. Pierre	P.O. Box 82, N. Vassalboro

DIRECTORY OF ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

TELEPHONE	TERM EXP.	SELECTMAN/OVERSEER	ADDRESS
RECREATION COMMITTEE			
873-5772	2011	Nicole Wasilewski	316 Oak Grove Road, Vassalboro
873-5772	2011	Ed Wasilewski	316 Oak Grove Road, Vassalboro
	2011	Peter Howard	
	2011	Kristopher Target	
	2011	Jennifer Fisher	
	2011	Lance Cloutier	
	2011	Ryan Redman	
	2011	Kristen Bowker	
CONSERVATION COMMISSION			
	2013	Mary-Ellen Johnston	191 Priest Hill Road, Vassalboro
923-3836	2013	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
ENERGY COMMITTEE			
873-2605	2011	Clough Toppan, Chair	22 Station Hill Road, Vassalboro
923-3483	2011	David Jenney	844 Cross Hill Rd., Vassalboro
266-4436	2011	Tom Fullam	252 Mudgett Hill Road, Vassalboro
923-3803	2011	John Reuthe	924 Cross Hill Road, Vassalboro
445-5159	2011	Barry Bernier	165 Nelson Road, Vassalboro
872-9032	2011	Rick Denico	324 Oak Grove Road, Vassalboro
872-2040	2011	Michael Vashon	425 Oak Grove Road, Vassalboro
CEMETERY COMMITTEE			
622-8792	2011	Richard Kelly, Chairman	1091 Riverside Drive, Vassalboro
923-3411	2011	Tom Richards	508 Hussey Hill Road, Vassalboro
923-3533	2011	Julie Lyon	360 Main Street, Vassalboro
872-2569	2011	Jim Ashton	859 Main Street, Vassalboro
KENNEBEC WATER DISTRICT TRUSTEE			
873-3911	2013	Gary Coull	36 Maple Street, Vassalboro
STATE SENATOR DISTRICT 24			
622-9921- home		Roger Katz	3 State House Station
287-1505 - office		senroger.katz@legislature.maine.gov	Augusta, Maine 04330
287-1583 - TTY			
STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 58			
622-2930 - home		Karen D. Foster	659 Church Hill Road
287-1440- office		kdfoster@roadrunner.com	Augusta, ME 04330
287-4469 - TTY			

LEGISLATIVE CORRESPONDENCE



Annual Report to the Town of Vassalboro A Message from Senator Roger Katz

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

It is an honor to represent you in the Maine Senate, and I am grateful for the trust you have placed in me to work for the betterment of this community and our region.

The State of Maine, like many of us, is experiencing tough economic times. Currently the state is facing an estimated \$800 million revenue shortfall for the next two-year budget. In order to bring the budget into balance, the Governor, along with the Legislature, must make some significant changes in the way state services are delivered and how taxpayer money is spent. Republicans are committed to crafting a budget that reins in the unsustainable growth of state government, prioritizes core services like public health and safety, education, a safety net for our most vulnerable citizens, and our transportation infrastructure. Despite the challenges we face, this is an opportunity to retool state government, reduce the size of the bureaucracy, carefully review the effectiveness of current programs, and set Maine on the right course.

One of our first orders of business when the 125th Legislature convened in December was the passage of LD 1, *An Act To Ensure Regulatory Fairness and Reform*. The bill recognizes that one of the biggest impediments to job creation and keeping our young people in Maine is the regulatory burden the state currently imposes on business. Given this, LD 1 proposes to reach out to businesses and workers to identify duplicative and unnecessary regulations and eliminate or propose changes to these regulations in order to improve the business climate and encourage job creation and retention and expand opportunities for Maine people.

I am hopeful that by reining in state spending, prioritizing our wants and needs and developing strategies for improving our business environment, we can put Maine back on track toward prosperity and create the opportunities that will keep our young people here in Maine.

Again, thank you for entrusting me to represent you in Augusta. Please feel free to contact me if you ever need my help in navigating the state bureaucracy. I would be happy to help in any way that I can. I can be reached in Augusta at 287-1505 or by e-mail at senroger.katz@legislature.maine.gov.

Sincerely,

Roger Katz
Maine State Senator

LEGISLATIVE CORRESPONDENCE



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AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002
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January 2011

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

I am honored that I have been chosen to represent the citizens of House District 58. I enter my first term as your State Representative with a deep understanding of the challenges that the 125th Maine Legislature will face.

Members of the 125th Maine Legislature were sworn into office on December 1, 2010. During the next six months, lawmakers must work to fix a significant hole in the state budget. Early estimations pegged the shortfall to be at more than \$1 billion; however, the Revenue Forecasting Committee recently announced that the shortfall through the next two-year budget cycle should decrease by more than \$470 million. Although this is good news as to the number of dramatic cuts that need to be made to balance the budget, legislators still need to work together on ways to streamline our government and make sound structural changes that will reduce the cost of government. I look forward to working with our newly-elected governor and my colleagues from the House and Senate on both sides of the aisle to ensure that we have an efficient system in place that still provides a safety net for Maine's most vulnerable residents.

As I begin my first term, I am pleased to be appointed to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry. I believe it is critical that we improve our economic climate while remembering that the farming industry, forests and state parks are vitally important to our continued way of life.

In addition, I will be serving on the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary. I look forward to addressing the many concerns that this committee will oversee.

Thank you and please do not hesitate to contact me with any comments or questions that you may have concerning state government. Our representative form of government works best when we all get involved.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karen D. Foster".

Karen D. Foster
State Representative

LEGISLATIVE CORRESPONDENCE



CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

1ST DISTRICT
MAINE

CONGRESSWOMAN
CHELLIE PINGREE

Dear friends,

I'm proud to live in a state where individuals work so hard to sustain their communities.

We hold town meetings where neighbors can find compromise amid their disagreements, while still being able to say hello the next morning at the corner store. We help our neighbors through tough times by sending care packages to overseas troops, donating to local food pantries, and raising money for sick members of the community. And we work with each other to make the most out of bad situations.

There's no doubt that times are still hard for Maine's working families, but I'm optimistic about the future because all this hard work is starting to pay off. This year, Mainers have been able to turn bad news into good for Maine's economy. In Brunswick, Kestrel Aviation announced that it would start making airplanes with composite materials on the site of the closing naval base. In Biddeford, small businesses are thriving in the space once occupied by the now closed North Dam Mill. In Port Clyde, fishermen are starting to create jobs after forming a co-op in the wake of declining prices.

What's more, Maine communities are doing what's needed to take full advantage of these and other opportunities.

We're strengthening the infrastructure on which we do business by protecting Memorial Bridge in Kittery, bringing the Downeaster to the Midcoast, and expanding broadband Internet.

Local groups and businesses are working with me to fight for regulations that recognize the successful conservation efforts of our fishermen, don't overburden our small family farms, and protect our paper companies from Chinese trade practices meant to undercut them.

We're educating workers for new jobs, like in Kennebec Valley to train solar technicians, at SMCC for composite materials, and the University of Maine for other green jobs.

And we're taking care of our people by making sure veterans get the benefits they've earned, families aren't bankrupted by illness, and seniors don't lose their hard-earned savings to the excesses of Wall Street.

It's an honor working with your communities to move Maine forward and to represent your families in Washington. If you have comments, or need help with any federal issue, please contact me at (207) 774-5019 or www.pingree.house.gov/contact.

Hope to see you in Maine soon,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chellie R".

Chellie Pingree
Member of Congress

VOTER REGISTRAR REPORT

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

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

- (1) June 8, 2010, was the date for a Primary Election / Special Referendum Election for the State of Maine, held concurrently with a continuation of the Annual Town Meeting in Vassalboro. There were 1,230 total votes cast. As this was a Primary Election, 310 voters changed their party enrollment on Election Day.
- (2) The Gubernatorial Election was held on November 2, 2010. There were 2,059 ballots cast, over 66% voter turnout. Four hundred ninety-three people voted absentee. Once again the Vassalboro voter participation was above the state average.



(L to R) Vassalboro Voter and Ballot Clerk Pat Sleamaker

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, 2011, Vassalboro had 3,105 registered voters, enrolled as follows:

Democrat	1,039
Green/Independent.	142
Republican	892
Unenrolled (not in any party)	1,032

Our office is equipped to register voters any time that we are open. When you come to register, remember you must provide 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
Registrar of Voters

APPEALS BOARD

The Appeals Committee only had one request for this year.

The Committee met and heard an appeal request on November 17th. An initial meeting was set, but an error in the correct time of the meeting was identified by the appellant, therefore November 17th was the next available date. That appeal was

involving a request to revoke a permit. Both the appellant's request for a continuance and formal appeal were denied based on the data available to the board at the meeting.

KATHLEEN C. LEES
Chair

VASSALBORO TOWN CLERK



Vassalboro Town Office Staff (L to R front row):
Code Officer/Plumbing Inspector Dan Feeney,
Town Clerk Cathy St. Pierre, Bookkeeper Jean Poulin.
Back row (L to R) Assessor Ellery Bane, Registrar of
Voters Jim Schad, Town Manager Mary Sabins.

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

You must have proof of having held a previous hunting license 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. The license fee for a spayed/neutered dog is \$6.00 and the license fee for an unaltered dog is \$11.00. There is a \$25.00 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 can not provide for themselves and their families. General Assistance is administered on each Wednesday by appointment unless there is an emergency. Any person who has been assisted with General Assistance in any municipality must retain all receipts to keep their eligibility. You can call 872-2826 to set up an appointment.

CATHERINE ST. PIERRE
Town Clerk

The following are Marriage Licenses that were recorded from March 6, 2010 – February 28, 2011.

GROOM	BRIDE (current last name)	DATE MARRIED
Eric Roland Plante	Tamra Jane Davis	May 29, 2010
Andrew John Bailey	Chelsea Suzanne Saragosa	May 29, 2010
William Patrick McCabe	Katie Lynn Flaherty	June 19, 2010
Michael Joyce Hill	Regina Rose Seigars	June 19, 2010
Wayne Bryant Higgins	Susan Ann Sweeney	June 26, 2010
Sean David Heath	Kimberly Anne Sumner	June 10, 2010
Adam Conrad McNaughton	Judy Lee Wheaton	July 17, 2010
Leone Eugene Cummings	Ilona Anna-Marie Riesel	August 14, 2010
Lance Daniel Cloutier	Jennifer Joyce Champagne	August 21, 2010
Jason Michael Buotte	Christie Marie Lagasse	August 21, 2010
Douglas Armand Dorval	Megan Molenda Lemay	September 5, 2010
Jeremy Curtis Smith	Jaimie Lynn Bourgoïn	September 11, 2010
Jacob Michael Ruby	Alisha Lynn Seamon	September 18, 2010
Bill Rafuse	Emily Margaret Mitchell	September 18, 2010
Daniel Anthony Ellis	Rae Ann Paradis	October 10, 2010
Christopher David Vincent	Rose Marie Pullen	October 10, 2010
Richard James Dawson	Terry Ann Hanson	October 10, 2010
Timothy Emery Lord	Jennifer Lynn Edwards	October 16, 2010
James Arand Esancy	Katie Ann Crawford	November 16, 2010
Derek Scott Robert Gagne	Ashley Alissa Marie Ware	December 7, 2010
Darren Larry Castonguay	Kim Ann Lane	January 29, 2011

There were 22 Female and 14 Male births to Vassalboro residents from March 6, 2010 – February 28, 2011.

The Vital Statistic information listed below pertains to March 6, 2010 – February 28, 2011.

NAME	DATE OF DEATH	AGE	LOCATION
Harold Doe	January 1, 2009	51	Clinton
Dana Johnson	March 22, 2010	55	Waterville
Augustus W. Dowdy Jr.	April 3, 2010	74	Augusta
Lucille B. Bailey	April 5, 2010	76	Vassalboro
Ann L. Dailey	April 7, 2010	71	Augusta
Richard Shaw Jackson	April 13, 2010	18	Vassalboro
Toni L. St. Peter	April 14, 2010	67	Lewiston
Doris M. Marquis	April 24, 2010	55	Vassalboro
Clyde Cummings Jr.	May 12, 2010	76	Vassalboro
Elizabeth A. Taylor	June 8, 2010	77	Vassalboro
Ruth C. Johnson	June 9, 2010	79	Waterville
Emmons M. Porter	June 24, 2010	84	Togus
John J. McLaughlin	July 5, 2010	63	Vassalboro
Fern E. Hawes	July 24, 2010	89	Augusta
Charles J. Pitman	July 25, 2010	94	Lewiston
Caroline Strong	August 5, 2010	82	Waterville
Alvine A. Gagnon	August 26, 2010	89	Waterville
Christopher A. Taddeo	September 2, 2010	72	Augusta
Irene Burdette	September 6, 2010	81	Waterville
Marie S. Starbuck	September 24, 2010	74	Waterville
Barbara Y. Rowe	September 25, 2010	85	Vassalboro
Charles N. Parkhurst	September 27, 2010	71	Waterville
Eva Dyer	October 1, 2010	95	Waterville
Perley F. Gallant	October 5, 2010	91	Waterville
Robert A. Stevenson	October 27, 2010	65	Augusta
Joy L. Martin	October 28, 2010	53	Togus
John T. Toohey	November 10, 2010	76	Waterville
William M. Stein	November 15, 2010	60	Vassalboro
Robert G. Doel	November 21, 2010	79	Waterville
Wayne H. Nelson	November 27, 2010	60	Waterville
Sheldon A. Hopkins	November 29, 2010	78	Augusta
Mary E. Smith	December 8, 2010	88	Vassalboro
George A. Freytag	December 15, 2010	87	E. Vassalboro
Pamela J. Wentworth	December 27, 2010	58	Vassalboro
Karl Kiralis	January 2, 2011	56	Waterville
Kay H. Martin	January 11, 2011	79	Vassalboro
Charles H. Howe	January 12, 2011	59	Vassalboro
Laurence E. Gray	January 15, 2011	60	Augusta
John Veilleux	January 19, 2011	64	Vassalboro
Cartha J. Godfrey	January 24, 2011	92	Waterville
Marie I. Perry	January 25, 2011	89	Waterville
Danforth W. Ross	February 6, 2011	52	Vassalboro
Marie Cote	February 17, 2011	80	Waterville
Leslie P. Maass	February 24, 2011	95	Vassalboro

REAL ESTATE TAXES

Unpaid as of March 31, 2011

Acct	Name	Year	Original Tax	Payment / Adjustments	Amount Due
2521	L BAILEY, STEPHEN & JOLENE	2009	2,783.07	0.00	2,783.07
2311	L BARTLETT, RICHARD & LYNNE	2009	2,025.56	0.00	2,025.56
2633	L BARTLETT, RICHARD & LYNNE	2009	215.79	0.00	215.79
117	L BECKWITH, ALEX & VICKY	2009	528.83	0.00	528.83
163	L BLUMBERG, SARA ""HEIRS	2009	1,287.00	0.00	1,287.00
2287	L BOURGET, BRUCE K & MARY N	2009	1,208.55	0.00	1,208.55
265	L BROCK, CARL	2009	56.27	0.00	56.27
2519	L BROCK, CARL	2009	182.89	0.00	182.89
2520	L BROCK, CARL	2009	221.89	0.00	221.89
2972	L BROCK, CARL	2009	141.32	0.00	141.32
272	L BROCK, CARL & AMY	2009	87.18	0.00	87.18
273	L BROCK, CARL & AMY	2009	262.17	0.00	262.17
270	L BROCK, CARLETON E & AMY L	2009	58.41	0.00	58.41
271	L BROCK, CARLETON E & AMY L	2009	267.51	0.00	267.51
2581	L BROCK, CARLETON E & AMY L	2009	182.89	0.00	182.89
2582	L BROCK, CARLETON E & AMY L	2009	125.34	0.00	125.34
2679	L BROCK, CARLETON E & AMY L	2009	953.84	0.00	953.84
2680	L BROCK, CARLETON E & AMY L	2009	142.60	0.00	142.60
2618	L BROCK, CARLTON	2009	209.96	0.00	209.96
3076	L BROCK, CURT	2009	228.72	0.00	228.72
3092	L BROWN, JAMES A.	2009	149.84	0.00	149.84
2480	L BURNS, RICHARD	2009	2,270.89	0.00	2,270.89
2903	L BUXTON, FAUSTINA	2009	115.75	0.00	115.75
2341	L CALKINS, KATHY R & BRUCE L SR	2009	290.76	19.82	270.94
2737	L CARROLL, ELAINE	2009	275.83	0.00	275.83
1003	L CHARETTE, OLIN C.	2009	1,238.60	0.00	1,238.60
423	L CHENETTE, RICHARD	2009	305.32	-4.10	309.42
1114	L CHINA LAKE ASSOCIATES, LLC	2009	2,137.67	0.00	2,137.67
3164	L CHINA LAKE ASSOCIATES, LLC	2009	2,068.40	0.00	2,068.40
3166	L CHINA LAKE ASSOCIATES, LLC	2009	2,262.36	0.00	2,262.36
3167	L CHINA LAKE ASSOCIATES, LLC	2009	2,068.40	0.00	2,068.40
3168	L CHINA LAKE ASSOCIATES, LLC	2009	1,939.44	0.00	1,939.44
3169	L CHINA LAKE ASSOCIATES, LLC	2009	2,275.14	0.00	2,275.14
3172	L CHINA LAKE ASSOCIATES, LLC	2009	1,939.44	0.00	1,939.44
3173	L CHINA LAKE ASSOCIATES, LLC	2009	2,111.03	0.00	2,111.03
3175	L CHINA LAKE ASSOCIATES, LLC	2009	2,076.93	0.00	2,076.93
437	L CLARK, ROBERT D	2009	1,158.47	0.00	1,158.47
268	L COSTON, ROBIN & JEFF	2009	122.13	0.00	122.13
475	L CRABTREE, DONALD A	2009	2,772.87	0.00	2,772.87
529	L CSENGERY, JOSEPH	2009	1,521.46	0.00	1,521.46
530	L CSENGERY, JOSEPH	2009	417.36	0.00	417.36
527	L CSENGERY, JOSEPH J	2009	333.15	0.00	333.15
528	L CSENGERY, JOSEPH J	2009	2,506.20	-110.68	2,616.88
263	L DANA, CHAYANN L.	2008	517.07	54.71	462.36
263	L DANA, CHAYANN L.	2009	566.55	0.00	566.55
555	L DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST CO	2009	757.53	0.00	757.53
661	L DUMAIS, ROBERT A	2009	709.57	0.00	709.57
693	L DYER, DAVID & TANYA	2009	997.33	0.00	997.33
2684	L DYER, THOMAS	2009	184.38	0.00	184.38
2789	L ELLIOT, JOHN	2009	955.76	253.59	702.17
3132	L FARRELL, MICHAEL D. & BARBARA J.	2009	2,730.12	1,930.30	799.82
733	L FARRINGTON, NANCY A	2009	1,679.40	0.00	1,679.40
765	L FIELD, JOHN P & MARIETTA F	2009	469.78	0.00	469.78
1176	L FLYNN JR, JOHN P (TRUSTEE)	2009	1,080.54	0.00	1,080.54
2777	L GIDNEY, JOSEPH F & ADAM J	2009	1,014.38	0.00	1,014.38
884	L GIDNEY, NORA M	2009	727.29	135.87	591.42
2338	L HAYWARD, RICHARD S.	2009	939.79	0.00	939.79
430	L JKP PROPERTIES, INC.	2009	152.40	0.00	152.40
3114	L JKP PROPERTIES, INC.	2009	293.08	0.00	293.08
3115	L JKP PROPERTIES, INC.	2009	279.22	0.00	279.22
3116	L JKP PROPERTIES, INC.	2009	306.94	0.00	306.94
3118	L JKP PROPERTIES, INC.	2009	293.08	0.00	293.08
3126	L JKP PROPERTIES, INC.	2009	293.08	0.00	293.08
3127	L JKP PROPERTIES, INC.	2009	285.62	0.00	285.62

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3130	L	JKP PROPERTIES, INC.	2009	296.27	0.00	296.27
3131	L	JKP PROPERTIES, INC.	2009	301.61	0.00	301.61
1153	L	JOSEPH, FRANCIS E, TRUSTEE	2009	1,102.84	0.00	1,102.84
2429	L	KARTMAN, MICHAEL J SR	2009	620.27	-22.16	642.43
1167	L	KELLY, RICHARD D JR & NANCY	2009	1,681.53	0.00	1,681.53
1187	L	KIRALIS, KARL	2009	1,394.63	-9.50	1,404.13
3295	L	KNIGHTS, ALBERT	2009	695.72	0.00	695.72
2780	L	KNOWLES, DOUGLAS & MICHELLE	2009	448.04	-1.97	450.01
1829	L	LEBLANC, STEVEN	2009	303.43	0.00	303.43
1916	L	LILLEY, DAWN-MARIE	2009	1,292.74	291.52	1,001.22
1437	L	MCCASLIN, CARL	2007	1,655.71	0.00	1,655.71
1437	L	MCCASLIN, CARL	2008	1,750.11	-258.42	2,008.53
1437	L	MCCASLIN, CARL	2009	1,494.17	0.00	1,494.17
2885	L	MCCAUSLAND, CRAIG	2009	911.21	-37.28	948.49
2318	L	MCKEE, DAREN L & MELISA L	2009	651.35	0.00	651.35
1471	L	MERRILL, KENNETH	2009	517.53	0.00	517.53
1523	L	MORNEAU, PAUL J	2009	177.56	0.00	177.56
1524	L	MORNEAU, PAUL J	2009	1,939.22	0.00	1,939.22
1526	L	MORNEAU, PAUL J	2009	155.19	0.00	155.19
1527	L	MORNEAU, PAUL J	2009	566.77	0.00	566.77
1528	L	MORNEAU, PAUL J	2009	1,725.02	0.00	1,725.02
2786	L	MORNEAU, PAUL J.	2009	187.58	0.00	187.58
2787	L	MORNEAU, PAUL J.	2009	201.43	0.00	201.43
2791	L	MORNEAU, PAUL J.	2009	202.49	0.00	202.49
2792	L	MORNEAU, PAUL J.	2009	69.27	0.00	69.27
2793	L	MORNEAU, PAUL J.	2009	202.49	0.00	202.49
2794	L	MORNEAU, PAUL J.	2009	196.10	0.00	196.10
2795	L	MORNEAU, PAUL J.	2009	206.75	0.00	206.75
2806	L	MORNEAU, PAUL J.	2009	195.04	0.00	195.04
2811	L	MORNEAU, PAUL J.	2009	195.04	0.00	195.04
2813	L	MORNEAU, PAUL J.	2009	203.56	0.00	203.56
2821	L	MORNEAU, PAUL J.	2009	207.82	0.00	207.82
2822	L	MORNEAU, PAUL J.	2009	88.45	0.00	88.45
2576	L	NADEAU, PATRICIA	2008	69.05	-13.06	82.11
1593	L	NOLL, ETHAN	2009	1,460.07	0.00	1,460.07
2934	L	NOLL, ETHAN	2009	416.49	0.00	416.49
1592	L	NOLL, ETHAN & CHARLENE M	2009	1,080.46	962.58	117.88
2211	L	PATERSON, RUSSELL W & THOMPSON	2009	1,916.29	1,175.63	740.66
2523	L	PEASLEE, DANIEL	2009	1,643.58	0.00	1,643.58
1667	L	PELLETIER, RANDALL P	2009	1,105.15	0.00	1,105.15
2611	L	PICARD, WAYNE & CATHERYN HUGHES	2009	92.52	0.00	92.52
1708	L	PICHER, ROBERT A & GAIL I	2009	321.71	0.00	321.71
1404	L	PINKHAM, KIRBY L.	2009	1,130.55	0.00	1,130.55
1750	L	POULIN, JAMES & BRENDA	2009	429.50	0.00	429.50
739	L	PRIEST HILL ROAD, LLC	2009	387.57	0.00	387.57
1397	L	RELIANCE ENTERPRISES, INC	2009	2,422.65	0.00	2,422.65
1865	L	RICHARDS, PATRICIA A	2009	342.96	0.00	342.96
1866	L	RICHARDS, REBECCA	2009	708.30	0.00	708.30
2803	L	ROBBINS, BETH & ERIC	2008	92.68	-27.54	120.22
2803	L	ROBBINS, BETH & ERIC	2009	118.31	0.00	118.31
1955	L	ROY, PAUL	2009	421.62	0.00	421.62
1997	L	SHIPLEY, EUGENE E SR & JR	2009	986.88	-38.75	1,025.63
2980	L	SMITH, BERTELLE & KIMBERLY	2009	234.05	0.00	234.05
2065	L	SPAULDING, JESSIE A.	2009	53.21	0.00	53.21
599	L	STARRATT, ROBERT W., JR.	2009	138.75	0.00	138.75
1811	L	SUGA, LINDA	2008	938.14	-148.15	1,086.29
1811	L	SUGA, LINDA	2009	1,055.09	0.00	1,055.09
2128	L	SUGA, LINDA	2008	956.85	-150.84	1,107.69
2128	L	SUGA, LINDA	2009	1,047.63	0.00	1,047.63
2119	L	SUGA, LINDA C.	2008	313.86	-58.50	372.36
2119	L	SUGA, LINDA C.	2009	351.69	0.00	351.69
3045	L	SUGA, LINDA C.	2008	1,357.59	-208.39	1,565.98
3045	L	SUGA, LINDA C.	2009	1,481.39	0.00	1,481.39
1571	L	SUGA, RICHARD J	2008	181.55	-38.71	220.26
1571	L	SUGA, RICHARD J	2009	202.49	0.00	202.49
1669	L	SUGA, RICHARD J	2008	115.57	-29.24	144.81
1669	L	SUGA, RICHARD J	2009	131.09	0.00	131.09
2576	L	SUGA, RICHARD J	2009	220.19	0.00	220.19
384	L	SUGA, RICHARD J.	2009	2,068.60	-89.95	2,158.55
2039	L	SULLIVAN, PATRICK D	2009	135.35	-3.44	138.79

Acct	Name	Year	Original Tax	Payment / Adjustments	Amount Due
1082	L SYLVESTER, KEITH	2009	1,878.70	615.90	1,262.80
2088	L TREE FREE FIBER CO.	1997	175.74	-11.98	187.72
2088	L TREE FREE FIBER CO.	1998	323.32	-16.38	339.70
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	-50.82	493.20
2088	L TREE FREE FIBER CO.	2004	401.51	-23.99	425.50
2088	L TREE FREE FIBER CO.	2005	363.35	0.00	363.35
2088	L TREE FREE FIBER CO.	2006	382.04	-57.46	439.50
2088	L TREE FREE FIBER CO.	2007	294.44	0.00	294.44
2088	L TREE FREE FIBER CO.	2008	305.37	-47.00	352.37
2088	L TREE FREE FIBER CO.	2008	16,087.40	-2,466.11	18,553.51
2088	L TREE FREE FIBER CO.	2009	905.45	0.00	905.45
1922	L W & S WOOD PRODUCTS, INC.	2009	611.95	0.00	611.95
243	L WALTERS, CHRISTOPHER D.	2009	515.82	0.00	515.82
2907	L WILLETT, SHANE W.	2009	1,980.15	-85.99	2,066.14
2451	L WOOD, SHANE	2009	679.53	0.00	679.53
2487	L WOOD, SHANE	2009	129.60	0.00	129.60
2488	L WOOD, SHANE	2009	95.49	0.00	95.49
3271	L WOOD, SUSAN	2009	114.68	0.00	114.68
Total for 156 Accounts:			133,928.05	1,386.40	132,541.65

PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

Unpaid as of March 31, 2011

Acct	Name	Year	Original Tax	Payment / Adjustments	Amount Due
289	P CEILING TILE CENTER	2008	16.56	16.53	0.03
289	P CEILING TILE CENTER	2009	18.18	0.00	18.18
32	P CRABTREE, DONALD A	2009	55.55	0.00	55.55
37	P CSENGERY, JOSEPH	2008	19.32	4.83	14.49
37	P CSENGERY, JOSEPH	2009	21.21	0.00	21.21
305	P GERARD, ROBERT G & ANITA L	2009	149.48	0.00	149.48
309	P INK BLOT PRINTING	2009	213.11	51.43	161.68
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
266	P KNOWLES, DOUGLAS	2009	13.13	0.00	13.13
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
99	P MORNEAU, PAUL J	2009	235.33	0.00	235.33
314	P NOLL, ETHAN E.	2008	69.00	0.00	69.00
314	P NOLL, ETHAN E.	2009	75.75	0.00	75.75
286	P NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND TELEPHONE	2009	6,093.33	6,011.83	81.50
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
272	P RENT-WAY, INC.	2009	95.95	0.00	95.95
313	P THOMPSON, JEREMY	2006	75.60	51.60	24.00
313	P THOMPSON, JEREMY	2007	51.60	0.00	51.60
261	P WW PRECISION MACHINERY INC	2009	723.16	0.00	723.16
Total for 33 Accounts:			11,204.82	6,877.55	4,327.27

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

After three years in the position Code Officer Paul Mitnik retired in June 2010. Paul has done a great job as the Vassalboro Codes Officer and will be missed by many who worked with him in the past.

Paul is now a member of the Planning Board and his experience in the position of Codes Enforcement Officer and a licensed engineer brings a valuable resource to the Board and he is already making significant contributions.

The position of Codes Official is one I have several years experience with and it is a field I truly enjoy working in. There are challenges of course when someone takes over a position but I look forward with enthusiasm to working with the citizens of Vassalboro in dealing with many diverse issues. I promise I will give everyone my fullest attention in meeting the needs of the position.

Vassalboro is one year closer to implementing the State mandated Maine Model Building Code. When that takes effect in 2012 Vassalboro will have the same codes as every town in Maine. As I have been administering much of the code since 2007, I see it as a fairly smooth transition to undertake. Many of the builders throughout the area are already working under the code in surrounding communities and I see little contained in it that would be controversial.

Currently I have the same days a week and hours that Paul Mitnik followed. I also can be reached by calling my cell phone 317-6558 if you need a question answered or a problem arises when I'm not scheduled to be in the office.

DAN FEENEY
Code Enforcement Officer

ASSESSOR'S REPORT

It is hard to believe that another year has gone by since my last report to the Town. Once again as always, it has been my distinct pleasure to serve as the Town of Vassalboro Assessor and work with the staff here at the Town office. One of the many challenges the Assessing office is dealing with is the undeniable fact that it is a trying real estate market out there. Although I have seen the market soften here in Vassalboro, I do believe based on sales data coming in that it is starting to stabilize and recover. I am keeping a constant watch on the sales data coming into the office and if necessary will make changes across the board. Our assessments on the whole appear to still depict just value town wide. I will continue to keep a close watch to ensure assessments remain fair and equitable to all.

For 2010/2011 the Town had a total valuation of \$327,243,000 and issued a total of 1,101 Homestead exemptions. There were also 149 veterans exemptions granted this last year. There are also many residents who have applied for and entered State classified programs such as Tree Growth, Farm Land and Open space. All of these programs if applicable can be a help to taxpayers in easing the burdens they face in regards to property tax. Any help that I can offer in explaining these programs and exemptions is encouraged, so please feel free to contact me at the Town of Vassalboro assessing office at 872-2826 or on the Town's website at ebane@vassalboro.net. As always, I look forward to working with you in the future.

ELLERY G. BANE
Assessor

ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT



Public Works staff (L to R)
Ken Farrell, James (JJ) Wentworth, Gene Field, Russell Ibbitson

In the summer of 2010 Pike was awarded the paving bid. The amounts for the following mixes were shim at 75.00/ton, surface mix at 73.00/ton and the base mix was at 85.40/ ton. The following roads were done: The Hussey Hill road was completed from the previous year, the entire Seawards Mill road was done, and the Dam Road was done with two inches of base mix. Due to an escalation clause in the contract the price for the mix came down a little and we were able to do 2,000 feet on the Crowell Hill road starting at the eastern end of it. The total price for these roads was \$186,956.00. The above roads were done with ½ inch of shim and 1 inch of surface mix (9.5mm) with the exception of the Dam Road, which was done with 12.5 mix because it was a gravel road.

The plan for the summer of 2011 is to do the following if the budget allows for this amount of work to be completed, if not we will do as much as possible:

- 1) Complete the Crowell Hill Road – approximately 1.5 miles
- 2) South Cross Hill Road – approximately 1.3 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 or so. As you can see we have been falling behind due to budget constraints.

As road commissioner, I think the Town should be planning on doing some of the gravel roads that are left to be paved in the future.

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: White House Road, Hannaford Hill Road, Hussey Hill Road (east) and the Church Hill Road.

Other work completed was preparation work for paving on the following roads: Hussey Hill (east), Seawards Mill Road, and the Dam Road. This work included culvert replacement, ditching and gravel placement. We also did some more work at the Route Three Park removing good gravel and filling it back in with fill material from our pit in China, cleaning the pit up. We continued putting out more gravel shoulders on the roads just paved, and some of the worst places on the other roads. We helped the school out with a project on their driveway and continue to help the Recreation Department when time allows us too.

The public works crew and the prisoners raked all of the Cemeteries in town. The prisoners also helped out with other projects like cleaning and painting equipment at the Public Works, Transfer Station, and Fire Stations. In the year 2010, we had the use of the prisoner's services for thirty - three days. 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 2011-2012 budget year is preparing the rest of the Crowell Hill Road and the South Cross Hill Road for paving. Also, we will be doing more shoulder work and maintenance ditching.

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.

In closing, I would like to thank the Fire Department for all their help in big storms. For example, they provide assistance with plowing the Fire Stations, and taking care of blown down trees. This help is very appreciated by the Public Works Department.

EUGENE FIELD
Road Commissioner

VASSALBORO FOOD STATION PANTRY

I would like to **THANK** the Food 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. I would also like to give a **SPECIAL THANK YOU to OUR SPONSORS:**

The two Hannaford Stores of Augusta
Country Kitchen Thrift Store of Waterville
Huhtamaki Employees
Mid-State Machine Foundation
Togus Employees
Vassalboro United Methodist Church
Ray Haskell Ford
Vassalboro Riverside Congregational Church
Duratherm
Vassalboro Quaker Meeting House
Pleau's Market Employees
Vassalboro Fire Department-volunteers
Ray Breton
Maine Savings Credit Union of Vassalboro
Vassalboro Community School
New Balance of Skowhegan
John & Elizabeth Reuthe
AND the Many More Anonymous Donors

We are a Food Pantry that provides food products and other personal hygiene items for the low income, needy, disabled, and elderly at **NO COST TO THEM.**

Our Source of funds:

- 25% Government-USDA-Foods only
- 25% Self-earned- Fundraising
- 50% Donation/Grants

This program is open to any person or family that provides the Food Station with proof of a Vassalboro address and income statements showing they are eligible. Eligible recipients can have a Food/Health Care Box that provides them with no less than twelve extra meals a month according to their family size. Included are hygiene products such as toilet paper, shampoo and soap, toothpaste, and diapers or sanitary napkins. These extra items cannot be purchased on the state food stamp program.

For 2010 we at the Vassalboro Food Pantry provided and coordinated:

- 52 Families -Easter Dinner Baskets
- 41 Families -Thanksgiving Dinner Baskets
- 51 Families - Christmas Dinner Baskets
- 23 Families - Christmas Gifts assistance-Toys for Tots

The pantry is assisting as many as 50 walk-in family's weekly and 5 home deliveries. There are currently 152 families registered with the program that comes in when in need. These numbers are up from last year, which is mostly due to unemployment and rising cost for heat, food, and transportation.

The Board Members for 2010 are:

- Cindy Ferland
- Albert Ferland
- Evelyn Dutil
- George Bourassa
- Cheryl Sherwood
- David Sherwood
- Marjorie Saporita
- Russell Brown

If anyone would like more information or could volunteer, please contact me at 873-7375.

Warmly submitted by Cindy Ferland-Executive Director

EVELYN DUTIL

Chairman of the Board



A few of the loyal Food Pantry volunteers!

SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING REPORT

Greetings from the Vassalboro Transfer Station! I am glad to have the opportunity to share what has been going on at the Transfer Station this past year. We were able to get most of the buildings and some of the recycling containers painted to protect and preserve them for years to come, we will continue to maintain these and add a few more on the list to bring the rest up to speed.

The State Planning Office approved a matching recycling grant for \$500.00 we applied for back in October. With the matching grant we bought several new signs for the different disposal areas, including a new front gate sign at our facility entrance. These signs are helping with the different disposal areas and are highly visible for all to see. Many residents have noticed the difference and have commented on how much easier it is to find where they are going with having the signs.

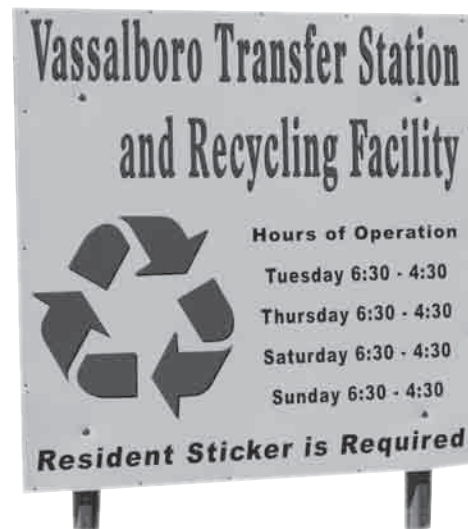
Also with the grant, we had new colored recycling brochures designed for the station that includes the current fees and what we accept at the Transfer Station. Please feel free to pick one up when you come in or pick one up at the Town Office.

We want to thank all of the residents that continue to recycle and for those of you who have started recycling. Anyone interested in learning what we recycle or how to recycle, we encourage you to try it; it's easy and free. Tom or I would be more than happy to go over the benefits of recycling anytime.

This past year, the Vassalboro Transfer Station has been working with the China Transfer Station on shipping some of our recyclables to them. The trucking is a shorter haul and saves Vassalboro money. It also helps China's recycling abilities where they have balers to bale the product and market it accordingly by tonnage. We will be trying to recycle all plastics in the future #1 - #7. Whatever we can recycle from the normal trash saves us \$74.00 a ton in tipping fees and the containers will not be shipped out as often at \$240.00 a trip ... yes, every week we are shipping 2 or 3 containers to Penobscot Energy Recovery Company (PERC) at a trucking cost of \$240.00 per trip. Each container load weighs 10-15 tons with a PERC disposal cost (tipping fee) of an average cost of \$74 per ton. Just figure out the math and you will see how much trash costs. I read a study the other day that stated that 40% of municipal trash is paper product such as newspaper, boxboard, books, magazines, and office paper, etc. All of these items can be

disposed of in separate bins at our Recycling facility and the Town won't need to pay the tipping fee.

Recently one of our local rubbish haulers told me a customer of his used to throw away nine bags of trash a week until they started to recycle. After realizing what items they could recycle, they were down to three bags of household trash a week. This is really important. The cost of trash is on the increase all the time.



**I encourage everyone:
“Let’s recycle all that we can!”
We provide areas for all your recycling
needs. Here is what we continue to recycle:**

- glass (jars, window panes, porcelain items, mirrors, etc.)
- cans (tin & aluminum)
- all other metals
- corrugated cardboard
- mixed paper (boxboard, shredded paper, junk mail, other paper)
- plastics #1-#7
- used motor oil (no gas or other hazardous liquids)
- antifreeze
- newspapers
- magazines
- compost – leaves, grass clippings

In 2010, we recycled a total of 584 tons of material this includes the brush and some of the wood debris we had chipped.

We also have a universal hazardous waste area where you can dispose of these items for a fee:

- all TV's (flat screens and CRTs)
- computer monitors & towers
- fluorescent bulbs
- ballasts
- batteries
- refrigerators & air conditioners

We will recycle all other miscellaneous electronics at no charge such as:

- computer mouse and keyboards
- printers, fax machines, copiers
- game consoles, x-box, play stations, etc.
- stereos, etc.
- cell phones & accessories
- ink cartridges
- all other electronics and devices

All electronics disposed of will be handled and recycled properly by our hauler Ewaste, Inc. a Maine based company.

This past year for the first time, we offered the residents of Vassalboro an opportunity to get rid of some household chemicals and or other hazardous wastes they may have around and not know what to do with, such as oil based paints, paint thinners, pesticides, etc. There was a household chemical collection day in Waterville sponsored by KVCOG. We advertised for over a month, and residents were asked to pre-register at the Transfer Station for a disposal time at the event to bring the items they wished to dispose of. The collection went very well. I think if we offer this in the future it will be beneficial to all. For everyone's safety and health, and for the environment, please don't throw your chemicals in the trash. Dispose of them properly. If you have an item in your home that you are concerned may be hazardous, but you are uncertain what it is and want to get rid of it immediately, we can provide the proper contact information.



Transfer Station Staff (L to R) George Hamar and Tom O'Rourke displaying samples of products we recycle.

I would like to thank all of the Town staff and public works for their support and everything they do and services they provide. A special thank you goes out to a town resident that has volunteered at the Transfer Station for several years now every Tuesday in the summer. Peter Barry loads his John Deere riding lawn mower and drives to the Transfer Station to help with mowing of the lawns and many other daily duties at the station. Peter has helped with repairs and improvements around the station as well. I would like for Peter to be recognized as a true individual that gives back to this community. There is a lot that goes on everyday at the Transfer Station and an extra hand is always appreciated. Thank you Peter from the Transfer Station staff.

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

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER'S REPORT

This year I put in 155.5 hours and 3,315 miles doing animal control work in town, with cats the big problem.

Thanks to the office staff for all the help over the last year.

HOWARD E. MORANG
Animal Control Officer



Dogs at large	20
ADC work – beaver control	6
Cats to Humane Shelter	34
Dog Bites	3
Dogs to Humane Shelter	14
Welfare checks	6
Wild animals calls (rabies)	5
Kennel inspections	3
Farm animals in the road	6
Summons	5
Warnings	5
Warrant work for unlicensed dogs	

VASSALBORO PUBLIC LIBRARY

FY 09-10 was a year of growth and progress at the Vassalboro Public Library. Patronage grew significantly with over 200 new patrons (155 adults, 86 children) joining the library and our collection increased by over 1800 new items, including more than 1000 books and hundreds of audio books, videos, and DVDs. Patronage also grew, with over 8,200 patron visits and materials circulation remained steady at over 13,000. Logging well over 1000 patron sign-ins, our 3 computers (PCs) with high-speed internet access, color printing, and free wireless access also grew in popularity. Additionally, our outstanding volunteers continue to work toward digitizing our catalog and automating circulation. As a result, we hope to offer an online catalog of our collection in the next year. We continue to provide an ever-growing 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 come from plentiful and much appreciated donations.

We regularly host visiting presentations and story hours. This year also included many collaborative events, including a wonderful Vassalboro Talent Show with the Community School, an art and information exhibit by Hospice Volunteers of the Waterville Area, various children's programs presented by L.C. Bates Museum Outreach, Touch-A-Truck with the Vassalboro Fire Department and Public Works, a history of the Vassalboro Public Library as told by the Past and Present Librarians with the Historical Society, and the Spirit of Christmas community day with the East Vassalboro Grange and a visit from Maine's own Baxter the Library Cat.



My outstanding assistant, Russell Smith, and I give great thanks for our invaluable team of volunteers for another year of unrivaled and unwavering service to the library. Logging over 2400 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 contribute their time and energy, but the following deserve special recognition for their immeasurable efforts and consummate dedication: Eleanor Getchell, David Jenney, Betts Kiralis, Jim Ashton, Lore and Chuck Ferguson, Irene Forster, the Limberger family, Valerie Sugden, the Welch family, Claudia Wilcox, Hope Audet, Dick Behr, Graham Clark, Joyce Colasacco, Myrna Duplessie, Marvae Eulo, Jennifer Kochaver, Dianne Hogendorn, Helen LaFleur, Julie Lyon, Art & Linda Kingdon, Amy & Jasmine Schwab, Susan Taylor, Lauchlin & Linda Titus, Ed & Nicole Wasilewski, Bethany Bernhardt, Esther Bernhardt, Adam Bovie, Stewart Corson, Melissa Cote, Debra Crump, Ashley Cyr, Elizabeth Davidson, Rick & Cami Denico, Adam Doyen, Suzie Griffiths, Susan Kiralis, Maisie Knowles, George O'Connor, David Shipman, Debby Thompson, and Ann White.

With sadness, 2010 also marks the passing of former librarian, Betty Taylor. Ever a treasure, Betty served the Vassalboro Public Library for over 30 years. In the library's 101-year history, her mark is indelible and her memory ever present. Her dedication never wavered and it remains an inspiration in the work we do for the people of the town she loved so dearly.

As a vibrant community center that delivers access to information, ideas and entertainment for everyone, we are proud to maintain the services and value upon which the town has relied for over a century. We are open 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

VASSALBORO FIRE DEPARTMENT

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 distributed through the Vassalboro Food Station.

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

- 3 Structure Fires
- 3 Wires Down
- 21 10-55 (Vehicle accidents)
- 4 Down Tree Calls
- 16 Mutual Aid
- 2 Carbon Monoxide
- 4 Chimney Fires
- 2 Brush Fire
- 10 Fire Alarm
- 2 Grass Fires
- 5 Smoke Investigation
- 1 Vehicle Fire



One of our firefighters, Kevin Goodrich and his family has moved to Greenville, Maine. Another firefighter, Jeff Foster will be going to Afghanistan as an EMT. We would like to thank Kevin and Jeff for their time and dedication to the Vassalboro Fire Department and wish both of them and their family the best. This year we were fortunate to bring five firefighters in our department, Adam Corey, John Moshier, Ben Loubier, Mathew Quimby and Matt Mank, four of which are firefighter 1 (trained firefighters).

I would like to thank all the members of the Vassalboro Fire Department for the countless hours they have spent making Vassalboro a safer place to live. Because of your unselfishness and dedication to service, Vassalboro is truly a better place to live and raise a family. I would also like to thank the town officials and citizens for their continued support of the fire department. We are lucky to enjoy a supportive community.

ERIC ROWE
Fire Chief

On the 10th anniversary of 9-11-01, the members of the Vassalboro Fire Department would like to pay tribute to the brave, gifted and precious lives that were lost on that tragic day.

VASSALBORO POLICE REPORT

The Maine State Police, the Kennebec County Sheriff's Department, and the Vassalboro Police officer provide police services for Vassalboro. The KSO and the MSP are the primary responders for services. They answer calls on a two week rotation, switching calls every other Sunday. I usually work two or three hours a day and my hours are never the same. I try to patrol at least some of that time every day except in inclement weather. I handle many police issues most of which are not emergencies; however, I am available for any call as I am a certified police officer with many years of experience and up-to-date training. The Town of Vassalboro often has four or five or more calls a day for police services. The total for the year is usually approximately 2000.

Despite the number of calls, the town is generally quite safe and benefits from the police services it receives. One has to take into consideration the population of 4300 inhabitants and the fact that three major highways traverse the town.

I try to do as much proactive police work as possible. That proactive approach includes operating the radar, and being visible during peak commuting hours. Speeding, which includes driving too fast for conditions, contributes to nearly all accidents. Many speeding tickets are written from 6 am to 8 am. Car/deer accidents haven't been as prevalent the last two years as previously reported. **BE CONSIDERATE OF BICYCLISTS, WALKERS, AND JOGGERS.**

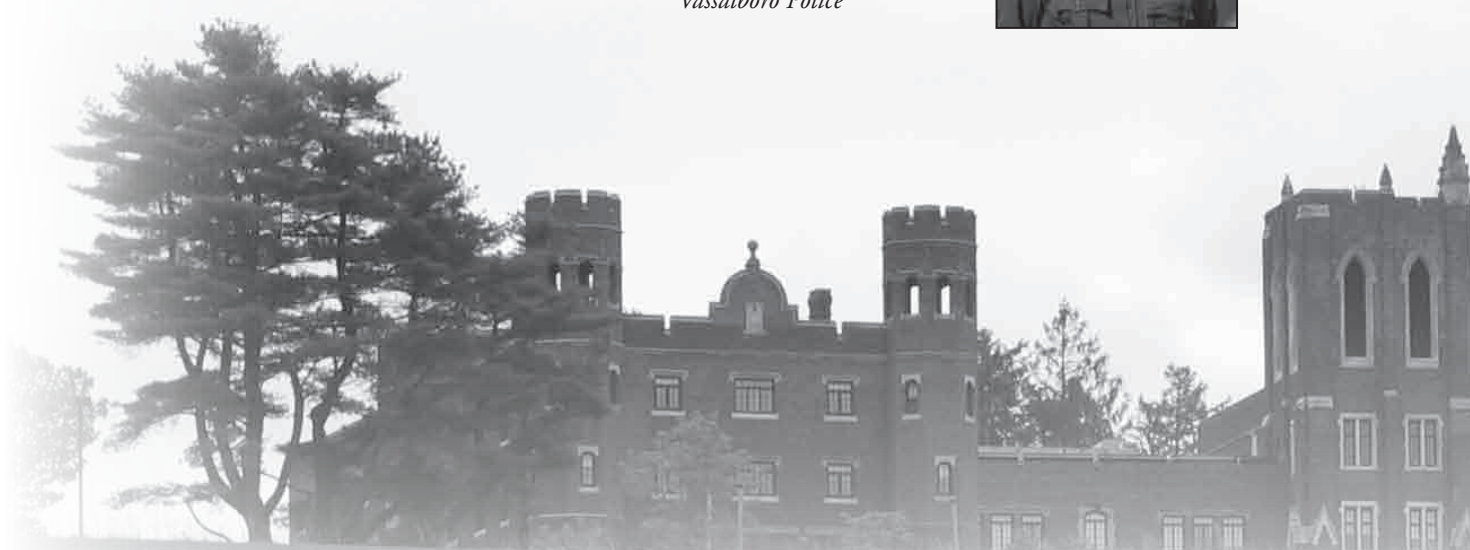
This past summer many younger people were loitering around the North section of town, causing unrest, aggravation, and nuisance. Only a small percent of the youths loitering actually displayed criminal intent. The half dozen or so that were causing havoc have been dealt with through the court system. Most all of the criminals are charged repeatedly; however, because the system has inadequacies, it often takes considerable time to stop these activities.

I have suggested that a minimum of at least one security camera be installed in the North to record suspicious activities. Photographs of those loitering may help police identify suspects committing crimes.

As precautionary measures I would recommend the following:

Number your residence, lock your doors, lock your cars, do not leave the key in the vehicle, do not leave property lying around in your yard and **DO NOT LET STRANGERS IN YOUR HOUSE FOR ANY REASON. CALL 911 FOR EMERGENCIES AND SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY.** Don't wait until it's too late.

RICHARD PHIPPEN
Vassalboro Police



SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

The Kennebec County Sheriff's Office continues to proudly serve the citizens of Kennebec County. The Sheriff's Office has a long history of service, dating back to 1799. Our agency provides a multitude of services, including Law Enforcement, Corrections, Court Security and Civil Service.

In 2010, Deputy Sheriffs responded to 28,776 calls for service. We answered 400 calls for service involving theft; 1,296 motor vehicle accidents; 237 burglaries and 128 K-9 calls. We also managed, on average, 180 registered sex offenders.

During the past year, our Correctional Facility managed 3,725 inmates. The offenses committed by defendants include everything from Burglaries to Homicides. Substance abuse and the proper treatment of citizens with mental illness continue to be two primary concerns at the Correctional Facility. The Criminogenic Addiction Recovery Academy was created this year to provide treatment for both substance abuse and mental illness. We cannot arrest our way out of the growing opiate addiction problem.

Inmates at the Kennebec County Correctional Facility are required to work. Throughout 2010, inmates worked 72,941 community service hours, valued at approximately \$547,057. Inmates that are considered to be a risk to the Community, work inside the facility cleaning and cooking, others are supervised on outside projects. Our inmates raised 28,000 pounds of produce for the inmate kitchen and area food pantries in 2010. Beginning last year, inmates provided enhanced sanitation at many schools, reducing our students' exposure to the H1N1 virus.



Kennebec County Inmates and Guard John Matthews take a break from work at the Vassalboro Town Garage.

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

I am committed to providing the 122,000 citizens of Kennebec County with progressive and professional Law Enforcement and Correctional Services. I welcome any comments or suggestions, which improve our service to the citizens of Kennebec County.

RANDALL A. LIBERTY
Sheriff, Kennebec County



VASSALBORO HISTORIC



Lion's Den at Lowell Grammar School



First VHS Museum, in North Vassalboro

Vassalboro was incorporated in 1771. That means that we have 240 years of history behind us, and the Vassalboro Historical Society is intent on preserving that history for future generations.

In 1959 four Vassalboro men, each with a different interest in the town's history, decided to form a local historical society. They were Norman Fossett, a student of genealogy; Linwood Miller, knowledgeable about the Town's roads; Frank Getchell, with a personal interest in family history; and Eliot Verney, desiring to learn more about the church history of Vassalboro and to share his knowledge.

They wisely asked a young lady named Betty Taylor if she would take notes of their meetings. Born and raised in Vassalboro, she was a legal secretary and reckoned she'd be able to give them a couple of years of her time and skill. Her father, Harold Taylor, had instilled in her a love for genealogy and history, and as she spent time working with the fledgling organization, that love blossomed. She became an expert in "all things Vassalboro," and people from far and wide came to her with their questions and research. For more than half a century, until her death last September, Betty continued to be the heartbeat of our Historical Society.

The membership grew to include people from every part of Town and nearby communities. These core

members included men and women whose names make up a "who's who" of Vassalboro—Clark, Wyman, Fournier, Ribbons, Dougherty, McQuillan, Miller, Taylor, Kennedy.

The first meetings were held in the "Lions' Den," at the old Town Office building (formerly the North Vassalboro Grammar School and currently Mid-Maine Internal Medicine). About 1961 the Society leased the office building of the former American Woolen Mill in the North Village to use as a museum. This allowed the Society to start a collection of local and regional artifacts of historical interest, either donated or on loan, to be housed and placed on display. Betty became the curator--and an expert on collecting, accessioning, researching, arranging, fundraising, organizing volunteers, planning public programs, and much, much more.

The Museum building was not heated, so in cold weather meetings were usually held elsewhere. The life of the Society has always been sustained by volunteers, and when the Museum was opened they became even more visible and crucial to its operation. The Board of Directors met regularly, and the public was invited to at least six programs throughout each year. Some speakers became annual favorites, drawing large crowds of interested people. One such was the late Billie Gammon, from the Norlands Living History Center of Livermore Falls.

AL SOCIETY & MUSEUM



Betty Taylor, VHS Secretary and Curator



Present VHS Museum in East Vassalboro

She and her colleagues were adept at presenting informative and interesting programs. Guests have spoken on topics ranging from race horses to Town railroad history to apple varieties. Group tours have been well attended, including trips to cemeteries, the Duratherm Window plant, and several homes of historical interest. Vassalboro residents have presented family and house histories that are fascinating.

Such diversity makes us wish that the programs had all been recorded. One of the favorite meetings, in January of each year, continues to be the "Show and Tell," a Sunday afternoon gathering when folks bring treasured objects and explain the history and meaning behind them. Major museum displays through the years have included a number of very interesting themes. There have been shows of lovely wedding gowns from several eras, exhibits of sleighs and quilts and war memorabilia, and displays of kitchens from yesteryear. A quarterly newsletter shines light on various interesting acquisitions, and tells stories of our history.

With construction in the 1980s of the current consolidated school on Bog Road, the former little red schoolhouse in the East Village caught the eye of the society. Space at the Old Museum was extremely limited, and after negotiating with Town leaders, VHS took up residence in their spacious new home. They couldn't know then that within 20 years, their

new facilities too would be full to overflowing, thanks to the generosity of the people of Vassalboro and a few strategic online purchases. Purchases? Where does the money come from? The fundraising itself is an amazing example of volunteerism at its best. Some money is voted at town meeting, some comes through society dues, some is from donations or purchases of the "History of Vassalborough."

And then there's the sale! For more than four decades, the Library and Grange and Historical Society have held a huge rummage sale on the second Saturday in September. In recent years, there's been an ongoing garage sale in Betty's barn too. Through enormous efforts of scores of volunteers, the work of Vassalboro Historical Society has continued for more than half a century.

The society always welcomes new members. But be prepared to become involved in the work of this fine organization. The officers and members give many hours and much hard work to VHS. We all owe a debt of gratitude to the four men who first had the vision. The founders will all be gone someday, but they will have provided us a rich legacy of tradition and a tangible link to the past.

Esther Bernhardt and Vicki Schad

VASSALBORO RECREATION COMMITTEE

Competitive Youth Programs

The Recreation Department is committed to giving all Vassalboro children the opportunity to participate in group and individual athletic programs that encourage healthy lifestyles, while keeping all participants safe. This was another successful year for Vassalboro Recreation sports. Soccer, Basketball, Baseball, and Softball are all competitive sports that play within the Dirigo League. Our participants are Vassalboro residents between the ages of 5-12.

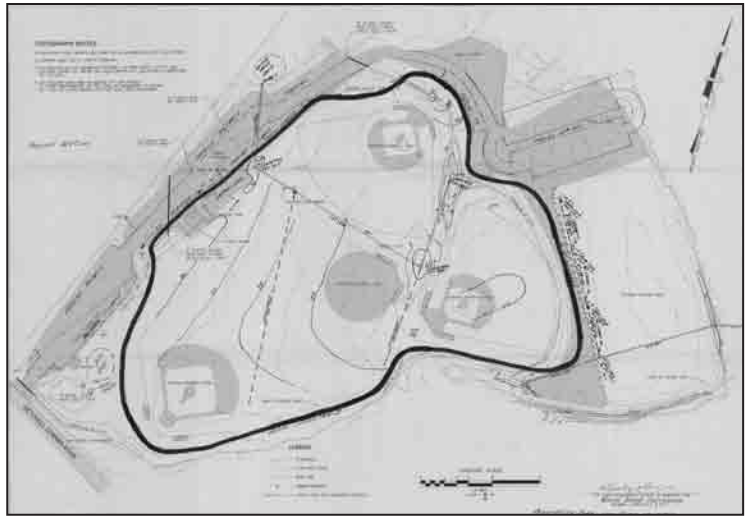
Soccer continues to be a popular sport with 92 kids participating. All of the children play competitive games with the other towns in the league. They purchased new nets this year for all of the goals.

One hundred and four children signed up for basketball. The Kindergarten and first graders learned skills and scrimmaged each other, while the second through sixth graders played competitive games. New mesh reversible jerseys were purchased as uniforms for all of the children playing games that can be used for the next few years. Baseball and Softball had about eighty boys and girls learning how to catch, hit and throw. The girl's softball field was finished. We are very lucky to have had many area business owners donate money for new uniforms.

Non-Competitive Youth Programs

After many years of offering soccer, basketball, softball and baseball it was time to try some non-competitive activities for kids. The bicycle rodeo, held at the town office, was a lot of fun. The bike rodeo event included a helmet check, a bicycle condition check, and a skills course. Participants were given a "report card" that assessed their equipment and skills. The Vassalboro Business Association donated bicycle helmets that were given away to all participants. The Maine Savings Credit Union donated some of their staff to sign people in and watch kids on the course.

Kid's Kayaking was held in July. Phil Innes allowed us to use his property by the Weber Pond Boat Launch. Victor Esposito was instrumental in contacting many residents who donated their kayaks for the kids to use for the day. The Maine Warden's Service loaned us a warden and lifejackets for the day. Dana DiBiase and Paul Faria provided valuable kayaking instruction.



Drainage Design for Fields

The new recreation committee has been working very hard to develop a successful drainage plan for the recreation property located on the Bog road. This will help get our kids out on the fields earlier in the spring and keep them there longer in the rainy autumns. John Picher has been instrumental in drawing up our drainage plans. We are fortunate to have such a knowledgeable community resident willing to donate his time and expertise. Morin Landscaping donated a portion of our topographical map and for this we are also appreciative.

The state's Land and Water Conservation Fund offers a 50-50 matching grant that the committee is applying for that will not only include our drainage, but also a preschool playground area and a .33 mile walking, running, biking path around the existing fields. The Recreation committee and the trails committee are working collectively on the path so that more residents can exercise safely, without the worry of being on the road.

NICOLE WASILEWSKI

Recreation Director

RECREATION COMMITTEE

*Ed Wasilewski, Peter Howard, Kristopher Target,
Jennifer Fisher, Lance Cloutier, Ryan Redman,
and Kristen Bowker*

ERSKINE ACADEMY HEADMASTER

To The Residents of Vassalboro, Maine:

The trustees, faculty and staff of Erskine Academy extend their appreciation to the community of Vassalboro for continuing to entrust us to provide your young people with an excellent secondary education and high quality learning experiences.

To ensure the sustainability of our school and our brand of education—an independent high school of choice for the families of Vassalboro—we continually plan and make cost effective investments. Through our inclusive and integrated school culture, all students are accorded opportunities to participate in excellent academic programs, athletics, clubs and organizations, and the fine and performing arts.

Although the turbulent economy and declining student numbers statewide significantly impact our ability to invest in our facilities and programs, we continue to seek to improve all that we do. We bridge the gap between public funding at the state's set tuition rate and the actual cost per pupil by relying heavily on the goodwill, generosity, and commitment of our alumni and friends, who have provided financial support and other gifts to the school. This year's Annual Appeal solicited financial resources to expand our Advanced Placement and dual enrollment programs with neighboring community colleges and universities. These programs enable our students to take actual college courses taught by Erskine Academy teachers. Nearly 85 percent of the Class of 2011 will graduate high school having already earned valuable college credit.

As with Maine's other nine independent town academies, our 127-year longevity can be attributed in large measure

to the entrepreneurial approach we take to our business operations. We are freer to innovate and develop markets for our brand of education. Presently we are directing efforts at an international student program, whereby 5-7 overseas students may complete multiple years of high school study at Erskine Academy in preparation for a higher education in the States. This initiative will not only diversify our campus and promote cross-cultural understanding, but will also provide revenues to supplement our budget and capacities to sustain a full range of learning opportunities for our traditional public school students.

School choice has been, and will continue to be, the foundation to our educational excellence; quality service and results keep our enrollment robust and our school operational. Though private, we were founded to serve the public good, a mission about which we are proud and mindful. We appreciate that Vassalboro has preserved its heritage of school choice and that many Vassalboro families have entrusted Erskine Academy to care for and educate their young people. Although the financial climate continues to be harsh for all of us, we will marshal all of our resources—town paid tuition, private and international students' tuition and fees, and gifts from our alumni and friends—to provide high quality educational experiences to inspire our students to their highest potential in school, at work, and within their communities.

We are grateful for your confidence in and support for Erskine Academy.

MICHAEL MCQUARRIE
Headmaster



Erskine Students work to improve the landscape around the Town Office during the annual "Day of Caring" in May 2010.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

I am pleased to write that for the second year in a row the school department has been able to bring, for your consideration, a budget that asks for less tax dollars than the previous year's. We are able to do this while still maintaining the high quality of education you have come to expect at the Vassalboro Community School. We have done this mostly through natural attrition of our teaching staff and a reduced student population. A great deal of thanks for this should be given to the School Board for countless hours of investment in the development of the budget, the Budget Committee for their very professional analysis of the costs and finally Principal Gram for her continued ability to put all the pieces together at the ground level for our children. A big thanks to all of you for the guidance and assistance you provided.

I mentioned last year how hard it was to form the AOS #92 and that it wasn't without some bumps in the road.



The Vassalboro Community School has had another outstanding year. Principal Dianna Gram and assistant principal Aaron McCullough have done an exceptional job as the new dynamic duo at the helm! Although new to their leadership roles, the school has not missed a beat. For example, students in grades 3-8 participated in the fall New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP). The NECAP is a measure of student performance in the areas of reading and math. Vassalboro Community School students scored very well on the assessment as compared to other local schools and to other schools throughout New England. In fact, the reading scores were exceptional, with the majority of the students either meeting or exceeding the standards.

Teachers have once again dedicated much of their professional development time in the content area of math. Cathy-Ladd Cyrway, math instructor and math curriculum leader, has led the charge in the area of math curriculum development. She and other math teachers have worked diligently in an attempt to examine the new Common Core Standards, which will replace the existing Maine Learning Results standards in the areas of math and English language arts. Transitioning over to a new set of standards requires a lot of time and hard work, thus the revision of the math curriculum has become a major focus for the year. The teachers are to be commended for their efforts with this initiative.

Last year, staff was briefly introduced to a curriculum

However I truly feel there were less bumps this year and we had a smooth ride. That is a direct tribute to your School Board; Chair -Kevin Levasseur, Barry Bernier, Frederick Denico, Phillip Landry and Sarah Sugden. These folks take their election to the Board very seriously and work tirelessly for the best education we can afford. I want to personally thank each of them for the advice and assistance they have given me again this year. They are an outstanding Board and one you should be very proud of.

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

ERIC L. HALEY

Superintendent of AOS #92

Vassalboro, Waterville and Winslow

mapping software program called Atlas Curriculum Mapping. Atlas will provide teachers with a structure to develop and continually revise curriculum, keeping it current to meet the needs of our students and the community. This year, teachers received more training and are currently using the software program to enter their core curriculum. We hope to have the majority of the core curriculum entered in Atlas by the spring of 2012.

Another new initiative this year has been the formation of an AOS 92 At-Risk Drop Out Committee. Teachers from across grade levels in the school districts of Vassalboro and Winslow have met on a regular basis to discuss the reasons students drop out of school and to review the research regarding best practices in dropout prevention. As a result, an after school recreation program was created in Vassalboro. The program is designed for any student wishing to stay after school to participate in the activities. To date, hundreds of students have taken advantage of the opportunity. None of this would have happened if it were not for the work of guidance counselor Beth Carlton and several other teachers at the Vassalboro Community School willing to give of their time. The program has received numerous positive comments from students, parents, teachers and community members.

PETER THIBOUTOT

Assistant Superintendent of Schools for

AOS #92 – Vassalboro, Waterville and Winslow

CHINA REGION LAKES ALLIANCE

The China Region Lakes Alliance (CRLA) once again had a busy year in and around the lakes in the Town of Vassalboro. Projects done in 2010 included shorefront stabilization work, roadwork, boat inspections, and design work for large-scale projects in the watersheds.

With more neighboring lakes falling victim to the threat of invasive plants, the CRLA's Courtesy Boat Inspection Program (CBI) has been an important focus of work in recent years. Boat inspections were stepped up on both Webber and Three Mile Ponds to keep invasive plants out of our lakes. During the summer of 2010 over 1000 boats were inspected at Vassalboro boat launches. The CBI Program is expensive to run, costing the CRLA \$13,256 this past year with state grant funding covered only \$2000 of this vital program's cost.

The CRLA, working with partners including the Kennebec County Soil and Water Conservation District and the Army Corp of Engineers, has completed the research and design phase for two major projects in the watersheds of Three Mile and Webber Ponds. First is an important erosion control project at the *Green Valley Campground* which is scheduled to be completed in the summer of 2011. The campground is an active areal business and summer home to many local and out of state visitors. The erosion control project planned will address a number of issues on the site and reduce soil erosion into

Webber Pond, thereby contributing to improved water quality. The CRLA has secured \$25,000 in grant money to cover the cost of this major conservation project although local funding will still be needed.

The other major project is the *Seaward Mill Stream Restoration Project*. Water quality is the major focus of the CRLA and the link between water quality and alewives has been an area of statewide focus, especially in Webber Pond. Results of water quality studies in the past three years from Webber Pond have shown improved water quality linked to the building of the fish ladder and reintroduction of alewives. The CRLA is working with a number of federal entities on a demonstration project to improve the flow of water in Seaward Mill Stream allowing easier migration for larger numbers of alewives between Three Mile Pond and Webber Pond. The CRLA is applying for a \$50,000 grant to cover much of the cost of this project.

Why should water quality, erosion control, and prevention of invasive plant spread be of concern to the citizens and taxpayers of Vassalboro? The shorefront property in the Town of Vassalboro is assessed at \$50 million dollars and the town receives approximately \$500,000 in annual tax revenue from those shorefront properties. The Town of Vassalboro has a major stake in what health and vitality of its lakes. Declining water quality – or the introduction of invasive plants – would significantly reduce the shorefront property values and reduce tax revenues.

The CRLA has a 15 year history of lake protection based conservation work that protects water quality and reduces the threat of invasive plant introduction into area lakes. We look forward to a continued partnership with the Town of Vassalboro and need your support.

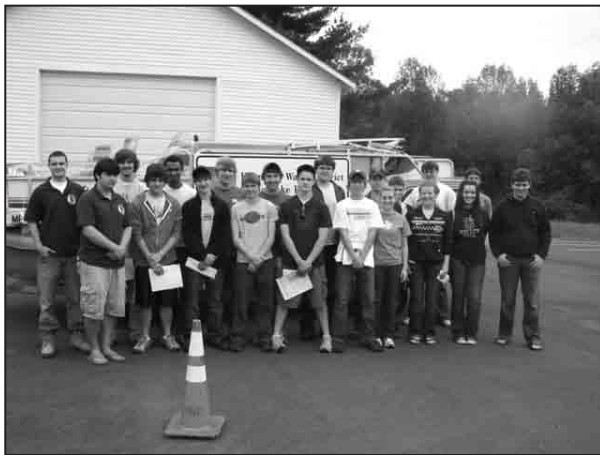
JIM HART
CRLA President

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CRLA Project:

Front Left to Right: Travis Pitre, Robert Robillard, Darrin Wood, Nick Koftman, Brenden Wood, Sean Cabaniss, Jenna Marcelino, Andrea Lees, Catherine (Emily) Pelton, Shane Bernier. **Back Left to Right:** Charlie Boyle, Kelcy Thompson, Greg O'Connor, Justin Marcelino, Evert Fowle, Dan Boynton, Ben Johnson, Paul Read, Dan Mather, Alex Collins. **Not Included:** Addison Cox, Emily Jordan, Tram Lyford, Casey Alexander

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Vassalboro Conservation Commission is now in its fourth year. 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 any Vassalboro resident is particularly interested in serving on this Commission, please call the Town Office and leave your contact information. The minutes from each meeting are available on the town's web site, at the link provided for Conservation Commission. The following is a summary of our monthly meetings.



Conservation Commission Member Steve Jones (R) and his assistant Bob Milano plant Project Canopy Grant trees along the town office driveway in October 2010.

In March 2010, we had a guest at our meeting, Mr. Chip Laite, manager of the Sargent gravel pit.

This is near the proposed Seven Mile Stream boat launch-site. We were encouraged by his enthusiasm for the project and his interest in helping us with the road improvements. We also discussed a small parcel of land on the Dam Road at Webber Pond. Laurah Brown, the owner, was considering making a gift of the land to the town of Vassalboro, to be used for bird watching.

In April, the Director of the China Lake Regional Alliance, Mr. Peter Wilkins, joined us to talk about the work of the Alliance. Vassalboro benefits from participating in the CLRA when a resident finds evidence of an invasive species of plants that are growing in our lakes and ponds. The CRLA will investigate and determine if it can be eradicated. The Conservation Corp, 8 to 10 students, spend each summer helping to remove invasives, and they also help with shoreland remediation where excessive runoff and erosion is occurring.

In May, we invited Laurah Brown to join us and discuss her interest in donating land to the town. The one-acre property is not developable, but would make a nice, small park, with a viewing site for bird watching, or possibly fishing. This donation would have to be approved at Town Meeting in June. We agreed to ask to put it on the town warrant.

The June meeting took place a week after Town Meeting where the acquisition of Laurah Brown's property was not approved by voters. We continued review of the progress on the boat launch site. Paul Mitnik had been communicating with the land-owner, Mark Isaccson. The two conditions specified were no motorized vehicles on the path, and the public will have access to this launch site. Paul agreed to begin to work on the grant with the NRCS and our contacts at DOC. We also agreed to try again for a Project Canopy Grant through the Maine Forest Service.

In July we worked on the Project Canopy Grant, and decided where we would want to plant trees in

town. The main driveway to the Town Office was at the top of the list. Other locations were mapped and Mary Ellen and Steve were tasked to begin to write the application. We discussed the need to begin some strategic planning for the work of the conservation commission.

In August, we agreed that it was time to invite guest speakers who could guide our strategic planning process. We would like to utilize the Beginning With Habitat maps and create an inventory of Vassalboro's high value natural resources. We also talked about inviting new members, and several names were suggested.

In September, we learned that our Project Canopy Grant was approved and we proceeded to get the trees and plant them before the cold weather set in. The results are evident, trees now line the driveway to the Town Office, and many others are planted along Main St. and several other locations. Special thanks to Fieldstone Gardens for their generous support and free labor, and also to the Vassalboro Community School JMG Program for sending students to help!

In October, we had a joint meeting with the Planning Board so we could all listen to a presentation by Fred Snow who works for the KVCOG. Fred discussed two topics that were of interest, Quality of Place: Open Space, and Low

Impact Development. KVCOG had recently completed work on a new Open Space Plan, which is an approach that towns can use to protect the things they value in their communities, such as scenic views, rich farmland, recreational opportunities, wildlife habitat, and other high value natural areas that make their community special. Fred led us through a slide presentation that explained how to use the planning tools, such as Comprehensive Plans, Open Space Subdivision Ordinances, Historic Protection Districts, Sign Ordinances, Low Impact Development Ordinances, and Walking/Biking Recreation Plans.

The Low Impact Development Ordinance is a tool that works in conjunction with Shoreland Zoning Ordinances. It addresses nonpoint source pollution, which threatens water quality.

In November, our guest was Robert Shafto, the Executive Director of the Maine Association of Conservation Commissions. He talked about the activities of the MEACC and what other conservation commissions are doing. We have been evaluating our strategy, and giving some thought to beginning a strategic planning process.

He gave us some helpful insights and advice:

- Plan for the future: what infrastructure does Vassalboro need?
- Should Open Space be part of the strategy?
- Survey the community to find out what their priorities are.
- Do things that work: continue management of town forest.
- Deal with invasive species, build up a town conservation corps.
- Develop inventory of “open spaces”.

In January, we reviewed the ideas and suggestions of the various guests we had invited during the fall. We agreed that re-visiting the topic of Open Space was timely. The Planning Board was having similar discussions, so we attended their meeting in February. We determined at that meeting that a separate meeting would be useful to discuss the Vassalboro Sub-division ordinance along with other tools to protect our natural resources.



A view of China Lake from the China Lake outlet dam. *Photo courtesy of Mary Sabins*

VASSALBORO HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Vassalboro Historical Society is entering its fifty-first year of existence. Looking back at the growth of the Historical Society is an amazing process to see. It was first organized in the office building once owned by the American Woolen Mill Company in North Vassalboro. The building was filled to capacity and most of the artifacts and paper memorabilia had to be stored in individual homes.

In 1992 the Historical Society was offered the school building in East Vassalboro as a possible future home for the Museum. The members of the Society took a leap-of-faith and accepted the offer. At that moment in time the Society had in their bank account a little over \$1,000. Because of the dedicated staff, and director, Kent London, with a great vision for the future, the faithful volunteers, and the Town support, the Historical Society is what it is today.



One of our founding members, Betty Taylor, has passed away last year. Betty dedicated her life to the Historical Society. She collected Vassalboro family histories and biographical information and today at the Museum our collection of genealogical history of Vassalboro is outstanding. During the years we have received many research requests from all over the country and in many instances we are able to assist in the research.

The Historical Society has acquired several buildings from generous donations of Ina Weymouth, Annette Davis, and Betty Taylor. The buildings are the barn next to the Grange, the Hanson O. Lampson Harness Shop, and the Taylor property with a blacksmith shop. Vassalboro citizens have received a wonderful gift from these ladies.

The Society meets the third Thursday of odd numbered months at 7:30 at the Museum. The Museum is open the 2nd and 4th Sundays from May through November. A few of the upcoming programs are: Norlands program on July 21st; an annual pot-luck supper on Sept. 22nd; and a Maine Historical Society program on Nov. 20th.

The Vassalboro Historical Society extends an invitation to you to attend the meetings and visit the Museum.

JULIE LYON
Curator

VASSALBORO CEMETERY COMMITTEE

The Vassalboro Cemetery Committee has completed its first full year of oversight of the burial grounds in the Town. We meet on the first Monday of every month at 9:30 a.m. in the Town Office. Citizens are welcome to join us at any meeting.

Our work this past year has focused on the Town owned and operated burial ground known as the North Vassalboro Village Cemetery. In order to make new lots available the Committee has authorized and, with the approval of the Selectmen, has conducted a professional survey of a new section of the North Vassalboro Village Cemetery which has sufficient numbers of lots available for sale to the community for several years into the future.

In order to properly administer the North Vassalboro Village Cemetery we have updated and adopted new rules to assure

proper record keeping, reasonable upkeep, security and care over time. These rules were developed by updating the past rules governing the Town Cemetery and by consulting with neighboring towns to determine best practices. Copies of these policies are available at the Town Office. Citizens should inquire at the Town Office for any additional concerns or details about the cost and availability of burial lots.

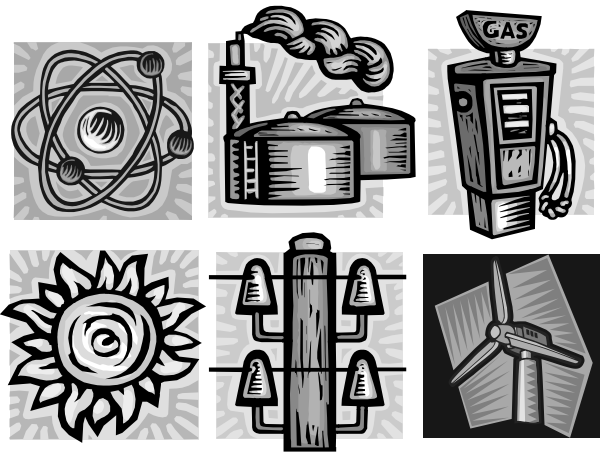
In the coming year the Cemetery Committee will begin a complete survey of the more than twenty burial grounds in Vassalboro so as to bring records up to date and develop a proper maintenance plan.

RICHARD KELLY
Chairperson

Committee members: Julie Lyon, Jim Aston, Tom Richards

VASSALBORO ENERGY COMMITTEE

In the fall of 2009, the Vassalboro Board of Selectman (the Board) approved a proposal to respond to a Request for Grant Applications by the Maine Public Utilities Commission (PUC). Efficiency Maine, would be overseeing the awards. The authorization of this federal grant was the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). The application was submitted on November 17, 2009, and the notification of a \$10,000 grant was received on February 12, 2010. The grant was funded by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and it was called the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants (EECBG).



The primary reason for Vassalboro's request for a grant was to be able to undertake the planning of potential energy saving measures, as well as possibly applying for stimulus money to implement energy conservation measures resulting in reducing the Town's dependence on fuel oil and reducing carbon fuel emissions. In addition, there was a desire to provide information to the residents in Vassalboro on energy saving ideas.

As a requirement of the first ARRA grant, the Board approved the formation of an energy committee on March 4, 2010. The Vassalboro Local Energy Planning Committee (LEPC) met for the first time on June 14, 2010. The LEPC discussed various opportunities for energy conservation. Subsequent meetings resulted in a review of the energy needs in the primary town buildings as well as a review of the electricity and fuel use of these public buildings, including street lights. The LEPC decided to conduct partial energy audits of five of the town's buildings. These buildings were the Town Office, the two fire stations, the public works garage, and the library. The LEPC concluded that significant energy savings could be achieved by investing time and resources into lighting and/or heating system upgrades for these buildings.

Last summer, following the energy review of the five buildings, the town applied for a second ARRA grant. The town received approval of a \$36,225 grant. The deliverables that have to be completed before receiving the funds are:

- a) Replace demand in town garage with high efficiency cold start boiler;
- b) Install 20 gallon electric water heater with timer in town garage;
- c) Convert exit signs to LEDs in town garage, Riverside and North Vassalboro fire stations, and town office;
- d) Replace existing demand boiler at the Riverside fire station with cold start boiler;
- e) Install lighting fixtures and sensors at the Riverside and North Vassalboro fire stations, library, town garage, and town office;
- f) Upgrade the existing boiler at North Vassalboro fire station with smart controls; and,
- g) Install outdoor lighting controls.

The LEPC also wanted to ensure that residents had an opportunity to realize energy savings, too. This was to be accomplished by promoting educational material for conserving electricity and heating fuel. These can be accomplished by having residential energy audits and/or undertaking weatherization measures.

Finally, in order to assist Vassalboro residents with any future weatherization funding needs, the Selectmen agreed to participate in a State funding program authorized last session by the Maine Legislature. This program is called PACE - Property Assessed Clean Energy. This funding option requires participating towns to enact a local ordinance, which Vassalboro voters did last November. Simply stated, a PACE loan is a loan taken by a property owner to finance the cost of making a qualified "energy savings improvement" to their property. What makes a PACE loan different from other loans is that it stays with the property receiving the improvement. If a homeowner sells his or her home before the loan is paid off, the loan can either be paid off at the time of sale or can be transferred with the property to become the responsibility of the new owner.

Vassalboro Local Energy Planning Committee

Barry Bernier	Rick Denico
Tom Fullam	David Jenny
John Reuthe	Clough Toppan, Chair
Mike Vashon	

MUNICIPAL EXPENDITURES

JULY 1, 2009 - JUNE 30, 2010

ADMINISTRATION

Appropriation:	\$283,760.00
Expenditures:	
Personnel service	\$206,321.19
Insurance	7,225.26
Utilities	8,017.10
Building Maintenance	3,628.97
Printing/Advertising	3,510.15
Audit/Legal/Dues	31,426.98
Office Supplies/Equipment	4,631.43
Technology/Postage/Other	21,570.16
Registry of Deeds	4,322.15
Transfer of funds from Solid Waste	<u>+ 10,000.00</u>
Balance	3,106.61

PUBLIC WORKS

Appropriation:	\$370,969.00
Expenditures:	
Personnel Services	\$180,243.90
Insurance	14,863.93
Sand/Salt/other contracts	38,133.96
Vehicle Expenses/Equip.	59,043.50
Garage Utilities/Supplies	39,868.29
Bridges/Culverts	<u>2,915.14</u>
Balance	35,900.28

SOLID WASTE

Appropriation:	\$289,502.00
Expenditures:	
Personnel Services	\$ 66,418.54
Insurance	3,194.68
Bldg Maint, Water Monit, Engineering	8,082.72
Utilities/Supplies	2,445.68
Disposal/Hauling/Recycling	184,571.96
Transfer of funds to Administration	<u>10,000.00</u>
Balance	14,788.42

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT

Appropriation:	\$.00
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ROAD PAVING/GRAVEL ROADS

Appropriation:	\$249,000.00
Expenditures:	
Paving	\$234,615.97
Striping	9,979.20
Gravel Roads/Maintenance	<u>3,581.38</u>
Balance	823.45

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation:	\$103,758.00
Expenditures:	
Utilities	\$14,900.00
Insurances	8,640.00
Repairs	10,400.00
Training/Equipment/Supplies	10,525.00
Radios	2,000.00
Bldg Maintenance	5,765.84
Firefighter stipend	6,400.00
Chief Stipend	2,500.00
Dispatching	45,893.00
Carry forward from 2008-09	<u>+ 3,265.84</u>
Balance	.00

PUBLIC SAFETY

Appropriation:	\$ 34,283.00
Expenditures:	
Employee Costs	\$21,393.91
Insurances	2,050.12
Supplies/Vehicle Maintenance	2,444.57
Humane Society	<u>6,222.25</u>
Balance	2,172.15

RECREATION/SUMMER YOUTH

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

MUNICIPAL EXPENDITURES

JULY 1, 2009 - JUNE 30, 2010

RECREATION/ROUTE #3 REST AREA

Appropriation:	\$ 2,000.00
Expenditures:	<u>\$ 95.00</u>
Balance	1,905.00

LIBRARY

Appropriation:	\$ 30,990.00
Expenditures:	<u>\$ 30,990.00</u>
Balance	.00

UTILITIES

Appropriation:	\$ 35,045.00
Expenditures:	
Street Lights	\$ 13,190.27
Hydrant Rental	<u>17,544.72</u>
Balance	4,310.01

CEMETERIES

Appropriation:	\$ 15,885.00
Expenditures:	
Care of Cemeteries	<u>\$ 15,885.00</u>
Balance	.00

GENERAL ASSISTANCE

Appropriation:	\$ 3,500.00
Expenditures:	
Fuel/Utilities	\$ 526.10
Shelter	<u>683.43</u>
Balance	2,290.47

COUNTY TAX

Appropriation:	\$293,055.00
Expenditures:	<u>\$293,054.32</u>
Balance	.68

ASSESSMENT

Appropriation:	\$ 45,700.00
Expenditures:	
Employee Costs:	\$ 30,699.96
Maps/Dues/Supplies	11,573.47
Winsketching	7,500.00
Carry Forward from 2008-09	<u>+ 7,500.00</u>
Balance	3,426.57

SOCIAL SERVICES

Appropriation:	\$ 10,850.00
Expenditures:	
Hospice	\$ 1,600.00
Food Pantry	1,500.00
Family Violence	2,250.00
KV Mental Health	3,500.00
Senior Spectrum	<u>2,000.00</u>
Balance	.00

MISCELLANEOUS REQUEST

Appropriation:	\$ 17,761
Expenditures:	
Historical Society	\$ 3,000.00
Regional Planning	5,761.00
Snowmobile Club	1,500.00
C.R.L.A.	<u>7,500.00</u>
Balance	.00

DEBT SERVICE

Appropriation:	\$ 22,275
Expenditures:	
CIP Bond	\$ 22,724.66
Carry Forward from 2008-09	+ 405.13
Transfer of funds	<u>+ 44.53</u>
Balance	.00

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT

Board of Selectmen
Town of Vassalboro
Vassalboro, Maine

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business type activities, the major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information, of Town of Vassalboro, Maine, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2010, 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'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 and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that 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, the business type activities, the major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Town of Vassalboro, Maine, as of June 30, 2010 and the respective changes in financial position, where applicable, thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, I have also issued my report dated December 6, 2010 on my consideration of Town of Vassalboro, Maine's internal control over financial reporting and my tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of my testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be considered in assessing the results of my audit.

Acc December 15, 2009 as generally accepted in the United States of America require the budgetary comparison and Management's Discussion and Analysis information be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. I have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to my inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge I obtained during my audit of the basic

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT

financial statements. I do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide me with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

My audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise Town of Vassalboro, Maine's basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by US Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments and Non-Profit Organizations*, and is also not a required part of the basic financial statements of Town of Vassalboro, Maine. The schedule of expenditures of federal awards is the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In my opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.



December 6, 2010

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

BALANCE SHEET GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2010

ASSETS	General <u>Fund</u>	Other Governmental <u>Funds</u>	Total Governmental <u>Funds</u>
Cash	\$ 1,598,033	\$ 27,159	\$ 1,625,192
Investments		85,072	85,072
Receivables:			
Taxes	222,618		222,618
Liens	77,014		77,014
Accounts	2,724	8,353	11,077
Other governments	12,557	68,217	80,774
Inventory		3,750	3,750
Interfund balances	(358,031)	358,031	0
Total Assets	<u>1,554,915</u>	<u>550,582</u>	<u>2,105,497</u>
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable	17,428		17,428
Accrued wages	275,531		275,531
Accrued compensated absences	19,038		19,038
Deferred property taxes	151,500		151,500
Total Liabilities	<u>463,497</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>463,497</u>
FUND BALANCES			
Fund Balances			
Unreserved:			
Designated for subsequent years			
Revenues	14,213		14,213
Expenditures	25,865		25,865
Expenditures - Education	(15,565)	451,333	435,768
Designated for debt service		99,249	99,249
Undesignated	1,066,905		1,066,905
Total Fund Equity	<u>1,091,418</u>	<u>550,582</u>	<u>1,642,000</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	<u>\$ 1,554,915</u>	<u>\$ 550,582</u>	<u>\$</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.	9,221,785
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current-periods expenditures and therefore are deferred in the funds.	151,500
Long-term liabilities, including bonds, notes and leases payable, are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds.	
Leases payable	(573,826)
Bonds payable	(463,369)
Net assets of governmental	<u>\$ 9,978,090</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, 2010

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Other Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
Revenues:			
Taxes	\$ 3,870,641	\$	\$ 3,870,641
Intergovernmental	4,989,283	943,119	5,932,402
Charges for services	107,568	175,097	282,665
Interest	13,363	6,732	20,095
Miscellaneous	36,187		36,187
Total Revenues	9,017,042	1,124,948	10,141,990
 Expenditures:			
Current:			
General government	329,524		329,524
Public safety	165,433		165,433
Public works	575,683		575,683
Health and sanitation	274,278		274,278
Education	7,197,057	679,327	7,876,384
Social services	12,060		12,060
Special assessments	293,051		293,051
Leisure services	46,245		46,245
Unclassified	30,358		30,358
Food services		175,821	175,821
Debt service	22,680	45,160	67,840
Total Expenditures	8,946,369	900,308	9,846,677
 Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures			
	70,673	224,640	295,313
 Other Financing Sources (Uses):			
Debt issuance proceeds			0
Total Other Financing Sources			0
(Uses)	0	0	0
Net Change in Fund Balances	70,673	224,640	295,313
Fund Balances - beginning	1,020,745	325,942	1,346,687
Fund Balances - ending	\$ 1,091,418	\$ 550,582	\$ 1,642,000

BUDGET COMPARISON SCHEDULE GENERAL FUND

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2010

TOWN OF VASSALBORO, MAINE
Budget Comparison Schedule
General Fund
For the year ended June 30, 2010

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>			Variance with final budget positive (negative)
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>	<u>Actual</u>	
Revenues:	\$	\$	\$	\$
Taxes	3,841,655	3,841,655	3,870,641	28,986
Intergovernmental	5,030,095	5,089,569	4,989,283	(100,286)
Interest	35,000	35,000	13,363	(21,637)
Charges for services	75,000	75,000	107,568	32,568
Miscellaneous	17,000	17,000	36,187	19,187
Total revenues	<u>8,998,750</u>	<u>9,058,224</u>	<u>9,017,042</u>	<u>(41,182)</u>
Expenditures:				
Current:				
General government	335,460	345,460	329,524	15,936
Public safety	176,352	176,352	165,433	10,919
Public works	615,799	615,799	575,683	40,116
Health and sanitation	289,502	279,502	274,278	5,224
Education	7,174,735	7,174,735	7,197,057	(22,322)
Social services	14,350	14,350	12,060	2,290
Special assessments	327,401	327,401	293,051	34,350
Leisure services	47,990	107,464	46,245	61,219
Unclassified	33,646	33,646	30,358	3,288
Debt service	22,680	22,680	22,680	0
Capital reserves				0
Total expenditures	<u>9,037,915</u>	<u>9,097,389</u>	<u>8,946,369</u>	<u>151,020</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>(39,165)</u>	<u>(39,165)</u>	<u>70,673</u>	<u>109,838</u>
Fund Balance - beginning	1,020,745	1,020,745	1,020,745	0
Fund Balance - ending	<u>\$ 981,580</u>	<u>\$ 981,580</u>	<u>\$ 1,091,418</u>	<u>\$ REF</u>

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 6th, 2011, at 6:30 in the evening to elect a moderator to preside at said meeting, then and there to act on Articles 1 through 64, 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 7th day of June 2011, then and there to act on Articles numbered 65 to 66. The polls will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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

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

Terms Expire in 2011:

William Browne	John Burke
William Whitley	Donald Breton
Lori Fowle	

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 09-26-11
One-fourth of taxes due on 11-28-11
One-fourth of taxes due on 02-27-12
One-fourth of taxes due on 04-23-12

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	30,000
State Revenue Sharing	150,000
State Road Assistance	65,000
Tree Growth Reimbursement	7,500
State Park Sharing	1,000
Veterans Exemption	1,500
Investment Income	6,000
Permit Fees	10,000
Solid Waste/Recycling	65,000
Franchise Fee/Cable Fees	12,000
Clerk Fees	8,150
Cemetery Fund Interest	5,000
Surplus	<u>150,000</u>
TOTAL REVENUES:	\$ 1,115,650

Selectmen Recommend: \$1,115,650

Budget Committee recommends: \$1,115,650

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$351,065 for **Administration**.

Selectmen Recommend: \$351,065

Budget Committee recommends: \$351,065

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$31,200 for **Assessment Costs**.

Selectmen Recommend: \$31,200

Budget Committee Recommends: \$31,200

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$16,500 for **Capital Improvements**.

Selectmen Recommend: \$16,500

Budget Committee Recommends: \$16,500

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PUBLIC WORKS

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$381,500 for the **Public Works Department**.

Selectmen Recommend: \$381,500
Budget Committee Recommends: \$381,500

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$276,050 for **paving work** to allow the Town to pave the following roads: finish Crowell Hill Road (1.5 miles), South Cross Hill Road (1.3 miles), and paving at the transfer station; 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: \$276,050
Budget Committee Recommends: \$276,050

SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$285,210 for the cost of operating the Town's **Solid Waste Disposal and Recycling Facility**.

Selectmen Recommend: \$285,210
Budget Committee Recommends: \$285,210

PUBLIC SAFETY

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$37,750 for the **Police Department and Animal Control**.

Selectmen Recommend: \$37,750
Budget Committee Recommends: \$37,750

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,442 for the **Fire Department**.

Selectmen Recommend: \$100,442
Budget Committee Recommends: \$100,442

Article 13: 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

Article 14: 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 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$17,500 for **Street Lights**.

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

SPECIAL ARTICLES AND TOWN POLICY

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell and **dispose of any real estate** acquired by the Town for non-payment of taxes thereon, and to execute quit-claim deeds for such property, and to further direct that the sale of such tax-acquired property shall be by public notice which shall be advertised in the local daily newspapers prior to sale, and that this procedure shall apply except in cases where the tax-acquired property is sold back to the former owners or their successors or descendants within the period of sixty (60) days after legal acquisition by the Town, or to take any action thereon. Funds received through the sale of tax-acquired property may be used at the Selectmen's discretion to reduce previously authorized debt service.

Selectmen Recommend: Approval

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to submit **applications for State and/or Federal funding** and if said program is approved, authorize the municipal officers to accept said grant funds, to make such assurances, assume such

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responsibilities, and exercise such authority as are necessary and reasonable to implement such program, and to disburse such funds for the purpose granted.

Selectmen Recommend: Approval

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to submit an **application to Efficiency Maine for State and/or Federal funding** for an Energy Saving Program reimbursement grant and if such application 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 a program. This authorization will permit the Selectmen to disburse funds from town surplus to make grant-related expenditures and pay contractors and vendors for services and products received prior to grant reimbursement with the understanding that such funds will be returned to surplus once grant reimbursement is received.

Selectmen Recommend: Approval

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to submit an **application to the Maine State Planning Office for State and/or Federal funding** for a Recycling Program reimbursement grant and if such application 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 a program. This authorization will permit the Selectmen to disburse funds from town surplus to make grant-related expenditures and pay contractors and vendors for services and products received prior to grant reimbursement with the understanding that such funds will be returned to surplus once grant reimbursement is received.

Selectmen Recommend: Approval

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to submit an **application to the Maine Department of Conservation for State and/or Federal funding** for a Land and Water Conservation

Fund reimbursement grant for improvements to the town recreation fields and if such application 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 a program. This authorization will permit the Selectmen to disburse funds from town surplus to make grant-related expenditures and pay contractors and vendors for services and products received prior to grant reimbursement with the understanding that such funds will be returned to surplus once grant reimbursement is received.

Selectmen Recommend: Approval

Article 21: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to submit **applications to the Maine Department of Transportation and Others for State and/or Federal funding** for reimbursement grants for an East Vassalboro Village Community Improvement Project for the development of Sidewalks, Crosswalks, Traffic Calming, and Paved Parking, and if such applications are 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 a program. This authorization will permit the Selectmen to disburse funds from town surplus to make grant-related expenditures and pay contractors and vendors for services and products received prior to grant reimbursement with the understanding that such funds will be returned to surplus once grant reimbursement is received.

Selectmen Recommend: Approval

Article 22: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to take an amount not to exceed \$15,000 from SURPLUS for **ground surface improvements at the Transfer Station** which may include paving, in the event of receipt of the Maine State Planning Office Recycling Grant.

Selectmen Recommend: Approval

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Article 23: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell the 1998 Volvo Public Works Truck and to **purchase a new public works** truck at a cost not to exceed \$190,000 to be funded from the following sources:

\$ 145,000	from taxation appropriation
20,000	from Public Works Reserve Account
<u>25,000</u>	Proceeds from the sale of the 1998 Volvo Public Works Truck
\$ 190,000	Total cost of new truck

Selectmen Recommend: Approval
Budget Committee Recommends: Approval

Article 24: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen, for the fiscal year 2011-2012, to **transfer funds** between appropriation accounts so long as the grand total of all appropriations is not exceeded. Any such transfers to be approved only at a properly called public meeting of the Selectmen and Budget Committee.

Selectmen Recommend: Approval

Article 25: 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 2012.

Selectmen Recommend: Approval

Article 26: 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 27: Shall an ordinance entitled "Town of Vassalboro Shoreland Zoning Ordinance" and accompanying map (revised June 2011) 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 28: Shall an ordinance entitled "**Floodplain Management Ordinance for the Town of Vassalboro, Maine**" 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 29: Shall an ordinance entitled "**Town of Vassalboro Animal Control Ordinance**" be enacted? (A copy of the ordinance is posted with this warrant. Copies are also available at the Town Clerk's office.)

Selectmen Recommend: Approval

Article 30: 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 31: To see if the Town will vote to **waive the 2008 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 10201 and Page 340.

Article 32: To see if the Town will vote to authorize an amount not to exceed \$15,000 from SURPLUS to serve as a **contingency fund** to be spent by the Selectmen in the event of an emergency and to avoid overdrafts.

Selectmen Recommend: Approval

LIBRARY

Article 33: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$31,929 for the Town's share of the **Library's** budget.

Selectmen Recommend: \$31,490
Budget Committee Recommends: \$31,490

HEALTH AND WELFARE

Article 34: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,500 for **General Assistance** and to authorize Selectmen to expend any

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and all reimbursement funds received from the State.

Selectmen Recommend: \$3,500

Budget Committee Recommends: \$3,500

Article 35: 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 36: 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 37: 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

Article 38: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,300.00 for the **Kennebec Valley Mental Health Center**. (This article by petition.)

Selectmen Recommend: \$3,500

Budget Committee Recommends: \$3,500

Article 39: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,642 for **Spectrum Generations**. (This article by petition.)

Selectmen Recommend: \$750

Budget Committee Recommends: \$750

Article 40: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 for the **Healthy Hearts Program**. (This article by petition).

Selectmen Recommend: \$500.00

Budget Committee Recommends: \$500.00

Article 41: 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: \$750.00

Budget Committee Recommends: \$750.00

RECREATION

Article 42: 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 43: 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 & REQUESTS

Article 44: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000 for the support of the **Vassalboro Historical Society** to assist this organization with the maintenance of the former East Vassalboro school building.

Selectmen Recommend: \$3,000

Budget Committee Recommends: \$3,000

Article 45: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,500 for the Town's share in the **maintenance of cemeteries and public grounds and for Memorial Day expenses**.

Selectmen Recommend: \$15,500

Budget Committee Recommends: \$15,500

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Article 46: 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

Article 47: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$290,000 for the estimated assessment from **Kennebec County Government**.

Selectmen Recommend: \$290,000
Budget Committee Recommends: \$290,000

Article 48: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,500 for the support of the **China Region Lakes Alliance**.

Selectmen Recommend: \$10,000
Budget Committee Recommends: \$10,000

Article 49: To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of \$506,363.27 established for the Town of Vassalboro by State Law in the event that the municipal budget approved under the preceding articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that property tax levy limit. (Written ballot)

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

Article 50: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend the sum of \$3,997,391.33 for **Regular Instruction**.

School Committee Recommends: \$3,997,391.33
Budget Committee Recommends: \$3,997,391.33

Article 51: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend the sum of \$943,344.90 for **Special Education**.

School Committee Recommends: \$943,344.90
Budget Committee Recommends: \$943,344.90

Article 52: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend the sum of \$119,191.00 for **Career and Technical Education**.

School Committee Recommends: \$119,191.00
Budget Committee Recommends: \$119,191.00

Article 53: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend the sum of \$40,359.50 for **Other Instruction**.

School Committee Recommends: \$40,359.50
Budget Committee Recommends: \$40,359.50

Article 54: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend the sum of \$301,902.16 for **Student and Staff Support**.

School Committee Recommends: \$301,902.16
Budget Committee Recommends: \$301,902.16

Article 55: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend the sum of \$150,282.75 for **System Administration**.

School Committee Recommends: \$150,282.75
Budget Committee Recommends: \$150,282.75

Article 56: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend the sum of \$224,232.46 for **School Administration**.

School Committee Recommends: \$224,232.46
Budget Committee Recommends: \$224,232.46

Article 57: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend the sum of \$408,388.87 for **Transportation and Buses**.

School Committee Recommends: \$408,388.87
Budget Committee Recommends: \$408,388.87

Article 58: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend the sum of \$523,757.95 for **Facilities Maintenance**.

School Committee Recommends: \$523,757.95
Budget Committee Recommends: \$523,757.95

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Article 59: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend the sum of \$.00 for **Debt Service and Other Commitments**.

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

Article 60: 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 61: To see what sum the municipality will appropriate for the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act (Recommend \$6,401,720.35) and to see what sum the municipality will raise as the municipality's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15688.

Statutory Recommendation \$2,396,376.00

School Committee
Recommendation: \$2,345,059.72
Budget Committee
Recommendation: \$2,345,059.72

“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.”

Note: Per PL2009, Chapter 571, the amount recommended by the school committee as the required local share for the FY 2011-2012 budget may be no less than 82.22% of the Title 20-A, Section 15688 amount, in order to receive the full amount of state subsidy.

Article 62: To see what sum the municipality/district/unit will raise and to appropriate the sum of (Recommend \$ -0-) in additional local funds for school purposes under Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, §15690.

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

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

Article 63: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the school committee to expend the sum of \$6,708,850.92 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2012 from the school administrative unit's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, non-state-funded school construction projects, additional local funds for school purposes under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy and other receipts for the support of schools.

School Committee Recommends: \$6,708,850.92
Budget Committee Recommends: \$ 6,708,850.92

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Article 64: 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., June 7th, 2011 at the Town Office.

Article 65: Do you favor approving the Vassalboro Community School's budget for the upcoming school year that was adopted at the June 6, 2011 Annual Town Meeting?

Article 66: 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 7th, 2011 at the Vassalboro Town Office.

Given unto our hands this 12th day of May 2011, 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



View of China Lake

Emergency	911
Town Office	872-2826
Public Works	923-3985
Transfer Station	923-3051
School	923-3100
Library	923-3233
Animal Control	458-4853
Police Chief - Non Emergency	622-7730

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