

Town of
Vassalboro



2015
Annual Report



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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Friday: 8:00am to 12pm
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China Lake in Early Morning Haze

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Vassalboro Days Annual Double Dam Duck Derby

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Our Civil War Monument at Sunrise

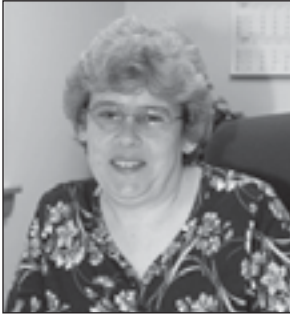
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TOWN MANAGER } Mary Sabins



During the past year, the Selectmen and I have worked on several long-term planning issues that will affect the town for many years to come. The Board Members and I have attended many meetings concerning solid waste disposal options to be effective starting in April of 2018, after our current disposal agreement ends with Penobscot Energy Recovery Corporation (PERC) of Orrington in March of 2018. A new disposal contract with PERC has been offered to the town, but at a considerably higher disposal cost than the current agreement. Several other disposal options were also considered by the Board, but the most viable option the Board has decided to present to the town for approval at town meeting, is a fifteen year agreement with the Municipal Review Committee (MRC) and their proposal with a company called Fiberight, who plan to build a new plant in Hampden. Fiberight will focus on transforming municipal solid waste into next generation biofuels, with 60% of the processed solid waste resulting in energy, 20% recyclables, and 20% residuals that must be landfilled. A representative from the MRC will be attending town meeting to answer questions about the Fiberight plan.

Other planning issues we have been addressing are changes to the Shoreland Zone Ordinance, and road reconstruction along Route #32 that needs to be coordinated with other sewer and sidewalk projects. At the Selectmen's request, the Planning Board members have agreed to begin the process to amend the Shoreland Zone Ordinance. In addition to requests for changes to our ordinance made by a local contractor, the State has also recommended revisions to all Shoreland zone ordinances in the State. A representative of the Maine Department of Environmental Protection came to speak with the Selectmen and the Planning Board at a joint meeting to explain the necessary recommended changes. Revisions are underway now and should be ready for adoption by the Town at the polls during the November 2016 election. As for the Route #32 reconstruction project, much effort is being given to communicate with the Maine Department of Transportation about their future road excavation plans in the East and North village areas, and attempting to coordinate their plan with the sanitary district's plan for a new sewer line, and the town's possible plan for sidewalks in the east if approved by voters. Scheduling the projects for completion at the same time makes sense and will save time and resources.



Photo by Mary Sabins

Employee and Volunteer Recognition event held in September at Vassalboro School.



Recognition celebration cake



Photo by Deb Johnston

School VP Aaron McCullough and Town Manager Mary Sabins receive recognition plaques from the school's Jobs for Maine's Graduate Program

Not all of our accomplishments last year were work related. We had some fun as well! In September, we held a joint employee/volunteer recognition cookout event at the Community School. Even though the weather did not cooperate to hold the event outdoor that day, we filled up the cafeteria with our numbers and celebrated each other's contribution to Vassalboro Town Government with barbequed hot dogs, cake and balloons. It was a fun day with attendees sharing fun and touching stories with memories of the past. Each attendee was asked to stand and share the number of years they had either been employed or volunteered in town. I applaud and thank each and every employee and volunteer who contribute one way or another to this warm and welcoming community! Each one has made a positive difference in their own way. Please take the time to read the contents and the department stories within this town report. Once you have read it, I'm sure you will agree that this group of staff and volunteers have a lot to offer the town, and they have given much effort this past year!

I continue to appreciate my position here as your Town Manager, and I thank the Selectmen, my very capable staff, and all the volunteers for making my job so enjoyable. I welcome communication from the public at msabins@vassalboro.net or 872-2826.





Selectmen (L to R): Lauchlin Titus, Phil Haines, and Rob Browne.

Directory of Elected & Appointed Officials

923-3391	2018	Philip Haines	702 Bog Road, Vassalboro
626-0966	2016	Robert Browne	9 Szady Drive, Vassalboro
873-2108	2017	Lauchlin Titus	1063 Main Street, Vassalboro
SCHOOL COMMITTEE			
923-4069	2018	Jolene Clark Gamage	1633 Cross Hill Road, Vassalboro
872-7062	2016	Phillip Landry	10 St. Bridgetts Way, Vassalboro
872-8596	2016	Kevin Levasseur	209 Bog Road, Vassalboro
872-9032	2017	Frederick Denico, Sr.**	324 Oak Grove Road, Vassalboro
485-4008	2017	Erin Libby Loiko	1227 Riverside Drive, Vassalboro
314-2922	2016	Susan Tuthill ¹	162 Seawards Mills Road, Vassalboro
PLANNING BOARD			
873-5226	2016	Virginia Brackett	20 Alpine St., Vassalboro
	2016	Betsy Poulin	373 Hussey Hill Road, Vassalboro
923-3800	2017	Douglas Phillips	738 Bog Road, Vassalboro
923-3400	2017	Sally Butler	49 Taber Hill Road, Vassalboro
873-1601	2016	Marianne Hubert*	53 Sherwood Lane, Vassalboro
	2017	Don Robbins, Alternate*	254 Main Street, Vassalboro
923-6005	2016	John Phillips ²	331 Crowell Hill Road, Vassalboro
872-7306	2017	Paul Breton, Alternate ³	60 Priest Hill Road, Vassalboro
BUDGET COMMITTEE			
923-3729	2016	John Melrose	636 Bog Road, Vassalboro
873-7399	2017	Donald Breton	174 Cemetery Street, Vassalboro
622-7730	2016	Richard Phippen	492 Webber Pond Rd, Vassalboro
873-9094	2016	Rick Denico, Jr.	237 Oak Grove Rd., Vassalboro
923-3800	2016	Douglas Phillips	738 Bog Road, Vassalboro
923-3511	2016	Elizabeth Reuthe	924 Cross Hill Road, Vassalboro
873-2605	2017	Peggy Schaffer	22 Station Hill Road, Vassalboro
622-3096	2017	William Browne	793 Webber Pond Road, Vassalboro
622-2164	2017	Edson Scholz	11 Fairway Drive, Unit 4, Vassalboro
872-7268	2017	Lori Fowle	305 Taber Hill Rd., Vassalboro
BOARD OF APPEALS			
923-3231	2016	Peggy Cain	358 Hussey Hill Road, Vassalboro
873-3911	2016	Gary Coull	36 Maple Street, Vassalboro
923-3185	2017	Kathy Lees	604 Bog Road, Vassalboro
923-3759	2017	Leon Duff	595 Hussey Hill Road, Vassalboro
923-3803	2017	John Reuthe	924 Cross Hill Road, Vassalboro
SANITARY DISTRICT			
692-2421	2018	Lee Trahan	132 Clinton Ave., Winslow
872-5884	2016	Ray Breton	7 Priest Hill Road, Vassalboro
923-3971	2018	Alfred Roy	12 So. Stanley Hill Road, Vassalboro
923-3758	2017	Paul Mitnik	700 Cross Hill Road, Vassalboro
	2017	Rebecca Goodrich, Treasurer	

		RECREATION COMMITTEE	
462-1285	2016	Jennifer Fortin, Director	
	2016	Steve Polley	
	2016	Kim Glidden	
	2016	Kevin Luczko	
	2016	Tiffany Luczko	
	2016	Marc Cote	
	2016	Kevin Wood	
	2016	Hillary Polley	
	2016	Ben Loiko (alternate)	
		CONSERVATION COMMISSION	
557-5535	2016	Mary-Ellen Johnston	191 Priest Hill Road, Vassalboro
923-3836	2016	Steve Jones	55 Quaker Lane, Vassalboro
923-3397	2017	Holly Weidner	320 Main Street, Vassalboro
	2017	Betsy Poulin	373 Hussey Hill Road, Vassalboro
923-3483	2018	David Jenney	844 Cross Hill Road, Vassalboro
		TOWN CLERK	
872-2826	2016	Catherine Coyne	P.O. Box 82, N. Vassalboro
		CEMETERY COMMITTEE	
622-8792	2016	Richard Kelly, Chairman*	1091 Riverside Drive, Vassalboro
923-3411	2016	Tom Richards	508 Hussey Hill Road, Vassalboro
	2016	Julie Lyon	Waterville
872-2569	2016	Jim Ashton, Chairman	859 Main Street, Vassalboro
923-3220	2016	Jane E. Aiudi	656 Bog Road, Vassalboro
445-2754	2016	Russell Smith	1647 North Belfast Road, Vassalboro
		CAPITAL EXPENSES COMMITTEE	
873-9094	2016	Rick Denico, Jr.	237 Oak Grove Road, Vassalboro
872-8286	2016	Alan Dorval	28 Cook Hill Road, Vassalboro
923-3625	2016	Matt Masse	39 Masse Lane, Vassalboro
923-3342	2016	Dale Doughty	1639 Cross Hill Road, Vassalboro
872-8105	2016	Ed Cullivan	2713 Riverside Drive, Vassalboro
		FIRST RESPONDER SERVICE	
622-4388	2016	Dan Mayotte, Director	1574A Riverside Drive, Vassalboro
485-4558	2016	Peter Allen, Ass't Dir.	2418 Riverside Drive, Vassalboro
		HEALTH OFFICER	
469-5534	2016	Morgan Titus Rau	841 Main Street, Vassalboro
		KENNEBEC WATER DISTRICT TRUSTEE	
873-3911	2016	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	
872-7268 - home		Lori Fowle	House of Representatives
287-1400 - office		RepLori.Fowle@legislature.maine.gov	2 State House Station
287-4469 - TTY			Augusta, ME 04333-0002

* Resigned

** Deceased

¹Filling remainder of FY2016 of R. Denico's term.

²Filling unexpired term of Marianne Hubert

³Filling unexpired term of Don Robbins

SENATE OF MAINE } Senator Roger Katz
127th Legislature, Senate District 24

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I am so grateful and thankful that you've selected me to represent you in the Maine Senate. I am honored that you've put your trust in me and I will continue to work tirelessly for the betterment of you and your neighbors, as well as for the great State of Maine. Please let me provide you with a recap of the first session of the 127th Legislature as well as my hopes for the second session, which began in January 2016.

The most important item on our to-do list is clear: our state needs more jobs at all levels of the pay scale, so it is our responsibility and my solemn promise to work to expand economic opportunity for all Mainers. To this end, my fellow legislators and I accomplished a great deal during the first session of the 127th Legislature.

We passed a biennial budget that ensured that more Maine families received a tax cut than did in the "largest tax cut in Maine history" in 2011. That same budget stopped taxes on military pensions, so those who have given all that a person can give can feel welcomed and at home in our state. We restructured portions of our welfare system, increasing funding for nursing homes, and put far more funding towards eliminating waitlists for services for brain-injured and intellectually disabled Mainers.

I'm really looking forward to watching how the significant changes we've already made will better the everyday lives of Mainers. I wanted to serve in the legislature because I believe that, while I'm here, I can have an impact on the direction of our district and state. Because of this belief, passing vital legislation (and, sometimes, stopping bad legislation) has remained one of my top priorities.

As you know, more changes are necessary. Next year, during the second session of the legislature, we need to make progress towards addressing the cost of energy in this state. There are a number of bills that have been proposed that would change the way our state's energy system works, and I look forward to putting my own energy into legislation that would lower your energy costs. I also believe that working to provide support to areas hard-hit by recent mill closings should be a focus of the 2016 session. Fighting the war of drugs here in Maine will also be a top priority for lawmakers. Several bills have been proposed that will aid officers in combating the drug epidemic taking place in Maine.

You have my humble and sincere thanks for allowing me to represent you in Augusta. Please feel free to contact me at 207-287-1505 or rkatz@lipmankatz.com if you have comments or questions, or if you would like assistance in navigating our state's bureaucracy.

Sincerely,



Roger Katz
State Senator

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES } Lori A. Fowle
District 80, Serving: Augusta, Vassalboro, Windsor, Hibborts Gore

Dear Vassalboro Residents,

It is an honor to serve as your State Representative. As I enter my fourth year in office, I want you to know that I am working to retain your trust through my work at the State House and in the community.

This year the Legislature's agenda will be limited mostly to emergency legislation and bills carried over from 2015. We are scheduled to adjourn by the end of April.

Among the issues we intend to work on are finding ways to increase hiring and wages, support senior citizens, promote veterans issues, keep down energy and heating costs, and improve schools.

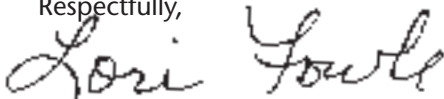
We have already begun to respond to Maine's drug addiction crisis with a bill boosting enforcement, treatment, and prevention. The House and Senate passed it unanimously, and the governor signed it.

I will also be continuing my work as House Chair of the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee. It's important that we all work together to keep Mainers safe – particularly when it comes to issues like drug addiction, domestic violence, human trafficking and bullying, both in person and on the internet.

Whether we are dealing with the above issues or any other topic, I stand ready to work with all of my colleagues, regardless of party affiliation, to make sure we're doing the best work we can for the people of our district and all the people of Maine.

Please contact me if I can be of any help or if you want to discuss or testify on any legislation. My email is lori.fowle@legislature.maine.gov, and my phone number is 872-7268. I also send out e-newsletters from time to time. Let me know if you would like to receive them.

Respectfully,



Lori Fowle
State Representative

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES } Congresswoman Chellie Pingree
1st District, Maine

Dear Friend,

I hope this letter finds you and your family well. I appreciate the opportunity to give you an update on my work in Maine and Washington. It continues to be a great honor to serve the people of Maine's 1st District in Congress.

Over the last year, I have introduced a number of bills to address the problems my constituents face. One of the most concerning issues is hunger. Nearly 50 million Americans don't have reliable access to enough food. At the same time, 40 percent of the food produced in the country goes to waste. That is why I introduced the Food Recovery Act, comprehensive legislation to cut food waste while providing more food to the people who need it.

The Safe and Affordable Drugs from Canada Act takes on another serious concern for Maine families—the high cost of prescription drugs. Just over the border in Canada, the same medications are available at half the price on average. My bill would lift a ban that prohibits consumers from importing those medications. Other bills I introduced touch on a number of issues, from helping veterans secure benefits to protecting our coastal economies. For more information on all my legislation, go to www.pingree.house.gov.

My seat on the House Appropriations Committee—which has a powerful role in setting federal funding levels—has also put me in a position to influence policies and programs that affect Mainers. A couple of examples from the last year include pushing to make Lyme disease a higher federal priority and working to protect funding for a program that has extended pre-school to hundreds of Maine children.

But not all my work takes place at the Capitol. Here at home, I had the chance to visit many communities to help celebrate their victories and discuss their concerns—critical feedback to take to Washington. And over the last year, my hard-working staff has helped hundreds of constituents on their issues with federal programs and agencies.

I hope the last year has been a good one for you and your family. As we head into another year of challenges and opportunities for our nation, I promise that your interests will continue to guide my work. Please contact my office if there's ever anything I can do for you.

Best wishes,



Chellie Pingree
Member of Congress

SENATE OF MAINE } Senator Susan Collins
Serving: Kennebec, Knox, Lincoln, Somerset Counties

Dear Friends:

It is an honor to represent Maine in the United States Senate. I am grateful for the trust the people of our State have placed in me and welcome this opportunity to share some key accomplishments from 2015.

Growing the economy by encouraging job creation was and remains my top priority. The tax-relief bill signed into law at the close of last year contains three key provisions I authored to help foster job creation and provide small businesses with the certainty they need to invest, grow, and, most important, hire new workers. Another provision I authored that became law last year gives a boost to both Maine's economy and traffic safety. This provision permanently changed the federal law that previously had forced the heaviest trucks onto our country roads and downtown streets, rather than allowing them to use Maine's federal Interstates. In addition, I was glad to help secure another significant award for the University of Maine's deepwater offshore wind initiative, which has the potential to advance an emerging industry and create thousands of good jobs in our state.

Maine's historic contributions to our nation's defense must continue. In 2015, I secured funding toward a much-needed additional Navy destroyer, likely to be built at Bath Iron Works. Modernization projects at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard that I have long advocated for were also completed, as were projects for the Maine National Guard.

I was also deeply involved in crafting the new education reform law to better empower states and communities in setting educational policy for their students. The law also extends a program I co-authored that provides additional assistance to rural schools, which has greatly benefitted our state. A \$250 tax deduction I authored in 2002 for teachers who spend their own money on classroom supplies was also made permanent last year.

As a result of a scientific evaluation of the nutritional value of potatoes required by a law that I wrote, the wholesome fresh potato finally was included in the federal WIC nutrition program. I also worked on other issues important to Maine's farmers and growers, including research on wild blueberries and pollinating bees.

As Chairman of the Housing Appropriations Subcommittee, I have made combating veterans' homelessness a priority. This year's housing funding law includes \$60 million for 8,000 new supportive housing vouchers for homeless veterans. Since this program began in 2008, the number of homeless veterans nationwide has dropped by one third. Maine has received nearly 200 vouchers to support homeless veterans.

Last year, I became Chairman of the Senate Aging Committee. My top three priorities for the committee are retirement security, investing more in biomedical research, and fighting fraud and financial abuses targeting our nation's seniors. I advocated for the \$2 billion increase in funding for the National Institutes of Health to advance research on such diseases as diabetes and Alzheimer's. The Senate also unanimously passed my bill to support family caregivers. The Aging Committee's toll-free hotline (1-855-303-9470) makes it easier for senior citizens to report suspected fraud and receive assistance and has already received more than 1,000 calls.

A Maine value that always guides me is our unsurpassed work ethic. As 2015 ended, I cast my 6,072nd consecutive vote, continuing my record of never missing a roll-call vote since my Senate service began in 1997.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve Vassalboro and Maine in the United States Senate. If ever I can be of assistance to you, please contact my Constituent Service Center in Augusta at (207) 622-8414 or visit my website at www.collins.senate.gov. May 2016 be a good year for you, your family, your community, and our state.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins
United States Senator

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS } Catherine Coyne

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

June 6, 2015, was the date for the municipal election, a continuation of the Town Meeting which was held on June 1, 2015.

The State Referendum Election was held on November 3, 2015. There were 556 ballots cast with 30 voting absentee.

The Town of Vassalboro participated in the AOS meeting and vote on December 16, 2015 at the Winslow High School.

The total number of voters as of March, 2016 is 3069 with the following party affiliation breakdown:

Democrats: 947
Republicans: 903
Green: 135
Unenrolled: 1084

You can register to vote at the Town Office anytime during office hours. When you come to register please provide a photo ID and proof of Vassalboro residency.

No absentee ballots can be issued after the Thursday before any election unless the voter signs an application, designed by the Secretary of State, stating one of the following reasons for requesting an absentee ballot after the deadline:

An unexpected absence from the municipality during the entire time the polls are open on election day;

A physical disability; or

An incapacity or illness that has resulted in the voter's being unable to leave home or a treatment facility.



CEMETERY COMMITTEE } Jim Ashton, Chair

The Vassalboro Cemetery Committee meets at the Town Office on the first Monday of the month at 9:30. There are no scheduled meetings from December to February. Interested citizens are welcome to attend. The purpose of the Committee is to review the status of the existing cemeteries in the Town and recommend appropriate measures to insure their proper upkeep and updating of records.

The Committee has joined the Maine Cemetery Association to be informed of changes and rules in Maine Cemetery regulations. A special thanks to Mary Sabins, Town Manager and Gene Field and his crew for their assistance.



Eagle Scout Candidate Parker Denico

A new fence has been installed at the Williams Cemetery on Stanley Hill Road. This fence replacement was a product of Parker Denico's Eagle Scout project. The following are some of the ongoing projects for the upkeep of the cemeteries:

- Lawn care.
- Surveying the new section of the Cross Hill Cemetery.
- Purchasing a computer record system.
- The cemetery committee is studying the possibility of having a part time sexton.
- Volunteers are needed for oversight of each of the burial grounds. Those interested in taking on such a task should contact the cemetery committee or the Town Manager.
- Repair and resetting of headstones.
- Fence repairs and upkeep in each cemetery.
- Signs at each cemetery. (Many signs have already been installed)
- Trees trimmed or removed. (In the cemeteries and along the edges)
- Cemetery location map needs to be revised.

Members of the Cemetery Committee:

Jim Ashton, Chairman, Dick Kelly, Julie Lyon, Secretary, Russell Smith, Jane Aiudi, Tom Richards

VASSALBORO CONSERVATION COMMISSION } Betsy Poulin, Chair

The Vassalboro Conservation Commission is now in its eighth year! The Conservation Commission has the responsibility of conducting research and giving advice that will help Vassalboro citizens to better utilize, protect and plan for the Town's natural resources and open areas. The Conservation Commission coordinates its activities with other existing Town committees, departments and with statewide conservation organizations.

This year, at the election of officers, Mary Ellen Johnston stepped down from her position as Chair. She led the Commission since its inception. Great work Mary Ellen! The members of the Commission include: David Jenney, Steve Jones, Mary Ellen Johnston, Holly Weidner and Betsy Poulin. The ordinance under which it functions allows up to seven members, and the Commission would love some new recruits. Contact the Town Office or a member if you are interested in serving. All meetings are open to the public and are typically held on the second Thursday of every other month.

The Conservation Commission has been a supporting partner in a series of lectures hosted by the Sebasticook Regional Land Trust at the East Vassalboro Grange Hall. The lectures served to educate the community about the proposed removal of several dams on the outlet stream and alewife introduction into China Lake. Removal of some dams, and construction of fish passageways on other dams, would occur over the next several years. Alewife introduction into China Lake has already commenced. When the alewives leave the lake (reducing the phosphorous load as they go) they travel down the Outlet Stream, to the Kennebec River and all the way to the ocean. After four years, the alewives return to China Lake and start the process all over again. Alewife activity over the past several years in Webber Pond has significantly reduced the phosphorous load and improved water quality.

The Vassalboro Conservation Commission is closely following the efforts of the Planning Board as they proceed with updates to the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance. The Commission wants to ensure the continued improvement of water quality in Vassalboro lakes, ponds and streams through careful development review.

The trails at the Vassalboro Town Forest, behind the Recreation Fields, were improved in June and September by Commission members. The two loop trails meander through diverse habitats, cross bog bridges and pass over the historic location of the Narrow Gauge Railroad. The Commission is planning to add signage to these and other trails in Town, to improve visibility for public use. Three properties in Vassalboro, managed by the Kennebec Land Trust, also have excellent trails and natural resources. The Davidson Nature Preserve, on Taber Hill Road near Hussey Hill Road, includes 97 acres with trails, lowbush blueberry fields and habitat for wildlife. The Vassalboro Wildlife Habitat, on Webber Pond Road not far from the boat landing, has two trail loops one along the Pond and one across the road through the woodlands. Seawards Mills Conservation Area, on Seawards Mills Road near Webber Pond Road, is a 44 acre parcel with trails and frontage Seawards Mill Stream which runs from Three Mile Pond to Webber Pond. We encourage you to visit these wonderful resources right in our backyard.



Contributed Photo

TOWN CLERK } Catherine Coyne

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

There were 56 births to Vassalboro residents from February 24, 2015 – February 29, 2016.

You must have proof of having held a previous hunting licenses or proof of having taken a Hunter Safety Course in order to purchase a Hunting license. You do not have to be a resident of Vassalboro in order to obtain a license.

General Assistance is a program that provides assistance with basic needs for eligible applicants who cannot provide for themselves and their families. General Assistance is administered on each Wednesday by appointment unless there is an emergency. Any person who has been assisted with General Assistance in any municipality in the state of Maine must retain all receipts to keep their eligibility. You can call 872-2826 to set up an appointment.

There were approximately 1003 dogs registered during



Town Office Staff (L to R): Front row: Debbie Johnston, Cathy Coyne, Jean Poulin. Back row: Ellery Bane, Dick Dolby, Mary Sabins.

the year of 2015. All dog licenses expire December 31st. You must have a rabies certificate in order to license your dog. You will also need to provide proof of Spay or Neutering. A spayed/neutered dog is \$6.00 and the fee for an unaltered dog is \$11.00. There is a \$25.00 late fee after January 31st. For the past several years we have held a Rabies Clinic at the North Vassalboro Fire Station in November. Dog licensing is available at the clinic. Part of the proceeds goes to the Vassalboro Food Pantry. You can reach the Animal Control Officers, Peter E. Nerber at 505-0981 or Peter A. Nerber at 530-0948.

The following are Marriage Licenses, using Maiden name, that were recorded from March 2, 2015 – February 29, 2016.

PARTY A	PARTY B	DATE MARRIED
George David Killam	Amanda Lee Gorneau	April 17, 2015
Timothy Ernest Lesiege	Darcy Jane Gould	April 25, 2015
Nicole Lynn Brundage	Steven Derek Lathrop	May 3, 2015
Timothy Kurt Mitchell	Bridget Nicole Poulin	May 12, 2015
Holly Rose Lapierre	Daniel William Malloy	May 16, 2015
Chase Patrick Gorneau	Olivia Rose Lachance	May 29, 2015
Robert Michael Watson	Michaelina Jo Berard	May 29, 2015
Tammy Lee Gurney	Raymond Joseph Poulin Jr.	June 6, 2015
Neil Richard Postlewaite	Kimberly Sue Loeschner	June 6, 2015
Joey Brian Leathers	Amanda Jean Cylik	June 6, 2015
Danielle Elizabeth Paquette	Nathaniel Edward Henry	June 9, 2015
Scott Alan White	Elizabeth Alice Fletcher	June 13, 2015
Douglas John Moore	Keisha Marie Estelle Albee	June 20, 2015
Ashley Jean Jenney	Donald Ryan Laflamme	June 20, 2015
Lisa Ann Ward	Richard Rosaire Breton	June 27, 2015
Josephine Ann Mclaughlin	Ingrid Anne Stein	July 6, 2015
Joseph Thomas Silva	Lisa Marie Roy	July 31, 2015
Stacey Lee Wilson	Renee Patricia Jolicoeur	August 15, 2015
Jody Franklin Harrison	Alicia Lynn Nadeau	August 19, 2015
Jessica Lee Nadeau	Bradley Jeffrey Hubert	August 21, 2015
Amber Lynn Lowery	Daltyn Scott Quint	August 22, 2015
Kathryn Anne Lacey	Michael Jim Kiley	August 22, 2015
Richard Garland	Samantha Amber Hyde	August 22, 2015
Elizabeth Buker	Robin Lee Chapman	August 29, 2015

Melissa Ann Lovley	William Robert Williams	August 30, 2015
Catherine Elizabeth Willett	Joshua Lee Richard	September 5, 2015
Amy Lynn Lachance	James Addison Harder	September 6, 2015
Laurah J. Brown	Lane H. Gray	September 11, 2015
Shawn Patrick Fay	Kara Marie Gidney	September 12, 2015
Mark Allan Audet	Cindy Lucy Prince	September 12, 2015
Tiffany Marie Willman	Willis Alton Moody	September 18, 2015
Brittany Nancy Oxley	Jimmy Lee Quirion	September 19, 2015
Marguerite Frances Rinaldi	Adam Lee Cullivan	September 19, 2015
Paul Matthew Theriault	Julie Anne Dyer	September 25, 2015
Michael David Pleau	Chelsie Louise Morris	September 26, 2015
Tracy Lynn Nason	Tony Michael Wright	October 10, 2015
Warren Reid Gosselin	Crystal Ann Murray	October 10, 2015
Debra Jean Cumbee	Corey William Austin	October 24, 2015
Karen Melecia Ellis	Randall Jay Hamilton	November 29, 2015
Brad Alan Devoe	Helen Christhild Cates	December 5, 2015
Jean Scarlett Rosborough	James Edward Bannen	December 6, 2015
Walter Joseph Kennedy	Jodi Marie Long	December 31, 2015
Holly Gerlaugh Gerlaugh	Stephen Bernard Assante	January 18, 2016
Dana Lewis Farley	Jessica Lynn Fisher	February 11, 2016
Olivia Rae Piselli	Allen Gifford Perkins	February 27, 2016

The Vital Statistic information listed below pertains to deaths from February 24, 2015 – February 29, 2016.

Name	Age	Location	Date of Death
Alley, Frederick Richard	86	Skowhegan	12/05/2015
Babb, Conrad W.	84	Togus	09/10/2015
Batey, Michael A.	44	Vassalboro	09/01/2015
Brann, Austin James Sr.	76	Vassalboro	01/28/2016
Bronn, Keith B	56	Augusta	03/09/2015
Collins, Jeanette Catherine	77	Waterville	11/27/2015
Crawford, Elaine Ann	72	Vassalboro	05/01/2015
Curtis, Charles L. Jr	71	Vassalboro	10/10/2015
Denico, Frederick L.	74	Augusta	12/17/2015
Dorval, Joseph Raymond	83	Augusta	05/18/2015
Getchell, Frank Alfred Sr.	98	Waterville	10/04/2015
Giroux, Elena Marie	73	Waterville	05/02/2015
Hammond, Charles Burton	80	Augusta	11/12/2015
Horne, Debra Lee	45	Vassalboro	06/20/2015
Huard, David William	63	Bangor	06/05/2015
Ifill, Robert Llewellyn	74	Augusta	04/20/2015
Knights, Richard Eugene	53	Augusta	07/01/2015
LaFleur, Kenneth Gordon	81	Scarborough	12/05/2015
Landry, Phyllis Josephine	65	Portland	09/25/2015
LeVasseur, Richard R.	47	Vassalboro	12/13/2015
McLean, Celeste I.	81	Augusta	09/04/2015
Mehuren, Vanessa Lynn	54	Vassalboro	08/18/2015
Parsons, David Alton	76	Vassalboro	08/19/2015
Pomerleau, Raymond Harvey	77	Togus USVA	11/17/2015
Pullen, Frederick Warren	86	Waterville	11/30/2015
Richards, Louise Marie	67	Augusta	09/09/2015
Rowe, Urban Sterling Jr.	86	Vassalboro	07/29/2015
Roy, Marshall Gordon	66	Vassalboro	03/10/2015
Tozier, Shirley J.	72	Bangor	07/12/2015
Watts, T Dale	66	Vassalboro	02/19/2016
Wiswell, Daniel L.	66	Waterville	12/11/2015

ASSESSOR } Ellery G. Bane, C.M.A



Unlike so many years past, the 2015-2016 tax year will actually gain some ground in the always challenging issue of tax relief for Maine residents. During the last session of the Maine legislature, an amendment to the statute regarding the homestead exemption was passed. Going forward, all Maine residents receiving a homestead exemption will see an incremental increase.

For the tax year 2016 the exemption will rise to \$15,000 and then \$20,000 in 2017 from \$10,000 previously. This, based on previous mil rates in Vassalboro, will amount to around an estimated \$70 initially and then \$140 tax savings to each applicable property.

On another front of importance, the assessing office has begun the process of the quarterly review. The quarter review is not a 'revaluation' in the sense that values are re-aligned with the current market. The purpose of the quarter review is to keep the building assessment inventory accurate and up-to-date while ensuring the Town of Vassalboro fulfills its statutory requirement (Title 36 M.R.S.A. Sec 328). This review project identifies improvements, additions that were not previously recognized, omissions from the record, and deletions appropriate for fair and equitable assessments here. The process also for the first time in years, includes the addition of photos of all the houses in town for each property record card. The photos themselves help present a much more professional looking product for the town. It certainly has been a long time coming.

For the 2015 tax year the town had a total valuation of \$308,102,400 and issued a total of 1,039 homestead exemptions. There were also 139 veterans exemptions granted in this last year. There are also 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 are applied locally and can be a help to taxpayers in easing the burdens they face in regards to property tax. I can assure you that in these trying economic times where we are continually faced with State cuts to aid municipalities, the Town of Vassalboro is diligently working to keep the impact on property taxes to a minimum. Any help that I can offer in explaining any 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.

VASSALBORO SANITARY DISTRICT } Raymond Breton

To the Town of Vassalboro,

The Vassalboro Sanitary District which board members are Al Roy, Lee Trahan, Becky Goodrich, Paul Mitnik and chair-person Raymond Breton are working with Richard Green and Dan Marks from Hoyle and Tanner Engineering and also Chuck Applebee of Water Quality and Compliance, our town manager Mary Sabins, Winslow town manager Michael Heavener, D O T, Rural Development, USDA, and many others are all trying very hard to have new pumping stations installed, hook up our three locations in town, and pump down RT 32 to Dunbar RD, Winslow. This is a very involved project. Our system now is over 30 years old and on its last leg. We need to upgrade and connect to Winslow's line. For this town to grow and expand, this new system is needed for Vassalboro to move forward. We thank everyone involved and any opinion. We meet on the third Thursday every month at 5:00 pm at the Vassalboro Sanitary District.

UNPAID PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

Acct	Name ----	Year	Tax	Adjustments	Due
359	P BRIDGET'S PLACE	2010	146.45	55.86	90.59
359	P BRIDGET'S PLACE	2011	145.00	0.00	145.00
359	P BRIDGET'S PLACE	2012	159.50	0.00	159.50
359	P BRIDGET'S PLACE	2013	171.36	0.00	171.36
359	P BRIDGET'S PLACE	2014	185.60	0.00	185.60
99	P BUTTERFIELD, LINDA	2012	256.30	0.00	256.30
99	P BUTTERFIELD, LINDA	2013	276.64	0.00	276.64
99	P BUTTERFIELD, LINDA	2014	298.24	0.00	298.24
20	P ELLIS, DUANNE	2014	158.72	0.00	158.72
305	P GERARD, ROBERT G & ANITA L	2009	149.48	0.00	149.48
305	P GERARD, ROBERT G & ANITA L	2010	149.48	0.00	149.48
305	P GERARD, ROBERT G & ANITA L	2011	148.00	0.00	148.00
305	P GERARD, ROBERT G & ANITA L	2012	162.80	0.00	162.80
305	P GERARD, ROBERT G & ANITA L	2013	175.84	0.00	175.84
318	P GRAY, CHARLES	2013	150.08	3.35	146.73
318	P GRAY, CHARLES	2014	161.28	0.00	161.28
277	P GREEN, JOHN PAVING	2011	206.00	0.00	206.00
277	P GREEN, JOHN PAVING	2012	226.60	0.00	226.60
277	P GREEN, JOHN PAVING	2013	244.16	0.00	244.16
277	P GREEN, JOHN PAVING	2014	263.68	0.00	263.68
90	P MASSE, MATTHEW	2014	32.00	0.00	32.00
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
99	P MORNEAU, PAUL J	2010	235.33	0.00	235.33
99	P MORNEAU, PAUL J	2011	233.00	0.00	233.00
314	P NOLL, ETHAN E.	2008	69.00	0.00	69.00
314	P NOLL, ETHAN E.	2009	75.75	0.00	75.75
314	P NOLL, ETHAN E.	2010	75.75	0.00	75.75
314	P NOLL, ETHAN E.	2011	75.00	0.00	75.00
314	P NOLL, ETHAN E.	2012	82.50	0.00	82.50
314	P NOLL, ETHAN E.	2013	89.60	0.00	89.60
314	P NOLL, ETHAN E.	2014	96.00	0.00	96.00
352	P NORTHERN QUALITY CONCRETE LLC	2012	37.40	0.00	37.40
262	P WILLOUGHBY, MILTON	2013	23.52	0.00	23.52
261	P WW PRECISION MACHINERY INC	2011	560.00	307.63	252.37
261	P WW PRECISION MACHINERY INC	2012	567.60	0.00	567.60
261	P WW PRECISION MACHINERY INC	2013	605.92	0.00	605.92
261	P WW PRECISION MACHINERY INC	2014	650.24	0.00	650.24
355	P YMI WRENCHING, LC	2014	266.24	0.00	266.24
Total for 42 Accounts:			8,827.43	366.84	8,460.59

UNPAID REAL ESTATE TAXES

Acct	Name ----	Year	Tax	Adjustments	Due
71	L BAILEY, PAULA	2014	1,147.60	0.00	1,147.60
2311	L BARTLETT, RICHARD & LYNNE	2014	2,040.90	0.00	2,040.90
117	L BECKWITH, ALEX & VICKY	2014	640.41	0.00	640.41
854	L BIBBER, LINWOOD	2014	1,838.57	0.00	1,838.57
163	L BLUMBERG, SARA "HEIRS"	2014	1,453.64	446.11	1,007.53
187	L BOULETTE, KATHY	2014	102.10	0.00	102.10
2287	L BOURGET, BRUCE K & MARY N	2014	1,212.78	0.00	1,212.78
1869	L BREARD, RHONDA L & PAUL C	2014	738.71	69.31	669.40
258	L BRIGGS, DAVID R	2014	746.62	0.00	746.62
265	L BROCK, CARL	2014	71.48	0.00	71.48
268	L BROCK, CARL	2014	144.64	0.00	144.64
2519	L BROCK, CARL	2014	212.54	0.00	212.54
2520	L BROCK, CARL	2014	245.92	0.00	245.92
2972	L BROCK, CARL	2014	165.94	0.00	165.94
272	L BROCK, CARL & AMY	2014	104.76	0.00	104.76
273	L BROCK, CARL & AMY	2014	296.52	0.00	296.52
270	L BROCK, CARLETON E & AMY L	2014	74.14	0.00	74.14
271	L BROCK, CARLETON E & AMY L	2014	309.92	0.00	309.92

2581	L	BROCK, CARLETON E & AMY L	2014	212.54	0.00	212.54
2582	L	BROCK, CARLETON E & AMY L	2014	148.64	0.00	148.64
2679	L	BROCK, CARLETON E & AMY L	2014	1,080.94	0.00	1,080.94
2680	L	BROCK, CARLETON E & AMY L	2014	167.35	0.00	167.35
2618	L	BROCK, CARLTON	2014	243.34	0.00	243.34
3076	L	BROCK, CURT	2014	265.81	0.00	265.81
300	L	BROWN, TIMOTHY MARC	2014	99.36	0.00	99.36
2541	L	BURNS, PETER & CHERYL	2014	782.82	0.00	782.82
2480	L	BURNS, RICHARD	2014	2,798.68	0.00	2,798.68
1524	L	BUTTERFIELD, LINDA	2014	2,241.98	0.00	2,241.98
1528	L	BUTTERFIELD, LINDA	2014	1,813.20	0.00	1,813.20
1082	L	C.I.S. ENTERPRISES, LLC.	2014	2,134.35	31.72	2,102.63
1747	L	CAHOON, DEBORAH E	2014	974.58	767.31	207.27
2472	L	CAIN, RICHARD B JR & DEBORAH	2014	2,725.69	0.00	2,725.69
1302	L	CAIN, RICHARD B JR & DEBORAH A	2014	2,713.70	0.00	2,713.70
2619	L	CARTAGENA, BONNIE	2014	333.81	0.00	333.81
1203	L	CHANG, HUICHEN	2014	1,214.02	0.00	1,214.02
456	L	CLOWES, HARLAN A	2014	529.56	0.00	529.56
447	L	CONARY, CRAIG D.	2014	1,045.08	0.00	1,045.08
513	L	CROSBY, HOWARD E	2014	430.86	0.00	430.86
64	L	CUMMINGS, LEON E	2014	919.73	0.00	919.73
535	L	CUMMINGS, LEON E	2014	1,457.71	0.00	1,457.71
3360	L	CUMMINGS, LEON E	2014	275.22	0.00	275.22
3361	L	CUMMINGS, LEON E	2014	279.21	0.00	279.21
3362	L	CUMMINGS, LEON E	2014	276.55	0.00	276.55
3363	L	CUMMINGS, LEON E	2014	272.55	0.00	272.55
3365	L	CUMMINGS, LEON E	2014	273.88	0.00	273.88
3366	L	CUMMINGS, LEON E	2014	267.22	0.00	267.22
3367	L	CUMMINGS, LEON E	2014	272.55	0.00	272.55
3368	L	CUMMINGS, LEON E	2014	267.22	0.00	267.22
3369	L	CUMMINGS, LEON E	2014	271.22	0.00	271.22
3370	L	CUMMINGS, LEON E	2014	216.62	0.00	216.62
3371	L	CUMMINGS, LEON E	2014	219.28	0.00	219.28
3372	L	CUMMINGS, LEON E	2014	216.62	0.00	216.62
536	L	CUNNINGHAM, LINDA	2014	914.68	0.00	914.68
1125	L	DIXON, MARK	2014	386.81	0.00	386.81
1126	L	DIXON, MARK	2014	212.67	0.00	212.67
693	L	DYER, DAVID & TANYA	2014	1,151.44	0.00	1,151.44
2684	L	DYER, THOMAS	2014	222.11	0.00	222.11
1137	L	EWING, PETER	2014	534.80	0.00	534.80
765	L	FIELD, JOHN P & MARIETTA F	2014	557.53	0.00	557.53
3066	L	FORTIN, GREGORY E. (JR.) & JENNIFER G.	2014	2,652.21	89.41	2,562.80
3428	L	FROST, ROGER	2014	134.24	0.00	134.24
847	L	GAGNON, JUNE S	2014	1,075.53	0.00	1,075.53
3374	L	GASPAR, KRISTY	2014	339.06	0.00	339.06
2777	L	GIDNEY, ADAM J	2014	1,148.78	0.00	1,148.78
2099	L	GRAY, PATRICIA C & CHARLES H	2014	1,267.20	0.00	1,267.20
3350	L	HALLET, LLEWELLA CLARY	2014	340.55	0.21	340.34
978	L	HAMMEREN, JAMES	2014	1,182.16	0.00	1,182.16
1017	L	HEMPHILL-JOSEPH, GRETA	2014	1,074.20	0.00	1,074.20
2840	L	HOPPER, MICHELLE C.	2014	680.20	0.00	680.20
1820	L	HOWARD, KEITH W. & LISA A.	2014	1,046.32	32.92	1,013.40
3269	L	JOSE, JODY	2014	971.58	0.00	971.58
1153	L	JOSEPH, FRANCIS E, TRUSTEE	2014	1,271.28	0.00	1,271.28
723	L	JOSEPH, GRETA	2014	683.95	0.00	683.95
2936	L	JURDAK, STEVEN	2014	674.72	226.96	447.76
2429	L	KARTMAN, MICHAEL J SR	2014	677.46	0.00	677.46
533	L	LANPHIER, BELINDA M.	2014	1,312.56	0.00	1,312.56
111	L	LAPLANT, SUSAN J.	2014	1,789.37	0.00	1,789.37
2036	L	LAPLANT, SUSAN J.	2014	313.91	0.00	313.91
1278	L	LEMIEUX, SHEILA	2014	1,461.62	86.51	1,375.11
3018	L	LILLY, RHONDA J.	2014	526.98	0.00	526.98
1396	L	MARDEN, SUSAN M	2014	736.04	292.95	443.09
2885	L	MCCAUSLAND, CRAIG	2014	1,004.96	0.00	1,004.96
2529	L	MCNEIL, WILLIAM	2014	730.64	0.00	730.64
1523	L	MORNEAU, PAUL J	2014	212.63	0.00	212.63
1527	L	MORNEAU, PAUL J	2014	1,572.32	0.00	1,572.32
1540	L	MUNSTER, PRISCILLA M	2014	1,297.83	0.00	1,297.83

1593	L	NOLL, ETHAN	2014	1,637.40	0.00	1,637.40
2934	L	NOLL, ETHAN	2014	469.55	0.00	469.55
77	L	OVERLOCK, TODD	2014	424.25	0.00	424.25
2523	L	PEASLEE, DANIEL	2014	2,054.54	0.00	2,054.54
1404	L	PINKHAM, KIRBY L.	2014	1,046.32	0.00	1,046.32
1264	L	POIRIER, CHRISTOPHER	2014	1,085.60	0.00	1,085.60
1735	L	POOLER, CLIFFORD A	2014	2,014.44	1,320.25	694.19
1750	L	POULIN, JAMES & BRENDA	2014	472.30	0.00	472.30
651	L	PULLEN, KEVIN & LISA	2014	76.88	0.00	76.88
652	L	PULLEN, KEVIN B & LISA	2014	207.39	0.00	207.39
1814	L	RATTE, JOANNE	2014	365.72	0.00	365.72
2910	L	RICHARDS, JEFF & MICHELLE	2014	148.79	0.00	148.79
1865	L	RICHARDS, PATRICIA A	2014	387.00	0.00	387.00
1866	L	RICHARDS, REBECCA	2014	817.27	0.00	817.27
1303	L	RONCO, EILEEN LINDBERG & JAMES F JR	2014	1,442.98	550.14	892.84
2980	L	SMITH, BERTELLE & KIMBERLY	2014	253.82	0.00	253.82
78	L	SOPER, RUSSELL H	2014	251.16	0.00	251.16
2064	L	SPAULDING, WILLIAM H.	2014	1,398.99	0.00	1,398.99
2073	L	SPICER, JILL	2014	915.82	834.04	81.78
458	L	SPRAGUE, HAROLD A. & JODI L.	2014	1,350.24	1,218.56	131.68
3250	L	STONE ROAD CORPORATION	2014	323.56	0.00	323.56
3253	L	STONE ROAD CORPORATION	2014	324.88	0.00	324.88
3255	L	STONE ROAD CORPORATION	2014	315.57	0.00	315.57
3256	L	STONE ROAD CORPORATION	2014	334.21	0.00	334.21
1811	L	SUGA, LINDA	2014	1,199.30	0.00	1,199.30
2128	L	SUGA, LINDA	2014	1,174.00	0.00	1,174.00
1571	L	SUGA, RICHARD J	2014	236.68	0.00	236.68
1669	L	SUGA, RICHARD J	2014	155.45	0.00	155.45
1670	L	SUGA, RICHARD J	2014	155.45	0.00	155.45
2576	L	SUGA, RICHARD J	2014	256.49	0.00	256.49
384	L	SUGA, RICHARD J.	2014	2,580.46	0.00	2,580.46
2119	L	SUGA, RICHARD J.	2014	397.73	0.00	397.73
2127	L	SUGA, RICHARD J. & RHONA R.	2014	2,278.16	0.00	2,278.16
2457	L	SUGA, RICHARD JOSEPH	2014	692.20	0.00	692.20
2172	L	THOMPSON, PETER	2014	1,247.32	0.00	1,247.32
2187	L	TOTO, DANIEL A JR & MARCIA	2014	1,445.73	1,375.89	69.84
2088	L	TREE FREE FIBER CO.	1997	175.74	-11.98	187.72
2088	L	TREE FREE FIBER CO.	1998	323.32	30.50	292.82
2088	L	TREE FREE FIBER CO.	1999	333.10	-12.25	345.35
2088	L	TREE FREE FIBER CO.	2000	380.14	-12.93	393.07
2088	L	TREE FREE FIBER CO.	2001	396.09	-12.93	409.02
2088	L	TREE FREE FIBER CO.	2002	405.29	-5.00	410.29
2088	L	TREE FREE FIBER CO.	2003	442.38	-12.64	455.02
2088	L	TREE FREE FIBER CO.	2004	401.51	-12.64	414.15
2088	L	TREE FREE FIBER CO.	2005	363.35	0.00	363.35
2088	L	TREE FREE FIBER CO.	2006	382.04	-8.32	390.36
2088	L	TREE FREE FIBER CO.	2007	294.44	0.00	294.44
2088	L	TREE FREE FIBER CO.	2008	305.37	-8.54	313.91
2088	L	TREE FREE FIBER CO.	2008	16,087.40	-8.54	16,095.94
2088	L	TREE FREE FIBER CO.	2009	905.45	0.00	905.45
2088	L	TREE FREE FIBER CO.	2010	894.63	-8.75	903.38
2088	L	TREE FREE FIBER CO.	2011	885.66	0.00	885.66
2088	L	TREE FREE FIBER CO.	2012	977.03	0.00	977.03
2088	L	TREE FREE FIBER CO.	2013	998.62	-9.74	1,008.36
2088	L	TREE FREE FIBER CO.	2014	1,026.19	0.00	1,026.19
2282	L	VLODEK, KENNETH	2014	1,412.34	0.00	1,412.34
2305	L	WEBBER, RICHARD C & RITA J	2014	94.21	0.00	94.21
2307	L	WEEKS, RONALD A	2014	1,295.96	0.00	1,295.96
2310	L	WELCH, PAMELA	2014	1,576.40	0.00	1,576.40
479	L	WILLETT, SAMANTHA	2014	867.80	0.00	867.80
243	L	WOLFINGTON, LLC.	2014	353.73	0.00	353.73
2382	L	WOOD, SHANE	2014	677.46	0.00	677.46
2451	L	WOOD, SHANE	2014	688.03	0.00	688.03
2487	L	WOOD, SHANE	2014	103.52	0.00	103.52
2488	L	WOOD, SHANE	2014	92.87	0.00	92.87
2447	L	YEATON, SANDRA J & JEFFREY A	2014	604.30	0.00	604.30
2624	L	YELITZ, RONALD P.	2014	184.94	0.00	184.94
Total for 153 Accounts:				133,014.38	7,248.53	125,765.85

VASSALBORO FOOD STATION PANTRY } Cindy Ferland, Exec. Dir.

In 2015, the Vassalboro Food Station Pantry (VFSP) had over 282 families sign up for food assistance. The pantry provided 2,637 food boxes to Vassalboro residents. Unfortunately 2015 was our busiest year ever, yet our amazing community made it possible for the pantry to help our neighbors in need.

Our heartfelt thank you goes out to all our generous supporters. The pantry would not be possible without them. Some of our loyal supporters are: Ray Breton & the ghost busters, The Edward & Avis Noel family, Wayne Bowers, Town of Vassalboro, Jim & Rachel Kilbride (St. Bridget's Garden), Dana Sumner, Mid-State Machine Foundation, Maine Savings Fed. Credit Union of Vassalboro employees, the two Hannaford Stores of Augusta, Ray Haskell Ford of Oakland for sponsoring the upkeep of the pantry van, Country Kitchen Thrift Store of Waterville, Vassalboro United Methodist Church, The Vassalboro Riverside Congregation Church, Vassalboro Postal employees, Togus VA in Augusta employees, Art and Linda Kingdon, Mike and Jill Pleau, Don Breton, John and Elizabeth Reuthe, Sappi of Skowhegan, Gregory and Rose M. Fortin, Employees of Pleau's Market in Winslow, Don and Lisa Robbins, Jim and Evelyn Ashton, Nathan and Missy Bigelow, Deb Fortin of Classic Designs and Embroidery, George Jones, Maggie Harrigan, Vassalboro Girl Scouts Troops 1139 & 2000, In Memory of Shari Howard and many more anonymous donors.

In 2015, the VFSP assisted:

50-55 Families served weekly
56 Families – Easter baskets
82 Families - Thanksgiving baskets
98 Families - Christmas baskets
60 Families w/gifts for children

Source of Funds:

50% Donations/Grants
25% USDA-food only
25% Fundraising

The VFSP provides food and hygiene products for low income, disabled and elderly community members at no cost. The pantry is open every Thursday from 11-12 for any Vassalboro resident in need of assistance.

Board Members: Diane Bailey, Cindy Ferland, Albert Ferland, Cheryl Sherwood, David Sherwood, and Tina Breton

For more information about the VFSP or to volunteer please call 873-7375 or "Like" us on Facebook for our updates.



Some of the volunteers and families at the Annual Volunteer Appreciation BBQ

VASSALBORO HISTORICAL SOCIETY } Jan Clowes, President

The Vassalboro Historical Society volunteers worked hard in 2015 to refresh, clean and organize our buildings and collections. Building Director, Dave Bolduc and board member Roy Brackett are shown scraping years of paint off the front doors of the Museum. Dave says that a final coat of paint will be applied in the spring. Board member Chuck Ferguson has worked diligently not only to meet our glazing needs, but also to bind our collection of Town Line Newspapers.



The Historical Society hosts public programs on the second Thursday of January, March, May, July, September, and November. This year our speakers included Dale Potter Clark resurrecting her ancestor Relief Savage Gordon, the John Gawler family entertaining us in a musical tribute to Holman Day, Don Robbins speaking about the Masse Mill, and Kit Alexander leading a research lesson on "Our Vassalboro Neighbors in 1870." (Gawler family photo is attached).



Board member, Russ Smith, has taken the lead on Thursday mornings, cleaning and organizing town papers from the early 1900s. These documents show a history of the town and include invoices and contracts,



and the ordinances naming town roads through the years. Russ is shown here at our annual January Show and Tell meeting, revealing some of his favorite finds. Volunteers also do research requested by writers, students, and genealogists from the west coast to Canada's eastern coast.

Sadly, the Society said goodbye in October to one of our founders, Frank Getchell. Frank's input and vision helped to shape this wonderful organization into what it is today, as he and the other founders created and developed our mission to:

"...bring together people interested in history, particularly the history of the Town of Vassalboro..."

"...discover, collect, preserve and make available to the public any material...which may...establish or illustrate the history of that area..."

"...disseminate historical information and...arouse interest in such matters..."

"...co-operate with other historical societies in preserving and making available material of any sort, particularly things of more than local interest."

In 2015 we accepted the donation of an early Vassalboro Fire Dept. hose reel, vintage clothing, and books and documents. We also received items to be sold in our Thrift Shop, which will open in the spring. Watch for the Open flag near the blacksmith shop in East Vassalboro. We hope you will stop in for great deals which will also support the Vassalboro Historical Society. Annual memberships are always available and start as low as \$8 (for senior citizens) or \$12 for general membership. Please contact us for more information at 207-923-3505, on our Facebook web page, or on our website at www.vhsme.org.

VASSALBORO PUBLIC LIBRARY } Dawn Thistle, Director

Vassalboro Public Library has served Maine's largest town for over a century and has been led by fewer than 10 librarians in that time. In my nearly 10 years at Vassalboro Public Library, I was granted the opportunity to serve an extraordinary community in an intimate and most gratifying way. I know with certainty that I have never held -- and doubt I may I ever hold again -- such a precious post. In December, I was offered (and accepted), a full-time employment opportunity much closer to my new home in Richmond. My decision was not made lightly nor without emotion, knowing that it meant I would no longer be able to call Vassalboro my second home. The Library Association included me in helping select Vassalboro's next librarian and I believe we could have found no one more worthy, gifted, and ideal for the position and the community than Donna Lambert. I am delighted to introduce her to you -- and her to such a wonderfully supportive community. Her arrival has made this most bittersweet transition much easier for me and I know she has already found her way into many Vassalboro hearts. I wish here to welcome her -- and to thank the Library, its volunteers, patrons, and Board, and the town of Vassalboro for being among the longest, loveliest, and most gratifying chapters of my life.

So, looking back, where do we stand today compared to when the reins were first passed to me? Well, we are Automated and Live! The library's catalog has gone from a purely physical incarnation to one that is entirely digital -- online, searchable, and accessible from anywhere. Nearly all of our circulation is now automated -- and quickly and easily tracked. We joined the state's interlibrary loan delivery system, saving money in postage, and bringing the entire statewide network of library resources to our door each week; our marvelous patronage visits regularly and continues to grow. In short, we've fully joined the modern library world in a most painless way. I couldn't have hoped for better, nor enjoyed the journey more.

FY 2014-15 welcomed over 6,700 patron visits and circulation increased to nearly 15,000 items. Over 700 patrons accessed our high-speed Internet access on three public accessible computers and many more used our free Wi-Fi available for personal laptops and mobile devices, as well as full color printing for all. Our local history and genealogical collection remained a prized resource, drawing researchers from diverse locales. As ever, we prided ourselves in supplying patrons with exactly what they come looking for -- and, when there was a rare hiccup, our waiting lists were short and we put in every effort to find a copy of whatever was sought, as quickly as possible.

As ever, we give great thanks for our outstanding team of volunteers, without whom we would be entirely lacking. Logging nearly 1300 hours over the year, they help make it all happen -- and each and every effort is an invaluable contribution to our library and our community. Space does not allow an exhaustive list of all who contribute their time

and energy, but the following deserve special recognition for their incalculable efforts and unflagging dedication: Sylvia Michaud, Jim Ashton, Lore & Chuck Ferguson, Irene Forster, Myrna & Paul Duplessie, Sue & Phil Haines, Debbie Clarke, Susan Manning, Valerie Sugden, Helen LaFleur, Art & Linda Kingdon, Susan Taylor, Susan Bouchard, Susan Kiralis, Liz McMahon, Victor Esposito & the REACH Kids, George O'Connor, Esther Bernhardt, Debra Crump, Vickie Limberger, Greg Seamans, David Shipman, Marcia Tyrol, Ann White, the Welch Family, and although we do not get to see her as often these days, we always welcome any and all time spent with our cherished volunteer, Eleanor Getchell. We thank, you one and all!

Vassalboro Public Library has weathered more than a century of history and change. It remains -- and will remain -- the welcoming gathering place and cherished resource that folks have loved for well over 100 years. Its latest chapter has been among the most exciting, engaging, and service-minded eras of our history. I could not have enjoyed a decade of greater import or satisfaction -- and, indeed, the next chapter is only set to rival the last! We have long fulfilled the promise to bring you the books, movies, and services you request and enjoy; today we can do so more efficiently and more affordably than ever before. It has been a true delight to be a part and parcel in the process. We offer something for everyone and, if we don't have it we'll find it, one way or another -- whether through interlibrary loan or acquisition. We are here to serve; we do and we will!

As a vibrant community center delivering access to information, ideas and entertainment for everyone, we are proud to maintain the services and value upon which Vassalboro has relied for over a century. We provide personalized service and dedication to patrons and projects every day. Our most anticipated annual Book & Bake Sale & Silent Auction just gets bigger and better every year -- always the Saturday after Labor Day and a highlight of Vassalboro Days -- mark your calendars now! Visit our website, search our catalog online, find us on Facebook, and, above all, stop by the library in person and often! We are open Mondays & Wednesdays (12:30-8PM) and Saturdays (10AM-6PM) -- pick up a bestseller, discover a new author, research a favorite topic, connect online, print documents, learn something new, volunteer, meet up with friends and neighbors, or just say hello!

You are always welcome at the Vassalboro Public Library.

Respectfully submitted with gratitude, appreciation, and the happiest of memories,
Dawn Thistle
Outgoing Librarian and Director

CHINA REGION LAKES ALLIANCE } Jim Hart, President

The CRLA was founded in 1995 by the Lake Associations of China Lake, Three Mile Pond, and Webber Pond, along with the Towns of Vassalboro, Windsor, and China, and the Kennebec Water District. The idea is to cooperate on common projects that are designed to protect and improve water quality in our member lakes. This pools resources and talent, which saves time and money to the benefit of our community and Lakes. Notably, the CRLA was the first regional lake alliance in the State of Maine. Now, there are five other regional lakes organizations in the State that are adopting the same models and rationale.

For the third year running, Webber Pond enjoyed clean, clear water quality in 2015 without an algae bloom. This remarkable turnaround in water quality coincides with the 'opening of the fish ladder' on Webber Pond in 2011 which provided full access and restoration of sea-run alewife fishery to their historic habitat. To draw any other conclusion from the dramatic improvement in water quality, would overlook the long history of algae blooms on Webber Pond.

CRLA's two top priorities in 2016 are to improve water quality in China Lake and Three Mile Pond and is helping to restore alewife here too. CRLA works shoulder-to-shoulder with the Maine Rivers, the Sebasticook Regional Land Trust, and the Maine Department of Marine Resources to develop plans to realize unfettered fish passage in these streams connecting ponds to the river.



In addition, CRLA manages the boat inspection program (i.e. Courtest Boat Inspectors) on each of the public boat launches to guard against Aquatic Invasive Species and Milfoil from invading our lakes. 'An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure', when it comes to keeping these out of the lakes. CRLA operates the Youth Conservation Corp, as well. The program helps landowners address erosion and storm-water control issues on gravel roads, culverts, and vegetative buffers. An example of a rip rap job by YCC on Fire Road 10 in China is shown in Figure 1, below. These programs are terrific opportunities for high school summer jobs and applications can be obtained from the Town Office.

CRLA wishes to extend its sincere appreciation to the Town of Vassalboro for its foresight, fortitude, and support of all of these conservation efforts for our community.

*Figure 1
CRLA Youth Conservation Corp
Rip rap to mitigate shoreline erosion*

THE ALEWIFE RESTORATION INITIATIVE } Landis Hudson, ARI Member

It was a busy year for Alewife Restoration Initiative project partners, which now include China Region Lakes Alliance, Maine Department of Marine Resources, Maine Rivers, Sebasticook Regional Land Trust, China Lake Association, The Nature Conservancy, USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service, and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. The goal of the project is to remove obsolete dams and establish free fish passage at the six Outlet Stream barriers that currently block access to China Lake from the Sebasticook River. The team has been focusing on fund raising, planning, permitting and other logistics to complete the project.

When finished, the Alewife Restoration Initiative will allow free passage for an annual run of 800,000 to 950,000 adult river herring, significant numbers of American eel, and will benefit sea lamprey, white sucker and brook trout.

Engineering students from the University of Maine focused on the Outlet Dam, where a technical fishway will be incorporated into the existing dam. This goal is to allow fish into and out of China Lake while retaining water level management capacities of the dam.

Design work was started to incorporate a technical fishway into the Ladd Dam. At this site the goal will be to keep the site's recreational value for swimmers, while allowing fish to move past the dam during the migratory season. The fishway at the Ladd Dam will be where the fish are harvested for the Town of Vassalboro, creating a new source of revenue for the Town, as has been the case with alewives harvested from Webber Pond.

Project partners conducted several site visits to the Masse Dam and sawmill in 2015. The project was awarded a competitive grant of \$148,300 from the Maine Natural Resource Conservation Program for work to remove the Masse dam and sawmill. The sawmill and dam will be deconstructed as part of the project, with efforts made to find homes for some of the historic equipment.



Restoration team members include Jennifer Irving (Sebasticook Regional Land Trust); Landis Hudson (Maine Rivers), Ray Breton, Nate Gray (Maine Department of Marine Resources). Image by Jim Hart.



Volunteer Aaron Podey explores life along the Outlet Stream with young friends during September drawdown of the Masse Dam. During the exercise, partners were able to collect information about the stream channel as part of the Alewife Restoration Initiative. Image by Sandy Olson.

SEVERAL VASSALBORO



Fred Pullen

When Freddie Pullen opened Freddie's Service Center over 50 years ago, no one knew that it would become a vital hub in Vassalboro. With a ready smile and a twinkle in his eye,

Freddie provided excellent car care. His shop also serves as a gathering spot for locals as they "shot the breeze," dickered for purchase of a vehicle, or simply stopped in for some like-minded company.

Freddie was a member and Past Master of the Vassalboro Masonic Lodge, a member of Kora Temple Shrine of Lewiston, and former president of the Used Car Dealers Association. For many years, summer Saturday nights would find Freddie and his wrecker at Unity Raceway, where he earned a 50-year service award. He was also a member of the Maine Motorsports Hall of Fame.

Freddie passed away on November 30, 2015, but his legacy lives on with his sons at the helm, as Freddie's Service Center continues to serve the community as it has for so many years.



Frank Getchell

Getchell's Corner was lifelong home to Frank Getchell, who passed away on October 4, 2015, at the age of 98. Frank served in the Air Force in World War II and was a

lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. The Getchell family was one of the founding families of Vassalboro and had a presence in the area at least as far back as 1747. In the 1960s, Frank became one of the original founders of the Vassalboro Historical Society, helping to shape an organization that continues to preserve Vassalboro's artifacts and history.

Frank's strong work ethic and entrepreneurial spirit led to the creation of Getchell's Apple Orchard where he raised and sold a variety of apples. In his later years, Frank opened and operated Getchell's Corner Store providing both convenience and conversation for travelers on Route 201. The Getchell family continues its presence in Vassalboro, and Getchell's Corner remains an important part of the town.

ICONS PASS IN 2015.



Rick Denico

On December, 15 2015, Vassalboro lost a community leader and a friend in the passing of Frederick "Rick" Denico. Rick strongly believed in public service and held many positions in

town – including selectman, chairman of the sanitary district, and school board member. He also served on several committees including budget, comprehensive planning, town office building, and capital improvement. Rick was chairman of the new library building committee and worked tirelessly on the library expansion.

His love of nature prompted him to create a non-profit, the Lock Dam Preservation. According to the Bangor Daily News, "During the past few years, the nonprofit Lock Dam Preservation Association has helped the Maine Department of Conservation repair three critical dams on the Allagash Wilderness Waterway." Rick was appointed by Governor LePage for two terms on the Allagash Wilderness Waterway (AWW) and recently served as its chairman.

The Lock Dam Preservation organization, the AWW, and the town of Vassalboro – all are richer and stronger because of the generous and caring influence of Rick Denico.



Bent Schlosser

In 1972, Vassalboro became home to Bent & Ulla-Britt Schlosser. Born in Denmark, Bent became a naturalized U.S. citizen in 1959. He made it obvious by his service to

Vassalboro and to the State of Maine that his love for his new country, state, and town ran deep.

Bent worked for the State of Maine for 18 years, in several finance positions including Director of the Office of Review for the state's legislature. He served as a member of Vassalboro's budget committee for more than 10 years during the 70s and 80s, was elected selectman 1976-1979 and after his retirement from the State of Maine in 1990, served again as selectman from 1991-2000, as chairman for those ten years.

Bent Schlosser passed away on May 19, 2015. Though he and his family moved away from Vassalboro, the contributions that Bent made during his service will remain.

VASSALBORO TRANSFER STATION } George Hamar, Manager

It's our pleasure serving those who utilize our wonderful transfer station and recycling facility here in Vassalboro. I am grateful for the opportunity to share what's been going on at the facility in 2015. As always our focus is to operate in accordance with the Maine Department of Labor and Environmental Protection regulations and standards, a clean, safe and friendly place to dispose of household wastes and recyclables.

I would like to thank all who recycle for their dedicated efforts. Also our transfer station attendant, Thomas O' Rourke for his hard work and service to the facility and the Vassalboro public works and town office staff for all their services they provide.



(L-R) George Hamar and Tom O'Rourke

Back in November of 2014 Request for Bids were sent to several local engineering firms to evaluate our current facility and operation, requesting a more efficient and economical transfer station layout and design, and to safely accommodate modern day traffic in and out of the facility. C.E.S. from Auburn was the winning bid for this request.

In January 2015 C.E.S. sent a preliminary design to the Town office for review. A meeting was set up to present the plans with the board for discussion. In February CES Representative Chris Snowdeal met with the Board of selectmen. Mr. Snowdeal described the design with two options for layout changes. Both options included construction of a new building that will house two compactors. One for household trash and the other for zero sort recycling. The floor of the building would be strategically placed ovetop of two compactor break away container's on a cement pad below. One plan included building a new facility entrance with a larger two lane drive-through building which would allow traffic to safely continue forward through the facility without having to back up to unload their trash or recyclables. The other option would be to use the current facility entrance/exit with a smaller two lane building that residents must still have to back into. Total costs for the larger building and new entrance were nearly \$1.3 million the other option was priced at nearly \$1 million. The Board agreed they liked the concept of the plans but funding them will be a challenge. No other formal action was taken. These plans can be seen at the town office by request for all whom are interested.

We at the transfer station work hard to encourage recycling and educate everyone on the rising costs associated with the disposal of Municipal Solid Waste (MSW). A pay as you throw or pay per bag system may be the only way to decrease the tonnage of MSW and to save tax dollars by recycling.

Zero-Sort recycling was introduced in December of 2013 at the transfer station. This program is a convenient and less confusing way for everyone to recycle. It means you only have to make one sort separating your recyclables from your trash. Everything that we required to be separated in the past such as newspapers & magazines, mixed paper/box-board, plastics # 1-7, Tin & Aluminum cans, glass bottles and jars can now all be put together in one container or bag and brought to the transfer station. Then at your preference, you can either empty your bag /container or toss your bag (if clear) into the designated Zero-Sort container. We can also recycle into the Zero-Sort, larger rigid plastics such as empty five gallon pails, old plastic totes, garbage cans etc.

This year I anticipate plans to construct a block wall and concrete pad on the northwest side of the trash hopper, and to place an 40 or 50 yd. open top roll-off container, so when disposing of normal household trash into the compactor, residents will conveniently be able toss their Zero-Sort recyclables into this container right next to it... sort of a "one stop shop".

Ultimately in the near future a major redesign of the facility would allow a more efficient and effective way to recycle and create a safer traffic flow. Just think if we could save \$30,000 -\$50,000 a year by getting more people to recycle, this may offset the cost of a new facility redesigned and to prepare for our future generations of trash disposal and long term savings.

This past October will be the 5th year we have participated in the annual Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection day, sponsored by the KVCOG of Fairfield. This event was once again held at the Winslow public works garage. The collection was for residents that preregistered first at the transfer station. Then at the scheduled day they could bring all their hazardous wastes such acids, pesticides, gasoline and much more. Thirty-nine units were collected from Vassalboro residents, each unit being equivalent to 5 gallons. All materials collected at this event were contained and recycled by Environmental Projects Inc. and E-waste. Both whom are licensed handlers and transporters. This is a great annual event for anyone who may have some of these wastes and are not sure how to dispose of them.

In June of 2015 a new product stewardship program called Paint Care was approved by the Maine D.E.P. Now anyone wishing to dispose of old architectural paints can go online to www.paintcare.org and enter their zip code in the space provided to find a current list of approved local Drop-Off locations.

Please continue to recycle all of your old electronics. The large tan building at the transfer station is now being used for the Universal Waste (e-waste) we collect. These items include televisions, computers, printers, iPad's, game consoles, cell phones, batteries, fluorescent light bulbs and other misc. electronic devices. These contain heavy metals and other hazards and are required by Maine State law to be recycled. Service windows on the building have been labeled with user friendly signage for collecting these materials.

Participating in recycling and educating each other of these savings is everyone's responsibility. We thank all of those who recycle for their dedicated efforts. Keep up the good work!

There has been a lot in the news lately on the future disposal of trash in Maine. Waste disposal contracts between Penobscot Energy Recovery (PERC) and about 180 towns and cities in the state will end in 2018. The Municipal Review Committee or MRC is the organization that represents these communities. Anyone interested in learning more about this can go to their website at mrcmaine.org to get the latest information on the post 2018 plan.

We look forward continuing to serve the residents of Vassalboro. We are open for discussion with any of those who seek a sensible, balanced and sustainable solution to increase recycling and reduce the waste that tax dollars are paying to dispose of. Please join us in keeping your transfer station a clean and fun place to dispose of all your household wastes and recyclables.

You can pick up our current transfer station fee schedule and Zero-Sort recycling brochure either at the town office or the transfer station. Please stop by the transfer station today to learn what can be recycled and save your tax dollars! And don't hesitate to see Tom or myself if you have any questions.



Photo by George Hamar

THE FACTS

1,310 Tons of MSW (Trash) was thrown away at the transfer station in 2015...

THAT WAS EQUIVALENT TO
25 TONS A WEEK...

This cost in tax dollars over \$100,000
(Not including hauling costs)

Everything that gets thrown away and not recycled is currently costing the tax payers, in Tipping fees \$79.00 per ton. And every time the trash compactor is full it costs \$225.00 per haul.

Almost 60-70 % can be recycled from your trash.

Currently there are no tipping fees per ton for the Zero-Sort recycling. The only expense is to haul it, which is still cheaper at \$115.00 per trip.

Vassalboro Recycled in 2015

- 157 tons of Zero-Sort Recyclables
- 58.8 tons of Corrugated Cardboard
- 12.16 tons of Universal Waste (e-waste)
- 1126 Fluorescent light bulbs
- 5.32 tons of Clothing
- 87.3 tons of misc. Metals
- 7 tons of Used Tires
- 785 gallons of Waste Oil & Antifreeze
- 58.98 tons of Demolition Wood (CDD)
- 22.2 tons of Compost (leaf and garden waste)
- 6 tons of other reusable items (swap shed)

RECREATION DEPARTMENT 2015-2016 } Jennifer Fortin, Director

The Vassalboro Recreation Program is open to all children ages 4-12 who are interested in participating in Soccer, Basketball, Baseball and Softball. Our Mission is to give all Vassalboro children the opportunity to participate in group and individual athletic programs that encourage healthy lifestyles while keeping all participants safe.

Vassalboro Recreation involves many facets. We organize team sports for Soccer, Basketball, Baseball and Softball as well as undertaking Field and Property Maintenance at our Rec Fields on the Bog Road, Coaching, Volunteering, Fund-raising and more. There are many Vassalboro residents who volunteer their time to work with our youth as coaches and helpers and our programs would not be as successful as they are without them. THANK YOU to our Rec Committee, our Coaches, our Players, our Parents and Friends who are dedicated and supportive of our programs throughout the year. The proverb "It takes a village to raise a child" is certainly evident in our daily experience with the Recreation department.

Highlights from the past year include an increased number of participation in our soccer program with over 80 kids! This year we have had a very successful basketball program with over 100 players! Our coaches focused on skills as well as emphasis on being a team player and always encouraging our young players to do their very best and most importantly, to have fun. We continued work to improve the condition of the softball field. Sports Fields Inc. worked on the softball field to give our girls a smooth and safe playing surface. Last Spring we fielded 10 Softball and Baseball teams. Our Majors Baseball Team, coached by Darren Rodrigue and Donald Decker and assisted by Stephen Polley and Ryan Desmond, battled all season long and won the Dirigo Baseball Little League Championships!

This past year we updated many of our uniforms and purchased new equipment for baseball and softball. Our soccer goals and nets were also replaced. This spring, we will be purchasing a new batting cage net. This spring we will rebuild the 3 baseball fields at the Rec Complex in town. We are working on reducing our registration fees so that more families will be able to participate in our programs. We are very thankful to exist in a town that invests and values our young people and the programs that we are able to provide through the Recreation Committee.

We are always open to new ideas, suggestions for improvement, volunteers and coaches to join us in working with our youth and interested in improving our Recreation Program. Please feel free to contact me if you are interested in joining us.

Members of the Recreation Committee are Kevin Luczko; Tiffany Luczko; Stephen Polley, Soccer Commissioner; Hillary Polley, Kevin Wood, Kimberly Glidden, Softball Commissioner; Marc Cote, Baseball Commissioner; Jennifer Fortin, Rec Director and Ben Loiko, Alternate.



Contributed Photo

Dirigo Baseball Little League Champions!!

ROAD COMMISSIONER } Eugene Field

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

In the summer of 2015 the Public Works crew prepared the roads to be paved by ditching them, cutting brush back on them, and replacing culverts as needed. The crew did a major reconstruction of the Reynolds Road and the Priest Hill Road intersection changing it from a Y intersection to a T intersection. Wellman Paving was awarded the paving bid for a cost of \$74.35 a ton for 9.5 mm surface mix and \$72.22 a ton for 19.0 mm base mix.

Wellman paved the following roads by shimming them and then applying an inch of surface. The Mudget Hill Road, Hunt Road and the reconstruction sections of the Priest Hill and Reynolds Road was paved with the 19.0 mm mix.



Front: (L-R) Shawn Bragg, Gene Field, Shane Cole.
Back: James Wentworth

Priest Hill Road (from Main Street to the Fortin Road)	\$ 51,941.65	base mix 0– 11,969.74
Reynolds Road	10,916.07	base mix – 3,374.12
Hunt Road (top of hill to the bottom)	-0-	base mix – 11,971.19
Mudget Hill Road (from Route 3 to the towers)	-0-	base mix – 38,266.49

TOTAL – \$65,581.54

Church Hill Road	126,786.82
South Court	2,081.80
Maple Street	13,086.34
Lane Street	12,928.72
Canal Street	2,223.07
Willow Street	8,224.60
Horse shoe	5,381.45
Wyman Road	4,612.67
Fortin Road intersection	4,428.29

TOTAL \$242,611.48

GRAND TOTAL PAVING \$308,193.02

As of this writing the paving plan for the summer of 2016 is to do the following, if the budget and time allows. To complete the Priest Hill Road and the Mudget Hill Road, and all of the Burleigh Road. The Town crew will prepare these roads for paving by ditching, replacing culverts, and brush removal.

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 Mudget Hill Road, Priest Hill Road, Reynolds Road, Nelson Road, Dow Road, and the Lombard Dam Road. Other work completed was the ditching of the Dow Road. The public works crew cleaned up all the Cemeteries. The road side mowing was done by contracting it out.

I would like to thank my crew of James Wentworth, Shawn Bragg and Shane Cole for their dedicated work. If you have questions about any road project, please don't hesitate to contact the Public Works Garage at 923-3985 or E- Mail at vasspublicworks@fairpoint.net

ERSKINE ACADEMY } Michael McQuarrie, Headmaster



Dear Friends of Erskine Academy:

It has been an enterprising year of school improvement and increased and accelerated student achievement for Erskine Academy.

Last spring, our successful reaccreditation by the New England Association of Secondary Schools (NEASC) affirmed Erskine Academy's effective and efficient use of human and fiscal resources to implement the school's mission and long-held traditional values. We were commended by the Commission for our comprehensive and extensive programming to meet diverse student abilities, interests and needs: our well-maintained physical plant; our carefully cultivated, distinctive, and healthy school culture; and our commitment to the success of every student. Areas currently being strengthened by our improvement plan include: the professional and leadership development of our faculty; an ongoing analysis of student work and achievement data; and scheduling regular reviews and revisions of our curriculum.

As the State of Maine has legislated "proficiency-based" diplomas for all public school students, Erskine Academy has instituted its own system to enable students to exceed proficiency. Our approach is to analyze our current students' and recent graduates' achievement data and experiences to inform program improvements and enhancements. Recent developments and trends include: In our third year as a MELMAC Education Foundation school, we have increased students' preparedness and aspirations for continuing their education after high school, resulting in our 87% continuing education rate for a third consecutive year. We have reduced barriers to accessing higher education and once in college, our graduates require less remedial coursework than their public school peers. For fall 2014, we connected more students to the University of Maine at Augusta than any other high school. This fall, we were named by the University of Maine at Farmington as their top high school for students who graduate in four years with a degree.

Teachers' professional development has focused on ensuring that an Erskine Academy diploma signifies that its holder has met the academic and behavioral performance standards demanded by industry, the workplace and adulthood. In its fifth year, our Jobs for Maine Graduates (JMG) program has increased student exposure to various forms of higher education and vocational trades programs, and teaches essential work seeking, training and employment retention skills. By valuing all students and believing they deserve a welcoming school and professional teachers who will build on their strengths, 20% of our students receive academic or special education support services to meet our learning standards. Orienting ourselves to our learners in this manner, for a fourth consecutive year, 98% of our students graduated high school in four years, one of the highest graduation rates in the state, and our dropout rate is less than 1%.

We continue to create the conditions to make our students more competitive for higher learning and marketable for the workplace by increasing relevance and rigor in our program of studies. Second only to its host school, Cony, we have the largest enrollment at the Capital Area Technical Center, where nearly sixty students will earn a certificate in a craft or trade. This past year, 142 students took at least one of our seventeen Advanced Placement courses, a 9% increase over the previous year; and we had 197 enrollees in one or more of our ten dual enrollment courses with local colleges. Both types of courses are taught here by our teachers, resulting in nearly two-thirds of the graduating class earning college credits while in high school at a considerable savings in college tuition. Nearly 68% of our class of 2015 earned college credits while attending Erskine Academy, which we estimate to be the financial equivalent of approximately \$347,000.00 at the University of Maine tuition rate. It is for this achievement that we were recognized by the College Board and the University of Maine, and we were one of only seven Maine schools to be named America's Most Challenging High Schools for 2015 by the Washington Post.

With 590 students in grades nine through twelve, Erskine is the largest town academy in Maine to serve a nearly 100% local contingent, and one of few schools whose entire enrollment attends on a school choice basis. Our students continue to be drawn primarily from eight central Maine towns and humble, hard-working backgrounds to experience a school program that blends traditional values with contemporary programs and best practices to become the most

academically and personally prepared young people in the region. To support this heritage, for a fifth time, we brought nearly 250 area sixth graders to our school for a program of early exposure to high school designed to build their confidence for doing high school work.

Pursuing excellence and our mission is a continuous and unyielding work in progress. With our institutional strengths now validated and a school improvement plan established, we are committed to adding value to the diploma and the high school experience. We will transition and transform with the times to do our very best for our students by providing quality educational experiences and the conditions to inspire them to their highest potential in school, at work, and within their communities.

We are grateful to our students, families, alumni and sending communities for their confidence in and support for Erskine Academy. Together, we create a school and legacy that adheres to what we know is right and good for our young people—preparation for quality living founded on scholarship, leadership, stewardship, and relationships.

Onward Erskine!

CODE ENFORCEMENT } Dick Dolby, CEO/LPI

I joined the Town of Vassalboro's staff as Code Enforcement Officer/LPI in May. All communities with a population over 4,000 residents are obligated to enforce the provisions of the state adopted building code commonly referred to as MUBEC. The Maine Uniform Building Energy Code establishes the minimum standards for construction of all structures. Residential structures are governed by the International Residential Code (2009 edition) while commercial structures come within the scope of the International Building Code (2009 edition). There are standards for both residential and commercial structures in the International Energy Conservation Code (2009 edition).

The MUBEC code requires all applications for new construction to be accompanied by a set of plans that explain the project in detail. While commercial projects require a design prepared by a licensed architect or engineer residential projects may be designed by the building owner. Most property owners seek the guidance of their contractor or lumber supply companies who provide limited design assistance.

Permits for new construction require several on-site inspections before an Occupancy Permit can be issued. They include the foundation, framing, insulation, internal plumbing, and a final inspection prior to moving in.

The Planning Board has had numerous submissions for site plan reviews and consideration of a subdivision. The Planning Board is presently in the process of reviewing the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance for suggested revision put forward by the State of Maine Department of Environmental Protection. At the request of the Town Selectmen they have been meeting twice a month in an attempt to complete the project.

I recognize most of us don't like to be told what to do. I agree whole heartedly - voluntary compliance is much easier than any level of enforcement. So, I would encourage those contemplating even a minor project to call or drop by the town office to discuss your project. Who knows, you may not even need a permit.

During the past year construction consisted of:

- 7 new residences
- 23 residential additions
- 11 mobile homes
- 15 garages
- 20 barns/sheds
- 1 home occupation
- 1 commercial self/storage
- 1 swimming pool
- 22 internal plumbing permits
- 19 external plumbing permits for septic systems.

There are 3 licenses for automobile hobbyists and 6 licensed junkyards.

During the year we had 1 request for an appeal of the local ordinances which was heard by the Board of Appeals and was granted.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS } Eric L. Haley

AOS #92 - Vassalboro, Waterville and Winslow

Good evening everyone, another year has passed, another 8th grade has moved beyond our school walls and it is Town Meeting time again. I am pleased to tell you that the Vassalboro Community School (VCS) has now been completely renovated from the fire of February 2014. All of this work and materials were paid for with insurance money from the claim we made.

Vassalboro Community School has enjoyed another year of tremendous support from the community, parents and students. The successful completion of our mission statement and work with children would not be possible without the thousands of volunteer hours offered by the very talented and thoughtful people of this community. Thank you again for another year of working together for the benefit of our children.

We were very excited this year to be part of a federal grant that pays for a four-year-old pre-K program at the VCS. All families have to be income eligible in order to enroll but we do have 14 pre-K students this year and it is a start to something we think will grow over time and as finances allow us to expand.

Every year's budget is a challenge to balance the needs of the children with the ability of the community to pay. This year's budget was no exception but hopefully we have found that balance and it is something you can support.

As always, I want to thank our School Board for their countless hours of volunteering to ensure a quality education for the children of Vassalboro. Chairman Kevin Levasseur along with Susan Tuthill, Libby Loiko, Jolene Gamage, and Phillip Landry deserve a great big thank-you from all of us. Their compassion and sincerity for helping build a quality pre-K through 8th grade school does not go unnoticed.

Assistant Superintendent, Peter Thiboutot, has highlighted some of the VCS curriculum/assessment work below. As you can see, it has been another busy year providing an appropriate and rigorous education for our students.

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS } Peter Thiboutot

Vassalboro Community School, along with other schools in AOS 92, continues with the implementation of several major initiatives. One of the initiatives includes an expectation that each school district will comply with the rules of Chapter 508 of Title 20-A, which states that school districts are expected to develop and implement a performance evaluation and professional growth system for teachers and building administrators. The elements of the evaluation system must include the following components:

- Standards of professional practices by which teachers and building administrators are evaluated;
- Multiple measures of effectiveness, including student learning and growth;
- Four level rating system that differentiates among educators based on standards of professional practice and multiple measures, and attaches consequences to each level;
- A process for using information from the evaluations to inform professional development;
- Implementation procedures that ensure fairness, including a requirement for regular evaluations, ongoing training, peer review components, and a local steering committee to review and refine the system; and
- The opportunity for an educator rated “ineffective to implement a professional improvement plan.

As a result, Vassalboro Community School is in its second year of piloting the Marzano model for evaluating teacher effectiveness. This model is built upon a framework based on specific instructional strategies that research has shown to be most effective. Teachers and administrators have started using the model in the evaluation process. Both teachers and administrators report that the Marzano model is an excellent instrument when looking at meaningful professional development. They report that the model provides specific examples through the use of rubrics as to how teachers and administrators can improve their craft. The plan is to have the evaluation program fully implemented in the fall of 2016.

Another major initiative this year has been the continued work with curriculum alignment. Teachers in the various content areas have been working with Mary Boyle, literacy and instructional specialist, to align their curricula to the Maine Learning Results. This lays the foundation for continued work to ensure that all Vassalboro Community School students are prepared for new high school requirements, which require that diplomas be issued based on documentation of proficiency in the various content areas, beginning in 2021.

In a change from last year, the State of Maine will no longer be using the Smarter Balanced Test as their state assessment. Instead, they will use a new assessment, developed by Measured Progress, referred to once again as the Maine Educational Assessment. This assessment will continue to measure how students are doing in English Language Arts and Math in grade 3-8. The MEA science assessment will continue to be administered to students in grades 5 and 8, as it has in the past.

In closing, I would like to formally recognize and thank the staff and administration at the Vassalboro Community School for their leadership and commitment to the above initiatives. None of these initiatives could have been accomplished without their dedication and professionalism. They truly are an incredible group of educators.

VASSALBORO FIRE DEPARTMENT } Eric Rowe, Fire Chief



Eric Rowe

Last year was a busy year. Firefighter Mike Vashon was successful in applying for several grants on behalf of the fire department of which we were awarded. There is a lot of documentation that is required for most grants. A grant awarded from the Sukeforth Foundation allowed the fire department to purchase another thermal imaging camera. This purchase now means that two fire trucks at both stations have a thermal imaging camera on board. These cameras continue to be an essential part of firefighting. It can help locate someone in total darkness, smoke, fog and fire, as well as locate someone who may have been ejected from a vehicle in an accident. They can also be used to detect fires within walls or hot spots in a chimney.

A grant was awarded to the fire department from the Kennebec County EMA for a Quantifit Fit Tester. This fit tester is a piece of equipment that each fire fighter who is SCBA (Self Contained Breathing Apparatus) certified has to be fit tested annually. This involves the fire fighter donning his SCBA Mask and going through a movement and breathing exercise to insure that there is no leak between the mask and the fire fighter's face. This new tester reduces the time it takes to conduct the test to approximately 5 minutes. The grant was approved with the understanding that the fit tester would be shared with both Chelsea and Winslow Fire Departments.

Another grant was awarded to the fire department from FEMA for some extrication equipment and some fire hose. The extrication equipment, also known as "the jaws of life", is much easier and quicker to set up than our old equipment. By having this equipment, each fire station now has a truck in it that has this equipment on board. As with anything that gets old, we have had to replace some fire hose that no longer meets NFPA standards.

If you remember, there is an article in the town warrant every year asking you to approve spending up to \$20,000 in matching funds from surplus in the event that the fire department is awarded some grants. Some of the above grants require no matching funds from the town, and others did. The total cost of the equipment awarded from the above grants cost \$56,400....with the town having to pay \$10,994. Thank you for your continued support of this article.

Listed below are some of the 103 types of calls the Vassalboro Fire Department responded to in 2015.

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|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| (7) Structure Fires | (12) Vehicle Accidents w/injury |
| (14) 10-55 (Vehicle accidents) | (9) Tree Down/Power Line Calls |
| (2) Grass/Woods Fire | (15) Mutual Aid Calls |
| (4) Carbon Monoxide Alarms | (25) Other misc. Calls |
| (2) Chimney Fires | (10) Fire Alarms |
| (2) Unauthorized Burns | (1) Dog – Ice & Water Rescue |



Every year, the fire department members have several fund raisers. Two of which are the Hunter's Breakfast in the fall, and the Ice Fishing Derby in the winter. With the funds raised from these events as well as miscellaneous donations over the past several years, the membership voted to spend \$25,000 of their funds to build a bay onto the Riverside Fire Station. This was completed last year and has allowed us to store our boat there, along with other misc equipment so as not to clutter the bays where the trucks are parked. Our future plans for the Riverside Fire Station include finishing an upstairs room to serve as a meeting room. The membership also voted to donate \$1,000 to Ray Breton to help with purchasing playground equipment for the parks he has created in the North.

The Vassalboro Fire Department is pleased to announce that we have several new members who have joined the department and will begin training this year. We would like to welcome Pete Allen and Derek Burbank. As of this writing, there are several other applications that are being reviewed.

Remember to help us help you. When driving by your residence at a reasonable driving speed, can you clearly see your house number on either side of your mailbox or on your house in the daylight and at night? Please place 4" high numbers on both sides of your mailboxes and on your house, to assist us in finding you in the event of an emergency.

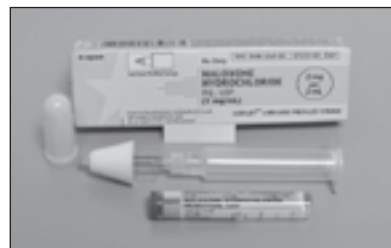
It goes without saying, that I would like to thank all the members of the Vassalboro Fire Department for the countless hours they have spent making Vassalboro a safer place to live. Many hours are spent not only fighting fires, but firefighter training, servicing trucks, and keeping up with state regulations. I would also like to thank the firefighter's wives for their support for the times that their spouses are away from home and family. In addition, I would also like to thank the town officials and the Vassalboro residents for their continued support of the fire department. We are fortunate and thankful to enjoy such a supportive community.



LED Disks used to mark driveways



Fire Department thermal imaging camera and extrication tools



Narcan used by First Responders

VASSALBORO FIRST RESPONDERS } Daniel Mayotte, CCEMT-P, Chief

The Vassalboro First Responders continue to be very active. We have a great group of volunteers that give a lot to the town. We currently have a roster of 9 members of all varying license levels, from Emergency Medical Technician to Paramedic. We now have almost two years under our belt and have some better statistics to share with everyone.

These numbers are from January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015. Our average response time was 7 minutes and 29 seconds according to the State. We responded to 173 calls for service. Here is a quick rundown on some of the most common calls we have respond to:

Abdominal Pain	4	Bleeding	3	Unconscious Person	6
Chest Pain	14	Overdose	3	Unknown Problem	13
Seizure.....	5	Mental Health.....	12	Breathing Problem.....	13
Diabetic Emergency.....	4	General Illness.....	29	Traumatic Injury.....	7
Falls	28	Stroke	10	Cardiac Arrest.....	2
Allergic Reaction	2	Traffic Incidents	16		

We do have some new items that have been added to our trusty response bags. We now all carry Narcan. It is a drug that reverses the effects of an opioid overdose. To aid in faster care we have also added little flashing LED disks. They are used to mark driveways and camp roads so that Delta can quickly find us. All of the members now have a very highly visible responder jacket. They meet the national safety standards as well as blood born pathogen protection.

Our budget request remains flat for the upcoming year. Our budget is down to simple operating costs. Several of our everyday items are replaced by Delta with no expense to us. However items like medications, batteries, radios, pagers fall under this budget.

One of the reoccurring issues that we are finding are poorly addressed homes. Please take a moment to make sure the numbers on your house or mailbox are present and visible. It has caused several delays. The 911 dispatchers have to call back and get additional descriptors in order for us to find you. It adds time to the call and could adversely affect your health. If you need help with your addressing numbers, please contact us and one of us will help you.

I would like to thank the Residents, Selectmen and Town Manager for your continued support. I truly hope that you see the value that this service offers to the town and that you will continue to support it.

If you would like to contact us for non-emergency communication please go through the town office or email us at VassalboroFirstResponders@gmail.com

VASSALBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT } Richard Phippen, Chief



I'd like to bring you up to date on important issues that affect our health and safety:

The crisis of prescription opiates and heroin addiction is plaguing Vassalboro as well as the other communities across Maine and the United States as reported in the media daily. Please call me if you see any suspicious vehicles or unusual activity in the community. Often the drug suppliers are from out of state and need a local host to set up and start distributing drugs in the community. Don't hesitate to call and sooner than later is better. Often people mistakenly think the police are aware of the activity and express surprise when the situation becomes public some time later. The police cannot be everywhere

and might not know about illegal activities and could use your help. Sometimes family members realize they have a member addicted to drugs and don't seek out help hoping things will improve on their own, but data suggests that is unlikely without professional help. The sooner police are made aware and an investigation started, the likeliness fewer people will get addicted.

Maine people are not accustomed to the amount of violence surrounding this type of addiction issues and often out of state visiting dealers are committing serious violent crimes including murders, as several have been committed in central Maine recently.

Almost all of the burglaries and thefts being committed in Vassalboro are being committed by drug addicted people. Some of the steps you can take to lessen your chances of becoming a victim are: locking your car and house and do not leave valuable items laying around.

It's very important to either mark your house or mail box so that emergency responders can find your house quickly when responding to the many emergencies both accidental and health issues that occur at home.

The most prevalent complaint I receive from residents is speeding. Please be considerate for walkers, runners, and bikers. Sometime it reminds us if we imagine ourselves in that vulnerable place that we should slow down. Sometimes people do not know who to call or what number to use when needing a police officer, dial 911 and a dispatcher trained to do triage will answer 24 hours of the day and they will connect you to the right expertise level of response.



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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Board of Selectmen
Town of Vassalboro
Vassalboro, Maine

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Vassalboro, Maine, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Vassalboro, Maine as of June 30, 2015, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, budgetary comparison information and pension information on pages 4 through 10 and 50 through 53 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. We 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 our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Vassalboro, Maine's basic financial statements. The combining and individual non-major fund financial statements are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by Title 20-A MRS §6051, Sub-chapter 1(K) of the Maine Revised Statutes as amended, and is also not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The combining and individual non-major fund financial statements and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards are the responsibility of management and were derived from and related directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

RHR Smith & Company

Buxton, Maine
January 19, 2016

The complete audit report is available for inspection at the town office.

TOWN OF VASSALBORO, MAINE

BALANCE SHEET – GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2015

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Totals Governmental Funds
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,220,339	\$ 22,948	\$ 1,243,287
Investments	757,219	-	757,219
Accounts receivable (net of allowance for uncollectibles):			
Taxes	259,747	-	259,747
Liens	100,018	-	100,018
Other	104	-	104
Due from other governments	4,680	69,764	74,444
Inventory	-	9,187	9,187
Prepaid items	31,395	-	31,395
Due from other funds	45,282	443,598	488,880
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 2,418,784	\$ 545,497	\$ 2,964,281
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable	\$ 14,214	\$ -	\$ 14,214
Due to other governments	8,779	-	8,779
Accrued expenses	318,609	-	318,609
Accrued compensated absences	47,105	-	47,105
Due to other funds	443,598	45,282	488,880
TOTAL LIABILITIES	832,305	45,282	877,587
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Prepaid taxes	5,604	-	5,604
Deferred tax revenues	197,019	-	197,019
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	202,623	-	202,623
FUND BALANCES			
Nonspendable	31,395	103,497	134,892
Restricted	-	330,145	330,145
Committed	-	24,092	24,092
Assigned	91,878	77,984	169,862
Unassigned	1,260,583	(35,503)	1,225,080
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	1,383,856	500,215	1,884,071
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 2,418,784	\$ 545,497	\$ 2,964,281

TOWN OF VASSALBORO, MAINE

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Totals Governmental Funds
REVENUES			
Taxes:			
Property	\$ 3,916,941	\$ -	\$ 3,916,941
Excise	734,883	-	734,883
Intergovernmental revenues	4,043,526	628,635	4,672,161
Charges for services	37,990	45,450	83,440
State of Maine on-behalf payments	312,000	-	312,000
Other revenues	241,160	46,936	288,096
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>9,286,500</u>	<u>721,021</u>	<u>10,007,521</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
General government	423,320	-	423,320
Public safety	198,276	-	198,276
Public works	539,452	-	539,452
Culture and recreation	52,615	-	52,615
Social services	12,009	-	12,009
Education	6,909,241	621,215	7,530,456
County tax	306,692	-	306,692
Solid waste	265,794	-	265,794
Other	46,891	2,700	49,591
State of Maine on-behalf payments	312,000	-	312,000
Debt service:			
Principal	78,973	-	78,973
Interest	3,002	-	3,002
Capital outlay	176,913	-	176,913
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>9,325,178</u>	<u>623,915</u>	<u>9,949,093</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>(38,678)</u>	<u>97,106</u>	<u>58,428</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers in	90,517	137,183	227,700
Transfers (out)	<u>(137,183)</u>	<u>(90,517)</u>	<u>(227,700)</u>
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>(46,666)</u>	<u>46,666</u>	<u>-</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	(85,344)	143,772	58,428
FUND BALANCES - JULY 1, RESTATED	<u>1,469,200</u>	<u>356,443</u>	<u>1,825,643</u>
FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30	<u>\$ 1,383,856</u>	<u>\$ 500,215</u>	<u>\$ 1,884,071</u>

TOWN OF VASSALBORO, MAINE

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE – BUDGETARY BASIS
 BUDGET AND ACTUAL – GENERAL FUND
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Budgetary Fund Balance, July 1, Restated	\$ 1,469,200	\$ 1,469,200	\$ 1,469,200	\$ -
Revenues				
Taxes:				
Property taxes	3,914,200	3,914,200	3,916,941	2,741
Excise taxes	630,750	630,750	734,883	104,133
Intergovernmental revenues:				
Education subsidy	-	3,764,983	3,764,983	-
State revenue sharing	109,500	109,500	129,916	20,416
Local road assistance	65,000	65,000	63,764	(1,236)
State park sharing	1,500	1,500	3,001	1,501
Homestead exemption	67,229	67,229	60,961	(6,268)
Tree growth	15,000	15,000	15,378	378
Veterans exemptions	2,000	2,000	2,640	640
Other	488	488	2,883	2,395
Charges for services	31,000	33,235	37,990	4,755
Interest income	-	-	9,901	9,901
Interest/fees on taxes	32,000	32,000	37,373	5,373
Sale of town property/ assets	-	30,758	7,758	(23,000)
Miscellaneous revenue	84,000	183,214	186,128	2,914
Transfers from other funds	-	75,000	90,517	15,517
Amounts Available for Appropriation (Inflows)	<u>6,421,867</u>	<u>10,394,057</u>	<u>10,534,217</u>	<u>140,160</u>
Charges to Appropriations (Outflows)				
General government	429,975	434,975	423,320	11,655
Public safety	185,158	224,696	198,276	26,420
Public works	601,640	615,992	539,452	76,540
Culture and recreation	50,029	78,810	52,615	26,195
Social services	14,767	14,767	12,009	2,758
Education	2,845,257	6,939,732	6,909,241	30,491
County tax	307,000	307,000	306,692	308
Solid waste	294,035	297,535	265,794	31,741
Debt service:				
Principal	78,973	78,973	78,973	-
Interest	3,002	3,002	3,002	-
Capital outlay	105,000	205,000	176,913	28,087
Other	78,596	109,546	46,891	62,655
Transfers to other funds	109,235	137,183	137,183	-
Total Charges to Appropriations (Outflows)	<u>5,102,667</u>	<u>9,447,211</u>	<u>9,150,361</u>	<u>296,850</u>
Budgetary Fund Balance, June 30	<u>\$ 1,319,200</u>	<u>\$ 946,846</u>	<u>\$ 1,383,856</u>	<u>\$ 437,010</u>
Utilization of restricted fund balance	\$ -	\$ 156,778	\$ -	\$ (156,778)
Utilization of assigned fund balance	150,000	232,628	-	(232,628)
Utilization of unassigned fund balance	-	132,948	-	(132,948)
	<u>\$ 150,000</u>	<u>\$ 522,354</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (522,354)</u>

MUNICIPAL EXPENDITURES } JULY 1, 2014 - JUNE 30, 2015

ADMINISTRATION

Appropriation:	\$ 397,075.00
Expenditures:	
Personnel service	\$ 295,516.70
Insurance	8,152.23
Utilities	7,465.42
Building Maintenance	11,781.36
Printing/Advertising	4,115.27
Audit/Legal/Dues	15,091.77
Office Supplies/Equipment	5,622.59
Technology/Postage/Other	28,064.03
Registry of Deeds	6,392.84
Carry forward for voting machine	+ 5,000.00
Reimbursement for TIF Legal Fees	+ 15,517.42
Balance	\$ 35,390.21

PUBLIC WORKS

Appropriation:	\$ 440,695.00
Expenditures:	
Personnel Services	\$ 237,413.35
Insurance	21,886.11
Sand/Salt/other contracts	40,366.92
Vehicle Expenses/Equip.	113,481.89
Garage Utilities/Supplies	25,119.83
Bridges/Culverts/signs	4,213.62
Carry forward for truck painting	+ 5,000.00
Balance	\$ 3,213.28

SOLID WASTE

Appropriation:	\$ 294,035.00
Expenditures:	
Personnel Services	\$ 89,324.03
Insurance	4,579.09
Bldg Maint, Water Monit, Engineering	17,960.95
Utilities/Supplies	4,067.67
Disposal/Hauling/Recycling	138,273.49
Carry forward – facility maintenance	+ 3,500.00
Balance	\$ 43,329.77

ROAD PAVING/GRAVEL ROADS

Appropriation:	\$ 160,945.00
Expenditures:	
Paving	\$ 152,814.58
Striping	10,692.00
Gravel Roads/Maintenance	5,866.10
Carry forward – paving & cold patch	+ 9,352.00
Balance	\$ 924.32

FIRST RESPONDERS

Appropriation:	\$ 15,000.00
Expenditures:	
Equipment/Radios	\$ 10,128.86
Dispatch fees	1,574.73
Licensing Fees	250.00
Malpractice/Work Comp Ins.	610.27
Operations/Misc. fees	150.00
Balance	\$ 2,286.14

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation:	\$ 93,448.00
Expenditures:	
Utilities	\$ 15,072.39
Insurances	9,222.32
Repairs	8,987.42
Training/Equipment/Supplies	25,998.52
Radios	1,750.25
Bldg Maintenance	8,809.63
Firefighter stipend	6,212.00
Chief Stipend	3,000.00
Dispatching	26,374.27
Carry forward to purchase thermal image camera	+12,000.00
Balance	\$ 21.20

PUBLIC SAFETY

Appropriation:	\$ 40,710.00
Expenditures:	
Employee Costs	\$ 21,007.29
Insurances	2,373.82
Supplies/Vehicle Maintenance	7,607.67
Humane Society	6,900.60
Carry Forward – Police per diem coverage	+ 1,780.00
Balance	\$ 4,600.62

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT/RESERVES

Appropriation:	\$ 110,000.00
Expenditures:	
Plow Truck	\$ 101,913.00
Transfer Station Reserve	5,000.00
Balance	\$ 3,087.00

MUNICIPAL EXPENDITURES } JULY 1, 2014 - JUNE 30, 2015

RECREATION/SUMMER YOUTH

Appropriation:	\$ 15,000.00
Expenditures:	\$ 23,769.19
Carry forward from previous years	15,698.23
Balance	\$ 6,929.04

RECREATION/ROUTE #3 REST AREA

Appropriation:	\$ 300.00
Expenditures:	\$ 0.00
Balance	\$ 300.00

LIBRARY

Appropriation:	\$ 31,729.00
Expenditures:	\$ 31,729.00
Balance	\$.00

UTILITIES

Appropriation:	\$ 36,000.00
Expenditures:	
Street Lights	\$ 16,409.37
Hydrant Rental	19,420.52
Balance	\$ 170.11

CEMETERIES

Appropriation:	\$ 18,000.00
Expenditures:	
Care of Cemeteries	\$ 32,411.25
Carry forward	+14,450.00
Balance	\$ 38.75

GENERAL ASSISTANCE

Appropriation:	\$ 3,500.00
Expenditures:	
Shelter	741.51
Balance	\$ 2,758.49

ASSESSMENT

Appropriation:	\$ 32,900.00
Expenditures:	
Contract Assessor Costs:	\$ 26,400.00
Maps/Dues/Supplies	3,321.11
Postage	2,135.25
Balance	\$ 1,043.64

SOCIAL SERVICES

Appropriation:	\$ 11,267.00
Expenditures:	
Hospice	\$ 1,600.00
Food Pantry	1,500.00
Family Violence	2,250.00
KV Mental Health	3,500.00
Senior Spectrum	1,000.00
Sexual Assault & Crisis Center	1,417.00
Balance	\$.00

MISCELLANEOUS REQUEST

Appropriation:	\$ 14,500.00
Expenditures:	
Historical Society	\$ 3,000.00
Snowmobile Club	1,500.00
C.R.L.A.	10,000.00
Balance	\$.00

DEBT SERVICE

Appropriation:	\$ 81,975.00
Expenditures:	
Fire Truck Loan (payment #2 of 3)	\$ 81,975.00
Balance	\$.00

COUNTY TAX

Appropriation:	\$307,000.00
Expenditures:	\$306,691.66
Balance	\$ 308.34

EDUCATION (Local funds only.)

Appropriation:	\$ 2,845,257.00
Expenditures:	\$ 2,845,257.00
Balance	\$.00

WARRANT } Annual Town Meeting, June 6, 2016 – June 14, 2016

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, 2016, at 6:30 in the evening to elect a moderator to preside at said meeting, then and there to act on Articles 1 through 59, 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 14th day of June 2016, then and there to act on Articles numbered 60 to 62. 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 2016:

John Melrose
Richard Phippen
Rick Denico, Jr.
Doug Phillips
Elizabeth Reuthe

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 09-26-16
One-fourth of taxes due on 11-28-16
One-fourth of taxes due on 02-27-17
One-fourth of taxes due on 04-24-17

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 2016-2017 tax commitment:

Excise Tax	\$ 725,000
Agent Fees	14,000
Snowmobile agent fees	2,000
Boat Excise Tax	6,000
Interest/Penalties	32,000
State Revenue Sharing	135,000
State Road Assistance	64,000
Tree Growth Reimbursement	16,000
State Park Sharing	1,500
Veterans Exemption	2,500
Miscellaneous	4,000
Permit Fees	8,500
Solid Waste/Recycling	55,000
Franchise Fee/Cable Fees	14,000
Clerk Fees	7,000
Surplus	150,000
TOTAL REVENUES:	\$ 1,236,500

Selectmen Recommend: \$1,236,500

Budget Committee Recommends: \$1,236,500

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$424,043 for **Administration**.

Selectmen Recommend: \$424,043

Budget Committee Recommends: \$424,043

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$43,300 for **Assessment Costs**.

Selectmen Recommend: \$43,300

Budget Committee Recommends: \$43,300

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,000 for **Capital Improvements/Reserves** as follows:

Plow Truck Reserve	\$ 25,000
Transfer Station Reserve	10,000
Total Capital Improvements/Reserves:	\$ 35,000

Selectmen Recommend: \$35,000

Budget Committee Recommends: \$35,000

PUBLIC WORKS

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$440,392 for the **Public Works Department**.

Selectmen Recommend: \$440,392

Budget Committee Recommends: \$440,392

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$301,100 for **paving work** to allow the Town to pave the following roads: Priest Hill Road (approximately 2.0 miles), Burleigh Road (approximately .5 mile), Mudget Hill Road (approximately .8 mile); and for **road striping and paved road maintenance** and if any of said sums remain, the Selectmen at their discretion could do additional paving.

Selectmen Recommend: \$301,100

Budget Committee Recommends: \$301,100

SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$286,634 for the cost of operating the Town's **Solid Waste Disposal and Recycling Facility**.

Selectmen Recommend: \$286,634

Budget Committee Recommends: \$286,634

PUBLIC SAFETY

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$66,576 for the **Public Safety Department** that includes the Police, Animal Control, and Dispatch expenses.

Selectmen Recommend: \$66,576

Budget Committee Recommends: \$66,576

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,275 for the cost of operating the **Vassalboro First Responder Service**.

Selectmen Recommend: \$12,275

Budget Committee Recommends: \$12,275

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$71,600 for the **Fire Department**.

Selectmen Recommend: \$71,600
Budget Committee Recommends: \$71,600

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum not to exceed \$20,000 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: \$20,000
Budget Committee Recommends: \$20,000

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$19,500 for **fire hydrant rental**.

Selectmen Recommend: \$19,500
Budget Committee Recommends: \$19,500

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$18,000 for **Street Lights**.

Selectmen Recommend: \$18,000
Budget Committee Recommends: \$18,000

SPECIAL ARTICLES AND TOWN POLICY

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen on behalf of the Town to **dispose of any real estate** acquired by the Town for non-payment of taxes thereon, on such terms as they may deem advisable and to execute quit-claim deeds for such property.

Selectmen Recommend: Approval

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to submit **applications for State and/or Federal funding** and if said program is approved, authorize the municipal officers to accept said grant funds, to make such assurances, assume such responsibilities, and exercise such authority as are necessary and reasonable to implement such program, and to disburse such funds for the purpose granted.

Selectmen Recommend: Approval

Article 19: To see if the Town of Vassalboro will vote:

(i) to authorize the Town to **continue as a member of the Municipal Review Committee, Inc.** ("MRC"), organized as a Maine nonprofit corporation and acting as a regional association pursuant to Title 13-B and Title 38 of the Maine Revised Statutes, as amended (and specifically Section 1304-B(5-A) of Title 38) for the purposes of managing and facilitating solid waste disposal;

(ii) to adopt, ratify and confirm the Restated Articles of Incorporation and the Restated Bylaws of the MRC in substantially the form on file with the Town Clerk at the Town Office;

(iii) to authorize the Town to execute and deliver a Municipal Joinder Agreement with the MRC in substantially the form on file with the Town Clerk (the "Municipal Joinder Agreement") pursuant to which the Town will become a Joining Member of the MRC (as defined therein) and deliver its municipal solid waste for disposal to a waste management facility being developed by **Fiberight, LLC** and/or its affiliates (collectively, "Fiberight") in Hampden, Maine, or other waste disposal facility;

(iv) to authorize the MRC to take certain actions on behalf of the Town as set forth in the Municipal Joinder Agreement; and

(v) to authorize a majority of the Selectmen or their duly authorized designee or designees as a representative of the Town to execute

and deliver the Municipal Joinder Agreement on behalf of the Town and to execute and deliver on behalf of the Town in conjunction therewith such other documents and to take such further actions as they may deem necessary or appropriate in order to effect the transactions contemplated by the Municipal Joinder Agreement.

Selectmen Recommend: Approval

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell or trade the old 1993 John Deere loader and to **purchase a new loader** at a cost not to exceed \$165,000 to be funded from the following sources:

\$75,000 from taxation appropriation in FY 2016-17
\$75,000 from Public Works Equipment Reserve.
\$15,000 from Proceeds from the sale or trade of the '93 JD Loader
\$165,000 - Total cost of new loader

Selectmen Recommend: Approval
Budget Committee Recommends: Approval

Article 21: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a lease/purchase agreement for a fire truck in the original principal amount of up to three hundred five thousand dollars (\$305,000.00) for a period of up to five years, and to raise and appropriate the annual estimated payment of \$63,625, (which agreement includes interest currently estimated at 2.15%) and to further authorize the Selectmen to do any and all things necessary to award and enter into such agreement on behalf of the Town to accomplish the purpose of this Article.

Treasurer's Financial Statement Town of Vassalboro, Maine

1. Total Town Indebtedness as of 6/30/15

a. Bonds/leases outstanding and unpaid:	\$520,650
b. Bonds authorized and unissued:	\$ -0-
c. Lease to be issued if this question is approved:	\$305,000
TOTAL	\$825,650

2. Costs

At an estimated maximum interest rate of 2.15%, the estimated costs of this lease issue will be:

Five (5) Years	
Principal	\$305,000.00
Interest	\$ 13,112.00
Total Debt Service	\$318,112.00

3. Validity

The validity of the lease agreement and of the voters' ratification of the lease agreement may not be affected by any errors in the above estimates. If the actual amount of the total debt service for the lease issue varies from the estimate, the ratification by the electors is nevertheless conclusive and the validity of the lease issue is not affected by reason of the variance.

Treasurer, Town of Vassalboro, Maine.

Selectmen Recommend: Approval, and RAISE \$63,625
Budget Committee Recommends: Approval, and RAISE \$63,625

Article 22: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen, for the fiscal year 2016-2017, 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 23: 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 **river herring (alewives)** shall be taken therein for the calendar year 2017.

Selectmen Recommend: Approval

Article 24: To see if the Town will authorize the Municipal Officers to sell surplus **river herring (alewives)** for one or more years, or take any action relative to the same, and to take an amount not to exceed \$1,500 from herring (alewife) revenues to pay the wages of the river herring counter(s) for current and future harvest seasons, whose services are used to determine the amount of fish entering Webber Pond via the fish ladder to help develop statistics for the Department of Marine Resources.

Selectmen Recommend: Approval

Budget Committee Recommends: Approval

Article 25: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the revenues received in FY2016-17 from the Natural Gas Pipeline Municipal Development and Tax Increment Financing District into a fund designated as the **Development Program Fund** to be used for projects, loans and/or grants for economic development within the Town as outlined in the Development Program for the District to be expended on such projects at the discretion of the Board of Selectmen?

Selectmen Recommend: Approval

Budget Committee Recommends: Approval

Article 26: Shall the Town of Vassalboro vote to approve a **Community Development Block Grant project development application** for the following program and dollar amounts:

Program: Public Infrastructure grant program

Amount: \$1,000,000

and to submit same to the Department of Economic and Community Development and if said program is approved, to 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 programs. Furthermore, the Town of Vassalboro is cognizant of the requirement that should the intended National Objective of the CDBG program not be met all CDBG funds must be repaid to the State of Maine CDBG program. NOTE: The intended purpose is for the Vassalboro Sanitary District sewer project.

Selectmen Recommend: Approval

Budget Committee Recommends: Approval

Article 27: 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, under such terms and conditions as they deem advisable.

ARTICLE 28: 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

Budget Committee Recommends: Approval

LIBRARY

Article 29: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$31,729 for the Town's share of the **Library's** budget.

Selectmen Recommend: \$31,729

Budget Committee Recommends: \$31,729

HEALTH AND WELFARE

Article 30: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 for **General Assistance** and to authorize the Selectmen to expend any and all reimbursement funds received from the State.

Selectmen Recommend: \$3,000

Budget Committee Recommends: \$3,000

Article 31: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 for the **Vassalboro Food Station**.

Selectmen Recommend: \$2,000

Budget Committee Recommends: \$2,000

Article 32: 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 presented by petition.)

Selectmen Recommend: \$1,600

Budget Committee Recommends: \$1,600

Article 33: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,925 for the **Family Violence Project**. (This article presented by petition.)

Selectmen Recommend: \$2,250

Budget Committee Recommends: \$2,250

Article 34: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,500 for the **Kennebec Valley Behavioral Health Center**. (This article presented by petition.)

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 \$1,000 for **Spectrum Generations**. (This article presented by petition.)

Selectmen Recommend: \$1,000

Budget Committee Recommends: \$1,000

Article 36: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,519 for the **Sexual Assault Crisis & Support**. (This article presented by petition.)

Selectmen Recommend: \$1,417

Budget Committee Recommends: \$1,417

RECREATION

Article 37: 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 38: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500 for the **Kennebec Trail Riders Snowmobile Club** for the maintenance of snowmobile trails with the understanding that such trails will be open for the use of snowmobiles during snowmobile season.

Selectmen Recommend: \$1,500

Budget Committee Recommends: \$1,500

MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS AND REQUESTS

Article 39: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 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 40: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 for the Town's share in the **Maintenance of Cemeteries and Public Grounds and for Memorial Day expenses.**

Selectmen Recommend: \$30,000

Budget Committee Recommends: \$30,000

Article 41: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300 for the maintenance of the **Three Mile Pond Recreational Area.**

Selectmen Recommend: \$300

Budget Committee Recommends: \$300

Article 42: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$312,193 for the estimated assessment from **Kennebec County Government.**

Selectmen Recommend: \$312,193

Budget Committee Recommends: \$312,193

Article 43: To see if the Town will vote to take from the ALEWIFE RESERVE FUND the sum of \$10,000 for the support of the **China Region Lakes Alliance.**

Selectmen Recommend: \$5,000

Budget Committee Recommends: \$10,000

Article 44: To see if the Town will vote to increase the **property tax levy limit** of \$692,968.11 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 45: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend the sum of \$4,348,792.66 for **Regular Instruction.**

School Committee Recommends: \$4,348,792.66

Budget Committee Recommends: \$4,348,792.66

Article 46: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend the sum of \$1,114,412.06 for **Special Education.**

School Committee Recommends: \$1,114,412.06

Budget Committee Recommends: \$1,114,412.06

Article 47: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend the sum of \$126,835.32 for **Career and Technical Education.**

School Committee Recommends: \$126,835.32

Budget Committee Recommends: \$126,835.32

Article 48: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend the sum of \$51,681.30 for **Other Instruction.**

School Committee Recommends: \$51,681.30

Budget Committee Recommends: \$51,681.30

Article 49: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend the sum of \$300,885.88 for **Student and Staff Support.**

School Committee Recommends: \$300,885.88

Budget Committee Recommends: \$300,885.88

Article 50: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend the sum of \$167,193.40 for **System Administration.**

School Committee Recommends: \$167,193.40

Budget Committee Recommends: \$167,193.40

Article 51: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend the sum of \$314,085.09 for **School Administration.**

School Committee Recommends: \$314,085.09

Budget Committee Recommends: \$314,085.09

Article 52: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend the sum of \$455,338.24 for **Transportation and Buses.**

School Committee Recommends: \$455,338.24

Budget Committee Recommends: \$455,338.24

Article 53: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend the sum of \$493,827.74 for **Facilities Maintenance.**

School Committee Recommends: \$493,827.74

Budget Committee Recommends: \$493,827.74

Article 54: To see what sum the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend for **Debt Service and Other Commitments.**

School Committee Recommends: \$.00

Budget Committee Recommends: \$.00

Article 55: To see what sum the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend for **All Other Expenditures.**

School Committee Recommends: \$.00

Budget Committee Recommends: \$.00

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

Article 56: 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 \$6,543,662.96) 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 \$2,650,328.33
School Committee Recommendation: \$3,234,306.07
Budget Committee Recommendation: \$3,234,306.07

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 2016-2017 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 57: To see what sum the municipality/district/unit will vote to raise and appropriate in additional local funds for school purposes under Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, §15690.

School Committee Recommends: \$451,363.50
Budget Committee Recommends: \$451,363.50

The school budget does exceed the state EPS funding model. Increased cost for special education, salaries & benefits, and tuition.

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 58: To see what sum the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017 from the school administrative unit's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, non-state-funded school construction projects, additional local funds for school purposes under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy and other receipts for the support of schools.

School Committee Recommends: \$7,373,051.69
Budget Committee Recommends: \$7,373,051.69

Article 59: 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.

School Committee Recommends: Approval
Budget Committee Recommends: Approval

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 14th, 2016 at the Town Office.

Article 60: Do you favor approving the Vassalboro Community School's budget for the upcoming school year that was adopted at the June 6, 2016 Annual Town Meeting?

Article 61: Do you wish to continue the budget validation referendum process for the Vassalboro Public Schools for an additional three years?

Informational Note:

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

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

Article 62: To elect all necessary municipal officers/officials by secret ballot.

Given unto our hands this _____ day of _____ 2016, AD

Philip W. Haines, Selectman

Robert C. Browne, Jr., Selectman

Lauchlin W. Titus, Selectman



Photo by Jan Clowes

Our Civil War Monument at Sunrise