

**ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
MUNICIPAL OFFICERS**

**FOR THE**

**TOWN OF  
UNITY, MAINE**

**FOR THE**

**MUNICIPAL YEAR**

**FEBRUARY 1, 2018**

**TO**

**JANUARY 31, 2019**





**UNITY, MAINE**  
***Incorporated June 22, 1804***

- Fiscal Year: February 1 to January 31
- Government: Town Meeting and 3 member Board of Selectmen
- Population 2099 (2010 Census figure)
- 1688 Registered Voters
- Unity contains 25,143 acres
- Town Office located at 74 School Street  
Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
Tuesday 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.
- Town Office Phone: 948-3763 Fax Phone: 948-3767
- Town Office e-mail: [unity@unityme.org](mailto:unity@unityme.org)
- Town Website: [www.unityme.org](http://www.unityme.org)
- Selectmen meet the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.
- Metal goods may be taken to TA's Automotive by appointment.  
948-3400
- Trash pick-up: Monday in the outlying areas; Friday in the  
downtown area. Trash stickers are \$1.25 each and are required on  
all bags (30 gallon). Stickers are available at the Town Office,  
Mac's True Value, Unity Shop & Save and The Depot
- Planning Board meets the last Wednesday of each month at 7:00  
p.m. at the Unity Town Office
- Library: Dorothy W. Quimby Library at Unity College is open to  
the public
- School District: RSU#3  
Superintendent of Schools: Paul Austin  
Central Office: 948-6136  
Mt. View High School: 568-3255  
Mt. View Elementary School: 568-7541  
Mt. View Jr. High School: 568-7561
- Unity Area Food Pantry – Third Saturday of the month  
7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. at 180 Depot St.  
Contact phone: 487-1199
- Plumbing Inspector – David Schofield: 568-3547
- Animal Control Officer-Crystal Nichols: 948-2119 or 716-6338
- Code Enforcement Officer – Charles Porter Jr: 948-6325
  - ***Dial 911 for emergency***



# Dedication



This year the Selectmen are happy and proud to dedicate the Annual Report to Andy Reed. Andy has been a lifelong citizen of the Town of Unity and has generously and competently dedicated his time and energy to the betterment of our community and its inhabitants. He has served in many capacities, both on the local and county level, including his position as a past selectman and currently as the Chair of the Budget Committee. A son of Charles and Doris Reed, husband to Gayle, father to Krista and Laura, and friend to the whole community, Andy has always made himself available to help and advise. We appreciate all the work you have done in the past and continue to do now, enriching the lives of your fellow citizens.

*"The key to the happy life, it seems, is the good life: a life with sustained relationships, challenging work, and connections to community." --- Paul Bloom*

# In Memoriam



Alton "Dan" French  
08/27/1934 – 01/10/2019



Randal "Randy" Reynolds  
05/31/1946 – 12/05/2018



Clement "Clem" Blakney  
05/14/1954 – 09/19/2018

These members of our little town who have passed before us, are as much an important part of the community as the living are today. They helped guide and shape us and should be remembered for the commitments they made to improve our community. They will be missed, not only by friends and family, but the community as a whole.

*"I read of a man who stood to speak at a funeral of a friend.  
He referred to the dates on the tombstone from the beginning... to the end.  
He noted that first came the date of birth and spoke of the following date with tears,  
but he said what mattered most of all was the dash between those years.*

*For that dash represents all the time they spent alive on earth  
and now only those who loved them know what that little line is worth."*

*--Linda Ellis (excerpt from 'The Dash')*

“When someone becomes a memory, the memory  
becomes a treasure.” ~Unknown author~

*You will be missed:*

<b>Name</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Date of Death</b>
Thomas, Marion Louise	76	04/21/2018
Sullivan, Timothy H	77	05/23/2018
Sprague, Alice Naomi	86	01/27/2019
Shorey, Shawn Joseph	46	11/28/2018
Reynolds, Randal Leroy	72	12/05/2018
Raven, Robert Edward	81	12/31/2018
Pacheco, Gloria	83	04/09/2018
Osborn, Elsie Virginia	87	06/24/2018
McCready, Mona Blake	80	12/03/2018
Lester, Alice R.	87	07/05/2018
Knights, Lewis	89	10/28/2018
Huard, Mark Ames	49	04/01/2018
Gaul, Alan R.	88	08/09/2018
French, Lynn Rae	74	04/16/2018
Cloutier, Jean A.	68	01/12/2019
Blakney, Clement Dwayne Jr.	66	09/19/2018
Bennett, Janet Lee	58	01/22/2019
French, Alton “Dan”	85	01/10/2019



## Town of Unity Officials

	<b>Member</b>
<b>Appeals Board</b>	Robert Van Deventer
	Mary Kenney
	Suzanne Nason-Ferreira
	Charles Schaefer
	Denise Whitney
<b>Assessor's Agent</b>	Ellery Banes, CMA
	RJD Appraisal
<b>Animal Control Officer</b>	Crystal Nichols
<b>Health Officer</b>	Linda Hunter
<b>Cemetery Committee</b>	Lynn Warman
	Penny Sampson
	Susan Lombard
	Beverly Winship
	Arlene Schaefer
<b>Sexton</b>	Michael Berry
<b>Budget Committee</b>	Lucia Picard
	Gail Chase
	John McIntire
	Andrew Reed
	Patricia Clark
	Mark Babin
	Suzanne Nason Ferreira
	Alicia McCormick
	Tabitha Littlefield
<b>Planning Board</b>	Don Newell
	Eileen McCue
	James Porter
	Mark Nickerson
	Jean Bourg
	Jason Bosco
	Sherry Powell-Wilson
<b>Plumbing Inspector</b>	David Schofield
<b>EMA Director</b>	Jason Johnson
<b>Code Enforcement Officer</b>	Charles Porter Jr.
<b>UARRC Representatives</b>	Elizabeth Soucie

<b>UARRC Alternates</b>	Jon Benda
	Diane Hauser
<b>Economic Development</b>	
	Ellen Batchelder
	Jennifer deHart
	Alicyn Smart
	Tony Avila
	Larry King
	Kari Hulva
	Najean Shedyak
	Gail Chase
	Alicia McCormick
	Jean Bourg
<b>Moderator</b>	Don Newell
<b>Board of Selectmen &amp; Assessors</b>	Penny Sampson
	Tony Avila
	Daniel McCormick
<b>Clerk, Tax Collector, Registrar of Voters Administrative Assistant</b>	Kari Hunt
<b>Deputy Town Clerk</b>	Arlene Miles
	Anne Goodblood
<b>Superintendent of RSU #3</b>	Paul Austin
<b>RSU #3 Unity Director</b>	Najean Shedyak
<b>Fire Chief</b>	Blaine Parsons
<b>Unity Fire Dept Officers</b>	James Porter, Assist. Fire Chief
	Patrick Haley, Assist. Fire Chief
	Anthony Sargent, Captain
	Emily Newell, 2nd Lieutenant
	Jeffrey Curtis, 1st Lieutenant
	Ronald Stevenson, 3rd Lieutenant
<b>Reginal Food Pantry Rep.</b>	Charles Schaefer
<b>Scholarship Fund Trustees</b>	Mary Knox
	Patricia Newell
	Craig Tozier
	Dorothy Quimby
	Madeline Stevenson

<b>Unity Utilities District Trustees</b>	Kevin Spigel	Mar-19
	Patricia Clark	Mar-20
	Charles Schaefer	Mar-21
<b>Waldo County Sheriff</b>	Jeffrey C. Trafton	
<b>Deputy</b>	Jason W. Trundy	
<b>Constables</b>	James Porter	
	Matthew Curtis	
<b>Waldo County Commissioner</b>	Amy Fowler	
<b>State Senator District 11</b>	Erin Herbig	
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*"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."*

*~Margaret Mead*

## Poll—Poll Tax

I was asked—What is a Poll Tax? So, I did a little research.

Most people today have forgotten the original meaning of “Poll” from which the other meanings and words are still found, but it seems each adult male was to be counted in this way and assessed a “head” tax. Thankfully, the ladies are now counted, but without a tax.

Poll—the simplest definition of the word meant the head, especially, the crown, back, or hair of the head.

A poll Tax or a tax on the head of every male who was of age, 21, or older, was transported to America by the settlers. The poll taxes in Unity varied over the years from \$1.00 or less to the highest being \$3.00 in the 1920s to the 1970s. Sometimes a person had to pay 2 poll taxes, one for Highway Tax and one For State, County & Town Tax. The earliest record in Unity was a page from 1810 where the poll tax was \$1.50, a lot of money for the time. In 1843 the Highway Tax was \$1.88 and the State, County & Town Tax \$1.29. In 1862 the Poll Tax was \$1.00. It was \$2.50 for a number of years in the early 1900s.

Even 100 years ago in the 1920s, Unity still exacted this payment of a poll tax on its male residents. And surprisingly, this tax was collected for the last time in 1972; by 1974 the space to record a Poll Tax was eliminated from the Valuation Books. In some states payment of a poll tax was a prerequisite for voting and in some cases was used as a means of limiting the electorate.

We still use the word “Poll”, especially when writing or talking about voting and juries. A “Poll” could be an individual person; one among several as one of 12 jurors. It might also be the number of votes recorded or as a “Polling Place” where votes are cast and recorded.

“Polling” can be canvassing of a selected sample group of people in an attempt to discover an opinion on some question. “Poll” also means to take or register votes of—as, to poll a county. As applied to a jury— “to poll a jury” is to ask each member of the jury individually for his/or her verdict.

Variations of the word are also used. “Poll book”, we would call today, a list of registered voters. A “Pollee” would be a person questioned in a poll, and a “Pollster” would be the person who conducts polls. “Polling” is the act of voting or casting a ballot; also, the act of registering or placing one’s name on the poll books.

Today, we call it a voting booth, but it was called a “Polling Booth”, meaning a polling place, and also a closet-like structure used at elections for the convenience and privacy of the voters. J. Bradeen and Webster’s Unabridged Dictionary.



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Dear Friends,

I hope this letter finds you well. As I am settling into my new role as your representative, I wanted to give you an update on what we are doing in D.C. and in Maine this year.

My first priority is to be accessible to you and to our communities, which is why I have opened offices throughout the Second District at the following locations:

- **Caribou Office:** 7 Hatch Drive, Suite 230, Caribou ME 04736. Phone: 207) 492-6009
- **Lewiston Office:** 179 Lisbon Street, Lewiston ME 04240. Phone: (207) 241-6767
- **Bangor Office:** 6 State Street, Bangor ME 04401. Phone: (207) 249-7400

My team and I are here to serve you, so please come meet my staff, voice an opinion, inform us of local events, or seek assistance with federal benefits. I come home to Maine every weekend to hear from you and see what's happening in our communities. I appreciate you keeping us informed.

This year, I was proud to be appointed to the House Armed Services and Small Business Committees. On Armed Services, I'm using my experience serving in Iraq and Afghanistan to make sure our servicemembers have the resources and training they need to succeed and keep us safe. Within Armed Services, I was assigned to the Seapower Subcommittee, where I am fighting for our shipyard jobs and making sure our military can count on Bath-built ships for generations to come. Beyond Bath, I will advocate for the entire network of good Maine jobs that support our troops, equipping them to carry out their duties reliably and safely.

Maine would just not be the same without our small, family-owned businesses. On the Small Business Committee, I am working to ensure our small businesses have the tools to grow, look out for their workers, and provide more good jobs to people all over Maine. Within the Small Business Committee, I was honored to be appointed Chairman of the Subcommittee on Contracting and Infrastructure. With this position, I am highlighting the need for infrastructure investment and fighting to level the playing field when small businesses compete for federal contracts.

One thing I love about Maine is that we help each other out. Whether it's ensuring a job well done or lending a hand to a neighbor, I know you are strengthening our communities every day. I am proud to serve alongside you and look forward to all that we will accomplish together.

My wife Isobel and I wish you and your family happiness, health, and success in the year to come.

Sincerely,

Jared Golden  
Member of Congress

*129th Legislature*  
*Senate of*  
*Maine*  
*Senate District 11*  
*Waldo County*

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Dear Friends and Residents of Unity,

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your state senator. I'm incredibly honored to have been chosen to represent our communities in Augusta, and I promise to work as hard as I can on your behalf.

I'm excited to share that I was appointed as the chair of a new legislative committee: the Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Commerce Committee (also known as the IDEA Committee). Our committee will be focused on economic development. The committee will bring together legislators, educators and business people to work on improving technical education, attracting and retaining new workers, and expanding access to reliable high-speed internet. I'm humbled to lead this effort and hopeful that we will make real progress during this session.

In order to build a vibrant and resilient economy, we must prioritize our heritage industries while providing new industries with room to grow. I've submitted several bills this session to provide more training for jobs in existing industries — including health care, plumbing and electricity — as well as bills to invest in training Mainers to work in emerging industries. I've also submitted several bills to increase access to reliable high-speed internet and to lower transportation costs. By removing these barriers to success, we can ensure that rural communities have the tools they need to thrive in today's economy.

If you have any other concerns or ideas for legislation, I am always available. Please feel free to call or email me anytime. I can always be reached at (207) 287-1515 or [Erin.Herbig@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:Erin.Herbig@legislature.maine.gov). I also encourage you to sign up to receive my regular legislative updates. Go to [www.mainesenate.org](http://www.mainesenate.org) to join my mailing list.

I look forward to working with you in 2019!

Sincerely,



Erin Herbig  
State Senator

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

January 3, 2019

COMMITTEES:  
ARMED SERVICES  
BUDGET  
ENERGY AND  
NATURAL RESOURCES  
INTELLIGENCE  
RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

Dear Friends,

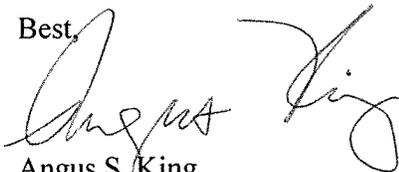
As I travel Maine, I hear from people who live in every corner of our state. I hear about their achievements, their successes, their work to improve their communities – I hear about the hope they have for our state. I also hear about our challenges, and all the work we have left to do. As I see it, that's my job: to listen to you, act where I can to build on what's good, and work on the tough parts. As 2018 comes to a close, I wanted to take a moment to share an update on some of the work we're doing in Washington to lift up the accomplishments of Maine people and make progress on the challenges they face.

From Portland to Presque Isle, from Milo to Camden, I hear about the pain that the opioid epidemic is inflicting on Maine communities. I've met with Maine people in recovery, family members of those struggling with substance use disorders, treatment providers, and law enforcement officials to learn about their experiences with this terrible disease, and everyone agrees that in order to fully respond to these problems, we need a stronger federal effort to end the opioid epidemic. Fortunately, some help is on the way – in October, we overwhelmingly passed a sweeping, bipartisan opioids bill. I've pushed hard for this type of legislation and was proud to have provisions I've advocated for included in the bill. These priorities have been guided by the voices of Maine people, and we'll keep working to confront this tragic problem.

I've also worked to strengthen the future of our forest economy. Maine's forests have powered our state's economy for generations, especially in our rural communities. So, when rapid shifts in the market led to the closure of many pulp and paper mills and biomass power plants, it required a collaborative approach to support future growth in this important industry. That's why, together with the other members of the state's Congressional delegation, I pushed to establish the Economic Development Assessment Team (EDAT). This integrated, multiagency effort aims to foster innovation and commercialization in Maine's forest economy, and we're already seeing the benefits: in recent months, several forest industry businesses have announced significant investments into Maine operations, and in September 2018, the Forest Opportunity Roadmap (FOR)/Maine released an action plan to make sure this industry, and the rural communities it supports, can continue to thrive for generations to come.

As I close this letter, please allow me to express my gratitude to each of you – for your dedication to our state, and to one another. It's often said that Maine is like a big small town (with very long streets)—that's because at our heart, we're one big community. It's not only a pleasure to serve you— it's a pleasure to know you. Thank you for being the reason Maine is so special. Mary and I hope that 2019 will be a good year for you, your family, your community, and our great State.

Best,



Angus S. King  
United States Senator

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January 2019

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

I would first like to thank the residents of Unity for electing me to be your State Representative. It is a responsibility I have taken seriously for two terms, and am excited to continue my service in the 129th Legislature.

I will proudly be serving on the Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry Committee, just as I have done in the 127<sup>th</sup> and 128<sup>th</sup> legislatures. This committee reviews legislative proposals involving many important topics such as; food and rural resources; animal control and welfare; food safety, inspection and labeling; dairy industry; pesticides regulation; farmland preservation; state parks, historic sites, public lands; geological surveying and mapping and forest management. I will also be serving on the State and Local Government Committee. This committee reviews state contracts and fiscal procedures; state government organization; oversight of state officials, state employees and property; administrative procedures; boards and commissions; notaries public; capitol area planning; county and regional government; county budget process; Legislature; municipal and local government; and public services.

The most rewarding component of serving as your State Representative is helping you navigate the bureaucracy that is Maine State Government. Should you ever find yourself in need of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me. The best way to reach me is via e-mail, at [MaryAnne.Kinney@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:MaryAnne.Kinney@legislature.maine.gov) or by phone at (207) 568-7577.

Again, thank you for the honor of serving as your State Representative.

All the best,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'MaryAnne Kinney'.

MaryAnne Kinney

State Representative

# Selectmen's Report

It has been another eventful and opportunistic year in Unity. We were fortunate to have Dan McCormick elected as the 3rd selectman in March of last year and with that addition were able to accomplish many of our goals. All three selectmen are involved with all the town committees. We have also been working on updating the Comprehensive Plan.

The bridge on the Berry Rd. was finally updated with a much safer guardrail system and much of the decking was replaced. We are awaiting the DOT bridge engineers latest report about the pillars that had been reinforced in 2012.

We were able to secure, at no cost to our local taxpayers, a solar and battery powered flashing speed limit sign to help make motorists aware of their speed. This year we are in hopes to get a lighted pedestrian crossing sign for Main St. This also would be solar powered and could greatly increase pedestrian safety. We were also able to fund through TIF some additional sidewalk repairs and are looking at doing more of the same this year.

By the time this report is published you should notice new LED lights replacing the old sodium streetlights. Initially we were supposed to only have 4 or 5 replaced last year, but Unity was selected as part of a pilot program with CMP and will have 41 lights replaced. In prior years it was not financially feasible, but as the LEDs were becoming more commonplace, the lease and energy costs have been greatly reduced and will save us money. There may be some "getting used to them" at first, but adjustments can always be made.

The roads that were redone a couple years ago are holding up well, with the exception of some shoulder washouts due to major rainstorms. Maintenance is being performed this year with additional crack sealing, ditching, shoulder work and tree work. We will be adding gravel to some sections of gravel roads.

Kanokolus Beach and Boat Launch has once again become a popular place for families to gather and picnic, swim, boat and paddle. We thank our many volunteers for picking up litter and keeping an "eye out". All three selectmen regularly attend to the beach and sometimes have to enforce the posted rules when they are being violated. We thank Larry King for adding a sandbox to the playground equipment. Some of the planking on the swimming dock was replaced and we are looking at doing more of the same this year. We were able to secure, through a grant, a new boat launch and ramp which will be placed in the summer of 2019.

We are thankful for Jason Johnson who took on the long vacant role of EMA Director and he has done a fantastic job with training and passing on educational opportunities for our citizens. Michael Berry is taking over as Sexton, after Anthony Brillard retired from that duty. Anne Goodblood has been trained and appointed to Deputy Clerk.

The EDC has been busy with ideas to help promote Unity as a place to visit. The Market of Unity was hugely successful and we are looking forward to its return in July. We welcome ideas to help promote Unity.

We know that taxes are still a struggle for a lot of our citizens and were able to successfully work with many people avoiding tax foreclosure. There are many demands for tax dollars and we try our best to keep them as low as possible. School taxes are the bulk of your annual tax bill and that is something we have no control of. We are hopeful the state will return to a funding formula that will take the burden off property owners. Revenue sharing from the state was reduced to 2% a few years ago and they are looking to resume the 5% it was supposed to be set at. This is especially important to "service center" towns like Unity. Looking ahead, our first road loan will be paid off in 2022 as well as the town office loan. That would free up funds to pay off the second road loan in 2023 (3 years ahead of time), and that in turn could put us in a much better financial position to pay off the firehouse loan 6 years ahead of time. Debt is sometimes a necessary evil and we are hoping to get out from underneath this debt and set us up better fiscally in the near future.

We greatly appreciate our Administrative Assistant Kari Hunt, who keeps us in check. She does a lot "behind the scenes" and goes above and beyond the call-of-duty. Lastly, we need to thank the many volunteers, committee, and department members who have so graciously donated their time and energy for the betterment our town.

Ecce quam bonum!

## Animal Control Report ~2018

Hey there folks!

My where has the year gone! I'll tell ya... I've herded the cows, lassoed the horse, trapped the cats, chased the dogs, shooed the chickens, squealed with the pig, dove in the dumpster, summonsed the owners, and few trips to court. Phewwww! What a year it has been!

We registered 100% of all known dogs thanks to Kari's reminders and a little help from the court. As always I do ask that you register your dog with the town not only because it is Maine Law, but it is how I do my job efficiently. I would rather come see you with a smile than with a summons. The cost is still \$6.00 for an altered dog or \$11.00 for unaltered. Don't forget to bring proof of a current rabies or give the office a call to see if we may have it on file.

We contract with the Waterville Humane Society. Even though it has gone through some ups and downs they are absolutely amazing! I delivered 22 cats and 1 dog to the shelter. Out of 22 cats, 9 special miracles were given a chance to live again. Unfortunately only 7 made it to learn what it truly is to be loved. The ladies at the shelter went far and beyond anything I asked of them. I wanted to show my appreciation for everything they do on a daily basis and came up with the "Giving Garland". I painted the goofy ornaments and wrote a poem of plea. I strung them up at 8 different locations. I was able to collect \$560.91 as well as an abundance of supplies! There is always a continuing need of supplies so please feel free to drop off any donations at the town office and I will be sure to get them to the shelter.

My goal for 2019 is to help educate and inform people of this community about the importance of spaying and neutering your pets. The Waterville Humane Society offers some really great programs to help keep the cost low to you as pet owners by working with Community Spay Neuter Clinic. The Kitten Exchange program is another great one. If you agree to keep the kittens until they are old enough to be fixed then they will spay the momma for FREE! There is also the feral cat program to help clear up those colonies you sometimes see. The Waldo County Humane Society also offers a \$75.00 voucher to all residents of Waldo County for cats and dogs. These can be used at ANY vet. Please reach out for any information or if you need help taking advantage of these great opportunities.

I look forward to the new year and helping the community with all it's animal needs...well not the wild animals. Thank you Unity!

Crystal Nichols, ACO

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Home~ 948-2119

### **2018 Calls~85**

**Dogs~ 40**

**Cats~ 21**

**Farm~ 15**

**Wildlife~ 6**

**Shelter Trips~ 16**

## 2018 Cemetery Committee Report

First, we would like to thank Tony Brillard for all the work that he has done these past years to improve the grounds at our Unity Cemeteries. Tony has decided that he can no longer do the job, and Mike Berry has agreed to try it for twelve months. Mike has done an outstanding job keeping the cemeteries cleaned and mowed! Susan Lombard has been keeping track of the Fowler Cemetery for us. She is moving away and will no longer be able to help. Lynn Warman is also stepping down from her position as Cemetery Committee Chairperson, so the committee really could use your help if you are interested!

Much work was accomplished in the Unity cemeteries last year!! Maine Gravesite Maintenance repaired eleven stones in the Farwell Cemetery, two of them needing extensive repairs. Five more stones were repaired in the Boulter Cemetery. The Douglass Cemetery was vandalized last year shortly after the veteran flags were put up. All the flags were broken and thrown on the ground, and three stones were pushed off their base. As a result, we had Maine Gravesite Maintenance do necessary repairs to that cemetery and fix other stones there that were leaning badly.

Although much work has been accomplished in Boulter, Douglass, and Farwell Cemeteries, stones are still keeling over at the Pond Cemetery. Boulter suffered extensive damage by skunks digging for grubs. The whole cemetery is churned up and needs to be reseeded. Something like Scott's Grub Ex1, which doesn't affect bees and earthworms, should be applied this spring before the rains and again this fall to kill those grubs. It would also kill the ants in the lower Pond 1. Ants have destroyed much of the grass there, as well. Also, the grounds at Farwell Cemetery have several deep holes that could cause someone to fall. The ground needs to be leveled there. There is always more to do!

The cemetery committee visited the beautiful Rainbow's End Cemetery in Orrington last spring. We all came home with a renewed vision for a green

cemetery in our town. Unfortunately, we found out that the ground in front of the Douglass Cemetery is full of ledge, so that area cannot be used as planned. Nancy Rosalee is still working toward this goal.

There has been much discussion as to how to enforce our cemetery ordinance rules. Many of those rules are broken every year, making it much harder to properly care for the cemeteries. There are rules pertaining to how stones should be set, which make the areas much easier to mow. Permits must be obtained before cremains are buried. We cannot keep accurate records if we don't know who is buried.

I have recently been informed of a World War II veteran in the Farwell Cemetery that does not have a marker for his grave. His name is Harrison Manley, and he is listed in the town office. His sister's great-grandchildren applied for a veteran marker for him, but the application was denied because his service records were destroyed in a fire. Also, James C. Hitchcock, in the Village Cemetery, is a veteran with no marker. The town has supplied gravestones for other unmarked veteran graves. Should they consider these?

Thank you so much for giving us the opportunity to serve in this way. It has been an honor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynn Warman

## **Code Enforcement Officer Report**

This will be my 23rd year as your Code Enforcement Officer. This year I logged over 115 phone calls for the town concerning Land Use & Shore land Zoning. I have logged over 761.54 miles and approximately 74 hours, not counting phone calls. I have attended 8 training meetings. I have been recertified again for six more years.

In the course of my job, I inspect all building permit applications and make recommendations to the Planning Board. I enforce all ordinances, including Shore land Zoning. I post warrants for town meetings and elections and draw water for testing at the town pump.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles I. Porter, Jr.

## **Unity Local Plumbing Inspector Report**

Internal plumbing	13
Subsurface waste water	9
Tank	1
Total	23

We had three violation issues last year and they have all been corrected.

If you want to see me you can call me at anytime at 207-322-7365. You may also reach me at [mschof@uninets.net](mailto:mschof@uninets.net).

# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

## 2018 ANNUAL REPORT

The Economic Development Committee (EDC) was restructured in 2018 to provide for a more streamline committee. We are now a committee of nine members down from 13 members.

We continue to work on bringing new economic growth to Unity. We issued several grants this year that have resulted in an increase of people visiting Unity and spending more money here.

The Riding Club was issued a grant that allowed them to improve the riding ring making Unity a better venue for horse shows. They had a marked increase in attendance.

The ATV and snowmobile clubs both received grants to improve their trails and market their business members.

The Market of Unity received a grant to help promote the market. The market averaged over 20 vendors weekly from all over central Maine. It was a great success for its first year and we look to make 2019 even better.

The marketing group has completed the work on the Town of Unity web page, and we will start to see changes in the near future. They have also worked on a brand for Unity.

We are working on several projects and will continue to try to develop Unity, not only as a destination, but as a great place to live and enjoy life.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Unity EDC

Larry King, Ellen Batchelder, Gail Chase, Alicia McCormick, Kari Hulva, Najean Shedyak,  
Alicyn Smart, Jean Bourg, Tony Avila

# EMA Report

As some of you may or may not know I was appointed as Unity's new EMA Director in 2018. As way of background . . . I have been a firefighter/EMT since 1990, currently serve on the Unity Fire Department as Secretary and work full time as a certified Fire and Life Safety Public Education Officer in Bangor.

Taking on the role of EMA Director has been . . . and continues to be . . . a new challenge. Each month I attend training in Belfast at the Waldo EMA Office. I have learned a lot about this new job, but still have a ways to go in terms of training and education before I feel completely competent.

Accomplishments from this past year include:

- An emergency two-way radio test of Unity's radio system.
- Updating Unity's Emergency Operations Plan.
- Evaluating Unity College's Emergency Operations Plan for an emergency evacuation exercise held last Fall.
- Surveyed several businesses in an effort to create a priority list for fuel supplies in the event of an extended power outage.
- Updated both Waldo EMA and area residents via Facebook on road closures due to flooding as a result of the late-January storm.
- Hosted an Emergency Preparedness Class attended by 11 local residents.

I would be remiss in my duties if I did not mention that Waldo EMA is working on installing an AM radio repeater station in Knox. This AM radio station would only be used in the event of a large scale emergency and would contain information of importance such as the location of any shelters or warming areas, how to evacuate, safety concerns, etc. Along with the radio station Waldo EMA is working on software which will give Waldo EMA the ability to send text messages to cell phones in the County, in multiple or single towns or even within a certain radius with the idea being that in case of an emergency a text alert could go out to those affected . . . and if needed the text would encourage folks to tune into the radio station for additional information.

I should also mention that this coming Fall Waldo EMA will be sponsoring their Second Annual Emergency Preparedness Fair in Belfast. Also, if there is enough interest, Waldo EMA plans to begin offering free or low-cost First Aid Classes.

Jason "Jake" Johnson

January 29, 2019

TO THE RESIDENTS OF RSU 3:

Winter is well under way in Waldo County, and it is now the time of year that we move into final preparations for the Fiscal Year 2020 (FY20) budget that begins on July 1, 2019. During the past three and a half years, I have heard from students, parents, teachers and community members about their hopes and dreams for RSU 3 and its students. Although the past several years have been financially challenging all around the state, the district is incredibly grateful for the generous support received from the residents of the RSU 3 communities.

Despite financial challenges, RSU 3's commitment and focus on providing all students with the very best education possible remains unchanged. The vision of RSU 3 is to ensure that every learner is prepared to be academically, socially, and emotionally successful in learning and in life. We are invested in what our learners know, what they are able to do, and what kind of citizens they are becoming. It is essential that every student who graduates from RSU 3 is career, college and life ready. To that end, we have continued the process of reviewing, evaluating, and rewriting our curriculum to ensure that all students are academically prepared. Over the past two years, the RSU 3 School Board has adopted new Math and English Language Arts Curricula, which have been implemented K-12. In the current school year, RSU 3 is revising the K-12 Science and Social Studies Curriculum, and we anticipate that these curricula will be adopted by the School Board at the end of this school year.

As a rural district, we recognize that providing our students with educationally related opportunities both in and outside of the district is vitally important. Ensuring that our students have access to consistent, high-speed internet is a top priority for supporting our academic programs. Although we currently have internet access in all of our schools, we have several areas across the district where connectivity and access is either spotty or simply not available. In 2019-20, we will utilize state e-rate funds to upgrade our current internet services in order to improve access and connectivity for all students in all of our facilities. We will continue to provide high quality afterschool programs for our students that attract high numbers of participants. In addition to those opportunities, our students actively participate in extracurricular offerings such as academic support, athletics, music, drama, and numerous clubs and organizations throughout the school year. For the past two years, many students have proudly represented Mount View High School at Unified Basketball and Track competitions. Our Unified sports program provides opportunities for athletes with disabilities to participate in team sports with support from their non-disabled peers. The outcomes from the Unified Sports Programs have been overwhelmingly positive, and our students continue to receive an outpouring of support from their peers, parents, staff, and communities.

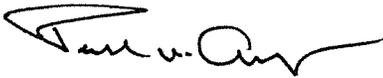
As was true in past years, it remains difficult to anticipate the level of funding RSU 3 will receive in General Purpose Aid this next year. There is considerable uncertainty in regards to state funding of our schools, or how spending will be prioritized. In the current fiscal year, the state added funding to general purpose aid for schools, which was used to offset the tax burden. In RSU 3, the Board of Directors and Administration have consistently agreed to use 100% of any additional funds to offset the tax burden, which has resulted in decreases to the local share in the past two years. At the time of this writing, we have not received any information regarding subsidy amounts for FY20 (July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020). However, it is important to know that there are two major factors that impact the subsidy amounts RSU 3

will receive; these are property values and student enrollment. In years past, property values increased, while enrollment decreased. Unfortunately, it is still too early to tell how state funding for FY20 might impact the district positively or negatively. Regardless of the debate in Augusta for the next biennial budget, the RSU 3 Board of Directors need to plan for 2019-20 school year. Please be assured that when subsidy amounts for FY20 become available, I will pass that information on to you as soon as possible.

Looking forward to FY20, the RSU 3 Board of Directors is working hard to develop a budget that is mindful of the tax burden on our citizens, while ensuring adequate services that meet the needs of our students and communities. This is a fine line, and one that is complicated by uncertainties in revenue (both state and federal dollars) and increasing costs to operate our district such as salaries, health insurance, and the operation of our facilities. However, the RSU 3 Board of Directors will do the very best it can to mitigate additional costs to local taxpayers. We will continue to search for efficiencies and to collaborate with other districts to maximize our resources to the extent possible. Our administrative team and our School Board will work together to create the most fiscally responsible budget possible, while adhering to our vision that every student is prepared to be academically, socially, and emotionally successful in learning and in life.

Thank you for your continued support of RSU 3 and for your willingness to work collaboratively in an effort to address our financial challenges. As we progress through the next few weeks and months, I look forward to conversations about our district budget that allows us to continue to move our school system forward in a positive direction. As always, I believe we all understand the need for a school system that meets the needs of all children while balancing the needs of taxpayers. I have no doubt that we will once again create a budget that does both. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions, or suggestions. My contact information is listed above.

Sincerely,



Paul W. Austin Jr.  
Superintendent of Schools

# Thorndike Trailblazer's ATV Club Report

The Thorndike Trail Blazers ATV Club is a club organized in 2008 for ATV enthusiasts with the goal of building and maintaining trails and fostering strong relationships between ATVers, landowners and town officials. Our Club originally formed as a sister club to the now-defunct Troy ATV Club. In 2018 we had 41 members and 14 business members, including many businesses in Unity which are of interest to ATVers.

Currently we have approximately 50 miles of trail and access routes in the towns of Troy, Thorndike, Unity, Jackson and Brooks. Our trail system currently connects to the Endless Season Riders ATV Club in Plymouth as well as restaurants and gas stations in the towns of Troy, Unity and Brooks. That said . . . we are hoping to continue to expand our trail system and connect to other riding destinations (i.e. Hilltop in Knox) and other ATV Club trail systems (i.e. Frye Mountain, Pittsfield, etc.)

Last year was a banner year for the Club as we not only celebrated our 10th anniversary, but we sponsored our first ATV Safety Class with three of our members becoming certified Safety Instructors. We also participated in a state-wide Landowner Appreciation Clean Up Day which resulted in our members picking up over two large trailers full of junk tires illegally discarded on properties owned by the Town of Troy, a Troy resident and a Unity resident. As has been our tradition, we finished off the year with our annual Landowner Appreciation Dinner which is a free meal for landowners to thank them for allowing us to use their land for the trail system.

Our members have two tenets that we subscribe to: First, we believe landowners have placed a lot of trust in us to be good stewards of their property and we work hard to maintain that trust. Second, we believe there is plenty of trail for everyone and as such we work with other groups (motorized and non-motorized alike) to insure many folks can enjoy the outdoors. For example, two years ago we worked with a local horse riding organization to rebuild a bridge in Troy which would be safe for horses and ATVs . . . not to mention snowmobiles, hikers, skiers, snowshoers and mountain bikers.

Trails are currently closed due to Winter and the Mud Season. We ask ATVers to stay off the trails until the trails are officially opened to minimize damage. Typically trails are opened on or around May 15th, but trails may be opened earlier or later depending on the soil conditions. Our first ride of the year is shortly before this date as we head out to cut up downed trees, put up new signs and pick up trash along the trail. Last year our members put in over 600 hours of work on the trails with signing, brushing and bridge building. We are welcoming to all ATVers who share similar views and meet monthly during the riding season on the third Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. For more information feel free to check out our Facebook page which has posts about future work details, club rides or information of note. To become a member you can fill out a membership application on line, pick up a blank application at the town office or simply come to one of our monthly meetings.

Finally, if you have an issue with an ATV please let us know. We work hard to resolve issues with ATVs so that small problems do not become big problems.

Sincerely,  
Jason "Jake" Johnson, President

# UNITY AREA REGIONAL RECYCLING CENTER

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Dear Member Town,

2018 saw some tumultuous changes at the Center and the recycling industry. Mid-summer 2018 the Center saw the loss of recycling markets for the #1, 3-7 plastics, despite a year-long arduous search for new markets. These changes have come due to market constraints in the recycling industry worldwide as the country of China has moved away from accepting a vast quantity of the world's recycling. China (who accepted many U.S. recycling exports) has shut their borders to a vast array of U.S. commodities to get a grasp on their environmental impact on the planet. It has put the recycling industry in great flux, with few domestic recycling options available for these plastics. We endeavor to find markets for these plastic categories going forward, however it is becoming increasingly difficult. To that end, until further notice, the Center *cannot* accept the #1, 3-7 plastics in addition to the Rigid Plastics. Any updates in these regards will be posted to our website, Facebook page, and town offices.

With the loss of these commodity markets, our tonnage for 2018 was down from 2017. With the market demand for all commodities seeing restraint, values for recyclables has also come down though they seem to be remaining steady. Despite the bad news, #2 natural and colored HDPE plastics remain highly valued with two mills in the U.S. recycling these plastics. Corrugated cardboard and steel cans also remain steadily valued.

Year-End Comparison	2016 (tons)	2017 (tons)	2018 (tons)
Papers, plastics, metals	237.73	235.65	203.31
E-waste	29.91	36.38	26.16
<b>Total tonnage</b>	<b>267.64</b>	<b>272.03</b>	<b>229.47</b>

In an effort to expand our existing accepted recycling commodities, the Center began collecting textiles for recycling in late 2018. We are now working alongside Apparel Impact, a New Hampshire company, to further reduce the amount of waste hitting the landfill. Apparel Impact provides free collection of textiles at participating locations such as ours with usable clothing being given to families and individuals in need and the rest being recycled. Accepted items include: all clothing, coats, blankets and bed sheets/pillow cases, ties, scarfs, hats, all footwear, and purses/handbags/backpacks. Please sort textiles separate of all other recyclable items, preferably in a bag or box you will not want back. Visit Apparel Impact's website ([www.apparelimpact.com](http://www.apparelimpact.com)) for more detailed information. *Textiles are not available for curbside pickup. Items must be clean, dry, and free of mold/odor.*

We continue to accept all electronic devices. If it has a circuit board, we can take it. We accept all batteries and florescent light bulbs. *No curbside pickup available for these items.* For the safety of you, your family, and our staff please do not mix batteries and bulbs with each other or any other recyclables. This ensures no loss of product or breakage in the process and creates a much safer situation for all, as these items contain hazardous material (particularly, florescent bulbs contain mercury vapor). We recommend using plastic coffee cans with a lid for batteries and bulb storage/transport. Unsure of an item, consult our Facebook page, or give us a call and we'll be glad to assist you.

Maine has a paint take-back program available at no cost to the recycler. Take your paints and stains, in their sealed container, to a participating location (Sherwin-Williams stores in Belfast and Waterville, and most Aubuchon hardware stores are participating locations). Most but not all paints accepted; for a complete list of accepted paints/stains and drop-off sites, visit: <https://www.paintcare.org/>.

Visit our webpage for the most current information. Like us on Facebook to keep in the loop of happenings, items of interest, news, and inclement weather closures (also [www.newscentermaine.com](http://www.newscentermaine.com) for closures). Never hesitate to contact us with any questions on acceptable items or the recycling process. We are a resource at your disposal and are here to help. The Center's staff and Board of Directors thank you all for your continued support and efforts. Let's look forward to another productive and safe year ahead.

Jeff Reynolds  
 Co-Manager

Michael Berry  
 Chairman of BOD

Stanley Besancon  
 Co-Manager

Unity Area Regional Recycling Center

UARRC Budget  
Fiscal Year 2018-19

Line Item	2019-20	2018-19	2017-18	2016-17	2015-2016	2014-2015	2013-14	2012-13	2011-12
<b>Accounting</b>						0	0	0	0
Office Supplies	650	650	400	1200					
Payroll Services	2000	2000	2200	2200					
<b>Administration</b>		2500			1200	1200	1200	1200	1200
Audit/Tax Return	2500	1500	2500	2500	2500	1500	3000	2800	2800
Bail wire/strapping	1500		1500	1500	1500	2600	2600	2000	2000
Building Maintenance	1000	1000	1000	2000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000
Capital Improvement	1000	1000	1000	2000	2000	0	0	0	0
Contingency	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	1000	1000
Public Education	1000	1000	1000	1500	500	500	500	100	100
Electric	1600	1600	1600	1600	1600	1200	1200	1200	800
Employee Incentives	150	150	150	150	100	100	100	650	650
Forklift fuel	600	600	600	600	600	600	600	600	800
Grounds Maintenance	300	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50
Heat	1600	1600	1600	1600	1600	1500	1500	1500	1100
HRA - S			0		0	0	3900	3000	3000
HRA - H			0		0	0	500	0	
HRA - H			0		0	0	500	0	
Kitchen/bathroom/cleaning	50	50	50	125	125	150	150	150	150
Legal Fees	100	100	100	100	100	0	0	0	0
Repairs Equipment	2000	2000	2000	1500	2000	1000	1000	1000	900
Payroll Taxes	6240	5800	5739.014	5516.16	5408	7546	7056	7056	7600
Professional Development	400	300	300	300	300	0	0	0	0
Small Equipment replacement	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	250	250
Snow Removal	2000	2000	2000	1600	1600	1400	1400	1400	1400
Telephone/Internet	1500	1500	1500	1500	1500	1500	1500	1500	1500
Rubbish Removal			0	208	208	208	100	100	125
Travel Expense	400	400	400	300	300	300	300	500	650
Universal Waste			0			0	0	0	0
Wages	62400	57390.14	57390.14	55161.6	54080	75460	70560	70560	76424
Warehouse supplies	3000	3000	3000	3000	3000	3000	4000	4000	4000
Work Clothing	500	500	500	500	500	550	550	0	
Insurances-ALL	9000	9000	9000	7500	7200	7135	7135	5300	4650
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 102,290.00</b>	<b>\$ 96,490.14</b>	<b>\$ 96,379.15</b>	<b>\$ 95,010.76</b>	<b>\$ 89,771.00</b>	<b>\$ 109,299.00</b>	<b>\$ 111,201.00</b>	<b>\$ 106,916.00</b>	<b>\$ 112,149.00</b>

Sales Credit and Assessment by Town for Fiscal Year 2019-2020

Account Balances as of December 31, 2018

Checking	\$ 4,554.45
Sales Revenue	\$ 15,231.85
Capital Improvement	\$ 8,746.43
Surplus	\$ 40,602.30

	Population 2010 Census	Cost per Capita	Assessment Fiscal Year 2017-2018	Sales Credit per Capita	Sales Credit	Balance Due
Dixmont	1181	\$ 12.31668	\$ 14,546.00	\$ 1.17042	\$ 1,382.26	\$ 13,163.73
Freedom	719	\$ 12.31668	\$ 8,855.69	\$ 1.17042	\$ 841.53	\$ 8,014.16
Jackson	548	\$ 12.31668	\$ 6,749.54	\$ 1.17042	\$ 641.39	\$ 6,108.15
Knox	806	\$ 12.31668	\$ 9,927.24	\$ 1.17042	\$ 943.36	\$ 8,983.88
Montville	1032	\$ 12.31668	\$ 12,710.81	\$ 1.17042	\$ 1,207.87	\$ 11,502.94
Thorndike	890	\$ 12.31668	\$ 10,961.84	\$ 1.17042	\$ 1,041.67	\$ 9,920.17
Troy	1030	\$ 12.31668	\$ 12,686.18	\$ 1.17042	\$ 1,205.53	\$ 11,480.65
Unity	2099	\$ 12.31668	\$ 25,852.70	\$ 1.17042	\$ 2,456.71	\$ 23,396.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>8305</b>		<b>\$ 102,290.00</b>		<b>\$ 9,720.32</b>	<b>\$ 92,569.68</b>

2018 Sales Credit: \$ 9,720.32

Household Recycling Totals for Calendar year 2018										
Material (Tons)	OCC	#8 News	Mixed	SOP	#1, #3-7	#2 N	#2 C	Steel Cans	Aluminum	
	151,346	24,812	131,176	8,411	15,600	9,050	6,329	20,177	2,040	
<b>Total Tons / Type</b>	75.67	12.41	65.59	4.21	7.80	4.53	3.16	10.09	1.02	
	<b>Glass</b>	<b>Rigid</b>	<b>Films</b>	<b>Baled Product</b>						
	29,512	0	8,173	<b>Total Tons 2018</b>		203.31				
<b>Total Tons / Type</b>	14.76	0.00	4.09							

Household Recycling Totals by Town (Lbs.)

	Dixmont	Freedom	Jackson	Knox	Montville	Thorndike	Troy	Unity	Lbs. per Capita
<b>Population</b>	1181	719	548	806	1032	890	1030	2099	
<b>OCC</b>	21521.93	13102.68	9986.47	14688.12	18806.63	16218.90	18770.18	38251.08	18.22
<b>#8 News</b>	3528.35	2148.08	1637.20	2408.00	3083.20	2658.96	3077.23	6270.97	2.99
<b>Mixed Paper</b>	18653.69	11356.48	8655.56	12730.63	16300.26	14057.39	16268.67	33153.33	15.79
<b>SOP</b>	1196.07	728.18	554.99	816.29	1045.17	901.36	1043.15	2125.79	1.01
<b>#1, #3-7</b>	2218.37	1350.56	1029.36	1513.98	1938.49	1671.76	1934.74	3942.73	1.88
<b>#2 N</b>	1286.94	783.50	597.16	878.30	1124.58	969.84	1122.40	2287.29	1.09
<b>#2 C</b>	900.01	547.93	417.61	614.23	786.46	678.24	784.93	1599.59	0.76
<b>Steel Cans</b>	2869.24	1746.81	1331.37	1958.18	2507.24	2162.26	2502.39	5099.52	2.43
<b>Aluminum</b>	290.10	176.61	134.61	197.98	253.50	218.62	253.00	515.59	0.25
<b>Glass</b>	4196.71	2554.98	1947.33	2864.14	3667.23	3162.63	3660.13	7458.84	3.55
<b>Rigid</b>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Films</b>	1162.23	707.57	539.29	793.19	1015.60	875.85	1013.63	2065.64	0.98
<b>Total Lbs.</b>	57823.64	35203.38	26830.95	39463.04	50528.36	43575.81	50430.44	102770.38	
<b>Total Tons</b>	28.91	17.60	13.42	19.73	25.26	21.79	25.22	51.39	

Key
OCC: old corrugated containers
#8 News: newspaper only
Mixed Paper: non-corrugated paper board, colored paper, magazines, junk mail (low-grade)
SOP: sorted office paper
#1, 3-7: comingled plastics
#2 N: (colorless) natural milk jugs and the like
#2 C: colored jugs and bottles
Films: #2 & #4 plastic films. Primarily grocery bags and wood pellet bags
Rigid: Mixed rigid plastics

UHW By Type		
Item	Pieces	Lbs
Single Use Battery		830
Ballast, NON PCB		441
Ballast, PCB		16
Button Battery		0
CPU's and Laptops	0	2235
Flat Screen Recycling	0	0
Freon Containing Devices	43	2450
Halogen and Incandescent	0	0
Lead Acid Battery	0	0
Lithium Ion Battery	0	0
Mercury Devices (Thermometers, Thermostats, ETC)		10
Microwaves	91	3640
Misc. Electronics, Circuit Boards, and Drives	0	5995
Monitor Recycling	0	0
NiCD Batteries Dry	0	0
NiMH Batteries, Dry		0
Printer Recycling	0	755
Refrigerators and Water Coolers	23	4305
Smoke Alarm / Fire Detector	97	51.73
Television Recycling	0	31402
UPS Battery Backup	0	0
4' Fluorescent Lamp	1542	1156.5
8' Fluorescent Lamp	141	211.5
CFL	766	95.75
U-Tube	53	19.875



# UNITY FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Unity Maine, 04988

## Fire Chiefs Report for 2018

Dear Citizens of Unity,

This annual report provides a variety of information about the activities of the Unity Fire Department for the fiscal year 2018. In keeping with our Mission, Vision, and Core Values, Unity Fire Fighters have consistently demonstrated a personal commitment to protect the quality of life and to protect property in Unity and surrounding Communities. Great progress has been made in many areas in the last year.

This has been a busy year for the Unity Fire Department. In addition to fighting fires that may occur, Unity Firefighters also respond to and prepare for various other types of emergencies such as; hazardous material incidents, and various rescue situations in natural or manmade disasters. Unity Firefighters responded to more than 149 incidents in the last year. These numbers are important to us and to the citizens of Unity and surrounding communities. Each number represents when someone experienced an unexpected, and many times unfortunate, event that led them to call us for assistance.

We understand the loss and pain that is often associated with an incident that requires our service and it is my hope that we have provided not just the professional response necessary to mitigate these emergencies, but also the appropriate compassion to support the individuals and families involved in these situations.

Thank you for the support and trust you have exhibited in our department over the past year. I also would like to thank all of our family's support, which enables us to offer the level of service we provide.

I would especially like to thank the devoted members of the Unity Fire Department for their commitment and professionalism in carrying out their duties. I am both honored and blessed to serve with them as we serve you.

We are actively seeking new Members, also there are thousands of combined hours of training, station assignments, and behind the scenes that goes into the Fire Department that doesn't go unnoticed.

**Unity Fire Department 2018 Responses**

<b>Call Type</b>	<b>Unity</b>	<b>Unity Twp.</b>	<b>Out of Town</b>
Agency Assist	17	0	1
Motor Vehicle Accident	36	4	
Hazardous Conditions (wires, trees, spills)	10	0	
Service Calls/Assistance	2	0	
Alarm Activation/ Smoke	26	1	2
Inspections	0	0	
Vehicle Fires	0	0	
Structure Fires	3	0	9
Chimney Fires	2	0	
Investigation/Unfounded Report	10		1
Illegal Burning	3		
Grass/Woods/Other Fire	2		2
Standby/Cover Station	3		2
Boat/Water Rescue	2		
Flooding	9	2	
<b>Total</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>17</b>

Note: Our 17 Mutual Aid responses were to the following towns:

Albion	0
Brooks	2
Burnham	3
Freedom	1
Jackson	1
Knox	1
Montville	1
Liberty	0
Pittsfield	1
Thorndike	7
Troy	3

We received Mutual Aid 20 times.

I do not take my responsibilities lightly and constantly strive to meet your expectations. It is truly an honor to serve you and I look forward to future service.

Sincerely,

Blaine H. Parsons II  
 Fire Chief  
 Unity Fire Department

# Unity Historical Society

## 2018 Annual Report

Since 1982 the Unity Historical Society has preserved the historical materials and artifacts of the area and served as an informational resource for the local community and people around the world. Hundreds of people have toured the house on Depot Street, utilized the library and received assistance with genealogy searches. We would like to thank everyone who supports UHS and invite all of Unity's citizens to visit and participate in the community programming planned for this year.

During the past year students from various classes at Unity College visited and spoke with Historical Society members and used the library for assistance with their research projects. People from around the country, and the world, doing genealogic and other research contacted us by email after visiting our website or finding us through the town website. An industrious group of members has continued the work of inventorying our holdings and reorganizing our files to make them more user friendly. Logan Wadick has mostly completed digitalizing the photo collection. A full-scale recording of the genealogy files from James Vickery and numerous area families continues. Interesting speakers presented information at our monthly meetings on a variety of topics, enabling members and friends to learn more about history in general and specific information about our area. Members and guests were informed and entertained at the monthly meetings by a variety of activities and speakers. We had enjoyable evenings looking at special items that members brought in to discuss, and listening to an interesting series of speakers from the area. Pat Clark spoke about the various mills that had been in Unity. Logan Wadick presented his plans for building a gazebo next to the Historical Society as his Eagle Scout project, and gave us updates as the work was being done. Alex Koch did a presentation on the traditional songs of the lumbering industry. Kevin Spigel spent 32 days on a beer tour of Europe with his father and shared some the information he had learned when they toured breweries in several countries. Dr. Jessica Herlich completed our season by sharing information on how we can learn about the past by studying ancient plants and archaeobotany.

Many people from the community have worked to assist with the mission and activities of the Unity Historical Society during the past year. There was an open house in July, and on the Volunteer Day of Service in September energetic students from Unity College worked on a trench in preparation for electricity to the new gazebo. Another Unity College student, Beth Geraghty, completed a photography project and blog which focused on the dishes and accessories in the Historical Society collection. The Masonic Lodge donated and placed a stone bench by the veterans' memorial, which is a lovely addition to the area. The beautiful gazebo that Logan Wadick has built should be completed this summer and all of these activities are greatly appreciated.

Work continues on upkeep projects for the building and donations would be greatly appreciated in order to help preserve the Historical Society building and keep it more sustainable.

Unity Historical Society continues to stimulate interest in the collection and preservation of historic materials related to the town of Unity as well as Maine and the rest of the world. We look forward to continuing these projects and invite you to join us at 7:00 p.m. on the 4th Tuesday each month from April to October at our monthly meeting.

## UNITY SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Since 1991, the trustees of the Unity Scholarship Committee have awarded scholarships to the following students:

Suzanne Toto, Jenny Roberts, Katie Allen, Allison Bradeen, William Bolio, Mary Hayes, Aaron Bradeen, Ina Lowe, Keith McPherson, Aaron Reynolds, Joshua Roberts, Sarah Rogers, Michael Shaw, Tabitha Norsworthy, Jeremy Von Oesen, Cheryl Reynolds, Laura Reed, Brandy McPherson, Jamie Von Oesen, Kim Fogg, Lewis Henry, Wyatt Pillsbury, Aaron Johnson, Krista Reed, Melissa White, Melissa Wallace, Heather Von Oesen, Blaine Parsons II, Holly Lidstone, Adam Henry, Cori Trull, Brittany Esposito, Lisa Jones, Naomi Gillette, Robert Jurdak, Kati Trull, Chad Tozier, Cedric Rogers, Ryan Newell, Desirea Wakefield, Sarah Lavway, Rachel Knobloch, Kati Ann Simmons, Brian Mozeleski, Terrence Williams II, Mariah Biello, Amy Paquet, Lars Christensen, Joel Van Deventer, Jon Van Deventer, Chris Carman, Matthew Hunter, Brien Flewelling, Amber Jackaway, Megan Swanson, Jenna Drummond, Kelly Newell, Jordan Tozier, Josh Van Deventer, Nichole Simmons, Kai Kavanya, Meagen Carman, Lindsey Hunter, Kevin Paquet, Emily Newell, Josh Ellis, Sarah Lombard, Zachary Pillsbury, Ashley Pillsbury, Justin Tozier, Cassie Drummond, Emily McCormick, Elaine Jones, Wade Wakefield, Tessa Mayberry, Lauren Dimick, Elizabeth Lincoln, Daniel Lombard, Jami Childress, Brock Wakefield, Ben Fox, Hayleigh Kein, Delainey Kein, Phillip Lincoln, Kaytlyn Porter, Alexis Morse, Sara Bell, Jacki Nadeau, Courtney Morse, Megan Muther, Allyson Clary, Silas Fox, Donna Chason, John Piotti, Katrina Steiner, Krysta Porter, Jenni Nadeau, Ross LeLorenzo, Susannah Miller, Eliana Albright, Risa Fox, Madison Vigeant, Makayla Lessard, Richard Foster II, Kristen Allen, Brandon Reynolds, Ashlee Reynolds, Jonathan Bell, Lily Nickerson, Elise Brown, Eliza Geaghan, Paula Miller, Hailee Macomber, and Elora Dodge.

These scholarships were awarded after the successful completion of their first semester of college.

The original endowment from John Beote has been augmented by interest accrued from the Stillman Berry Fund, the Agriculture Benevolent Fund, and the Farwell Fund. To be eligible for the Unity Scholarship a student must be a resident of Unity and submit a complete application on or before May 1 of the year of his/her high school graduation (GED or traditional). Additional information and applications may be obtained at the Unity Town Office or the guidance office at Mount View High School.

Respectfully submitted,

Trustees of the Unity Scholarship Committee

Dorothy Quimby

Madeline Stevenson

Craig Tozier

Mary Knox

Patricia Newell

January 3, 2019

Dear Residents of the Unity Utilities District,

I wanted to take a moment to inform you of several upgrades to the District's infrastructure the Board of Trustees has initiated since last year.

Many of you may recall the significant thaw we had early last year with warm temperatures and tremendous rainfall that resulted in widespread flooding, including on Sandy Stream. Considering the proximity of the School Street Pumping Station to Sandy Stream and the fact that floodwaters threatened our newly installed generator, the UUD opted to elevate the generator to provide an additional buffer to flooding.

The UUD contracted to have the sewer pipe network throughout the entire service area camera-inspected. The trustees are reviewing the video and still images to assess whether any repairs must be made. During this work, no significant issues were raised other than some sections having a buildup of grit and grease. In these instances, the sewer lines were flushed with water to remove the material.

As usual, routine maintenance projects have been completed including brush-hogging the interior of the lagoon site and perimeter road work. The entire property has been posted to ensure the safety of individuals working on site. Hunting/trapping is no longer permitted on any property owned by UUD, including areas outside of the fenced lagoon site.

Our site operator, Jon Carman, discharged 21,079,400 gallons of treated wastewater in 2018 and all required effluent testing met or exceeded discharge permit quality and quantity thresholds.

At this time all systems are performing very well and the work that has been done will ensure that all residents continue to experience consistent and reliable service in the future. I would also like to share that all of the work that was completed was done so without having to borrow money. Your timely payments have allowed us to make these improvements.

Sincerely,



Kevin M. Spigel, Ph.D.  
Trustee, President

Pat Clark  
Trustee

Charlie Schaefer  
Trustee

Jon Carman  
Superintendent

Sue Lombard  
Secretary

# **WALDO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

*6 Public Safety Way  
Belfast, ME 04915*

## **SHERIFF**

*Jeffrey C. Trafton*

## **Administrative Offices**

*207-338-6786*

## **Fax**

*207-338-6784*

## **CHIEF DEPUTY**

*Jason Trundy*

January 11, 2019

Citizens of Waldo County,

The Members of the Waldo County Sheriff's Office are proud to serve the citizens of our great County. We want to thank the members of the public for their continued support. We are a full service Sheriff's Office providing Law Enforcement, Corrections and Civil Paperwork Service to folks who live, work and visit Waldo County.

Some highlights of 2018 included our new Waldo County Recovery Committee, receiving a grant for medication assisted treatment at the Maine Coastal Regional Reentry Center and the County Garden produced more than 131,000 pounds of vegetables that were distributed to folks in need throughout Waldo County.

Our patrol division handled 8,970 calls for service in 2018. These calls included all types of incidents from murders, domestic violence, robberies, burglaries, thefts, child abuse, sexual abuse, drug overdoses, and much more. The drug abuse epidemic continues to ravage our citizens and cause much of the crime in our county. The patrol division also conducted 2,412 traffic stops throughout the county in an effort to increase traffic safety on our roads and highways.

Our Corrections Division continues to excel in the operation of the Maine Coastal Regional Re-entry Center serving 75 residents in 2018. These are men who were nearing the end of their term of incarceration. Our many programs assist them with their integration back into society as productive and contributing citizens. During their stay at the re-entry center, residents provided 7,186 hours of community service throughout Waldo County. This translated to \$79,046 dollars in free labor to citizens and non-profit agencies. Residents also provided more than 131,000 pounds of fresh vegetables to local food pantries

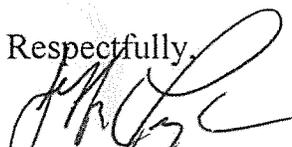
and those in need from the County's Garden Project overseen by Waldo County Commissioner William Shorey. The residents also paid \$12,235 dollars in room and board to the County.

The 72 hour holding and booking facility processed 1,269 persons who were arrested in Waldo County by all the law enforcement agencies serving our County. If a person who has been arrested cannot make bail within 72 hours, he or she has to be transported to the Two Bridges Regional Jail in Wiscasset by our Transport Division. Our average daily population of Waldo County prisoners held at Two Bridges was 33 men and women. This along with bringing prisoners to court and medical appointments, generated 393 transports with our transport division traveling more than 61,728 miles in 2018.

Our Civil Service Division served 1,661 sets of legal paperwork all over the County in 2018.

It has been an honor for all of us to serve all of you in 2018. We look forward to a safe and productive 2019.

Respectfully,



Sheriff Jeffrey C. Trafton



# Waldo County Sheriff's Office

## Total CAD Calls Received, by Nature of Call

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<u>Nature of Call</u>	<u>Total Calls Received</u>	<u>% of Total</u>
911 Disconnect	21	3.08
911 Misdialed	15	2.20
Abandoned Vehicle	3	0.44
Agency Assistance	15	2.20
Alarm	36	5.29
ALS/Paramedic Assist	1	0.15
Assault	10	1.47
off road motorized vehicle	6	0.88
Be On Lookout	5	0.73
Burglary	4	0.59
Business Check	3	0.44
Accident Car Deer	25	3.67
Child Abuse or Neglect	2	0.29
Child Custody	12	1.76
Civil Complaint	21	3.08
Criminal Mischief	11	1.62
Criminal Trespass	12	1.76
Cruiser Accident	1	0.15
Detail Accident Reconstruction	1	0.15
Detail Drug Take Back Program	1	0.15
Miscellaneous Detail	6	0.88
Detail Radar	31	4.55
Detail School	3	0.44
Detail Traffic	1	0.15
Disorderly Conduct	2	0.29
Disturbance	29	4.26
Domestic Disturbance	13	1.91
Controlled Substance Problem	2	0.29
Fire Alarm	1	0.15
Found Property	5	0.73
Fraud	5	0.73
Fuel Drive Off	5	0.73
Harassment	14	2.06
House Check	56	8.22
Identity Theft	2	0.29
Information Report	36	5.29
Intoxicated Person	4	0.59
Juvenile Problem	1	0.15
Late Report of PD 10-55	3	0.44
List Assist	1	0.15
Litter, Pollutn, Public Health	1	0.15
Medical Emergency EMD	10	1.47
Mental Medical	9	1.32
Message Delivery	5	0.73

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<u>Nature of Call</u>	<u>Total Calls Received</u>	<u>% of Total</u>
Missing Person	2	0.29
Motorist Assist	7	1.03
Motor Vehicle Complaint	31	4.55
Noise Complaint	1	0.15
Paperwork Service	9	1.32
Parking Problem	1	0.15
Traffic Accident with Damage	13	1.91
Traffic Accident with Injuries	15	2.20
Property Watch	6	0.88
Public Assist	14	2.06
Robbery	1	0.15
Search Warrant	2	0.29
Service PO	7	1.03
Sex Offense	6	0.88
Speaking Engagement	3	0.44
Speed Complaint	6	0.88
Suspicious Person, Circumstnce	25	3.67
Theft	17	2.50
Threatening	7	1.03
Traffic Hazard	3	0.44
Traffic Violation	4	0.59
Vehicle Off the Road	9	1.32
Violation Conditional Release	1	0.15
Violation Protection Order	5	0.73
Wanted Person	7	1.03
Welfare Check	28	4.11
Wildlife Problem or Complaint	1	0.15

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Total reported: 681

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**Report Includes:**

All dates between `00:00:00 01/01/18` and `00:00:00 01/01/19`, All nature of incidents, All cities matching `UN`, All types, All priorities, All agencies matching `WSO`

Statement 1

TOWN OF UNITY, MAINE  
Statement of Net Position  
January 31, 2018

<b>ASSETS</b>	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
Current Assets:	
Cash	\$ 742,237
Receivables:	
Taxes	234,963
Liens	77,657
Accounts	1,365
Tax acquired property	214
Total Current Assets	<u>1,056,436</u>
Noncurrent Assets:	
Capital assets net	4,225,851
Total Assets	<u>5,282,287</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Current Liabilities:	
Accounts payable	12,713
Notes payable, current portion	25,000
Bonds payable, current portion	172,009
Total Current Liabilities	<u>209,722</u>
Noncurrent Liabilities:	
Notes payable, noncurrent portion	115,000
Bonds payable, noncurrent portion	2,112,544
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	<u>2,227,544</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>2,437,266</u>
<b>NET POSITION</b>	
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	1,801,298
Unrestricted	1,043,723
Total net position	<u>\$ 2,845,021</u>

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.  
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TOWN OF UNITY, MAINE  
Statement of Activities  
For the Year Ended January 31, 2018

Statement 2

Function/Programs	Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenues
	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Charges for Services</u>	<u>Operating grants and contributions</u>	
Governmental activities:	\$			
General government	166,671	12,899		(153,772)
Protection	163,995	10,069		(153,926)
Public works	958,629	16	35,524	(923,089)
Health and sanitation	138,793	69,533	1,875	(67,385)
Leisure services	5,371		1,013	(4,358)
Special assessments	1,548,163			(1,548,163)
Cemeteries	14,843			(14,843)
Social services	12,411		3,622	(8,789)
Unclassified	4,189			(4,189)
<b>Total governmental activities</b>	<b>3,013,065</b>	<b>92,517</b>	<b>42,034</b>	<b>0</b>

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
Net (expense) / revenue	
General revenues:	
Property taxes	2,128,268
Excise taxes	260,588
Interest and costs on taxes	19,894
Intergovernmental:	
State revenue sharing	96,576
Homestead exemption	69,258
Tree growth	9,538
US Wildlife	100
Veterans reimbursement	1,798
BETE reimbursement	248
Miscellaneous	13,846
Unrestricted interest	7,286
Cable franchise fees	4,671
<b>Total general revenues</b>	<b>2,612,071</b>
<b>Change in Net position</b>	<b>(266,443)</b>
Net position - beginning	3,111,464
Net position - ending	<b>2,845,021</b>

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.  
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TOWN OF UNITY, MAINE  
Balance Sheet  
Governmental Funds  
January 31, 2018

ASSETS	General <u>Fund</u>	Total Governmental <u>Funds</u>
Cash	\$ 742,237	\$ 742,237
Receivables		
Taxes	234,963	234,963
Liens	77,657	77,657
Accounts	1,365	1,365
Tax acquired property	214	214
Total Assets	<u>1,056,436</u>	<u>1,056,436</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts payable	12,713	12,713
Total Liabilities	<u>12,713</u>	<u>12,713</u>
<b>UNEARNED REVENUE</b>		
Unearned property taxes	257,000	257,000
Total Liabilities and Unearned Revenue	<u>269,713</u>	<u>269,713</u>
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>		
Fund Balances		
Capital purchases	58,502	58,502
Assigned revenues	21,917	21,917
Assigned expenditures	198,805	198,805
Unassigned	507,499	507,499
Total Fund Equity	<u>786,723</u>	<u>786,723</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	<u>\$ 1,056,436</u>	<u>\$</u>

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:

Capital assets used in governmental activities not financial resources and, therefore, are reported in the funds.	4,225,851
Other long-term assets are not available to pay current-periods expenditures and therefore are deferred in the funds.	257,000
Long-term liabilities, including bonds payable not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds.	
Notes payable	(140,000)
Bonds payable	(2,284,553)
Net position of governmental	<u>\$ 2,845,021</u>

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

TOWN OF UNITY, MAINE  
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances  
Governmental Funds  
For the Year Ended January 31, 2018

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
<b>Revenues:</b>		
Taxes	\$ 2,405,750	\$ 2,405,750
Intergovernmental	217,678	217,678
Interest	7,286	7,286
Charges for services	92,517	92,517
Miscellaneous	20,392	20,392
Total Revenues	2,743,623	2,743,623
<b>Expenditures:</b>		
Current:		
General government	161,842	161,842
Protection	122,548	122,548
Public works	777,921	777,921
Health and sanitation	138,793	138,793
Leisure services	5,371	5,371
Special assessments	1,548,163	1,548,163
Cemeteries	14,843	14,843
Social services	12,411	12,411
Unclassified	4,189	4,189
Total Expenditures	2,786,081	2,786,081
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(42,458)	(42,458)
Fund Balances - beginning	829,181	829,181
Fund Balances - ending	\$ 786,723	\$ 786,723

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.  
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TOWN OF UNITY, MAINE  
 Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues,  
 Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances  
 Of Governmental Funds  
 to the Statement of Activities  
 For the Fiscal Year Ended January 31, 2018

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds	\$	(42,458)
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:		
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. While governmental activities report depreciation expense to allocate those expenditures over the life of the assets:		
Depreciation expense		(538,345)
Repayment of debt principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the Statement of Net Position		
Capital bond obligation principal payments		311,360
Revenues in the Statement of Activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds		
Deferred property tax revenue		3,000
Change in Net position of Governmental Activities	\$	(266,443)



Statement 7

TOWN OF UNITY, MAINE  
Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position  
For the Year Ended January 31, 2018

		Private Purpose <u>Trust Fund</u>
Additions:		
Investment income	\$	22,770
Total Additions		22,770
Deductions:		
Cemeteries		3,100
Scholarships		1,758
Total Deductions		4,858
Change in Net position		17,912
Net position - beginning of year		133,456
Net position - end of year	\$	151,368

TOWN OF UNITY, MAINE  
Notes to Combined Financial Statements  
January 31, 2018

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The Town of Unity was incorporated in 1804 under the laws of the State of Massachusetts. The Town operates under the Board of Selectmen/Town Meeting form of government.

The Town's financial statements are prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is responsible for establishing GAAP for state and local governments through its pronouncements (Statements and Interpretations). Governments are also required to follow the pronouncements of the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued through November, 1989 (when applicable) that do not conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements. Although the Town has the option to apply FASB pronouncements issued after that date to its business-type activities and enterprise funds, the Town has chosen not to do so. The more significant accounting policies established in GAAP and used by the Town are discussed below.

**A. Reporting Entity**

In evaluating how to define the reporting entity, for financial reporting purposes, management has considered all potential component units. The decision to include a potential component unit is made by applying the criteria set forth in GAAP which defines the reporting entity as the primary government and those component units for which the primary government is financially accountable. Financial accountability is defined as appointment of a voting majority of the component unit's board, and either a) the ability to impose will by the primary government, or b) the possibility that the component unit will provide a financial benefit to or impose a financial burden on the primary government. Application of this criterion and determination of type of presentation involves considering whether the activity benefits the government and/or its citizens, or whether the activity is conducted within the geographic boundaries of the government and is generally available to its citizens. Based upon the application of these criteria, there were no potential component units required to be included in this report.

**B. Government-wide Financial Statements**

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net position and the statement of changes in net position) report information on all of the non fiduciary activities of the Town. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment are offset

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, continued

by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. The Town has elected not to allocate indirect costs among the programs, functions and segments. Program revenues include 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds and fiduciary funds, even though the latter is excluded from the government-wide financial statements. Major individual governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

C. **Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation**

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting, as are the fiduciary fund financial statements. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenues as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the government considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due.

Licenses, permits, fees, excise taxes and miscellaneous revenues are recorded as revenues when received in cash because they are generally not measurable until actually received. Interest income and charges for services are recorded as revenues when earned, since they are measurable and available.

Those revenues susceptible to accrual are property taxes, interest, and charges for services. Other receipts and taxes become measurable and available when cash is received by the Town and are recognized as revenue at that time.

Entitlements and shared revenues are recorded at the time of receipt or earlier if the susceptible to accrual criteria are

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, continued

met. Expenditure-driven grants are recognized as revenue when the qualifying expenditures have been incurred and all other grant requirements have been met.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the Town's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as needed.

The Town reports the following major governmental fund:

The General Fund is the Town's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the general government, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

Additionally, the Town reports the following fund types:

**Fiduciary Funds**

Fiduciary funds are used to account for assets held by the Town in a trustee capacity or as an agent for individuals, private organizations, other governmental units, and/or other funds.

Private-purpose trust funds are used to report trust arrangements under which principal and income benefit individuals, private organizations, or other governments.

Private-sector standards of accounting and financial reporting issued prior to December 1, 1989, generally are followed in the government-wide financial statements to the extent that those standards do not conflict with or contradict guidance of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. The government has elected not to follow subsequent private-sector guidance.

As a general rule the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements.

Amounts reported as program revenues include 1) charges to customers or applicants for goods, services, or privileges provided, 2) operating grants and contributions, and 3) capital grants and contributions, including special assessments. Internally dedicated resources are reported as general revenues rather than as program revenues. Likewise, general revenues include all taxes.

**D. Capital Assets**

Capital assets, which include property, plant, and equipment are reported in the governmental activities column in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the government as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$5,000 (amount not rounded) and an estimated useful life in excess of two years. Such assets are recorded at historical costs or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation.

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, continued

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets lives are not capitalized. Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed. Property, plant, and equipment of the primary government is depreciated using the straight line method over the following estimated useful lives ranging from 3 to 50 years.

**E. Long-term Obligations**

In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the governmental activities statement of net position. Bond premiums and discounts, as well as issuance costs, if material, are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the effective interest method. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable bond premium or discount. Bond issuance costs, if material, are reported as deferred charges and amortized over the term of the related debt.

In the fund financial statements, governmental fund types recognize bond premiums and discounts, as well as bond issuance costs, during the current period. The face amount of debt issued is reported as other financing sources. Premiums received on debt issuance are reported as other financing sources while discounts on debt issuance are reported as other financing uses. Issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual debt proceeds received, are reported as debt service expenditures.

**F. Fund Equity**

Reserved fund balance indicates that a portion of the fund balance is legally or otherwise segregated for a specific future use, and is indicated by the title of each reserve listed in the balance sheet. Unreserved-designated fund balances indicate amounts which either are required to be carried forward by law or contractual agreement, or which the Town has voted to carry forward.

**G. Use of Estimates**

Committed fund balance indicates that a portion of the fund balance is constrained for a specific future use, and is indicated by the title of each purpose listed in the balance sheet. Committed fund balances are voted on at Town Meetings. Assigned fund balances indicate amounts which either are intended to be carried forward by law or contractual agreement, or which the Board of Selectmen has voted to carry forward. Unassigned is the remaining amount which is available for general use.

2. Budgetary Accounting

A budget is formally adopted for the General Fund, only, through the passage of a Town warrant, and is prepared on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles.

In the General Fund, the level of control (level at which expenditures may not exceed budget and applied revenues) is the accounts within each department. Unexpended appropriations and

2. Budgetary Accounting, continued

unexpended revenues are lapsed at the close of the year. Once adopted, the budget can only be amended by the townspeople at a special Town meeting.

3. Deposits and Investments

A. Deposits

At year end, the Town's carrying amount of deposits was \$749,326. The bank balances for all funds totaled \$911,172. Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of a bank failure the District's deposits might not be recovered. As of January 31, 2018, all of the Town's deposits were insured or collateralized.

B. Investment

At January 31, 2018, the Town's investment balances were as follows:

<u>Investment Type</u>	<u>Fund Type</u>	<u>Rating</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>
Pace program	General Fund		
Pace program	Trust Fund	N/A	\$ 138,854 96%
NStar	Trust Fund	N/A	4,318 3%
First Energy	Trust Fund	N/A	1,108 0.77%
			\$ <u>144,280</u>

The Town does not have a formal investment policy. Most equities are managed by the town's financial institution in the Town's name. The other investments are held by the Town.

4. Property Tax

Property taxes for the year were committed on July 5, 2017, on the assessed value listed as of April 1, 2017, for all taxable real and personal property located in the Town. Payment of taxes was due at the date of commitment with interest at 7.00% on all tax bills unpaid as of November 30, 2017.

Assessed values are periodically established by the Town's Assessor at 100% of assumed market value. The assessed value for the list of April 1, 2017 upon which the levy for the year ended January 31, 2018, was based, was \$130,658,200. This assessed value was 100% of the estimated market value.

Tax liens are placed on real property within twelve months following the tax commitment date if taxes are delinquent. The Town has the authority to foreclose on property eighteen months after the filing of the lien if tax liens and associated costs remain unpaid.

Property taxes levied during the year were recorded as receivables at the time the levy was made. The receivables collected during the year and in the first sixty days following the end of the fiscal year have been recorded as revenues. The remaining receivables have been recorded as deferred revenues.

2. Budgetary Accounting, continued

5. Operating Property

Operating and nonoperating property are recorded at cost or, in the case of contributed property, at the fair market value at the date of acquisition. Depreciation is computed on the straight line method based upon the estimated useful lives of the assets as follows:

Governmental Activities:	Balance February 1 <u>2017</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	Balance January 31 <u>2018</u>
Assets not being depreciated				
Land	\$ 140,963	\$	\$	\$ 140,963
Assets being depreciated				
Land improvements	72,688			72,688
Buildings	1,108,503			1,108,503
Equipment	41,350			41,350
Vehicles	526,964			526,964
Infrastructure	19,840,413			19,840,413
	<u>21,730,881</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>21,730,881</u>
Less accumulated depreciation				
Land improvements	17,970	1,817		19,787
Buildings	311,779	29,055		340,834
Equipment	41,350			41,350
Vehicles	336,418	20,555		356,973
Infrastructure	16,259,168	486,918		16,746,086
	<u>16,966,685</u>	<u>538,345</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>17,505,030</u>
Capital Assets, net	\$ <u>4,764,196</u>	\$ <u>(538,345)</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>4,225,851</u>
Depreciation Expense:				
Public safety	\$ 41,446			
General government	4,829			
Public works	492,070			
	<u>\$ 538,345</u>			

6. Long-term Debt

The following is a summary of long-term debt transactions of the Town for the year ended January 31, 2018:

<u>Long-term debt payable at February 1, 2017</u>	\$ 2,735,913
Debt proceeds	
Debt Retired	(311,360)
Long-term debt payable at January 31, 2018	<u>\$ 2,424,553</u>
Interest Paid	<u>67,885</u>

Long-term debt payable at January 31, 2018 is comprised of the following:

<u>Long-term Debt Account Group</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Final Maturity Date</u>	<u>Balance End of Year</u>
Firehouse refinance	1.5 to 3.7%	2032	\$ 472,919
Town office	2.25%	2023	140,000
Road loans	2.38%	2027	1,166,847
Road loan	2.38%	2034	644,787
			<u>\$ 2,424,553</u>

6. Long-term Debt, continued

The annual requirement to amortize all long-term debt outstanding as of January 31, 2018 are as follows:

Year	Principal <u>Payable</u>	Interest <u>Payable</u>
2018	\$ 197,009	\$ 38,708
2019	198,812	36,335
2020	201,369	33,215
2021	203,425	30,582
2022	206,034	27,403
2023-2027	955,425	92,138
2028-2032	379,640	31,840
2033-2037	82,839	1,507

Total \$ 2,424,553 \$ 291,728

In accordance with 30-A MRSA, Section 5702, as amended, no municipality shall incur debt for specified purposes in excess of 15 percent of the state valuation of such municipality. At January 31, 2018, the Town was in compliance with these regulations.

7. Assigned Revenues

The Town has set aside certain balances for accumulation until expenditure in future years. These accounts were as follows at January 31, 2018:

Sale of lots	\$	7,531
State revenue sharing		<u>14,386</u>
Total	\$	<u>21,917</u>

8. Unassigned General Fund Fund Equity

The unassigned General Fund fund equity reflected a change for the current year as follows:

Balance - February 1, 2017		\$	424,970
Increase (Decrease):			
Actual over (under) budgeted revenues	52,248		
Actual under (over) budgeted expenditures	40,281		
Utilization per town vote	<u>(10,000)</u>		
Net Increase (Decrease)			<u>82,529</u>
Balance - January 31, 2018		\$	<u>507,499</u>

9. Risk Management

The Town of Unity is exposed to various risks of losses related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The Town maintains insurance coverage for part of its risk management. Expenditures and claims are recognized when it is probable that a loss has occurred and the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated. In determining claims, events that might create claims, but for which none have been reported, are considered. The Town's management estimates that the amount of actual or potential claims against the Town as of January 31, 2018, will not materially affect the financial condition of the Town.

10. Assigned Expenditures

The portion of the General Fund fund equity which has been assigned for subsequent year's expenditure represents amounts budgeted during the current accounting period that are to be expended in the subsequent year. These accounts, were as follows at January 31, 2018:

Protection	\$	1,500
Fire house repair		12,507
TIF		184,798

Total \$ 198,805

11. Subsequent Events

Management has made an evaluation of subsequent events to and including May 5, 2018, which was the date the financial statements were available to be issued, and determined that there are no events that would require recognition or disclosure in these financial statements.

TOWN OF UNITY, MAINE  
Budget Comparison Schedule  
General Fund  
For the year ended January 31, 2018

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>			Variance with final budget positive (negative)
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>	<u>Actual</u>	
Revenues:	\$	\$	\$	\$
Taxes	2,406,293	2,406,293	2,405,750	(543)
Intergovernmental	204,882	204,882	217,678	12,796
Interest	3,100	3,100	7,286	4,186
Charges for services	66,614	66,614	92,517	25,903
Miscellaneous	12,300	12,300	20,392	8,092
Total revenues	<u>2,693,189</u>	<u>2,693,189</u>	<u>2,743,623</u>	<u>50,434</u>
Expenditures:				
Current:				
General government	192,725	192,725	161,842	30,883
Protection	137,386	137,386	122,548	14,838
Public works	781,361	781,361	777,921	3,440
Health and sanitation	154,535	154,535	138,793	15,742
Leisure services	4,500	4,500	5,371	(871)
Special assessments	1,738,411	1,738,411	1,548,163	190,248
Unclassified			4,189	(4,189)
Cemeteries	15,000	15,000	14,843	157
Social services	11,250	11,250	12,411	(1,161)
Total expenditures	<u>3,035,168</u>	<u>3,035,168</u>	<u>2,786,081</u>	<u>249,087</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under expenditures)	<u>(341,979)</u>	<u>(341,979)</u>	<u>(42,458)</u>	<u>299,521</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>(341,979)</u>	<u>(341,979)</u>	<u>(42,458)</u>	<u>299,521</u>
Fund Balance - beginning of year	829,181	829,181	829,181	0
Fund Balance - ending of year	<u>\$ 487,202</u>	<u>\$ 487,202</u>	<u>\$ 786,723</u>	<u>\$ 299,521</u>

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

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REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND  
OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN  
ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

July 5, 2018

Board of Selectmen  
Town of Unity, Maine

I have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Town of Unity, Maine as of and for the year ended January 31, 2018, which collectively comprise Town of Unity, Maine's basic financial statements and have issued my report thereon dated July 5, 2018. I conducted my audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing my audits, I considered Town of Unity, Maine's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing my auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing my opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Town of Unity, Maine's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, I do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Town of Unity, Maine's internal control over financial reporting.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis.

My consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be deficiencies, significant deficiencies, or material weaknesses. I did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that I consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Town of Unity, Maine's financial statements are free of material misstatement, I performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of my audits, and accordingly, I do not express such an opinion. The results of my tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Selectmen, management and federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.



# TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Did you purchase a home in town and move in within the past year? If so, have you applied for you **HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION?** This exemption is currently worth up to \$20,000 off your assessed value. You must be a resident of Unity, have owned your home (which is your primary residence) for at least one year and file an application by April 1st. Applications are available at the Town Office. This is one-time application and as long as you own your home, there is no need to reapply.



VETERANS who have served in a federally recognized war period, have reached the age of 62, or are receiving government compensation for a service connected disability, may be eligible for a **Veteran's Property Tax Exemption**. Applications are available at the Town Office. Please bring with you your DD214. If you are an un-remarried spouse of deceased Veteran who may have met these criteria's, you may also be eligible. This is a onetime application.



**Dog Licenses** expire on December 31<sup>st</sup>. Once a dog is **6 months old**, it needs to be licensed.

You must have a current **rabies vaccination** certification.

If you dog is neutered or spayed, the cost is **\$6.00**. You must show verification from your veterinarian that your dog has been fixed! Otherwise, the cost is **\$11.00**.

As of February 1<sup>st</sup>, a late fee of \$25 per dog is collected, along with the cost of the license.

## Town of Unity Online Options:

Visit [www.unityme.org](http://www.unityme.org)

1. Motor Vehicle: Rapid Renewal—You will need your old registration and insurance card
2. Inland Fisheries & Wildlife: Boats, Hunting and Fishing Licenses, ATV and Snowmobiles (Your Moses ID is needed)
3. Dog Licenses
4. Property Tax Payments (you will need to call ahead of time to find out what your payoff total is.

## Expiration dates:

- Taxes are due November 30th, interest begins December 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Hunting & Fishing Licenses – Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>
- Boat Registrations – December 31<sup>st</sup>
- Snowmobile & ATV Registrations—June 30<sup>th</sup>

<b>VITAL RECORDS</b>		
 Census	 Marriages	
 Births	 Deaths	
<b><u>Births</u></b> 29	<b><u>Deaths</u></b> 18	<b><u>Marriages</u></b> 11

# 2018 TAXES DUE

Tax Commitment    \$2,166,674.48

ANDERSON, MATTHEW C	474.03	EMBRY, MICHAEL W	224.45
AVILA, ANTONIO D	1,412.03 *	FORTIN, DONALD	1,554.40
AVILA, ANTONIO DE	2,470.63 *	FOSTER, DAVID A	4,542.60
BADGER, THOMAS F	1,592.93	FOWLER, CAROL	418.75
BADGER, THOMAS F	306.53	* FRENCH, MICHAEL C	1,232.80
BAGLEY, FRANK	1,559.39	FRIEDRICH, DANIEL J	1,440.56
BAGLEY, FRANK	2,224.40	FROST, JOY L	128.98
BAGLEY, FRANK	433.83	GEIGER, SARAH E. PERS REP	1,314.88
BALDA, WESLEY D. ( TRUSTEE)	259.47	GENEST, SHERRI L	571.18
BARD, STEPHEN T	1,440.50	GERRY, MARYANN	696.80
BARD, STEPHEN T	515.90	GETCHELL, REED	3,251.72
BENNETT, JANET	795.63	GETCHELL, REED E	418.28
BISHOP, ROBERT DALE	189.28	Gideon Stoll	3,658.11
BISHOP, ROBERT DALE	673.56	GIGGEY, NICOLE	1,474.00
BOOTH, BARBARA L	1,676.68	GIGGEY, NICOLE K	1,718.55
BOOTH, RICHARD C	16.75	GILLEY, DONALD	594.63
BOYNTON, JANET (HEIRS OF)	396.98	GRAY, SHERRY L	569.50
BRALEY, SCOTT	581.23	GRAY, SHERRY LYNN	3.54
BROUGHAM, JOHN	15.02	HENRY, JEFF	2,272.98
BROWN, BETTE A	2,090.40	HIGGINS, CHRISTOPHER	2,463.91
CARMICHAEL, CONNIE R	715.23	HILLOCK, JOHN B	8.33
CLARKE, GRETEL L	1,619.73	HITCHCOCK, JAMES	30.15
CLOONAN, KATHRYN L	706.85	HITCHCOCK, JAMES	395.30
CLOONAN, KATHRYN L	3,427.05	HITCHCOCK, JAMES	2,048.53
CLOUTIER, JEAN	1,479.03	HITCHCOCK, JAMES	88.78
CONNELL, COLEEN G	951.40	* HOBBS, JAQUES	780.55
CONROY, WILLIAM R	541.03	HODGES, RICHARD A	2,217.70
CORSON, MICHAEL J	393.63	HODGES, RICHARD A. &	1,829.10
COTE, CHRISTINE	177.55	HODGES, RICHARD INC	1,499.13
COUTURIER, ROBERT(ESTATE)	1,886.05	HUBBARD, ELAINE	571.18
CROSS, BRIDGETTE	1,589.58	HUBBARD, JAMES	934.65
CROWELL, LEONA M	956.43	HUBBARD, JOAN	190.95
CROWELL, LEONA M	767.15	HUBBARD, RAY SR	572.85
DARNER, MIRANDA	202.63	HUBBARD, ROLAND E	313.23
DAVIDSON, DOUGLAS S	1,380.20	HUBBARD, ROLAND E. &	889.46
DAVIDSON, DOUGLAS S	241.20	HUBBARD, RONALD A	304.85
DAVIDSON, GERALD	1,798.95	HULVA, KARI	1,266.30
DEROSIER, VALERIE A	1,917.88 *	HUNTER, SUSAN A	6,535.85
DODGE, KATE	36.85	J & J EDWARDS PROPERTIES,	-16.40
DODGE, KATE I	264.65	JONES, ALLEN	2,358.40
DODGE, LAWRENCE	214.40	* JONES, LORI	18.55
DODGE, LAWRENCE E	30.15	JULIA, DAWSON	1,301.48
DODGE, LESLIE JR	447.23	* KERCSMAR, JOSHUA A	1,426.25
DODGE, TERRI	525.95	LANCASTER, CRAIG A	631.48
DRUMMOND, THEODORE E	924.71	LEE, STEPHEN	1,033.48
EAST COAST CBD, LLC.	4,955.51	LITTLEFIELD, TABITHA	1,505.83
EJ INVESTMENTS, LLC	207.70	LUDDEN, DARWIN L	1,763.78
EJ INVESTMENTS, LLC	579.55	LYLE, HEATHER J	2,284.70
EJ INVESTMENTS, LLC	207.70	MACARY, PETER A (HEIRS)	619.58
EJ INVESTMENTS, LLC	103.85	MADORE, HELEN M	1,150.73
EJ INVESTMENTS, LLC	207.70	MANIATAKOS, ROULA	2,869.28
MANLEY, SHARON	435.50	ROBBINS, WILLIAM	1,018.40

MARTIN, GARY M	376.88
MARTINEAU, JEFF	130.65
McCORMICK, EMILY ROSE	582.90
McCORMICK, KAREN	537.68
MCCUE, DAVID	335.00
MCCUE, KENNETH R	559.45
MCLAUGHLIN, WILLIAM	1,242.85
MELLO, JILLIAN	7.71
MENOUDARAKES, ARETI	400.33
MENOUDARAKOS, ARETI	288.10
MESARIC, MARK A II	1,675.00
MITCHELL, MICHAEL	1,470.65
MITCHELL, MICHAEL R	301.50
MITCHELL, WYONA	569.50
MITCHELL, WYONA	1,494.50
MORSE, JANET	819.49
MOULTON, ALAN	500.83
NADEAU, PHILLIP	2,056.90
NEAL, GALEN	519.25
NEILL, CATHERINE E (TRUSTEE)	1,333.30
OAKS, MARY A	2,956.38
OLIVIER, RICK A	1,638.15
OLIVIER, RICK A	1,175.85
OLIVIER, RICK A	432.15
OLIVIER, RICK A	988.25
OLIVIER, RICK A	316.58
PAGLIAROLI, BARRY	211.05
PAGLIAROLI, DEAN	1,474.00
PAGLIAROLI, DEAN	281.40
PAGLIAROLI, KENNETH	25.13
PAGLIAROLI, KYLE	130.65
PAGLIAROLI, RALPH	991.60
PARSONS, RYAN N	2,927.90
PARSONS, RYAN NEIL	5,849.10
PARSONS, THERESA ANNE	2,142.33
PENNEY, PATRICIA	67.47
PERKINS, MARTHA	179.69
POMEROY, RUTH	348.40
PORTER, FLORENCE	440.53
QUEENER, ULYSSES G	589.60
RAVEN, MYRNA	360.04 *
REED, SCOTT	4,626.35
REYNOLDS JR, MAURICE & JOYCE	41.88
REYNOLDS, ALEC( 1/2 INT)	2,038.48
REYNOLDS, ALTON	740.35 *
REYNOLDS, ANNETTE	1,468.98
REYNOLDS, FAYLENE	939.61
REYNOLDS, GERALD	403.68
REYNOLDS, JEFFREY	1,606.33
RIAVEZ, JOSEPH P	1,614.70 *
ROGERS, SCOTT	125.63
ROGERS, SCOTT	2,440.48
ROGERS, SCOTT G	1,358.43
RUSSELL, GRANT J	514.38 *
RYAN, GREGORY A	1,829.10
SANDY STREAM HOLDINGS LLC	113.90
SAVZ CORPORATION	2,574.48

SCHENK, JOSEPH B	522.60
SHEDYAK, CHRISTOPHER M	1,886.05
SHEDYAK, NAJEAN M	1,105.50
SHIBLES, BRIAN A	696.80
SHOREY, TERRY	292.22
SMITH, DURWARD	410.38
SPRAGUE, MERTON	597.43
STEVENS, DAVID	4,360.03
STEVENS, DAVID	174.20
STEVENS, DAVID F	122.28
STEVENS, ELLEN	1,887.73
TARINI, HAROLD A JR	324.47
TARINI, HAROLD JR	1,461.03
* THE BALDA FAMILY TRUST	2,186.74
THURLOW, DAVID E	2,339.98
* TUCKER, PERLEY	1,420.40
TURNER, RONALD A	110.55
VALLES, RONALD	1,182.55
VANDEETS, PETER	1,112.20
VON OESEN, JEREMY W	748.73
VONOESSEN, CORY	780.55
VONOESSEN, JAMIE S	2,465.60
* VONOESSEN, RICHARD	69.60
VR REALTY, LLC.	207.70
WARMAN, ERIC NELSON	2,566.10
WEBBER, ARCHIE L JR	41.88
WEDGE, IRMA	376.88
WEISER, DIANE M	3,195.90
WHITCOMB, JAMIE W	1,093.78
WHITCOMB-BROWN, AMY LY	399.45
WULF, HOWARD	427.13
<b>Unpaid Balance</b>	<b>\$211,743.16</b>

#### 2018 PERSONAL PROPERTY

AVILA, ANTONIO	93.80
EAST COAST CBD, LLC	1,675.00
GROTTON, CHARLENE J	50.25
HODGES, RICHARD INC	201.00
JONES, DERECK	469.00
JONES, PAUL	335.00
PARSONS, RYAN NEIL	20.10
SAVZ CORPORATION	400.33
TIMEPAYMENT CORP	90.45
TOMRA MAINE	579.55
TRULL, TODD	50.25
<b>Unpaid P.P. Balance</b>	<b>\$3,964.73</b>

\* Paid In full after books closed

## 2017 TAXES DUE

Tax Commitment    \$2,156,293.22

BADGER, THOMAS F.	1,112.81
BADGER, THOMAS F.	273.37
BAGLEY, FRANK	2,027.62
BENNETT, JANET	890.71
BOYNTON, JANET (HEIRS OF)	479.34
BRALEY, SCOTT	669.47
CARMICHAEL, CONNIE R	807.76
CONNELL, JEFFREY SR.	925.69
CONROY, WILLIAM R	627.99
CROSS, BRIDGETTE	1,104.64
DODGE JR, LESLIE	531.19
DODGE, KATE	88.88
DODGE, KATE I.	342.80
DODGE, LAWRENCE & KATE	290.94
DODGE, LAWRENCE E	100.81
DODGE, TERRI	629.72
DRUMMOND, THEODORE E	2,955.15
EMBRY, MICHAEL W	301.31
FOWLER, CAROL	240.07
GIGGEY, NICOLE	1,590.74
HODGES, RICHARD A.	2,358.17
HODGES, RICHARD A. &	1,957.17
HODGES, RICHARD INC	1,616.66
HUBBARD SR, RAY	660.83
HUBBARD, JAMES	271.55
HUBBARD, JOAN	266.74
HUBBARD, RONALD A	384.28
HULVA, KARI & ARLENE M.C.	1,376.41
HUNTER, SUSAN A.	6,605.83
MANLEY, SHARON	519.10
McCORMICK, EMILY ROSE	671.20
McCORMICK, KAREN	624.53
MCCUE, DAVID	415.39
MCCUE, KENNETH R	647.00
MCLAUGHLIN, WILLIAM	176.39
MITCHELL, MICHAEL	1,587.28
MITCHELL, MICHAEL R	380.82
MOULTON, ALAN	586.50
NEILL, CATHERINE E (TRUSTEE)	1,095.15
OAKS, MARY A.	3,120.42
PAGLIAROLI, DEAN	1,590.74
PAGLIAROLI, DEAN	200.00
PAGLIAROLI, KYLE	511.83
PAGLIAROLI, RALPH	722.47
PARSONS, RYAN N.	3,091.04
PARSONS, RYAN NEIL	6,105.46
POMEROY, RUTH	429.22

PORTER, FLORENCE	197.84
QUEENER, ULYSSES G	541.00
REED, SCOTT	5,609.40
REYNOLDS JR, MAURICE	112.91
REYNOLDS JR, MAURICE	607.03
REYNOLDS, ANNETTE	886.18
REYNOLDS, GERALD	501.81
REYNOLDS, JEFFREY	1,714.91
* RIAVEZ, JOSEPH P	72.61
SHEDYAK, CHRISTOPHER M	2,015.94
SHEDYAK, NAJEAN M	1,202.15
SMITH, DURWARD	493.17
STEVENS, DAVID	879.86
THURLOW, DAVID E.	2,138.67
TURNER, RONALD A	183.78
VANDEETS, PETER	1,144.51
VONOESEN, CORY	875.16
WEDGE, IRMA	458.60
WEISER, DIANE M.	3,244.87
<b>Unpaid Balance</b>	<b>\$76,843.59</b>

### 2017 PERSONAL PROPERTY

CROSSTRAX	166.50
EAST COAST CBD, LLC	1,665.00
HODGES, RICHARD INC	199.80
HODGES, RICHARD INC	49.95
<b>Unpaid P.P. Balance</b>	<b>\$2,081.25</b>

\* Paid In full after books closed

# Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance 02/01/2018    \$556,868.42

Received from State of Maine:

State Road Assistance	\$34,200.00
Snomobile Grant/Refund	\$8,008.71
Tree Growth Reimbursement	\$8,369.69
Veteran Reimbursement	\$1,680.00
General Assistance Reimbursement	\$462.96
Homestead Exemption Reimbursement	\$81,042.00
BETE Reimbursement	\$16.00
State Revenue Sharing	\$101,105.90
Online Burn Permit Share	\$124.00
Salt/Sand Shed Reimbursement	\$35,620.12

Received for State of Maine:

Motor Vehicles	\$162,331.75
Fish & Game Licenses	\$20,803.92
Dog Licenses	\$1,532.00
Plumbing Permits	\$7,203.75

Received From:

Auto Excise	\$266,992.23
Boat Excise	\$1,646.90
Admin Fees	\$9,391.45
Bank Interest	\$4,935.82
Tax Interest	\$15,544.61
Lien Costs	\$7,935.41
Building Permit	\$1,390.00
Marriage License	\$754.00
Birth Certificates	\$684.00
Death Certificates	\$150.00
Dog Late Fee	\$325.00
TrashTags	\$29,240.50
Dumpsters	\$19,203.75
Violation Fines	\$50.00
US Wildlife	\$100.00
Cable Franchise Fees	\$5,336.02
Fire Department Income	\$5,792.50
MSAD3 Elect	\$525.38
MSAD3 Tip	\$1,956.50
MRC Rebate	\$14,300.68
Summer Rds	\$15.95
MMA Refund	\$1,900.00

Town Pump	\$3,358.31
Ret Chk Fee	\$210.00
Perpetual Care	\$311.10
Cemetery Fee	\$1,200.00
Kanoklus Fee	\$1,876.25
Park & Recreation	\$2,648.90
ENDING BALANCE 01/31/2019	757,619.21

**FIRST NATIONAL**

TOTAL INVESTED	111,757.37
TOTAL VALUE 01/31/2019	124,680.27

**TIF ACCOUNT**

2016 TIF REVENUE	77,733.27
2017 TIF REVENUE	76,898.14
2018 TIF REVENUE	78,383.42
BANGOR SAVINGS INTEREST	289.55

**FIRE TRUCK CD---BANGOR SAVINGS BANK**

BALANCE 01/31/2019	28,596.28
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**FIRE TRUCK CD--DOWNEAST CREDIT UNION**

BALANCE 01/31/2019	40,548.11
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**PERPETURAL CARE CD--BANGOR SAVINGS BANK**

BALANCE 01/31/2019	7,149.54
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**TREASURER'S REPORT**  
**FEBRUARY 1, 2018 - JANUARY 31, 2019**

**Town Officials Salaries**

Appropriated 71,319.00

Expenditures:

Penny Picard Sampson, Chair, GA Administrator 5,000.00

Tony Avila, Selectman, GA Administrator 5,000.00

Daniel McCormick, Selectman 5,000.00

Kari Hunt, Clerk, Adm. Assistant 29,222.16

Arlene Miles, Deputy Clerk 4,360.53

Anne Goodblood, Deputy Clerk 4,848.57

Crystal Nichols 3,800.00

Charles Porter Jr, Code Enforcement Officer 5,530.32

Kari Hunt, Registrar of Voters 250.00

Anthony Brillard, Sexton 2,708.29

Payroll Taxes 5,292.83

TOTAL 71,012.70

UNEXPENDED 306.30

**Assessing Services**

Appropriated 11,000.00

Expenditures:

RJD Appraisal 12,050.00

OVER EXPENDED -1,050.00

**Legal Services**

Appropriated 5,000.00

Expenditures:

Legal Ads 272.21

Legal Services 2,755.25

Deeds 109.00

TOTAL 3,136.46

UNEXPENDED 1,863.54

**ACO/CEO/LPI Incidental Account**

Appropriated 1,000.00

Expenditures:

Land Use Map 500.00

Land Use Law Books 66.70

TOTAL 566.70

UNEXPENDED 433.30

**Administration Account**

Appropriated	52,997.50
Administration Fees	<u>9,281.00</u>
TOTAL	62,278.50

## Expenditures:

Liens	3,998.00
Bank Charges	1,000.00
Audit	4,775.00
Postage	3,598.52
MMA Dues	2,689.00
Cleaning	1,649.36
Insurance	10,155.20
Propane	1,117.81
Software	650.02
Electric, CMP	853.61
Training/Mileage	288.22
Dues/Fees	487.93
Town Office Plowing	1,435.00
Harris Local Gov't (TRIO)	15,691.59
Copiers	2,266.03
Phone, Unitel, Inc	2,095.90
Maintenance	1,598.18
Supplies	<u>3,779.18</u>
TOTAL	58,128.55

UNEXPENDED 4,149.95

**Town Office Loan**

Appropriated	28,992.19
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## Expended:

Camden National Bank	28,992.19
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**Fire Department Salaries**

Appropriated	23,600.00
Received Income (MOFGA & Kenn. Cty.)	3,562.24
TOTAL	27,162.24

## Expenditures:

Blaine Parsons, Fire Chief	5,381.00
James Porter, Assistant Chief	1,527.00
Ralph "Pat" Haley, Assistant Chief	1,893.00
Melissa Sanborn, Administrative Assistant	1,250.00
Thomas Brown	822.00
Kirk S. Burrows	369.00
Jakob R. Cronk	48.00
Jeffrey Curtis	954.00
Larry Curtis	1,191.00
Tyler M. Curtis	1,056.00

Tammie J. Dodge	558.00
Liam T. Harrington	597.00
Michael S. Harvey	840.00
Kyle J. Kustra	651.00
Matt Maciejko	33.00
Emily M. Newell	1,546.00
Melvin Perkins	345.00
Dustin M. Reynolds	108.00
Anthony C. Sargent	1,389.00
David Smith	846.00
Samuel O. Solmitz	1,458.00
Earland Stevenson	312.00
Ronald Stevenson	285.00
Benjamin M. Waltz	222.00
Jeremiah A. Warnimont	621.00
Matthew J. Winters	456.00
William F. Woltmann	474.00
Payroll Expenses	<u>1,930.24</u>
TOTAL	27,162.24

UNEXPENDED          \$0.00

**Fire Department-Fire Truck Fund**

TIF 10,000.00

Expenditures:

Down East Credit Union 10,000.00

**Fire Department Maintenance & Operations**

Appropriated 53,850.00

Income Kennebec Cty Contract 2,230.26

Total 56,080.26

Expenditures:

Truck/Equipment 8,517.03

Fire Equipment 5,682.97

Station Maintenance/Operating 7,867.83

Unitel, Inc 1,333.25

Central Maine Power 970.20

Heating, Waldo County Oil 2,742.99

Truck Fuel 3,334.94

Training 2,302.42

Insurance 9,066.00

Supplies 12,330.28

Radios 50.00

TOTAL 54,197.91

UNEXPENDED          1,882.35

**Firehouse Loan Payment**

Appropriated 40,115.50

Expenditures:

US Bank Corporate Trust Boston 40,115.50

**E911**

Appropriated 500.00

Expenditures:

White Signs 215.89

UNEXPENDED 284.11

**General Assistance**

Appropriated 3,000.00

Expenditures:

Rent 558.59

Food/Personal Supplies 174.84

Electric 344.42

TOTAL 1,077.85

UNEXPENDED 1,922.15

**Town Lights**

Appropriated 8,600.00

Expenditures:

Central Maine Power 8,215.56

UNEXPENDED 384.44

**Unity Area Regional Recycling Center**

Appropriated 19,109.29

Expenditures:

Unity Area Regional Recycling Center 19,109.29

**Penobscot Energy Recovery Company (PERC)**

Appropriated 59,174.88

MRC Rebates 4,500.00

Trash stickers 9,823.00

TOTAL 73,497.88

Expenditures:

PERC 61,433.23

Municipal Review Committee 1,170.20

TOTAL 62,603.43

UNEXPENDED 10,894.45

**Landfill Monitoring & Maintenance**

Appropriated	3,890.00
Expenditures:	
Katahdin Analytical Services	1,050.00
Landfill Mowing	<u>195.00</u>
TOTAL	1,245.00

UNEXPENDED 2,645.00

**Municipal Solid Waste**

Received for sale of Trash Stickers	19,505.36
Received for Dumpster Tipping	<u>20,000.00</u>
TOTAL	39,505.36

Expenditures:	
Sullivan's Waste Disposal	34,533.06

UNEXPENDED 4,972.30

**Septic Disposal Contract**

Carried from fiscal year 2018	1,050.00
CARRIED TO FISCAL YEAR 2019	1,050.00

**Public Works – Summer Roads**

Excise	250,000.00
Local Road Assistant Program (URIP)	34,524.00
TOTAL	284,524.00

Expenditures:	
Supplies	1,992.00
Maintenance	8,125.38
Fredrick Drew, Roadside Mowing	3,307.50
Edward Picard, Grading	500.00
Toby Farington, Grading	1,012.00
A.P. Lawerance & Daughter	2,662.50
Stripping	1,623.20
Calcium	805.00
All States	1,080.00
First National Bank	250,000.00
Proseal	4,915.00
Moonshine Gardens, Tree Removal	1,100.00
Payroll Expenses	<u>11.48</u>
TOTAL	277,134.06

UNEXPENDED 7,389.94

**Public Works – Winter Roads**

Appropriated 215,000.00

Expenditures:

Littlefield Paving & Plowing LLC, Contract 183,340.00

Winter Salt 15,827.10

Maintenance & Improvements 8,909.00

TOTAL 208,076.10

UNEXPENDED 6,923.90

**Public Works – Sand/Salt Shed**

Appropriated 1,500.00

Expenditures:

Central Maine Power Co. 1,132.24

MMA 577.00

TOTAL 1,709.24

OVER EXPENDED -209.24

**Cemeteries Maintenance**

Appropriated 16,450.00

Expenditures:

Berry Family LLC, Mowing contract 10,135.00

Edward Picard, Gravel 150.00

Maine Graves 5,750.00

Searsport Flags 461.92

Wreaths 30.00

Mac's Hardware 42.48

BullFrog Film Festival 115.00

TOTAL 16,684.40

OVER EXPENDED -234.40

**Snowmobile Grooming Grant/Registration Refund**

Received from State of Maine 8,009.16

Received from Snow Refunds 2018 549.46

Expenditures:

Snowdusters Snowmobile Club 8,558.62

**RSU#3 School Commitment**

Assessment 1,326,616.25

Expenditures:

Treasurer, RSU#3 1,326,616.25

**Kanokolus Beach**

Appropriated		3,100.00
Received From Friends of Lake Winnecook		1,500.00
TIF		2,000.00
	TOTAL	6,600.00

Expenditures:

Jillian Fraser, Attendant		2,926.60
Henry Chaffee, Deputy Attendant		355.00
Katie Ann Curtis, Swimming Instructor		600.00
Paul Nadeau, Assistant Instructor		150.00
Payroll Taxes		251.04
AAA Portable Toilets		135.00
Edward Picard, Sand		100.00
Dock Panels		250.00
Berry Family LLC		700.02
Mac's True Value		115.89
Rossignol, Braydon		700.00
Penny Sampson		66.44
	TOTAL	<u>6,349.99</u>

UNEXPENDED 250.01

**Kennebec Valley Council of Governments**

Appropriated		2,762.00
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Expenditures:

KVCOG	2,762.00	
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**Humane Society Waterville Area**

Appropriated		3,170.16
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Expenditures:

Humane Society-Waterville Area Dues	3,170.16	
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**County Tax**

Assessment		232,400.38
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Expenditures:

Waldo County Treasurer	232,400.38	
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**Lien fees**

Received by Treasurer		7,935.41
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Expenditures:

Waldo County Register of Deeds		<u>4,150.00</u>
	TOTAL	4,150.00

**Town Pump**

Paid by Town Pump Users for 2018	3,358.31
Appropriated	1,000.00
Expenditures:	
Central Maine Power	681.40
Postage	41.00
Treasurer, State of Maine	251.99
Maintenance	<u>459.15</u>
TOTAL	• 1,433.54

**TIF**

Appropriated 03/2017	17,730.00
Appropriated 03/2018	43,762.00
Appropriated 04/2018	16,500.00

## Expenditures:

AAA Portable Toilets, Trailhead	825.00
Mac's Hardware	384.76
Snowdusters, Community Grant	2,500.00
Snowdusters, Trailhead	2,842.75
Staples	47.00
UBX, Community Grant	300.00
Amazon	160.35
Penny Picard Sampson	34.95
Wellman's Paving, Sidewalks	9,100.00
Revolving Loan Fund	3,250.00
GovOffice, Website Redesign	2,560.00
Timber Ridge	1,099.96
Market of Unity, Community Grant	503.83
Maine Tourism	330.00
Maplecroft	168.00
Moonshine Gardens	500.00
Unity Flower Shop	20.00
Green Thumb	120.00
Superior Construction	14,350.00
Thorndike Trail Blazers, Community Grant	175.00
Unified Riding Club, Community Grant	2,500.00
Easton Peabody	760.00
Tom Piersiak	336.00
Unity Horse Ring	600.00
Bill Allen	195.00
UNEXPENDED	106,717.17
CARRIED TO FISCAL YEAR 2019	106,717.17

**Constable**

CARRIED FROM FISCAL YEAR 2017	1,500.00
CARRIED TO FISCAL YEAR 2018	1,500.00

**Special Appropriations**

Broadreach Family & Community Services	600.00
Spectrum Generations	400.00
New Hope For Women	500.00
Sebasticook Reginal Land Trust	750.00
The Game Loft	500.00
Volunteer Food Pantry	2,200.00
Waldo County Community Action Partners	<u>2,000.00</u>
TOTAL	6,950.00

**TAX ANTICIPATION NOTE (TAN) – The First National Bank**

Received from The First National Bank	365,000.00
Paid to The First National Bank	365,000.00
Interest Paid	<u>5,039.03</u>
TOTAL	370,039.03



**SECRET BALLOT ELECTION AND  
TOWN MEETING WARRANT  
FOR THE  
TOWN OF UNITY  
*Friday, March 22, 2019*  
*and*  
*Saturday, March 23, 2019***

To: Charles Porter, a resident of the Town of Unity, in the County of Waldo, State of Maine.

Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Unity, in said county and state, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town Office of said Town on Friday, the 22nd day of March, 2019, at 12:00 p.m., then and there to act upon Article 1 and by secret ballot on Article 2 as set out below, the polling hours therefore to be from 12:00 noon until 8:00 p.m.

And to notify and warn said Inhabitants to meet at the Unity School Gymnasium in said town on Saturday, the 23rd day of March, 2019, at 10:00 a.m., then and there to act on Articles 3 through 58 as set out below, to wit:

- Article 1. To elect a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
- Article 2. To elect Town Officials for the ensuing year.
- Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to approve the Maine Moderator's Manual 6<sup>th</sup> Edition as the rules of procedure for the meeting.
- Article 4. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to appoint all necessary Town Officials.
- Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the Snowmobile Registration Refund from the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to be used for grooming trails, with matching funds, under the supervision of the Selectmen and the Project Director.
- Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the tax collector or treasurer to accept prepayment of taxes not yet committed, pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. § 506.

- Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to allow a 2% discount on all taxes if paid in full within 30 days from the original postmarked date.
- Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to charge interest at the rate of 9% per annum on all 2019 taxes which remain unpaid on December 1, 2019.
- Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to sell or otherwise dispose of real estate acquired by the Town for nonpayment of taxes thereon. The selectmen shall advertise the properties for sale by sealed bid and have the authority to accept or reject any or all bids, and to execute a Quitclaim deed for such property. Except that the Municipal Officers shall use the special sale process required by 36 M.S.R.A. § 943-C for qualifying homestead property if they choose to sell it to anyone other than the former owner(s). The selectmen may attempt to sell the property back to the prior owner before advertising the properties for sale.
- Article 10. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and/or appropriate to pay tax abatements and applicable interest granted during the 2019 fiscal year.
- Assessor Recommends: Surplus: \$4,500
- Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to use up to \$5,000.00 from undesignated funds (surplus) as they deem advisable to meet unanticipated expenses and emergencies that occur during the current fiscal year, 2019.
- Article 12. To see if the Town will authorize the municipal officers to spend an amount not to exceed 1/6 of the budget amount in each category of the annual budget during the period from February 1, 2020 to March 23, 2020.
- Article 13. To see if the town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to make final determinations regarding the closing and opening of roads to winter maintenance pursuant to 23 M.R.S.A. SS 2953.
- Article 14. To see if the town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to dispose of town-owned personal property, under such terms and conditions as they deem advisable.
- Article 15. Shall the Town accept any and all gifts raised through various fund-raising activities and donations received by the Recreation Committee, and appropriate them for their intended purposes, as recommended by the municipal officers?

### Special Appropriations

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$700.00 for Broadreach Family Services for the ensuing year.

Requested by agency	\$700.00
Selectmen recommend:	Raise:
Budget Committee recommend:	Raise: \$600.00
<i>(Expended 2018</i>	<i>\$600.00)</i>

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$871.00 for New Hope for Women for the ensuing year

Requested by agency	\$871.00
Selectmen recommend:	Raise: \$300.00
Budget Committee recommend:	Raise: \$500.00
<i>(Expended 2018</i>	<i>\$500.00)</i>

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$750.00 for Seabasticook Regional Land Trust for the ensuing year.

Requested by Agency:	\$750.00
Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend:	Raise: \$750.00
<i>(Expended 2018</i>	<i>\$750.00)</i>

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$500.00 for Spectrum Generations for the ensuing year.

Requested by Agency:	\$500.00
Selectmen Recommend:	\$400.00
Budget Committee recommend:	Raise: \$500.00
<i>(Expended 2018</i>	<i>\$400.00)</i>

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$500.00 for Maine Youth Alliance/The Game Loft for the ensuing year.

Requested by Agency	\$500.00
Selectmen Recommend:	Raise: \$100.00
Budget Committee recommends:	Raise: \$500.00
<i>(Expended in 2018</i>	<i>\$500.00)</i>

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$10,440.53 for Waldo Community Action Partners for the ensuing year.

Requested by Agency: \$10,440.53  
Selectmen & Budget Committee recommends: Raise: \$2,000.00  
(Expended 2018 \$2,000.00)

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,200.00 for the Volunteer Regional Food Pantry for the ensuing year.

Requested by Agency: \$2,200.00  
Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend: Raise: \$2,200.00  
(Expended 2018 \$2,200.00)

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$25,000.00 for the Community Grant.

Budget Committee & Selectmen Recommends: TIF: \$25,000.00

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,000.00 for the Park and Recreation Committee.

Budget Committee & Selectmen Recommend: Surplus: \$1,000.00

### Public Works

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$284,000.00 for Summer Roads for the ensuing year. (This includes \$250,000 for the 1<sup>st</sup> road loan)

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend:  
Excise: \$250,000.00  
Road Assistance: \$34,000.00

(Expended 2018 \$277,134.06)  
(Loan matures 2022: 3 years)

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$212,000.00 for Winter Roads for the ensuing year

Selectmen and Budget committee recommend: Raise: \$212,000.00  
(Expended 2018 \$208,076.10)

Article 27. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$84,360.80 for the Second Road Loan for the ensuing year.

Selectmen and Budget committee recommend: Raise: \$84,360.80  
(Expended 2018: \$84,360.80)  
(Loan Matures in 2026: 7 years)

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,600.00 for the Sand and Salt Shed Maintenance

Selectmen and Budget committee recommend: Raise: \$1,600.00  
(Expended 2018 \$1,709.29)

Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$23,396.00 for the Town's share of the Unity Area Regional Recycling Center for the ensuing year.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend: Raise: \$23,396.00  
(Expended 2018 \$19,109.29)

Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$68,500.00 to pay the Rubbish Disposal Tipping Fee to whomever MRC (Municipal Review Committee) designates for the ensuing year.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend:  
Raise: \$64,000.00  
MRC Rebates \$4,500.00  
(Expended 2018 \$61,433.23)

Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$77,400.00 for Solid Waste Pickup for the ensuing year.

Raise: \$28,955.75  
From Sticker sales: \$29,240.50  
From Dumpster Tipping: \$19,203.75  
(Expended 2018 \$34,533.06)

Article 32. To see what sum the Town will vote to charge for trash stickers.  
(Current sticker price is \$1.25)

Article 33. To see what sum the Town will vote to charge for dumpster tipping fee per cubic year.

(Current rate is \$3.75/yard)

Article 34. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$3,880.00 for Landfill Maintenance and Monitoring for the ensuing year.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend: Raise: \$3,880.00  
(Expended 2018 \$1,245.00)

Article 35. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$5,100.00 for Kanokolus Beach for the ensuing year.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend: Raise: \$3,100.00  
TIF: \$2,000.00  
*(Expended 2018 \$6,349.99)*

Article 36. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to accept a gift of \$1,500 from Friends of Lake Winnecook and appropriate for the purpose of an attendant at Kanokolus Beach and Boat Launch.

**Public Safety**

Article 37. To see if the Town will vote that the revenues derived from the Fire Department charges, refunds, grants and contract payments shall become a part of the Fire Department Maintenance & Operations and the Firemen’s Compensation Accounts.

Article 38. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$7,500.00 for Fire Department Officers Salaries account for the ensuing year.

Budget committee recommend: Raise: \$7,500.00  
Selectmen recommend: Raise: \$7,500.00

Article 39. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$73,161.70 for the Fire Department Maintenance and Operations account for the ensuing year. *(This includes 17,800 for FF wages and 1,361.70 for payroll expenses).*

Fire Department recommend: Raise: \$60,000.00  
Selectmen recommend: Raise: \$48,050.00  
Budget committee recommend: Raise: \$54,000.00  
*(Expended 2018 \$54,197.91)*

Article 40. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$10,000.00 for the Fire Truck Fund for the ensuing year.

Selectmen & Budget Committee recommend: TIF: \$10,000.00  
*(Expended 2018 \$10,000.00)*

Article 41. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$40,115.50 for the Firehouse Loan Payment for the ensuing year.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend: Raise: \$40,115.50

*(Expended 2018                      \$40,115.50)*  
*(Loan Matures 2032: 13 years)*

Article 42. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$500.00 for E-911 for the ensuing year:

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend:                      Raise: \$500.00  
*(Expended 2018                      \$0.00)*

Article 43. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,500.00 for the Constable for the ensuing year.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend:                      Surplus: \$1,500.00  
*(Expended 2018                      \$0.00)*

Article 44. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,000.00 for an AED (Automatic External Defibrillator) for the ensuing year.

Selectmen Recommend:                      Raise: \$2,000.00

### **Administration**

Article 45. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$78,046.00 for Town Official's Salaries for the ensuing year.

Selectmen and Budget committee recommend                      Raise: \$ 78,046.00  
*(Expended 2018                      \$71,012.70)*

Article 46. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$12,500.00 for Assessing Services for the ensuing year.

Selectmen and Budget committee recommend:                      Raise: \$12,500.00  
*(Expended 2018                      \$12,050.00)*

Article 47. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,000.00 for the ACO/CEO/LPI/EMA Incidental Account for the ensuing year.

Selectmen and Budget committee recommend:                      Raise: \$1,000.00  
*(Expended 2018                      \$566.70)*

Article 48. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$67,000.00 for the Administration Account for the ensuing year.

Selectmen and Budget committee recommend:  
Raise:                      \$58,000.00

Admin Fees: \$9,000.00  
(Expended 2018 \$59,332.88)

Article 49. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$5,000.00 for Legal Fees for the ensuing year.

Selectmen and Budget committee recommend: Raise: \$5,000.00  
(Expended 2018 \$3,136.46)

Article 50. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$28,421.88 for the Town Office Loan Payment for the ensuing year:

Selectmen & Budget Committee recommend: Raise: \$28,421.88  
(Expended 2018 \$28,992.19)  
(Loan Matures 2023: 4 years)

Article 51. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$8,200.00 for Electricity for Town Lights for the ensuing year.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend: Raise: \$8,200.00  
(Expended 2018 \$8,215.56)

Article 52. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$16,400.00 for Cemeteries for the ensuing year.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend: Raise: \$9,400.00  
Perpetual Care Interest: \$7,000.00  
(Expended 2018 \$16,684.40)

Article 53. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,050.00 for the Septic Disposal Contract for the ensuing year.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend: Surplus: \$1,050.00  
(Expended 2018 \$0.00)

Article 54. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,769.00 for dues to Kennebec Valley Council of Governments for the ensuing year.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend: TIF: \$2,769.00  
(Expended 2018 \$2,762.00)

Article 55. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$3,384.36 for the contract fee for the Humane Society of the Waterville Area for the ensuing year.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend: Raise: \$3,384.36  
(Expended 2018 \$3,170.16)

Article 56. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$3,000.00 for General Assistance for the ensuing year.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend: Raise: \$3,000.00  
(Expended 2018 \$1,077.85)

### Ordinances

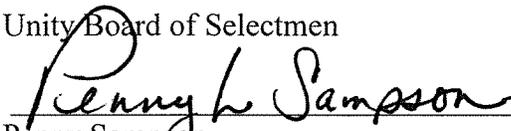
Article 57. Shall an ordinance entitled "False Alarm Ordinance" be enacted? (A copy of the ordinance is posted together with this warrant and here by incorporated into this warrant by reference).

Article 58. Shall an ordinance entitled "Balloon Release Ordinance" be enacted? (A copy of the ordinance is posted together with this warrant and here by incorporated into this warrant by reference).

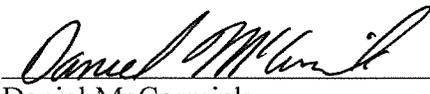
The Selectmen hereby give notice that the Registrar will be at the Municipal building on Friday, March 22, 2019 for the purpose of correcting the list of voters, from 12:00 p.m. until the close of polls.

Given under our hand this 5th day of March, 2019

Unity Board of Selectmen

  
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Penny Sampson

  
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Antonio Avila

  
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Daniel McCormick

**RETURN ON THE WARRANT**

Unity, ME

Date: March 5, 2019

Pursuant to the within warrant to me directed, I have notified and warned the Inhabitants of said Town, qualified as herein expressed, to meet at said time and place, and for the purposes therein named, by posting an attested copy of said warrant at the Unity Town Office, The Depot, 93 Main and Mac's Hardware in said town, being public and conspicuous places in said town, on the 5th day of March AD, 2019 being at least seven days before the meeting.

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Constable or Resident of Unity, ME

## **PROPOSED BALLOON RELEASE ORDINANCE**

In an effort to reduce litter and pollution, as well as the harmful effects to wildlife and marine animals and fishes:

1. The Town of Unity finds that the release into the atmosphere of large numbers of balloons inflated with lighter-than-air gases poses a danger and nuisance to the environment, particularly to wildlife and marine animals.

2. It is unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation to intentionally release, organize the release, or intentionally cause to be released within a 24-hour period 10 or more balloons inflated with a gas that is lighter than air except for:

a. Balloons released by a person on behalf of a governmental agency or pursuant to a governmental contract for scientific or meteorological purposes;

b. Hot air balloons that are recovered after launching;

c. Balloons released indoors; or

d. Balloons that are either biodegradable or photodegradable, as determined by rule of the Marine Fisheries Commission, and which are closed by a hand-tied knot in the stem of the balloon without string, ribbon, or other attachments. In the event that any balloons are released pursuant to the exemption established in this paragraph, the party responsible for the release shall make available to any law enforcement officer evidence of the biodegradability or photodegradability of said balloons in the form of a certificate executed by the manufacturer. Failure to provide said evidence shall be prima facie evidence of a violation of this act.

3. Any person who violates subsection 2 is guilty of a civil infraction, punishable by a fine of \$250 paid to the Town of Unity.

# **PROPOSED FALSE FIRE ALARM ORDINANCE**

**False alarms** have a negative impact on the community. Because **fire** departments are required to respond to all reports (**false** or real), a **false alarm** unnecessarily takes the emergency vehicles out of service.

This **Ordinance** shall be known and referred to as the **False Fire Alarm Ordinance** of the Town of Unity.

## **SECTION 1**

The purpose of this **Ordinance** is to facilitate the reduction of **false fire** alarms and the misuse of the manpower and resources of the **fire** department caused by the dispatch of units to the scene of a **false alarm**. For purpose of this ordinance, false fire alarms which are caused by events beyond the control of the owners, are not considered violations of this ordinance. Examples would include severe weather related causes, power outages and wild animal causes.

## **SECTION 2**

Service fee for false alarms. (A) Response by fire and/or rescue personnel. Fees in the following amounts shall be assessed against alarm system users for false alarms resulting in response by fire and/or rescue personnel and occurring during any period of one hundred eighty (180) successive days. Alarm system users shall pay such service fees for false alarms within thirty (30) days of billing:

### **FEES:**

First nuisance alarm.....	no charge
Second nuisance alarm.....	no charge
Third nuisance alarm.....	\$100.00
Fourth nuisance alarm.....	\$250.00
Fifth and each subsequent nuisance alarm.....	\$500.00

**SAMPLE BALLOT**  
**OFFICAL BALLOT**

Town of Unity

Important Instructions: Be sure to make the box next to the candidate of your choice.

Vote  for 1 SELECTMEN — Three year term

Avila, Antonio

Write-In Candidate \_\_\_\_\_

End of Ballot