

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

FOR THE

TOWN OF
UNITY, MAINE

FOR THE

MUNICIPAL YEAR

February 1, 2019
to
January 31, 2020



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)
- 1707 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
- Town Website: www.unityme.org
- Selectmen meet the 1st and 3rd 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 \$1.75 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 4th 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: Charles Brown
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 we dedicate the annual town report to Pat and Don Newell. Pat and Don are very active in our community serving the citizens in multiple capacities. Don has been a fixture at the front of the annual meeting serving as moderator. Both are deeply involved in Rotary. Don has served on the Planning Board for several years and also helped work on the Comprehensive Plan. Pat is a long-time member of the Scholarship Committee. They have generously opened up their land for trails. This is but a few of the many contributions they have made in Unity.

Pictured left to right: Their children Kelly, Ryan and Emily and Don and Pat taken at their tree farm.

“Be the change that you wish to see in the world.” - Mahatma Gandhi

In Memoriam



Robert "Bob" H. Ferreira
09/07/1942 – 06/12/2019

Carol B. Ferreira
12/16/1943 – 07/26/2019

*"You see, the thing is, we write our own eulogies. Someone else delivers it, yes, but each of us authors his own in the life he lives and the memories he leaves."
– Leonard Pitts Jr.*

Whenever a member of a small community passes, it truly leaves a void. We remember Alton "Hi" Reynolds, Jr. and Bob and Carol Ferreira for the many contributions they made to our town.

Alton "Hi" Reynolds
09/10/1935 – 12/17/2019



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

You will be missed:

Name	Age	Date of Death
Bennett, Michael Thomas	29	02/03/2019
Durand, Khoda	0	03/29/2019
Ferreira, Carol B.	75	07/26/2019
Ferreira, Robert H.	76	06/12/2019
Fowler, Carol J.	81	03/10/2019
Fowler, Sandra Lynne	81	07/26/2019
Golden, Steven M.	70	10/19/2019
Harrison, Dana Richard	52	11/24/2019
Hatch, Robert A.	72	11/14/2019
Hathaway, Gary Steven Sr.	65	03/28/2019
LaCroix, Gina Catherine	50	02/09/2019
Michaud, James H.	93	09/23/2019
Parsons, Harlen Hillard	81	01/06/2020
Reynolds, Alton Bertwell, Jr.	84	12/17/2019
Small, Stephen Anthony	38	07/06/2019
Taylor, Deborah Lynn	72	10/21/2019
Toto, Patricia Anne	85	01/18/2020
Tucker, Perley C. Jr.	76	10/19/2019



Town of Unity Officials

	Member	Term Expires
Appeals Board	Robert Van Deventer	Mar-22
	Mary Kenney	Mar-22
	Suzanne Nason-Ferreira	Mar-20
	Charles Schaefer	Mar-20
	Denise Whitney	Mar-21
Assessor's Agent	Ellery Banes, CMA	
	RJD Appraisal	
Animal Control Officer	Crystal Nichols	Apr-20
Health Officer	Linda Hunter	Apr-20
Cemetery Committee	Lynn Warman	
	Penny Sampson	
	Susan Lombard	
	Beverly Winship	
	Arlene Schaefer	
Budget Committee	Lucia Picard	Mar-20
	Jonathan Dowdy	Mar-20
	John McIntire	Mar-20
	Andrew Reed	Mar-21
	Patricia Clark	Mar-21
	Mark Babin	Mar-20
	Michael Berry	Mar-22
	Alec Albright	Mar-22
	Tabitha Littlefield	Mar-22
	Sharon Picard	Mar-22
Planning Board	Don Newell	Mar-22
	Matthew Converse	Mar-20
	James Porter	Mar-20
	Mark Nickerson	Mar-22
	Jean Bourg	Mar-20
	Jason Bosco	Mar-21
	Sherry Powell-Wilson	Mar-21
Plumbing Inspector	David Schofield	Mar-20
EMA Director	Jason Johnson	Mar-20
Code Enforcement Officer	Charles Porter Jr.	Mar-20
CEO, deputy	Crystal Nichols	Mar-20

UARRC Representatives	Elizabeth Soucie	Mar-20
UARRC Alternates	Jon Benda	Mar-20
	Diane Hauser	
Economic Development		
	Ellen Batchelder	Apr-21
	Vacant	
	Vacant	
	Tony Avila	Apr-21
	Larry King	Apr-21
	Kari Hulva	Apr-22
	Najean Shedyak	Apr-22
	Vacant	Apr-22
	Jean Bourg	Apr-20
Election Clerks	Patricia Clark	Apr-20
	Debbie Eldredge	Apr-20
	Diane Hull	Apr-20
	Lucia Picard	Apr-20
	Matthew Picard	Apr-20
	Lynn Warman	Apr-20
	Chrissy Hunter	Apr-20
	Linda Hunter	Apr-20
	Denise Whitney	Apr-20
	Jackie Bradeen	Apr-20
	Faith Carlson	Apr-20
Election Warden	Patricia Clark	Apr-20
Moderator	Don Newell	Mar-20
Board of Selectmen & Assessors	Penny Sampson	Mar-20
	Tony Avila	Mar-22
	Daniel McCormick	Mar-21
Clerk, Tax Collector, Registrar of Voters	Kari Hunt	Appointed
Administrative Assistant		
Deputy	Arlene Miles	Appointed
	Mary Ellen Hall	Appointed
Superintendent of RSU #3	Charles Brown	
RSU #3 Town of Unity Director	Najean Shedyak	Mar-20
Fire Chief	Blaine Parsons	Jan-21
Unity Fire Dept Officers	James Porter, Assist. Fire Chief	

	Patrick Haley, Assist. Fire Chief	
	Anthony Sargent, Captain	
	Jeffrey Curtis, 1st Lieutenant	
	Emily Newell, 2nd Lieutenant	
	Thomas Brown, 3rd Lieutenant	
Reginal Food Pantry Rep.	Charles Schaefer	
Scholarship Fund Trustees	Roxanne Curtis	
	Patirica Newell	
	Craig Tozier	
	Dorothy Quimby	
	Donyse Babin	
Unity Utilities District Trustees	Kevin Spigel	Mar-22
	Patricia Clark	Mar-20
	Charles Schaefer	Mar-21
Waldo County Sheriff	Jeffery C. Trafton	
Chief Deputy	Jason W. Trundy	
Waldo County Commissioner	Amy Fowler	
State Senator District 11	Erin Herbig	
Representative to the Legislature District 99	MaryAnne Kinney	
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Capitol Address	House of Representatives	
	2 State House Station	
	Augusta, ME 04333-0002	
Capitol Telephone	1-800-423-2900 or 207-287-1400	
	207-287-4469 (TTY)	

A LITTLE UNITY HISTORY FROM 1820

2020 marks 200 years since Maine became a state as part of the Missouri Compromise in 1820. Unity was a young 16 years old, having been incorporated in 1804. There are a few old Unity documents dated in 1820—below is a sample.

Document #94B:

On Jan 20, 1820, “Daniel Whitmore Esquire, one of the Justices of the Peace for Kennebec County (Waldo Co. not yet formed) required Joseph Webb to appear at his dwelling house in Unity on Sat 12th day of Feb next to answer unto James Connor of Unity in said County, gentleman.” It seems Joseph had promised to pay Connor \$15 and “although often requested, the same hath not paid.”

Document #19:

These are to notify and warn the free holders and other inhabitants of the town of Unity qualified by the constitution to vote in town meeting to assemble at the schoolhouse in the 1st school district in said town on Monday the 6th day of November next at one of the clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles viz:

- 1st to choose a moderator to regulate said meeting
 - 2nd to see if they will defend or settle the action by the town of Knox against said Town of Unity for the support of the widow Kelley
 - 3rd to choose an agent to defend said action if necessary, by order of the selectmen.
- Edmund Mussey Constable Unity October 20, 1820

These are to notify and warn the male inhabitants of the Town of Unity being twenty-one years of age and resident in said town for the space of one year next preceeding having a freehold estate within said town of the annual income of three pounds on/and any estate to the value of sixty pounds; to meet at the school house in the first school district in said town on Monday the 6th day of November next being the first Monday of said month at three of the clock in the afternoon to give in their votes for a representative of the people. Unity

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These are to notify and warn the male inhabitants of the town of Unity being twenty-one years of age and resident in town for the space of three months next preceeding being qualified to vote for representative to Congress agreeable to the Constitution of the State of Maine to assemble at the Schoolhouse in the first School district in said town on Monday the 6th day of November next being the first Monday of said month at three of the clock in the afternoon to give their votes for representative of the people of said Maine in the Congress of the United States for the sixth eastern district; also to give their votes for an election of president and vice president of the United State. By order of the selectmen
Unity October 20th 1820 Edmund Mussey Constable

[the other half of the back has columns of numbers]

In this document, Nathan Fowler also owed money:

Document #66: [and reads in part]

“In the name of the State of Maine (Mass. was crossed out) you are required to attach the goods or estate of Nathan Fowler of said Unity, yeoman to the value of Twenty Dollars, and for want thereof to take the body of the said def. (if he may be found in your precinct) and safely keep, so that he may be had before me, Daniel Whitmore Esquire,...

Kennebec, SS December 30th 1820

By virtue of this writ I have attacht a cow as the property of the within named Fowler and left a summon at his last and usual place of abode in the town of Unity.

Daniel Johnson Constable of Unity”

Town meetings are a little more complicated in 2020, and women can vote; we don't put people in jail for owing money; and notice, Mass. has been changed to Maine in the 3rd document. Jackie Bradeen

129th Legislature

*Senate of
Maine*

*Senate District 11
Waldo County*

*Senator Erin Herbig
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Erin.Herbig@legislature.maine.gov

Dear Friends and Residents of Unity,

I serve in the Maine Senate to break down barriers to success in Waldo County. Last year, we made progress on the issues that impact Mainers every day: Property tax relief; access to reliable, high-speed internet; local training for local jobs; support for our veterans and first responders; access to affordable health care; and prescription drug costs.

We passed a bipartisan budget that provides \$130 million in property tax relief without raising taxes. That includes a new program to provide a check for at least \$100 to every household that qualified for the Homestead Exemption by April 1, 2019.

The budget also includes \$4 million to expand access to reliable, high-speed internet and \$2.5 million for career and technical education. This year, I am introducing a bill for \$15 million to expand internet access and another for \$4 million to fund career and technical education.

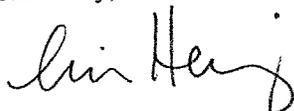
Maine will now join several other states in allowing police officers who have served in the military to wear veterans' insignia on their uniforms. This change, which I sponsored, will recognize veterans when they come home and help them better connect with other veterans in their communities.

We also worked to make health care more affordable and more accessible. We passed laws to require insurance companies to cover hearing aids, protect coverage for those with preexisting conditions and lower prescription drug costs.

These are just the highlights. We made significant strides, but there is still a lot to do. In Augusta this year, I will keep working to ensure a promising future for our kids. Please never hesitate to reach out to me at (207) 287-1515 or Erin.Herbig@legislature.maine.gov.

I look forward to continuing to work with you this year!

Sincerely,



Erin Herbig
State Senator



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January 2020

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

The 129th Legislature completed its' first regular session last June. Governor Mills and solid democrat majorities in the House and Senate, produced a two-year state budget that is close to \$1 billion more than former Governor Paul R. LePage's last budget. It is 11% higher and spends 99.995% of all available monies. In order to avoid raising taxes this year, they relied on one-time monies that are not available in future years.

I have several concerns about this budget, its long-term impact on family budgets and on local property taxes. My chief concern is that by mandating \$40,000 minimum teacher salaries (a worthy goal), without providing enough money to help local school districts to pay for it, homeowners will ultimately see higher property taxes.

We all agree that local property taxes are already too high. Although I voted against the budget, I appreciate that my fellow Republicans on the Appropriations Committee were able to get some property tax relief in the budget. The budget allocates an additional \$75 million in property tax relief, some of which will go directly to homeowners by increasing the Homestead Exemption to \$25,000.

Republicans insisted on this type of tax relief because it goes directly to homeowners in the form of lower property tax bills. The budget also provides relief to nearly 13,000 low-income taxpayers, expanding eligibility for the Property Tax Fairness Credit.

I am committed to trying to prevent your taxes from going up. This is especially true now that the government is taking in record amounts of money because of the strong economy that is a result of conservative tax and fiscal policies.

I welcome your thoughts and suggestions on issues that matter to you. It is an honor and privilege to be your State Representative.

Sincerely,

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

MaryAnne Kinney
State Representative

District 99 Brooks, Burnham, Freedom, Jackson, Knox, Monroe, Thorndike, Troy and Unity

ANGUS S. KING, JR.
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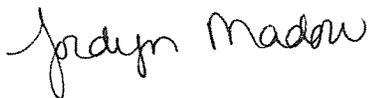
January 1, 2020

Town of Unity
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Greetings,

Please find included the letter from Senator King for your 2020 town report. We hope the letter is helpful in providing an update on what he has been working on since being sworn into office. In addition to using it for your annual town report, feel free to distribute it as you like, whether posting it on your website, keeping copies in your town office, or giving a copy to someone who asks. If there is any problem with the document, or if you have any questions, please contact me at (207) 764-5124 or jordyn_madore@king.senate.gov.

Sincerely,



Jordyn Madore
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Dear Friends,

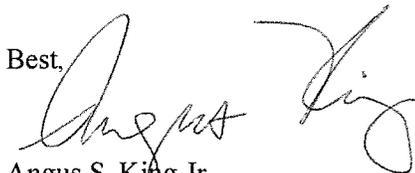
The beginning of a new year provides the opportunity to reflect on the progress of the past 12 months. If you've been watching cable TV, you might think that every waking moment of 2019 in Washington has been consumed by divisive, partisan issues – and while there's no shortage of those debates, there have also been opportunities for bipartisan cooperation. You sent me to the Senate to make the most of those opportunities, so as we enter into the New Year, I wanted to take a moment to update you on my efforts to work with members of both parties to make life better for the people of Maine.

One of my most important priorities this past year has been emphasizing preventive healthcare. Maine's distinction as the oldest state in the nation brings us wisdom, of course – but it also creates unique challenges, particularly relating to healthcare. The key to addressing these obstacles is being proactive, because the cheapest, safest medical procedure is the one that doesn't need to happen. That's why I've introduced legislation to incentivize healthier living, expand mental health screenings, and help more Americans access regular check-ups. We're making progress, but we've got a long way to go – and I'd like your help, because I know that the best ideas are the ones that come from families and communities on the front lines of these challenges. To strengthen this effort, I convened a policy forum on prevention in Bangor in October, which has already given me exciting new ideas that I'll carry with me into 2020. If you have additional thoughts on encouraging preventive healthcare, please share them with my office.

This year has also continued the growth of Maine's forest products industry – a key focus of my work to revitalize Maine's rural economy and communities. We've seen significant investment in mills across the state, creating good jobs to support rural Maine. I'm also pleased that the investments aren't just in our mills – the industry is thriving because of its commitment to innovation. We're fortunate to have the University of Maine's top-notch researchers exploring cutting-edge ways to use our forest resources, including capitalizing on the rise of 3D printing technology with the world's largest 3D printer. Combining this work with ongoing federal support, our vast forests, and Maine's dedicated workforce, I know that the future of this industry is bright, and I'll continue working to support it on all fronts.

I'm proud of all we've accomplished together this year, but even as I reflect on all that we've achieved, it is challenging to not think of the work left undone. It sometimes can be discouraging to watch these important priorities hang in limbo, but fortunately for me, encouragement is never far. After all, I get to live in Maine – which means I get to count Maine people as my neighbors and friends. I'm always struck by the kindness that our citizens show not only to me, but also to each other. This focus on collaboration and compassion is an inspiration, and it powers my efforts bring a little bit of Maine common sense to Washington. Thank you for all you do to for our state – Mary and I are deeply grateful, and we hope that 2020 will be a good year for you, your family, your community, and the State of Maine.

Best,



Angus S. King Jr.
United States Senator

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Jared Golden
Congress of the United States
2nd District of Maine

Dear Friends,

I hope this letter finds you well. It is an immense honor to serve as your representative in Congress. I take very seriously the responsibility that has been placed on me, and I would like to take this opportunity to share with you some of what I've been working on in my first year in Congress.

At the beginning of this term, the House passed H.R. 1, a comprehensive package of reforms I cosponsored to get big money out of politics and fight corruption in Washington. And in December, I helped pass H.R. 3, the *Lower Drug Costs Now Act*, which would limit out-of-pocket prescription drug costs paid by seniors, fund the expansion of Medicare coverage to include dental, vision, and hearing, and lower prescription drug prices for thousands of Mainers. Additionally, as a member of the House Armed Services Committee, I worked to ensure our annual defense authorization bill supports America's national security and Maine's shipyard workers, National Guardsmen, manufacturers, and universities.

On top of working on this legislation, I have also been advocating for our district directly to administrative agencies. I have been fighting for Maine lobstermen to urge the president to intervene in proposed regulations by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) that would hurt our lobster industry. I pressed government agencies to ground their regulations in sound science and data when crafting new regulations on Maine's lobstermen. I also persuaded the Army Corps of Engineers to hold a public hearing in Maine about the proposed Central Maine Power NECEC transmission line, which gave hundreds of people the opportunity to voice their opinions about the project.

Some of the most important work of members of Congress is rooted in on-the-ground constituent services. We have three offices in the district -- in Caribou, Bangor, and Lewiston -- and my staff work tirelessly to help Mainers solve problems they may face with federal government agencies. I urge you to stop by to talk to us in person and let us know how we can better serve you and your communities.

My favorite part of the job is coming home to the district and hearing about what matters to you. This year, I brought a hearing of the House Small Business Subcommittee on Contracting and Infrastructure to Maine to find ways to expand access to rural broadband. I've also held open town halls and coffee hours throughout the district to hear directly from Mainers veterans, as well as roundtables to find more ways to help small businesses in Maine grow and create jobs.

As always, please continue to reach out to me and my staff if you'd like to voice an opinion, let us know about a local event, or seek any assistance with federal agencies.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jared Golden".

Jared Golden

Jared Golden
Member of Congress

Maine celebrates its 200th birthday this year. We're just a little bit older, being incorporated in 1804 when Maine was still part of Massachusetts.

Our work for the citizens of Unity is always on-going. We take these positions seriously and our duty to the residents and taxpayers is always on our minds. We are thankful to the citizens who have put us in these positions of trust.

The roads have held up well, although the deep frost and weeks of rain in the Spring made for a late start getting the gravel roads graded. Most of the roads were "crack-sealed" last summer and that will help make the pavement last longer. Tony and Dan cleared beaver dams and removed trees from roadways, Newell Court was upgraded with ditching and added gravel. Culverts were fixed on the Bailey Rd and Cornshop Rd. The Berry Rd. bridge was replanked. This year we are looking at doing some ditching and removing some hazardous trees. If you notice a missing road sign please inform one of the selectmen or the town office. School St. to Benton was paved by Maine DOT and they installed ADA compliant crosswalks and pedestrian signs.

We have contracted with a new mower, Tim Parker Jr's "Lawn & Order", for the cemeteries after Mike Berry announced he was no longer going to be able to do it. Although this saves us money on the mowing end, this year we have a couple large dead trees that need to be removed.

During the fall volunteer day citizens along with several college students, cleaned more than 30 stones and treated them with D2 to inhibit lichen and moss growth. We are looking forward to the next volunteer day to do more work. The Spring clean up day was cold, wet and miserable but we still had a dozen hardy people show up to clean up litter around the streets. We filled several large contractor bags and found some tires as well. Thanks to TA's for disposing of the tires.

Kanokolus is a very important asset to the town with the only public boat launch on Unity Pond that is able to handle large boats. With the help of Friends of Lake Winnecook we work diligently to prevent invasive flora such as milfoil. The college has also been studying algae blooms, but last summer the lake was the "cleanest" we have seen it in several years. We have several volunteers that pick up trash, donate doggy-doo bags and generally keep their eyes open and call the selectmen if there are any issues. In the Spring we have a pizza party for the volunteers that set up the docks and spruce up the play area. In the Fall we've had the UC Woodsmen team remove the docks for a small donation. This alone saves us several hundred dollars. After several conversations with the Department of Conservation they have informed us they will no longer be responsible for putting in and taking out the boat launch.

Unity was fortunate to be in the pilot program with CMP for new LED streetlights, which were installed in May of last year. This has saved us several hundred dollars and now that we will have them for the full year it should save us several hundred more.

Unity signed with the single sort waste management company, Fiberight, 4 years ago and they finally started accepting our garbage in October. We still contract with the Unity Area Regional Recycling Center and if you sort and clean your recyclables this is still the best opportunity to

make sure they are accepted. The UARRC also has the ability to take your e-waste, batteries and CFLs.

Kari Hunt continues to run a budget-conscious and efficient town office. In her spare time she has been working on putting the old comprehensive plan in an editable format with the graphs and charts in an Excel spreadsheet to make for ease of updating. The new website is up and running and it looks great! It also showcases local businesses.

In order to save additional tax money the "neck-downs" on Main St. were covered with fabric and mulch with large planters centered on them.

Your selectmen are very involved, attending EDC, Planning Board, Appeals Board, Recreation Committee, Cemetery Committee, FOLW annual meeting and School Board budget meetings. Penny is also a member of the Waldo County Budget Committee and the Waldo County Regional Communications Advisory Board. Although your tax bill comes from the town, most of your bill (approximately 2/3) is for education and another 10% for county services (e.g. law enforcement, courts, etc.) That means roughly \$230 from each \$1000 of your taxes goes to municipal services such as roads, fire dept., town office administration, etc. Because we understand how difficult it can be for some to pay taxes we carefully scrutinize how your dollars are being spent. We were also able to successfully negotiate payments from delinquent taxpayers to avoid foreclosure.

We would like to thank our citizens for their support and the numerous volunteers that have put in many hours to help keep our community a splendid place to live, work, and play. "Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in."
— **Dr Syed Muhammad Zeeshan Hussain Almashhadi**

We are looking forward to another great year at your service!

Penny, Tony & Dan

Animal Control Report ~2019

Hey there folks,

Just like that another year has gone! Unity closed the year out with 56 calls. I'd say that's not bad compared to the 85 calls in 2018.

Out of the 56 calls I received, 30 of them were for dogs. Needless to say, there are a few that failed to register their dogs this past year. I am super easy to work with and I do my best to let everyone know when the low cost and free rabies clinics are happening, as well as more than enough time to register. 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 are still contracting with the Waterville Humane Society. The ladies that work there are amazing and go above and beyond to accommodate our needs. This year I made 8 trips. I delivered 1 dog and 15 cats.

The "Giving Garland" was strung in the office again this year and featured the Pawnments display. Both were a huge hit! I appreciate everyone who contributed to Making Those Spirits Bright. The garland was strung at 6 different locations. I was able to collect \$733.12 as well as an abundance of supplies! There is always a continuing need so please feel free to drop off any donations at the town office and I will be sure to get them to the shelter.

I encourage you all to continue to spay and neuter your pets. The Waterville Humane Society offers some really great programs to help keep the cost low to you. The shelter works with the Community Spay Neuter Clinic and also many other organizations to help communities keep over population down. 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. Also the Barn Buddy program is a great program that helps the cats that aren't so adoptable find homes in your barns. 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 your community with all it's animal needs. I still do not do wild animals, but I may be able to offer you information for someone who can help. Thank you Unity!

Crystal Nichols, ACO

Cell~ 716-6338

Home~ 948-2119

2019~ 56 Calls

Dogs~30 Cows~4

Cats~15 Horse~2

Sheep~1 Wildlife~2

Surrender~2 Summons Served~6

Code Enforcement Officer Report

This will be my 24th year as your Code Enforcement Officer. This year I logged over 108 phone calls for the town concerning Land Use & Shore land Zoning. I have logged over 672 miles and approximately 103 hours, not counting phone calls. I have attended 9 training meetings.

In the course of my job, I inspect all land use 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

We had 33 plumbing permits issued this year.

13 internal permits	4 variances
15 subsurface permits	1 outhouse

A variance is used for questionable requiring a special site inspection by the local plumbing inspector. Some of them may required state inspections. Most usually the local plumbing inspector can handle the issues.

Respectfully submitted,

David Schofield

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

This year the EDC has been busy with several grants and the completion of the new web site for the Town. We issued grants to the following organizations that we feel would add to the economic development of the Town.

Unity Business Exchange, The Market of Unity, Snow Dusters, Thorndike Trail Blazers, Farm Drop, FOLW, and the Unity Ice Oval. These grants all have had a positive impact on the economic growth of Unity.

We are working on several other projects for this year all of which we hope will bring a positive impact to the Town.

Your committee Larry King Chairman, Toni Avila, Dr. Ellen Batchelder, Jean Bourg, Kari Hulva, and Najean Shedyak.

2019 Report from Unity's Emergency Management Agency Director

Another year has come and gone without a zombie infestation, alien invasion or tsunami taking out half of downtown Unity. As this has only been my second year as Unity's EMA Director I'm happy to report 2019 was pretty quiet as I have discovered our town is not as prepared as I would prefer. That said, progress is being made.

Incidentally, I should mention that barring a killer comet strike, mega solar flare or a "sharknado", Unity tends to be a pretty safe place. Truthfully the most likely meteorological events we may see are a blizzard or a spent hurricane downgraded to a tropical storm. In most cases all this requires is a quick trip to the Shop N Save to pick up some bread, milk and batteries (some folks might also buy some beer) and then we hunker down for a day or two until the blizzard or tropical storm passes us by. We do have some localized flooding in Unity, but this tends to be a perennial affair and the fire department always does a good job of getting out to the Prairie Road or Waterville Road with traffic cones and signs.

The last paragraph withstanding however . . . we do see power outages. For some folks a lightning storm, car crash or even a blizzard may knock out the power for a few hours to a day or so. For other folks a major windstorm like we saw this past October (and the October of 2018) may result in an extended power loss of several days. It probably goes without saying . . . but since I'm one of "those guys" I'll say it anyways . . . take the time now to prepare for the future. I'm not saying you need to stock up on rice, beans and lentils like it was Y2K or the coming Apocalypse, but a little preparation now can make a day, week or two weeks without power a little more bearable.

Items which The Feds recommend having on hand for an emergency include:

- Water (1 gallon per person for three days as this will be used for drinking, washing, etc.)
- Food (enough for 3 days . . . make sure it is food folks actually will eat)
- Radio (hand cranked or battery operated)
- Flashlight with extra batteries (hint: LED flashlights have longer battery life)
- 1st aid kit
- Towelettes, trash bags and toilet paper
- Medications, pet food, baby formula/diapers if necessary
- Smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and fire extinguisher
- Disposable plates, utensils and cups
- Sleeping bags
- Games and activities
- Multi purpose tool (because you can never go wrong with having a multi purpose tool)

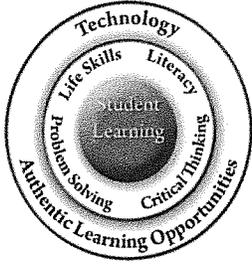
The Feds also recommend charging all cell phones, tablets, etc. before a storm or expected large scale event strikes, fueling up your vehicle, filling the tub with water (useful for flushing a toilet) and making sure any generators used are hooked up properly.

As mentioned this is only my second year as your EMA Director and in the monthly meetings in Belfast and the annual seminar in Augusta I have learned that while we have made some strides towards being better prepared for natural and man-made emergencies, we still have a ways to go.

This past year I offered a low cost CPR Class to town residents. We also tested the communications equipment which would be used in a disaster. Unity's Emergency Operations Plan was completed and since there were no Category 5 hurricanes passing through Unity I took the opportunity on a few occasions to type up (what I thought was) useful emergency preparedness and safety education articles on several Facebook sites. Finally, I am working on organizing a team of residents interested in assisting in the event of a disaster. If you are interested please contact me.

Jason Johnson

EMA Director



RSU 3

Regional School Unit #3

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Superintendent of Schools

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January 2020

To the Residents of RSU #3:

As I reflect back on the first six months in my role as Superintendent of Schools, I can not express enough my gratitude to our community for the support of our schools that I have seen. Whether it be at a school concert, sporting event, family night, etc, there is always a great amount of support being shown. I enjoy being present at our schools and events, meeting many of you along the way. One of my goals is for us, as an RSU, to continue to build our relationships between our schools, staff, students, parents, families, and the greater RSU #3 community. Your support, whether you have students at our schools or not, is imperative to our success of providing the highest quality educational experience possible for all students.

There have been numerous changes in the district this year, as is inevitable in any organization. To begin with, we have had many new teachers, ed techs, and other support staff join us and have demonstrated commitment to ensuring the district reaches its mission and vision. Administratively, there have been several changes beyond my appointment as superintendent. We have hired two new school principals, one at Mt. View Elementary and one at Mt. View Middle School, we have hired a new Director of Pupil Services and an Assistant Superintendent/Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Technology. With the departure of our Director of Technology, those duties were combined into the Assistant Superintendent's role.

We continue our strong efforts in implementing Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports at the K-8 levels. This PBIS program ensures a consistent approach to addressing behavioral expectations across the district. We are in the third year of implementation of our new GoMath program K-5 and have implemented it at the Grade 6-8 this past year. We are in the process of reviewing our social studies and science curriculum to meet the updated state learning results. The high school continues to make growth and meet the needs of their students by redesigning the course offerings and clarifying procedures and expectations for students. Although we have made great progress, there is always more work to be done.

The administration and the RSU #3 Board of Directors are working diligently to build a budget that is fiscally responsible while meeting the ever-changing needs of our students. As we progress through the next few months, I look forward to continued conversations with stakeholders that allow us to move our school system forward in a positive direction.

Again, I want to emphasize my gratitude to the support our communities have for the education of all of our students. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Mr. Charles D. Brown,
Superintendent of Schools

*Providing the communities of Brooks,
Montville, Thorndike, Troy, Unity, and Waldo*



*Freedom, Jackson, Knox, Liberty, Monroe
with quality educational services since 1958*

2019 Report, Thorndike Trail Blazers ATV Club

The Thorndike Trail Blazers ATV Club consists of members who formed the Club twelve years ago with the purpose of building and maintaining an ATV trail system and fostering solid, working relationships with landowners, town selectmen, other ATV Clubs and individuals/organizations interested in outdoor pursuits. In 2019 we had a total of 76 members – 62 family and individual members – and 14 business members.

I would say 2019 was a pretty good year, but as President of the Club I tend to be a bit biased and view most every year as a “pretty good year.” That said, I am most proud of the fact that last year we held our 2nd Annual ATV Safety Class in the packed Unity Snowduster Snowmobile Club’s clubhouse. We have three members who took the time to become certified ATV Safety Instructors. Teaching this next generation of ATV riders to ride safely and respectfully is one of our key missions as a Club.

We also were rather active in the community. While some of you may have seen us at the Thorndike Bicentennial Parade or Unity’s Memorial Day Parade, we also worked on several charitable causes this year. The Club worked closely with the Unity Fire Department’s Auxiliary to host the first of what I suspect will be an annual ATV Charity Poker Run (incidentally one of our members won first place and then donated the prize money back to the Auxiliary). In late-December we took the time to help the Unity Fire Department deliver Christmas food baskets and we purchased and donated several needed supplies for the Waterville Animal Humane Society. Members also took part in two Wreaths Across America events – one in Unity and one in Belfast. Finally, as we have done from the very first year, we ended the riding season by thanking our landowners and selectmen with our Landowner/Selectmen Appreciation Dinner.

While we were quite active off trails, our primary focus remains working on the trail system. We re-opened a closed trail in Troy with a new re-route which I must admit offers a particularly scenic ride/walk alongside a nearby stream. We also have continued to expand our trail system in Brooks. We’ve always had a traditional ATV Night Ride, but this year we took the ride up a proverbial notch by making it a “Glow Ride.” Despite rain in the evening’s forecast we had over 40 ATVs participating in the ride . . . it was quite a sight to behold with ATVs bedecked with all manners of neon lighting, glow sticks and glow-in-the-dark stickers. In total our members worked a staggering 729 hours on the trails and access roads – rebuilding bridges, building new bridges, signing, brushing, weedbeating, etc.

We currently have around 50 miles of trail and access routes in five towns (Thorndike, Troy, Unity, Jackson and Brooks), but expect to have some trails to Hilltop in Knox this Spring. We connect to just one other ATV Club in Plymouth, but continue to work towards hooking up to the trails in Pittsfield and Frye Mountain and a new ATV Club in Dixmont will be connecting their trails to our trails this Summer.

Our Club has operated on two basic tenets: 1) As good stewards we treat our landowners’ land as good, if not better than our own as we realize trails are based on the landowners’ trust in us as a responsible Club and 2) While the trails we build may be for ATVs, we recognize that there is plenty of “outdoors” for everyone and work with groups who may also enjoy the trail system (whether it be motorized or non-motorized.) As a result I would like to think we have an excellent relationship with our landowners

and with residents who may not ride an ATV, but enjoy riding their horse, skiing, snowshoeing, hiking or riding their mountain bike on the trails.

Trails are currently closed. We close down our trail system with the start of hunting season in the Fall and keep the trails closed until after Mud Season in the Spring to reduce the likelihood of ATVs causing irreparable damage to the trails. Typically the trails open around May 15th, but if conditions warrant we may open the trails later (i.e. in the Spring of 2019 we opened a few weeks later due to ground water saturation.)

As always we welcome new members who share similar values. We meet on the third Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. To become a member, for more information or to leave a comment you can check us out on Facebook.

Finally, if you have an issue with any ATV please let the Club know. We try to be proactive and work hard to resolve issues with ATVs so small problems do not become large issues.

Jason Johnson, President

UNITY AREA REGIONAL RECYCLING CENTER

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Dear Member Town,

2019 saw more changes at the Center. We had to stop accepting glass. Our vendor could no longer market the material. It saddened us to make that decision, but with limited warehouse space for storage it was one that had to be made. With that being said, we don't ever take the reduction of product lightly. We are always and currently looking for avenues to bring back some if not all prior products and the possibilities of adding new products to our list.

We would like to let you know about recent changes in the law that guides the mercury-added lamp recycling program here in Maine.

The program will no longer be limited to accepting mercury lamps from just households. This means that any non-household entity can recycle their fluorescent bulbs for free. But there is now a cap on the number of non-CFL lamps that can be dropped off per person. There is no cap on the number of CFL bulbs per visit; but you will be limited to up to 10 linear tubes per visit. Going forward all non-household entities that bring bulbs to the Center will be given a receipt showing that they recycled their bulbs responsibly.

This past fall we had one of our longtime staff members leave our facility. At this time, we took the opportunity to reflect on our needs and responsibilities to the towns. With that; we decided, at least for now, to hire a part time staff member. This decreased the budget by 16%.

Please 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 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
Manager

Michael Berry
Chair

UARRC Budget
Fiscal Year 2020-21

Line Item	2020-21	2019-20	2018-19	2017-18	2016-17	2015-2016	2014-2015	2013-14	2012-13
Accounting									
Office Supplies	650	650	650	400	1200				
Payroll Services	500	2000	2000	2200	2200				
Administration			2500			1200	1200	1200	1200
Audit/Tax Return	2500	2500	1500	2500	2500	2500	1500	3000	2800
Ball wire/strapping	1500	1500	1000	1500	1500	1500	2600	2600	2000
Building Maintenance	1000	1000	1000	1000	2000	1000	1000	1000	1000
Capital Improvement	1000	1000	1000	1000	2000	0	0	0	0
Contingency	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	1000
Public Education	1000	1000	1000	1000	1500	500	500	500	100
Electric	1600	1600	1600	1600	1600	1600	1200	1200	1200
Employee Incentives	150	150	150	150	150	100	100	100	650
Forklift fuel	600	600	600	600	600	600	600	600	600
Grounds Maintenance	300	300	50	50	50	50	50	50	50
Heat	1600	1600	1600	1600	1600	1600	1500	1500	1500
HRA - S				0		0	0	3900	3000
HRA - H				0		0	0	500	0
HRA - H				0		0	0	500	0
Kitchen/bathroom/cleaning	50	50	50	50	125	125	150	150	150
Legal Fees	100	100	100	100	100	100	1000	1000	1000
Repairs Equipment	2000	2000	2000	2000	1500	2000	1000	1000	1000
Payroll Taxes	5085.60	6240	5800	5739.014	5516.16	5408	7546	7056	7056
Professional Development	400	400	300	300	300	300	0	0	0
Small Equipment replacement	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	250
Snow Removal	2000	2000	2000	2000	1600	1600	1400	1400	1400
Telephone/Internet	1500	1500	1500	1500	1500	1500	1500	1500	1500
Rubbish Removal				0		208	208	100	100
Travel Expense	400	400	400	400	300	300	300	300	500
Universal Waste				0			0	0	0
Wages	50856	62400	57390.14	57390.14	55161.6	54080	75460	70560	70560
Warehouse supplies	3000	3000	3000	3000	3000	3000	3000	4000	4000
Work Clothing	500	500	500	500	500	500	550	550	0
Insurances-ALL	9000	9000	9000	9000	7500	7200	7135	7135	5300
Total	\$ 88,091.60	\$ 102,290.00	\$ 96,490.14	\$ 96,379.15	\$ 95,010.76	\$ 89,771.00	\$ 109,299.00	\$ 111,201.00	\$ 106,916.00

Sales Credit and Assessment by Town for Fiscal Year 2020-2021

Account Balances as of December 31, 2019	Population 2010 Census	Cost per Capita	Assessment Fiscal Year 2017-2018	Sales Credit per Capita	Sales Credit	Balance Due
Checking	1181	\$ 10.60706	\$ 12.52693	\$ 0.43650	\$ 515.51	\$ 12,011.42
Sales Revenue	719	\$ 10.60706	\$ 7.62647	\$ 0.43650	\$ 313.85	\$ 7,312.63
Capital Improvement	548	\$ 10.60706	\$ 5.81267	\$ 0.43650	\$ 239.20	\$ 5,573.46
Surplus	806	\$ 10.60706	\$ 8.54929	\$ 0.43650	\$ 351.82	\$ 8,197.47
	1032	\$ 10.60706	\$ 10.94648	\$ 0.43650	\$ 450.47	\$ 10,486.01
	890	\$ 10.60706	\$ 9.44028	\$ 0.43650	\$ 388.49	\$ 9,051.79
	1030	\$ 10.60706	\$ 10.92527	\$ 0.43650	\$ 449.60	\$ 10,475.67
	2099	\$ 10.60706	\$ 22.26421	\$ 0.43650	\$ 916.22	\$ 21,347.99
Total	8305	\$ 10.60706	\$ 88,091.60	\$ 3,625.15	\$ 3,625.15	\$ 84,466.45

2019 Sales Credit: \$ 3,625.15



UNITY FIRE DEPARTMENT

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 PO. Box 150
 Unity Maine, 04988

Fire Chiefs Report for 2019

Dear Citizens of Unity,

This annual report provides a variety of information about the activities of the Unity Fire Department for the fiscal year 2019. 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. We have been actively seeking different avenues to offset the burden to our tax payers. With today's living cost, and other financial burdens in everyday living, we look for ways to help out as much as we can. I am pleased to announce Unity fire Department was awarded three different grants totaling over **\$28,000.00** to purchase much needed equipment and equipment upgrades. Below is a breakdown of the grants in 2019.

Grant	Amount
US. Conservation Assistance to Firefighters (Maine Forestry Grant) Matching 50/50. (Replace 25-year-old pump on Truck 7)	\$1,650.00
Stephen and Tabitha King Foundation Grant (4-Scott Air Packs)	\$25,000.00
Unity Rotary Club Grant (to install a S.C.B.A Washing Station/Helmet Lights)	\$1,750.00
Total:	\$28,400.00

On behalf of the Unity Fire Department, I would personally like to thank Lieutenant, Emily Newell for writing the Unity Rotary Club Grant, and our Administration Assistant, Melissa Sanborn for writing the Maine Forestry Grant, and also the Stephen and Tabitha King Foundation Grant.

The Unity Fire Department has generated contracts for service and fire protection for 2019. Below are the contracts and amount of revenue generated.

Contract	Revenue Generated
Kennebec County Unity Plantation Fire Protection Contract	\$4,420.50
Unity College Graduation Fire Watch Contract	\$200.00
M.O.F.G.A. Common Ground Fire Contract	\$2,935.00
Total:	\$7,555.50

Also, in addition to the generous grants that were awarded to the Unity Fire department, the Unity Fire Department Association has done a fantastic job to help with the tax burden. In June of 2019 the Association purchased a new boat motor for our rescue boat. This was the second phase of upgrading our preexisting 30-year-old boat that the association purchased in 2018.

This was all made possible by the countless volunteer hours of fund raising from all of the men and women of the fire department. In the last seven years the fire department association has purchased over **\$45,000.00**, in Fire/Rescue Equipment.

In 2019, we established the **Unity Fire Department Auxillary**, under the Direction of **President Maureen Haley**, this is a group of individuals that are self-funded, by fundraising and donations separate from the Unity Fire Department, as part of the Unity Fire Department Association.

The Auxillary get together on the second Wednesday of the month. The Auxillary provides drinks and refreshments to our fire crews when they are working on major emergencies. If you are interested in joining the Unity Fire Department Auxiliary, please reach out to me and I will provide you the contact information for Maureen. I would like to thank all of the Auxiliary members for all you do, your hard work, your commitment, and it doesn't go unnoticed.

With the recognition of today's tragedies, and the what our brave men and women are exposed to every single time they respond to an emergencies and the risk of PTSD at an all-time high, I have been working extremely hard to develop and put in place a plan to help with the mental stress of our jobs.

In implementing this program, I have ask town resident and also member of Unity Ambulance Corp. **John Dowdy** to be the first in Unity Fire Departments history to assume the role as **Department Chaplain**. John's role will include helping with counseling and debriefing of major events, as well as speaking at funerals, and public events.

On July 4th of 2019, The Unity Fire department had a major break down with one of our trucks. Our Ladder truck Lost the engine. With that being said, I have been continuously looking for avenues to replace the 1981 Ladder with a replacement truck. I do have one strong possibility, to replace this truck in the near future from a nearby town, but nothing is set in stone as of yet.

Below is a spreadsheet of expenditures for 2019.

2019 Maintenance/Operation Expenditures

Items	Expenditures
Apparatus Maintenance *	\$11,271.97
Apparatus/Equipment Fuel	\$1,939.91
Fire/Rescue Equipment	\$18,936.63
Station Maintenance	\$1,613.77
Telephone/Internet	\$1,292.42
Electricity	\$894.08
Heating Fuel	\$3,095.54
Training**	\$3,253.09
Medical	\$0.00
Fire Prevention Supplies	\$689.30
Insurance	\$9,321.00
Office Supplies	\$1,291.79
Communication Equipment	\$2,490.00
Payroll Wages***	\$20,431.00
Stephen King Grant	\$25,000.00
Kennebec County	
Forestry Grant	
Total	\$101,520.50
Funds not spent ****	\$4,500.00

***We had many break downs this year. We had to have our tanker 3 tank repaired, lost fuel pump in engine 9, lost starter on rescue 5, tow bill for ladder 1 for examples of major expenditures.**

-Ladder truck broke down on July 4, 2019. I have had one mechanic come look at the ladder truck and said it's not worth fixing. I had two other mechanics come look at the ladder truck, a different day then the first mechanic and they are unsure of what is wrong with it. This has been taken to the select board and has been tabled for the towns people to make a decision on what to do with the ladder truck.

-As of January 28, 2020, Tanker 3 is out of service. January 27, 2020, I took Tanker 3 to Reliance Equipment in Vassalboro Maine, to have a crack in the tank repaired. Upon getting the tank back from Reliance the tank cracked again in a different place. This has been brought to select board and we are working out a plan on what to do about the tanker.

**** We had two trainings that were scheduled for 2019 year. One was an extrication class for \$1800.00 and the other was a Rapid intervention team class for \$1500.00, both classes were cancelled due to death in instructors' departments.**

***** Payroll wages include \$17,800 town appropriated, \$200.00 Unity College Graduation, Kennebec County (Unity Plantation) wages \$1,094.25, and M.O.F.G.A. (Common Ground Fair) wages \$2935.00 which is the total of \$22,029.25 for Unity Fire Department Wages.**

******Monies not spent \$4,500.00 was a combination of left-over payroll and left-over equipment that has been put off for a special article and subsequent taxpayer approval.**

In addition to fighting fires that may occur, Unity Firefighters also respond to and prepares 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 128 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.

Unity Fire Department 2019 Responses

Call Type	Unity	Unity Twp.	Out of Town
Agency Assist	1	0	11
Motor Vehicle Accident	27	4	7
Hazardous Conditions (wires, trees, spills)	13	0	0
Service Calls/Assistance	4	0	0
Alarm Activation/ Smoke	21	0	0
Inspections	1	0	0
Vehicle Fires	1	0	0
Structure Fires	6	0	9
Chimney Fires	1	0	4
Illegal Burning	1	0	0
Grass/Woods/Other Fire	1	0	2
Standby/Cover Station	2	0	0
Boat/Water Rescue	1	0	0
Flooding	7	0	0
Hazardous Material's	2	0	2
Total	89	4	35

Note: Our 35 Mutual Aid responses were to the following towns:

Albion	3
Brooks	0
Burnham	3
Freedom	3
Jackson	0
Knox	2
Montville	2
Liberty	0
Pittsfield	0
Thorndike	9
Troy	13

We received Mutual Aid 15 times.

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 families for the support of each and every one of our members.

I would especially like to thank the devoted members of the Unity Fire Department for their commitment and professionalism in carrying out their duties, the thousands of hours of training, station assignments and behind the scenes does not go unnoticed. I am both honored and blessed to serve with them as we serve you.

The Unity Fire Department is always looking for new members. If you are interested please come down to the Unity Fire station Monday nights at 6:30pm to speak with myself or my officers about joining the department.

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

2019 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 genealogical and other research contacted us by email after visiting our website or finding us through the town website. An industrious group of members led by Jackie Bradeen has continued the work of inventorying our holdings and reorganizing our files to make them more user friendly, especially the genealogy files from James Vickery and numerous area families. Logan Wadick completed digitizing the photo collection. 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 upcoming State of Maine Bicentennial. Logan Wadick completed and informed the members about building a gazebo next to the Historical Society as his Eagle Scout project. Unity College student Elizabeth Geraghty did a presentation on her project photographing the Unity Historical Society china collection for a photography class. Corry Pratt from Northern Solstice Alpaca Farm gave a fascinating presentation on alpacas. David Balicki from Bangor Savings Bank told us about their community grants and programs. Kevin Spigel finished out our year by describing the steps and discoveries during the major renovation of his old Main Street house. e. We were pleased to once again partner with the town to light the Christmas trees at the corner of Main and Depot Streets.

Many people from the community have worked to assist with the mission and activities of the Unity Historical Society during the past year. Several young people whose parents work for Bangor Savings Bank spent several hours learning about the Historical Society and doing various service projects with the collections. On the Volunteer Day of Service in September energetic students from Unity College worked on cleaning up the yard and flower beds around the Historical Society building.

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 joining the statewide Bicentennial celebration 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.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Clark, President

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, Elora Dodge, Etienne Desrosiers, Brooke Shaw, Jackson Martin, and Paul Nadeau.

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
Craig Tozier
Patricia Newell
Donyse Babin
Roxanne Curtis

Unity Recreation Department

We are very fortunate to have a community who are willing to lend a helping hand in starting our second year with such support. Thank you to everyone and especially Peggy Turner and Cindy Jones for their knowledge of how to coordinate a wonderful meal for us to enjoy at the 2019 annual Town Meeting.

We started last year with exercise classes provided by Cari-Anne Higgins for everyone to participate. We started out a little rough, but as time went on the activity created quite the following. The participants taking these classes are our neighbors here in Unity and surrounding communities. Thank you Cari for taking on this challenge and become a new member of our community.

Kevin and Lisa Dudley have been mentoring to multiple young baseball players in the past. This year Kevin and Lisa coordinated a community work day to rehabilitate the Little League field. They organized and coordinated with area businesses and volunteers to bring the ballfield back to a condition that our young players can play safely and be proud to play ball on. Kevin and Lisa, you two are amazing! Thank you for your time and support.

The 2019 Unity Festival was hot. There is no other word to describe that day than hot. Being our first year in organizing this event we learned a lot. A huge thank you to our leader and guiding light, Larry King. His knowledge and wisdom is greatly appreciated, without him we would have been completely lost. We would also like to thank the following people and businesses; Julie Erskine and Joanna Clark of Bangor Savings Bank for coordinating the activities for the "Kidz Kornah". Their excitement into this event helped us to break through multiple walls. Dianna Fredrikson and the staff of Down East Credit Union for sponsoring and organizing of the 5K Fun Run. So grateful that the 5K event was able to take place early that morning. Thank you to everyone at Mac's Hardware for the Corn Hole games that will be used at future Unity Festivals. A huge thank you to Sheriff Jeff Trafton and Waldo County Sheriff Department for their help of setting up tents and the K-9 demonstration. Thank you to Warden Andrew Smart of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife for providing boat safety. Kevin Dudley, again thank you for organizing the Touch-A-Truck. Thank you to the crew of Unity Ambulance Corp. for providing demonstrations and being present throughout the day. Thank you to the Unity Volunteer Fire Department for your help and service during the day. Thanks to the Faith Community Church for providing the bounce houses. We would also like to thank Jayne Sullivan of UniTel, Jeremy Edward of Unity Shop and Save, Diane and Paul Jones of Mammies Country Kitchen Restaurant, Colleen Bailey and staff of Dunkin Donuts, The Depot Store and Unity Foundation for their donations to this year's Unity Festival. We were able to succeed with their help and assistance.

If you remember at last year's town meeting you may have seen a very bright lonely pink flamingo looking so very innocent as you went through the lunch line. Well, he/she and multiple of others were released throughout the Town of Unity and surrounding towns to migrate on the lawns of our friends, families and neighbors for a couple of days. This fundraising campaign was introduced to help offset cost for multiple activities. We are in hopes to use some of the funds we raise through our fundraising campaign to provide assistance for our children and citizens to participate in activities. This is still in the thinking stage, but the ideas are endless. We had lots of fun receiving requests for a flocking and the delivering these flocks on unsuspecting lawns. The sight of seeing lawns covered in these beautiful god-awful pink creatures brought smiles to many faces.

The Unity Recreation Department has teamed up with Inner Waldo County Soccer League. In doing so we have been able to help acquire uniforms and equipment for the players and allowing the coaches to concentrate strictly on coaching our kids. This year we had two Majors teams and one very large Mites team that got separated into two teams so that each child had the opportunity to play. We would like thank Hauns Bassett for his coordinating the teams, Kate Caseo, Doug Lakin and Brett Irving for coaching the Major teams and Elise Nason with the help of her mother, Angie, for coaching the Mites.

This year we are planning new ideas for everyone's enjoyment, so please stay tuned and if you have the time please join our small handful of volunteers. We meet the second Tuesday of every month at 6:30pm at the Unity Town Office. With your help, there's no say what we can do!

Respectfully submitted,

Arlene Schaefer
Charles Schaefer
Najean Shedyak
Denise Whitney

January 23, 2020

Dear Residents of the Unity Utilities District,

We 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.

As noted last year, the UUD contracted to have over 17,000ft of sewer pipe throughout the entire service area cleaned and camera-inspected. Grit, grease, organics, and other inorganic debris was flushed from the pipes prior to camera inspection. Review of the images and video revealed a few issues that were resolved during 2019:

- Trenchless repairs were performed on six pipe sections exhibiting significant defects
- 18 manholes were raised to accommodate the DOT's paving project on School Street

As usual, routine maintenance projects have been completed including brush-hogging the interior of the lagoon site and perimeter road work. The UUD has contracted with a logging company to harvest trees on the District's property and create a buffer around the lagoons. An engineering firm has been hired to create plans to update the infrastructure in the School Street Pump Station as it is outdated and requires installation of new equipment and replacement of specific existing equipment and piping.

We would like to remind everyone flushable sanitary wipes or cleaning wipes of any kind should NOT be flushed down the toilet despite what packaging labels might indicate. There have been several instances where these items have clogged pump station pumps that required significant maintenance activities. These wipes should be thrown away with your solid waste. Other items that should NOT enter the wastewater system include paint, pesticides, herbicides, motor oil, antifreeze, gasoline, cooking oil, fibrous feminine sanitary products, medications, hypodermic needles, fuel oil, or any other product containing toxic compounds.

Our site operator, Jon Carman, discharged 21,433,000 gallons of treated wastewater in 2019 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 without having to borrow money. Your timely payments have allowed us to make these improvements. Accounts that are past due are sent to an outside collection agency.

Sincerely,



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

Pat Clark
Trustee

Charlie Schaefer
Trustee

Jon Carman
Superintendent

Sue Lombard
Secretary

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CHIEF DEPUTY

Jason Trundy

January 02, 2020

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 2019 included the use of body cameras for the Patrol Deputies. The body cameras are enhancing our accountability to the public, evidence collection and our ability to critique deputy performance. In the Corrections Division, we entered into an inmate boarding contract with the Somerset County Sheriff's Office, saving \$170,000 in the first year. We also increased our collaboration with the Knox County Sheriff's Office by sharing our Jail Administrator saving additional taxpayer funds in both Counties.

Our patrol division handled 8,376 calls for service in 2019. 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 2,056 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 62 residents in 2019. 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 10,053 hours of community service throughout Waldo County. This translated

to \$110,585 in free labor to citizens and non-profit agencies. Residents also provided more than 153,000 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 \$29,105 in room and board to the County.

The 72 hour holding and booking facility processed 727 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 Somerset County Jail in East Madison by our Transport Division. Our average daily population of Waldo County prisoners held at Somerset was 22 men and women. This along with bringing prisoners to court and medical appointments, generated 387 transports with our transport division, traveling more than 67,444 miles in 2019.

Our Civil Service Division served 1,840 sets of legal paperwork all over the County in 2019.

It has been an honor for all of us to be of service to the citizens of Waldo County in 2019. We look forward to a safe and productive 2020.

Respectfully,



Sheriff Jeffrey C. Trafton

<u>Nature of Call</u>	<u>Total Calls Received</u>	<u>% of Total</u>
Message Delivery	5	0.82
Motorist Assist	2	0.33
Motor Vehicle Complaint	34	5.60
Noise Complaint	7	1.15
Paperwork Service	8	1.32
Traffic Accident with Damage	26	4.28
Traffic Accident with Injuries	11	1.81
Public Assist	14	2.31
Reported Death	3	0.49
IRS Scam and similar	3	0.49
Service PO	13	2.14
Speaking Engagement	3	0.49
Speed Complaint	4	0.66
Structure Fire	3	0.49
Suspicious Person, Circumstnce	24	3.95
Theft	14	2.31
Threatening	8	1.32
Traffic Hazard	2	0.33
Traffic Violation	4	0.66
Vehicle Off the Road	6	0.99
Vehicle/Equipment Fire	1	0.16
Violation Conditional Release	1	0.16
Violation Protection Order	2	0.33
Wanted Person	4	0.66
Welfare Check	34	5.60
Wildlife Problem or Complaint	1	0.16

Total reported: 607

Total Number of Traffic Stops for 2019: 124

Report Includes:

All dates between `00:00:00 01/01/19` and `00:00:00 01/01/20`, All nature of incidents, All cities matching `UN`, All types, All priorities, All agencies matching `WSO`

TOWN OF UNITY, MAINE

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT
with Independent Auditors Report

For the Year Ending January 31, 2019

TOWN OF UNITY, MAINE
 ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT
 Year Ended January 31, 2019
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Certified Public Accountant

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT

May 9, 2019

Board of Selectmen
Town of Unity
Unity, Maine

Report on the Financial Statements

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and the major fund of Town of Unity, Maine, as of and for the year ended January 31, 2019, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditor's Responsibility

My responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on my audit. I conducted my audit in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

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

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinions.

Opinions

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and the major fund of the Town of Unity, Maine as of January 31, 2019 and the respective changes in financial position, and where applicable, thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Management has omitted Management's Discussion & Analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. My opinion of the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the budgetary comparison information be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. I have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge I obtain during my audit of the basic financial statements. I do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide me with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, I have also issued my report dated May 9, 2019, on my consideration of Town of Unity, Maine's internal control over financial reporting and on my tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of my testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be considered in assessing the results of my audit.



Statement 1

TOWN OF UNITY, MAINE
Statement of Net Position
January 31, 2019

ASSETS	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
Current Assets:	
Cash	\$ 926,887
Receivables:	
Taxes	222,123
Liens	72,669
Accounts	2,235
Tax acquired property	345
Total Current Assets	<u>1,224,259</u>
Noncurrent Assets:	
Capital assets net	3,687,506
Total Assets	<u>4,911,765</u>
LIABILITIES	
Current Liabilities:	
Accounts payable	10,368
Notes payable, current portion	25,000
Bonds payable, current portion	326,403
Total Current Liabilities	<u>361,771</u>
Noncurrent Liabilities:	
Notes payable, noncurrent portion	90,000
Bonds payable, noncurrent portion	1,639,341
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	<u>1,729,341</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>2,091,112</u>
NET POSITION	
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	1,606,762
Unrestricted	1,213,891
Total net position	<u>\$ 2,820,653</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, 2019

Function/Programs	<u>Expenses</u>	Charges for <u>Services</u>	Program Revenues Operating grants and <u>contributions</u>	Capital grants and <u>contributions</u>	Net (Expense) <u>Revenues</u>	
Governmental activities:	\$					
General government	181,076	12,554			(168,522)	
Protection	181,910	6,140			(175,770)	
Public works	719,541	266	69,820		(649,455)	
Health and sanitation	117,491	62,655			(54,836)	
Leisure services	17,613	2,649	7,943		(7,021)	
Special assessments	1,605,441				(1,605,441)	
Cemeteries	16,569	5,419			(11,150)	
Social services	8,028		463		(7,565)	
Unclassified	5,039				(5,039)	
Total governmental activities	2,852,708	89,683	78,226	0	(2,684,799)	
					<u>Governmental Activities</u>	
Net (expense) / revenue						
General revenues:						
Property taxes					2,136,320	
Excise taxes					268,997	
Interest and costs on taxes					22,181	
Intergovernmental:						
State revenue sharing					110,949	
Homestead exemption					81,042	
Tree growth					8,370	
Donations					1,876	
Veterans reimbursement					1,680	
BETE reimbursement					4,118	
Miscellaneous					12,442	
Unrestricted interest					7,010	
Restricted interest					111	
Cable franchise fees					5,336	
Total general revenues					2,660,432	
Change in Net position					(24,367)	
Net position - beginning					2,845,020	
Net position - ending	\$					2,820,653

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

TOWN OF UNITY, MAINE
Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds
January 31, 2019

Statement 3

ASSETS	General <u>Fund</u>	Total Governmental <u>Funds</u>
Cash	\$ 926,887	\$ 926,887
Receivables		
Taxes	222,123	222,123
Liens	72,669	72,669
Accounts	2,235	2,235
Tax acquired property	345	345
Total Assets	1,224,259	1,224,259
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	10,368	10,368
Total Liabilities	10,368	10,368
UNEARNED REVENUE		
Unearned property taxes	233,000	233,000
Total Liabilities and Unearned Revenue	243,368	243,368
FUND BALANCES		
Fund Balances		
Capital purchases	69,175	69,175
Assigned revenues	15,066	15,066
Assigned expenditures	222,103	222,103
Unassigned	674,547	674,547
Total Fund Equity	980,891	980,891
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	\$ 1,224,259	\$

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.	3,687,506
Other long-term assets are not available to pay current-periods expenditures and therefore are deferred in the funds.	233,000
Long-term liabilities, including bonds payable not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds.	
Notes payable	(115,000)
Bonds payable	(1,965,744)
Net position of governmental	\$ 2,820,653

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, 2019

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
Revenues:		
Taxes	\$ 2,451,499	\$ 2,451,499
Intergovernmental	284,384	284,384
Interest	7,121	7,121
Charges for services	89,682	89,682
Miscellaneous	19,655	19,655
Total Revenues	2,852,341	2,852,341
Expenditures:		
Current:		
General government	176,246	176,246
Protection	140,464	140,464
Public works	571,281	571,281
Health and sanitation	117,491	117,491
Leisure services	17,613	17,613
Special assessments	1,605,441	1,605,441
Cemeteries	16,569	16,569
Social services	8,028	8,028
Unclassified	5,039	5,039
Total Expenditures	2,658,172	2,658,172
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	194,169	194,169
Fund Balances - beginning	786,722	786,722
Fund Balances - ending	\$ 980,891	\$ 980,891

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, 2019

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds	\$	194,169
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		343,809
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		(24,000)
Change in Net position of Governmental Activities	\$	<u>(24,367)</u>

Statement 6

TOWN OF UNITY, MAINE
Statement of Net Position
Fiduciary Fund
January 31, 2019

		Private Purpose <u>Trust</u> <u>Fund</u>
ASSETS		
Cash certificate of deposits	\$	7,149
Investments		136,898
Total Assets		<u>144,047</u>
NET POSITION		
Held in Trust		144,047
Total Net position	\$	<u><u>144,047</u></u>

Statement 7

TOWN OF UNITY, MAINE
 Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position
 For the Year Ended January 31, 2019

	Private Purpose <u>Trust Fund</u>
Additions:	
Investment income	\$ (7,321)
Total Additions	<u>(7,321)</u>
Net position - beginning of year	<u>151,368</u>
Net position - end of year	<u>\$ 144,047</u>

TOWN OF UNITY, MAINE
Notes to Combined Financial Statements
January 31, 2019

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 \$934,036. The bank balances for all funds totaled \$971,569. 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, 2019, all of the Town's deposits were insured or collateralized.

B. Investment

At January 31, 2019, 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	Trust Fund	N/A	\$ 132,497 97%
NStar	Trust Fund	N/A	3,054 2%
First Energy	Trust Fund	N/A	1,347 0.98%
			\$ <u>136,898</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 August 3, 2018, on the assessed value listed as of April 1, 2018, for all taxable real and personal property located in the Town. Payment of taxes was due at the date of commitment with interest at 8.00% on all tax bills unpaid as of November 30, 2018.

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, 2018 upon which the levy for the year ended January 31, 2019, was based, was \$129,353,700. 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.

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

2. Budgetary Accounting, continued

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 2018	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	Balance January 31 2019
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	19,787	1,817		21,604
Buildings	340,834	29,055		369,889
Equipment	41,350			41,350
Vehicles	356,973	20,555		377,528
Infrastructure	16,746,086	486,918		17,233,004
	<u>17,505,030</u>	<u>538,345</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>18,043,375</u>
Capital Assets, net	\$ <u>4,225,851</u>	\$ <u>(538,345)</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>3,687,506</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, 2019:

<u>Long-term debt payable at February 1, 2018</u>	\$ 2,424,553
Debt proceeds	
Debt Retired	(343,809)
Long-term debt payable at January 31, 2019	<u>\$ 2,080,744</u>
Interest Paid	<u>58,817</u>

Long-term debt payable at January 31, 2019 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	\$ 446,402
Fire truck	2.2%	2023	115,000
Town office	2.38%	2021	943,762
Road loan	2.38%	2021	575,580
			<u>\$ 2,080,744</u>

6. Long-term Debt, continued

The annual requirement to amortize all long-term debt outstanding as of January 31, 2019 are as follows:

Year	Principal <u>Payable</u>	Interest <u>Payable</u>
2019	\$ 351,403	\$ 50,925
2020	359,060	42,704
2021	367,132	34,055
2022	370,979	25,240
2023	122,267	17,780
2024-2028	362,762	48,717
2029-2031	147,141	13,320

Total \$ 2,080,744 \$ 232,741

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, 2019, 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, 2019:

Sale of lots	\$ 6,207
State revenue sharing	8,859
Total	\$ <u>15,066</u>

8. 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, 2019:

Protection	\$ 1,500
Fire house repair	13,557
TIF	207,046

Total \$ 222,103

9. Reserved for Capital Purchases

At January 31, 2019 the reserve for capital purchases consisted of the following:

Protection	\$ 1,500
Health and sanitation	13,557
TIF	207,046
Total	\$ <u>222,103</u>

6. Long-term Debt, continued

10. Unassigned General Fund Fund Equity

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

Balance - February 1, 2018		\$	507,499
Increase (Decrease):			
Actual over (under) budgeted revenues	125,318		
Actual under (over) budgeted expenditures	64,337		
Utilization per town vote	(22,607)		
Net Increase (Decrease)			167,048
Balance - January 31, 2019		\$	<u>674,547</u>

11. 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, 2019, will not materially affect the financial condition of the Town.

12. Subsequent Events

Management has made an evaluation of subsequent events to and including the May 9, 2019, 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, 2019

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>			Variance with final budget positive (negative)
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>	<u>Actual</u>	
Revenues:	\$	\$	\$	\$
Taxes	2,411,674	2,411,674	2,451,499	39,825
Intergovernmental	243,897	243,897	284,384	40,487
Interest			7,121	7,121
Charges for services	63,828	63,828	89,682	25,854
Miscellaneous	13,800	13,800	19,655	5,855
Total revenues	<u>2,733,199</u>	<u>2,733,199</u>	<u>2,852,341</u>	<u>119,142</u>
Expenditures:				
Current:				
General government	193,070	193,070	176,246	16,824
Protection	153,836	153,836	140,464	13,372
Public works	601,885	601,885	571,281	30,604
Health and sanitation	161,016	161,016	117,491	43,525
Leisure services	17,500	17,500	17,613	(113)
Special assessments	1,857,567	1,857,567	1,605,441	252,126
Unclassified	3,600	3,600	5,039	(1,439)
Cemeteries	16,450	16,450	16,569	(119)
Social services	9,950	9,950	8,028	1,922
Total expenditures	<u>3,014,874</u>	<u>3,014,874</u>	<u>2,658,172</u>	<u>356,702</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under expenditures)	<u>(281,675)</u>	<u>(281,675)</u>	<u>194,169</u>	<u>475,844</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>(281,675)</u>	<u>(281,675)</u>	<u>194,169</u>	<u>475,844</u>
Fund Balance - beginning of year	786,722	786,722	786,722	0
Fund Balance - ending of year	<u>\$ 505,047</u>	<u>\$ 505,047</u>	<u>\$ 980,891</u>	<u>\$ 475,844</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

May 9, 2019

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, 2019, which collectively comprise Town of Unity, Maine's basic financial statements and have issued my report thereon dated May 9, 2019. 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 your
 ■■■ **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 or visit our website,
 ■■■ www.unityme.org. This is one-time
 ■■■ application and as long as you own
 ■■■ your home, there is no need to



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.

MOTOR VEHICLE:

MUST PROVIDE CURRENT PROOF OF INSURANCE

*Insurance on mobile devices are accepted.

MUST HAVE CURRENT MILEAGE

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

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



If your 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 1st, 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

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 1st.
- Hunting & Fishing Licenses – Dec. 31st
- Boat Registrations – December 31st
- Snowmobile & ATV Registrations—June 30th

VITAL RECORDS

<u>Births</u>	<u>Deaths</u>	<u>Marriages</u>
17	18	11

2018 TAXES DUE

Tax Commitment \$2,166,674.48

ANDERSON, MATTHEW C	555.53
BADGER, THOMAS F	1,723.16
BADGER, THOMAS F	380.73
BAGLEY, FRANK	1,913.21
BAGLEY, FRANK	513.58
BROWN, BETTE A	2,242.30
CONNELL, COLEEN G	1,053.69
CROSS, BRIDGETTE	1,590.96
DARNER, MIRANDA	279.66
DAVIDSON, DOUGLAS S	312.56
DODGE, KATE	99.31
DODGE, KATE I	337.03
DODGE, LAWRENCE	284.59
DODGE, LAWRENCE E	92.31
DODGE, LESLIE JR	527.56
DODGE, TERRI	609.71
EAST COAST CBD, LLC.	5,232.20
EJ INVESTMENTS, LLC	284.95
EMBRY, MICHAEL W	295.08
GEIGER, SARAH E. PERS REP	1,433.00
GENEST, SHERRI L	656.91
GIGGEY, NICOLE	1,599.05
GIGGEY, NICOLE K	853.43
HENRY, JEFF	2,488.68
HUBBARD, JOAN	260.12
HUBBARD, RAY SR	541.46
HUBBARD, RONALD A	386.33
HUNTER, SUSAN A	6,888.72
JULIA, DAWSON	1,419.02
LYLE, HEATHER J	2,452.41
MANLEY, SHARON	515.32
MCCUE, KENNETH R	644.67
MCLAUGHLIN, WILLIAM	1,313.82
MITCHELL, MICHAEL	1,602.91
MITCHELL, MICHAEL R	382.83
MORSE, JANET	916.03
MOULTON, ALAN	590.84
OAKS, MARY A	3,153.35
PAGLIAROLI, BARRY	68.44
PAGLIAROLI, DEAN	1,599.05
PAGLIAROLI, DEAN	354.51
PAGLIAROLI, RALPH	1,102.99
PARSONS, RYAN N	3,116.28
PARSONS, RYAN NEIL	6,164.71

PENNEY, PATRICIA	131.26
POMEROY, RUTH	424.42
PORTER, FLORENCE	413.48
QUEENER, ULYSSES G	482.73
REED, SCOTT	4,903.40
REYNOLDS, FAYLENE	840.13
REYNOLDS, GERALD	482.11
SHEDYAK, CHRISTOPHER M	2,036.40
SHEDYAK, NAJEAN M	1,214.50
STEVENS, DAVID	4,610.78
TURNER, RONALD A	176.22
VANDEETS, PETER	1,228.84
VON OESEN, JEREMY W	45.00
WHITCOMB, JAMIE W	1,202.27
WHITCOMB-BROWN, AMY LYNN	473.53
Unpaid Balance	77,498.07

2018 Personal Property

EAST COAST CBD, LLC	1,675.00
GROTON, CHARLENE J	50.25
JONES, DERECK	469.00
JONES, PAUL	335.00
PARSONS, RYAN NEIL	20.10
SAVZ CORPORATION	400.33
TIMEPAYMENT CORP	57.71
TRULL, TODD	50.25
Unpaid P.P. Balance	3,057.64

* Paid in full after books closed

2019 TAXES DUE

Tax Commitment \$2,277,115.07

ANDERSON, MATTHEW C	493.84	FOSTER, DAVID A	4,732.44
AVELLA, DIANA P	2,083.53	FRENCH, ALTON (HEIRS OF)	3,812.83
BADGER, THOMAS F	1,659.50	FRENCH, ALTON (HEIRS OF)	69.80
BADGER, THOMAS F	319.33	FRENCH, MICHAEL C	1,284.32
BAGLEY, FRANK	1,319.05	FRIEDRICH, DANIEL J	1,517.02
BAGLEY, FRANK	2,317.36	GEIGER, SARAH E. PERS REP	1,369.83
BAGLEY, FRANK	451.96	GENEST, SHERRI L	595.04
BENNETT, EMILY ROSE	607.26	GERRY, MARYANN	678.16
BIRKBECK, GARY W JR	493.84	GETCHELL, REED	4,505.59
BIRKBECK, KIMBERLY J	575.85	GIDEON, STOLL	39.22
BOIVIN, RAYMOND M	941.16	GIGGEY, BRANDON F	1,579.23
BOIVIN, RAYNO M	270.48	GIGGEY, NICOLE	1,535.60
BOWERMAN, EUGENE	2,106.22	GIGGEY, NICOLE K	729.41
BOYNTON, JANET (HEIRS OF)	413.57 *	GILLEY, DONALD	619.48
BRAGG, LENA	3,456.85	GLATZ, JOEL	762.39
BRALEY, SCOTT	26.01	GRAY, SHERRY L	593.30
BROWN, BETTE A	2,174.27	GRAY, SHERRY LYNN	617.73
CARMICHAEL, CONNIE R	745.12	GTP STRUCTURES I, LLC.	2,600.05
CHASE, ERIKA A	4,198.47	HARRISON, MIRANDA	162.29
CLOUTIER, JEAN	1,540.84	HATCH, RICHARD	455.45
CONNELL, COLEEN G	991.16	HENRY, JEFF	2,018.97
CONROY, WILLIAM R	563.64	HENRY, JEFF	111.68
CONSTABLE, CATHERINE I	697.48	HIGGINS, CHRISTOPHER	2,676.83
CORSON, MICHAEL J	396.12 *	HITCHCOCK, JAMES	31.41
CROSS, BRIDGETTE	1,656.01	HITCHCOCK, JAMES	411.82
DARNER, MIRANDA	211.15	HITCHCOCK, JAMES	2,134.14
DAVIDSON, DOUGLAS S	1,683.93	HITCHCOCK, JAMES	89.00
DAVIDSON, DOUGLAS S	251.28	HOLT, BENJAMIN H	331.55
DAVIDSON, GERALD	1,874.13	HUBBARD, ELAINE	579.34
DELUCIA, ELIZABETH A	2,692.54	HUBBARD, JAMES	973.71
DEROSIER, VALERIE A	2,018.97	HUBBARD, JOAN	198.93
DODGE, KATE	38.39	HUBBARD, RAY SR	596.79
DODGE, KATE I	275.71	HUBBARD, ROLAND E	326.32
DODGE, LAWRENCE	223.36	HUBBARD, ROLAND E. &	928.34
DODGE, LAWRENCE E	31.41	HUBBARD, RONALD A	317.59
DODGE, LESLIE JR	465.92	* HUBBARD, THERESA	507.80
DODGE, TERRI	530.48	HULVA, KARI T	1,319.22
DRUMMOND, THEODORE E	3,024.09	HUNTER, SUSAN A	6,871.81
E.J. INVESTMENTS,LLc.	633.44	HUSTUS, CLAIR	266.99
EAST COAST CBD, LLC.	5,324.00	JONES, PAUL	92.49
EJ INVESTMENTS, LLC	633.44	JULIA, DAWSON	1,355.87
EJ INVESTMENTS, LLC	1,231.98	* LANCASTER, CRAIG A	642.16
EJ INVESTMENTS, LLC	599.61	LEAR, ELROY E	396.12
EJ INVESTMENTS, LLC	162.29	LEBOVITZ, TROY	106.45
EJ INVESTMENTS, LLC	633.44	LEE, STEPHEN	1,076.67
EJ INVESTMENTS, LLC	664.85	* LEMIEUX, RUTH E	362.96
EJ INVESTMENTS, LLC	216.38	LITTLEFIELD, TABITHA	1,568.76
EJ INVESTMENTS, LLC	226.85	LUDDEN, DARWIN L	1,837.49
EMBRY, MICHAEL W	233.83	LYLE, HEATHER J	2,380.18

MADORE, HELEN M	1,198.82
MANIATAKOS, ROULA	2,989.19
MANLEY, SHARON	453.70
MARTIN, GARY M	15.75
MASON, KATHRYN L	3,709.87
McCORMICK, KAREN	560.15
MCCUE, KENNETH R	582.83
MCLAUGHLIN, WILLIAM	1,277.34
MENOUDARAKOS, ARETI	417.06
MENOUDARAKOS, ARETI	300.14
MEREDITH VILLAGE SAVINGS BANK	1,284.04
MESARIC, MARK A II	1,745.00
MITCHELL, MICHAEL	1,532.11
MITCHELL, MICHAEL R	314.10
MITCHELL, WYONA	593.30
MITCHELL, WYONA	1,608.89
MORRISON, GARRETT	2,861.80
MORSE, JANET	855.05
MOULTON, ALAN	521.76
NEAL, GALEN	540.95
OAKS, MARY A	3,079.93
PAGLIAROLI, BARRY	439.74
PAGLIAROLI, DEAN	1,535.60
PAGLIAROLI, DEAN	293.16
PAGLIAROLI, RALPH	1,033.04
PARSONS, RYAN N	3,052.01
PARSONS, RYAN N	1,738.02
PARSONS, RYAN NEIL	7,838.54
PENNEY, PATRICIA	73.29
POMEROY, RUTH	218.13
PORTER, DIANNE S	1,116.84
PORTER, FLORENCE	458.94
QUEENER, ULYSSES G	598.54
REED, SCOTT	5,072.72
REYNOLDS, ALEC(1/2 INT)	2,123.67
REYNOLDS, FAYLENE	1,268.62
REYNOLDS, GERALD	404.84
REYNOLDS, JEFFREY	1,352.10
REYNOLDS, THEODORE W	654.21 *
REYNOLDS, THEODORE W	55.84 *
RICH, JOSEPH D	54.10
ROBBINS, WILLIAM	1,060.96
ROE, SARAH MEREDITH	76.78
ROE, SARAH MEREDITH	1,406.47
ROGERS, SCOTT	130.88
ROGERS, SCOTT	2,542.47
ROGERS, SCOTT G	1,415.20
ROSSI, DANIEL J	266.28
RYAN, GREGORY A	1,905.54
SAVZ CORPORATION	2,682.07
SHEDYAK, CHRISTOPHER M	1,964.87
SHEDYAK, NAJEAN M	1,151.70
SHIBLES, BRIAN A	721.74
SHOREY, TERRY	0.85

STEVENS, DAVID	4,390.42
STEVENS, DAVID	181.48
STEVENS, DAVID F	123.90
* STEVENS, GLEN F	2,458.71
* STROUT, BRIAN	2,050.38
THOMAS, DARRELL C	2,939.69
THOMPSON, MICHAEL D	108.19
TRILLIUM REDEVELOPMENT	3,008.38
TRILLIUM REDEVELOPMENT	820.15
* TRULL, TODD A	762.57
TURNER, RONALD A	115.17
VANDEETS, PETER	1,158.68
VON OESEN, JEREMY W	780.02
VON OESEN, JOHN J	1,027.79
VONOESSEN, CORY	730.32
VONOESSEN, JAMIE S	2,568.64
VONOESSEN, RICHARD	808.89
VR REALTY, LLC.	216.38
WARMAN, ERIC NELSON	2,673.34
WEBBER, ARCHIE L JR	43.63
WEDGE, IRMA	392.63
WEISER, DIANE M	3,366.11
WENDELL, DOUGLAS JR	328.06
WHITCOMB, JAMIE W	1,333.18
WHITCOMB-BROWN, AMY LYNN	638.67
WILSON, JEFFERY	24.32
WOHL, PETER	725.92
WREN, DARREN	436.25

Unpaid Balance 218,512.37

* Paid in full after books closed

2019 Personal Property Taxes

93 MAIN	69.80
DOW, CHAD & KERRY	174.50
EAST COAST CBD, LLC	1,745.00
GROTTON, CHARLENE J	52.35
JONES, PAUL	349.00
MOONSHINE GARDENS	174.50
MUDDY PAWS GROOMING	5.24
PARSONS, RYAN NEIL	20.94
SAVZ CORPORATION	397.86
SECICH, MATHEW	109.40
THOMAS, DARRELL C	261.75
TIMEPAYMENT CORP	40.14
TOMRA MAINE	618.06
TRULL, TODD	52.35

Unpaid P.P. Balance 4,070.89

Treasurer's Report

BSB Beginning Balance 02/01/2019 \$685,559.41

Received from State of Maine:

State Road Assistance	\$35,324.00
Snowmobile Grant/Refund	\$6,138.96
Tree Growth Reimbursement	\$7,645.73
Veteran Reimbursement	\$1,638.00
General Assistance Reimbursement	\$810.90
Homestead Exemption Reimbursement	\$98,873.00
BETE Reimbursement	\$5,696.00
State Revenue Sharing	\$192,252.14
Online Burn Permit Share	\$108.00

Received for State of Maine:

Motor Vehicles	\$159,281.22
Fish & Game Licenses	\$24,961.78
Dog Licenses	\$1,180.00
Plumbing Permits	\$1,185.00

Received From:

Auto Excise (includes Ex. Tx from neighboring towns)	\$295,432.35
Boat Excise	\$1,805.70
Admin Fees	\$10,298.06
Bank Interest	\$10,126.02
Tax Interest	\$16,212.50
Lien Costs	\$7,138.15
Building Permit	\$1,795.00
Marriage License	\$722.00
Birth Certificates	\$555.00
Death Certificates	\$249.00
TrashTags	\$39,278.90
Dumpsters	\$25,122.00
Violation Fines	\$25.00
US Wildlife	\$93.00
Cable Franchise Fees	\$5,637.78
Fire Department Income	\$34,220.50
MSAD3 Tip	\$1,820.00
MRC Rebate	\$4,186.15
MMA Refund	\$1,206.00
Town Pump	\$945.24
Ret Chk Fee	\$42.00
Perpetual Care \$7,000.00 received from Investment	\$7,176.55
Cemetery Fee	\$1,200.00

Kanoklus Fee	\$210.00
Park & Recreation	\$3,182.00

BSB ENDING BALANCE 01/31/2020	970,294.97
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FIRST NATIONAL

TOTAL INVESTED	111,757.37
TOTAL VALUE 12/31/2019	135,525.16

TIF ACCOUNT

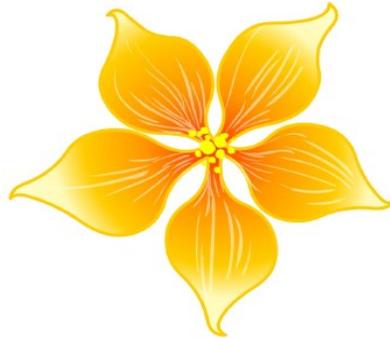
2017 TIF REVENUE	76,898.14
2018 TIF REVENUE	78,383.42
2019 TIF REVENUE	83,055.14
BANGOR SAVINGS INTEREST	355.96

FIRE TRUCK CD--BANGOR SAVINGS BANK

BALANCE 01/31/2020	2.25%	80,468.37
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PERPETURAL CARE CD--BANGOR SAVINGS BANK

BALANCE 01/31/2020	7,295.54
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Treasurer's Report
February 1, 2019 - January 31, 2020

Town Officials Salaries

Appropriated		78,046.00
Expenditures:		
Penny Picard Sampson, Chair, GA Administrator		5,500.00
Tony Avila, Selectman, GA Administrator		5,500.00
Daniel McCormick, Selectman		5,500.00
Kari Hunt, Clerk, Adm. Assistant		30,187.74
Arlene Miles, Deputy Clerk		2,207.63
Anne Goodblood, Deputy Clerk		3,036.38
Mary Ellen Hall, Deputy Clerk		5,114.40
Crystal Nichols		4,000.00
Charles Porter Jr, Code Enforcement Officer		5,600.00
Kari Hunt, Registrar of Voters		300.00
Michael Berry, Sexton		1,500.00
Jason Johnson, EMA Director		1,000.00
Payroll Taxes		6,454.04
	TOTAL	75,900.19
	UNEXPENDED	2,145.81

Assessing Services

Appropriated		12,500.00
Expenditures:		
RJD Appraisal		11,720.00
	UNEXPENDED	780.00

Legal Services

Appropriated		3,200.00
Expenditures:		
Legal Ads		112.00
Legal Services		1,856.75
	TOTAL	1,968.75
	UNEXPENDED	1,231.25

ACO/CEO/LPI Incidental Account

Appropriated		1,000.00
Expenditures:		
Training		25.00
EMA		295.39
ACO		79.94
Cones & Poles		172.20
	TOTAL	572.53
	UNEXPENDED	427.47

Administration Account

Appropriated	58,000.00
Administration Fees	<u>9,000.00</u>
TOTAL	67,000.00

Expenditures:

Liens	3,547.00
Bank Charges	68.00
TAN Interest	5,111.35
Audit	4,995.00
Postage	4,660.44
MMA Dues	2,689.00
Cleaning	1,386.58
Insurance	11,202.80
Propane	1,715.85
Software	5,740.87
Electric, CMP	834.56
Training/Mileage	147.31
Dues/Fees	186.00
Town Office Plowing	1,895.00
Harris Local Gov't (TRIO)	11,671.66
Copier-Maintenance & Lease	2,505.57
Phone, Unitel, Inc	2,084.15
Maintenance	2,605.52
Supplies	2,793.16
Ballot Clerks	<u>1,012.00</u>
TOTAL	66,851.82

UNEXPENDED 148.18

Excise Tax Reimbursement

Excise Tax Collected for Neighboring Towns	25,113.57
Excise Tax Reimbursed to Neighboring Towns	25,113.57

Town Office Loan

Appropriated	28,422.00
Expended:	
Camden National Bank	27,588.50

UNEXPENDED 833.50



Fire Department Salaries

Appropriated 7,500.00

Expenditures:

Blaine Parsons, Fire Chief 4,500.00

James Porter, Assistant Chief 900.00

Ralph "Pat" Haley, Assistant Chief 1,000.00

Melissa Sanborn, Administrative Assistant 500.00

Payroll Taxes 527.85

TOTAL 7,427.85

UNEXPENDED \$72.15

Fire Department-Fire Truck Fund

TIF 10,000.00

Expenditures:

Bangor Savings Bank 10,000.00

Fire Department Maintenance & Operations

Appropriated 73,161.70

Income:

Kennebec Cty Contract 4,420.50

Insurance 1,311.25

Forestry Grant 1,665.00

MOFGA 2,935.00

Unity College 200.00

TOTAL INCOME 83,693.45

Expenditures:

Truck/Equipment 19,013.20

Fire Equipment 12,728.67

Station Maintenance/Operating 1,301.84

Unitel, Inc 1,292.42

Central Maine Power 894.08

Heating, Waldo County Oil 3,095.54

Truck Fuel 1,939.91

Training 3,253.09

Insurance 9,321.00

Supplies 1,265.61

Radios 2,731.90

Fire Prevention 689.30

Firefighter Wages

Brown, Thomas 1,071.00

Burrows, Kirk 591.00

Curtis, Jeffrey 831.00

Curtis, Larry 1,449.00

Curtis, Tyler 2,127.00

Haley, Ralph "Pat" 1,215.00

Harrington, Liam 264.00

Harvey, Michael	1,689.00
Kustra, Kyle	609.00
Newell, Emily	1,269.00
Parsons, Blaine H II	1,614.00
Porter, James	513.00
Reynolds, Dustin	378.00
Sargent, Anthony	927.00
Smith, David	1,005.00
Somitz, Samuel	588.00
Stevenson, Ronald	132.00
Waltz, Benjamin	75.00
Warnimont, Jeremiah	774.00
Winters, Matthew	153.00
Woltmann, William	810.00
Beattie, Allison	123.00
Bega, Ashley	384.00
Trembly, Matthew	558.00
Sanborn, Melissa	1,275.96
Payroll Taxes	1,562.53
	79,514.05

UNEXPENDED 4,179.40

Stephen & Tabitha King Foundation

Grant Received for SCBA Gear	25,000.00
Fire Tech and Safety 4 Sets of SCBA Gear	25,000.00

Firehouse Loan Payment

Appropriated	40,115.50
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Expenditures:

US Bank Corporate Trust Boston	40,115.50
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E911

Appropriated	500.00
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Expenditures:

Street Signs	433.79
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UNEXPENDED 66.21

AED

Appropriated	1,000.00
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Expenditures:

Lifesavers: defibrillator	809.14
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UNEXPENDED 190.86

General Assistance

Appropriated		3,000.00
Expenditures:		
Rent		1,333.38
Food/Personal Supplies		528.36
Electric		0.00
Heat		603.49
	TOTAL	<u>2,465.23</u>

UNEXPENDED 534.77

Town Lights

Appropriated		7,500.00
Expenditures:		
Central Maine Power		7,069.09
	UNEXPENDED	430.91

Unity Area Regional Recycling Center

Appropriated		23,396.00
Expenditures:		
Unity Area Regional Recycling Center		23,396.00

Penobscot Energy Recovery Company (PERC)

Appropriated		64,000.00
MRC Rebates		4,186.15
	TOTAL	68,186.15
Expenditures:		
PERC		52,150.30
Municipal Review Committee		<u>1,088.16</u>
	TOTAL	53,238.46

UNEXPENDED 14,947.69

Landfill Monitoring & Maintenance

Appropriated		3,880.00
Expenditures:		
Katahdin Analytical Services		3,070.00
Landfill Mowing		<u>260.00</u>
	TOTAL	3,330.00

UNEXPENDED 550.00

Municipal Solid Waste

Appropriated	28,955.75
Received for sale of Trash Stickers	29,240.50
Received for Dumpster Tipping	<u>19,203.75</u>
TOTAL	77,400.00

Expenditures:

Sullivan's Waste Disposal	71,650.38
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UNEXPENDED 5,749.62

Septic Disposal Contract

Carried from fiscal year 2019	1,050.00
CARRIED TO FISCAL YEAR 2020	1,050.00

Public Works – Summer Roads

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

Expenditures:

Supplies	1,282.86
Maintenance	21,877.39
Fredrick Drew, Roadside Mowing	3,307.50
Toby Farrington, Grading	6,298.00
Striping	1,477.00
Calcium	640.00
First National Bank	250,000.00
Payroll Expenses	<u>62.26</u>
TOTAL	284,945.01

OVER EXPENDED -945.01

Public Works – Winter Roads

Appropriated	212,000.00
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Expenditures:

Littlefield Paving & Plowing LLC, Contract	184,336.00
Winter Salt	<u>15,256.93</u>
TOTAL	199,592.93

UNEXPENDED 12,407.07

Public Works – Sand/Salt Shed

Appropriated		1,600.00
Expenditures:		
Central Maine Power Co.		1,260.19
MMA, Insurance		<u>558.00</u>
	TOTAL	1,818.19
	OVER EXPENDED	-218.19

Cemeteries Maintenance

Appropriated		16,400.00
Expenditures:		
Berry Family LLC, Mowing contract		9,975.00
Maine Gravesite Maintenance		5,000.00
Searsport Flags		505.16
Supplies		132.11
Maintenance & Improvements		<u>770.00</u>
	TOTAL	16,382.27
	UNEXPENDED	17.73

Snowmobile Grooming Grant/Registration Refund

Received from State of Maine		5,589.50
Received from Snow Refunds 2019		549.46
Expenditures:		
Snowdusters Snowmobile Club	6,138.96	

RSU#3 School Commitment

Assessment		1,379,304.77
Expenditures:		
Treasurer, RSU#3	1,379,304.77	

Kanokolus Beach

Appropriated		3,100.00
Received From Friends of Lake Winnecook		1,500.00
TIF		2,000.00
	TOTAL	6,600.00
Expenditures:		
Boat Attendant		3,241.15
Katie Ann Curtis, Swimming Instructor		600.00
Paul Nadeau, Assistant Instructor		150.00
Payroll Taxes		266.07
Supplies		788.10
Berry Family Mowing, LLC		<u>700.02</u>
	TOTAL	5,745.34
	UNEXPENDED	854.66

Park and Recreation

Appropriated		1,000.00
Income/Donations Received 2019		<u>3,182.00</u>
		4,182.00
Supplies		
	Flamingo	143.44
	Baseball/Soccer Equipment	889.98
	Festival Expenses	1,188.00
	Cari-Ann Higgins, Fitness Class	500.00
	Mac's Hardware	<u>226.44</u>
	TOTAL	2,947.86

To Carry Forward to 2020 1,234.14

Kennebec Valley Council of Governments

Appropriated		2,769.00
Expenditures:		
KVCOG	2,769.00	

Humane Society Waterville Area

Appropriated		3,384.36
Expenditures:		
Humane Society-Waterville Area Dues	3,384.36	

County Tax

Assessment		249,681.17
Expenditures:		
Waldo County Treasurer	249,681.17	

Town Pump

Paid by Town Pump Users for 2019		1,530.36
Expenditures:		
Central Maine Power		811.52
Postage		26.34
Treasurer, State of Maine		165.00
Maintenance		<u>527.50</u>
	TOTAL	1,530.36

TIF

Appropriated 03/2017	17,730.00
Appropriated 03/2018	43,762.00
Appropriated 04/2018	16,500.00
Appropriated 03/2019	25,000.00

Expenditures:

Snowdusters, Trails	\$2,842.75
Snowdusters, Community Grant	\$2,500.00
Town Kanokolus Account	\$2,000.00
Sampson, Penny	\$24.52
FarmDrop	\$900.00
FarmDrop	\$2,500.00
KVCOG	\$2,769.00
Sampson, Penny	\$120.83
Farrington, Toby	\$846.00
FOLW	\$2,475.00
Mac's Hardware	\$175.38
Market of Unity	\$500.00
Thorndike Trail Blazers	\$709.77
Bill Allen	\$195.00
Davis Dirt Works	\$224.00
Mac's Hardware	\$165.62
Maine Tourist	\$375.00
Econo Signs	\$432.62
KVCOG	\$64.80
Gov Office	\$2,560.00
KVCOG	\$64.80
Thorndike Trail Blazers	-\$709.77
Thorndike Trail Blazers	\$709.77
Unity Pond Snowmobile Races	\$1,100.00
UBX	\$1,500.00
Bolster's	\$428.50

Constable

CARRIED FROM FISCAL YEAR 2018	1,500.00
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Expenditures:

Porter, James	750.00
Curtis, Matthew	<u>750.00</u>
	0.00

Special Appropriations

Spectrum Generations	500.00
New Hope For Women	500.00
Sebastcook 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	6,450.00

TAX ANTICIPATION NOTE (TAN) – The First National Bank

Received from The First National Bank	350,000.00
Paid to The First National Bank	350,000.00
Interest Paid	<u>5,111.35</u>
TOTAL	355,111.35



**SECRET BALLOT ELECTION AND
TOWN MEETING WARRANT
FOR THE
TOWN OF UNITY
Friday, March 27, 2020
and
*Saturday, March 28, 2020***

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 27nd day of March, 2020, 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 28rd day of March, 2020, at 9:00 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 6th 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, 2020.
- 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 2020 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, 2020.
- 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, 2021 to March 27, 2021.
- 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 \$600.00 for New Hope for Women for the ensuing year

Requested by agency	\$600.00
Selectmen recommend:	Raise: \$500.00
Budget Committee recommend:	Raise: \$500.00
<i>(Expended 2019</i>	<i>\$500.00)</i>

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$766.57 for Spectrum Generations for the ensuing year.

Requested by Agency:	\$766.57
Selectmen Recommend:	\$500.00
Budget Committee recommend:	Raise: \$500.00
<i>(Expended 2019</i>	<i>\$500.00)</i>

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$13,899.00 for Waldo Community Action Partners for the ensuing year.

Requested by Agency:	\$13,899.00
Selectmen & Budget Committee recommends:	Raise: \$2,000.00
<i>(Expended 2019</i>	<i>\$2,000.00)</i>

Article 19. 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
<i>(Expended 2019</i>	<i>\$2,200.00)</i>

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,000.00 for the Park and Recreation Committee.

Budget Committee & Selectmen Recommend:	TIF: \$1,000.00
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Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$15,000.00 for an Electronic Sign.

Selectmen Recommend:	TIF (2/3): \$9,900.00
	Raise: (1/3): \$5,100.00

Public Works

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$290,000.00 for Summer Roads for the ensuing year. (This includes \$250,000 for the 1st road loan)

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend:

Excise:	\$250,000.00
Road Assistance:	\$30,000.00
Raise:	\$10,000.00

(*Expended 2019* \$284,945.01.)
(*Loan matures 2022: 2 years*)

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$215,900.00 for Winter Roads for the ensuing year

Selectmen and Budget committee recommend: Raise: \$215,900.00
(*Expended 2019* \$199,592.93)

Article 24. 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 2019:* \$84,360.80)
(*Loan Matures in 2026: 6 years*)

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,850.00 for the Sand and Salt Shed Maintenance

Selectmen and Budget committee recommend: Raise: \$1,850.00
(*Expended 2019* \$1,818.19)

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$21,348.01 for the Town's share of the Unity Area Regional Recycling Center for the ensuing year.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend: Raise: \$21,348.01
(*Expended 2019* \$23,396.00)

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$57,100.00 to pay the Rubbish Disposal Tipping Fee to Coastal Resources of ME, LLC (FiberRight) designates for the ensuing year.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend:
Raise: \$53,000.00
MRC Rebates \$4,100.00
(*Expended 2019* \$53,238.46)

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$77,400.00 for Solid Waste Pickup for the ensuing year.

Raise:	\$39,000.00
From Sticker sales:	\$35,718.40
From Dumpster Tipping:	\$
<i>(Expended 2019</i>	<i>\$71,650.38)</i>

Article 29. 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
<i>(Expended 2019</i>	<i>\$3,880.00)</i>

Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$5,950.00 for Kanokolus Beach for the ensuing year.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend:	Raise: \$2,950.00
	TIF: \$3,000.00
<i>(Expended 2019</i>	<i>\$5,981.84)</i>

Article 31. 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 32. 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 33. Shall the unused funds from the Fire Department budget be set aside in a separate "Capital Reserve" account to be used for major repairs and purchases for the fire department with voter approval at a town meeting?

Article 34. To see if the town will vote by written ballot to raise and appropriate \$5,200 for an extractor washing machine for the Fire Department?

Budget Committee & Selectmen Recommend: Raise: \$5,200.00

Article 35. To see if the town will vote by written ballot to raise and appropriate \$12,470.00 for SCBA gear for the Fire Department?

Budget Committee & Selectmen Recommend: Raise: \$12,470.00

Article 36. To see if the town will vote by written ballot to raise and appropriate \$5,000.00 for U/L ladder testing for the Fire Department.

Budget Committee & Selectmen Recommend: Raise: \$5,000.00

Article 37: To see if the Town will vote by written ballot to raise and appropriate \$20,000.00 for the repair of the Fire Department Ladder Truck?

Budget Committee & Selectmen Recommend: Raise: \$20,000.00

Article 38. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$7,104.90 for Fire Department Officers Salaries account for the ensuing year.

Budget committee recommend: Raise: \$7,104.90
Selectmen recommend: Raise: \$7,104.90

Article 39. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$79,930.00 for the Fire Department Maintenance and Operations account for the ensuing year. *(This includes 17,800 for FF wages, 1,361.70 for payroll expenses and \$10,000 to repair Tanker 3).*

Selectmen recommend: Raise: \$79,930.00
Budget committee recommend: Raise: \$79,930.00
(Expended 2019 \$104,514.05, includes \$25,000 for Stephen King Grant)

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 2019 \$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 2019 \$40,115.50)
(Loan Matures 2032: 12 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 2019 \$433.79)

Article 49. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$7,200.00 for Electricity for Town Lights for the ensuing year.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend: Raise: \$7,200.00
(Expended 2019 \$7,069.09)

Article 50. 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 2019 \$16,382.27)

Article 51. 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 2019 \$0.00)

Article 52. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,798.00 for dues to Kennebec Valley Council of Governments for the ensuing year.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend: TIF: \$2,798.00
(Expended 2019 \$2,769.00)

Article 53. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$3,526.32 for the contract fee for the Humane Society of the Waterville Area for the ensuing year.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend: Raise: \$3,526.32
(Expended 2019 \$3,384.36)

Article 54. 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 2019 \$2,465.23)

Ordinances

Article 55. To vote by written ballot, "Shall an ordinance entitled 'Fire Department Ordinance of Unity' be enacted?"

PROPOSED FIRE DEPARTMENT ORDINANCE OF UNITY

Section 1. Title.

This ordinance shall be known as the Fire Department Ordinance of Unity.

Section 2. Purpose.

The purpose of this ordinance is to establish a Municipal Fire Department, and to define the powers and duties of the chief and members of the Department. An additional purpose of this ordinance is to provide the maximum legal protection available to the Fire Chief and municipal firefighters, and to best protect the health, safety and welfare of the residents of Unity.

Section 3. Establishment.

Pursuant to Art. VIII, pt. 2, § 1 of the Maine Constitution, 30-A M.R.S.A. § 3001 and § 3153 et seq., the municipality of Unity hereby establishes a Municipal Fire Department.

Section 4. Definitions.

Municipal Fire Department: The organized firefighting unit established pursuant to this ordinance.

Municipal Firefighter: an active member, whether full-time, part-time, or on call of the municipal fire department, who aids in the extinguishment of fires or an individual that receives compensation from the municipality for aiding in the extinguishment of fires, and is at least 18 years of age.

Section 5. Duties.

The Municipal Fire Department shall prevent and extinguish fires and provide firefighting protection within the municipality of Unity and elsewhere as provided by mutual aid or other contractual agreements approved by the municipal officers or municipal legislative body. The Municipal Fire Department shall also be authorized to provide emergency services by responding to and managing other public safety emergencies, including, but not limited to, medical emergencies, hazardous materials incidents or natural or man-made disasters.

Section 6. Fire Chief.

1. **Appointment.** The Fire Chief shall be appointed by the municipal officers for a term of 1 (one) year.
2. **Compensation.** The Fire Chief's compensation shall be established by the municipal officers.
3. **Powers and duties.** The Fire Chief shall have the powers and duties set forth in 30-A M.R.S.A. § 3153, except that administrative rules and regulations promulgated by the Fire Chief shall not be effective until approved by the municipal officers.
4. **Reports.** The Fire Chief shall submit a written monthly report on the activities of the Department and shall discharge such other duties as may be required by the municipal officers.

Section 7. Firefighters.

Municipal firefighters shall have the powers and duties set forth in 30-A MRSA § 3151 et seq., and as set forth in any administrative rules and regulations adopted pursuant to section 6(C) above.

Section 8. Deputy Fire Chief.

A Deputy Fire Chief shall be appointed by the Fire Chief, to act with full authority in the absence of the Fire Chief, and shall have responsibilities as set forth in any administrative rules and regulations adopted pursuant to section 6(C) above.

Section 9. Other officers.

The Fire Chief may appoint other officers as deemed necessary.

Section 10. Severability

The invalidity of any portion of this ordinance shall not invalidate any other part thereof.

Section 11. Effective Date.

This ordinance shall be effective upon its adoption by the municipal legislative body.

The Selectmen hereby give notice that the Registrar will be at the Municipal building on Friday, March 27, 2020 for the purpose of correcting the list of voters, from 12:00 p.m. until the close of polls.

Given under our hand this ____ day of March, 2020

Unity Board of Selectmen

Penny Sampson

Antonio Avila

Daniel McCormick

RETURN ON THE WARRANT

Unity, ME

Date: March __, 2020

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, Unity Kitchen and Mac's Hardware in said town, being public and conspicuous places in said town, on the ____ day of March AD, 2020 being at least seven days before the meeting.

Constable or Resident of Unity, ME