2018 ANNUAL REPORT of the Town of NEWCASTLE, MAINE

July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017 Financial Reports
June 2018 Annual Town Meeting Warrant



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Dedication



Newcastle Fire Department

The Selectmen would like to dedicate this year's town report to the Newcastle Fire Department and the men and women who continue the tradition of helping to keep our community safe as volunteer firefighters.

The Newcastle Fire Company Inc., "Taniscot Engine Company," began in 1876 with the purchase of the first pumper truck. Though it may not be well known, the Newcastle Fire Company has always been an independent organization, not a municipal department, with a long-standing agreement with the Town of Newcastle to provide fire protection and emergency services.

The first Fire Chief of the Company was F.D. March, who served from 1876 - 1877. Today the Company is led by Chief Clayton Huntley who has served as Chief since 1990. In 2009, by a vote at the annual town meeting, he was hired as Newcastle's first full-time Fire Chief, and now leads a full roster of 25 dedicated men and women.

Over the years the department has grown and changed. The "Taniscot Building," the original fire station on Main Steet in front of the Town Office, is now the Historical Society Museum with the original pumper truck on display. The current fire station is located on River Road with a sub-station in Sheepscot Village. The Sheepscot Village station was built in the 1980s by a separate independent fire company, "Sheepscot Volunteer Fire Company." The two Fire Companies merged in the late '90s, joining forces to better protect the town.

Through town investment, private donations, fundraisers, and persistent and successful grant program submissions, the Fire Company has done an amazing job maintaining, replacing, and expanding critical life-saving tools and equipment while balancing costs throughout the years. Some of the current inventory includes three pumpers: Engines 5, 6, and 8. Engine 8 is housed in the Sheepscot Village Station. The River Road Station holds Unit 10 which is a 2000-gallon tanker, and Unit 4, a rescue vehicle equipped with the Jaws of Life, rams, and inflatable pillows that can lift thousands of pounds. Also, Unit 12, equipped with water rescue suits, allows the crew to go into the coldest water to perform water rescues. The department also maintains a command vehicle and two forestry trucks, one kept in the Sheepscot Village Station.

Thank you, sincerely, to all of you who drop what you're doing when the call for assistance goes out, at times risking your lives, not for pay or notoriety, but to render selfless aid to those in need.







Newcastle Fire Company Officers 2018

Chief	Clayton Huntley (1)			
Deputy Chief	Casey Stevens (2)			
Asst. Chief	Patrick Lizotte (3)			
Captain	Jim Kaler Jr. (4)			
Lieutenant	Jim Bryant (5)			
Safety Officer	Tom Stevens			
Secretary	Margo Huntley			
Treasurer	Patrick Lizotte			
Foreman, Trucks	Zach Gilbert			
Foreman, SCBA	Jim Kaler			
Communications	•			
Steward Central	Margo Huntley			
Steward Sheepscott	Lucas Kostenbader			
Purchasing	Clayton Huntley			
Rehab Team Leader	Margo Huntley			
Chaplain				
Training Officers	Patrick Lizotte			
	Jim Bryant			
	Jake Abbott			
Fire Police	Jim Kaler Jr.			
•	201883 Milliken Island Rd.			
Casey Stevens, Chair 2017192 East Old County Rd.				
•	201811 North Dyers Neck Rd.			
Randy Butterfield 201820 Deer Meadow Rd.				
	te 2017268 Center St., Nobleboro			
	201796 Lewis Hill Rd.			
Clayton Hur	ntley 2018380 East Old County Rd.			

Fire Wardens

WardenClayton Huntley
Deputy WardenRobert Hatch
Deputy WardenCasey Stevens

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Front cover photo by Jessica Picard, Lincoln County News Seagulls fight over an alewife at the Damariscotta Mills Fish Ladder.

Directory of Municipal Officials

Selectmen and Tax Assessors

	Term Expires
R. Benjamin Frey, Vice Chair, Board of Assessors	2020
Christopher Doherty, Board of Selectmen	2018
Brian Foote, Chair, Board of Selectmen	2019
Carolyn Hatch, Vice Chair, Board of Selectmen	2020
Joel Lind, Chair, Board of Assessors	2018

Municipal Officials

Town Administrator / Treasurer: Jonathan Duke

Town Clerk / Tax Collector / Deputy Treasurer /

Registrar of Voters: Dawn Burns

Deputy Clerk / Deputy Tax Collector /

Deputy Registrar of Voters: Cheryl "Shelly" Clifford

Board Secretary – Appeals, Planning Board

& Design Review: Marion Mundy
Animal Control Officer: Lincoln Co. Sheriff's Office
Assessor's Agent: James Murphy, Jr.

CLC Ambulance Service Representative:Scott Shott
Code Enforcement Officer / Local Plumbing Inspector:
Ken Vinal
Mark Doe

Emergency Management Director:

Fire Chief / Fire Warden:

Deputy Fire Chief:

Clayton Huntley

Casey Stevens

Harbor Master: Paul Bryant

Deputy Harbor Master: Michael Herz

Health Officer: Road Commissioner:John M. Dickens, MD
Steve Revnolds

Shellfish Warden: Lincoln Co. Sheriff's Office

Town Boards and Committees

<u>Town Boards and Committees</u>					
Appeals Board:					
Member		Scott Brooke	2018		
Member		Lydia Crafts	2018		
Member		Louis Rector	2018		
Member	Steph	anie Stephensen	2018		
Member		Wanda Wilcox	2018		
Ballot Clerks - Appointe					
(R=Republican; D=Dem	-	•	(5)		
Carole Brinkler (R)	Cyndi Brinkler (D)	Scott Brooke			
Nathaniel Bryant (U)	Lynne Campbell (R)		, , ,		
Arlene Cole (R) Rachel Gallagher (U)	Cheryl Crummett (F Susan Glueck (R)	R) Laura Devin (Carol Hartma			
Calvert Hurdle (R)	Charles May (D)	Dorothy Pete			
Bonnie Stone (D)	Melanie Tilton (R)	Stephen War			
Design Review Commit	· ·	Stephen war	u (D)		
Sheepscot Village Rep		Nancy Bagley	2018		
Architecture Represer		Tor Glendinning	2018		
Damariscotta Mills Re		•	2018		
Historical Society Rep	•	Christopher Rice	2018		
Village Center Represe		Deborah Poor	2018		
Alternate	Littative	Vacancy	2018		
Alternate		Vacancy	2018		
Finance Committee:		vacancy	2010		
Vice Chair		Carole Brinkler	2019		
Secretary		Eva Frey	2018		
Member		Brian Manns	2019		
Member		Louis Rector	2019		
Member		3 Vacancies	2018		
Fish Ladder/Alewives C	Committee Represer		2010		
Tion Ladder / Aleurives	ommittee Represer	James Brinkler	2018		
Great Salt Bay Sanitary	District Trustees:	Allan H. Ray	2018		
, ,		Clayton Huntley	2019		
Harriett Gertrude Bird	Playground Commit				
Chair		Edna Verney	2018		
Member		Carol Juchnik	2018		
Member		James Mercer	2018		
Member		David O'Neal	2018		
Member		Christine Wajer	2018		

Damariscotta-	Nowcastla	Harbor	Committee
Damanscoula.	-ivewcastie	narbor	commutee.

Newcastle Representative	David Lawrence	2020
Newcastle Representative	Eric Peters	2020
Newcastle Representative	Gisela Heimsath-Rhodes	2019

Damariscotta-Newcastle Joint Shellfish Committee:

Newcastle RepresentativeHeather Leslie2019Newcastle RepresentativeMichael Devin2020Newcastle RepresentativeVern Bosworth2018

Newcastle Historical Society – Selectmen Appointee:

Arlene Cole 2018

L. C. Regional Planning Committee Representative: Mal Carey

George Parker Vacancy

L. C. Television Committee Director: Christopher Doherty

2 Vacancies

Newcastle Local Planning Committee:

Ben Frey, Co-Chair Ellen Dickens, Co-Chair Rem Briggs Mal Carey Christopher Doherty Peter Erskine

Tor Glendinning Don Hunt

Katharina Keoughan Joel Lind Lynne Norris

Steve Reynolds Wanda Wilcox

Newcastle Veterans Memorial Park Committee:

Ellen McFarland, Chair Margaret Coleman Betsy Evans
Dorothy Graf Calvert Hurdle Mary McGrath
Jennifer Mitkus Allan Ray Paul Somoza

Planning Board:

Chair Bonnie Stone 2020 Vice Chair Rem Briggs 2019 Member James Brinkler 2019 Nicholas Buck Member 2019 Member David Hewitt 2018 Alternate David Bailey 2020 Alternate Peter McNaughton 2018

School Committee:

MemberJoshua Jacobs2018MemberMark Doe2020MemberStephanie Nelson2019

Federal and State Officials

Senator Susan Collins

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House of Representatives 1 Hillcrest Road 2 State House Station Newcastle, ME 04553 Augusta, ME 04333-0002 Michael.devin@legislature.maine.gov Tel: (207) 287-1400 (Voice) Tel: (207) 563-3132 (residence) Tel: (207) 287-4469 (TTY) Tel: (207) 975-3132 (cell)

1 800 423-2900 Toll Free Message Center Web Site: http://www.maine.gov/legis/house

Board of Selectmen

It has been another busy year for the town of Newcastle. A new deputy clerk, Shelly Clifford, started work this year. She has been a great addition to the team at the town office. Our office has been upgraded with new computers and a much needed server replacement. These improvements will help the team at the town office serve the residents better and keep the town operations running efficiently.

In October, the state was hit with a powerful wind storm that blew down many trees and caused widespread power outages. Our fire department went to work right away to clear roadways, assess damage, and provide communication to the Lincoln County EMS and the line crews working to restore power. After the storm, the road commissioner Steve Reynolds conducted an assessment of the damage to submit to FEMA for reimbursement of funds. We are fortunate to have such a dedicated fire department, staff, and supportive community to rely on when major events like this occur.

This year the town was able to pay off two loans completely. The Lynch Road capital bond and the loan for town office have both been retired, saving the town interest and reducing our debt service substantially. The general fund balance has continued to grow, getting closer to the target of \$800,000. With this general fund balance at its current levels it will provide much needed stability to the town through budget changes and unforeseen events that may occur. The overall budget is down again from the previous year and it is anticipated that the mil rate will remain the same as the previous three years.

Lower material and operational costs have allowed the continued maintenance and resurfacing of roads throughout town. The stretch of sidewalk between town office and Mills Road was replaced, allowing for safer pedestrian flow through town. Other areas in need have been identified by the Sidewalk Trails and Enhanced Mobility Committee, which makes recommendations to the selectboard. We have contracted to have the preliminary engineering work done for

Academy Hill and the North Newcastle Road, the two roads in most need of repair. To take advantage of current low interest rates and favorable material costs we hope to rebuild our last two major roads this coming year. With those two roads fixed, the town would enter a maintenance cycle to keep our roads in good condition for longer and delay costly reconstruction projects in the future.

This Spring, the Newcastle Local Planning Committee completed public hearings and the final review on the Comprehensive Plan to put before voters on the June ballot. The Land Use Ordinance will be brought to voters this November after final review and ongoing community outreach.

It is a privilege to work with the many dedicated boards, staff, and community members that make up the town of Newcastle. The Board of Selectman continues to work to provide quality services to the town and represent the greater community we serve.

NEWCASTLE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Town Administrator's Report

While my first year in Newcastle was one exemplified with the battle to protect landowner rights along Sherman Marsh, 2018 has been about planning for the future and interrupted by Mother Nature.

Most notable about this year has been the development of yet another "flat" budget for Newcastle taxpayers. While the budget is only one portion of the equation to creating a tax rate, we're projecting a fourth consecutive year of a tax rate without an increase. In the face of higher costs for insurance, fuel, and other basic commodities, maintaining a level tax rate is remarkable. Meanwhile, the Town's unassigned fund balance (which many call the "surplus") has reached levels recommended by auditors and the Maine Municipal Association alike. An adequate unassigned fund balance should allow the Town to operate without the need to borrow funds in the event of an emergency like the Patriots Day storm over a decade ago.

In last year's budget, the Town wisely funded extinguishing a pair of debts relating to the reconstruction of Lynch Road and the town office construction. With only a fire truck loan still on the books, ending in 2027, the Town has very little debt and few urgent capital needs apart from North Newcastle Road and Academy Hill. Without question these two roads are two of the most traveled town roads in our community and not surprisingly are the source of many complaints for motorists and residents alike. The Town is in the midst of collecting information of the status of these roads and should have firm details for voters to discuss at the Annual Town Meeting on June 18th.

While the conditions of North Newcastle Road and Academy Hill have been impacted by weather over a longer period, the sudden ferocity of what residents experienced last fall left quite an impact. The tremendous wind storm from late October, followed almost immediately by record breaking snow and cold, have left all of us looking forward to a tranquil summer. The wind storm, however, left

a tremendous path of destruction across various portions of town. Driving around town the day after storm was an eerie experience. The damage on Hopkins Hill was something I'll never forget witnessing. The extended power outage impinged on the everyday lives of most residents in ways not seen since the Ice Storm 1998. Thankfully, we had neighbors helping neighbors to heat homes, deliver groceries, and cut up limbs that littered the landscape. While the Town's facilities were relatively unscathed, we had to look at this situation and try to see if there are opportunities for us to help. The Fire Station's Community Room was one such resource as a warming shelter, residents did not know of. Additionally, the Town's Facebook page is a great resource which could have been used better to let residents know of opportunities available to them to get through a trying time such as a lengthy power outage. Hopefully, the Town will be able to help to an even greater degree should another storm of this magnitude hit Newcastle.

Lastly, I'd like to thank our Board of Selectmen, staff, committee members, and volunteers for all the work they put in through the year. While a handful of us are working on your behalf on a full-time basis, so many hours are poured in to ensure Newcastle remains a community all of you can be proud of. We'll all do our best to make sure that continues into 2019.

JONATHAN DUKE Town Administrator



L to R: Jim Murphy, Assessor; Dawn Burns, Town Clerk; Cheryl "Shelly" Clifford, Deputy Clerk; Jon Duke, Town Administrator; Ken Vinal, Code Enforcement Officer.

Annual Town Meeting Warrant and Secret Ballot Election

Tuesday, June 12, 2018 and Monday, June 18, 2018

To Mark Doe, a resident for the Town of Newcastle, in the County of Lincoln, State of Maine,

GREETING:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Newcastle in said county and state, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Community Room in the Fire Station building at 86 River Rd on Tuesday, the 12th day of June, A.D. 2018 at 8:00 am, then and there to act upon Article 1 and by secret ballot on Articles 2 through 5 as set out below, the polling hours therefore to be from 8:00 am until 8:00 in the evening;

ARTICLE 1: To elect a moderator by written ballot to preside at said meeting.

ARTICLE 2: To elect by secret ballot, in accordance with the vote of the town, the following offices:

- 1. Two (2) Selectmen/Assessors and Overseers of the Poor for a three-year term
- 2. One (1) member of the Great Salt Bay School Committee for a three-year term
- 3. One (1) member of the Great Salt Bay Sanitary District Committee for a three-year term

ARTICLE 3: SECONDARY SCHOOL VALIDATION - Do you favor approving the NEWCASTLE SECONDARY education budget for the upcoming school year that was adopted at the latest Newcastle Special Town Meeting and that includes locally raised funds that exceed the required local contribution as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act?

ARTICLE 4: ELEMENTARY SCHOOL VALIDATION - Do you favor approving the GREAT SALT BAY, CSD ELEMENTARY education budget for the upcoming school year that was adopted at the latest Great Salt Bay, CSD Annual Budget Meeting and that includes locally raised funds that exceed the required local contribution as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act?

ARTICLE 5: Shall the Town approve and accept the 2018 Comprehensive Plan?

Explanation: The comprehensive plan can be viewed in its entirety at the Newcastle Town Office during normal business hours.

OPEN TOWN MEETING

Monday, June 18, 2018 7:00 pm

For Fiscal Year 2019: July 1, 2018-June 30, 2019

And, to notify and warn said inhabitants to meet at the Lincoln Academy Dining Commons in said town on Monday, the 18th day of June, 2018 A.D., at 7:00 in the evening, then and there to act on Articles 6 through 28 as set out below, to wit:

ARTICLE 6: Shall the town utilize remote electronic keypad voting as the method of voting for all articles at this Town meeting, the June 12, 2018, Annual Town Meeting?

ARTICLE 7: Shall the Town direct the Board of Selectmen to raise and appropriate one million dollars through a line of credit in Fiscal Year 2019 to enable the maintenance and reconstruction of portions of North Newcastle road and Academy Hill road pursuant to standards established by a professional engineer, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convert the line of credit to a bond or note on terms voted by a majority of the Selectmen to be in the best interest of the town?

ARTICLE 8: Shall the town raise & appropriate for Administration & Operations as follows:

	Admin & Operations	FY17 Actual	FY18 Budget	FY19 Select- men
1	Board of Selectmen	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
2	Board of Selectmen Recording Secretary	831.01	1,500.00	0.00
3	Town Administrator & Treasurer	60,236.83	60,255.00	62,062.52
4	Town Clerk & Registrar & Tax Collector	40,838.18	47,476.00	48,898.22
5	Full-Time Deputy	32,842.01	34,320.00	35,349.60
6	Part-Time Deputy	0.00	0.00	21,450.00
7	Election Workers	1,078.50	450.00	800.00
8	Recording Secretary	803.59	1,000.00	0.00
9	Overtime Compensation	593.23	1,000.00	1,000.00
	Salaries Subtotal	152,223.35	161,001.00	184,560.34
10	Health Insurance	29,804.16	38,979.00	41,300.20
11	Retirement	1,755.00	1,808.00	1,861.88
12	Short Term Disability	1,736.89	2,100.00	2,100.00
13	Health Insurance FSA		465.00	0.00
14	FICA (SS &) Medicare	19,231.57	23,000.00	26,000.00
15	Property Casualty Liability Insurance	21,823.25	22,000.00	23,000.00
16	Unemployment	815.69	1,600.00	1,808.00
17	Workers Compensation	10,534.30	9,921.00	10,000.00
	Insurance and Benefits Subtotal	85,700.86	99,873.00	106,070.08

18	Assessors Agent	16,425.00	17,940.00	18,330.00
19	Legal Fees	22,000.00	23,000.00	23,000.00
20	Payroll Company	2,309.90	2,365.00	2,388.00
21	Audit Services	3,450.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
	Contracted Service Subtotal	44,184.90	49,305.00	49,718.00
22	MMA Annual Dues	3,163.00	3,245.00	3,343.00
23	Postage & Envelopes	6,056.81	3,675.00	3,785.00
24	Election Supplies		600.00	700.00
25	Computer Support	287.50	1,000.00	1,000.00
26	Computer Hardware	1,919.10	500.00	500.00
27	Computer Software	15,766.61	14,000.00	18,222.00
28	Website		850.00	850.00
29	Tax Maps	800.00	6,300.00	4,289.00
30	Town Report	2,740.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
31	Records Restoration	2,435.00	2,350.00	2,550.00
32	Advertising	2,031.55	2,500.00	2,500.00
33	Mileage		2,500.00	2,000.00
34	Professional Development & Fees	2,074.21	3,400.00	3,400.00
35	Registry of Deeds Recordings & Printings	3,306.75	3,600.00	3,800.00
36	Office & Other Supplies	7,528.76	7,000.00	7,000.00
37	Copier/Printer Lease & Supplies	3,543.56	3,930.00	3,930.00
	Administration, Supplies and Equipment Subtotal	44,946.29	50,775.00	53,096.00
38	Town Office – Heating Fuel	1,088.46	2,500.00	2,500.00
39	Town Office – Electricity	1,413.46	1,800.00	1,854.00
40	Town Office – Water & Sewer	605.60	774.00	774.00
41	Town Office – Maintenance & Repairs	1,481.50	3,500.00	3,500.00
42	Town Office – Telephone	2,258.20	2,100.00	2,300.00
43	Town Office - Janitorial	2,453.99	3,000.00	3,200.00
44	Harriet Bird Clubhouse – Heating Fuel	497.73	700.00	700.00
45	Harriet Bird Clubhouse – Electricity	275.54	450.00	464.00
46	Harriet Bird Clubhouse – Maintenance & Repairs	750.82	1,500.00	1,750.00
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47	Cemeteries - Maintenance	81.25	1,000.00	1,000.00
48	Cemeteries - Mowing	11,330.00	11,000.00	12,500.00
49	Veteran's Park Maintenance	375.88	600.00	600.00
	Building and Grounds Maintenance Subtotal	22,612.43	28,924.00	31,142.00
50	Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	0.00
51	Abatements		1,500.00	0.00
	TOTAL	305,482.93	342,073.00	374,868.42

ARTICLE 9: Shall the town raise & appropriate for the Public Services as follows:

	Public Services	FY17 Actual	FY18 Budget	FY 19 Select- men
1	CEO/LPI Compensation	9,288.28	10,400.00	15,000.00
2	CEO Cell Phone	0.00	120.00	0.00
3	CEO Mileage	964.15	0.00	0.00
4	Development Administrator	0.00	0.00	3,000.00
5	Planning Consultation	0.00	0.00	0.00
6	NLPC	28,393.24	0.00	0.00
7	Planning Board		1,000.00	1,000.00
8	Design Review Committee		0.00	0.00
	Planning and Development Subtotal	38,645.67	11,520.00	19,000.00
9	Solid Waste Disposal	96,899.34	94,517.00	91,884.00
10	Septic Waste Disposal	2,300.00	2,300.00	2,300.00
11	General Assistance	1,379.37	3,000.00	3,000.00
	Services Subtotal	3,679.37	5,300.00	5,300.00
12	American Legion	450.00	450.00	450.00
13	CLC YMCA	3,000.00	0.00	0.00
14	Coastal Kids	1,500.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
15	Midcoast Conservancy		3,000.00	3,000.00
16	Ecumenical Food Pantry	500.00	500.00	500.00
17	Healthy Kids	1,700.00	1,700.00	1,700.00
18	LCTV	4,510.00	4,510.00	5,205.00

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	TOTAL	139,224.38	111,337.00	116,184.00
	Provider Agency Subtotal	34,387.00	34,887.00	35,582.00
23	Spectrum Generations	1,756.00	1,756.00	1,756.00
22	Skidompha Library	18,641.00	18,641.00	18,641.00
21	New Hope for Women	830.00	830.00	830.00
20	Midcoast ME Community Action	1,400.00	1,400.00	1,400.00
19	Maine Public Broadcasting	100.00	100.00	100.00

ARTICLE 10: Shall the town raise & appropriate for Public Safety as follows:

	Public Safety	FY17 Actual	FY18 Budget	FY 19 Select- men
1	Fire Chief	45,755.32	47,476.00	48,898.22
2	Fire Department Officers	2,820.00	3,460.00	3,460.00
3	Firemen	13,422.00	15,100.00	15,100.00
4	Phones	1,987.58	2,300.00	2,300.00
5	S.C.B.A.	4,292.80	4,290.00	4,290.00
6	Communications	7,899.86	3,200.00	3,200.00
7	Training	2,350.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
8	Dry Hydrant	0.00	0.00	0.00
9	New Equipment	4,841.80	5,000.00	5,000.00
10	Equipment & Vehicle Maintenance	10,168.10	11,356.00	11,356.00
11	Turn Out Gear	2,994.72	4,500.00	4,500.00
12	Administration & Office Supplies	4,427.64	4,560.00	4,560.00
13	Vehicles Gas & Oil	4,660.68	7,000.00	7,000.00
14	Fire Station – Heating Fuel	4,051.77	6,200.00	5,500.00
15	Fire Station – Electricity	2,416.22	2,750.00	2,500.00
16	Fire Station – Water & Sewer	618.42	1,247.00	1,000.00
17	Fire Station – Maintenance & Repairs	60,569.98	4,000.00	4,000.00
18	Fire Station – Community Room Janitorial	407.00	620.00	750.00
19	Sheepscot Fire Station – Heating Fuel	690.70	920.00	920.00
20	Sheepscot Fire Station – Electricity	347.19	515.00	450.00

21	Sheepscot Fire Station – Maintenance & Repairs	4,926.30	1,000.00	1,000.00
	Fire Department Subtotal	179,648.08	128,494.00	128,784.22
22	Hydrants	46,968.00	48,660.00	48,660.00
23	Street Lights	6,402.79	6,000.00	7,000.00
24	Traffic Lights	242.69	300.00	400.00
	Infrastructure Subtotal	53,613.48	54,960.00	56,060.00
25	Ambulance Services	4,000.00	4,420.00	4,653.00
26	Animal Control Services	101.50	5,000.00	5,000.00
27	Lincoln County Animal Shelter	1,984.85	1,752.00	1,752.00
28	Wild Animal Control Officer	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
	Contracted Services	6,086.35	16,172.00	16,405.00
29	EMA Director	850.00	850.00	850.00
30	Health Officer	0.00	100.00	100.00
	TOTAL	239,347.91	199,626.00	201,249.22

ARTICLE 11: Shall the town raise & appropriate for Public Works as follows:

	Public Works	FY17 Actual	FY18 Budget	FY 19 Select- men
1	Road Commissioner	33,100.85	33,100.00	35,000.00
2	Training		0.00	0.00
3	Cell phone		300.00	0.00
4	Mills Road Electricity	420.07	550.00	600.00
	Operations Subtotal	33,520.92	33,950.00	35,600.00
5	Snow Removal Contract – Roads	233,764.20	241,945.95	252,833.65
6	Snow Removal Contract – Main Street & Downtown	40,823.99	48,199.00	56,000.00
7	Snow Removal Contract Bond	3,700.00	0.00	0.00
	Snow Removal Subtotal	278,288.19	290,144.95	308,833.65
8	Winter Salt	5,607.00	31,500.00	35,000.00
9	Cold Patch	810.70	1,500.00	1,500.00
	Winter Maintenance Materials	6,417.70	33,000.00	36,500.00
10	Road Gravel	3,199.00	5,000.00	7,500.00

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11	Grading	17,303.00	17,500.00	17,500.00
12	Roadside Mowing	3,880.00	2,750.00	2,750.00
13	Catch Basin Cleaning	870.00	1,550.00	2,500.00
14	Catch Basin Repair		1,500.00	1,000.00
15	Line Striping	2,275.96	4,000.00	4,000.00
16	Street Sweeping	4,875.00	5,250.00	5,250.00
	Spring Maintenance Materials	25,252.00	28,300.00	31,250.00
17	Tree Work	29,814.00	4,000.00	24,000.00
18	Culverts	2,252.71	2,000.00	2,000.00
19	General Contractor	64,489.97	50,000.00	50,000.00
20	Technical Assistance		1,000.00	1,000.00
21	Public Landing		500.00	0.00
	Year Round Maintenance Subtotal	96,556.68	57,500.00	77,000.00
22	E911 Street Signs	75.52	500.00	500.00
23	Traffic Signs	590.72	1,000.00	500.00
24	Roadside American Flags	0.00	280.00	280.00
	Signage and Flag Subtotal	666.24	1,780.00	1,280.00
25	Roads Maintenance		0.00	500.00
26	Salt Storage Building - Mills Road		22,000.00	0.00
	TOTAL	440,701.73	444,674.95	490,463.65

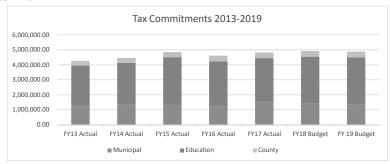
ARTICLE 12: Shall the town raise & appropriate for Reserve Accounts as follows:

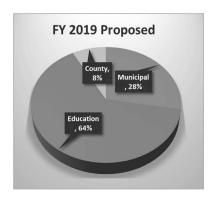
	Reserves	FY17 Actual	FY18 Budget	FY 19 Select- men
1	Harriet Bird Clubhouse	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
2	Veteran's Park	250.00	250.00	250.00
3	Highway Equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00
4	Roads Capital Projects	118,091.00	100,000.00	127,600.00
5	Computer Reserve	1,000.00	8,200.00	6,500.00
6	Municipal Building Reserve	0.00	30,000.00	0.00
7	Revaluation Reserve	0.00	0.00	20,000.00
	Total	120,841.00	109,950.00	155,850.00

ARTICLE 13:	Shall the town raise & appropriate for Debt Service as
follows:	

	Debt Service	FY17 Actual	FY18 Budget	FY 19 Select- men
1	Loan Payment – Lynch Road Project	197,015.64	112,000.00	0.00
2	Loan Payment – Fire Truck	27,083.04	27,084.00	27,084.00
3	Loan Payment – Town Office	22,295.46	54,000.00	0.00
4	Loan Payment - NN/AH Road Project	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Total	246,394.14	193,084.00	27,084.00

ARTICLE 14: Shall the town authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept prospective gifts and donations providing the Board place these funds in appropriately designated reserve accounts and only used for the intended purposes stated or in the best interests of the town?



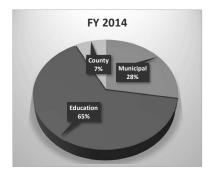


ARTICLE 15: Shall the town authorize the selectmen to accept and expend, on behalf of the town, any State and Federal funds which may be received from time to time in the form of grants and funds from any source deemed appropriate by the municipal officers during the period of July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 or act on anything relative thereto?

ARTICLE 16: Shall the town authorize the selectmen, on behalf of the town, to sell and dispose of any real estate acquired by the town for non-payment of the taxes thereon and to execute quitclaim deeds for said property, in accordance with appropriate state law and procedures?

ARTICLE 17: Shall the Town authorize the Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to sell and dispose of any surplus equipment owned by the Town in accordance with appropriate State law and procedures?

ARTICLE 18: Shall the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer to waive the foreclosure of tax lien mortgages pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. § 944 upon a finding by the Board of Selectmen that ownership of the property that is subject to the tax lien mortgage would be contrary to the Town's best interests.



ARTICLE 19: Shall the town allow the Selectmen to establish the dates on which this year's taxes shall be due and payable?

ARTICLE 20: Shall the town instruct the tax collector to charge interest at the rate of 5 % per annum on all uncollected taxes and authorize the selectmen to establish the date on which interest starts to accrue, except for those taxpayers enrolled in the tax club before June 1, 2018 and have made all payments on time and to date?

ARTICLE 21: Shall the town authorize the selectmen to expend overlay for the purpose of funding abatements?

ARTICLE 22: Shall the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into multi-year contracts on behalf of the Town?

ARTICLE 23: Shall the town authorize the selectmen to expend funds from any Town Reserve account for an unbudgeted major expense: (Note: "major" is defined as any cost not included in a corresponding operating budget)?

ARTICLE 24: Shall the town allow the selectmen to transfer an amount not to exceed 2% of the total annual budget request from one category to another without prior approval of a special town meeting?

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to carry unexpended funds forward to the next fiscal year within the existing budget line items?

ARTICLE 26: Shall the Town authorize the selectmen to regulate river herring fishing in all streams in which the town has an interest in accordance with the plan filed with and approved by the Commissioner of Marine Resources?

ARTICLE 27: Shall the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to establish and appoint the members of standing and/or ad hoc committees of the Board of Selectmen to advise the Board regarding the administration and operations of the town government?

ARTICLE 28: Shall the Town authorize the selectmen to reduce the total amount of taxes to be collected by the FY 2019 total amount of estimated revenue (TBD).

Given under our hands at Newcastle, Maine this 26th day of April 2018.

BRIAN FOOTE, Chairman
CAROLYN HATCH, Vice-Chair
CHRISTOPHER DOHERTY, Board of Selectmen
R. BENJAMIN FREY, Board of Selectmen
JOEL LIND, Board of Selectmen

A true and attested copy by: DAWN BURNS, Town Clerk

Assessors

James Murphy, Jr., Assessors, Representative Murphy Appraisal Services, Inc.

I have completed a proposal to the Board of Selectmen to complete a comprehensive in-house town revaluation over the next three to four years. Given that the last full revaluation was in 2006+/-, it is long overdue for the base line assessing program to have a 'refit.' There will be contact with each property owner, including delivering a property card to each owner. It does take time to be as transparent and communicative as possible.

Part of this refit is the fact that the assessing program is required by our HARRIS-TRIO vendor to have a major technology upgrade. The current version of the programming to the new SQL version is a significant event. This event by itself would be challenging as at the same time I would like to move the assessing processes forward with the computer updating.

Also, should the new comprehensive plan and code pass the town's review, there will need to be significant changes to the system's zoning coding.

I have requested a total cost of \$95,000 for the cost of the project. A complete door-to-door revaluation would cost upwards of \$180,000 to \$220,000 for an outside agency to complete. This is the advantage to having the project completed in-house by someone who knows the town and not by someone from away learning on the fly.

With the new digital tax maps there is also the capability for our mapping vendor to generate more accurate acreage totals for each property owner. While this process would generate acreages on a 2-dimensional plane, real land is three-dimensional. Or put another way, a hilly parcel of land has more acreage than a flat parcel of land. Hence the 'more or less' on most large parcel deeds.

It is my intention to have this refit update and upgrade our system in place for the next 10-12 years. This project is a big deal. The market has stabilized since the 2008 market correction and I am

starting to see signs of value appreciation in the general real estate market. Completing this project now ensures that we will not be caught short on the quality of the assessment.

As all markets are local, I am seeing an increase in the pace of vacant land sales. For a period of time there were no vacant land sales. This is encouraging as future economic development helps the taxation base. As Newcastle is primarily a residential bedroom community, it is important to have new owners becoming part of the fabric of Newcastle.

The assessing process has gotten by with a lot of maintenance and attention. Some of the values computed in the system are 'manufactured,' meaning I have the proper value result but did not let the system calculate the value. This is dangerous as the system should not be personal to the user, it should be basic to the system.

For 2017 the Homestead Exemption increased from \$15,000 to \$20,000. This reduced the town's taxable value. It also again shifts the funding for the town rate from Homestead owners to nonresident, commercial and vacant land owners. Do not let anyone at the state tell you they lowered your taxes, they only shifted the burden from Homestead Exemption qualified owners to non-Homestead properties.

Also available are the Veterans Exemption, Blind Exemption and other programs that can assist at the town and state level. Please call me at 563-6995 if you have a question. I am usually scheduled for the Newcastle Town office only on Mondays. You can also email me at newcastleassess@roadrunner.com

ASSESSMENT STATISTICS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018

\$ 4.644.000

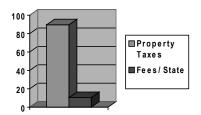
Total Taxable Valuation-Real Estate	\$ 252,942,200
Total Taxable Valuation-Personal Property	2,020,200
Total Taxable Valuation	\$ 254,962,400
2017-2018 Homestead Exemption Valuation	\$ 10,454,100
2016-2017 Homestead Exemption Valuation	\$ 7,466,850

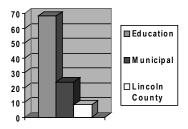
2015-2016 Homestead Exemption Valuation

Commitment Date	July 24, 2017
Last day to appeal valuation	January 25, 2018
Tax (Mill) Rate	\$18.05 per \$1,000 of taxable value
2017-2018 Taxes to be raised	\$ 4,602,071.32
2016-2017 Taxes to be raised	\$ 4,602,104.71
2015-2016 Taxes to be raised	\$ 4,567,274.53
2014-2015 Taxes to be raised	\$ 4,342,879.92

MUNICIPAL REVENUES

Revenue received from		And Expenses for		
Property Taxes	90.7%	Education	68.5%	
Other Fees/State	9.3%	Municipal	23.5%	
		County	8.0%	





Public Works Department

To the Citizens of Newcastle,

I would like to thank the citizens of the Town of Newcastle, the Staff and the Board of Selectmen for their support in maintaining the roads infrastructure in Newcastle.

The services in Town are now accomplished by outside contract services. This past year many roads saw additional tree work performed to allow for safer driving conditions and to help preserve the roads by allowing more sunlight and air circulation to help dry out the roads' surfaces. This work included brush cutting and tree trimming and removal within the public right of way.

The department annually re-grades and compacts over seven miles of gravel roads in our Town, including East Old County Road, West Old County Road, Hassan Ave. (East), Hassan Ave. (West), North Dyer Neck Road, South Dyer Neck Road, Happy Valley Road, Hillside Road and Island Road.

The Department also oversees the contracted services for street sweeping, sidewalk sweeping, catch basin cleaning and line striping on Town roads and in the downtown areas.

The Department also deals with spring and fall beaver problems that continue to persist on North Newcastle Road, East Old County Road, West Old County Road and off Chase Farm Road. We have removed dams built in culverts, hired trappers to remove these rodents and have interfaced with the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to help eradicate these pesky creatures.

The Department also oversees the winter plowing contract and this year the Board of Selectmen chose to continue and increase the level of service and roads safety by approving the purchase of an additional 500 tons of road salt to be utilized on the major commuter roads in Town. This increase of service has proven to produce safer traveling conditions and received much acclaim from our commuting public.

I have also been involved, as a member of the NLPC, in rewriting the Comprehensive Plan and the Land Use Ordinances. This has been a very in-depth review and development of new goals and standards for managing the future growth in Newcastle.

I look forward to the ongoing support of the Town in the Departments efforts to maintain the physical assets of this great community.

Respectfully submitted, STEVEN REYNOLDS Superintendent of Roads, Buildings & Grounds Office: 207-563-3441

Cell: 207-415-1525

Tax Collector's Report UNPAID 2017 TAXES — 4/3/2018

	Name	Amt. Due
	10 MILLS ROAD NEWCASTLE, LLC.	1,860.05
	305 STATE STREET LLC	1,089.32
	31 MCNEIL POINT, LLC	5,403.27
	68 MAIN STREET NEWCASTLE, LLC	2,285.13
	ABBOTT, WILLIAM	81.22
	ALDEN, RAYMOND SR. & LAURIE	2,582.96
	ANDERSON, DENNIS & CHRISTINE	7,122.53
	ANDERSON, LESTER A. SR & SUSAN Y	693.12
*	BAILEY, DAVID & SYLVIA	3,036.01
	BAILEY, DESIREE	92.06
*	BARTON, DEIDRE	865.50
	BARTON, SUSAN & HOUGHTON, PAULA	3,158.75
*	BAY COMMUNICATIONS, INC. c/o CHRIS COLE	825.79
*	BEAVIS, ERIC A. & MARY R.	1,640.75
*	BELLEFLEUR, RAYMOND L. & JULIE A.	1,440.39
*	BENNER, NORNAN & ANN	1,316.24
*	BENNER, YVETTE & CALE &	365.51
	BERGMAN, LARRY V.; TRUSTEE	1.81
*	BERKOWITZ, GLEN A.	772.98
	BERRY, DONNA	1,189.50
	BILLINGS, STANLEY C.	902.50
	BLOMQUIST, LEROY C.	1,656.67
	BOLINT, HEATHER H.	873.62
	BOLINT, SETH S.	873.58
	BOWERS, FREDERIC & MARY ELLEN	1,270.72
	BROOKS, JOHN E. & SUSAN C.	2,685.84
*	BURKE, MICHAEL P. & TRINA L.	3,269.76
	BUTTERFIELD, RANDY & HUNT, EBEN C., TRUSTEES	451.25
	CAMPBELL, JOSHUA R.	1,299.60
	CARLSON, MATTHEW & CHARLINDA	5,199.18
*	CARROLL, JOHN O. JR.	147.10
*	CARROLL, JOHN O. JR.	1,116.39
*	CARROLL, JOHN O., JR.	1,253.57
*	CARTER, SHAWN W.	1,523.42
*	CARVER, DONNA, PERCIVAL, KRIS &	1,984.00
	CASH, RICHARD M.	1,169.90

*	CHANADEDIAIN DALII D. Q. CEODCINIA	2 247 50
*	CHAMBERLAIN, PAUL D. & GEORGINA	3,317.59
	CHASE, HOLLY, HEATHER & AUGUSTUS CLARK, GORDON M.	349.27
*	·	556.84
•	CLAUSON, JOANNE M	1,927.74
	CLAYTER, STEPHANIE L	1,075.78
	COFFIN, GARRETT S.	4,895.16
*	COIT, MARGARET G.	944.02
	COLE, RAYMOND E.	1,493.64
*	CONCORD TRUST CO, LLC.; TRUSTEE	2,511.65
	COOPER, CHRISTPHER & KATHLEEN W.	2,061.31
*	CORSON, STEPHEN J. & JANICE R.	2,297.76
	CREAMER, ROSE M.	2,164.20
	CROWELL, DAVID A. JULIE; TRUSTEES	2,536.03
	CUSHING, KERRY A. & CHESKA, KATHLEEN J.	1,742.73
*	DAIUTE, JESSE	3,180.41
	DAIUTE, MARK H. & SHERYL L.	3,397.01
	DAIUTE, MARK H. & SHERYL L.	693.12
*	DARDIS, LEIDA P.	660.63
*	DARDIS, LEIDA P.	1,764.23
*	DARDIS, LEIDA P.	696.73
*	DARDIS, LEIDA P.	182.31
*	DARDIS, LEIDA P.	1,189.50
*	D'AREZZO, ARLENE	138.08
*	DAVIS, A. GORDON JR	30.00
	DAVISON-JENKINS, SARAH; HEIRS OF	6,887.88
	DAVISON-JENKINS, SARAH; HEIRS OF	931.38
*	DEAD RIVER COMPANY	72.20
	DEGARMO, HUNTER & SAMANTHA	157.21
*	DENRAY, LLC	7,905.90
*	DENRAY, LLC	1,552.30
	DERUITER, NORMAN H., JR.	579.41
	DERUITER, NORMAN H., JR.	606.48
	DEXTER, MARGARET B. & MATEL, SARAH S.; TRUSTEES	1,526.01
	DINSMORE, LISA	1,295.99
	DODGE, EDWARD T. & KIMBERLY H.	817.67
	DOHERTY, CHRISTOPHER C.	2,505.34
*	DONOVAN, BRENDA J.	3,653.32
	DUMONT, THEODORE J. & LINDA J.	3,765.23
	DUMONT, THEODORE J. & LINDA J.	99.28
	DWYER, GLENN	2,850.10
*	DYER RIVER ASSOCIATES	73.67
*	DYER'S VALLEY FARM, INC.	615.50
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	E & H BREWER LLC	1,135.35
*	EDELSTEIN, MONTE & KAREN	1,654.28
	EDGECOMB, VICTOR A. & ANN D.	876.60
	EDGECOMB, VICTOR A. & ANN D.	1,662.41
-1-	EDGERLY, PETER D.; HEIRS OF	1,425.95
*	ELLINWOOD, BENJAMIN T. & MELISSA	2,133.51
*	ELLIS, KEVIN W. & SARA MARIE	1,260.79
	ESLIN, M; HEIRS OF & NELSON, M. & SMITH, G. ET AL	1,059.54
*	FAIRHURST, THOMAS R. & TERRY S.	1,734.60
*	FAKE, THOMAS & LORNA	1,707.53
*	FAKE, THOMAS & LORNA	582.11
	FARNSWORTH, EARL G.	2,124.49
	FERGUSON, DUNCAN, TRUSTEE	117.33
	FERRANTE, DAVID J.	1,651.58
	FORD, ROBIN & MARK	1,777.93
	FORTIER, BERNICE M.; DEVISEES OF	3,371.74
	FOWLER, DOUGLAS & RACHEL	3,658.74
	FREEMAN, GEORGE M. &	6,099.10
	FREEMAN, GEORGE M. & BRALOVSKAYA, TATIANA	593.85
*	FREESE, GEORGE W. & TRESEA	1,323.06
	FREY, R. BENJAMIN & JENSEN-STARR, DANCER	1,241.86
	FULLER, JASON W. & CALENDRILLO, TERESA L.	882.64
	FULLER, JASON W. & CALENDRILLO, TERESA L.	27.08
*	GARBER, PAUL M.	1.05
*	GAUDET, LORENZO	3.61
*	GENTHNER, LARRY H.	407.03
	GIFFORD, JOSEPH L. JR.	1,664.21
	GILBERT, JOHN & MELANEE O.	1,382.63
	GLASIER, SUSAN E.	1,319.46
*	GORDON A. LIBBY, INC.	0.77
	GREGORY, SHAWN S. & NELSON, DERILYN C.	4,267.02
	HACKETT, E.A. &	474.29
*	HALE, BARBARA S.	1,468.37
*	HALE, NATHAN	1,781.53
*	HALVERSON, SALLY c/o REN HALVERSON	1,717.88
	HAMLYN, ROBERT & DEBORAH E.	3,323.01
*	HANCOCK, CLAIRE A.	4,704.73
	HANLEY, TIMOTHY & LORI P.	712.87
*	HANSON, MICHAEL E. & MARILYN W.	1.72
*	HASSAN, MILLARD & SANDRA J.	1,577.57
	HEAFITZ, LEWIS	3,424.09
*	HEIMSATH-RHODES, GISELA	2,765.26

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*	HEIMSATH-RHODES, GISELA	51.44
*	HEMINGWAY, SALLIE	1,625.18
*	HIGGINS, DAVID R.	32.08
*	HILTON, ELAYN	2,761.65
*	HILTON, ELAYN G.	139.88
	HINGSTON, SAMUEL R. & KIM L.	4,613.58
	HINGSTON, SAMUEL R. & KIM L.	1,532.45
*	HODGKINS, MAXWELL A.	1,165.13
	HOFFMAN, MARK R. & JENNIE M.	5,155.08
	HOFFMAN, MARK. R & JENNIE M.	1,075.78
	HOLME, CHRISTOPHER B.; TRUSTEE	1,957.52
	HOLMES, NANCY	1,458.44
	HOMAN, JOHN W. & MARY E.	816.76
	HOUSE, VICKIE G.	992.01
*	HUNT, FREDERIC G.	533.38
*	HUNT, ROBERT E.	72.20
	HUNT, ROBERT E. & KENDAL J., TRUSTEES	4,586.51
*	INGRAHAM, JR., RICHARD & SALLY	425.98
*	IORIO, LAURA	1,750.85
	JTC, LLC (NEWCASTLE INN)	3,963.62
*	JUCHNIK, FRANK & CAROL	2,437.65
	KELLY, MELISSA J.	1,388.09
*	KING, FRANK P. & BARBARA L.	779.76
*	KLEENE, EVAN C.	769.98
	KRUK, LOUISE G.	902.50
	LANIGAN, CHARLES K.	635.36
*	LEE, HENRY G. & KATHERINE C.	2,570.32
*	LEE, LAWRENCE RANDOLPH	3,042.33
*	LEE, WHITNEY F. & COURTNEY B.	1,455.73
	LEE, WHITNEY; TRUSTEE	2,438.55
•	LEEMAN, DAVID M. & TAMMY N.	304.90
*	LENZYCKI, PAUL R. & AMANDA J.	675.07
*	LIBBY, DONDRA (LE)	1,467.47
т	LIBBY, HARLOW J. JR.	1,180.47
	LIBBY, VIVIAN C.	32.49
	LIBBY, VIVIAN C.	1,584.79
	LIBBY, VIVIAN C. (cottage)	5,539.55
*	LIZOTTE, KATHERINE A. & PATRICK J.	2,638.91
-1-	LORING, SARAH L. & IKARD, WILLIAM M. C.	1,263.50
	LORING, SARAH L. & IKARD, WILLIAM M. C.	129.96
	LUDWIG, DOUGLAS	3,221.93
	LYNDAKER, LUKE & AMY	2,139.27

TOWN OF NEWCASTLE

*	LYNDAKER, LUKE & AMY	1,234.38
*	MACMILLAN, ALISON K.	1.73
*	MAIER, BETTY A.	2,990.88
*	MALINOWSKI-WRIGHT, E. LUCIA M. JENNIFER	4.47
*	MASLAND, GEOFFREY, S & DASHIELL	4,164.14
*	MASLAND, GEOFFREY, S & DASHIELL	5.42
*	MCCLURE, JULIA	203.97
*	MCDOUGLE, MARY L.	2,545.05
	MCELROY, GERALDINE	1,572.15
*	MCFARLAND, HARVEY W. & ELLEN M.	2,032.43
*	MCGHEE, HANNAH W.	1.18
*	MCGOVERN, COLIN R.	0.43
	MCGRAW, BOBBI JO & JONATHAN	2,517.98
*	MCGREGOR, ELIZABETH M.	2,282.42
	MCLELLAN, KIMBERLY B.	3,234.56
*	MCPHETRES, TERRY J. & WEISMAN, EENA SUE	2,311.30
*	MINZNER, ERIK & AMY	1,920.52
*	MOORE, D. WAYNE & JOANNE V.	84.01
	MOORE, LEE A. & STEPHANIE L.	1,207.16
*	MORAN, THERESA M.	129.96
	MORGAN, TIMOTHY	3,866.31
	MORSE, NAHUM	936.80
*	MUENCH, ANTHONY	0.41
	MUNROE, WESTLEIGH	2,294.16
*	NELSON, BETTY J. & CHEFF, STEVEN W.	2,263.78
	NEWCASTLE VACATION, LLC	9,059.30
	NEWCASTLE VENTURES, LLC	11,485.22
*	NICKERSON, JEFFERY A. & LEBEAU, SUZANNE L.	358.50
	NICKS, LARRY E.	3,087.45
	NICOLL, GORDON & MARY E	797.81
*	NORWALK, JAY	1.17
	O.W. HOLMES, INC.	3,698.45
*	OKIE, JOHN S., HEIRS OF	2,911.46
*	OKIE, W. T. III	296.02
*	OKIE, WILLIAM T. III, CAMERON D, SUZANNA M.	481.03
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*	O'NEAL, DAVID KATHLEEN A.	,
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* * *	OLIVER, ERNEST A. & MARY A.	1,187.69 1,590.20 6,782.63 291.96 1,989.11 1,342.92 311.36

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	PERCE, ROBERT M. III & CHRISTY M.	1,284.05
*	PERRELLO, DONALD	1,319.46
•	PHILBRICK, ELAINE B.	1,930.45
*	PINNACLE INVESTMENT PROPERTIES, INC.	9,059.30
*	PLOURDE, ROBERT S. & LYNNE M.	2,971.93
*	POOLE, JAMES E.	3,010.74
т	POOR, DEBORAH	4,396.98
•	POPP, STEPHEN J.	4,151.50
*	POTTER, MARK E. & LISE B.	351.97
*	QUINLAN, ALICE D.	935.89
*	R & G RENTAL NEWCASTLE, LLC	5,433.95
*	R & G RENTAL NEWCASTLE, LLC	706.66
*	R H RENY, INC.	25,495.62
*	RAMSDELL, DANA	213.22
*	RATNER, RONALD & DEBORAH B.	534.28
	REED, JACKLYN D.	886.26
	RHODES, ROBYN & MILLER, ERIN	79.07
*	RUSSELL, DONNA L. & SANTA CRUZ, GEORGE	360.92
*	RUSSELL, LARRY D.	406.13
*	RUSSELL, LARRY D.	1.77
*	RUSSELL, LARRY D.	573.99
*	RUSSELL, LARRY D. & JULIE E.	0.11
*	RUSSELL, LARRY D. & JULIE E.	4.12
	SANDNER, JEFFREY R & BRENDA	451.25
*	SCANLAN, CHRISTOPHER	1,762.58
*	SHADIS, PATRICIA V.	2,221.95
*	SHEA, HARRY D.	0.80
*	SHEEPSCOT RIVER SHORES COMM LOT SHERWOOD	24.37
	SKENE, JR., ALEXANDER J.	1,674.14
*	SMITH, DEBORAH	603.77
	SMITH, KIMBERLY	1,999.94
	SPEAR, CHRISTOPHER P.	472.43
	SPEAR, MARISHA	1,052.32
*	SPECTOR, DAVID & PAULA	1,861.86
*	SPINNEY, GEORGE R. JR. & CATHY	0.04
*	SPROUL, MARGARET A.	1,450.44
*	STAFFORD, JOHN	486.75
*	STAFFORD, JOHN P.	1,891.42
*	STAFFORD, JOHN P. STEPHANIE	1,684.50
	STEVENS, CASEY T.; TRUSTEE	1,597.43
	STEVENS, THOMAS A.	3,281.49
	STEVENS, THOMAS A. & CASEY T.	487.35

	STRAW, LEE R. & SCHILLER, BETH A.	3,915.05
*	SULLIVAN, KIM	1,015.31
	SULLIVAN, SR., JEFFERY S.	411.54
	SUTHERBURG, TERRANCE J., JR.	415.86
	SZCZEPANSKI, JOHN E.	426.02
	TAYLOR, JAMES E.	1,626.31
	THAYER, JOSEPH T. III	685.90
	THAYER, JOSEPH T. III	3,732.74
*	TRAINA, JOHN E.	2,095.60
*	TRAVIS, KELLY A. & ANDREW J.	0.08
	UBEROI, LAURA J. H.; TRUSTEE	226.49
	UBEROI, LAURA J. H.; TRUSTEE	16.44
	UBEROI, LAURA J. H.; TRUSTEE	625.60
*	VAN ABSHOVEN, MICHELLE M.	943.11
*	WANKMULLER, EILEEN ANN	2,505.34
*	WARNER, BARBARA J.; TRUSTEE	3,551.34
*	WARNER, BARBARA J.; TRUSTEE	185.01
*	WATLING, LESLIE & RIESER, ALISON; TRUSTEES	0.74
*	WEAVER, MATTHEW D.	3,004.42
*	WEAVER, MATTHEW D. & LENA A.	978.31
*	WEAVER, MATTHEW D. & LENA A.	322.19
*	WEAVER, MATTHEW D. & LENA A.	490.96
*	WEAVER, MATTHEW D. & LENA A.	68.59
*	WEBBER, DAVID &	3.61
	WEBBER, DAVID & YOST, KENNETH B	212.99
*	WELCH, BARBARA & DELVECCHIO, JOHN	2,443.07
*	WELCH, CHRISTINE	2,285.13
*	WELCH, CHRISTINE & PARISE, MERLE	613.70
*	WHITE, LORI A. & ELWELL, BRENT	346.56
*	WHITLEDGE, VIRGINIA	5.69
*	WILSHIRE, TAYLOR G.	406.53
	WING, GREGORY R.	1,149.79
*	WOOD, ERIC M.	0.11
*	YARMEY, ANN	2,528.80
	YOUNG, JONATHAN	3,272.47
*	Z38, LLC	1,162.42
	ZAMPA, ANTHONY W.	3,026.99

 $^{^{*}}$ taxes paid after 04/02/18 as of press time on 05/15/2018

Unpaid 2016 Property Taxes as of April 3, 2018

ALDEN, RAYMOND SR.		HINGSTON, SAMUEL R. &	
& LAURIE	2,271.22	KIM L.	1,632.85
ANDERSON, THEODORE (LE)	464.88	HOFFMAN, MARK R. &	
BARTON, SUSAN &		JENNIE M.	5,428.17
HOUGHTON, PAULA	3,286.34	HOFFMAN, MARK. R &	
BERRY, DONNA	1,384.45	JENNIE M.	1,161.95
BROOKS, JOHN E. & SUSAN C.	2,911.05	LANIGAN, CHARLES K.	103.62
COFFIN, GARRETT S.	5,051.79	LANIGAN, CHARLES K.	677.01
DAIUTE, MARK H. & SHERYL L.	772.89	LANIGAN, CHARLES K.	706.78
DAVISON-JENKINS, SARAH;		LANIGAN, CHARLES K.	714.17
HEIRS OF	7,071.24	LIBBY, DONDRA (LE)	1,672.29
DAVISON-JENKINS, SARAH;		LIBBY, VIVIAN C.	1,785.00
HEIRS OF	1,021.73	LIBBY, VIVIAN C. (cottage)	5,560.89
DINSMORE, LISA	617.07	LIZOTTE, KATHERINE A. &	
DOHERTY, CHRISTOPHER C.	2,720.94	PATRICK J.	2,721.94
DWYER, GLENN	3,078.05	LUDWIG, DOUGLAS	3,349.65
EDGERLY, PETER D.		MCLELLAN, KIMBERLY B.	1,886.18
c/o LISA EDGERLY	1,517.97	MORAN, THERESA M.	200.32
FARNSWORTH, EARL G.	2,346.89	MORSE, NAHUM	1,126.16
FERRANTE, DAVID J.	290.15	MUNROE, WESTLEIGH	2,254.82
FORD, ROBIN & MARK	1,042.47	NEWCASTLE VENTURES, LLC	6,025.65
FORTIER, BERNICE M.;		NICOLL, GORDON & MARY E	879.33
DEVISEES OF	3,496.31	PERRELLO, DONALD	420.52
FOWLER, DOUGLAS & RACHEL	3,900.21	SANDNER, JEFFREY R & BREND	A 533.57
FREEMAN, GEORGE M. &	6,381.38	STEVENS, CASEY T. (SHOP)	781.32
FREEMAN, GEORGE M. &		SULLIVAN, SR., JEFFERY S.	486.60
BRALOVSKAYA, TATIANA	678.56	TAYLOR, JAMES E.	1,721.69
GIFFORD, JOSEPH L. JR.	1,872.33	THAYER, JOSEPH T. III	386.32
GLASIER, SUSAN E.	1,416.29	THAYER, JOSEPH T. III	2,005.34
GREGORY, SHAWN S. &		WILMINGTON SAVINGS	
NELSON, DERILYN C.	3,676.02	FUND FSB	935.64
HAMLYN, ROBERT &		YOUNG, JONATHAN	2,595.10
DEBORAH E.	1,590.23	ZAMPA, ANTHONY W.	3,165.56
HINGSTON, SAMUEL R. &			
KIM L.	4,871.02		

Town Clerk

2017 Births-Our newest Residents – 11 recorded births Number and Location of Births

Damariscotta - 7; Brunswick - 3; Augusta - 1

2017 MARRIAGES – Our Newest Couples

Couple	Date of Marriage
Adams, Alison Brewer/Kellogg, Edward Spangler	10-21-2017
Alexander, Lauren Elizabeth/Brown, Cody Allen	02-18-2018
Butterfield, Bret Joseph/Woodbury, Megan Elizabe	eth 07-08-2017
Chapman, Carolyn Estelle/West, Ronald Wilson	07-15-2017
Hilton, Krista Jean/Hatch, Joseph Bradley	05-12-2018
Kaufmann, Cindy Lou/Farnsworth, Earl Charle	04-20-2018
Philbrook, Tuesday Dearborn/Courand, Ethan Park	xer 05-27-2018
Sylvester, Jessica Laura/Chadwick, Brian Jon	09-30-2017
Vreeland-Estrella, Jessica Lee/Figueroa, Steven Ch	arles 03-07-2018

2017 DEATHS - Our Losses

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	Location	<u>Date</u>
Brinkler, Daniel F.	47	Bristol	01/08/2017
Cameron, Annette B.	86	Newcastle	02/03/2017
Clauson, Peter James	61	Damariscotta	02/26/2017
Doe, Louis Lincoln	90	Newcastle	05/01/2017
Duston, June Celeste	89	Damariscotta	10/03/2017
Epstein, Candasa E.	93	Newcastle	08/02/2017
Gifford, Alice Melanie	92	Newcastle	05/19/2017
Gleason, John M. Jr.	80	Newcastle	10/21/2017
Goodsell, Sally D.	84	Newcastle	07/20/2017
Halverson, Sally L.	93	Newcastle	12/08/2017
Hancock, Douglas Stuart	71	Newcastle	12/18/2017
Hanley, Ruby Alice	94	Newcastle	12/22/2017
Harris, Richard G.	87	Bath	05/26/2017
Hassan, Sandra J.	78	Damariscotta	12/05/2017
Hayden, Christopher Mallett	78	Newcastle	03/14/2017
Hutchison, Richard A.	73	Newcastle	02/24/2017

McFarland, Virginia G.	97	Damariscotta	08/13/2017
Merrick, Maurice H.	71	Newcastle	12/08/2017
Nicolaus, Henry J.	90	Damariscotta	05/02/2017
Parker, James Carey	83	Newcastle	10/11/2017
Patten, Phyllis Helen	82	Portland	04/22/2017
Paye, Glenwood P.	88	Damariscotta	09/20/2017
Petersen, Carl Alfred	91	Newcastle	08/21/2017
Rahkonen, Dolores D.	59	Newcastle	10/13/2017
Richards, Charles Ligon	97	Newcastle	07/28/2017
Rittner, Irene Carr	85	Newcastle	03/16/2017
Sellars, Sondra	73	Newcastle	07/25/2017
Stewart, Tracy Clark	71	Newcastle	11/13/2017
Thompson, William Magill	90	Damariscotta	04/24/2017
Tompkins, Martha Bond	91	Newcastle	10/02/2017
Welch, Emmalin C	95	Brunswick	08/03/2017
Weston, Nathal R.	103	Newcastle	03/09/2017
	Total 32		



Proven Expertise and Integrity INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Board of Selectmen Town of Newcastle Newcastle, Maine

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Newcastle, Maine, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town of Newcastle, Maine's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditors' Responsibility

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

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain 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, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

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

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Newcastle, Maine as of June 30, 2017, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 4 through 11 and 40 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Newcastle, Maine's basic financial statements. The Schedule of Departmental Operations – General Fund, combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements and capital asset schedules are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by Title 20-A MRSA §6051, Sub-chapter 1(K) of the Maine Revised Statutes, as amended, and is also not a required part of the basic financial statements.

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

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 2, 2018, on our consideration of the Town of Newcastle, Maine's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our 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* in considering the Town of Newcastle, Maine's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Buxton, Maine March 2, 2018

RHRSmith & Company

STATEMENT C

TOWN OF NEWCASTLE, MAINE

BALANCE SHEET – GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS JUNE 30, 2017

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total
ASSETS Cash and cash equivalents Investments Accounts receivable (net of allowance	\$ 1,398,474 -	\$ 56,357 162,871	\$ 1,454,831 162,871
for uncollectibles): Taxes Liens Other	11,583 251,325 118	- - -	11,583 251,325 118
Due from other governments Tax acquired property Due from other funds	15,701 11,892 450	- - 112,391	15,701 11,892 112,841
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 1,689,543	\$ 331,619	\$ 2,021,162
LIABILITIES Accounts payable Accrued payroll liabilities Due to other governments Due to other funds TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 20,188 8,148 30,745 112,391 171,472	\$ - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	\$ 20,188 8,148 30,745 112,841 171,922
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES Prepaid taxes Deferred tax revenues TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	75,027 243,727 318,754	-	75,027 243,727 318,754
FUND BALANCES Nonspendable Restricted Committed Assigned Unassigned TOTAL FUND BALANCES	11,892 258,386 - 137,488 791,551 1,199,317	110,038 58,029 98,066 65,036	121,930 316,415 98,066 202,524 791,551 1,530,486
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 1,689,543	\$ 331,619	\$ 2,021,162

SCHEDULE 1

TOWN OF NEWCASTLE, MAINE

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE – BUDGETARY BASIS BUDGET AND ACTUAL – GENERAL FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

	_	Budgeted Original	d Am	ounts Final		Actual Amounts	Variance Positive (Negative)
Budgetary Fund Balance, July 1, Restated	\$	889,292	\$	889,292	\$	889,292	\$ -
Resources (Inflows):	Ψ	000,202	Ψ	000,202	Ψ	000,202	Ψ
Property taxes		4,602,105		4,602,105		4,585,420	(16,685)
Excise taxes		281,000		281,000		398,257	117,257
Intergovernmental:		,,,,,,		,			, -
State revenue sharing		60,000		60,000		76,392	16,392
Homestead exemption		67,388		67,388		64,543	(2,845)
State education subsidy		· -		53,762		53,762	-
Tree growth		30,000		30,000		35,478	5,478
Local road assistance		35,000		35,000		38,004	3,004
Other		3,253		34,783		35,561	778
Charges for services		25,870		25,870		38,256	12,386
Interest on taxes		10,000		10,000		20,843	10,843
Interest income		8,000		8,000		23,875	15,875
Miscellaneous revenues		-		-		21,188	21,188
Transfers from other funds							
Amounts Available for Appropriation		6,011,908		6,097,200		6,280,871	183,671
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Charges to Appropriations (Outflows):		000 700		440.004		070 400	00.700
General government		386,703		418,224		378,432	39,792
Public safety		275,744		275,744		245,674	30,070
Health and welfare		109,300		109,300		100,578	8,722
Public works		429,986		429,986		442,281	(12,295)
County tax		375,961		375,961		375,961	-
Education		3,056,776		3,375,529		3,117,143	258,386
Debt service:		000 000		000 000		007.404	0.400
Principal		229,309		229,309		227,121	2,188
Interest Unclassified		19,791		19,791		19,273	518
		90,534		90,534		54,250	36,284
Transfers to other funds		102,750	_	120,841		120,841	
Total Charges to Appropriations	_	5,076,854	_	5,445,219		5,081,554	363,665
Budgetary Fund Balance, June 30	\$	935,054	\$	651,981	\$	1,199,317	\$ 547,336
Utilization of Restricted Fund Balance	\$	_	\$	233,461	\$	-	\$ (233,461)
Utilization of Committed Fund Balance		-		49,612		-	(49,612)
Utilization of Unassigned Fund Balance		40,000		40,000		-	(40,000)
-	\$	40,000	\$	323,073	\$	_	\$ (323,073)

See accompanying independent auditors' report and notes to financial statements.

SCHEDULE A

TOWN OF NEWCASTLE, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS – GENERAL FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

Variance Positive (Negative)	\$ 2.763	(1,203)	712	•	1,538	(479)	529	29,128	100	87	2,357	(100)	73	1,516	2,741	39,792		•	5,101	3,621	8,722		12,566	(24,861)	
Actual	60.237	40,838	9,288	15,000	6,847	1,079	891	28,393	•	33,173	51,543	73,662	3,107	19,286	35,088	378,432		2,300	668'96	1,379	100,578		274,588	167,693	
	69																								
Final Budget	63.000	39,635	10,000	15,000	8,385	009	1,450	57,521	100	33,260	53,900	73,562	3,180	20,802	37,829	418,224		2,300	102,000	5,000	109,300		287,154	142,832	
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Budget Adjustments		•	•	•	•	•	•	31,521	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	31,521		•	•	•	•		'	•	
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Original Budget	63.000	39,635	10,000	15,000	8,385	009	1,450	26,000	100	33,260	53,900	73,562	3,180	20,802	37,829	386,703		2,300	102,000	5,000	109,300		287,154	142,832	
	69																								
	General government: Town admin/treasurer/lax coll.	Town clerk/registrar	Code enforcement	Selectmen	Town office building	Election workers	Recording secretary	Planning board	Health officer	Insurance	Fringe benefits	Operations and services	Leases	Independent contractors	Other administration		Health and welfare:	Septic waste contract	Transfer station	General assistance		Public works:	Snow removal	Roads maintenance	

SCHEDULE A (CONTINUED)

TOWN OF NEWCASTLE, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS – GENERAL FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

	Original	Budget	Final		Variance
	Budget	Adjustments	Budget	Actual	Positive (Negative)
Public safety:					
Fire chief	40,914		40,914	45,755	(4,841)
Officers' salary	3,460		3,460	2,820	640
Firemen / call pay	15,100	٠	15,100	12,222	2,878
Fringe benefits	6,360		6,360	8,848	512
Phones	2,300		2,300	1,988	312
S.C.B.A.	4,290	٠	4,290	4,293	(3)
Communications	7,000		2,000	7,487	(487)
Training	3,000		3,000	2,350	020
Dry hydrant	550		220	•	220
New equipment	5,000		2,000	4,816	184
Vehicle maintenance	5,500		5,500	10,168	(4,668)
Turn out gear	3,000		3,000	2,995	5
Admin	4,560		4,560	4,428	132
Vehicles/gas and oil	000'6		6,000	4,183	4,817
Animal control officer	200		200	102	398
Community room	77,053		77,053	67,656	9,397
Sheepscot fire station	19,165		19,165	5,964	13,201
Protection	65,992		65,992	59,599	6,393
	275,744		275,744	245,674	30,070
County tax	375,961		375,961	375,961	•
Education:					
Elementary education	1,988,311	•	1,988,311	1,988,311	•
Secondary education	1,062,063	318,753	1,380,816	1,122,430	258,386
Adult ed	6,402	•	6,402	6,402	
	3,056,776	318,753	3,375,529	3,117,143	258,386

SCHEDULE A (CONTINUED)

TOWN OF NEWCASTLE, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS – GENERAL FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

		Original	Budget	Final			Variance	
		Budget	Adjustments	Budget		Actual	Positive (Negative)	
Debt service:								
Principal		229,309		. 229	229,309	227,121	2,188	
Interest		19,791			19,791	19,273	518	
		249,100		. 248	249,100	246,394	2,706	
Unclassified:								
Cemeteries		27,760		. 2.	,760	11,411	16,349	
Parks		2,750			2,750	1,801	949	
Not for profit and other orgs		34,387		<i>∾</i>	1,387	34,387	•	
Abatements		2,000			5,000	•	2,000	
Overlay		20,637		. 2	20,637	6,651	13,986	
		90,534)6 	90,534	54,250	36,284	
Transfers to other funds:								
Capital projects funds		102,750	18,091		120,841	120,841		
		102,750	18,091		120,841	120,841	1	
Total Expenditures	↔	5,076,854	\$ 368,365	9	5,445,219 \$	5,081,554	\$ 363,665	

TOWN OF NEWCASTLE, MAINE

SCHEDULE C

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES – NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
REVENUES Investment income, net of unrealized gains/(losses) Interest income Other TOTAL REVENUES	\$ - 3 3,205 3,208	\$ 1,657 - 60,946 62,603	\$ 13,465 - 2,000 15,465	\$ 15,122 3 66,151 81,276
EXPENDITURES Capital outlay Other EXPENDITURES	- 81 81	270,574 4,813 275,387	- - -	270,574 4,894 275,468
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	3,127	(212,784)	15,465	(194,192)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) Transfers in Transfers (out) TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(51,268) (51,268)	172,109		172,109 (51,268) 120,841
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	(48,141)	(40,675)	15,465	(73,351)
FUND BALANCES - JULY 1	54,652	197,266	152,602	404,520
FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30	\$ 6,511	\$ 156,591	\$ 168,067	\$ 331,169

See accompanying independent auditors' report and notes to financial statements.

TOWN OF NEWCASTLE, MAINE

SCHEDULE F

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET – NONMAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS JUNE 30, 2017

Playground Computer Reserve Reserve Total	\$ - \$ 35,333 17,103 6,450 1,000 104,222 \$ 6,450 \$ 1,000	. <u> </u>	6,450 1,000 98,066 	\$ 6,450 \$ 1,000 \$ 156,658
Public Works Equipment Reserve	\$ - 26,010 \$ 26,010		26,010	\$ 26,010
Park Reserve	\$ 1,500 \$ 1,500	·	1,500	\$ 1,500
Alewives Reserve	\$ 33,371 - 6,156 \$ 39,527	ω	39,527	\$ 39,527
Road Reserve	\$ - 63,106 \$ 63,106	₩	63,106	\$ 63,106
Conservation Town Forest	\$ 1,962 17,103 - \$ 19,065	\$ - - 5	18,998	\$ 19,065
	ASSETS Cash and cash equivalents Investments Due from other funds TOTAL ASSETS	LIABILITIES Accounts payable Due to other funds TOTAL LIABILITIES	FUND BALANCES Nonspendable Restricted Committed Assigned Unassigned TOTAL FUND BALANCES	TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES

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Address 11 Hillcrest Rd 731 Route One 35 N Newcastle Rd 81 Academy Hill 180 Golden Ridge 1155 Atlantic Hwy
1155 Atlantic HW 35 N Newcastle R 76 Glidden Street
Snead Spur
637 River Rd 171 Mills Rd
174 W Hamlet Rd 154 W Old County
419 River Rd
Bluff Drive 2 Hillside Rd
20 Phil's Hill Rd
57 N. Newcastle
76 Milliken Isl Rd
367 Academy Hill
61 Lewis Hill Rd
Sign on Rt 1

7/10/2017	17-24	Newcastle Jehovah Witne 017-024	017-024	Sign on Rt 1	Sign	\$30.00
7/24/2017	17-25	Mobius, Inc	013-012	21 Academy Hill	House and barn	\$200.00
7/31/2017	17-26	Dmitriy Kopytnik	002-047	221 Lewis Hill	Sauna	\$30.00
8/4/2017	17-27	Richard & Lori Cash	00-059C	35 West Hamlet Rd	Workshop	\$95.20
8/18/2017	17-28	John Plouffee	007A-035	12 Stonebrook Cir	Screened porch/deck	\$14.40
8/22/2017	17-29	Dr. Thomas White	017-029	Location not listed	Sign	\$30.00
8/30/2017	17-30	Marcia Hall	008-072A	542 N Newcastle	Porch	\$22.40
8/28/2017	17-31	Rick Ingraham	011-027	122 River Road	Connection to barn	\$38.40
8/25/2017	17-32	Paul & Bonnie Blagdon	007-021C	90 Libby Lane	408 sq ft unfinished	\$40.80
9/5/2017	17-33	Justin Wood	003-007	144 Lynch Rd	Sugar Shack	\$32.00
8/31/2017	17-34	Kristen Curtis	007A-015	Timberlane	Unattached garage	\$216.00
9/11/2007	17-35	Charles Dudas	007-017	183 Pond Rd	Unattached garage	\$76.80
9/25/2017	17-36	Midcoast Conservancy	002-003	Trails End Rd	Ap for Sign	\$60.00
9/25/2017	17-37	Midcoast Conservancy	002-038	Eagle Point Rd	Ap for Sign	\$60.00
10/2/2017	17-38	Huffman, Richard &				
		Valarie	017-024	153 Milliken Isl Rd	Bathroom	\$8.40
10/2/2017 17-40	17-40	Young, Jonathan	009-023-B	201 Bunker Hill Rd	Gravel Pad	\$50.00
10/2/2017 17-41	17-41	Brendan Parsons			Awning	
10/2/2017 17-42	17-42	Douglas Beardsworth	012-042	24 Barroll Point	*application recinded by applicant	applicant
10/16/2017 17-43	17-43	Nigel Calder	012-038	47 Main Street	Solar Panels	
10/23/2017 17-44	17-44	Koski / Powers	018-002	16 Alder Shore Rd		
10/23/2017	17-45	10/23/2017 17-45 Reiser / Watling	013-065	21 Glidden St	Enlarge Dwelling	\$93.60
10/23/2017	17-46	10/23/2017 17-46 Glendinning / Winkle	011-014	137 Lynch Rd	Accessory Building	\$28.00
10/27/2017	17-47	10/27/2017 17-47 Berman, Erica	005-044	27 Bailey Lane	Tent Platform	\$38.00
10/27/2017	17-48	10/27/2017 17-48 Berman, Erica	005-044	27 Bailey Lane	Tent Platform	\$38.00

	\$31.20	\$528.00	\$50.00	\$149.85		\$23.00
Barn Expansion	Storage Bldg	Prof. / Res. Bldg	Retaining Wall	New Home (Cottage)	Garage	Shed Bldg
115 Castlewood Rd	187 Lewis Hill Rd	50 Maine St	24 Barroll Point	32 Nob Hill	360 E. Old County	River Road
003-061-J	002-045	012-023	012-042	017-010	004-059	001-004-A
Jeffrey Kelly	Price, Richard A.	Dewitt	Beardsworth	Simpson	Foote	.2/8/2017 17-55 Drury / Richardson
11/13/2017 17-49 Jeffrey Kelly	10/30/201717-50 Price, Richard A.	11/9/2017 17-51 Dewitt	11/5/2017 17-52 Beardsworth	11/20/2017 17-53	12/4/2017 17-54	12/8/2017 17-55

2017 Plumbing Permits

		Customer	Type Map	Мар	Lot	Address
1/17/2017	17-1	Anna Trafton	-	4	21	40 Averil Road
1/26/2017	17-2	Eric Sandburg	-	13	78	17 Pump Street
1/30/2017	17-3	Nathan Sullivan	-	11	27	122 River Road
2/17/2017	17-4	Thomas Dinsmore	-	14	2	13 Hillcrest Road
3/6/2017	17-5	Robert Nelson	-	13	83	68 Main Street
3/27/2017	17-6	Jonathan Eaton/				
		Newcastle Center	-	12	2	7 Hall Street
3/28/2017	17-7	Ann Holton	S	15	25	32 Pond Road
5/17/2017	17-8	Eric Beavis	-	4	53(1)	154 W. Old County Rd
5/22/2017	17-9	Alex Landau	S	∞	18(6)	Lot #6, Bluff Drive
5/23/2017	17-10	Jay Norwalk	S	17	10	125 Dyer Neck Rd
6/19/2017	17-11	Julie Pendleton	S	∞	27	507 Jones Woods Rd
6/19/2017	17-12	Richard Huffman	-	17	24	153 Milliken Island Rd
6/19/2017	17-13	Richard Huffman	S	17	24	153 Milliken Island Rd
7/7/2017	17-14	Chip Holmes	S	4	80	109 Lewis Hill Rd
7/24/2017	17-15	Nancy & Ralph Bagley	S	20	14	630 Sheepscot Rd
7/24/2017	17-16	Devin Benner	-	6	13A	off Bunker Hill Rd
7/24/2017	17-17	Z38LLC (Zander Lee)	-	12	11	38 Academy Hill
7/24/2017	17-18	RH Reny	-	4	98	731 Route One
8/3/2017	17-19	Bellefler, Ray & Julie	S	9	42A	470 N Newcastle Rd
8/8/2017	17-20	Hilton, Susan	-	7	156	W Hamlet Rd
8/18/2017	17-21	Willy, Linda	S	4	27	320 Sheepscot Rd

Indian Trail	Lot #6, Bluff Lane	Lot #15, Timber Lane	21 Academy Hill	21 Cochran Rd		30 Glidden St	ot #15, Timber Lane	34 Main St	16 Shattuck Hill Rd			
India	Lot #	Lot #	21 AG	21 Cc		30 GI	Lot #	34 M	16 Sh			
32A	18(6)	15	12	56		13 46	15	41	930			
2	∞	7	13	17		13	7	12	4			
-	-	S	-	S	-	-	-	-	_			
Zeller, Alan	Landau, Alex	Curtis, Kristen	Mobius	Lind, Joel	Sherman, Peter	Levesque, David	Curtis, Kristen	Lincoln Home	Kostenbader, Thomas	Septic	Internal	Tank
17-22	17-23	17-24	17-25	17-26	17-27	17-28	17-29	17-30	17-31	Sel	Int	Tar
1/18/2017	30/2017	30/2017	8/31/2017	/11/2017	0/12/2017	1/2/2017	11/16/2017	2/11/2017	.2/18/2017	Type S	-	_
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Newcastle Local Planning Committee

The NLPC has very nearly completed work on a new Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Code for the Town. After two and a half years of effort by the Committee and consultants Maine Design Workshop and with input from hundreds more Newcastle citizens, we have prepared the new documents that we hope truly reflect the character of and vision for Newcastle. Final drafts have been received by the committee and a series of public presentations and public hearings beginning April 3 will lead up to a town vote on June 12, 2018.

The goal for this committee has always been to create a new vision and road map for Newcastle using as inclusive a process as possible. The NLPC itself is made up of Newcastle residents and business owners from all parts of town and all walks of life with as many varied viewpoints as we can collect. We have often disagreed about specific issues and have had lively discussions as we moved to create the new Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Code. This has led to documents that we think preserve the past and the character of Newcastle while envisioning how future development might proceed in both the center village and the rural areas of the town.

The costs of running our schools, maintaining our roads and providing essential town services for Newcastle will not dramatically decrease in the future. The best method we have to avoid large increases in property taxes is through intelligent growth and development that protects and maintains our character. The new Comprehensive Plan and Character-Based Zoning code are our new tools, rooted in our heritage, which will guide our future.

We welcome your feedback on this process and on the Comp Plan and Zoning Ordinance. To receive a notice about future presentations, send us your email and ask to be put on the email list: Thisisnewcastle@newcastlemaine.us. The documents are posted on the town website: http://www.newcastlemaine.us/services/. They are also available for review in the town office. Information is also updated on our This Is Newcastle Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/ThisIsNewcastle/.

Planning Board

The Newcastle Planning Board, as per the Maine State statue, is the town zoning board which considers and acts on all applications required by the Land Use Ordinance. The Planning Board does not do any actual "planning" except that it may recommend changes to the ordinance.

The Board is comprised of 5 members and 2 alternates, all of whom are volunteers. The members come from diverse backgrounds which include vocations in construction, engineering, real estate, and business. The members have a strong desire to preserve and improve Newcastle and are dedicated to serving the long-term interest of the town. Members are not compensated, and in addition to meetings, they may drive to visit application sites or to attend Maine Municipal Association workshops in their service to Newcastle.

The Planning Board members are appointed by the Board of Selectmen. Meetings are scheduled on the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm; the meeting may be cancelled, with notice on the town website, if there are no agenda items or lack of a quorum. Additional meetings may be added when necessary to accommodate deadline requirements of applicants. Public hearings require two weeks of proper public notification. All meetings are open to the public and are held at the Newcastle Town Office meeting room on Pump Street.

The roster is comprised of Bonnie Stone as Chair, Rem Briggs as Vice-Chair and Nick Buck, David Hewlett and Jim Brinkler as members. In addition, David Bailey and Peter McNaughton are the 2 alternates.

In 2016-2017, the Planning Board calendar was filed with a wide-range of applications. Those projects which were approved include: R. H. Reny warehouse addition & new parking lot on Route 1, Mobius residential housing on Academy Hill, Newcastle Chrysler servicing structure, Shellfish distribution & retail operation and Raw Bar restaurant on Main Street, Barroll Point shoreline stabilization

project, and Nob Hill Road Shoreland Zone structural project. The Planning Board, represented by member Rem Briggs, continues to participate at the weekly NLPC meetings in the revision process of the Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Ordinance facilitated by town consultants, Maine Design Workshop.

As chair, I would like to thank the volunteers for their work on behalf of the town, our recording secretary Marion Mundy for her impeccable minutes and for the assistance of CEO Ken Vinal, Tax Assessor Jim Murphy, Town Attorney Peter Drum and our wonderful staff at the Town Office.

Respectfully submitted, BONNIE STONE, Chair

Members

Bonnie Stone, Chair Rem Briggs, Vice-Chair Nick Buck David Hewett Jim Brinkler

<u>Alternates</u>: David Bailey and Peter McNaughton Marion Mundy, Recording Secretary (Non-Member)

Design Review Committee

The town of Newcastle shares qualities unique to the midcoast region of Maine. A vernacular has evolved, yet its historic characteristics remain largely intact.

The purpose of the Design Review Ordinance is to promote the protection and preservation of buildings, structures and places of historic value, and to promote design that is compatible with the present character of three historically significant areas. The ordinance defines these areas as Village, Sheepscot, and Damariscotta Mills districts.

The town's village district, of mixed-residential and business-use, is comprised predominantly of buildings constructed before 1930. The district of Sheepscot village, notably the first area of European settlement in Newcastle, is today a unique concentration of residences mostly constructed before 1900. The Damariscotta Mills district is recognized separately as a hamlet of residences that were once part of a thriving cluster of water-powered mills. The three historic areas include many significant structures representing period architectural styles and details; all of which contribute to the historic setting along with other more contemporary buildings.

Newcastle property owners and its residents can view the design review district maps located in the town office and the community room adjacent to the Newcastle Fire Station on the River Road to establish if their property falls under the jurisdiction of the Design Review Ordinance. If your property is within these districts, any new construction of buildings and landscape structures, or the alteration to the exterior of an existing building, which can be seen from a public way or body of water, is subject to design review.

During 2017 sixteen (16) applications came before the Design Review Committee. These included renovations or modifications to existing structures (13), new construction (0), signs (2) and landscape structures (1).

Design Review Committee consists of five (5) volunteers including a representative from each of the three design review

districts. In addition, a Newcastle resident serving as an alternate representative, a representative of the Newcastle Historical Society, and a licensed architect currently sit on the board.

If your property is in a design review district and you are planning exterior changes, contact the town office for a design review application. A Design Review Process sheet is available to assist you in preparing your application for review. You can also access these forms on line at http://www.newcastlemaine.us/uploads/DesignReviewApplicPktDec14.doc.pdf

The Design Review Committee meets on the 1st Thursday of every month at 6:30 pm at the Community Room on River Road. All meetings are open to the public. Applications are due 7 days prior to the meeting date.

TOR GLENDINNING,
Chair – Architect
SHARON MORRILL, Vice Chair
– Damariscotta Mills District
NANCY BAGLEY
– Sheepscot Village District
CHRISTOPHER RICE –
Historical
Society Representative
DEBORAH POOR
– Village District
Alternate – Vacant
MARION MUNDY, Recording
Secretary (Non-Member)

Design Review Committee Reviewed Applications 2017

Cert.	Applicant	Location	Project	Date Reviewed	Approved/ Declined	Referred to Atty.	Project Completed
17-1	Mobius, Inc	21 Academy Hill Map 13 Lot 12	Change exterior color from peach to gray. Change color of shutters to black if kept.	1/5/17	Approved	No	
17-2	Lynne Tallberg	7 Pump Street Map 13 Lot 82	Changes to exterior of 1940s white cape	2/2/17	Approved	No	
17-3	Anne S. Upton	57 N. Newcastle Rd. Map 6 Lot 11	Restore and re-construct 3 exterior areas of 1803 center chimney colonial	3/2/17	Approved w/ conditions	No	
17-4	Elizabeth A. Allen	52 Glidden St. Map 13 Lot 49	Replace shingles with metal roofing	4/6/17	Approved w/ conditions	No	
17-5	David Curry & Becky Morter	76 Glidden St. Map 13 Lot 55	Ell restoration, repurpose barn for living space, additional off-street parking	4/6/17	Approved	No	
17-6	Charles & Susan Korthals	35 N Newcastle Rd. Map 13 Lot 11-1	14 x 18 outbuilding	4/6/17	Approved w/ notations	No	
17-7	Rebecca Emmons Mobius, Inc	21 Academy Hill Map 13 Lot 12	Begin 45-day Demolition Delay	6/1/17	Approved	No	

n/a	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Dismissed (Approval not needed)	Approved	Approved	Approved	Approved per amended plan	Approved per amended plan	Approved as modified on plans	Approved
6/1/17	6/1/17	6/1/17	6/1/17	7/6/17	7/6/17	7/18/17	8/3/17
Replace shingle roof with same material and color	Photovoltaic System Installation	Photovoltaic System Installation	Flag pole, fence, railing, windows 6/1/17	Privacy Fence on Mills Road	14×20 shed and fence	Take down and rebuild barn	3.5 x 10 addition and new configuration of windows
11 Hillcrest Road Map 14 Lot 3	10 Pleasant Street Map 11 Lot 44	10 Mills Road Map 13 Lot 17	The Standard, Unit 7 75 Main Street Map 12 Lot 33 (7)	4 Stewart Street Map 13 Lot 22	137 River Road Map 11 Lot 14	21 Academy Hill Map 13 Lot 12	57 N Newcastle Road Map 6 Lot 11
William Keisch	Robert Nelson	17-10 Robert Nelson	Henry Kennedy Kieve-Wavus	17-12 Martha & Joe Lavendier	Tor Glendinning & Amy Winkle	17-14 Kati Hunt Mobius, Inc.	Anne Upton
17-8	6-71	17-10	17-11	17-12	17-13	17-14	17-15

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No	No	No	No		No	No
Approved	Approved	Approved	Approved with Conditions	Will continue 11/2/17	Approved	Approved with condition
10/5/17	10/5/17	10/5/17	10/5/17	10/5/17	11/2/17	11/2/17
New deck and French door	Renovations to residence	Photovoltaic system installation	Replace/enlarge shed	Awning over bathrooms	Approval of exterior paint colors	Add solar panels; remove chimney, replace siding and paint to match rest of building
122 River Road Map 11 Lot 27	21 Glidden Street Map 13 Lot 65	43 Pond Road Map 7 Lot 32	24 Barroll Pt. Map 12 Lot 42	68 Main Street Map 10 Lot 83	647 Sheepscot Road Map 20 Lot 4	47 Main Street Map 12 Lot 38
Rick and Sally Ingraham	Alison Reiser and Les Watling (Represented by Michelle Phelps)	17-18 William Addison and Cecile Horowitz	Douglas and Carrie Beardsworth	Brendan Parsons (renting from Rob Nelson)	William and Irene-Gabrielle Patterson	Nigel Calder
17-16	17-17	17-18	17-19	17-20	17-21	17-22

Approved with conditions	Approved
11/2/17	12/7/17
Insured replacement of structure destroyed by fire	Roof mounted installation of solar panels on the business office
50 Main Street Map 12 Lot 23	27 River Road Map 12 Lot 56
17-23 Robert DeWitt	17-24 Mexicali Views, Represented by Topher Mallory CEO
17-23	17-24

Harriet Gertrude Bird Playground Committee

The Harriet Gertrude Bird Playground Committee has met on a quarterly basis this year. The Committee's main focus continues to be maintaining and improving the building and grounds. Our maintenance includes cleaning after each rental use along with mowing, raking, weeding, and trimming the grounds. Upcoming projects include the refinishing of the clubhouse floor.

The Committee is pleased to report that there continues to be a steady increase in the facility rentals. In the last year, the building and grounds have been used for family gatherings, Sheepscot Community Church bean suppers, and local t-ball teams events. The ball field and basketball court use also continues to grow as several young families have moved into the community.

The committee appreciates the help and support we receive from the Newcastle residents and town staff in supporting our work. We would also like to give a very special thank you to Verne Verney for the many years he has mowed the lawn and baseball field, also to the Garrison Hill Grange for their generous donation.

Respectfully submitted, EDNA VERNEY, Chair CAROL JUCHNIK JIM MERCER DAVID O'NEAL CHRISTINE WAJER

Veterans Memorial Park Committee

By the time you read this report our Newcastle Veterans Memorial Park will be showing off properly. Allan Ray and Betsy Evans did a spring cleanup after all the fine work Hagar Enterprises and the State did to correct the drainage. Hagar also rebuilt the steps and handrail. Allan Ray mows the lawn every week and has since the park was built 28 or so years ago. Katharina Keoughan has cleaned up "Loretta's Garden" at Pump and Main Street. Bonnie Porter and Glen Zeitzer help to plant the annuals each year and assist with the fall cleanup. We want to thank all of the people who have volunteered in the past. Anyone interested in volunteering this season please contact the Newcastle Town Office.

Renys Department Store donates the spring bulbs every year. The Old Bristol Garden Club supports our park by awarding a grant each year. This grant is used toward plant material and fertilizer. Louis Doe Home Center kindly delivers bagged mulch in the spring at a reasonable cost.

Twice the Park Committee has had help on special projects from the Lincoln Academy Alpha Sigma Gamma volunteer group. Two years ago Clayton Huntley and the Newcastle Fire Department took down the diseased blue spruce tree.

We are grateful for the taxpayer support of The Veterans Memorial Park which honors all of our service men and women.

BETSY EVANS ELLEN MCFARLAND ALLAN RAY

K-12 Education Report

Greetings,

My name is Jim Hodgkin and I am the Interim Superintendent here in AOS 93. I want to start by sharing how impressed I have been with the schools in AOS 93, the staff of those schools, and the communities that support them. This structure is new to me and it has certainly taken me some time to understand all the nuances that go with being the Superintendent of an AOS. I have greatly enjoyed working with the Newcastle School Committee. Their support of the students who attend secondary schools in the area is well balanced with a fiscal focus for the citizens of Newcastle. During this past year, they have had to deal with some challenging issues related to the number of students attending grades 9-12. Assuring that all students for whom Newcastle is responsible are indeed residents of Newcastle can be a challenging task. However, the three board members who represent you take that task and other roles seriously and do a thorough job.

Newcastle is very fortunate to have Mark Doe, Josh Jacobs, and Stephanie Nelson serving on the Newcastle School Committee. Their commitment to Newcastle and to the Great Salt Bay CSD Board is outstanding. They are supportive and scrutinizing all at the same time. They clearly represent the "best interest of the students within the financial ability of the town." That task is not always easily achieved.

As we head into this budget season, we will focus our attention on developing a budget that accurately reflects the number of students attending high school from Newcastle and decide on a reasonable number of "additional students" that may move in to Newcastle during the next school year. Those two numbers and the AOS assessment to Newcastle are primarily what make up the Newcastle School Board budget.

I have also greatly enjoyed working with the Town Manager, Jon Duke, and the selectmen of the town. While I have only met on a very few occasions with them, I have been in to meet with Mr. Duke on other occasions and hear the positive comments from folks about the selectmen in general.

During the 2017-18 school year, the town of Newcastle sent students primarily to high school at Lincoln Academy (75). However, another eleven (11) students attend high school in other high schools or some other method of education for high school.

I thank you again for the opportunity to serve as the Interim Superintendent this year and wish the Newcastle community well in the future. It has been my pleasure to serve you this year.

JIM HODGKIN

		Janu	ary 2	018	Enrol	lmer	nt				
ELEMENTARY	Pre-K	Kdgn.	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	TOTAL
Bristol	15	15	20	17	16	17	17	18	26	18	179
Open Enrollment		0	0	o	0	0	0	1	0	1	2
Compass from out of Bristol		1	1		1	3				1	7
Bristol Total	15	16	21	17	17	20	17	19	26	20	188
Bremen		6	3	6	6	12	6	7	6	9	61
Damariscotta		20	17	23	21	14	15	23	16	17	166
Newcastle		10	9	16	18	18	25	22	26	18	162
Open Enrollment		0	3	1	1	4	4	0	2	3	18
Superintendent's Agree		0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	6
Public Tuition		0	1	2	1	3	5	5	8	10	35
GSB, CSD Total		36	33	49	48	52	56	58	59	57	448
Jefferson		17	18	10	24	18	26	21	17	22	173
Pathways from out of JVS		1	0	2	0	0	1	1	1	1	7
Open Enrollment		1	0	2	1	0	1	1	1	0	7
Superintendent's Agree		2	1	4	1	1	0	1	0	0	10
Jefferson Total		21	19	18	26	19	28	24	19	23	197
Nobleboro		8	16	14	13	12	16	16	17	15	127
Open Enrollment		1	0	0	2	0	1	2	2	1	9
CAL (from out of NCS)		0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	5
Public Tuition		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Superintendent's Agree		0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2
Nobleboro Total		9	16	14	15	12	18	19	20	20	143
South Bristol		2	5	5	3	8	3	7	8	9	50
Superintendent's Agree		0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2
Open Enrollment		2	1	2	1	6	0	1	1	0	14
So. Bristol Total		4	6	7	4	14	3	9	9	10	66
TOTAL ELEMENTARY	15	86	95	105	110	117	122	129	133	130	1042

SECONDARY ENROLLMENT and home school

	9th	10th	11th	12th	TOTAL
Bremen	9	5.5	9	11.5	35
Bristol	20	15.5	21	18.5	75
Damariscotta	17	24	31	20.5	92.5
Jefferson	21	26.5	25	33.5	106
Newcastle	16.5	29	19	20	84.5
Nobleboro	13.5	15.5	26	20	75
South Bristol	4.5	6.5	6	9.5	26.5
TOTAL SECONDARY	101.5	122.5	137	133.5	494.5

^{.5} is a student who have parents in different towns that share AOS No. 93 Total K-12 1537 financial responsibility for the student.

Lincoln Academy

Winter 2018 School Report for Sending Towns

Lincoln Academy is an independent secondary school chartered in 1801 to serve the midcoast area. It offers a comprehensive program, including courses at all levels in the areas of English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, World Languages, Fine and Performing Arts, Technology Education, Physical Education, and Health. Regional Vocational, Alternative Education, and Special Education programs are available. On a ten-year cycle Lincoln Academy is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC), and was most recently reaccredited in 2015.

Governance: Lincoln Academy is governed by an independent Board of Trustees. Officers include: Christine Wajer '85, President; Sarah Maurer, Vice-President; Dennis Prior '91, Secretary; and Lisa Masters, Treasurer. Members include: Paul Anderson, Elizabeth Allen, Chris Olson '83, Judi Hilton '91, Ann McFarland '73, Faustine Reny '01, Stephen Dixon, Jon McKane, Karen Moran, William Morgner, Pam Gormley, and Hugh Riddleberger. David Sturdevant is Head of School.

The Student Body, Day and Residential: Lincoln Academy has a current enrollment of 570 students in the 2017-18 school year. The majority of students come from 16 local towns. 87 residential students come from 19 countries around the world. After 5 consecutive years of growth, the Residential population has met available housing capacity and for the foreseeable future will remain between 80 and 90 students.

<u>Graduates</u>: Of the 130 graduates in the Class of 2017, 91 enrolled in postsecondary education; 81 enrolled in 4-year colleges/ universities, 10 enrolled in programs shorter than 4-year (2 year and certificate programs), 37 are employed/seeking employment, and 2 enlisted in military service.

<u>Curriculum:</u> Lincoln Academy remains committed to its comprehensive curriculum as we strive to meet the needs of all students. We have added new courses in the past several years, including AP Computer Science Principles, Introduction to Design,

Engineering and Technology, Wood Projects, Metal Projects, Mechanical Projects, and Introduction to Engineering Design. The new courses take advantage of the space and tools in the ATEC building, as well as serve our increasingly diverse population of day and residential students.

Finances: Unlike most independent schools, The Board does not set day tuition. Because most students' tuition is paid by their sending towns, the tuition is established by the State Department of Education using a formula based on average per pupil expenditures of Maine public high schools during the previous two years. The tuition for the 2017-18 school year was increased by 3.38% from the prior year to \$10,886.51 per pupil. The Insured Value (IV) factor is an amount in addition to tuition intended to fund capital maintenance and debt service. The legislated IV factor amount of 10% was reduced in 2009 to 5% and remained at 5% through 2013-14. The legislature voted to partially restore the IV by voting to increase the amount to 6% of the calculated tuition figure for 2014-15. The 6% rate was carried over into 2017-18 and is \$653.19 per pupil for this year. While towns are allowed to continue to pay the full 10% and some of our area towns have done that in the past, this year all sending towns have elected to pay the mandatory 6% rate. 2017-18 maximum allowable tuition is \$10,886.51 and insured value \$653.19 (6%). Tuition increase 3.38%.

Supporting Lincoln: The state-determined tuition is simply not enough to provide the quality educational experience that Lincoln Academy promises to every student. Because of this, LA depends on support from donors to the Lincoln Fund to make up the deficit. Private contributions have allowed Lincoln to support programs and capital improvements. Money raised through the Lincoln Fund supports students and faculty, and is vital to the life of the school. Since 1997, over \$1.625M has been contributed to general operations, over \$715 for specific programs, and about \$15M for capital projects. Contributions to annual and capital campaigns provide for the perpetuation of and improvements to LA's program s and physical plant without increasing local taxes.

Lincoln Academy is grateful for the support of sending towns, and individual and business supporters that allow our programs to serve students so well.

Adult and Community Education

CLC Adult & Community Education provided services to over 600 adults in 2017. We offered the HiSET (formerly GED) high school completion program, assisted adults preparing for college, worked with literacy students and English language learners, provided medical certificate programs and sponsored a wide variety of community enrichment classes for all ages.

Your CLC Adult & Community Education program provides basic literacy services along with high school completion classes free of charge in our Learning Center on Tuesday & Thursday evenings and on Thursday mornings. Free college transition courses are offered through The Lincoln County College Connection — a cooperative program with 3 other Lincoln County Adult Education programs. Dozens of students from Lincoln County participated in classes that helped them prepare for college through this program.

In 2017 we had 10 students earn a high school completion credential. Another 16 worked toward obtaining a high school credential or on basic language and math skills. Anyone who is 17 or older and out of high school and who wants to earn his/her high school credential or who needs to improve their reading, writing, math or English language skills should contact us to get started.

We continue to work with LincolnHealth to provide vocational training in several medical programs. In response to the critical need for Certified Nursing Assistants (CNAs), we started a CNA apprenticeship program to allow students to "earn while they learn." In 2017, we conducted 3 CNA courses with 21 students completing the program and receiving certification and employment. We were also able to offer CPR, CRMA, and CRMA recertification classes.

Hundreds of students enjoyed the 202 low-cost, high impact courses offered through our community education program and in collaboration with RSU 40 Adult Education, providing a single point of access for information about classes throughout Lincoln County. From an eight week course on the Geology of the Midcoast Area to a one night class on learning to make fresh stuffed pasta, to free

classes on Medicare and Social Security, people throughout Lincoln County participated in offerings that sparked their interest and enriched their knowledge.

Although I have only been in my new position as Director of CLC Adult & Community Education for six months, I can already see what a tremendous impact the program has in our community. Thank you to each of our supporting towns for the funding that enables us to continue to provide programs and services that improve, inspire, and enrich the lives of so many Lincoln County citizens. The difference you make is greater than you know!

For more information about all of our programs, please visit our web site: http://clc.maineadulted.org or call us at 207-563-2811.

Respectfully submitted, PAMELA J. SPERRY Director

Skidompha Library

Because of your continued generosity and support, many Newcastle residents enjoyed all Skidompha Library has to offer. At the end of 2017, over 1,500 Newcastle individuals had library cards.

In the last year your library...

Provided meeting, performance, and fundraising space to more than 50 organizations monthly

Presented Chats with Champions and a film series to a combined audience of nearly 1,500

Assisted researchers more than 1,100 times in our Genealogy Department

Engaged with local teens by providing a dedicated teen room and offering programs suited to their needs

Hosted exhibitions for 17 emerging artists in our atrium and in our Carey Art Gallery

Modeled the importance of philanthropy to 270 young readers during our Summer Reading Program (CHIP received over a half a ton of shingles and nails thanks to this effort!)

Listened to your suggestions and continued OWL, our online radio station, to provide programming for people at home (we've had 14,854 listens...and counting!)

Stepped out on a limb to bring you cutting edge programs like Gizmo Gardens, the STEM program for future engineers

Continued to provide literacy programs for learners of all ages, as well as foreign language lessons

Gave a sense of purpose to volunteers of all ages, totaling over 10,000 donated hours (for which we are so grateful!)

Of course, we also circulated items over 100,000 times, including large print books, audiobooks, films, 3 different museum passes, a ukulele, and a telescope! We did all of this while remaining a fiscally sound, friendly, and welcoming non-profit.

With appreciation,
PAM GORMLEY, Executive Director

Newcastle Fire Company Taniscot Engine Company

The Newcastle Fire Company had a busy year in 2017. The Fire Company responded to 182 calls for service or an emergency. The breakdown is as follows:

Auto accidents-36, Assist Other Agency-5, Fire Alarms-23, Structure Fires-20, Smoke Investigations-5, Grass or Woods-3, Water Rescue-2, Chimney Fire-2, Vehicle Fire-2, Service Calls-31, Wires Down-25, Trees on Wires-15, Electrical Fires-1, CO Calls-0, Other Rescues-0, Fire Prevention-5, LP Leak-1, Oil Spill-1, False Report-0.

Play it Safe, Practice Fire Safety all the time.

Training remains one of the most important functions at the Fire Station. We were able to offer a wide variety of training to the Newcastle Fire Company members; they attended training classes and fire attack schools in and outside of the county for a total of 900 man hours of training which include over 200 hours of driver training alone. Joint training with our mutual aid fire companies is going well. Newcastle Fire and Damariscotta Fire share a joint training time. The regular training schedule for the Newcastle Fire Company is two Tuesday evenings a month. The Fire Company was able to participate in five fire prevention programs in 2017 at our schools, assisted living facilities and pre-schools.

The fund raising efforts of the Newcastle Fire Company Inc. are always on-going. The fund raising efforts for the year 2017 were for monies to pay down the debt incurred with the purchase of a 2016 half ton utility vehicle and the purchase of a new Hurst battery operated rescue tool at a cost of \$11,100. Our goal was reached and the tools have been ordered thanks to the support from the community.

The motorized equipment in the fire stations is in good, serviceable order and is constantly being assessed by the Fire Company, mechanics, and pump service mechanics for reliability and service life.

The Fire Company has applied for three grants totaling \$317,328 that include two FEMA grants and one private foundation grant. These grant requests are for funds for various types of emergency equipment including the replacement of the 1974 Ford Pumper. We are watching these closely.

After a good response to the invitation to stop by the Newcastle Fire Station to see what goes on there or just get some answers to your questions, I would like to extend the invitation made in the past for any taxpayer/citizen to stop by and get the scoop on Fire Company operations and/or finances.

Please feel free to stop by the Fire Station at 86 River Road weekdays from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Please call ahead if possible to be sure someone is in the station and not out on call. Tel. 563-3888.

The Newcastle Fire Company would like to thank all of the town folks who support us in our efforts to respond to an emergency in the Town of Newcastle and to our mutual aid neighbors with the appropriate tools, equipment and training needed to do the job.

Sincerely CLAYTON HUNTLEY Newcastle Fire Chief

Great Salt Bay Sanitary District

Great Salt Bay Sanitary District (GSBSD) is a publicly owned, quasi-municipal utility organized to provide safe drinking water in Damariscotta and Newcastle, and to provide wastewater treatment services in the Towns of Damariscotta, Newcastle, and Nobleboro. The District currently has 713 water customers and 1428 wastewater users. Scott Abbotoni is the Water Division Manager and LeeAnna Libby is the Wastewater Division Manager.

Our mission is to provide safe drinking water, adequate fire protection and effective wastewater treatment. The District is committed to public health, customer service and environmental protection.

The Drinking Water Division's water supply is "Little Pond," a pristine 77-acre spring fed pond with an ultraviolet light water treatment system as a primary disinfectant and Sodium Hypochlorite as a secondary disinfectant.

The Welton Tank on Standpipe Road in Damariscotta and the Academy Hill Tank in Newcastle feed the Twin Villages water for fire suppression and quality drinking water.

In 2017 the Water Division replaced 1600 feet of 120-year-old cast iron pipe with new 8-inch H.D.P.E. pipe from Main Street to Lewis Point Road. This will help with water quality and increased fire flows throughout the water system.

The Wastewater Division's treatment facility for Damariscotta and Newcastle consist of three aerated lagoons with a capacity of eight million gallons.

The lagoons were cleaned, the aeration system was upgraded and the lagoon liners were inspected in 2012.

In 2016 a long-needed upgrade to the main plant's electrical and blower system was finished. These improvements will save on power and future repairs.

The Damariscotta Mills area of Newcastle and Nobleboro has a small sand filter fed by septic tanks which are maintained by the District.

The Great Salt Bay Sanitary District's operations are carried out by five full-time employees and are overseen by an elected six-member Board of Trustees. Representing Damariscotta are William Brewer, John Gallagher, and Raymond McConnell. Newcastle Trustees are Alan Ray and Clayton Huntley and representing Nobleboro is Robert Whear. The Trustees meet the second Wednesday of each month at 5 p.m. at the District office located at 121 Piper Mill Road in Damariscotta. The public is encouraged to attend.

Office hours are Monday – Friday 7:00 am -3:00 pm. For more information, please contact our Water Division at 563-3010 or our Wastewater Division at 563-5105.

Respectfully submitted,
SCOTT ABBOTONI
Water Division Manager
LEEANNA LIBBY
Wastewater Division Manager

Nobleboro-Jefferson Transfer Facility

The Transfer Station, operated by Nobleboro and Jefferson, and under contract with Bremen, Damariscotta and Newcastle, provides for the disposal of most types of solid waste generated in the five towns. In 2017 our household waste went to PERC in Orrington. In 2018 this will go to Waste Management in Norridgewock along with the construction and demolition bulky materials. We use the services of Lincoln County Recycling to recycle cardboard, newspaper, plastic and many other products. We also recycle our universal hazard waste (televisions, computers, fluorescent light bulbs, mercury switches and rechargeable batteries).

You will see the Transfer Station attendants out helping the customers with their trash and recyclables. They worked very hard to keep the facility neat and safe. Our hopes are that they make your trip to the Transfer Station a positive experience. Many thanks to our employees Barry Howell, Brandon Achorn, Linwood Rideout, Glenn Daiute, David Gallagher for all they do for the Transfer Station.

2017 we did see many changes at the station. We continue to promote recycling in different ways. We have programs to recycle paint, electronics, food waste paper, cardboard, plastics and metals. Everything you recycle helps reduce the amount it cost to put into the mainstream trash.

This year with the effort of the employees and the public we lowered our tipping costs of trash. By doing this, we add to the surplus which we used to lower the cost to the town by 2.9%. We feel in the future we will be able to keep the tax commitment level.

The Transfer Station is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. The front gate is closed at 3:50 p.m. each night to allow time to close out the computer. We are closed on Sunday and Monday. This allows our staff to have two days off in a row.

We will continue to review our operations in an effort to provide good service and the most efficient Transfer Station possible. We are interested in your comments and recommendations and will attempt to incorporate them whenever possible.

RICHARD SPEAR, Transfer Station Agent

Nobleboro-Newcastle Fish Agent

In 2017, we were able to harvest 15 days as opposed to 11 days the last two seasons, resulting in the harvest of 1107 bushels of alewives. Only 8 bushels were widow orders this year. As in the past few years, we occasionally had days when we had more fish to harvest than local lobsterman to buy them. For this reason, we continued to sell the surplus whenever possible to the South Bristol Coop. Selling to the Coop has worked well for the last three years.

The Tenants Harbor Fishermen's Coop approached us last spring and asked us to supply 100 bushels of alewives for an experimental project for which they would later seek grant funding. The Coop planned to freeze the alewives we supplied for use later in the season. Further talks ensued about how to continue this relationship in 2018. The bottom line: at Damariscotta Mills we need more markets so that we can sell as many fish as we can harvest when the fish are running strong and enough are getting into Damariscotta Lake to spawn.

If you stopped by the fish stream last year you may have noticed the new wooden trough that extends from the falls to the fish box by the Check Office. The folks from the TV show Maine Cabin Masters were in the area working on an episode about repairing a building related to the oyster industry and wondered if we had a project they could get involved in. The Maine Cabin Masters Group did a great job rebuilding what is an important component of our harvest operation, and they surprised us by generously donating their labor and all the materials for the new chutes. A very special thanks to Maine Cabin Master Chase Morrill and his crew!!

Netting over the fish ladder to protect the fish from bird predation was a hot topic of conversation in 2017. I was involved (along with Deb Wilson and Kurt Oehme) in several meetings during the summer and fall with various State and Federal agencies including MDMR, MIFW, USFW, and the USDA because several protected migratory birds had been caught in the netting in the past few years.

During the spring and summer hundreds of gulls descend on Damariscotta Mills to gorge on alewives while they are bottled up in constricted areas in the harvest area and fish ladder. The gulls slow the run, even causing it to stop for periods of time, as shown in the counts of fish entering Damariscotta Lake to spawn. I believe having the netting in place is important for the long term health of our alewives. The agencies agree wholeheartedly but they are, as am I, concerned about bird entrapment. In 2018 we will finalize the plan so that we can protect the birds as well as the fish.

Thanks to the following who pitched in this year with the harvesting, netting, and tending the ladder from the day we opened it in April, till we closed it December 1, and all the work behind the scenes: Deb Wilson, Kurt Oehme, Leigh Morrill, Jim Brinkler, JB Smith, Richard Powell, Eben Wilson, Frank Waltz, Bob Barkalow, Orion Becker, Ken Ames, and Bob Whear.

Respectfully submitted, MARK C. BECKER Fish Agent

Damariscotta Mills Fish Ladder Restoration

We did it!!!

Ten years ago the Damariscotta Mills Fish Ladder Restoration began after long-time harvester Frank Waltz pointed out just how compromised the old fish ladder was. The restoration took off, at first with work on the worst five small areas and later in major sections — upper, middle and lower. In 2007 the Fish Ladder was in such tough shape that, if nothing had happened in a major way, we might no longer be getting fish to the top and into Damariscotta Lake to spawn. A major restoration effort was needed and that is just what happened.

For ten years, the Fish Ladder Restoration Committee, composed of Damariscotta Mills neighbors and friends and headed by selectperson at-the-time Deb Wilson and her husband Mark Becker, worked with the Towns of Nobleboro and Newcastle and the Nobleboro Historical Society to raise one million dollars and to carry out the restoration efforts. As a result of these efforts, which included fundraising events like an annual festival each spring, a soup and chowder lunch each fall, and a bean supper each early spring, the work is now complete and the Damariscotta Mills Fish Ladder is working exceedingly well.

The finishing touches were put on the fish ladder in 2017 by local mason Mike Nelson. Nelson completed the stonework on several large concrete wall sections so now the entire fish ladder not only looks great but is also working better than it ever did during its more than 200 years in operation. One major reason for the success of the re-built fish ladder is the new design: the entire fish ladder was re-built at one time using a pool and weir design created by fish ladder engineer Curt Orvis of the US Fish and Wildlife Service, Gail Wippelhauser of the Maine Department of Marine Fisheries, and Fred Seavey from the US Fish and Wildlife Service.

The success of the newly re-built fish ladder can be seen in the increase in the numbers of alewives reaching Damariscotta Lake to spawn each year. In 2007, before the restoration began, 80,142 alewives passed into Damariscotta Lake to spawn. In 2017, 924,546 passed up the fish ladder to spawn in Damariscotta Lake. What a change!! The numbers vary from year to year depending on weather conditions, water temperatures, and offshore harvesting impacts, to name a few, but the trend at Damariscotta Mills is nothing but up. Such a significant increase in in the upstream alewife run opens up many possibilities – for the health of other wildlife that depend on alewives each spring to an opportunity for the Towns of Nobleboro and Newcastle to harvest more fish.

For now, we can now officially say that Damariscotta Mills Fish Ladder Restoration is complete. It took ten years, a million dollars, and a lot of work by many, many dedicated volunteers. If I could, I'd list each and every person that donated time, talent, creativity, goods, services, funds, whatever it took to make this important effort come to a successful completion. I am very proud to have worked with such a wonderful group of people. A huge thanks to one and all – we did it!!!

Respectfully submitted, DEBORAH WILSON Fish Committee Member Fish Ladder Restoration Chairperson

Lincoln County Television

Lincoln County Television (LCTV), established in 1991, is a non-profit organization that teaches video production, provides production equipment and manages and distributes videos made and/or requested by local individuals and organizations in Lincoln County. LCTV programming can be seen on Spectrum Cable, Tidewater IPTV, as video on demand at www.LCTV.org and also on LCTV's FaceBook page.

The second half of 2017 was a period of major transitions at LCTV including the much sooner than anticipated departure of our long standing Executive Director, Mary Ellen Crowley, and a forced channel reassignment from channel 7 to channel 1301 by Spectrum (Charter Communications). These challenges were positively offset by the hiring of a new Executive Director, an uptick in the number of active volunteers working with us and much needed upgrades of our field production cameras and broadcast software.

LCTV's Board of Directors has established four inter-related priorities going forward. They are:

Refreshing our programming

Upgrading our studio equipment

Developing stipend-based student internships and collaboration with workforce development in the area

Expanding our hands-on involvement with the local communities and people we serve

These goals have already begun to be achieved and are being complemented by a new fundraising effort undertaken by the new Executive Director, Abby Ingraham. As evidence of our new, expanding community-centric efforts LCTV is now working with LCEMA to be part of their emergency information notification system, we are in discussion with members of a local fire dept to film a series on fire prevention and safety and LCTV is working with additional, new production partners such as AARP, Healthy Lincoln County and the HeadStart program to produce programs and PSAs of value to the community.

In 2017, in addition to new episodes of our regular series, LCTV volunteers produced:

My Life with Hairy Man (producer: Bruce Hilsmeyer), 2017 WBA Waldoboro Business Summit (producer Jim Blier), Washington School Interview Series (producer Dave Svens). We are also adding The Smithsonian's STEM in 30, The World Fusion Show and other series to our weekly line up over the next year. Other improvements at LCTV in 2017 include several broadcast software upgrades, Vimeo storage upgrade and new bookkeeping personnel.

LCTV would like to take this opportunity to thank the town of Newcastle for their continued financial support. Our motto is LCTV: Your Station. Your Voice. Please consider becoming a LCTV volunteer, trainee, producer or sponsor in 2018!

This report is dedicated to Mary Ellen Crowley (1955 - 2018) Executive Director of LCTV from 2008 to 2017

Midcoast Conservancy

Dear Residents of Newcastle:

Midcoast Conservancy is committed to supporting healthy lands, waters and communities in Midcoast Maine through conservation, outdoor adventure and learning. We specialize in conserving land and clean water for all and getting people outside and enjoying all that Maine has to offer. Our goal is to have a deep impact within the heart of the midcoast region, from the headwaters of the Sheepscot River to the bay and the entire Damariscotta Lake watershed.

In 2017, Midcoast Conservancy cared for Damariscotta Lake and its surroundings by:

- Continuing Outdoor Adventure & Learning hub programming on Damariscotta Lake with a summer paddle camp offered at no cost to participants.
- Continuing to reduce invasive plant *Hydrilla* (the most aggressive in North America) populations in Davis Stream and Cranberry Cove. In 2017, no *Hydrilla* was found for the first time since 2009. We will continue being a leader in the fight against invasive plants in 2018.
- Conducting regular testing of Damariscotta Lake water quality.

 Continuing Youth Conservation Corps projects to prevent pollution from reaching the lake, all with labor provided at no

cost to the landowner. Newcastle homeowners are encouraged to request a free evaluation for the 2018 project schedule.

• We have significant grant funds available to any resident in the Damaris cotta Lake watershed to help prevent pollution.



Midcoast Conservancy is extremely grateful for the financial support that Newcastle provided in 2017. We hope you saw our "Thank You" advertisement in the Lincoln County News!

We are excited to continue to work with you to protect the land and water in Newcastle, and to provide opportunities for everyone to get outside to enjoy the beautiful place we call home. Midcoast Conservancy is looking to sustain and deepen connections with all the communities we serve. We invite you to volunteer or attend an event; learn more at www.midcoastconservancy.org. Please be in touch or stop by our new office at 290 Rt. 1 in Edgecomb with any questions you may have.

Respectfully submitted, JODY JONES Executive Director

Warrant for Great Salt Bay Community School District Budget Meeting

LINCOLN, SS (20-A M.R.S.A. §1701) STATE OF MAINE

To Constable, appointed by the Town of Bremen;
To Constable, appointed by the Town of Damariscotta;
To Constable, appointed by the Town of Newcastle; in the County of Lincoln and State of Maine.

Greetings: In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Great Salt Bay Community School District, namely the Towns of Bremen, Damariscotta, and Newcastle, qualified by law to vote in the affairs of said Community School District, to meet in the Cafeteria of Great Salt Bay Community School, 559 Main Street, Damariscotta, Maine, in the said Town of Damariscotta, on Thursday, the 10th day of May, A.D. 2018, beginning at seven-thirty o'clock in the evening (7:30 pm) to act on Articles 1 through 15 of this warrant, to wit:

ARTICLE 1A: To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ARTICLES 1 THROUGH 11 AUTHORIZE EXPENDITURES IN COST CENTER CATEGORIES

ARTICLE 1: To see what sum the District will be authorized to expend for **Regular Instruction**.

CSD Board Recommends: \$2,633,665.99

ARTICLE 2: To see what sum the District will be authorized to expend for **Special Education**.

CSD Board Recommends: \$1,238,893.08

ARTICLE 3: To see what sum the District will be authorized to expend for <u>Career and Technical Education</u>.

CSD Board Recommends: \$0.00

ARTICLE 4: To see what sum the District will be authorized to expend for <u>Other Instruction</u>.

CSD Board Recommends: \$137,582.99

ARTICLE 5: To see what sum the District will be authorized to expend for **Student and Staff Support**.

CSD Board Recommends: \$340,953.45

ARTICLE 6: To see what sum the District will be authorized to expend for **System Administration**.

CSD Board Recommends: \$163,352.62

ARTICLE 7: To see what sum the District will be authorized to expend for **School Administration**.

CSD Board Recommends: \$337,132.35

ARTICLE 8: To see what sum the District will be authorized to expend for **Transportation and Buses**.

CSD Board Recommends: \$386,698.52

ARTICLE 9: To see what sum the District will be authorized to expend for <u>Facilities Maintenance</u>.

CSD Board Recommends: \$550,254.97

ARTICLE 10: To see what sum the District will be authorized to expend for **Debt Service and Other Commitments**.

CSD Board Recommends: \$150,000.00

ARTICLE 11: To see what sum the District will be authorized to expend for <u>All Other Expenditures</u>.

CSD Board Recommends: \$26,330.00

ARTICLES 12 THROUGH 14 RAISE AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

ARTICLE 12 (*Recorded vote*): To see what sum the Great Salt Bay Community School District will appropriate for the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 8 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and to see what sum the District will raise and assess as each municipality's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 8 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, §15688.

CSD Board Recommends amounts set forth below:

		Total Raised
	Total Appropriated	(District Assessments
Town:	by Municipality:	by Municipality):
Bremen	\$681,589.34	\$676,966.96
Damariscotta	\$1,870,544.06	\$1,804,418.84
Newcastle	\$1,949,777.69	\$1,627,840.69
Total Appropriated:	\$4,501,911.09	\$4,109,226.49

Explanation: The District's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 8 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act is the amount of money determined by state law to be the minimum amount that the district must raise and assess in order to receive the full amount of state dollars.

ARTICLE 13 (*Written ballot required*): To see what sum the District will raise and appropriate in additional local funds (**Recommend** \$1,031,508.34), which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$1,031,508.34 as required to fund the budget recommended by the CSD Board.

The CSD Board recommends \$1,031,508.34 for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by \$1,031,508.34:

Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the District's local contribution to the total cost of

funding public education from kindergarten to grade 8 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and local amounts raised for the annual payment on non-state-funded debt service that will help achieve the District's budget for educational programs.

ARTICLE 14 (*Recorded vote*): To see what sum the District will authorize the CSD Board to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, and ending June 30, 2019, from the District's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 8 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, non-state-funded school construction projects, additional local funds for school purposes under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, §15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy and other receipts for the support of schools.

CSD Board Recommends: \$5,964,864.87

Explanation: A school administrative unit must include a summary article indicating the total annual budget for funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 8 for Great Salt Bay CSD. The amount must be the gross budget of the school system. This article does not provide money unless the other articles are approved.

ARTICLE 15 AUTHORIZES TRANSFERS FROM UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCES

ARTICLE 15: Shall the School Committee be authorized to transfer \$50,000.00 from undesignated fund balances at the end of the 2016-2017 Fiscal Year to the Bus Reserve Fund, previously established by District yoters?

CSD Board Recommends: Approval

ARTICLE 16 AUTHORIZES EXPENDITURES OF GRANTS AND OTHER RECEIPTS

ARTICLE 16: Shall the Great Salt Bay CSD Board be authorized to expend such other sums as may be received from federal or state grants or programs or other sources during the fiscal year for education purposes provided that such grants, programs, or other sources do not require the expenditure of other funds not previously appropriated?

CSD Board Recommends: Approval

Warrant for Special Town Meeting Thursday, May 10, 2018

To Mark Doe, of Newcastle, in the County of Lincoln and the 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 Newcastle qualified to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the Cafeteria of the Great Salt Bay Consolidated School located at 557 Main Street, in the Town of Damariscotta, Maine on Thursday, May 10th, 2018 at 7:00 pm in the evening to act on Articles 1 through 17, to wit:

ARTICLE 1: To choose a moderator by written ballot to preside at said meeting.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will appropriate \$113,460.00 for Adult Education and raise \$6,402.00 as the local share; with authorization to expend any additional, incidental, or miscellaneous receipts in the interest and for the well-being of the adult education program.

Requested Local Share	\$6,402.00
Selectmen Recommend	\$6,402.00

ARTICLE 3: To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for Regular Instruction.

School Committee Recommends	\$1,037,589.22
Selectmen Recommend	\$1.037.589.22

ARTICLE 4: To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for Special Education.

School Committee Recommends	\$148,587.35
Selectmen Recommend	\$148,587.35

ARTICLE 5: To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for Career and Technical Education.

School Committee Recommends	\$200.00
Selectmen Recommend	\$200.00

ARTICLE 6: To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for Other Instruction.

School Committee Recommends	\$0.00
Selectmen Recommend	\$0.00

ARTICLE 7: To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for Student and Staff Support.

School Committee Recommends	\$3,422.87
Selectmen Recommend	\$3,422.87

ARTICLE 8: To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for System Administration.

School Committee Recommends	\$32,259.87
Selectmen Recommend	\$32,259.87

ARTICLE 9: To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for School Administration.

School Committee Recommends	\$0.00
Selectmen Recommend	\$0.00

ARTICLE 10: To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for Transportation and Buses.

School Committee Recommends	\$95,035.84
Selectmen Recommend	\$95,035.84

ARTICLE 11: To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for Facilities Maintenance.

School Committee Recommends	\$0.00
Selectmen Recommend	\$0.00

ARTICLE 12: To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for Debt Service and Other Commitments.

School Committee Recommends	\$0.00
Selectmen Recommend	\$0.00

ARTICLE 13: To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for All Other Expenditures.

School Committee Recommends	\$0.00
Selectmen Recommend	\$0.00

ARTICLE 14 SUMMARIZES THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

ARTICLE 14 (Recorded vote): To see what sum the Town will authorize the school committee to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, and ending June 30, 2019, from the Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from grade 9 to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, non-state-funded school construction projects, additional local funds for school purposes under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, §15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy and other receipts for the support of schools.

School Committee Recommends	\$1,317,095.14
Selectmen Recommend	\$1,317,095.14

ARTICLES 15 THROUGH 16 RAISE FUNDS FOR THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

School Budget Funding Explanati	<u>on</u>
Article 15: Required Local (EPS) Raise Amount	\$ 757,881.26
Article 16: Additional Local Raise Amount	\$ 318,552.02
Total Local Funds Raised	\$1,076,433.28
Fund Beginning Balance	\$ 100,000.00
State Subsidy	\$ 140,661.84
Total School Budget Request	\$1,317,095.14

ARTICLE 15 (*Recorded vote*): To see what sum the Town will appropriate for the total cost of funding public education from grade 9 to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act (**School Committee Recommends \$898,543.10**) and to see what sum the Town will raise as the Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from grade 9 to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15688.

School Committee Recommends	\$757,881.26
Selectmen Recommend	\$757,881.26

Explanation: The Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from grade 9 to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act is the amount of money determined by state law to be the minimum amount that a municipality must raise in order to receive the full amount of state dollars.

ARTICLE 16 (Written ballot required): To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate in additional local funds (Recommend \$318,552.02) which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$318,552.02, as required to fund the budget recommended by the school committee.

The school committee recommends \$318,552.02 for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by \$318,552.02:

School Committee Recommends	\$318,552.02
Selectmen Recommend	\$318,552.02

Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the Town's local contribution to the total cost of funding public education from grade 9 to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and local amounts raised for the annual payment on non-state funded debt service that will help achieve the Town budget for educational programs.

ARTICLE 17: Shall the Newcastle School Committee be authorized to expend such other sums as may be received from federal or state grants or programs or other sources during the fiscal year for education purposes provided that such grants, programs, or other sources do not require the expenditure of other funds not previously appropriated?

School Committee Recommends:

Yes

Minutes: Annual Town Meeting Warrant and Secret Ballot Election

Tuesday, June 13, 2017 and Wednesday, June 14, 2017

To Mark Doe, a resident for the Town of Newcastle, in the County of Lincoln, State of Maine:

GRFFTING:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Newcastle in said county and state, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Community Room in the Fire Station building at 86 River Rd on Tuesday, the 13th day of June, A.D. 2017 at 8:00 am, then and there to act upon Article 1 and by secret ballot on Articles 2 through 5 as set out below, the polling hours therefore to be from 8:00 am until 8:00 in the evening.

ARTICLE 1: To elect a moderator by written ballot to preside at said meeting.

John Black was nominated.

ARTICLE 2: To elect by secret ballot, in accordance with the vote of the town, the following offices:

- 1. Two (2) Selectmen/Assessors and Overseers of the Poor for a three-year term
- 2. One (1) member of the Great Salt Bay School Committee for a three-year term

Motion made by Cal Hurdle, seconded by Arlene Cole.

ARTICLE 3: SECONDARY SCHOOL VALIDATION - Do you favor approving the NEWCASTLE SECONDARY education budget for the upcoming school year that was adopted at the latest Newcastle Special Town Meeting and that includes locally raised funds that exceed the required local contribution as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act?

ARTICLE 4: ELEMENTARY SCHOOL VALIDATION - Do you favor approving the GREAT SALT BAY, CSD ELEMENTARY education budget for the upcoming school year that was adopted at the latest Great Salt Bay, CSD Annual Budget Meeting and that includes locally raised funds that exceed the required local contribution as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act?

ARTICLE 5: Shall the Town enact the "The Joint Shellfish Conservation Ordinance of the Towns of Damariscotta and Newcastle Maine" as written?

Explanation: The ordinance can be viewed in its entirety at the Newcastle Town Office.

OPEN TOWN MEETING

Wednesday, June 14, 2017 7:00 pm For Fiscal Year 2018: July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018

And, to notify and warn said inhabitants to meet at the Lincoln Academy Dining Commons in said town on Wednesday, the 14th day of June, 2017 A.D., at 7:00 in the evening, then and there to act on Articles 6 through 27 as set out below, to wit:

ARTICLE 6: Shall the town utilize remote electronic keypad voting as the method of voting for all articles at this Town meeting, the June 14, 2017, Annual Town Meeting?

Motion made by Clayton Huntley, seconded by R. Benjamin Frey. Motion passed.

ARTICLE 7: Shall the town raise & appropriate for Administration & Operations as follows:

Ad	Administration & Operations	FY16 Actual	FY17 Budget	FY 18 Selectmen
1	Board of Selectmen	7,500.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
2	Board of Selectmen Recording Secretary	821.25	1,450.00	1,500.00
3	Town Administrator & Treasurer	73,493.96	63,000.00	60,255.00
4	Town Administrator Health Insurance	8,731.14	9,360.00	9,501.00
5	Town Administrator Retirement	3,780.00	3,780.00	1,808.00
9	Town Clerk & Registrar & Tax Collector	38,480.01	39,634.52	47,476.00
7	Town Clerk Health Insurance	8,731.14	9,360.00	9,826.00
8	Full-Time Deputy	24,227.00	32,150.00	34,320.00
6	Full-Time Deputy Health Insurance	5,203.39	9,360.00	9,826.00
10	Part-Time Deputy	18,686.13	0.00	0.00
11	Part-Time Deputy Health Insurance	0.00	0.00	0.00
12	Code Enforcement Officer & Plumbing Inspector	5,520.00	10,000.00	10,400.00
13	Code Enforcement Officer Cell Phone	0.00	120.00	120.00
14	Code Enforcement Officer Mileage	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
15	Election Workers	637.38	00.009	450.00
16	FICA (SS &) Medicare	20,967.70	20,000.00	23,000.00
17	Health Officer	100.00	100.00	100.00

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18	Kecording Secretary – Various Iown Boards	1,52/./6	1,450.00	1,000.00	
19	EMA Director	850.00	850.00	850.00	
20	Janitorial Services – Community Room	550.00	620.00	620.00	
21	Janitorial Services – Town Office	2,481.60	2,632.00	3,000.00	
22	Property Casualty Liability	20,425.25	22,000.00	22,000.00	
23	MMA Unemployment	1,050.46	1,510.00	1,600.00	
24	MMA Workers Compensation	17,100.15	9,750.00	9,921.00	
25	MMA Annual Dues	3,129.00	3,150.00	3,245.00	
26	Legal Fees	24,000.00	22,000.00	23,000.00	
27	Payroll Company	2,333.38	2,300.00	2,365.00	
28	Copier Lease & Supplies	6,707.25	3,180.00	3,430.00	
29	Laser Printers Maintenance Contract	535.75	500.00	500.00	
32	Postage & Envelopes	3,874.71	3,500.00	3,675.00	
33	Election Supplies	893.62	0.00	00.009	
34	Computer Support	997.19	00.009	1,000.00	
35	Computer Hardware	939.08	500.00	500.00	
36	Trio Software Annual Contract	11,337.41	11,500.00	14,000.00	
37	Website	0.00	0.00	850.00	
38	Tax Maps	1,600.00	1,200.00	6,300.00	
39	Audit Services	7,850.00	5,250.00	6,000.00	

40	Town Report	2,366.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
42	Records Restoration	2,650.00	2,342.00	2,350.00
43	Advertising	4,457.50	3,000.00	2,500.00
44	Professional Development & Fees	1,460.00	2,000.00	3,400.00
45	Registry of Deeds Recordings & Printings	3,695.00	3,500.00	3,600.00
46	Office & Other Supplies	4,640.40	8,600.00	7,000.00
47	Planning Board	0.00	1,000.00	00.00
48	Design Review Committee	0.00	00.0	00.00
49	NLPC	89,946.21	56,521.00	0.00
20	Hydrants	46,968.00	48,660.00	48,660.00
51	Street Lights	7,020.52	6,000.00	6,000.00
52	Route 1 Flashing Street Light	236.13	300.00	300.00
53	Town Office – Heating Fuel	1,181.68	2,800.00	2,500.00
54	Town Office – Electricity	1,401.22	1,800.00	1,800.00
52	Town Office – Water & Sewer	09.509	685.00	774.00
26	Town Office – Maintenance & Repairs	1,686.04	1,000.00	3,500.00
57	Town Office – Telephone	2,163.99	2,100.00	2,100.00
28	Harriet Bird Clubhouse – Heating Fuel	191.75	700.00	700.00
29	Harriet Bird Clubhouse – Electricity	412.08	450.00	450.00
09	Harriet Bird Clubhouse – Maintenance & Repairs	3,221.23	1,000.00	1,500.00
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61	61 Cemetery Maintenance Contract-Mowing	13,350.00	12,760.00	11,000.00
62	Cemetery Maintenance Appropriation	11,371.50	15,000.00	1,000.00
63	Veteran's Park Maintenance	469.31	00.009	00.009
64	Abatements	16,957.44	5,000.00	5,000.00
92	Assessors Agent	17,160.00	17,550.00	17,940.00
99	Short term disability	00.00	2,040.00	2,100.00
29	Overtime Compensation	0.00	3,380.00	1,000.00
89	Miscellaneous	5.42	00.0	0
69	Mileage	0.00	1000	1500
70	70 Health Insurance FSA	0.00	0	465.00
	Administration and Operations Total	558,678.73	509,694.52	459,277.00

Motion made by Clayton Huntley, seconded by Chris Doherty. Motion passed 63 Yes 2 No.

ARTICLE 8: Shall the town raise & appropriate for the Public Safety as follows:

Pul	Public Safety	FY16 Actual	FY17 Budget	FY18 Selectmen
1	Fire Chief	39,709.00	40,914.00	47,476.00
2	Fire Chief Health Insurance	8,025.59	9,360.00	9,826.00
3	Fire Department Officers	3,060.00	3,460.00	3,460.00
4	Firemen	13,932.80	15,100.00	15,100.00
5	Phones	2,396.24	2,300.00	2,300.00
9	S.C.B.A	4,552.40	4,290.00	4,290.00
7	Communications	6,981.75	7,000.00	3,200.00
∞	Training	1,861.64	3,000.00	3,000.00
6	Dry Hydrant	00.00	550.00	0.00
10	10 New Equipment	7,375.67	5,000.00	5,000.00
11	11 Equipment & Vehicle Maintenance	5,506.00	5,500.00	11,356.00
12	12 Turn Out Gear	2,946.92	3,000.00	4,500.00
13	13 Administration & Office Supplies	5,161.65	4,560.00	4,560.00
14	14 Vehicles Gas & Oil	8,926.98	9,000.00	7,000.00
15	Fire Station – Heating Fuel	3,532.73	6,200.00	6,200.00
16	Fire Station – Electricity	2,778.83	2,750.00	2,750.00
17	17 Fire Station – Water & Sewer	803.33	1,103.00	1,247.00

18	18 Fire Station – Maintenance & Repairs	3,734.99	67,000.00	4,000.00
19	19 Sheepscot Fire Station – Heating Fuel	416.57	920.00	920.00
20	20 Sheepscot Fire Station – Electricity	321.80	500.00	515.00
21	21 Sheepscot Fire Station – Maintenance & Repairs	830.00	17,745.00	1,000.00
	Public Safety TOTAL	122,854.89	209,252.00	137,700.00

Motion made by R. Benjamin Frey, seconded by Chris Doherty. There was discussion about the Fire Chief's pay. Motion passed 57 Yes 6 No.

Shall the town raise & appropriate for Public Services as follows: **ARTICLE 9:**

Pub	Public Services	FY16 Actual	FY17 Budget	FY16 Actual FY17 Budget FY18 Selectmen
1	1 Roadside American Flags	0.00	280.00	280.00
2	Nobleboro/Jefferson Transfer Station Contract	102,834.00	102,000.00	94,517.00
3	3 Solid Septic Waste Disposal Contract	2,300.00	2,300.00	2,300.00
4	4 General Assistance	2,520.73	5,000.00	3,000.00
2	5 Wild Animal Control Officer	0.00	5,000.00	500.00
9	6 Animal Control Services	1,289.12	5000.00	5000.00
7	7 Lincoln County Animal Shelter	1,752.00	1,752.00	1,752.00
∞	8 Ambulance Services	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,420.00

6	Appropriation Request – American Legion	450.00	450.00	450.00
10	Appropriation Request – CLC YMCA	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
11	Appropriation Request – Coastal Kids	1,500.00	1,500.00	2,000.00
12	Appropriation Request – Midcoast Conservancy	1,000.00	0.00	3,000.00
13	Appropriation Request – Ecumenical Food Pantry	500.00	500.00	500.00
14	Appropriation Request – Healthy Kids	1,700.00	1,700.00	1,700.00
15	Appropriation Request – LCTV	4,510.00	4,510.00	4,510.00
16	Appropriation Request – Maine Public Broadcasting	100.00	100.00	100.00
17	Appropriation Request – Midcoast ME Community Action	1,400.00	1,400.00	1,400.00
18	Appropriation Request – New Hope for Women	830.00	830.00	830.00
19	Appropriation Request – Skidompha Library	18,641.00	18,641.00	18,641.00
20	Appropriation Request – Spectrum Generations	1,756.00	1,756.00	1,756.00
	Public Services TOTAL	150,082.85	155,219.00 146,656.00	146,656.00

Motion made by R. Benjamin Frey, seconded by Brian Foote. Motion passed 61 Yes 3 No.

ARTICLE 10: Shall the town raise & appropriate for Public Works as follows:

P	Public Works	FY16 Actual	FY17 Budget	FY17 Budget FY18 Selectmen
	Road Commissioner	00:00	30000.00	33,100.00
7	Cell phone	00.00	300.00	300.00
m	Traffic Signs	00:00	1000.00	1,000.00
4	E911 Street Signs	0.00	250.00	500.00
2	Culverts	00.00	2000.00	2,000.00
9	Winter Salt	00.00	1500.00	31,500.00
7	Cold Patch	0.00	1500.00	1,500.00
∞	Road Gravel	00.00	5000.00	5,000.00
6	Training	00.00	500.00	00.00
10	Mills Road Electricity	0.00	550.00	550.00
11	Public Landing	00.00	500.00	500.00
12	General Contractor	00.00	50000.00	50,000.00
13	Grading	0.00	17500.00	17,500.00
14	Roadside Mowing	0.00	2750.00	2,750.00
15	Catch Basin Cleaning	0.00	1550.00	1,550.00
16	Catch Basin Repair	0.00	2500.00	1,500.00
17	Technical Assistance	0.00	1000.00	1,000.00
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18	Tree Work	00.00	4000.00	4,000.00
19	Line Striping	0.00	4500.00	4,000.00
20	Street Sweeping	0.00	5250.00	5,250.00
21	Snow Removal Contract – Roads	213,110.00	237,856.00	241,945.95
22	22 Snow Removal Contract Bond	0.00	8,181.75	0.00
23	Snow Removal Contract – Main Street & Downtown	40,000.00	49,298.00	48,199.00
24	Roads Maintenance	39,514.00	33,241.64	0.00
25	25 Mill Road Property Development Plan	0.00	2,500.00	0.00
26	26 Salt Storage Building - Mills Road	0.00	0.00	22,000.00
	Public Works TOTAL	292,624.00	463,227.39	475,644.95
Moti	Motion made by Brian Foote, seconded by Chris Doherty. Motion passed 61 Yes 6 No.	bassed 61 Yes 6	No.	

ARTICLE 11: Shall the town raise & appropriate for Reserve Accounts as follows:

X	Reserve Accounts	FY16 Actual	FY16 Actual FY17 Budget FY18 Selectmer	Y18 Selectmen
1	Harriet Bird Clubhouse	1,500.00	1,500.00 1,500.00 1,500.00	1,500.00
2	Veteran's Park	250.00	250.00 250.00	250.00
3	Highway Equipment	15,000.00	0.00	0.00
4	1 Roads Capital Projects	29,670.61	29,670.61 118,091.00 100,000.00	100,000.00

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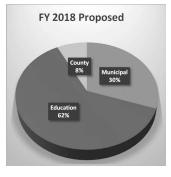
2	5 Computer Reserve		1,000.00	8,200.00
9	6 Municipal Building Reserve			30,000.00
	Reserve Accounts Total	46,420.61 120,841.00	120,841.00	139,950.00
Š	Motion made by Clayton Huntley, seconded by Brian Foote. Motion passed 62 Yes 1 No.	assed 62 Yes	1 No.	

Shall the town raise & appropriate for Debt Services as follows: **ARTICLE 12:**

۵	Debt Services	FY16 Actual	FY16 Actual FY17 Budget FY18 Selectmen	Y18 Selectmen
⊣	1 Loan Payment – Lynch Road Project	197,016.00	197,016.00 197,016.00 112,000.00	112,000.00
2	2 Loan Payment – Fire Truck	27,084.00	27,084.00 27,084.00	27,084.00
3	3 Loan Payment – Town Office	25,000.00	25,000.00 25,000.00	54,000.00
	Debt Services Total	249,100.00	249,100.00 249,100.00	193,084.00
8	Motion made by R. Benjamin Frey, seconded by Clayton Huntley. Motion passed 62 Yes 1 No.	otion passed	62 Yes 1 No.	

ARTICLE 13: Shall the town authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept prospective gifts and donations providing the Board place these funds in appropriately designated reserve accounts and only used for the intended purposes stated or in the best interests of the town?

Motion made by Clayton Huntley, seconded by Stephanie. Motion passed 63 Yes 5 No.

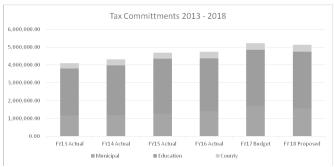


ARTICLE 14: Shall the town authorize the selectmen to accept and expend, on behalf of the town, any State and Federal funds which may be received from time to time in the form of grants and funds from any source deemed appropriate by the municipal officers during the period of July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 or act on anything relative thereto?

Motion made by R. Benjamin Frey, seconded by Chris Doherty. Motion passed 63 Yes 2 No.

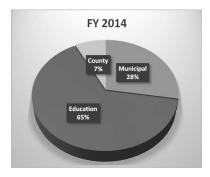
ARTICLE 15: Shall the town authorize the selectmen, on behalf of the town, to sell and dispose of any real estate acquired by the town for non-payment of the taxes thereon and to execute quitclaim deeds for said property, in accordance with appropriate state law and procedures?

Motion made by R. Benjamin Frey, seconded by Chris Doherty. Motion passed 62 Yes 2 No.



ARTICLE 16: Shall the Town authorize the Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to sell and dispose of any surplus equipment owned by the Town in accordance with appropriate State law and procedures? **Motion made by Brian Foote, seconded by R. Benjamin Frey. Motion passed 68 Yes 1 No.**

ARTICLE 17: Shall the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer to waive the foreclosure of tax lien mortgages pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. § 944 upon a finding by the Board of Selectmen that ownership of the property that is subject to the tax lien mortgage would be contrary to the Town's best interests.



Motion made by Brian Foote, seconded by Joel Lind. Motion passed 62 Yes 1 No.

ARTICLE 18: Shall the town allow the Selectmen to establish the dates on which this year's taxes shall be due and payable?

Motion made by Brian Foote, seconded by R. Benjamin Frey.

Motion passed 63 Yes 3 No.

ARTICLE 19: Shall the town instruct the tax collector to charge interest at the rate of 5 % per annum on all uncollected taxes and authorize the selectmen to establish the date on which interest starts to accrue, except for those taxpayers enrolled in the tax club before June 1, 2017 and have made all payments on time and to date?

Motion made by R. Benjamin Frey, seconded by Chris Doherty. Motion passed 62 Yes 4 No.

ARTICLE 20: Shall the town authorize the selectmen to expend overlay for the purpose of funding abatements?

Motion made by R. Benjamin Frey, seconded by Joel Lind. Motion passed 63 Yes 0 No.

ARTICLE 21: Shall the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into multi-year contracts on behalf of the Town?

Motion made by Brian Foote, seconded by Clayton Huntley. Motion passed 60 Yes 4 No.

ARTICLE 22: Shall the town authorize the selectmen to expend funds from any Town Reserve account for an unbudgeted major expense (Note: "major" is defined as any cost not included in a corresponding operating budget)?

Motion made by Brian Foote, seconded by Clayton Huntley. Motion passed 49 Yes 11 No.

ARTICLE 23: Shall the town allow the selectmen to transfer an amount not to exceed 2% of the total annual budget request from one category to another without prior approval of a special town meeting?

Motion made by Brian Foote, seconded by Joel Lind. Motion passed 60 Yes 5 No.

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to carry unexpended funds forward to the next fiscal year within the existing budget line items?

Motion made by Brian Foote, seconded by R. Benjamin Frey. Motion passed 61 Yes 2 No.

ARTICLE 25: Shall the Town authorize the selectmen to regulate river herring fishing in all streams in which the town has an interest in accordance with the plan filed with and approved by the Commissioner of Marine Resources?

Motion made by Brian Foote, seconded by R. Benjamin Frey. Motion passed 62 Yes 1 No.

ARTICLE 26: Shall the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to establish and appoint the members of standing and/or ad hoc committees of the Board of Selectmen to advise the Board regarding the administration and operations of the town government? **Motion made by Brian Foote, seconded by Chris Doherty. Motion passed 65 Yes 0 No.**

ARTICLE 27: Shall the Town authorize the selectmen to reduce the total amount of taxes to be collected by the FY 2018 total amount of estimated revenue (TBD).

Motion made by Clayton Huntley, seconded by Joel Lind. Motion passed 62 Yes 2 No.

Minutes approved this 10th day of July 2017.

BRIAN FOOTE, Chairman
CAROLYN HATCH, Vice-Chair
CHRISTOPHER DOHERTY, Board of Selectmen
R. BENJAMIN FREY, Board of Selectmen
JOEL LIND, Board of Selectmen

A true and attested copy by: DAWN BURNS, Town Clerk

Governor Paul R. LePage

Dear Citizens of Newcastle:

For the past seven years as your Governor, my priority has been to make Maine – our people – prosper. Helping you keep more money in your wallet by reducing taxes has been part of that mission.

Too many Maine families are facing skyrocketing property taxes that strain household budgets. Our elderly on fixed incomes are particularly vulnerable to these increases. School budgets are often blamed for annual increases in property taxes. But there's another reason. A tremendous amount of land and property value has been taken off the tax rolls, leaving homeowners to pick up the tab.

As of 2016, towns and cities owned land and buildings valued at nearly \$5.5 billion statewide. Large and wealthy non-profits, such as hospitals and colleges, often escape paying property taxes on their vast real estate holdings – totaling more than \$5.1 billion statewide.

In Maine, nearly 2.5 million acres of land have been set aside for conservation by the federal and state governments and non-profit organizations, including land trusts. Municipalities are losing out on property taxes on an estimated \$2 billion in land that has been either removed from the tax rolls or prohibited from development — shifting the cost of municipal services to local homeowners through higher property taxes.

It's time to recognize the results of taking property off the tax rolls, and identify solutions to reduce the burden on our homeowners. My administration's proposals have been met with staunch resistance.

In 1993, about 35,800 acres of land were documented as land-trust owned. That number has increased by an astonishing 1,270 percent. Land trusts now control over 490,000 acres with an estimated value of \$403 million. We must restore the balance. We will be working this session to ensure all land owners are contributing to the local tax base. It's time for them to pay their fair share.

I encourage you to ask your local officials how much land in your municipality has been taken off the tax rolls, as well as how much in tax revenue that land would have been contributing today to offset your property taxes.

If ever I can be of assistance to you or if you have any questions or suggestions, I encourage you to contact my office by calling 287-3531 or by visiting our website at www.maine.gov/governor.

Sincerely, PAUL R. LEPAGE Governor

U.S. Senator Angus S. King Jr. Washington, DC

Dear Friends,

Representing Maine in the United States Senate is an honor.

I continue my work on the Senate Armed Services Committee, each year authorizing the funding required to build our military capabilities and ensuring that our service members are trained and equipped to defend our nation. I was pleased to be part of a bipartisan effort to enact a new law to simplify the appeals review process to reduce the backlog our veterans are facing, as well as a new law that provides critical funding to the VA Choice Program, allowing veterans in rural Maine to access services closer to home.

While my committee work is important, working to combat the opioid epidemic is one of my top priorities. Although Congress has made some important strides, much remains to be done to provide additional funding for prevention, treatment and enforcement. I am working with colleagues on both sides of the aisle to pressure the Drug Enforcement Administration to reduce the amount of opioids produced and to thwart the flow of fentanyl and other deadly drugs into our country.

I am very optimistic about the integrated, multiagency effort I led with Senator Collins to foster innovation and commercialization in Maine's forest economy. Through the Economic Development Assessment Team (EDAT) we are already experiencing increased federal investments that will strengthen our existing forest products industry and help support job creation in rural communities. Initiatives like Cross Laminated Timber, Combined Heat and Power, nanocellulose, 3D printing with biobased materials and other biobased products will mean that Maine's wood-basket will continue to be a major jobs and economic contributor for our future.

Finally, the coming year will continue the work of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence in the ongoing investigation of Russian interference in the 2016 election. Our Committee has held seven public hearings and numerous classified sessions, reviewed

tens of thousands of pages of documents and conducted hundreds of interviews. I remain focused on the security of our elections and committed to developing strategies to prevent interference by foreign governments in our democracy.

May 2018 be a good year for you, your family, your community and our great State.

Best, ANGUS S. KING United States Senator

U.S. Senator Susan M. Collins

Dear Friends:

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

Maine has the oldest average age in the nation. As Chairman of the Senate Aging Committee, my top three priorities for the Committee are fighting fraud and financial abuse directed at our nation's seniors, increasing investments in biomedical research, and improving retirement security. Following the Committee's investigation into skyrocketing prescription drug costs, I authored bipartisan legislation to foster generic competition, which was signed into law. The Aging Committee's toll-free hotline (1-855-303-9470) makes it easier for seniors to report suspected fraud and receive assistance. To support the 40 million family caregivers in the United States, I am proud to have authored the RAISE Family Caregivers Act to create a coordinated strategy to support family members who make countless personal and financial sacrifices to care for their loved ones.

The opioid crisis touches families and communities across our state. As a member of the Appropriations Committee, I fought for significant increases in funding to support community, lawenforcement, and public health efforts. In April, the State of Maine was awarded over \$2 million to fight this devastating public health crisis. Additionally, I have authored legislation to support grandparents and other extended family members who are raising grandchildren as a result of the nation's opioid epidemic.

Biomedical research has the potential to improve and save lives, and also supports good jobs at research facilities here in Maine. Last year, the Appropriations Committee approved a \$2 billion increase for the National Institutes of Health for the third consecutive year. This includes an increase of nearly 30 percent for research on Alzheimer's, our nation's most costly disease. As founder and co-

chair of the Senate Diabetes Caucus, I work to raise awareness of the threats posed by diabetes, invest in research, and improve access to treatment options. My bill to establish a national commission of health care experts on diabetes care and prevention was signed into law in 2017.

We owe our veterans so much. Last year, I worked to secure the authorization of a Community-Based Outpatient Clinic in Portland to support the health care of Maine's veterans in the southern part of our state. I also worked to secure funding extensions to help veterans throughout rural Maine receive health care within their communities. I also worked to secure funding for housing vouchers for veterans to reduce veterans' homelessness.

Maine's contributions to our national security stretch from Kittery to Limestone. I successfully advocated for critical funding for projects at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard for construction of an additional ship that will likely be built at Bath Iron Works. This funding will strengthen our national security and preserve great jobs in our state.

As chairman of the Transportation and Housing Appropriations Subcommittee, I worked to increase funding for the TIGER program that has provided Maine with more than \$122 million for vital transportation projects. For housing, I worked to provide \$160 million to help communities protect children from the harmful effects of lead poisoning.

Growing our economy remains a top priority. I supported the comprehensive tax reform bill because it will help lower- and middle-income families keep more of their hard-earned money; boost the economy; and encourage businesses, both small and large, to grow and create jobs here in Maine and around the country. This legislation contains key provisions I authored that are important to Mainers, including preserving the deduction for state and local taxes, expanding the deduction for medical expenses, and enabling public employees such as firefighters, teachers, and police officers, as well as clergy and employees of nonprofits, to make "catch-up" contributions to their retirement accounts. I led the effort to ensure that the tax cut will not trigger automatic budget cuts to Medicare or any other programs.

A Maine value that always guides me is our unsurpassed work ethic. As of December 2017, I have cast more than 6,500 consecutive votes, continuing my record of never missing a roll-call vote since my Senate service began in 1997.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve Lincoln County and Maine in the United States Senate. If ever I can be of assistance to you, please contact my Augusta office at 207-622-8414 or visit my website at www.collins.senate.gov. May 2018 be a good year for you, your family, your community, and our state.

Sincerely,
SUSAN M. COLLINS
United States Senator

U.S. Representative Chellie Pingree

Dear Friend.

I hope this letter finds you well. It's a privilege to share an update on my work to represent you and your family in Washington and in Maine.

Even though Washington is so bitterly divided these days, I've continued to look for bipartisan opportunities to address issues important to our state. Nearly all the bills I've introduced this Congress have Republican cosponsors.

One piece of legislation would help protect our state's economy by investing in working waterfronts. Another would allow Mainers to import less expensive prescriptions from Canada. And several bills would help our farmers capitalize on the fastest growing areas of agriculture—local and organic sales—by investing in research, increasing consumer access to healthy food, and improving farmer programs.

I'm happy to report bipartisan victories for our veterans as well. After working for years with Maine's Congressional Delegation, we were finally able to push a much-needed expansion of the Portland VA Community Based Outpatient Clinic through Congress. Legislation I introduced to help veterans who find themselves in debt to the Department of Veterans Affairs unanimously passed the House of Representatives. And full GI Bill benefits were extended to a group of veterans who had been denied them previously—an issue I've introduced legislation to address.

While I strive to find common ground with my colleagues on everything from rural broadband access to economic development, there are many areas where I will not compromise. I have serious concerns about direction the Trump Administration and its allies in Congress are taking our country. In so many ways, they have abandoned America's leadership in the world, made our country less safe, and are jeopardizing our future. They've weakened our health care system, rigged the tax code against working families, and endangered the environment. With one hand, they are taking

away resources our families and communities need. With the other, they are offering generous giveaways to giant corporations and the wealthiest Americans.

Over the last year, I've received an unprecedented amount of feedback on these issues from my constituents. With their concerns and interests in mind, I have fought hard against these policies. I will continue using my role in Congress and the Appropriations Committee to hold the Administration and the President accountable.

Please keep in touch with your views or if there is anything I might be able to help you with. My office assists hundreds of constituents every year who have issues with federal programs or agencies. It's an honor to serve you.

Take care,
CHELLIE PINGREE
Member of Congress

State Senator Dana Dow

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to represent you in the Maine Senate. It has been an honor to work on your behalf to make our state an even better place to live, work and conduct business.

On August 2, Maine lawmakers finally adjourned for the year, after what proved to be the longest session in recent memory due to a brief government shut down over budgetary disagreements. While no state budget is ever perfect, the end product was a state budget that makes a record investment in our students, supports our communities and will tremendously benefit small businesses and our economy.

Perhaps the most significant action the Legislature took last year, as part of the biennial budget, was the removal of the burdensome, job-killing surtax that was already hurting small businesses, doctors and other professionals that we so critically need. In November 2016, voters sent a clear message that education funding was to be a priority of the 128th Legislature, and we heard that message loud and clear. However, the funding mechanism which was included in the measure – the surtax – presented a serious threat to the state's economy. This new tax gave Maine the ominous distinction of being the highest-taxed state in the country and primarily impacted small businesses, which are the backbone of our economy, taxing them at a rate that is higher than larger corporations are subject to pay. I am proud to say that after a lot of hard work and negotiating, thanks to our rebounding economy, we were able to support our local schools at a level we have never been able to before – without any additional taxation.

The Homestead Exemption, which provides much-needed property tax relief for homeowners, was also preserved in the budget with an increased exemption of \$20,000.

The Legislature also passed a measure to make Maine compliant with the REAL ID Act. As a result of this important new law, the federal government has granted Maine a waiver, meaning that Maine citizens will continue to be able to use their driver's licenses to board commercial airplanes and access certain federal buildings.

While we accomplished much, there is still a lot of work ahead of us this session. Again, thank you for entrusting me to represent you in Augusta. Please feel free to contact me if you need my help in navigating the state bureaucracy. I can be reached in Waldoboro at 207-832-4658, in Augusta at 287-1505, or by email at dana.dow@legislature.maine.gov.

Sincerely, SENATOR DANA L. DOW

State Representative Michael Devin

Dear Newcastle Residents.

It is an honor to continue my service as your State Representative this year. I have worked hard to advance legislation that benefits the people of Lincoln County and to provide responsive constituent services.

This year the Legislature's agenda has been limited mostly to emergency bills and items left over from 2017.

The bills we have taken up cover a wide range of topics. We heard legislation to address recommendations of our opioid task force, continued to wrestle with education costs and property taxes, revisited our approach to energy and technology infrastructure in the wake of recent storms, and worked to achieve consensus on implementing the voter-approved citizen initiative legalizing the limited recreational use and sale of marijuana. We have also pushed hard to make sure the executive branch properly implements the MaineCare expansion overwhelmingly passed by voters last November. All of the above efforts and many more will continue until our scheduled adjournment at the end of April.

I have also sought out anyone with promising ideas about how to bring more jobs to Lincoln County, take care of our seniors, support our veterans, improve education and keep people warm during the winter.

Just as in previous years, I have continued as co-chair of the bipartisan Veterans Caucus and as a member of the Legislature's Marine Resources Committee where we made progress on improving the scallop fishery, marketing Maine lobster to the world, and helping commercial fishermen with serious medical hardships.

This session I spent extra time on energy and environmental policy and have been pushing hard for my bill to help towns build microgrids — smaller localized power grids that are better suited to withstand weather events and are more likely to keep your lights and furnace going. Microgrids are an especially good fit for areas near a hospital. I am also proud that my resolution urging that Maine's

coast be excluded from any new offshore drilling activity has drawn wide bipartisan support.

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

Please contact me if I can be of any help or if you want to discuss or testify on any legislation. My email is mick@mickdevin.org and my phone number is 975-3132. I also send out e-newsletters from time to time. Let me know if you would like to receive them.

Respectfully, MICHAEL DEVIN State Representative

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